

Re: OT: Hot, Flat and Crowded

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On Tue, 06 Jan 2009 18:02:08 -0700, Jim Thompson
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On Wed, 7 Jan 2009 00:31:46 +0100, "Bill Sloman"
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The real "wingnuts" are those posing as "engineers" and claiming we can measure the "average temperature" of the earth to an accuracy of "0.157°C", let alone find trends in such crap data.

What chutzpa!

The "special powers" are hope and humor.

The "hope" is all too obvious. The humour is not subtle. Neither the hope nor the humour are noticeably constrained by what's actually going on in the real world.

Neither of these special powers equip Jim to assess the claim that we can assess "average temperature" of the earth to an accuracy of 0.157°C . The people who made the claim would have had to publish a justification for choosing that particular number, and if Jim wants to dispute it he needs to cite the original claim and identify the arguments he feels to be unsustainable, with the kind of rational argument that he must save for his paying customers, since he never wastes any of it on us.

Jim and John have constructed this fantasy-land where they do know what's going on, and regard people who try to bring them to their senses as mean spoil-sports – which of course we are, like every teacher who has ever had to restrain a spoiled child.

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