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On Aug 12, 7:29 am, Joerg <[notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

Kris Krieger wrote:

Joerg <[notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in [news:K9Ink.17400\\$uE5.10597@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](news:K9Ink.17400$uE5.10597@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):

[bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx) wrote:

On Aug 9, 7:20 am, Joerg <[notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:notthisjoerg...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

[bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx) wrote:

On Aug 7,  
2:27 am,  
James  
Arthur  
<[bogusabd...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:bogusabd...@xxxxxxxx)>  
wrote:

[bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:bill.slo...@xxxxxxxx)  
wrote:

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<[rabbitsfriendsandrelati...@xxxxxxxx](mailto:rabbitsfriendsandrelati...@xxxxxxxx)>  
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Let's also not forget that data revelations is what the "Materials and Methods" section in a sceintific paper is supposed to provide – it has to precisely describe what is done, under what conditions, and using what materials.

<http://aerg.canberra.edu.au/pub/aerg/edupaper.htm>

Quote: "Show your materials and methods section to a colleague. Ask if they would have difficulty in repeating your study." That would be the right thing to do but one must also be willing to show all that to reviewers. Luckily, in the US we have FOIA :-)

<http://biology.luther.edu/paper.htm>

Those websites clearly describe the accepted format for scientific papers. This format is the accepted one precisely because it does reveal how experiments/studies are done, what data are collected, what background information was used to evaluate the data, how conclusions

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were reached, and what those conclusions are. If a paper deviates from this format, it is \*rejected\*, pure and simple – it might be acceptable to the local newspaper, but not taken seriously by anyone in the scientific community.

In the AGW world that seems not always to be so.

In my world of medical technology it very common to make the underlying data accessible. In fact, many agencies require that. Things are handled in a much more professional manner than they seem to in the AGW world.

If the scientific papers describing global temperature studies are not in the correct format, please provide a number of links to these papers so that people can evaluate this situation for themselves, rather than having to take your description on faith. I tried to google this, but came up with a lot of references to blogs, and to many descriptions of or comments about what's supposedly in various papers, but as of yet, no success in finding actual journal-published papers archived online – still looking, tho.

If no such links exist, then at least the preliminary conclusion has to be that your claim of "no data is provided" could be inaccurate.

One of many examples:<http://www.climateaudit.org/?p=638>

I certainly do not believe a scientist like McIntyre would make any accusations like this if their weren't true.

McIntyre's attitude can be described as "adversarial". He is convinced that everybody is busy trying to delude him, which rather over-rates his significance in the scheme of things.

Quote "As I mentioned previously, I requested the identity of the sites in the blend as part of the IPCC review process and was refused and even threatened with expulsion as a reviewer if I made any further attempts to obtain the data from Hegerl et al. At the time, I was told that such considerations were the province of the journal and that it was not the job of an IPCC reviewer to carry out any additional due diligence on data.."

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I think that shows what's going on.

Right. McIntyre is an obsessive nut, and his colleagues didn't want to take the flak arising from his irritating behaviour. The IPCC opinion is – in fact – entirely defensible. Their job is to review the published data, not to second-guess the journals peer-review procedures (which aren't perfect, any more than any other human institution).

The antics of a gadfly like McIntyre weren't going to be popular with journal editors whose judgement he was calling into question, who are all colleagues and acquaintances of the senior people in the IPCC. McIntyre got lucky, and found an error in Mann's "hockey stick" paper. He's been looking for a similar triumph ever since and has yet to find one. Is the irritation he causes worth the problems that he has revealed?

Also very disturbing:<http://www.climateaudit.org/?cat=53>

If you still don't believe it you can ask Steve McIntyre directly:[http://www.climateaudit.org/?page\\_id=778](http://www.climateaudit.org/?page_id=778)

Don't encourage McIntyre – he needs to be persuaded to find something constructive to do.

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