

Climate Activist Apologizes for Global-Warming Scare Mongering

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Michael Shellenberger, a climate activist and environmentalist, has written a new book, *Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All*. In the book he says climate “emergencies” are not the end of the world or even our most serious problems. Schellenberger is an energy expert who was asked by Congress to provide expert testimony and also invited by the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to serve as an expert reviewer of its next assessment report. Shellenberger admits he was afraid of losing friends and funding for setting the record straight against climate disinformation while his fellow environmentalists needlessly terrified the public. But last year, things spiraled out of control when Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said the world was going to end in 12 years if climate change was not addressed. As a result, half of the people surveyed around the world last year thought climate change would make humanity extinct. He says status anxiety, depression, and hostility to modern civilization are behind much of the alarmism. *Forbes Magazine* removed Shellenberger’s article. [We are sad to see that Michael still clings to some establishment disinformation about global warming, but we welcome his awakening to the absurdity of the environment industry and its alleged solutions.] -GEG

On behalf of environmentalists everywhere, I would like to formally apologize for the climate scare we created over the last 30 years. Climate change is happening. It’s just not the end of the world. It’s not even our most serious environmental problem. I may seem like a strange person to be saying all of this. I have been a climate activist for 20 years and an environmentalist for 30.

But as an energy expert asked by Congress to provide objective expert testimony, and invited by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to serve as expert reviewer of its next assessment report, I feel an obligation to apologize for how badly

we environmentalists have misled the public.

Here are some facts few people know:

- Humans are *not* causing a “sixth mass extinction”
- The Amazon is *not* “the lungs of the world”
- Climate change is *not* making natural disasters worse
- Fires have *declined* 25 percent around the world since 2003
- The amount of land we use for meat—humankind’s biggest use of land—has *declined by an area nearly as large as Alaska*
- The build-up of wood fuel and more houses near forests, *not* climate change, explain why there are more, and more dangerous, fires in Australia and California
- Carbon emissions are declining in most rich nations and have been declining in Britain, Germany, and France since the mid-1970s
- The Netherlands became rich, not poor while adapting to life below sea level
- We produce 25 percent more food than we need and food surpluses will continue to rise as the world gets hotter
- Habitat loss and the direct killing of wild animals are bigger threats to species than climate change
- Wood fuel is far worse for people and wildlife than fossil fuels
- Preventing future pandemics requires more not less “industrial” agriculture
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In this video, Shellenberger says fear of death is behind the need for our lives to have some sort of cosmic significance, and some people use environmentalism to give their lives importance and status.