

# Detailed explanations help convince skeptics

Thank you for publishing Carl Davis' explanation ([guest column, Feb. 18](#)) of why the earth's orbit, axial tilt and wobble cannot be implicated in our current climate change. As a Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteer, I also appreciated his brief explanation of why sunspots, ocean currents, volcanic eruptions, etc. are not the cause of today's elevated atmospheric carbon dioxide levels.

However, as a CCL volunteer, I'm easy to convince. To help non-engaged readers understand, I wish that Davis had given one detailed explanation instead of painting broad strokes. It's easier to persuade a reader by showing them all the scientific arguments that sunspots aren't the cause rather than just telling them that carbon levels never exceeded 300 ppm until the industrial revolution. After a reader understands why sunspots have been completely ruled out, then the reader can start to question all the other explanations for climate change that have been disproved.

As readers begin to get an inkling of the problem, they start to realize that we have a serious problem and we have to cut our emissions to minimize harm to our children and grandchildren. That's when people start to become engaged with Citizens' Climate Lobby and similar organizations.

Thank you.

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