

COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE: Global Warming/“Glaciers” (:60)

You've seen those headlines about Global Warming.

The glaciers are melting.¹ We're doomed!²

That's what several studies supposedly found.³

But **other** scientific studies found **exactly the opposite:**

Greenland's glaciers are growing, not melting;⁴

The Antarctic ice sheet is getting thicker, not thinner.⁵

Did you see any big headlines about that?⁶

Why are they trying to scare us?

Global warming alarmists claim the glaciers are melting

because of carbon dioxide from the fuels we use.⁷

Let's force people to cut back, they say.⁸

But we depend on those fuels

To grow our food,⁹

move our children,

light up our lives.

And as for carbon dioxide,

It isn't smog or smoke.

It's what we breathe out and plants breathe in.

Carbon dioxide.

They call it pollution.

We call it life.

¹ E.g., Richard Black, “Stark warning over climate change: Rising concentrations of greenhouse gases may have more serious impacts than previously believed, a major scientific report [about Greenland’s glaciers] has said,” BBC News, January 30, 2006, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/4660938.stm>; Bill Owens, CBS News, “A Global Warning” [recap of 60 Minutes Special on Arctic ice melt],

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2006/02/16/60minutes/main1323169.shtml>. Along the same lines but two years earlier, Stefan Logren, “Greenland Melt May Swamp LA, Other Cities, Study Says,” April 8, 2004, *National Geographic News*,

http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2004/04/0408_040408_greenlandicemelt.html, and Fred Pearce, “Greenland Ice Cap ‘doomed to melt,’” NewScientist.com, April 8, 2004,

<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=dn4864>.

² A typical example is Juliet Eilperin, “Debate on Climate Shifts to Issue of Irreparable Change: Some Experts on Global Warming Foresee ‘Tipping Point’ When It Is Too Late to Act,” *Washington Post*, January 29, 2006, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/01/28/AR2006012801021.html>.

³ Eric Rignot and Pannir Kanagaratnam, “Changes in the Velocity Structure of the Greenland Ice Sheet,” *Science* Vol. 311, 17 February 2006, pp. 986-990.

⁴ O.M. Johannessen, K. Khvolorstovksy, M. W. Miles, L. P. Bobylev, “Recent Ice-Sheet Growth in the Inter of Greenland: Satellite data show that the interior of the Greenland Ice Sheet thickened from 1992 to 2003 because more snow accumulated there,” *Science* Vol. 310, 11 November 2005, pp. 1013-1016.

⁵ C.H. Davis, Y. Li, J.R. McConnell, M. M. Frey, E. Hanna, “Snowfall-Driven Growth in East Antarctica Ice Sheet Mitigates Recent Sea-Level Rise: High amounts of snowfall have increased the thickness of the interior of the East Antarctic Ice sheet from 1992 to 2003,” *Science* Vol. 308, 24 June 2005.

⁶ Few newspapers covered those studies, and none did so in front page articles.

⁷ Natural Resources Defense Council, “Polar Thaw: Global Warming in the Arctic and Antarctic,” <http://www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/polar/polar3.asp>; Greenpeace, “Glacier retreat in Spitsbergen,” <http://www.svalbard-images.com/spitsbergen/global-warming-e.php>; Sierra Club, “Glacier National Park Is a Global Warming Laboratory,” <http://www.sierraclub.org/globalwarming/articles/glacier.asp>; Friends of the Earth, <http://www.foe.org/globalwarming/index.html>.

⁸ See, for example, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, *Global Warming Basics* (“we must ultimately dramatically reduce emissions of carbon dioxide ...” by ... “shifting away from a century’s legacy of unrestrained fossil fuel use ...”), <http://www.pewclimate.org/global-warming-basics/>; Friends of the Earth, “Reduce Energy Use—Reduce Emissions”, <http://www.foe.org/globalwarming/index.html>; NRDC, legal mandates to reduce SUV energy use, <http://www.nrdc.org/globalWarming/fl01.asp>

⁹ Chad Heeter, “The oil in your oatmeal: A lot of fossil fuel goes into producing, packaging and shipping your breakfast,” San Francisco Chronicle, March 26, 2006, <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/03/26/ING3PHRU681.DTL>.