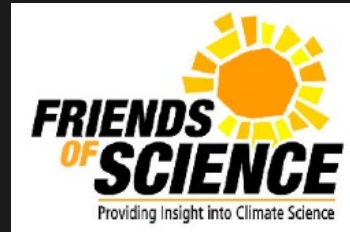


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Good News for Greta and WEF on Climate from Friends of Science

(Calgary, Alberta) Friends of Science Society in Canada has produced a new video on CLINTEL's climate intelligence letter to the World Economic Forum (WEF) entitled "[Good News for Greta.](#)"

CLINTEL, the climate intelligence group of more than 800 international scientists and professionals, including Nobel award-winner Ivar Giaever, issued a new [plain language climate science report](#), sent with a [letter to Borge Brende](#), president of the World Economic Forum (WEF), explaining there is no climate emergency, a position supported by Friends of Science.

Friends of Science Society has studied climate science and related energy policies since 2002 and the days of Kyoto. Then as now, the science is uncertain and no emergency foreseen, as explained by [Dr. Madhav Khandekar](#).

As outlined in a Jan. 2, 2020, [Forbes article](#) by Roger Pielke, Jr., the 'climate catastrophe' stems from an influential report funded by two 'green' billionaires, which misinterprets certain future climate simulations known as RCP 8.5 and RCP 2.6. Neither of these Representative Concentrated Pathways (RCP) are deemed to be accurate reflections of energy use, nor can they be compared as 'choices' since RCP 2.6 reflects a world with 3 billion fewer people. Pielke explains how the frightening but faulty "Risky Business" report interpretations and methodology uses the extreme and unrealistic RCP 8.5, and how this became embedded in scholarly works and media reports alike.

Even Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, relied upon the faulty "Risky Business" report for his well-known "[Tragedy of the Horizon](#)" speech to Lloyd's of London in 2015, just prior to the Paris COP21 conference.

In the new [CLINTEL science report](#), the many uncertainties surrounding computer simulations of the climate models are discussed, showing that these simulations are far from suited for making long-term climate policies.

Likewise, CLINTEL's letter to WEF explains that based on the evidence, it is wrong to frighten children and youth with apocalyptic claims about the future when the facts show that the quality of life is improving around the world, already for 150 years. The global warming in this period did not stop or delay this positive development.

Friends of Science Society affirms that, at the present time, there are no technological breakthroughs that can adequately replace the use of oil and natural gas to power modern society, so CLINTEL rejects demands, like those of Greta Thunberg, to stop fossil fuel use, exploration or investment. Lack of affordable and reliable energy will lead to an increase in poverty.

Likewise, other scientists, like Dr. Judith Curry, (not a CLINTEL signatory) have stated that [carbon dioxide is not the control knob](#) that can fine tune climate. Thus, CLINTEL sees the push for a NetZero 2050 target as useless for the environment and climate concerns, economically destructive for nations. With no climate emergency, the NetZero2050 target is not only unrealistic, it is also unnecessary.

Greta Thunberg often cites specific sections of the IPCC SR1.5 report in her talks, however, CLINTEL's team of >800 scientists, scholars and professionals note that those selected sections do not address the broader view of the report. There is no climate emergency stated in the IPCC SR1.5 report nor is there any deadline. Friends of Science issued a rebuttal to the IPCC SR 1.5 report entitled "[Faulty Premises = Poor Public Policy on Climate.](#)"

Another group of climate scientists, Asayama et al (2019) who are not signatory to the CLINTEL declaration, issued a commentary published in [NATURE in August 2019](#), calling for the media and IPCC contributing scientists to speak up and stop the public alarm. In their view, so-called 'climate deadlines' are detrimental for society, for rational planning and for scientific credibility.

President of CLINTEL, Dr. Guus Berkhout, states that it is irresponsible of the World Economic Forum to make young people feel afraid with predictions that only exists in computer models, when there is so much opportunity and potential, hope and optimism ahead for them.

About:

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 17th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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