**David Barnett: Those who reject mainstream science a departure from reality**

John Cook notes, “Scientific skepticism is healthy. Scientists should always challenge themselves to improve their understanding.”

Yet this isn’t what happens with climate change denial, such as Mr. Sauer’s column represents.

Those who reject mainstream science like Norm Sauer vociferously criticize any evidence that supports man-made global warming and yet embrace any argument, op-ed, blog or study that purports to refute global warming. He refers to the hockey-stick as a “documented hoax” yet does not cite where it was documented. I found his entire column to be half-truths, misconceptions, and out-and-out falsehoods.

Even Exxon admitted in its internal memos that climate change was real, and humans were the cause. Shame on The Union for pandering to this sort of departure from reality.

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