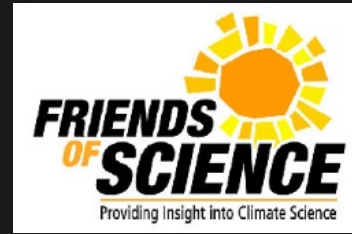


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## Press Release



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### **Climate of Fear – Conversations that Matter with Stuart McNish**

(Calgary, Alberta) Veteran journalist Stuart McNish continues his exploration of the strange phenomenon of being deemed a ‘heretic’ or ‘denier’ for questioning climate change dogma in his latest long-form interview [“Climate of Fear”](#). McNish talks with Michelle Stirling, Communications Manager for Friends of Science Society, about the psychology behind the false 97% consensus claims and the [“Big Green” money](#) behind the environmental/climate change mass movements.

McNish has interviewed a number of scientists in the field of climate science, ranging from Princeton University professor [William Happer](#), to [Greg Flato](#) of Environment Canada.

Happer rejects the theory that carbon dioxide from human industrial emissions (Anthropogenic Global Warming) drives climate change and he does not rely on climate models (simulations). Flato is a [lead author](#) of the 2013 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, Chapter 9, on climate models. McNish is interested in all aspects of the climate debate.

In his conversation with Michelle Stirling, McNish explores the ‘soft science’ - the psychological factors that make the claim of a 97% consensus on climate change so compelling. Stirling refers to the ‘social proof’ that Robert Cialdini explained in his book “Influence” – that people are ‘herd animals’ and generally go with the crowd. Likewise, referring to the work of psychologist Kipling D. Williams, Stirling explains that the heretical 3% of the ‘consensus’ equation suffer from being ostracized. Williams calls this the ‘social kiss of death’. Thus, the claim of ‘consensus’ means most people won’t question, even though the Friends of Science report [“97% Consensus? NO! Global Warming Math Myths and Social Proofs”](#) shows the claim of a scientific consensus on climate change is unfounded.

The claim of ‘consensus’ has been further shaken by the recent establishment of the international [CLINTEL](#) – climate intelligence – group based in Holland of more than 800 scientists, scholars and professionals who state there is no climate emergency, climate models should not be used for setting public policy, and that natural factors are the principle drivers climate change.

A new paper by Ken Gregory, P. Eng. of Friends of Science Society, entitled: "[Climate Sensitivity by Energy Balance with Urban and Natural Warming](#)" serves another blow to 'consensus' thinking. Gregory reports on recent papers showing the warming caused by greenhouse gases is only 35% of the warming estimated by climate models. The other 65% is caused by the combination of the urban heat island effect and natural warming. Likewise, recent warming has economic benefits for much of the world: "...the FUND economic model, using updated energy impacts and CO2 fertilization effects (based on the parameters set out in the paper), that 2 °C of global warming from 2000 would increase global wealth by 1.45% in 2147, equivalent to US\$1.26 trillion. Therefore, GHG emissions are not a 21st century problem. All policies designed to reduce fossil fuel use should be repealed."

#### **About Stuart McNish**

Stuart McNish has been involved in journalism and storytelling for more than 30 years. From a long and successful career with BCITV (now Global) Stuart's insatiable curiosity and love of storytelling, led to the creation of "[Conversations That Matter](#)", a weekly interview show that is broadcast on numerous media outlets. More than 300 episodes have been produced over the past six years. Simon Fraser University embraced the show and lends its' name to the program through the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue.

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#### About:

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 18th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

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