



HOUSTON PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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"What is really causing Global Warming?"

by

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ABSTRACT

The President is telling us the earth is warming and that man is causing the warming through the burning of fossil fuels. He is partially right. The earth is warming. What is debatable is the cause of the warming. Is it CO₂ or natural

cycles that we do not fully understand? Data strongly support natural cycles and the case for CO2 is very weak.

SPEAKER'S BIO



Dr. Neal Frank was the Director of the National Hurricane Center for 13 years before he retired from the Federal Government in 1987 to accept the position of Chief Meteorologist at the CBS Television station in Houston Texas (KHOU-TV). In June 2008, Neil retired for the second time and is currently living in the Houston area.

Neil started out in life to have a career in sports. In 1949, he enrolled at Southwestern College, Kansas, to play basketball and eventually become a basketball coach. The second year on the campus the Head of the Science Department persuaded Neil to major in science and become a science teacher/basketball coach. Upon graduation Neil found the Air Force was looking for science majors to enter their weather

program and this was the beginning of his career in meteorology.

In 1955 the Air Force assigned Neil to Okinawa where he received a dramatic introduction to the tropics. The first summer he was on the island, Okinawa experienced three typhoons. The last one was the most intense and blew down all the anemometers when the winds exceeded 160 mph.

Leaving the Air Force in 1957, Neil decided to pursue a career in tropical meteorology. He enrolled in the graduate school at Florida State University where he earned a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in meteorology. Neil joined the National Weather Service in 1961 and was designated a Hurricane Forecaster in the newly formed National Hurricane Center in 1968.

Dr. Frank has published over 40 papers and written numerous articles for popular publications.

Neil married his childhood sweetheart Velma in 1952. They have three grown children, ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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Cohen House, Rice University**

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Thank you.

**J. Patrick Hughes
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