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Dear Editor,

It appears that, as being something of a climate change sceptic, I am one of the large majority of people in Britain who Gordon Brown describes as 'flat earth' followers. This is unsurprising, for over the past decade we have been subject to so much government spin and misinformation that it is impossible to give credence to the integrity of government statements on any significant issue, including climate change.

In recent weeks, we have witnessed the scandal of scientists at the University of East Anglia Climate Research Unit (CRU) manipulating world temperature data to prove global warming. When caught, they somehow were able to lose the basic data upon which their predictions were founded. The seriousness of this scandal cannot be underestimated for the CRU data was influential in creating the world-wide alarm over global warming.

Our own Met Office is not without some culpability. Their 'forecasts and predictions' about our own weather have been consistently wrong, as witness the 'barbecue summer', yet they are strong supporters of the CRU global warming predictions. Their latest findings are that this is 'the warmest decade since records began'. My question is when did their records begin, for there is verifiable archaeological and geological evidence that there have been periods throughout British history when our climate was much warmer than this decade. I think they may be being a little disingenuous about this.

I am deeply concerned that many eminent climatologists who are critical of the global warming theory were not invited to participate at the Copenhagen Conference. Consequently, I suspect that the Conference findings will not be universally accepted. The debate will linger on, like Kyoto, until the next time the UN decides to tackle the issue. Perhaps then we may be fortunate to have an honest and open debate which will involve the global warming partisans and their critics and labels such as 'flat earth' followers will be abandoned.



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