

# THE CREDIBILITY PROJECT

An Assessment Of The “U.S. Senate Minority Report: More Than 650 International Scientists Dissent Over Man Made Global Warming Claims.”

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The Office of Public Policy (OPP) of the Center for Inquiry Transnational has conducted an assessment of the credibility of a list of persons assembled to criticize legislation proposed by the current administration to address the harmful effects of climate change. In January 2009, a list of 687 individuals appeared, challenging this conclusion. The conclusions of these skeptics have been summarized in a document, *United States Senate Minority Report on Global Warming*, which can be found at [www.epw.senate.gov](http://www.epw.senate.gov).

Our conclusion after performing an assessment of the Senate Minority list is that, while there are indeed some well respected scientists on the list, the vast majority are neither climate scientists, nor have they published in fields that bear directly on climate science. The National Press Club presentation reviews our assessment and offers some tentative conclusions based upon it.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Dr. Paul Kurtz:** Professor of philosophy (retired emeritus) at the State University of New York at Amherst (Buffalo) and founder of the Center for Inquiry Transnational and Prometheus Books. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and humanist laureate and president of the International Academy of Humanism. The asteroid (6629) Kurtz was named in his honor.

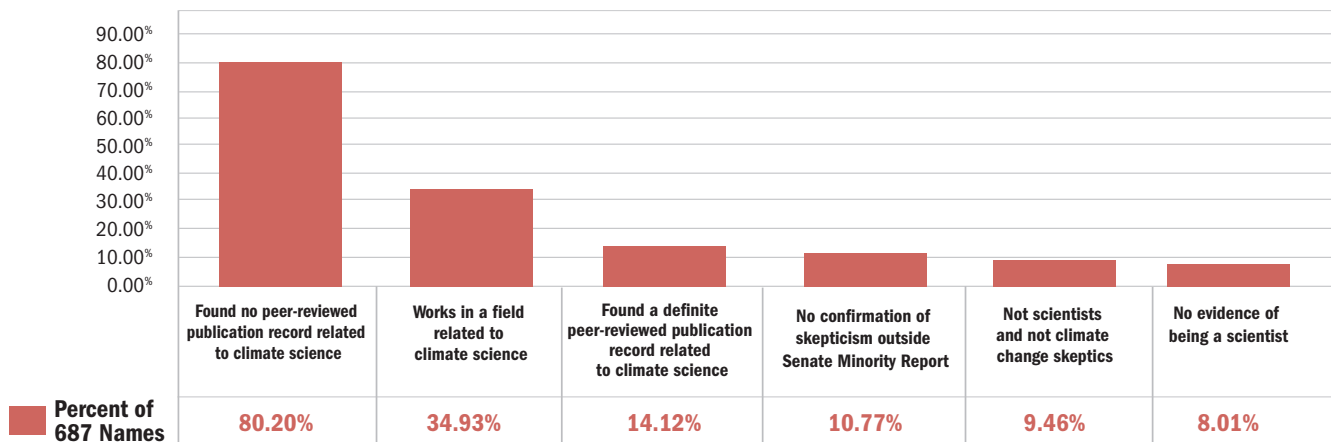
**Dr. Stuart Jordan:** Senior staff scientist (retired emeritus) NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and science policy advisor to the CFI Office of Public Policy. Dr. Jordan has served as the chief of solar physics at NASA headquarters and as head of the solar physics branch at Goddard.

**Dr. Robert Bindschadler:** Sun-Earth Exploration Division, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and recognized world authority on the role of the melting icecaps and prospects for sea-level rise during the 21st century. Dr. Bindschadler has already conducted a congressional briefing on this subject.

**Thomas O'Brien:** Researcher for the Credibility Project. Mr. O'Brien holds a master's degree in atmospheric and space sciences from the University of Michigan and is currently employed by the Institute of Physics Publishing, a British firm that publishes *The Astrophysical Journal*.

**Representative Brian Baird (D - WA):** Chairman of the Energy and Environment Subcommittee. Congressman Baird is playing a leading role in crafting the policies that will help lead America and the world address the 21st century problems of energy and global warming. Congressman Baird is also a leading advocate for science diplomacy, especially as it relates to issues facing the Middle East. He also serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

## A small minority of the 687 “Prominent Scientists” cited in Senate Minority Report are Published Climate Scientists



Note that the percentages add up to well over 100%. This is because there is overlap among the categories. Examining the titles of the different categories should make this clear.

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