

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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CO2 keeps rising despite Covid

(THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN EXPOSES THE PHONY WAR AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE – submitted title)

Politicians who support the carbon tax claim that it is a strategy to suppress the rising carbon dioxide (“CO2”) content of the atmosphere, thereby allegedly reducing the risk of a “climate emergency”.

It is their ultimate goal to restrict or ban the use of CO2-emitting fuels; coal, oil, and natural gas (aka “fossil fuels”).

The current Wuhan-virus lockdown has not only flattened the COVID-19 curve, it has also “flattened” our economies resulting in a major reduction of carbon emissions; that is, carbon dioxide.

If we are to believe our politicians, we should also observe a flattening of the CO2 curve.

However, the facts reveal that human CO2 emissions are insignificant in determining the CO2 content of the atmosphere.

According to the NOAA/ESRL website, the CO2 level continues to increase in spite of the lockdown.

<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/data.html> Deleted by Trail Times

December 2019 - 411.76 parts per million; January 2020 – 413.39; February 2020 – 414.11; March 2020 – 414.51; April 2020 – 416.21.

These results will not surprise anyone familiar with basic phase-equilibrium principles, specifically Henry’s Law. About 96% of the CO2 increase is attributable to natural ocean outgassing.

Roughly 98% of the planet’s bio-available CO2 is stored in the oceans with 2% allowed to circulate between the two phases; that is, between the oceans and a CO2-starved atmosphere.

Without CO2 in the atmosphere, the planet would be a desert devoid of plant and animal life.

Unfortunately, the atmosphere will remain starved even after the consumption of all known reserves of fossil fuels.

More important, the belief that CO<sub>2</sub> is a major climate-control variable lacks any scientific merit and is a product of fatally-flawed climate models.

Then why are so many politicians determined to undermine their respective economies by blindly following doomsday projections of flawed computer models?

Did H. L. Mencken have some of the answers in the 1920s?

“The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary.” H. L. Mencken

"The men the American people admire most extravagantly are the most daring liars; the men they detest most violently are those who try to tell them the truth." H. L. Mencken

How can we make our politicians more accountable?

Maybe their incomes should be tied to the unemployment rates. This should temper their enthusiasm for the “Green New Deal” (aka a “Red Old Deal”) and for a prolonged COVID-19 lockdown, the latter providing us with a “taste” of a bankrupt, carbon-free economy.

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