
Subject: Re: Global Warming: Katrina, Rita, Wilma: Whats next?

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Good, so now we've established that polar ice caps are shrinking...

...so where is the evidence links shrinking polar ice caps to humans? How do we know that the polar ice caps aren't shrinking because of some completely natural phenomenon?

Quote: Tell you what. If you can prove that the English language exists, the internet exists, I have a keyboard, Bush is the president and that $2 + 2 = 4$ with scientific evidence, from experts not anything else, I will prove global warming ok?

Against my better judgement, I'm going to answer that. Let's set up a series of experiments to determine whether any of the above are actually true:

English: Read this page. Cross-reference with the Oxford English Dictionary and the Merriam-Webster English Dictionary and Thesaurus. You will note that all of the properly spelled words on this page coincide with those found in the above volumes. You will also note that all the properly typed sentences obey the grammar rules of the English language, and that these rules are not identical to those of any other language. Therefore, English is a language and we are using it.

The Internet: This is the easiest one. We are using the Internet to communicate. You can see, through your Graphical User Interface, that you are loading this page from the Internet, typing words and phrases into the post box, and sending information back over the Internet to be stored on the server as a post. I can then view that post, using my own GUI, and respond to it, and you and every other person using the Internet can see and read it. Therefore, the Internet exists and we are using it.

Keyboard: We have no way of proving you have a keyboard. I can think of two useable alternatives to the keyboard off the top of my head, those being voice-recognition typing software and an on-screen keyboard, which can be operated with an appropriately configured pointing device, such as a mouse. However, you are most certainly using either one of the above, or a keyboard. You are entering text, or having someone else enter text for you, therefore you must have some way of entering text into your computer via manual input.

Bush: While there are a small number of people who still claim Bush is not the president, there is ample evidence indicating that he is. Dick Cheney, who is the Vice President of the United States, was his running mate in both bids for that office. He is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, as evidenced by the use of military power overseas (which he ordered, and Congress approved). Furthermore, he received more than the required number of electoral votes in the presidential elections of 2000 and 2004, and was sworn into office in front of Congress, on the steps of the Capitol building, according to tradition. He gives a State of the Union address each year, a duty reserved for the President of the United States. And lastly, but not least, the man in office is certainly George W Bush, because he may be identified by any of his myriad forms of ID. Therefore, the man serving as the President of the United States is, in fact, George W Bush, and George W Bush serves as the President of

the United States.

2+2=4: This is a mathematic fact, assuming that we are using Base 10 (and not, for example, binary, in which those numerals are not used and "2" is denoted by "10"). It may be proved using the proof formula, the details of which escape me. It may ALSO be proved by a simple visual experiment:

- Pick up four pennies, the coin representing \$0.01 of United States currency.
- Place two pennies to your right, and two to your left.
- Move the two groups of two pennies together in front of you.
- Count them: Two pennies plus two pennies equals four pennies, or \$0.04 US.

This experiment may be reproduced using ANY four items- just be aware that the value of those four items when put together will not necessarily equal \$0.04 US. Therefore, 2+2=4.

You are using fallacious logic. These are accepted facts. "Experts" are not needed to prove them; they may be tested by ANYONE, and EVERYONE will reach the same conclusion after considering all of the available evidence and applying logic and reason.

The CAUSE of Global Warming is NOT an accepted fact. Every person in the world cannot put together warming trends and melting ice caps and everything else and know that humans caused it. There is insufficient evidence to prove that claim; it is therefore UNTESTABLE, and UNPROVEABLE. It does not matter how many people believe it; unless it can be tested and proved it is not fact.

Do we know that there is an effect known as Global Warming? Yes, we do. That much can be proven by the aforementioned receding ice caps, rising global temperatures, increased number of tropical cyclones, and so forth.

Do we know WHAT CAUSES Global Warming? No, we do not. We have isolated and broken bits of information that point to POSSIBLE causes. We know that the Earth has gone through previous cycles of warming and cooling by examining ice core samples and layers of sediment, looking at the paths of glaciers that melted away millenia ago, and so on. We DO NOT have ANY connection between ANY of the effects of Global Warming and the actions of humans. NONE. We can guess that Global Warming might be caused by humans, or at least contributed to by them, because of events such as the depletion of the ozone layer, deforestation, and so forth. But we do not yet have any evidence that proves a connection between those things and Global Warming (though logic and reason alone do tend to indicate that there ought to be a connection there).
