**Climate Culture Footnotes**

*A culture features well-known emergent characteristics.*

1. A few I collected for a [WUWT post](http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/01/27/cagw-bias-in-academia-lesfrud-and-meyer-2013-revisited/) in Feb 2014: [UK MP Peter Lilley](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/peter-lilley/global-warming-religion_b_3463878.html) , [blogger John Bell](http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2013/1/7/the-minds-of-warmist-pundits.html), [Michael Crichton via blogger Justice4Rinka [Jan 10, 2013 at 10:07am]](http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2013/1/9/rumbling-on.html), [Richard Lindzen](http://www.jpands.org/vol18no3/lindzen.pdf), [blogger BetaPug](http://wattsupwiththat.com/2013/02/03/playing-the-global-warming-morality-card-in-my-local-newspaper-a-religious-experience/#comment-1215543), [philosopher Pascal Bruckner](http://chronicle.com/article/Against-Environmental-Panic/139733/), [blogger sunshinehours1 [cult]](http://judithcurry.com/2013/04/02/were-not-screwed/#comment-308253), [professor Hans Von Storch [prophets]](http://notrickszone.com/2013/01/28/new-book-by-hans-von-storch-climate-scientists-took-on-role-of-prophets-completely-in-over-their-heads/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter), [Evangelical skeptics](http://www.resistingthegreendragon.com/), and the Climate Etc post [One Religion is Enough](http://judithcurry.com/2013/11/07/john-howard-one-religion-is-enough/). More recently I noticed Ian Plimer make the same comparison in [his new book (h/t Bishop Hill)](http://bishophill.squarespace.com/blog/2015/10/23/heaven-and-hell.html).

2. The Van Storch quote above is one such.

3. Two examples I found to be particularly insightful are portrayed in the DVD ‘[The Nazis: A warning from history](http://www.amazon.com/Nazis-A-Warning-History-The/dp/B00097DY66)’. The first is revealed by the astonishment of US researchers who worked through the papers of a captured Gestapo regional HQ. They’d expected a huge staff and a population suppressed from the top. What they found was an incredibly small staff and a population that ruled themselves through fear. Earnest letters of denouncement poured into the Gestapo HQ; with most of the job done for them agents merely netted up the worst ‘offenders’. The second is the self motivation of local doctors regarding the killing of disabled children. Armed with sanction from Hitler obtained using the single letter from a father asking to euthanize his disabled baby, chief of the chancellery Philipp Bouhler instigated a pseudo-legal system requiring 3 doctors to fill in a form agreeing to the euthanizing of disabled babies. According to the DVD, the system extended and evolved (lower thresholds, increase from babies to children) over the years largely through actions of the doctors themselves. There was no further instruction from Hitler, and the doctors eventually dispensed with Bouhler’s forms too. They simply decided themselves who to kill, and put ‘measles’ or some such on the death certificate. They thought they were cleansing the race and they wanted to please officials like Bouhler, who wanted what he thought would please Hitler. Within visionary cultural systems that dominate or override the law, schemes with radically different morality can self-establish at frightening speed.

4. See ‘Darwinian Populations and Natural Selection’ by Peter Godfrey-Smith, section 6.2 .

5. This WUWT series ([1](http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/11/06/wrapped-in-lew-papers-the-psychology-of-climate-psychologization-part1/),[2](http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/11/08/wrapped-in-lew-papers-the-psychology-of-climate-psychologization-part2/),[3](http://wattsupwiththat.com/2014/11/09/wrapped-in-lew-papers-the-psychology-of-climate-psychologization-part3/)) describes 4 well-known main bias effects as applicable to climate culture. All references on the underlying mechanisms come from climate advocate sources (to avoid any hint of skeptic leaning). In fact mostly from papers by Lewandowsky and colleagues, before he jumped into the deep end of climate and claims of conspiracy ideation.