Unlike MU, Nebraska didn't cave on climate

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Editor, the Tribune: Thank you for Johann Bruhn's terrific commentary on the poor judgment the University of Missouri showed by hosting and participating in a teacher training program featuring the viewpoint that climate change might not be real. A happier story recently was reported in Nebraska. The Nebraska Legislature asked the University of Nebraska to prepare a climate change document that "would have been limited to looking only at changes due to natural processes such as volcanic eruptions and solar variations, and would have excluded human influences."

University staff were unwilling to participate in such a misleading, biased study. Instead, they prepared an 88-page study on the science of climate change and its effect on Nebraska. The study asserts there is no debate about whether the climate is changing because of human causes, and the effects on Nebraska already are apparent.

It is important to tell stories about people who resist pressure from monied interests wanting to keep the public in the dark.

The public must understand that they must vote for congressional candidates who acknowledge that climate change is caused by humans, greenhouse gas emissions must be reduced and Congressional legislation can do a better job reducing emissions.

As the Bible teaches (Exodus 23:7-8) "Keep far from a false matter ... and take no gifts, for a gift blinds even the wise and twists the words of the righteous."

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