

**Yankee Steve's Almanac**  
**for the Week of April 28, 2009**

## **Morano debates former Clinton Official Romm**

Monday, April 06, 2009 By Marc Morano

**Update: [Climate Fear Promoters Angst Over TV Debate: Morano is 'howitzer of climate skepticism'](#)**

**Washington DC** (ClimateDepot.com) - On Sunday March 29, 2009, a rare event occurred on television. An actual debate about the man-made global warming fears took place on Roll Call TV. Watch this heated debate between Marc Morano, the executive editor and chief correspondent of ClimateDepot.com, and Joe Romm of ClimateProgress.org.

Part 1 of Debate: Starts at 3:45 min. mark: <http://www.rollcall.com/multimedia/tv/33727-1.html>

Part 2: Starts immediately. <http://www.rollcall.com/multimedia/tv/33726-1.html>

Romm, a former Clinton Admin. Official (Acting Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy), repeatedly utilized ad hominem attacks during the debate. Romm also claimed the planet may warm up to 15F by end of the century! Romm also made other [questionable claims about "green jobs."](#) [*Note: Romm was just named by U.S. News & World Report: Romm as one of the 8 "[most influential energy and environmental policymakers in the Obama era](#)" – In addition, Romm comically questioned [whether the bridge collapse in Minnesota was a result of man-made global warming](#) & see [Design failure \(not CO2\) evidently behind Minneapolis bridge collapse](#) ]*

**Sampling of news coverage of rare global warming TV debate:**

[Marc Morano and Joe Romm debate the politics of climate change – UK Telegraph - By Milo Yiannopoulos April 5, 2009](#)

Excerpt: "It was funny to hear Romm citing how many governments support the AGW [anthropogenic global warming] claims," Marc wrote to me afterwards. "Romm used that point to 'prove' the 'science' was settled. Very alarming." [...] Marc Morano, former Republican director of communications for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and Joe Romm, environmentalist blogger and author, just debated the politics of climate change on Roll Call TV. [...] I've corresponded with Marc via email on several occasions. Each time, I've been impressed with his grasp of the science surrounding climate change. In this debate, he pretty much nails cap-and-trade, the

"wealthy white politics" of the climate lobby and the flaws in the IPCC process. [...] There's a superb analysis of the debate over at Newsbusters - including a response from Romm. For some reason, I've been unable to embed the videos, so you'll have to watch them there or over at Planet Gore.

[No Wonder Climate Alarmists Refuse to Debate – ‘Morano calmly cleaned Romm’s clock’ – American Thinker - By Marc Sheppard - April 4, 2009](#)

Excerpt: Morano couldn't help laughing at Romm's unrelentingly silly exaggerations. Indeed, after coming out hurling pejoratives and 41 words of utter nonsense early in the opening round, you'd expect Romm to drop the hyperbole and smug manner and put up his intellectual dukes once Morano began scoring point after rational point. But while Marc calmly cited contrarian scientists and the perils of fraudulently inspired policy, Joe continued to make extraordinary claims, including that wind power produces more new jobs than coal mining, as though oblivious that they fuel 2 versus 50 percent of America's energy, respectively. And so it went -- virtually every cogent point made by Morano was met not with reasoned retort but rather polemical blather and name calling. And from Dr. Joseph J. Romm -- one the alarmists' most revered minds. Watching them squabble, it's impossible to ignore just how many times Romm put his hysterical size 10 in his mouth as Morano calmly cleaned his clock. But let's give the guy kudos for showing up -- for that alone distinguishes him as unique to his breed. [...] Perhaps he actually meant that one-third of dry land will be reduced to desert by 2100. Of course, that would still be horrible news because ..... Wait a minute, according to the [US Geological Survey](#), approximately one-third of the Earth's land surface already is desert. So Romm is either predicting no change whatsoever or a complete Terradeformation in a time-span even [Star-Trek](#) engineers would be proud of. Unless, of course, he hasn't given it much thought at all but hopes the media and most citizens will continue to ignore what truth hides beneath the shocking imagery.

[Global Warming Debate: Morano vs. Climate Progress's Romm - Newsbusters.org – Noel Sheppard – April 3, 2009](#)

Excerpt: It's clear that Romm is the one making stuff up...but those on this side of the debate have known that for years. That said, doesn't this demonstrate why the climate alarmists, with very few exceptions, don't want to debate this issue? After all, if their entire strategy is to just keep repeating "You're making stuff up" without ever supporting this claim, you can understand why these folks rarely engage their opposition.

#### **Related Links:**

[Scientific Smackdown: Skeptics Voted The Clear Winners Against Global Warming Believers in Heated NYC Debate – March 16, 2007](#)

[Lord Monckton Declared Victor in Global Warming Debate – By His Opponent! – August 19, 2008](#)

[Morano Debates Air America's Hartmann – 2008](#)

[Climate Debate: Morano vs. Air America's Tom Hartmann on Global Warming 'Solutions' – February 28, 2009](#)

[Debate Over Whether 'Global Warming is a Global Crisis' – March 6, 2009](#)

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## Drudge Report

Lawrence Solomon: Australia becoming a Denier Nation

Posted: April 25, 2009, 2:00 AM by Ron Nurwisah

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A break from faith in Australia! The continent down under, which until recently adhered to a strict form of global warming dogma, is experiencing an enlightenment.

“Beware the climate of conformity,” warns the headline for a column on global warming in the Sydney Morning Herald.

“What I am about to write questions much of what I have written in this space, in numerous columns, over the past five years,” starts the column by Paul Sheehan, one of Australia’s top authors. “Perhaps what I have written can withstand this questioning. Perhaps not. The greater question is, am I — and you — capable of questioning our own orthodoxies and intellectual habits?”

Sheehan closes by answering in the affirmative, with “a reminder to respect informed dissent and beware of ideology subverting evidence.”

“Wong is wrong on ETS,” runs an editorial in The Australian, criticizing Climate Change Minister Penny Wong for her proposal to introduce an Emissions Trading Scheme in the midst of a recession. Instead, the newspaper asks the government to listen to the Australian Coal Association and the Australian Industry Group and postpone any decision for at least a year, if not forever. Jobs and the economy should not be threatened, the paper declares, particularly when climate change is an unproven theory.

“Garnaut turns on Government’s greenhouse scheme,” reports the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, advising its audience that “The future of the Government’s greenhouse gas trading regime is under question again, this time from the man who helped to design it.

“Ross Garnaut — who headed the Government’s review of climate change policy — has told a Senate Committee that it might be better if the scheme in its current form is not passed into law.

“That adds to the growing uncertainty about emissions trading, which is due to be up and running by next year.”

Still more: “Climate change science isn’t settled,” announces an opinion piece in The Australian by Canadian geologist Jan Veizer of the University of Ottawa. Veizer mocks the notion that “the tiny — biologically controlled — carbon cycle drives the climate.”

And more: “Planet doomsayers need a cold shower,” writes Miranda Devine in the Sydney Morning Herald, in an extensive article that damns “the global warming scare campaign.” She cites at length a hugely influential new book by University of Adelaide

geologist, Ian Pilmer, Heaven And Earth (subtitled “Global Warming: The Missing Science”). It is “a comprehensive scientific refutation of the beliefs underpinning the idea of human-caused climate change,” she explains, pointedly noting that Pilmer’s book was written “for those out there with an open mind wanting to know more about how the planet works. The mind is like a parachute. It only works when it is open.”

Pilmer’s book could not have landed at a more opportune time. With Australia’s resource-based economy rocked by recession, large swathes of the public are for the first time asking themselves if the job losses and economic dislocations that would come of reducing carbon dioxide emissions are really necessary. At the same time, the Australian Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy is hearing testimony on the wisdom of an Emissions Trading Scheme. Not only have the politicians running the proceedings decided to allow climate skeptics to express themselves, much of the press has decided to report their views fairly.

Into this global warming glasnost that Australia is experiencing steps Pilmer, with perspectives that would once have been derided and dismissed.

To those who claim it is economically prudent to curb greenhouse gases based on the information known to date, Pilmer responds that the business world would never “make trillion-dollar decisions without a comprehensive and expensive due diligence.” To those who claim that an overwhelming consensus of scientists associated with the United Nations climate change report have concluded that man is responsible for bringing us to global warming catastrophe, Pilmer points to the report’s chapter dealing with man’s role, which is “based on the opinions of just five independent scientists.”

Thanks to Pilmer, the press and politicians, Australia is likely to become the developed world’s third Denier Nation, after the Czech Republic, where only 11% of the public blame humans for global warming, and the United States, where only 34% blame humans.

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