

Letters: Climate Change: Single events don't disprove warming

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As a retired meteorologist who has kept up with the debate on global warming, I am surprised that a doctorate in physics is so grossly misinformed ("[Don't let politicians and journalists hijack science](#)," Aug. 4).

I can agree with Gordon J. Fulks on two points and those are: One heat wave, one terrible hurricane season, one drought is not sufficient evidence of global warming or climate change. Also, extraterrestrial forces such as the Earth's tilt, its proximity to the sun and the movement on its axis do influence climate.

What bothers me is that Fulks then uses single events to substantiate his claims such as winter snow cover in 2007 and a 19th century ship in the ocean registering a 133 degree reading.

The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is composed of more than 2,000 scientists doing climate research, some associated with universities in the Pacific Northwest.

The 30,000-plus "scientists" who supposedly have signed a document questioning global warming includes doctors of medicine, veterinarians, psychologists, economists and so forth -- hardly what you would classify as climate scientists.

Frankly, I would sooner let my doctor treat my arthritis and have my veterinarian take care of my cat rather than associate them with what Fulks calls "climate scientists."

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