

Why not cash in?

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Eric Heyl's Q&A with meteorologist Joe Bastardi ([“Getting the right answer,”](#)) was fascinating because Bastardi said, in several different ways, that he has no motivation for denying global warming other than the desire to get the right answer. Bastardi also claimed climate scientists who reported global warming for years have their careers invested in this prediction, so they can't let themselves see the truth.

Perhaps Heyl might next interview scientist Richard Muller, who, like Bastardi, denied global warming was happening. However, Muller undertook his own scientific study (paid for by fossil fuel interests) and found, to his surprise, that global warming is real. Muller, a physics researcher, wasn't so invested in his previous denials that he couldn't see the truth. Muller publicly acknowledged his error in 2011.

Heyl might also interview physicist Christopher Keating who offered a \$30,000 reward to anyone who proves man-made climate change is not real. If Keating weren't willing to consider the possibility that someone else might have a better analysis, he wouldn't offer such a hefty reward.

If Bastardi's colleagues at the Las Vegas conference on climate change don't apply for this reward, it suggests they lack proof global warming isn't real, and the press should stop listening to them.

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