



# Climate Brief 2026

***“The only Climate denial is refusing to look at Climate Reality”***

## Overview...

The climate is changing, and it always has, and the current warming is not unprecedented, and it's now disputed that it's any kind of emergency.

And there is much dispute about the part CO2 plays, and also in dispute is the level of contribution to climate change by humans.

There are increasing concerns about the impact on prosperity and deindustrialization by following the NetZero climate mitigation policies, with some governments moving away from NetZero.

## The Current Situation

We have two scientific factions in dispute about all aspects of the climate science....

**The Climate Alarmists** represent most of the traditional mainstream scientific community and the UN IPCC who have acted as the official scientific authority on climate change. They have created a narrative that the climate change is an emergency, and that the climate science is settled.

They maintain that increasing CO2 is increasing the global temperature leading to a dangerous outcome for the stability of the planet, and that human use of fossil fuels is the main driver of CO2 and is creating dangerous global warming.

These alarmists insist that immediate action is required via a NetZero approach to mitigate the use of fossil fuels.

They maintain that the traditional scientific institutions are the only valid source of the scientific truth and so accept the climate emergency narrative even when it's clear that not all facts support the emergency narrative.

They also disregard any facts that show significant political subjugation and extortion of the climate emergency narrative.

They also refuse to look at any data or conclusions from the climate realists.

**The Climate Realists** represent a growing number of scientists now organizing into groups with powerful data bases who maintain that the climate science is unsettled and that the truth must be exposed about the climate emergency hoax.

They have hard data that challenges that the climate change has had any impact on human flourishing as the data shows the reverse is true.

They show how more CO2 and the slight warming has improved the position of human flourishing and that no other impact metrics support a climate crisis.

The realists argue that the need for global mitigation of CO2 is both unnecessary and impractical.

They argue that at most some localized adaption may be needed for a slowly warming planet which is not unprecedented and has happened at least 3 times before in the last 10,000 years and humans flourished when it was warm and suffered in the cold periods.

The credibility of the UN-IPCC is currently waning as their wild assumptions and predictions are based on failed models and unsubstantiated and unproven theories that have been shown to over predict the outcome and are now being significantly questioned.

There is also a concern that the IPCC and most of the peer review process has been politically subjugated with selective cherry-picking of reports and data and control of the expert opinions via funding and even "cancelling" if the emergency narrative is not adhered too.

Many of these new science groups are gaining traction to seek a better grasp of the real facts and the truth in what is clearly both a distorted and unsettled science.

Its clear to many industrialists and economists that NetZero policies will not change CO2 levels, but are damaging human prosperity and flourishing, as well as causing deindustrialisation in nations that have followed this approach by placing unrealistic constraints on energy policies that has crippled the ability to support energy sources that are affordable, reliable, abundant, and locally available.

National governments are now reviewing these contradictory scientific arguments and are considering if they should decommit from the NetZero journey.

The USA is leading the recovery from the debacle of NetZero with Germany now waking up to its mistakes, but the rest of the EU, UK and Australia is still struggling to find the political common sense to move on.

The best report that provides the baseline of the climate reality position is the DoE report. And updates are being planned to provide a counterpoint to any future releases of IPCC reports so that we get far more balance of views in the future scientific reporting.

New Climate Report from the US DOE - by Nigel Southway

<https://nigelsouthway.substack.com/p/new-climate-report-from-the-us-doe>

## **The Climate Science**

There are plenty of climate scientific positions that range from ....

1/ CO2 is the main driver as per the IPCC which is fast losing credibility.

2/ CO2 is involved but not much of a participant and its not an emergency,

3/CO2 has no effect at all and its other drivers that have nothing to do with humans.

The latest facts point toward #2 with some non-CO2 drivers in #3 having some credibility.

[Climate Change... The Truth? - by Nigel Southway](https://nigelsouthway.substack.com/p/climate-change-the-truth)

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The United Nations (UN) managed Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was supposed to be the official go-to authority that governments were supposed to follow in understanding the climate science and setting related policies to manage climate change and any impact.

In terms of the truth about the drivers of climate change....there are many compelling books, articles and presentations available.

The new book by Thomas Kurz is looking to have encapsulated the latest climate realist position. It declares that the climate is mostly driven by a combination of mostly solar and planetary cycles with our contribution of CO2 being calculated to only have a small impact that does not warrant any mitigation action even if it were possible.

[Thomas Kurz: Why There Is No Climate Crisis | Natural Climate Cycles Explained](https://clintel.org/thomas-kurz-why-there-is-no-climate-crisis/)

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***Here are some of the climate science facts so far...***

Global temperatures increase is recorded as 1.5 C of temperature increase since 1880.

Current rate of warming is about 2C per century, but its not certain this will continue.

Latest global temperature increases could be overstated due to UHIE, manipulation of data, and also historical temperature proxies may be understated.

Current warming could be from other sources not related to humans.

Temperature increase is mainly low temps not high temps... so mild-ing not warm-ing.  
It's clear from historical artifacts that we have had at least 3 periods of warming in the last 10,000 years that were probably warmer than now.

CO2 levels..... A doubling of CO2 from 420ppm to 840ppm will take 170 years at current rates of CO2 increase, and a doubling of CO2 will increase temperature by less than 1C.

Not at all certain all CO2 increase is driven by human activity as human released CO2 is only 1% of the whole carbon cycle.

The positive impact of CO2 increase on plant growth is significant, and the planet has greened already by 15%.

Drivers of Climate change..... Lack of cloud cover is deemed a main contributor ... maybe galactic driven.

We have recorded up to a 2% change in cloud cover since 1900 that is equivalent to doubling CO2 levels.

Far from certain if this change in cloud cover is due to CO2 change.

The impact of the sun on climate needs to be reviewed far more.

Predictions based on climate models are not fit for policy purpose.

## **Climate Impacts**

There are no significant adverse climate impacts.

No adverse extreme weather trends outside of historical weather transients.

Sea level rise is 1 foot per century and not accelerating, and well within our adaptive capability with Fossil fuels.

Ocean acidification does not appear to be a major concern.

The increased greening of the planet has improved the food supply and added CO2 land absorption capability.

The climate impact situation is defined in detail in the DoE report Part 2 Section 4 onward.

The Media will look for any sensationalism they can find, and we should not believe a word they say!!!!!!

<https://www.nigelsouthway.org/storage/01KTA0BK5TY0Q4DKGQHP2KZJ5M.pdf>

## **NetZero**

The NetZero policies have pushed us into the mistake of unreliable Wind and Solar that is a low-density solution that does not provide an affordable, reliable, abundant, and locally available, source of energy.

[Death by NetZero.... - by Nigel Southway](#)

<https://nigelsouthway.substack.com/p/death-by-netzero>

[Wind & Solar Versus Nuclear. - by Nigel Southway](#)

<https://nigelsouthway.substack.com/p/wind-and-solar-versus-nuclear>

[Why solar energy is more expensive than coal in Germany](#)

<https://clintel.org/why-solar-is-much-more-expensive-than-coal-in-germany/>

It is destroying industrial capability and is causing an unnecessary increase in energy costs to the consumers due to the need for the duplication of backup facilities, and the added cost of grid complexity and instability that has been demonstrated with grid collapse and blackouts...

The mid term solution is to use existing more stable fossil fuel energy sources and, in the future, migrate when practically and economically possible from wood to coal to natural gas to nuclear, and hydro if applicable and forget W&S for on-grid applications.

EVs must be a consumer choice and should not be subsidized, and any infrastructure needs should not be born by the taxpayer.

## **Summary.....**

The climate science is clearly unsettled.....But does not constitute any emergency.

Mainstream science via the corrupted UN IPCC has been at best avoiding the truth and at worst telling lies.

We now have many credible data driven scientific organizations that clearly contest we have any kind of climate emergency.

Best course of policy action is focused adaption and stop the current panic mitigation efforts until the science is far more settled.

NetZero is a failure and is destroying energy autonomy, industrialization and prosperity.

All governments must review the latest scientific knowledge and take corrective action away from the climate emergency narrative.

## **Database....**

We provide a full database of information on the latest climate science thinking.

<https://www.nigelsouthway.org/storage/01KSWGKCVXX9KNRD3MG5FSCY7J.pdf>

More at [www.nigelsouthway.org](http://www.nigelsouthway.org) and Substack at <https://nigelsouthway.substack.com/>

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