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Compassion, Thy Name is Theft

By Tom DeWeese

I am fed up to my burning ears with Cart Blanc castigation of Conservatives! The other day I accidentally landed on MSNBC just in time to hear a discussion about Conservatives and their lack of compassion for the fate of the poor.

Said the spokeswoman, with great authority, "Conservatives always talk about the family and about spending time with your kids. And they say all you have to do is pull yourself up by your boot straps to get ahead." Then with great disdain she said, "These Conservatives have no understanding that when you're trying to just survive you don't have the luxury of spending time with your kids! That's a REPUBLICAN concept for the privileged," she finished with an air of great indignation at the very thought of it!

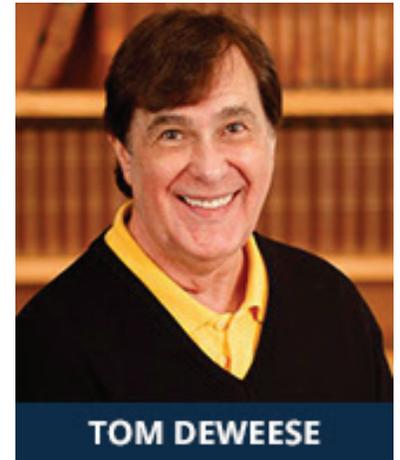
Well, as I listened (and it wasn't long because I have a very weak stomach) my mind was racing, thinking of all the details of reality she had apparently missed. First, if government would stop dragging people down by their wallets,

then those poor victims might just be able to pull themselves up by the boot straps.

For example, liberals viciously attack employers as greedy for not paying their workers enough as

they demand that government enforce a higher minimum wage. "People can't be expected to live on such low wages," they scream in their compassion for the poor!

However, if employees actually received 100% of the paycheck the employers provide, then most workers could live quite well on their wages. Instead, before the employer can actually write the pay check and hand it to the employee, the government has already taken 35% to 50%. On top of that, the employer also has to match the employee's social security



tax payment. That's part of the employee expense. Heartless, cruel Conservatives oppose this liberal compassion.

Today, falling gas prices are finally giving consumers a small break for their pocket book. The extra \$15 to \$25 saved on a fill up as the nation recovers from the crush of the \$4.00 per gallon costs of just a year ago, can help buy food, school supplies, maybe even a movie night where families can spend time together.

Not happy to allow people to actually find a useful purpose for their own money, compassionate Liberals are rushing to pressure state legislatures and city councils to increase gas taxes to put those savings into government pockets instead, so bankrupt governments can continue to pay for all of the massive spending programs. Heartless, cruel Conservatives oppose this liberal compassion.

Healthcare for all has become the latest cause of compassion for the poor. It's actually kind of funny to think about how the compassionate Liberals condemn the healthcare industry for being too expensive and that too many Americans are without healthcare. In their compassion for the poor, they give us Obamacare to assure "equitable" coverage for all. Yet, it is the lower middle class of the nation that suffers most from this mandate. Soon they will be forced into the ranks of the desperate poor.

First, a quick study of history will show that healthcare is so expensive precisely because of government intervention into the industry. It started with former President Lyndon Johnson and his "Great Society" program which created Medicare. Again, a government program sold under the excuse of compassion. The result was the creation of mega insurance companies and government sanctioned healthcare monopolies and healthcare costs skyrocketed, out of reach of average Americans, forcing even more government intervention and richer insurance companies. Before the invasion of government into healthcare, America had a first class system that featured family doctors and even home visits for reasonable costs.

Now, under the Affordable Care Act, people who couldn't afford insurance in the first place are mandated to buy even more expensive insurance or face fines from the government. Businesses, especially small employers, are being devastated by the mandate that they must provide coverage for employees. This has forced the employers to do

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without employees they would normally have hired and desperately need. In addition, they have been forced to cut back on hours for those who are already working. Who is more affected by this destruction of jobs than the poor? Heartless, cruel Conservatives oppose this liberal compassion.

Illegal immigration is invading our nation. Thousands of people are ignoring our laws and rushing across our border. Most admit that they are coming for the specific purpose of grabbing free money, housing, food, healthcare and education. Some of the more dangerous ones are coming to do us harm. We are told that this invasion helps our nation by providing workers who will do work no American will do. Tell that to the out of work Americans, especially young Blacks. Incredibly, as a result of this invasion, schools are becoming over crowded; hospital emergency rooms overburdened; and Social Security funds are seriously in danger of collapsing. How does that help the poor of our own country? Heartless, cruel, Conservatives oppose this liberal compassion.

Why are so many in America today reduced to mere survival? Because of the wholesale theft of nearly every hard earned dollar most can manage to earn. Government edict has caused it to be thrown into a massive mixing bowl of Socialist wealth redistribution in the name of compassion. Yet these programs rob people of their ability or even an incentive to “pull themselves up by their boot straps.”

How can they even think of finding ways to change their lives? In fact, the system is designed to assure they don't even think that way. Back in 1980, as Ronald Reagan was running for President, he often told the story of a woman who unfortunately found herself on welfare. Yet, even with the meager amount of cash she received from the government she managed to put a little tiny bit of money in a saving account, just in case some unexpected need were to arise. When the government found out that she had this saving account, they immediately confiscated it and then removed her from the welfare rolls. Where was the compassion them for a lady just trying to survive?

Just remember, it's the heartless, cruel Conservatives who oppose such liberal compassion. You bet I do!

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HUD and its plan to destroy Private Property Ownership in the name of Social Equity

Do you remember during the last national census when some of us were called radical for refusing to answer all of the prying personal questions on the form? The feds wanted to know if our home was rented or owned; apartment or house; how much money we made; how many cars we had; mortgage information; and so forth. Yet, the Constitution simply requires an accurate count of how many people live in the house. That is all. Why, we asked, did the feds need this information?

And do you recall how those of us fighting Agenda 21 and its policy of Sustainable Development warned communities across the nation to not take federal grants for development projects? It's a trap, we warned. It gives the Feds control over the future of the community. But, said your local officials, it's YOUR tax money. We are just bringing it home!

Well, now the questions have been answered and the warnings justified through the revelation of a new 377 page set of regulations from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), called the "Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" Rule. The new rule gives the federal government a substantial weapon designed to social engineer nearly every neighborhood in the nation. In short the AFFH rule determines and then enforces a "preferred" racial and ethnic make up of the neighborhoods. The Census has served as a road map. Of course, the excuse for the Rule, in most cases, is racism and environmental protection. In short, Social Justice is to be served to make every neighborhood equal and fair.

But will it? What will be the real effect on people, neighborhoods, private property? John Anthony of the Sustainable Freedom Lab has provided a detailed analysis of AFFH and what it will do to property owners. In addition, he details how it will destroy local control in America and what can possibly be done to stop it. TAD

How HUD Will Legally Enslave Your Community

By John Anthony

Local rule died in America on July 8, 2015. With it passes the rights of rural and suburban communities to decide their own futures. The trigger was the final 377-page ruling from HUD called Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing[1] that attempts to remove discrimination and achieve balanced and integrated living patterns.

As one blogger beams, "What could possibly be wrong with helping low-income families to move into better neighborhoods?" In this case, everything.

AFFH is reminiscent of the old cartoon character Elmer Fudd, who



used his shotgun to abolish an annoying fly. He blew up furniture, broke windows and destroyed his home, while the fly happily buzzed away. Like Elmer, AFFH leaves a destructive wake and does little to solve the problem.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requires the agencies that apply for HUD grants to perform massive demographic analyses locally and again regionally to determine any imbalances in living patterns as defined by HUD. Communities then resolve the imbalances to HUD's satisfaction. Recipients must complete the analysis every five years.[2]

Communities receiving HUD grants must complete an Assessment of Fair Housing that requires recipients to analyze occupancy data including, race, color, religion, national origins, English proficiency[3] and more along with a list of factors that might contribute to an imbalance of living patterns between low, middle, and upper middle-income families. Imbalances might be the result of segregation or disproportionate housing needs based on race, color, religion, national origins and more.

Recipients then create a list of community assets such as parks, recreation areas, schools and jobs along with a breakdown of any barriers[4] that might prevent access by all community members. A barrier might be as simple as an application requirement for public housing, home size, or a neighborhood voicing resistance to having low-income housing next door. Once the recipients identify the barriers, they submit a mitigation plan for HUD's approval.

Through each process step, HUD maintains control. The Assessment of Fair Housing even measures the success of your community outreach against HUD's own national standards.[5] HUD provides, and communities must use, nationally and regionally uniform data[6] to create their assessment.

Sound exhausting? You are just beginning. AFFH also makes you provide a similar regional Assessment of Fair Housing. As Stanley Kurz, author of "Spreading the Wealth" explains,

"it's not enough for, say, Philadelphia's "Mainline" Montgomery County suburbs to analyze their own populations by race, ethnicity, and class to determine whether there are any imbalances in where groups live, or in access to schools, parks, transportation, and jobs. Those suburbs are also obligated to compare their own housing situations to the Greater Philadelphia region as a whole." [7]

If you think AFFH will not apply to your community, you are wrong. The new regulation targets each of the nation's 74,000 census tracts[8] and applies to current, future and past recipients of Community Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grants and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS.

Given the scope of the analysis and the dual local and regional requirements, virtually every recipient will require a discrimination mitigation plan that can include additional affordable housing, additional transportation choices or new hi-density structures, all paid for by the communities.

Through AFFH, HUD guides the mitigation process and can dictate where and how communities build homes and even who will live there. To reduce disparities, communities can be required to construct hi-density urban villages that guarantee access to "community assets" for all residents. Some

may be required to advertise in nearby regions to attract sufficient families to eliminate HUD-defined imbalances.

Because the mitigation of local and regional imbalances are part of every analysis, communities can join a regional consortium as a way to receive Fair Housing certification. Conversely, regions can fulfill their obligations by annexing suburbs used in their analyses.

HUD generously states, "...joint and regional collaborations are entirely voluntary." [9] They are about as voluntary as keeping engine oil in your new car. If communities balk at annexation, HUD threatens to withhold or redirect their funds.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing exposes current and past [10] recipients of HUD Community Development Block Grants and other HUD money to lawsuits by predatory third party opportunists.

HUD grant recipients must certify that they "...will take meaningful actions to further the goals identified in [their fair housing analysis]...and will take no action that is materially inconsistent with its obligation to affirmatively further fair housing." [11]

This important bit of legalese contained in the Federal Register links fair housing to the Federal False Claims Act. It enables the government or a third party to bring legal action in the event recipients "knowingly present or caused to be presented...to the US government, a false claim for payment or approval."

Example -

Westchester County New York was the first community sued under a HUD-related false claims act by a third party. Greg Gurian of the Anti-Discrimination Center of New York accused Westchester of falsely claiming to have removed barriers to discrimination in the county's HUD application.

Westchester lost their main case, was placed under court monitoring and ordered to build millions of dollars of new affordable homes. Gurian fared well for his troubles. According to court documents, he will receive \$7,500,000 and his attorney another \$2,500,000 once the US Treasury receives Westchester's settlement [12].

Thanks to AFFH, recipient communities will have lawsuit targets on their backs. The rule's wording has created a hunting ground for predatory third parties to "get rich" suing recipients who fail to meet the commitments they made to the US government.

Merely completing the Assessment of Fair Housing can create legal vulnerabilities. In June of 2015, the Supreme Court ruled that even agencies with neutral policies and practices that have an unintended adverse impact on protected groups, are still liable under the Fair Housing Act.

Example -

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs offered low-income housing credits to residents in poor African-American areas as a way to help gain home ownership. A local group, the Inclusive Communities Project, sued the agency, alleging they allocated too many tax credits in poor

areas and not enough in wealthy white neighborhoods, thereby creating a “disparate impact.” The SCOTUS ruled in favor of the ICP arguing that even an unintentional “disparate impact,” resulting from seemingly beneficial efforts can be in violation of the Fair Housing Act.[13]

While there are limitations on the court’s ruling, any agency that completes the Analysis of Fair Housing, is arming third parties with evidence of “disparate impact” and is vulnerable to a lawsuit.

Proponents of Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing want you to think that those favoring the program help minorities, while the opposition allows poor families to suffer in poverty and discrimination. The opposite is true.

By herding African-Americans, other minorities and low-income families like cattle, the government is resigning them to a future worse than poverty. They have lost their rights, their choices, and their ability to excel through self-determination and personal growth. Those who believe AFFH helps poor and minorities are thinking only of the grand Oz-like scheme and ignoring the gritty reality of life under centralized rule.

Under AFFH, local officials’ hands are tied accommodating draconian federal requirements. This diminishes their ability to represent their constituents. As regions fulfill their AFFH obligations, suburbs will find themselves annexed with little ability to refuse.

Congress could eliminate AFFH by sponsoring a bill with enough votes to override a presidential veto. With the 2016 election in gear, if enough Americans understood this ruling, that might be possible.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing may be an attempt to create balanced living patterns. Rather than remove discrimination, AFFH leverages it to codify oppression.

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TRENDING ONLINE

The Next Climategate? NOAA Refuses To Comply With US Congress Subpoena

The federal government's chief climate research agency is refusing to give House Republicans the detailed information they want on a controversial study on climate change. Citing confidentiality concerns and the integrity of the scientific process, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said it won't give Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas) the research documents he subpoenaed. At the center of the controversy is a study that concluded there has not been a 15-year "pause" in global warming. Some NOAA scientists contributed to the report. Timothy Cama, The Hill



The House science committee wants all communication related to a climate change study. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

NOAA won't comply with House subpoena on global warming

28 October 2015

Worried about climate fraud, Congress is investigating a federal agency for allegedly manipulating weather data to show recent global warming when there is none. So why is the agency refusing

to cooperate? Taxpayers pay for this research, which is being used to justify massive new federal spending and regulation. They deserve to know what NOAA and other federal agencies are doing — and whether they're being honest or serving an unspoken extreme political agenda. --Editorial, Investor's Business Daily, 28 October 2015

It sounds like Climategate all over again, with climate scientists trying to cover up, obfuscate and frustrate all attempts by outsiders to get at the truth. What gives them the right to decide they are above the law? As a publically funded operation, why do they think they are entitled to pick and choose what information they release to Congress? And above all, what are they trying to hide? --Paul Homewood, Not A Lot Of People Know That, 28 October 2015

The global warming debate on Capitol Hill is heating up. Government scientists refused to comply with lawmakers' demands they turn over internal documents regarding a study that eliminated the "hiatus" in global warming from the temperature record. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) officials argued such records are confidential and "essential to frank discourse among scientists." The science agency said it has a history of protecting the "confidentiality of deliberative scientific discussions." NOAA's decision not to comply with a subpoena from House science committee lawmakers has only angered Chairman Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican, who says Americans have a right to know what taxpayer-funded scientists were thinking when they altered the temperature record in June. --Michael Bastasch, Daily Caller News Foundation, 28 October 2015

NOAA needs to come clean about why they altered the data to get the results they needed to advance this administration's extreme climate change agenda. Congress cannot do its job when agencies openly defy Congress and refuse to turn over information. When an agency decides to alter the way it has analyzed historical temperature data for the past few decades, it's crucial to understand on what basis those decisions were made. This action has broad national and policy implications. --Committee Chairman Rep. Lamar Smith, The Christian Science Monitor, 28 October 2015

1) The Next Climategate? NOAA Refuse To Release 'No Hiatus' Emails **Not A Lot Of People Know That, 28 October 2015**

Paul Homewood

Get out the popcorn, this one could run and run.

From the Hill:

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At the center of the controversy is a study that concluded there has not been a 15-year "pause" in global warming. Some NOAA scientists contributed to the report.

Skeptics of climate change, including Smith, have cited the pause to insist that increased greenhouse gas emissions, mostly from burning fossil fuels, are not heating up the globe.

Smith, the chairman of the House Science Committee, vehemently disagreed with the study's findings. He issued a subpoena for communications among the scientists and some data, leading to charges from Democrats that he was trying to intimidate the researchers.

Late Tuesday, NOAA provided Smith with some more information about its methods and data but refused to give Smith everything he wanted.

NOAA spokeswoman Ciaran Clayton said the internal communications are confidential and not related to what Smith is trying to find out.

"We have provided data, all of which is publicly available online, supporting scientific research, and multiple in-person briefings," she said.

"We stand behind our scientists who conduct their work in an objective manner. It is the end product of exchanges between scientists — the detailed publication of scientific work and the data that underpins the authors' findings — that are key to understanding the conclusions reached.

Clayton also refuted Smith's implication that the study was political.

"There is no truth to the claim that the study was politically motivated or conducted to advance an agenda," she said. "The published findings are the result of scientists simply doing their job, ensuring the best possible representation of historical global temperature trends is available to inform decision makers, including the U.S. Congress."

Smith defended his investigation, saying NOAA's work is clearly political.

"It was inconvenient for this administration that climate data has clearly showed no warming for the past two decades," he said in a statement. "The American people have every right to be suspicious when NOAA alters data to get the politically correct results they want and then refuses to reveal how those decisions were made."

Smith also said NOAA's assertion of confidentiality is incorrect.

"The agency has yet to identify any legal basis for withholding these documents," he said, adding that his panel would use "all tools at its disposal" to continue investigating.

Smith has been communicating with NOAA about the research since it was published in the summer, and their exchanges have grown increasingly hostile.

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And above all, what are they trying to hide?

BACKGROUND PAPERS

* [NOAA Data Revision Eradicates Global Warming Pause](#)

* [Why Karl et al. Does Not Eliminate the 'Hiatus'](#)

2) Climate Wars: Gov't Scientists Refuse To Hand Over Internal Records To Lawmakers

Daily Caller News Foundation, 28 October 2015

Michael Bastasch

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"It was inconvenient for this administration that climate data has clearly showed no warming for the past two decades," Smith said in an emailed statement. "The American people have every right to be suspicious when NOAA alters data to get the politically correct results they want and then refuses to reveal how those decisions were made."

Republican lawmakers have been interested in holding hearings and gathering information on NOAA temperature adjustments for months. Lawmakers' interests peaked when scientists put out a study claiming the 15-year "hiatus" in global warming never existed.

"Newly corrected and updated global surface temperature data from NOAA's [National Centers for Environmental Information] do not support the notion of a global warming 'hiatus,'" NOAA scientists led by Tom Karl wrote in their study.

Karl and his team made adjustments to past temperature data to eliminate a prolonged period of little to no statistically significant global warming. They largely did this by adjusting upward sea surface temperature readings taken from ships and buoys.

The NOAA study was highly criticized by scientists more skeptical of man-made global warming and directly contradicts findings by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the world's main authority on global warming. Many scientists are still skeptical of NOAA's elimination of the pause.

What concerned Smith and other lawmakers about the data adjustments was the timing. They were just two months before President Barack Obama unveiled sweeping Environmental Protection Agency regulations limiting carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

The adjusted NOAA data also came about six months ahead of when United Nations delegates are set to meet in Paris to hash out a global agreement to cut CO2 emissions. Obama has made signing such an agreement a main part of his presidential legacy. The White House would no doubt welcome data showing more global warming in the past 15 years.

"NOAA needs to come clean about why they altered the data to get the results they needed to advance this administration's extreme climate change agenda," Smith said. "The agency has yet to identify any legal basis for withholding these documents."

Smith has been especially frustrated by NOAA because the science agency ignored three attempts by lawmakers to get internal communications before he was forced to issue a subpoena for the data. NOAA did provide Smith with scientific data and methodology regarding the June study — most of which is publicly available.

"We stand behind our scientists, who conduct their work in an objective manner," a NOAA spokeswoman told Nature. "We have provided all of the information the Committee needs to understand this issue."

"The Committee intends to use all tools at its disposal to undertake its Constitutionally-mandated oversight responsibilities," Smith said.

Smith's actions, however, have been heavily criticized by Democrats and liberal media outlets.

Texas Democratic Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, the science committee's ranking minority member, sent a letter to Smith calling the subpoena "a serious misuse of Congressional oversight powers."

The liberal explanatory journalism site Vox ran the headline "The House science committee is worse than the Benghazi committee" in reaction to Smith's subpoena.

3) NOAA Refuses To Comply With US Congress Subpoena **The Christian Science Monitor, 28 October 2015**

Annika Fredrikson

A study done by NOAA scientists in July contradicted previous evidence that global warming was declining. The House science committee now demands internal communications related to the study.

In a study published in the journal Science in July, scientists indicated that average global temperatures have ~~continued to rise in the 21st century, contradicting previous evidence that suggested a global warming hiatus. The~~

analysis, based on temperature records from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), has now come under congressional scrutiny.

In July, the US House of Representatives Science, Space and Technology committee head, Rep. Lamar Smith (R) of Texas, asked NOAA for both data and internal communications related to the study led by Thomas Karl.

While NOAA conceded publicly available data related to the study, it has refused to release internal communications, citing the “long-standing practice in the scientific community to protect the confidentiality of deliberative scientific discussions,” as reported by Nature.

In response, Representative Smith filed a subpoena on October 13, a move which the Washington Examiner suggests is consistent with a “climate change doubter.”

In a statement released to Nature, Smith accused NOAA of falsifying temperature records, stating, “NOAA needs to come clean about why they altered the data to get the results they needed to advance this administration’s extreme climate change agenda.”

“Congress cannot do its job when agencies openly defy Congress and refuse to turn over information,” Smith told the Examiner. “When an agency decides to alter the way it has analyzed historical temperature data for the past few decades, it’s crucial to understand on what basis those decisions were made. This action has broad national and policy implications.”

NOAA denied Smith’s accusations, backed by fellow Texan Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, the highest ranking Democrat on the science committee, who released a letter last week categorizing Smith’s subpoena as “illegitimate harassment of our Nation’s research scientists.”

“The baseless conflict you have created by issuing the Oct. 13 subpoena is representative of a disturbing pattern in your use of congressional power since your chairmanship began,” Ms. Johnson said in the letter addressed to Smith.

Former NOAA employee, Andrew Rosenberg, told Nature that Dr. Karl’s team was merely updating analysis.

“There’s absolutely no implication that there is malfeasance of any kind,” Dr. Rosenberg told Nature. “You could ask these questions anytime anybody updates an analysis, but you are only picking the ones where you really don’t like the answer.”

Rosenberg further suggested that the subpoena could discourage private sector scientists from working with federal scientists.

Smith maintains that “the Committee intends to use all tools at its disposal to undertake its Constitutionally-mandated oversight responsibilities.”

4) Editorial: Did NOAA Commit Climate Fraud? The Public Has A Right To Know

Investor's Business Daily, 28 October 2015

Worried about climate fraud, Congress is investigating a federal agency for allegedly manipulating weather data to show recent global warming when there is none. So why is the agency refusing to cooperate?

First, a little background: Satellite temperature readings clearly show no warming trend for the last 18 years, 8 months and counting. None.

This fact is significant for two reasons: One, satellite temperature readings are the most comprehensive and thus the most accurate. And, two, the pause in warming since 1998 undercuts the entire global warming agenda of the environmental movement and its allies on the left who see in climate change an opportunity to impose greater government control over our lives.

Yes, we're skeptical of "climate change," at least as defined by the green extremists. Climate is always changing. No one denies that. What's at issue is how it's changing and why. The science is still unclear.

Earlier this year, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) scientists took part in a study that found — no surprise — that the "pause" in global warming from 1998 to 2013 didn't exist.

Their change didn't come from actual temperature readings. It came from extensive data manipulation and tinkering. Instead of a pause, they found a surge.

What's strange is that major temperature revisions by NOAA and others in recent years have always been up — never down — a clear sign of possible bias.

Earlier this year, for instance, it was revealed that nearly half of all supposed global warming in recent NASA data came from the agency's own highly suspicious statistical changes, not from actual temperature readings.

Enter Rep. Lamar Smith, a Texas Republican and chairman of the House Science Committee. Curious, he subpoenaed NOAA for research documents related to the study. NOAA refused to hand them over. Smith's committee wants to know why.

"The American people have every right to be suspicious when NOAA alters data to get the politically correct results they want and then refuses to reveal how those decisions were made," Smith said this week.

We agree. For too long, global warming proponents, both inside and outside government, have tried to halt debate over their extreme conclusions and data manipulation, all in the name of "science." Looks political to us.

Taxpayers pay for this research, which is being used to justify massive new federal spending and regulation. They deserve to know what NOAA and other federal agencies are doing — and whether they're being honest or serving an unspoken extreme political agenda.