

Global Warming: Science <u>vs</u> Political Science

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Since you have an interest in the Global Warming issue, I'm sending along a current public exchange I'm having with a <u>well-known</u> <u>climatologist</u>. As he publicly disparaged my qualifications to even *discuss* the AGW matter (!), it should be no problem for a person of such elevated expertise, to win this debate. You decide...

[FYI, if you're pressed for time, or only have a passing interest in the Global Warming issue, then just look at #7 and #8.]

Here's a brief chronological history:

- 1) the Adirondack Park (in upstate NY) is the largest park on the continental US (6 million acres). It is an *extraordinary* place that has unparalleled natural beauty. I've been a lifetime resident of the Park, so I have plenty of first-hand experiences with most of it. As an environmentalist, I'm a Park protector.
- **2)** The Park is overseen by a powerful NYS agency, called the <u>Adirondack Park Agency</u> (APA). They establish a wide assortment of zoning rules, etc. that cover the entire Park. In general these are beneficial. For example, to date, industrial wind energy and solar are both prohibited. Excellent!
- 3) Political activists are pushing the APA to change their renewable energy restrictions. Their ultimate goal is to get industrial wind energy

into the Park. As a feeler, in November the APA *proposed* this Renewable Energy Policy.

- **4)** I then immediately sent the APA a <u>12-point objection</u> to their proposal. (I have yet to hear any response back from them.)
- **5)** In addition, to make citizens aware of this profoundly antienvironmental plan, I wrote a <u>layman overview</u> of the situation, which was published in some Adirondack newspapers.
- 6) After that was seen, I was asked by the editor of the well-respected bi-monthly <u>Adirondack Explorer</u> magazine to submit commentary for a feature they have, where major issues are debated. I submitted the <u>con-piece</u> about the APA's proposed renewable energy policy. It came out a few weeks ago.
- 7) A NYS paleoclimatologist, <u>Dr. Curt Stager</u>, took issue with my *Adirondack Explorer* commentary, and last week got a lengthy <u>op-ed</u> published (attacking my competence, etc.).
- 8) I just finished a response to Curt's polemic— and submitted it for publication, today. I'm sharing a slightly longer <u>version</u> with you, as I thought you might like to see a rather impassioned exchange between scientists about some of the key Global Warming issues.

There are multiple things to learn from this exchange. Although this is a moderate amount of reading, it's an interesting, informative discussion of the Global Warming matter — making some points rarely seen.

Global Warming is THE issue of our times. After reading this you'll have a much better understanding of this whole matter, and what's really going on.

Let me know any questions.

As usual, please forward this information to any other open-minded parties you think might profit from it.

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