

CLIMATE FACT CHECK: JANUARY 2023 EDITION

December 2022 was colder than December 1987. So all the greenhouse gases emitted since climate hysteria first kicked off weren't enough to make last December warmer than the December before James Hansen's famous 1988 Senate testimony heralding global warming alarm.

The bitter, record cold and power outages around Christmas are what Americans will remember about December 2022. Despite all that, climate alarmists came ready to play in January 2023, desperately trying to make the public forget what it had just been through in December. Here are some of the notable claims they came up with along with fact checks.

'ATMOSPHERIC RIVERS!'

Torrential rains struck California in January generating the Washington Post headline "[How climate change will make atmospheric rivers even worse.](#)"

The Washington Post

Fact Check. California has always been prone to atmospheric river-related severe weather events. From late 1861 into January 1862, for example, the largest-ever atmospheric river event known as the Great Flood of 1862 hit the West coast. [Read more...](#)

'BOILING OCEANS,' ATOMIC BOMBS EXPLODING IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND A BILLION CLIMATE REFUGEES.

Al Gore blurted all that out in a tirade for the benefit of the annual World Economic Forum in Davos.

The Washington Post

Fact Check. But the oceans aren't boiling. How much they're even warming is debatable as is the cause of any warming. Since Al Gore began claiming in the 2010s that global warming was like 600,000 Hiroshima-sized atomic bombs exploding in the atmosphere every day, approximately 1.75 billion such explosion have supposedly occurred. You'd think someone would have noticed. But no one has, because Gore is just [making it up](#) as he goes. The notion of climate refugees is also just simply made-up. [Read more...](#)

GAS STOVES AND CHILDHOOD ASTHMA.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced that it may ban gas stoves following the publication of a study in December 2022 claiming that the appliance is responsible for 12.7 percent of childhood asthma.

[JunkScience.com](https://www.junkscience.com)

Fact Check. There are many problems with the study relied on by the CPSC, but the basic flaw is that there is nothing emitted by a gas stove that is an allergen. Asthma is a genetic condition that that can only be triggered by exposure to an allergen — like pollen, dust, mold, pet dander etc. So it is biologically impossible for gas stoves to be responsible for childhood asthma. Gas stoves are such a health problem that no one has noticed in the more than 100 years they've been in use.

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EXTREME WEATHER IN 2022.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and American Meteorological Association (AMS) issued a [report](#) blaming 2022's extreme weather on "climate change."



Fact Check. Unfortunately for NOAA and AMS, NOAA's own data show that show that not a single record was set in 2022 for high or low temperature, rainfall, snowfall, hail, etc. [Read more...](#)

MIGRATORY BIRD DEATHS.

An Associated Press headline screeched, "[Bird deaths over New Mexico possibly due to climate change.](#)" Reportedly, migratory birds flying over New Mexico experienced three different extreme weather events in September 2020. "It was literally within a few days that we saw a mass mortality of birds," one of the researchers said. Another one added, "[C]limate change is increasing the frequency and the severity of these weather-related events."

 Associated Press

Fact Check. While a combination of early migration spurred by a cold snap in autumn, and smoke from wildfires may have contributed to the migrating birds' unfortunate deaths, to attribute this to climate change is unjustified by the evidence. The AP neglected to report the facts that there is no increasing trend in heat waves, cold snaps, or weather-driven wildfires. [Read more...](#)

POLAR BEAR ATTACK!

A polar bear killed a mother and 1-year old baby in a tragic attack in January. The climate ambulance-chasing Washington Post all but [blamed](#) the attack on melting sea ice caused by global warming.



Fact Check. Had WaPo's writers bothered to check the location of the village against readily available sea ice conditions, they would have found that sea ice was not lacking near the location of the attack. [Read more...](#)

EXXONMOBIL 'KNEW' ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING.

A study published in Science magazine reported that ExxonMobil correctly predicted global warming decades ago. The New York Times headline was "[Exxon Scientists Predicted Global Warming, Even as Company Cast Doubts, Study Finds.](#)"

The New York Times

Fact Check. As reported by the Science study, ExxonMobil's climate modelling substantially over-predicted global warming, albeit not as much as the average climate modeler. But wrong is wrong. So ExxonMobil was just not as wrong as the alarmists. [Read more...](#)

Conclusion. The ExxonMobil fact check raises an interesting issue. Why was ExxonMobil wrong about global warming? Did it possibly have the cause wrong?

NOAA released in January the year-end global temperature data for 2022. This data show that [since 2015, there has not been any global warming](#) despite the emission of more than 450 billion tons of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, amounting to 14% of the total manmade contribution of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. We are told that every emission warms the planet. We are not to drive to work, shun cheeseburgers and to avoid using electricity to save the planet. The Washington Post just [reported](#) that even pre-rinsing your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher warms the planet.

Yet all the emissions of the past 8 years raised average global temperature not a bit? Hmm...

Stay tuned for future editions of Climate Fact Check where this issue will undoubtedly be further explored.