

Enough stalling on climate change

Editor, Times-Dispatch:

No matter what Christopher Monckton implies in his letter, “Hockey graph is faulty science,” it is not an anti-Semitic act to call Monckton a denier. He is a climate-change denier and spreader of falsehoods, including the already debunked narishkeit (Yiddish term meaning foolishness) that climate change stopped 16 years ago.

Many people wonder if the members of Congress who fail to talk about climate change and refuse to sponsor climate change legislation are also deniers. Some affirm they accept the science but haven’t seen any policy proposals they can support — so they don’t want to talk about climate change. Oy vey.

There are also politicians who hahn a tshaynik (speak nonsense) by implying in official press releases that when the president and the EPA issue new regulations for controlling carbon pollution, prices will increase — which makes it equivalent to enacting a tax on the public, and only Congress is allowed to enact a tax. That’s a ridiculous line of argument. There is no denying it. Michael Mann is a well-respected scientist. Climate change is no bobeh mayseh (fairy tale). Enough stalling. Let’s get that revenue-neutral carbon tax passed because it is a policy that every politician, conservative or liberal, can support unless he is a dumkop.

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