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mate change is "Unsettled: What Climate Change Science Tells Us, What it Doesn't, and Why it Matters," by Dr. Steven Koonin, a physicist and provost originally from Caltech, who was Obama's Undersecretary of Science (including climate change) at the Energy Department, and wrote over 200 peer-reviewed science papers, including on climate change. It shows climate science is badly misrepresented by politicized summaries of climate science "assessment reports." The summaries, by a few carefully chosen scientists, warn of imminent climate crisis unless we kill fossil fuel use. That's all the press reads or reports. The science sections of those reports contain lots of contradictory information showing little grounds for alarm.

For instance, heat waves are no more common than in 1900, and the warmest US temperatures haven't risen for 50 years, and are down from the 1920s and 1930s. Humans have had no detectable impact on hurricanes in the past century. Greenland's ice sheet isn't shrinking any faster than 80 years ago, and sea level isn't rising any faster than that time. And scientists have low confidence in significant global trends over recent decades in flooding, drought, hurricanes or

smaller storms.

Politicized summaries falsely portray climate models' forecasts as being certain given emissions assumptions, when Koonin shows the models are clearly inadequate for reliable forecasts. The models include lots of assumptions about small-scale weather phenomena too small to be modeled, and these are finagled to get more realistic "forecasts" of recent climate. Yet they fail. Models greatly overestimate recent warming (as reported by other scientists), miss substantial warming in 1910-1940 when CO2 in the air was not rising much, and often miss current temperatures by as much as over 5 degrees. They are definitely not "just physics."

Koonin is convinced we are warming the climate somewhat with higher CO2 and other greenhouse gases, but writes humans have adapted to a wide range of climates, successfully. He notes even the climate assessment reports cannot find, or even make up, tremendous economic damage from forecasted warming, compared to the gain in living standards likely from free markets using reliable and affordable energy sources, like fossil fuels. This undermines the drive to replace our reliable, affordable energy with unreliable solar farms and windmills that need expensive redundant backup.

*Ralph Mullinger
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Fighting a solar energy monster

If you live on a farm or in a small community in Hancock County, you are of no consequence to people in Findlay who are in positions of power and who take advantage of those who are not. They do this in the name of economic development.

People in western Ohio, from Defiance to Dayton, find themselves facing this solar industry monster. They find themselves fighting for the very soul of their jobs, farms, small towns, and their homes being devalued by solar companies who are allowed to come into our communities unannounced, in silence, and do not have to follow rules that the rest of us have to follow if they want to make changes to their properties.

Economic development in Findlay has destroyed the small towns in Hancock County and is now intent on destroying agricultural jobs in the county and throughout Ohio. If a company wants to locate in Findlay, so be it. Please don't expect the small communities and agriculture outside of Findlay city to pave the way for you to destroy our livelihoods, home values and small towns.

If these companies want to locate to Findlay (but only if we offer them renewables) then they can do as Ball Metal Corporation did and build their own renewable energy (windmills) on ground they have purchased.

Apparently, those in economic development feel the Hancock County commissioners should overlook the fact that 16 out of 17 townships in the county want exclusionary zones for mega solar farms? Shouldn't it be about treating people fairly?

*Jeff Overmyer
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