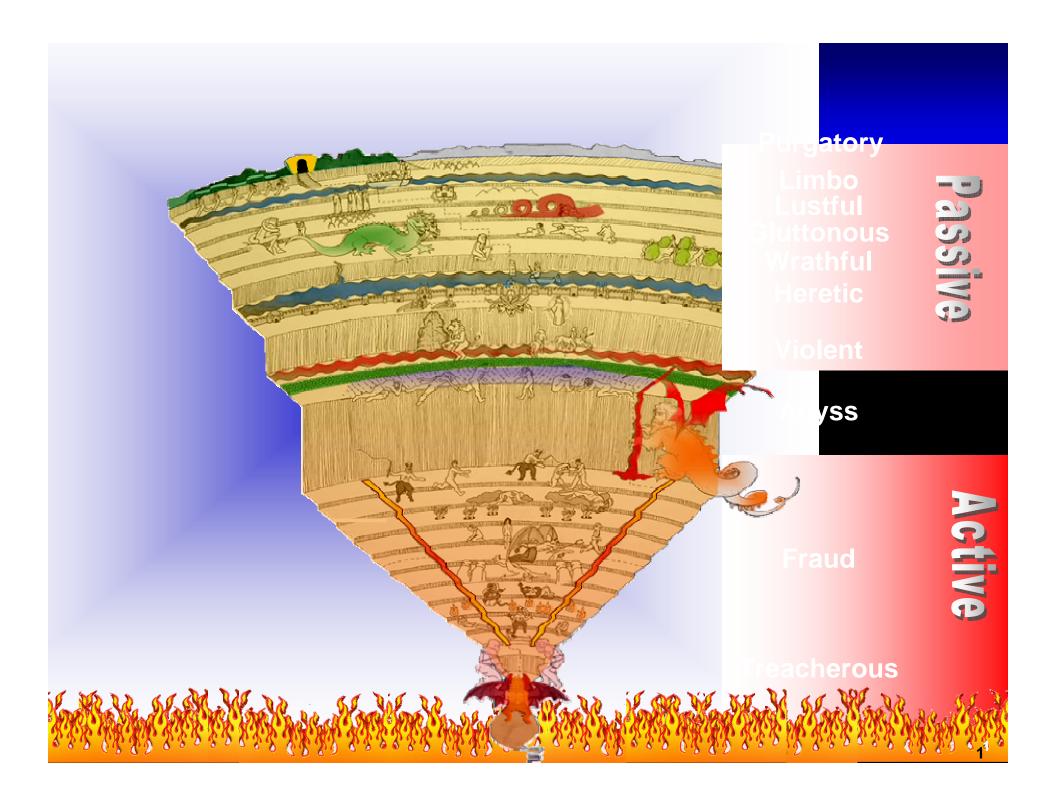
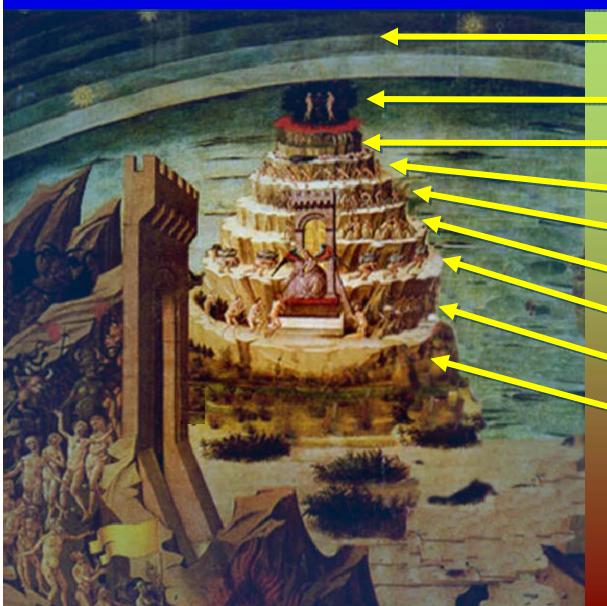
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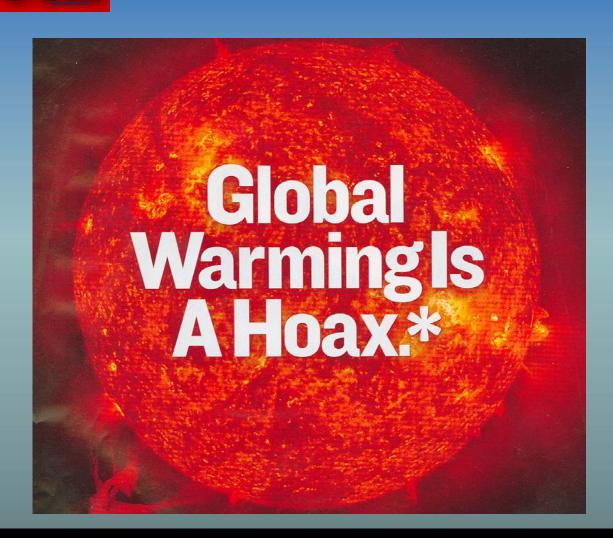


### Climate Change... Pride or Prejudice?

## Newsweek

\* Or so claim well—funded naysayers who will still reject the overwhelming evidence of climate change. Inside the denial machine.

By Sharon Begley.



## Cooling? Warming? Which Is It?



### The Cooling World

There are ominous signs that the earth's weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in changes may portend a drastic deeline in food production—with serious political implications for just about every nation on earth. The drop in food output could begin quite soon, perhaps only ten years from now. The regions destined to feel to invest are the great wheat-producing its impact are the great wheat-producing lands of Canada and the U.S.S.R. in the north, along with a number of marginally north, along with a number of marginally self-sufficient tropical areas—parts of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indochina and Indonesia—where the growing season is dependent upon the rains brought by the season.

The evidence in support of these pre-dictions has now begun to accumulate so massively that meteorologists are hard-

reduce agricultural productivity for the returned agricultural productivity of the rest of the century. If the climatic change is as profound as some of the pessinists fear, the resulting famines could be catastrophic. "A major elimatic change catastrophic. "A major climatic change would force economic and social adjustments on a worldwide scale," warns a recentreport by the National Academy of Sciences, "because the global patterns of food production and population that have evolved are implicitly dependent on the climate of the present century."

A survey completed last year by Dr. A survey completed last year by Dr. Murray Mitchell of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reveals

and Atmospheric Administration reveals and Aunospheric Administration reveals a drop of half a degree in average ground temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere between 1945 and 1968. According to George Kukla of Columbia University, satellite photos indicated a sudden, large increase in Northern Hemisphere snow cover in the winter of 1971-72. And

data, concedes the National Academy of Sciences report. "Not only are the basic Scientific questions largely unanswered, but in many cases we do not yet know enough to pose the key questions.

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Extremes: Meteorologists think that they can forecast the short-term results of the return to the norm of the last century. They begin by noting the slight drop in over-all temperature that produces large numbers of pressure centers in the upper atmosphere. These break up the smooth flow of westerly winds over temperate areas. The stagnant air produced in this way causes an increase in extremes of way causes an increase in extremes of local weather such as droughts, floods, extended dry spells, long freezes, delayed monsoons and even local temperature increases—all of which have a direct local temperature increases—all of which have a direct local temperature.

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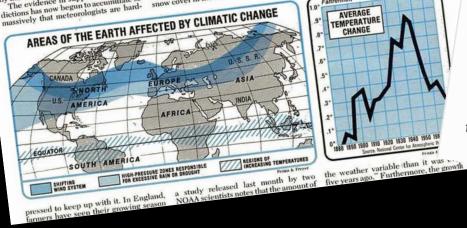
The world's food-producing system, warns Dr. James D. McQuigg of NOA's Center for Climatic and Environmental control of the producing system of the control of the producing system of the producing syste Assessment, "is much more sensitive to

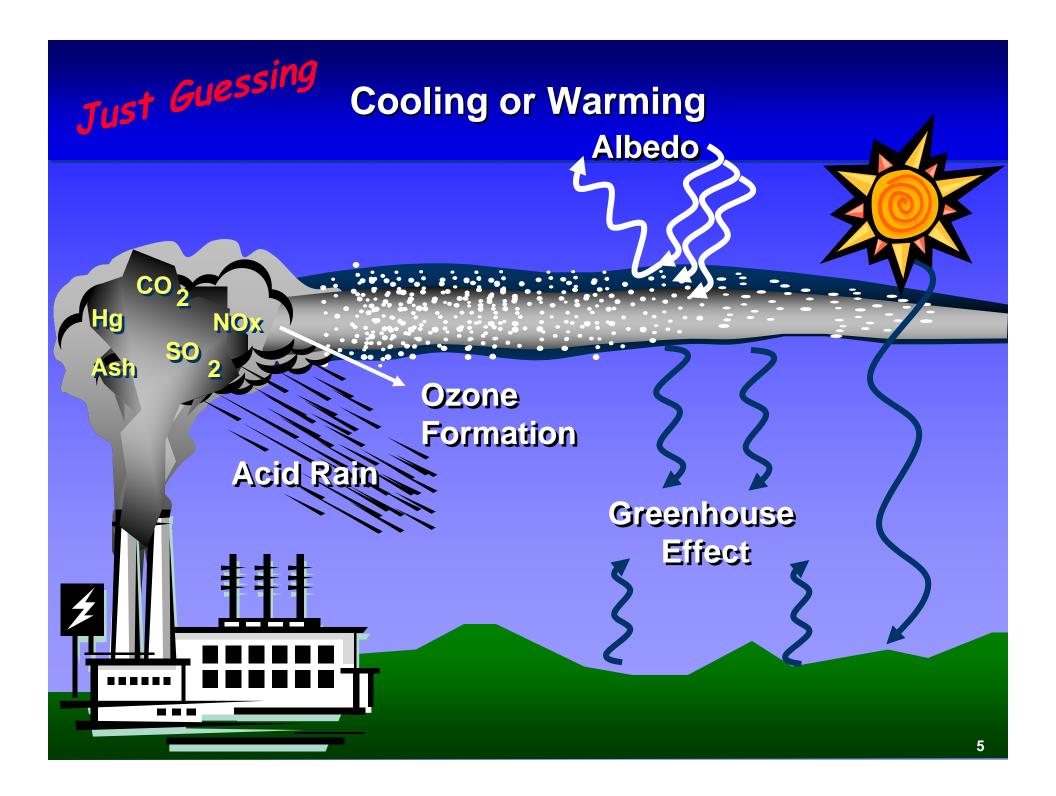




## Another Ice Age?

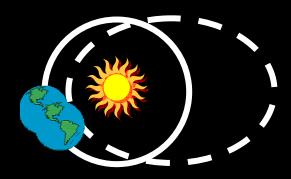
In Africa, drought continues for the sixth consecutive year, add terribly to the toll of famine victims. During 1972 record rains in parts of the U.S., Pakistan and Japan caused some of the worst flooding in centuries. In Canada's wheat belt, a particularly chilly rainy spring has delayed planting and may well bring a disappointingly small harvest. Rainy Britain, on the other hand, he suffered from uncharacteristic dry spells the past few springs. A series of unusually cold winters has gripped the American Far West while New England and northern Europe have recently experienced the mildest winters within anyone's recollection.





## Not a problem Part of the Natural Forcing Cycle

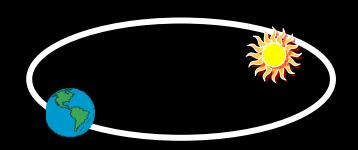
### **Eccentric Orbital Path**



100,000 Year cycle



Tilt On Its Axis



41,000 Year cycle



Wobble On Its Axis

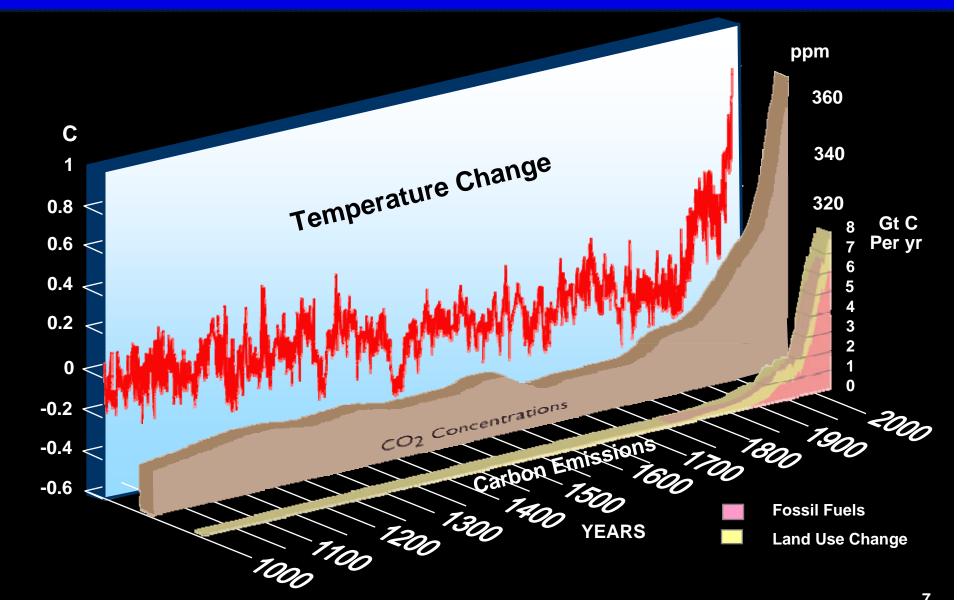


22,000 Year cycle

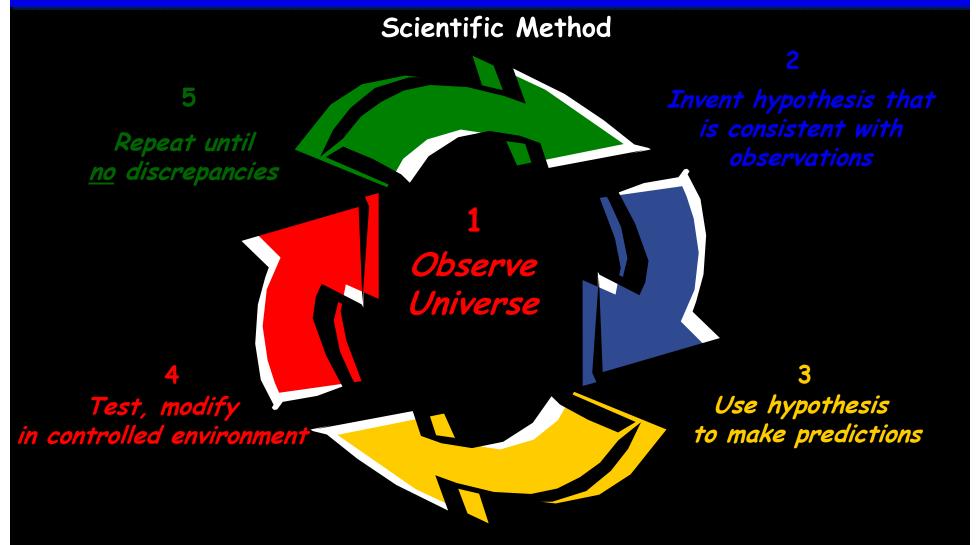


### **Climate Change??** Prove It.

(Anyone know the difference between correlation and cause & effect?)



### The Last Act of God\* or Scientific Theory?



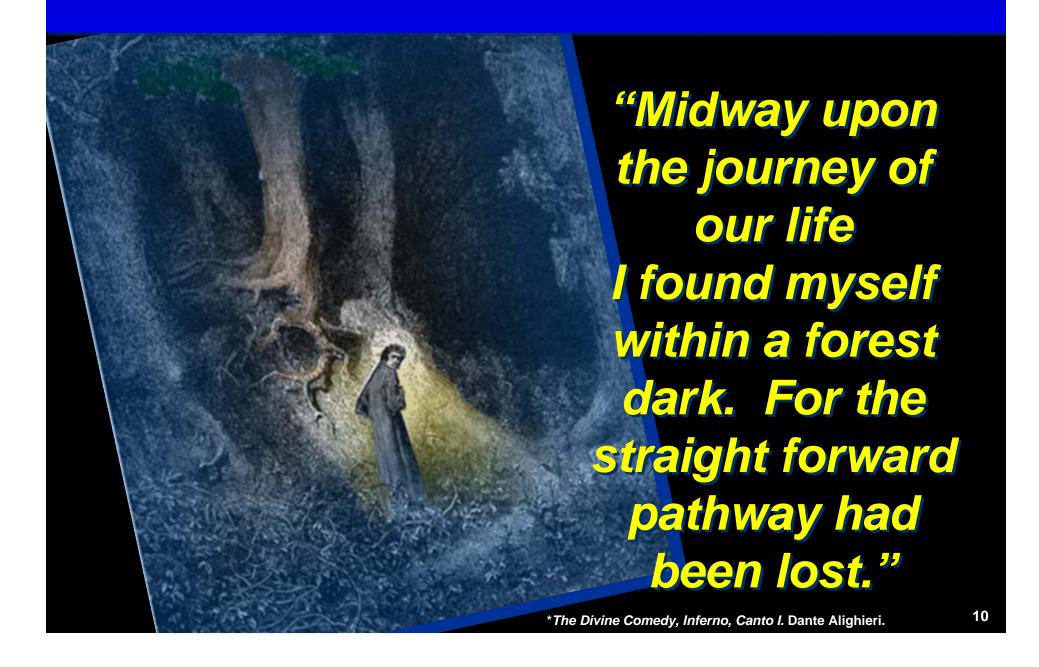
<sup>\*</sup> An Act of God - Something which no reasonable man could have expected (Sir A.P. Herbert)

### Religion or Science?

"Because of the inapplicability of the scientific method when dealing with open systems,

opinions on global warming are beliefs akin to a sort of religious view and not scientific fact."





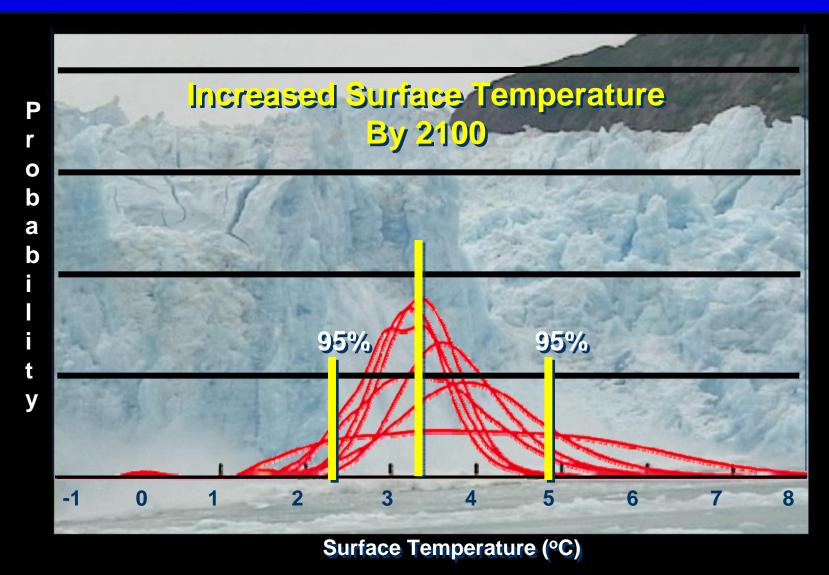
### It's About the Science. Natural? Social?

If environment is the Mother of all Public Goods,

then Climate Change is the
Father of all
Decision Making Under Uncertainty

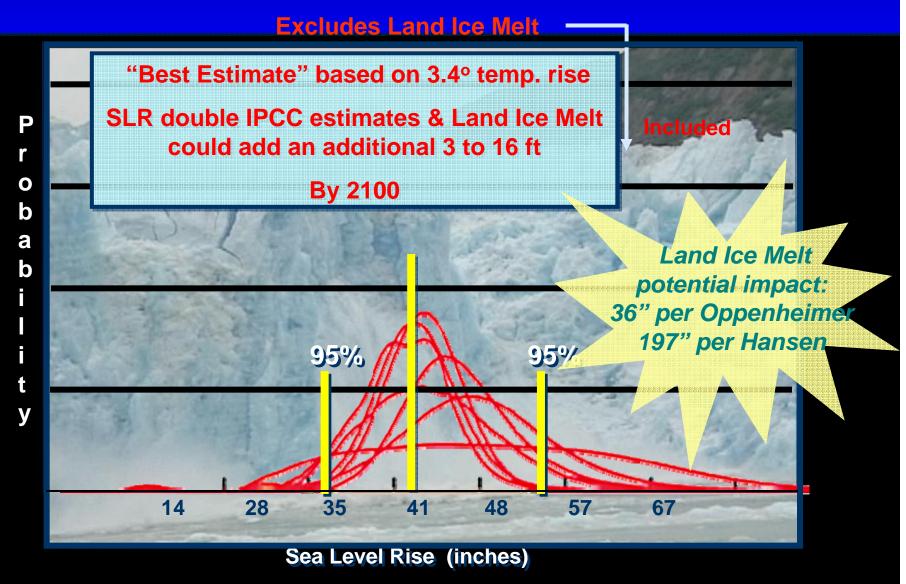
...Nordhaus

### **IPCC – The Gold Standard**



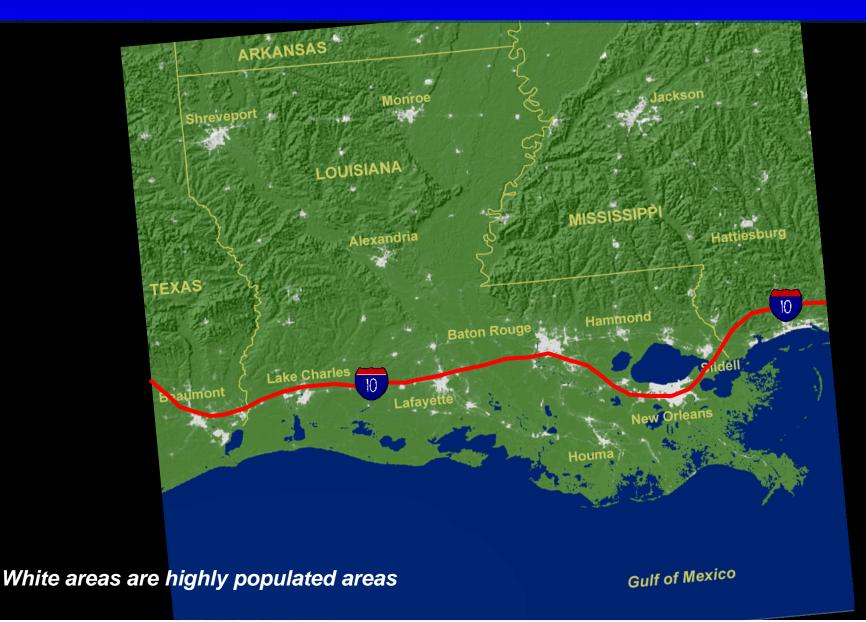
Adapted from Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report (AR-4) Fig SPM 5

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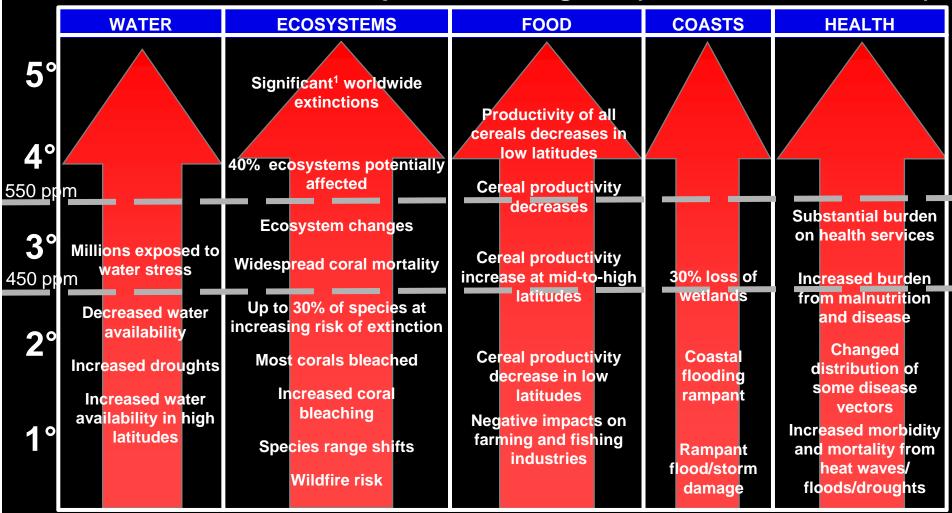
IPCC AR-4 without land ice melting = 7" to 23" (Third Assessment Report (TAR) 4" to 35" from land ice melt)
Adapted from IPCC AR-4 Fig SPM 5 – Using Rahmstorf Empirical Formula (Rahmstorf, et al 2007)

# Sea Level Today vs. 16 Foot Increase Louisiana



### Why 'Climate Change' Is The Issue

### Global mean annual temperature change °C (relative to 1980 – 1999)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Significant defined as more than 40%

### **What Does It Cost**



### **Cost of Not Dealing With Now:**

- Creating a 5° C warmer world by 2100
- Irreversible commitment to sea level rise inundating low lying coastal areas
- Increased coastal flooding impacting up to 30 million people/year
- Increased damage from storms impacting up to 15 million people/year
- Global food shortages as adaptive capacity exceeded in low latitudes and yield decreases in higher latitudes
- Increased burden on health from malnutrition, cardio-respiratory and infectious diseases
- Water scarcity for up to 15 million people
- Catastrophic events

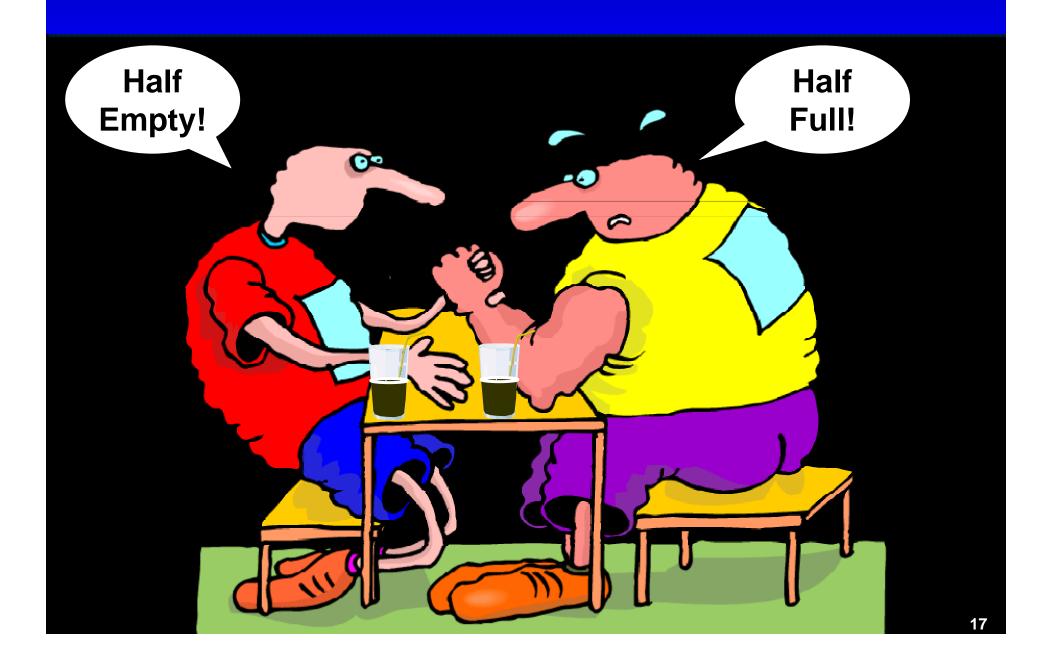
### *Illustrative*



What is the cost of doing nothing?

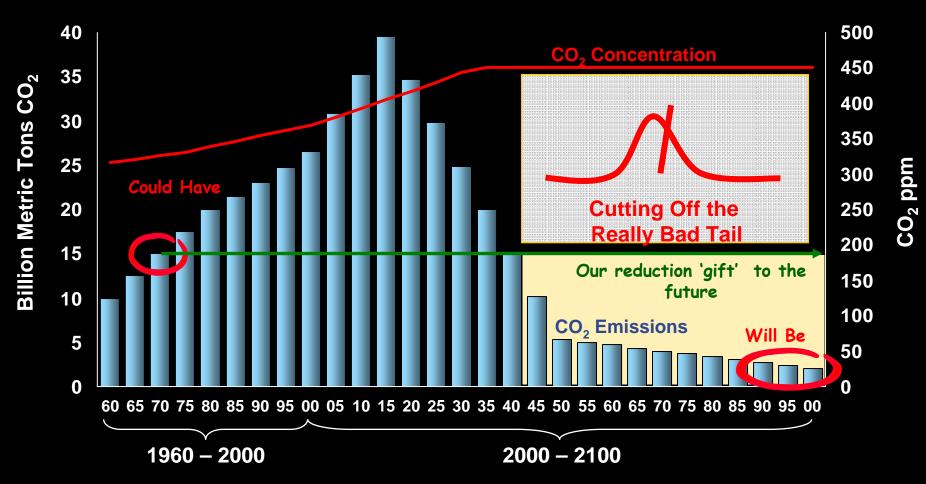
Lag)

### **The Economists**





### Do No Harm



"You can always count on Americans to do the right thing – after they have exhausted all other possibilities."

--Winston Churchill



### That's What We Need, A Brilliant Idea.



### **Drilling a Hole May Help**





## It's Just 'Goofy' to Do Nothing









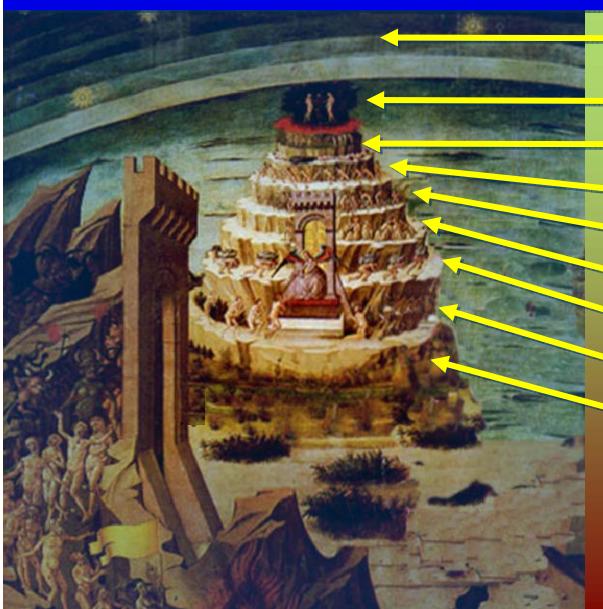
### "Lasciate ogne speranza, voi ch'intrate."



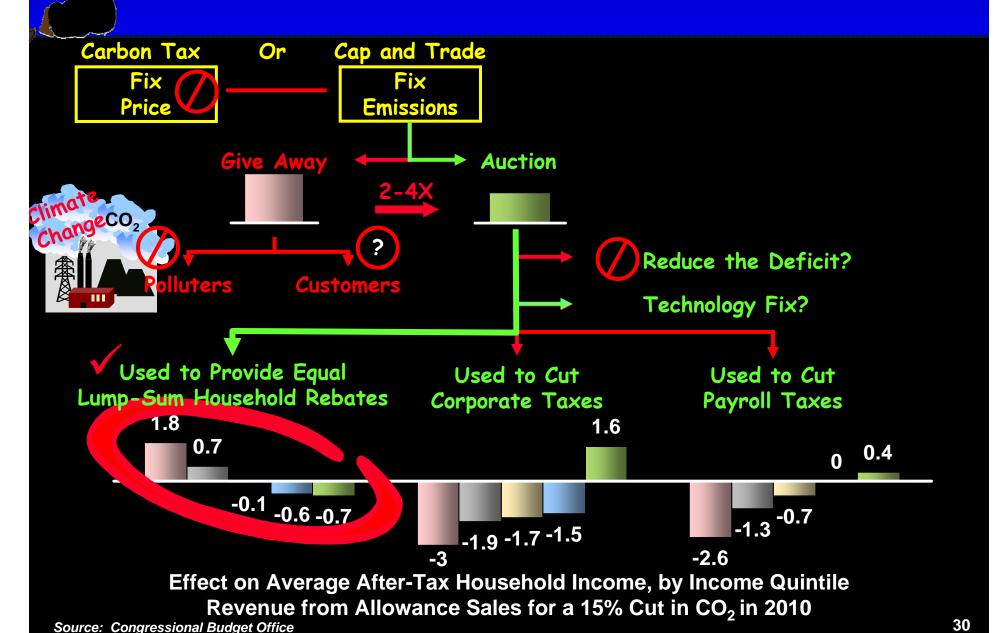
The Divine Comedy

By Dante Alighieri

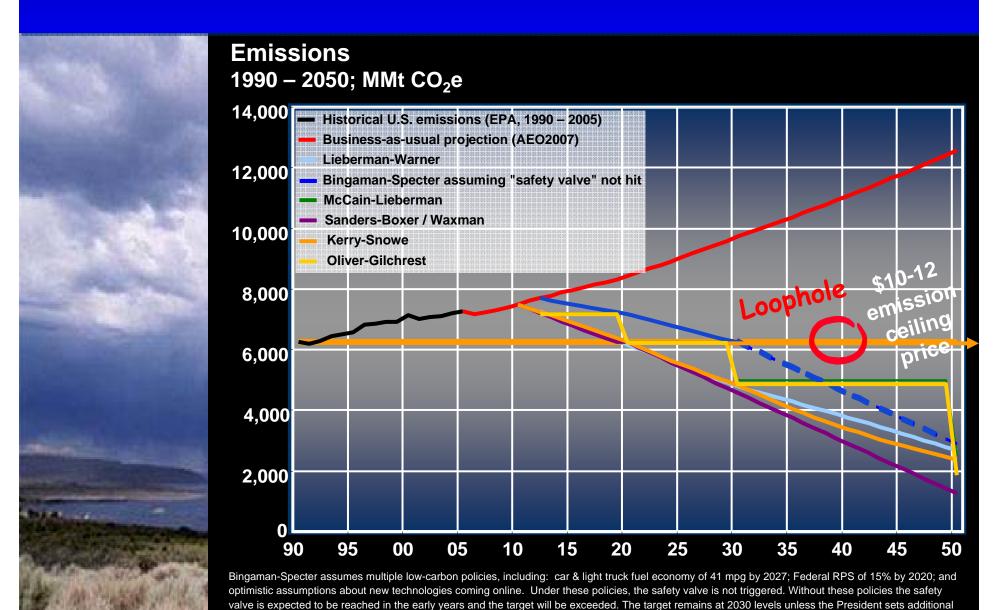
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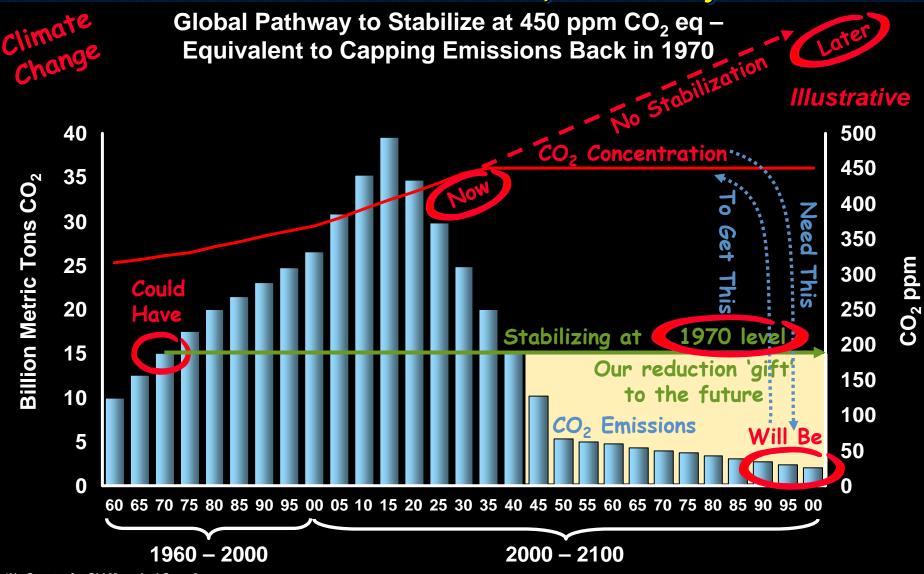
### Proposed Climate Legislation (110th Congress)



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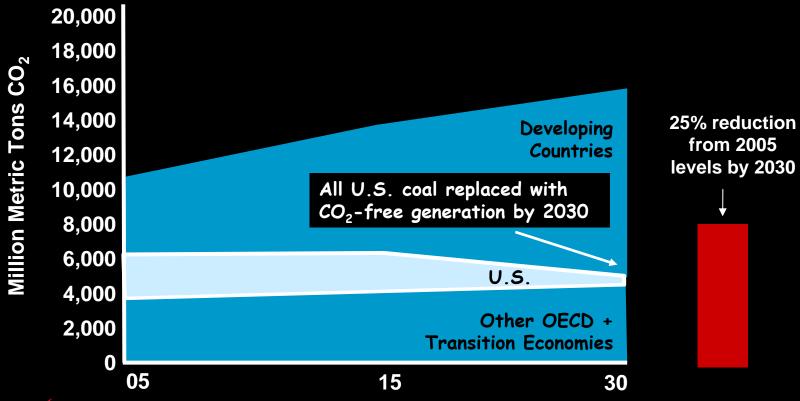
long-term targets.

# "All the time you spend tryin' to get back what's been took from you there's more goin' out the door. After a while you just try and get a tourniquet on it."\* --- ELLIS, No Country for Old Men



# "There just ain't no way."\* -- MOSS, No Country for Old Men

Global Electric Sector  $CO_2$  Forecast 2005 - 2030 (With All U.S. Coal Shut Down by 2030)

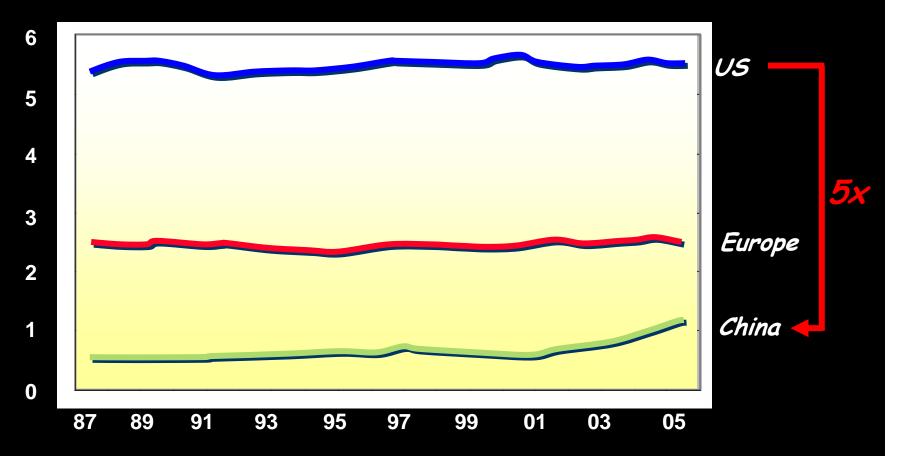


✓ Shutting all coal plants in the United States by 2030 won't achieve global target without cutting into coal emissions in the developing countries

✓ Technology to retrofit conventional coal plants
for capture and sequestration must be part of the solution

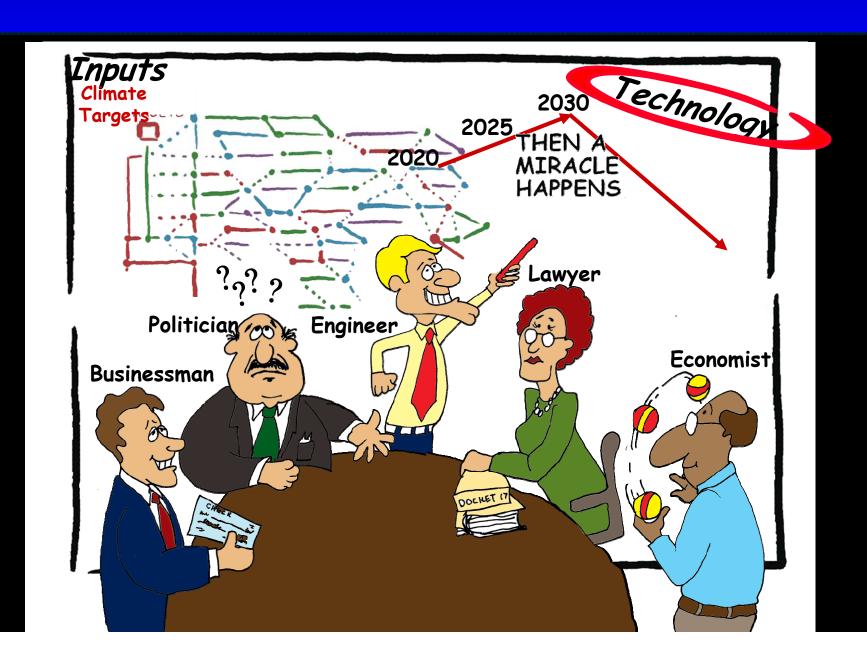
# "...that's aggravating."\* -- WENDELL "I'm ahead of you there."\* -- BELL No Country for Old Men

## **Tons of Carbon Equivalent Per Person** 1987 – 2005



Source U.S. Energy Information Administration 2007

### Who Gets the Ball with the Time Running Out?



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### R-E-S-P-E-C-T (Or Return of the Age of Technology)

### CO2 capture High speed Systems mass transit Alternative Alternative & fuel foundation fuels fuels efficiency Uncover new oil & gas Congestion **Processing** locations reduction of liquids & gases ✓ New tools to extract oil & gas Long-term security of underground gas storage

- Advanced fuel cycle (beyond uranium)
  - Advanced reactors & control systems design

- Energy efficient production in machines/devices, motors/ engines, air conditioning, conversion of electricity, etc.,
  - New tools to extract oil & gas

**Engineering's Role in Developing Climate Change Solutions** 

- ✓ Power generation & distribution
  - ✓ Smart grid; advanced meter interface

### **Materials**

Solar PV panels efficiency (operations & manufacturing)

### logical

Long-term security of underground gas storage

- Wetlands protection & regeneration
  - Miss. River delta; diversion
    - ✓ Pollution reduction
      - ✓ Recycling

- Construction (ease, environ. adaptive, etc.)
- Levees/dikes for current & future coastal conditions
- Land use expansion
- New tools to extract oil & gas
- High speed mass transit foundation

Systems efficiency

- Superconducting cable & other devices
  - Renewable power integration
    - Plug-in hybrid vehicles

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ELLIS

"...What you got ain't nothin' new. This country is hard on people. Hard and crazy..."

ELLIS
"You can't stop what's comin. Ain't all waitin' on you... That's vanity."

BELL
"Not the one thing. I
used to think I could at
least some way put
things right. I don't feel
that way no more."

CHIGURH
"You know how this is going to turn out, don't you?"

"A man would have to put his soul at hazard...He would have to say, okay, I'll be part of this world..."\*

-- BELL, No Country for Old Men



There Are No Clean Getaways

### **CHIGURH**

...What's the most you've ever lost on a coin toss?

**PROPRIETOR** 

I don't know. I couldn't say.

CHIGURH – flipping coin

Call it.

**PROPRIETOR** 

I didn't put nothin up.

**CHIGURH** 

Yes you did. You been putting it up your whole life. Call it.

**PROPRIETOR** 

Look... I got to know what I stand to win.

**CHIGURH** 

Everything. You stand to win everything.

Call it.



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