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Dear Reporter:

The number of scientists and articles questioning theories that predict "global warming" continues to grow. The scientists who calculated the original climate change assessments from early computer models said it would take a decade or more to verify their predictions. As new observational data (as opposed to computer projections) begin to come in, the questions remain. Some of the new data appear to support the climate models, other data (like that reported in the article we sent you recently from *Nature* magazine) do not.

One of the nation's leading independent environmental magazines, *Garbage*, ran a story in its February/March issue titled, "Global Warming." Editor Patricia Poore describes the piece this way: "What follows is a departure from the usual approach to this topic, wherein dueling scientists cancel each other out.... Instead, two political scientists...explain how 'greenhouse policy' is being driven by inadequate notions of scientific consensus, the improper use of scenarios, and a suspect analogy to buying insurance."

The authors open this way: "To the scientifically trained or merely observant reader, a giant gap exists between popular accounts of global warming and the scientific reports upon which they are purportedly based. These discrepancies are very disturbing...."

The Global Climate Coalition agrees. The debate over whether the Earth is on a collision course with catastrophic climate change has been driven in part by vociferous commentary by individuals using simplistic theoretical models and yet incomplete data. The recent series in the *New York Times* is interesting to review as it explores to what extent U.S. environmental policy is based on sound scientific analysis. Perhaps articles like the one attached will help put this debate in perspective -- we need good analysis of real costs and of appropriate actions.

Sincerely,

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