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HARVARD, SYRACUSE RESEARCHERS CAUGHT LYING TO BOOST OBAMA CLIMATE RULES

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by [STEVE MILLOY](#) | 4 Jun 2015 | [3,669](#)

[E-mails](#) obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency show that Harvard University, Syracuse University and two of their researchers appear to have falsely claimed a study supporting EPA's upcoming global warming rules was conducted

“independent(ly)” of the agency.

In early May, a study published in the journal *Nature Climate Change* purported to support a key EPA claim about its forthcoming global warming rules aimed at coal-fired power plants. The *New York Times*’ headline, “EPA Emissions Plan Will Save Thousands of Lives, Study Finds,” typified the media coverage.

Across the media, the authors were innocuously described as simply university-affiliated “researchers.” After all, the researchers had declared they had “no competing financial interests” in their study. Both universities had issued media releases heralding the study as the “first independent, peer-reviewed paper of its kind.”

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Study co-author Charles Driscoll of Syracuse University told the Buffalo News, “I’m an academic, not a politician. I don’t have a dog in this fight.” The claim of independence was also emphatically asserted by study co-author Jonathan Buonocore of Harvard University. “The EPA, which did not participate in the study or interact with its authors, Buonocore

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says, roundly welcomed its findings.” [Emphasis added].

But a closer look at these claims of independence raises serious doubts.

An online search of EPA’s web site revealed that Syracuse’s Driscoll has previously involved as a principal investigator in studies that received over \$3.6 million in research grants from EPA. Co-author Dallas Burtraw, a researcher at the think tank Resources for the Future, had been involved in previous EPA grants totaling almost \$2 million. Harvard co-author Jonathan I. Levy had been involved in over \$9.5 million worth of grants. Co-author Joel Schwartz, also of Harvard, had been previously involved in over \$31 million worth of grants from EPA.



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Are we to believe that a group of researchers who had previously received some \$45 million in grants from EPA, no doubt hoping for more in the future, could possibly not have any dog in this fight? It’s probably not necessary to ask how this slipped past the incurious mainstream media.

Intrigued by Bounocore’s odd assertion of absolutely no involvement with EPA, I submitted a request to EPA under the Freedom of Information Act for email between the study authors and EPA staff. Although subsequent wrangling with agency staff gave me doubt that I would ever get anything, I received, much to my surprise, 99 pages of emails after mere weeks.

The emails reveal that study co-authors Driscoll, Buonocore, Schwartz and Harvard’s Kathy Lambert were definitely in contact with key EPA staff regarding this research.



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A July 8, 2014 email shows Lambert arranging a conference call with EPA staff to get EPA’s input on the study. One of the EPA staff involved was the contact person for agency’s Clean Power Plan cost-benefit analysis. A subsequent e-mail shows that the top EPA staffer on the Clean Power Plan cost-benefit analysis was added to the call.

A July 15, 2014 email from Driscoll to an EPA staffer boasts of “considerable interest” in their analysis from unnamed outside “groups.” One sentence after buttering up the EPA staffer, Driscoll asks her if they could have a phone call to discuss fundraising for a conference Driscoll is organizing. No appearance of attempted financial conflict there?

A November 7, 2014 e-mail from Lambert to EPA about the study reads, “We would like to follow back up with you by phone to discuss possible next steps in this analysis and what role you might be able to play.”

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This issue goes deeper than mere truth-telling. The EPA's controversial Clean Power Plan hinges on the notion that shuttering coal plants will save lives.

The EPA's proposed global warming plan ostensibly focuses on reducing carbon dioxide emissions from coal plants. But the bulk of the alleged benefits of the plan actually arise from collateral projections of lives supposedly saved by reducing coal plant emissions related to particulate matter and ozone.

As EPA values each life "saved" at about \$10 million, the claim that the rules will save 6,600 lives per year puts the rules' alleged benefits on the order of \$66 billion per year, far in excess of industry projections of the rules' costs.

These EPA claims, however, are controversial to say the least. A compelling alternate view is that no lives will be saved because, for one reason, EPA's own extensive clinical research shows that particulate matter and ozone in outdoor air do not kill anyone.

The only casualty in this case is our confidence in the independence of EPA-funded researchers.

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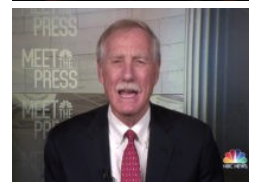
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I vote Texas independence. All in favor?

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As long as Arkansas can join in.

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Texas Chris otis cambell • 4 years ago

Two gun minimum.

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i'll see ya, & raise ya a double barrel 12 ga.

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Sold! Welcome to The Republic of Texas, State of Arkansas!

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The Demon Slick Texas Chris • 4 years ago

Texarkana? I'm planning on retirement there. Make stills legal and I'll move there sooner.

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Northern_home_Southern_soul The Demon Slick • 4 years ago

This story brings to mind the story yesterday where the fringe left wanted to use the RICO statutes to prosecute so called climate "deniers."

Maybe we should use the RICO statutes against the climate alarmist because they are the ones actually lying, distorting and in collision to rip off the public.

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tightloops Northern_home_Southern_soul • 4 years ago

While making their leaders/spokesman like Al Gore, Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi, and a lot of liberal corporate leaders rich beyond their wildest dreams via Chicago Carbon Exchange.

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oddibe tightloops • 4 years ago

Scientific bona fides of the trio?

Gore: C- in undergrad natural sciences

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Obama: won't disclose (I'm sure out of pure humility)

Pelosi: married a rich investment banker

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[carson1711](#) → tightloops · 4 years ago

Many claim excessive heat buildup will destroy the earth. They're right, but it's not coming the way they expect. Global Warming:

<http://www.chick.com/readin...>

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[issac clark](#) → Northern_home_Southern_soul · 4 years ago

Exactly, time to arrest the corrupt SOB at NOAA for manipulating data and arrest member of Congress who knowingly lied to the American people to pus through taxation that crossed every state line as well international lines.

3 ^ | v · Reply · Share ›

[kcampbell11](#) → issac clark · 4 years ago

Sue them personally for the money they have received for their fraudulently manipulated data. Find every place they have squirreled the money away and find every spot they have greased the wheels in their favor in USA politics

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[Betty4440](#) → kcampbell11 · 4 years ago

think all the money they have together would pay off the National Dept?

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[sweptarea](#) → Texas Chris · 4 years ago

Good Republic and good State. We'd be proud to be there.

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[otis cambell](#) → Texas Chris · 4 years ago

THX. TC !

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[singlestack](#) → otis cambell · 4 years ago

I'll see yer double barrel and raise ya a Napoleon.

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Cannon ?

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[Bill the Cat](#) → Texas Chris · 4 years ago

Two? You're a communist, aren't you? ;>)

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[Texas Chris](#) → Bill the Cat · 4 years ago

Hehe, I said *minimum*, Cat. As in at least!

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I keep two in my car! LOL

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Elon Musk: ‘I Have



Sen. King: Third of the Country Would

I do hereby annex your car into Texas. Welcome to the Republic.

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[Bill the Cat](#) → Texas Chris · 4 years ago

Volente Deo :)

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[prouddeplorablebeastdogs8](#) → Texas Chris · 4 years ago

I more then qualify, I have a bow and cross bow as well.

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[Texas Chris](#) → prouddeplorablebeastdogs8 · 4 years ago

Hehe, I have some friends that are bowmen. Not that they dislike guns, but they *love* bows.

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It is best to have both guns and bows

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[goodwater](#) → prouddeplorablebeastdogs8 · 4 years ago

Some times you have to fight "stealth."

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[issac clark](#) → prouddeplorablebeastdogs8 · 4 years ago

I'll se your bow and Gun and raise you 10 years of CQC training in hand to hand edged and blunt force weapons. when the gun goes click don't stand there holding your.....

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[prouddeplorablebeastdogs8](#) → issac clark · 4 years ago

A bow is very quiet, the ammo is reusable, hand to hand/blunt force weapons have their place, but if you can take you enemy out at a distance, you increase your chances of survival.

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[sweptarea](#) → Texas Chris · 4 years ago

Simple. Quiet. No ballistics. What's not to love ?

You should SEE what I'm dreaming about right now...

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[Jacko](#) → prouddeplorablebeastdogs8 · 4 years ago

I'll take all your noob weapons and raise you a Chuck Norris.

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[prouddeplorablebeastdogs8](#) → Jacko · 4 years ago

Chuck Norris would be a great addition, but I don't think I will be able to carry him around on my back all day long, so I will stick with my Glock 23.

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[Art Carnage](#) → Jacko · 4 years ago

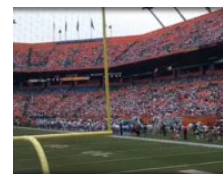
All chuck norris needs is to utter his name and you fold.

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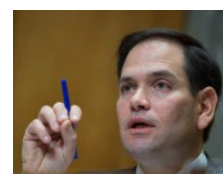
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Chuck Norris was born on My 6th, 1945. The Nazi's surrender on May 7th

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Genghis Khan for President. Proven leadership.

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Genghis Khan fought to win, he did not care what his equivalent of leftist thought, war was war, and he was in it to win.

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[EviLibertarian](#) → [sweptarea](#) · 4 years ago

Proven seed spreader too lol

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[issac clark](#) → [sweptarea](#) · 4 years ago

And loyal to his nation.

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[They're Comin'](#) → [Texas Chris](#) · 4 years ago

Hey Sarge! When do we stop jawin' and start shootin'???

3 ^ | v · Reply · Share ›

[Scoobym3](#) → [Texas Chris](#) · 4 years ago

Close to where I grew up in Kennesaw, Ga they passed a law when I was a kid that every home must have a fire arm. The crime rate dropped like a rock. The criminals decided to go elsewhere. Sweet!

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[Jdove47](#) → [Texas Chris](#) · 4 years ago

No. You shouldn't be allowed citizenship, voting rights, anything unless you own 20 guns minimum! No excuses!

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[Time4Tea](#) → [Jdove47](#) · 4 years ago

If you know how many you have....you don't have enough.

9 ^ | v · Reply · Share ›

[Texas Chris](#) → [Jdove47](#) · 4 years ago

Dude, you're more hardcore than even me! Move to Texas. Move, move, move!! (If you're not here already!)

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[Rick Jones \(Deplorable\)](#) → [Jdove47](#) · 4 years ago

And 2000 rnd, 6 mag back up of your primary weapon.

4 ^ | v · Reply · Share ›

[JimBob7](#) → [Jdove47](#) · 4 years ago

What about 2 rifles, 2 pistols and 10,000 rounds per? Would that count?

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[They're Comin'](#) → [Jdove47](#) · 4 years ago

Violators will be shot on sight!

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Survivors will be shot again.

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James → Texas Chris • 4 years ago

South Carolina's in.

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Joe → Texas Chris • 4 years ago

I have three.

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BayouKiki → otis cambell • 4 years ago

Louisiana wants in!

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