

Janeen Robertson

From: Bill Loudon
Sent: Wednesday, 19 September 2012 3:58 PM
To: Janeen Robertson
Subject: FW: Lewandowsky et al, "NASA faked the moon landing, Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax: An Anatomy of the Motivated Rejection of Science"

From: Bill Loudon < >
Date: Wed, 19 Sep 2012 15:57:34 +0800
To: < >
Cc: Gina Barron < >
Subject: Re: Lewandowsky et al, "NASA faked the moon landing, Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax: An Anatomy of the Motivated Rejection of Science"

Dear

Thank you for this further email. I have been overseas for five weeks on leave and not accessing my email. I understand that you have also been corresponding with the Vice-Chancellor and Professor Owens, and that a University response to you is being prepared.

Yours sincerely
Bill Loudon

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Surely you and the University cannot be happy with the very poor quality of paper Prof Lewandowsky and others have recently had published. Frankly I am surprised it passed peer review at 'Psychological Science' as I doubt it would pass as the work of a first year undergraduate assignment unless everyone who read it was so blinded by confirmation bias they couldn't see the very obvious flaws in methodology. The title of the paper alone should have been enough to alert people to it's less than scientific objectives.

In the face of questions and criticisms Lewandowsky has compounded his sins with regards this paper with immature and puerile comments rather than address the very appropriate questions and comments raised.

Steve McIntyre at Climate Audit has provided a nicely detailed review of the paper, it's faults and methodology flaws here: <http://climateaudit.org/2012/09/08/lewandowsky-scam/>.

It is high time the University of Western Australia took some action against Professor Lewandowsky who with the assistance of others at the university continues to diminish the universities once good reputation.

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From: Bill Loudon
Sent: Wednesday, 19 September 2012 2:14 PM
To: Janeen Robertson
Subject: FW: Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 2:13:59 PM
To: Robyn Owens; Gina Barron
Cc: Bill Loudon
Subject: RE: Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
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Hi all, just to provide some context, has previously complained about me, as Gina will remember.

He has also accused the Bureau of Meteorology of the usual (e.g., adjusting temperature records to exaggerate warming and so on) and has launched similar complaints to the Commonwealth auditor about the Bureau.

Those individuals are producing more smoke and mirrors than I can possibly debunk in real time; I have addressed some of the nonsense below on my blog already.

I will be back in W.A. on Monday but will be snowed under between now and then. Please advise if you require any further information from me at any point; in general, I can recommend <http://www.shapingtomorrowsworld.org/> as a forum where I post replies to criticisms that are at least moderately well-founded.

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 7:38 AM
To: Gina Barron; Stephan Lewandowsky
Cc: Bill Loudon
Subject: Fwd: Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

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Can you respond to this one with a standard response, on Paul's behalf, and then we should look at the final response we send all of them on the process we have undertaken since these complaints began. I don't think I have received any of his complaints so far.

Thanks,

Robyn

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Date: 18 September 2012 5:03:46 PM AWST
To: Robyn Owens <>

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Subject: Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

Dear Professor Paul Johnson,

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From: <
Sent: Tuesday, 18 September 2012 2:31 PM
To: Paul Johnson
Subject: Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

Dear Professor Paul Johnson,

I have written to the University a number of times regarding my concerns about Professor Stephan Lewandowsky. It is my belief that he has breached UWA's guidelines regarding members of staff speaking publicly on matters outside their area of expertise when identifying themselves as members of the University faculty. The correspondence will be on file and while Lewandowsky and his supporters have claimed that his work, and public speeches and writings have been relevant to his work in cognitive memory and related areas, only the most naive would not recognise his ultra politicised position on Climate change matters. He has been ardently supported in this regard by others at the University including Prof Carmen Lawrence.

There is no doubt that his politicised position has enabled Professor Lewandowsky to attract funding to the University, judging by the recent list of research grants. He has also most likely attracted a growing band of admiring and impressionable young students who unfortunately must be getting a very one sided view to how science and research works. This may be wonderful for the University in the short term as you build student numbers, yet I not you are decreasing funding in areas of real science such as engineering. No doubt UWA will soon be scratching to come up with a marketing slogan as good as Curtin's 'WA's most preferred University' as it all becomes about numbers! That is if you don't mind the trashing of the universities reputation!

I personally know three clinical Psychologists who studied at UWA, a number of others who majored in psychology at UWA (all of then honours students), and a couple who are currently studying there. They are share my disappointment with Professor Lewandowsky who has become the best known public face of the school of Psychology, if not the entire University. He receives regular coverage in the Press, the ABC Drum Unleashed, 'The Conversation' and his writings and musings which are designed to be eye-catching and quotable are repeated throughout the media.

I was personally appalled when in I saw the survey the Psychology Dept was circulation to blog sites in 2010 allegedly seeking to carry out research. It should have been obvious to anyone who had done any statistical analysis or market research at undergraduate level that the questionnaire was grossly flawed, and it did not require a lot of thought to raise serious questions regarding possible issues with survey methodology and interpretation. So I was absolutely stunned when I saw the paper which is to be published in 'Psychological Science' as a result of that so-called research. "NASA faked the moon landing—Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax: An Anatomy of the Motivated Rejection of Science". Even the title is so brazenly non-scientific and designed to titillate not educate. But when you check the data upon which the title is based you realised how far Lewandowsky is prepared to go to allow his own bias and preconceived notions affect his judgement.

I have already written to Bill Loudon about this matter pointing out some of the issues (without response). I have previously corresponded with Bill on the Lewandowsky matter but I believe he has decided to ignore me. I have assured him, I am keeping a file of all my correspondence because I have no doubt that Lewandowsky's work will be properly outed at some stage and UWA will not have the luxury of saying they were unaware there were problems and issues with his modus operandi.

What Prof William M Briggs has to say

University of Western Australia
School of Psychology
Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

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Re: "What motivates rejection of (climate) science"?

Huh, are you serious?

What bizarre questionnaire questions?

Clearly Jerome Kagan's "Psychology's Ghosts: On the crisis in the Profession"; is real and evident? So was Sally Satel, co-author in "One Nation under Therapy" brilliantly exposing the sinking state of vested interest psychology and the trauma counseling industry!

Is it naivety or political preference, when psychologists mimic "trick cyclists"?
Or just financial motives in getting on board the gravy train?

Given that psychologists operate on the periphery (the parasitic) of the modern world, is it desperation for recognition?

"Motivation to reject climate science"!

To such a nonsensical comment an apt response is to paraphrase a radio broadcaster *"that is the most absurdly idiotic thing to say...every one in the room is dumber for it"*!

To stupid questions, a silly response is the correct answer. How can a lay person make an informed comment about climate science? A small number of physicists in the world lead the current debate on climate science (skeptics claim CO2 effect is minor, whilst IPCC are modeling extreme warming)! (IPCC control is via an inner group within a team of 15 or so)

No physicist or meteorologist or climatologist or geologist has claimed to understand the earth's climate system. Except Hollywood actors, politicians, and the airheads amongst journalists and economists, they do. There is no shortage of useful idiots! *Should I add psychologists to the latter group?*

Conspiracy, yes the incentives to conspire are real, there is a powerful convergence of interests, those genuine to the science through to political motive and to financial and career seeking. Propaganda, conditioning, manipulation, lies, indoctrination, all methods applied to change and win our minds. Credible and necessary environmental engineering now high-jacked by environmentalism loaded with all-sorts of extremism is aggressive politics. *Conspiracies, of course!*

Denier, skeptic branding are attacks to discredit; tactics to isolate as insignificant to be ignored. Normal ethical science research requires skeptics; that is (was) the scientific method; that method applies to most learned disciplines, even psychology!

20 years of tactics, on the record:

Climate change has never been in dispute by skeptics, it emanates from basic geology, but in the 1990's the IPCC tactically upped the anti producing a graph drawn to claim there was no climate change for the last 800 years, except in our previous 50 years! That lie is being argued now in the Courts. The latest IPCC stance re climate change is to claim it was due to natural events in the past except for the previous 50 years it is due to man-made CO2. Go figure!

The IPCC credibility stance has been "consensus science". That made sense. A show of hands! But continuing defection from the IPCC science has needed a new tactic. Recent period evidence data continues the best IPCC tactic for public consumption. Current period climate data measurements, temperatures, sea levels, polar caps, glaciers, etc even weather events are the default evidence for IPCC, whilst computer modeling is factored to predict the future! And yes, raw data needs considerable adjustment, requiring the highest levels of statistical mathematics analysis, not a strength of generalist trained "climatologists". Manipulation is rife by political demand (for political persuasion) which invites skeptic's outrage and rightly so!

Politicization of Professional Societies Institutes is now common, why? *When the American Physics Society (APS) said re green-house gas warming "the evidence is incontrovertible", it caused dissention amongst members; Nobel Prize winner for physics, Dr Ivar Giaever, wrote back saying "in the APS it is OK to discuss whether the mass of a proton changes over time, and how a multi-universe behaves, but the evidence of global warming is incontrovertible"?*

The idea of CO2 global warming has been a god-send to some. The stakes are extremely high, too high to leave it to science to sort out in the normal way.

The UN through IPCC calls the shots on all Governments. Scientists are now not required (even a problem), at the recent Durbin gathering, and Rio +20, and the UN Agenda 21, a step closer to environmentalism goals was reached. The annual "bill" has been allocated for wealth transfer from developed nations to the under developed. Controls on life were tabled global population maximum was targeted, etc. Of course some claim *conspiracy*!

The report by Economist Sterns was laughed at by notable environment economists when he produced it. It was politically loaded (he claim philosophical ethics); it was on order for the Britain and UN! Last week his report and conclusions were seriously repudiated in British Parliament. In Australia the Garnaut report recommendations were based on the Sterns approach. The realization has hit. It will be a dim economy and a life of energy deficiency (lights out) for Britain and the EU community if the Sterns proposals are continued with.

Again how the hell does a Professor of Psychology expect to get sensible informed response from the lay on matters of science?

(cc to:)

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 1:59 AM
To: Robyn Owens
Cc: Vittoria Wilkin; Gina Barron
Subject: FW: The Lewandowsky conspiracy paper reveals how warmists are desperate: Study ignores prominent warmist promoters who appear to believe in 9/11 conspiracies

Hi all, just to keep you in the loop and provide a bit of context: is the person who was instrumentally involved in the "Swiftboat" campaign that sank Perry's Presidential bid in 2004 against G. W. Bush. His pronouncements tend to engender hate mail, threats, and complaints worldwide.
Regards Steve

From: [mailto: @ClimateDepot.com]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 12:55 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: The Lewandowsky conspiracy paper reveals how warmists are desperate: Study ignores prominent warmist promoters who appear to believe in 9/11 conspiracies

<http://www.climatedepot.com/a/17437/The-Lewandowsky-conspiracy-paper-reveals-how-warmists-are-desperate-Study-ignores-prominent-warmist-promoters-who-appear-to-believe-in-911-conspiracies>

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Use of moon landing conspiracy backfires: 'If the moonwalkers themselves are global warming skeptics, how can Lewandowsky claim that skeptics believe the moon landing was staged?'

Thursday, September 13, 2012 - By [Marc Morano](#) – [Climate Depot](#)

Climate Depot Editorial

The Lewandowsky conspiracy paper reveals how the promoters of man-made global warming are desperate. This latest study fails just by a reading of the title: 'NASA faked the moon landing - Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax'

If the moonwalkers themselves are global warming skeptics, how can Lewandowsky claim that skeptics believe the moon landing was staged?!

What a silly paper. Sorry Professor Stephan Lewandowsky, but have you heard about the moonwalkers themselves? They are some of the most outspoken climate skeptics. How does Lewandowsky explain the fact that the NASA moonwalkers themselves are climate skeptics!?

See Climate Depot's 2009 special report: [Climate Skeptic Moonwalkers Defy Gore's Claim That Climate Skeptics Are Akin To Those Who Believe Moon Landing was 'Staged'](#): Moonwalker and Award-Winning NASA Astronaut/Geologist Jack Schmitt – who recently declared he was a global warming skeptic and now, Award-Winning NASA Astronaut and Moonwalker Dr. Buzz Aldrin. [End excerpt]

The NASA moonwalkers themselves have made a mockery of Lewandowsky's "study."

There is also ample evidence that the promoters of man-made climate doom who are the true conspiracy aficionados. Prominent global warming promoters appear to believe in 9/11 conspiracies.

See: [Report: Pieter Tans, keeper of the CO2 records for Mauna Loa, is a declared '911 Truther' -- Tans co-signed letter claiming 'a few people in our government allowed or caused the 9/11 attacks'](#)

&

[Report: A Truther Czar?... Obama's Green Czar Van Jones Believes Bush Administration Was Behind 9-11](#)

Lewandowsky is facing serious academic questions about his methods and agenda with this new study. Here is a small sampling of critiques for this woeful piece of work:

Climate Audit analysis: 'Lewandowsky's Fake Results': 'In addition to Lewandowsky using fake data, many of Lewandowsky's results, including the result in his title, are fake as well' -- 'Lewandowsky's claimed yesterday that their 'results withstand skeptical scrutiny', but this claim is untrue' -- 'Removing the outliers (which removes the most grotesque fake responses, but not all of them), Lewandowsky's signature conspiracies (MLK, Moon, MLK) -- all of which have negligible adherence -- are now disproportionately held by warmists'

Climate Audit: 'The key issue for Lewandowsky et al 2012 is its use of fake data'

New study claims 'skeptics' are nutters by asking alarmists to fill out survey: 'This could be worst paper I have seen -- an ad hom argument taken to its absurd extreme, rebadged as 'science' -- Warmist Lewandowsky thinks that skeptics 'believe any kind of conspiracy theory, including that moon landings never happened, that AIDS is not due to HIV, & smoking doesn't cause cancer. But he didn't find this out by asking skeptics...He 'discovered' this by asking 1,000 visitors to [warmist] climate blogs

Lewandowsky: study 'Useless' unless authors demonstrate 'data integrity'

The Cook-Lewandowsky Social-Internet Link: 'Stephan Lewandowsky is John Cooks academic advisor...That's quite a little activist organization they have running out of U. of western Australia'

The OTHER problem with the Lewandowsky paper and similar 'skeptic' motivation analysis: Core premise off the rails about fossil fuel industry corruption accusation -- 'Ross Gelbspan has never proven he has any evidence to support his accusation that skeptic scientists are paid to manufacture doubt about man-caused global warming. It certainly appears that what we have instead is around two decades of efforts by enviro-activists to manufacture doubt about the credibility of the skeptics'

'Few people remember every email contact from 2 years ago and no obvious search terms were provided.

Lewandowsky's theory that they could somehow easily know and search is ridiculous' -- 'Inviting Morano on September 23 when the survey had been initiated at least as early as August suggests less than reputable behavior on the part of the lead researcher'

Stephan Lewandowsky: Bloggers' Hall of Amnesia

Bernadette Ferns

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 1:24 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Cc: Gina Barron; Bernadette Ferns
Subject: Re: Lewandowsky Affair

OK, good thanks Steve.

Robyn

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On Sep 14, 2012, at 1:22 PM, Stephan Lewandowsky <

> wrote:

Hi Robyn et al.: I already replied to another email but

1. I have released the names
2. APS handballed the issue to UWA's Ethics committee. Kate sought advice from Kim. I talked to Kim at length by phone and have written advice from him that release of names was ok.

Regards Steve

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 9:31 AM
To: Gina Barron
Cc: Bernadette Ferns; Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Re: Lewandowsky Affair

OK, I'll check with Steve first before responding. The two things that need clarification are:

1. Has he released the names of the blogs that didn't respond?
2. Has the APS responded to his request about the ethics of releasing names?

I'll get back to you when we are ready for a response.

Cheers,
Robyn

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On Sep 14, 2012, at 9:23 AM, Gina Barron <

> wrote:

Hi Robyn,

I think that all five points have addressed the majority of the matters – this one is a little different from the others as it makes an allegation of scientific fraud. I would presume that your finding now also is that while people may not like the conclusions that the staff member makes, that there is no finding of scientific fraud. I also presume that there are no further steps that you wish to take.

If the above is correct then a standard response can be generated and sent to all those who have complained – I can draft something with the five points below you have raised. However, if there are ny further investigation that you wish to take in this matter, then your second option of a simple – it is under investigation email – should be sent.

Happy to discuss further if needed.

Regards, Gina

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From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 8:52 AM
To: DVCR
Cc: Gina Barron
Subject: Re: Lewandowsky Affair

Gina - do you think this warrants a second response? I am in a position to state:

1. We have handled all letters of complaint through our Complaints Officer
2. We have ascertained that the research was done under strict Human Ethics approval
3. The paper was peer reviewed and has been accepted for publication in a high ranking international journal called Psychological Science
4. I personally have viewed all the correspondence to the blog sites which claimed that they were not contacted.

Released under Freedom of Information Act, 1992

5. After legal advice, Prof Lewandowsky has now released the names of the blog sites that did not respond to his initial request (I understand this is the case but I haven't seen this - am awaiting confirmation from Steve)

Overall, the University upholds the principle that academics are free to publish in their areas of expertise and we encourage peer-reviewed research in high quality international journals.

On the other hand, I'm not sure I should buy into this and maybe a short response saying that the matter is under investigation is all that is needed?

Cheers,
Robyn

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On Sep 14, 2012, at 8:35 AM, DVCR < > wrote:

This is the second time he has written. I sent him the standard response before. Should I repeat it?

Regards
Bernadette

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 8:32 AM
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I assume you have sent the standard response?

Robyn

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On Sep 14, 2012, at 8:03 AM, DVCR < > wrote:

From: [mailto:]
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Subject: Lewandowsky Affair

Dear Ms. Owens:

Professor Lewandowsky's research and paper are obvious scientific fraud:

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/01/paging-dr-stephan-lewandowsky-show-your-invitation-list/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/05/stephan-lewandowskys-slow-motion-social-science-train-wreck/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/07/lewandowsky-thinks-failure-to-get-or-find-email-is-conspiracy-theory/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/10/the-daily-lew/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/11/the-other-problem-with-the-lewandowsky-paper-and-similar-skeptic-motivation-analysis-core-premise-off-the-rails-about-fossil-fuel-industry-corruption-accusation/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/12/the-daily-lew-issue-2/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/12/the-cook-lewandowsky-social-internet-link/>

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/13/the-daily-lew-issue-3/>

Failure to take appropriate action in this matter will at best be interpreted as tacit approval of Professor Lewandowsky's fraud. At worst it will look like the University of Western Australia is complicit in this fraud. It will destroy the reputation of the University and yours as well. Please take appropriate steps to prevent this from happening.

Sincerely,

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Friday, 14 September 2012 1:18 PM
To: Robyn Owens
Subject: RE: The Lewandowsky conspiracy paper reveals how warmists are desperate: Study ignores prominent warmist promoters who appear to believe in 9/11 conspiracies

Hi Robyn, those folks are beyond educable, so not sure CT101 would help much.

Yes, I have released names here:

<http://www.shapingtomorrowsworld.org/lewandowskyGof4.html>

you may find the two follow-ups amusing:

<http://www.shapingtomorrowsworld.org/lewandowskyScammers1.html>

<http://www.shapingtomorrowsworld.org/lewandowskyDH.html>

Regards Steve

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 7:04 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Re: The Lewandowsky conspiracy paper reveals how warmists are desperate: Study ignores prominent warmist promoters who appear to believe in 9/11 conspiracies

Good grief! The sooner we get Critical Thinking 101 back to being a compulsory unit for all university students (and the rest of the population) the better!

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Robyn

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: Follow-up research Amendment approved RA/4/1/4007 - writing of follow-up paper
Date: Friday, September 14, 2012 7:35:00 AM

Hi Kate, thanks, the research should be completed by November as our paper is already due in December.

Steve

From: Kathryn Kirk
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 11:46 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Follow-up research Amendment approved RA/4/1/4007 - writing of follow-up paper

<http://www.research.uwa.edu.au/staff/human-research/hre-procedures>

Hi Steve

Please see above.

I think it best in this instance that I treat your email as a request for an amendment and approve it under the current reference number.

Regards,

Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Tuesday, 11 September 2012 4:46 AM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: TRIM: follow-up research

Dear Kate:

this is just to inform you of the fact that I will be writing a follow-up paper to the one that just caused this enormous stir. This follow-up paper will analyze the response to my first paper in the blogosphere, by keeping track of events and conspiracy theories that were launched in response to the publication of my paper.

None of this follow-up research will involve experimentation, surveys, questionnaires, or a direct approach of participants of any sort. Instead, we will be analyzing "Google trends" and other indicators of content that are already in the public domain (e.g. blog posts, newspapers, comments on blogs, that type of thing).

In other words, this research will basically just summarize and provide a timeline of the public's response.

It is my understanding that this type of work does not require ethics approval as there is no human participation as such—whatever people do and say, they do this in public anyhow, irrespective of whether we then summarize that activity. I would appreciate it if you could confirm this, or point out why this would not be the case.

Regards Steve

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To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Amendment Approval
Date: Friday, September 14, 2012 11:54:46 AM
Attachments: 9142012114708AM42428956562.pdf

Please find attached a letter relating to the amendment requested for your Human Research Ethics protocol RA/4/1/4007 titled Understanding statistical trends.

Kind regards

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14 September 2012

Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
Psychology (School of)
MBDP: M304

Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – AMENDMENT REQUEST APPROVED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

I confirm receipt of your correspondence requesting an amendment to the protocol for the above project.

Approval has been granted for the amendment as outlined in your correspondence and attachments (if any) subject to any conditions listed below.

Any conditions of ethics approval that have been imposed are listed hereunder:

1. Follow-up research - writing of Follow-up paper

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Kirk on (08)

Please ensure that you quote the file reference RA/4/1/4007 and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Peter Johnstone
Manager

Holly Beattie

From: <@skymesh.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 11 September 2012 2:07 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky; general.enquiries@uwa.edu.au;
Receptionist Vice Chancellery; Holly Beattie; Bill Loudon; Ian Puddey; Aleksandar Janca;
info - psy; contactus@psychology.org.au
Cc: @wanews.com.au; @wanews.com.au
Subject: Lewandowsky and his "survey"

From: *The Herald Sun*

Lewandowsky was warned his survey was no good

Andrew Bolt —, Tuesday, September, 11, 2012, (12:24pm)

More on the bizarre paper of Professor Stephan Lewandowsky, who claimed his survey showed warming sceptics were actually the kind of conspiracy nuts to believe even that NASA faked the moon landings.

We've already noted evidence strongly suggesting the credulous Lewandowsky was fed fake data by fake sceptics, thanks to a sloppily designed survey.

Now, as Steve McIntyre shows, Lewandowsky's team was actually warned of this very weakness in his survey, yet decided to remove one method of preventing it being corrupted by frauds.

The man who warned them was Professor Roger Pielke Jr, who Lewandowsky's team wrongly identified as a sceptic:

Pielke's correspondence with (Lewandowsky colleague Charles) Hanich also sheds some interesting light on an important statement in Lewandowsky's article on the handling of responses from the same IP address – an issue discussed by Lucia [here](#), citing the following statement from the article:

Following standard recommendations (Gosling, Vazire, Srivastava, & John, 2004), duplicate responses from any IP number were eliminated (N = 71)...

Most people reading the above sentence from Lewandowsky's article probably took this to mean that multiple responses from the same IP address were eliminated. But watch the pea in light of Pielke's correspondence with Hanich.

On Sep 6, 2010, Hanich wrote as follows...:

I am seeking your assistance with a web-based survey of attitudes towards climate science (and other sciences) and skepticism.. I would greatly appreciate it if you could perhaps post the link below, which goes directly to the survey, on your blog, so that your readers could participate ...

... Pielke wrote back... :

Thanks. I am unclear about how posting on a blog helps your purposes, as you will get anonymous, perhaps repeated replies. I have seen various efforts to query opinions via online surveys fail to be methodologically rigorous, so that is the basis for my query...

A week later, Sept 13, Hanich replied:

You have raised a very valid point. We are aware of methodological issues, one of which is dealing with repeated replies.

When we published the surveys, we had two options:

a) Use the provision offered by the hosting company to block repeated replies using IP addresses. This, however, will block legitimate use of the same computer, such as in our laboratory, where numerous participants use the same PCs.

b) Not to block multiple replies and allow for the possibility of repeated replies when evaluating the data.

We chose option b), which was more practical in our situation...

Hanich's justification for turning off the duplicate-IP function at kwiksurveys is to-say-the-least strained. My impression is that most skeptics operate from their own computers; missing a few skeptics who share a computer is a pretty small price....

So Lewandowsky went out of his way to accommodate multiple respondents from the same IP address by turning off this option at kwiksurveys...

My interpretation ... is that Lewandowsky accepted multiple responses from the same IP address as long as there was a slight variation in any answer. For example, the answers from the two scam responses who agreed with every conspiracy were nearly identical, but varied on a couple of questions. As I interpret the methodology, because the two answers were not item-for-item identical, they would be accepted even if they came from the same IP address.

Junk in, junk out.

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 4:52 PM
To: Robyn Owens
Cc: Gina Barron; Kimberley Heitman
Subject: RE: Personal matters

hi Robyn thanks, much appreciated. I am glad that Kim has advised me to release those names of the bloggers I contacted. This will hopefully create some embarrassment and will make this first conspiracy theory collapse into crumbles.

There is enough irony and involuntary humour in the response to my paper to cover the entire planet 2 feet deep.
Regards Steve

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2012 4:35 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Cc: Robyn Owens; Gina Barron; Kimberley Heitman
Subject: Re: Personal matters

Hi Steve,

I've spoken with Kim,

Cheers,
Robyn

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On Sep 10, 2012, at 3:42 PM, Stephan Lewandowsky <

> wrote:

From: Kathryn Kirk
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: FW: a question about releasing information
Date: Monday, 10 September 2012 9:55:07 AM
Importance: High

Hi Steve,
I hope the following correspondence from Kim Heitman clarifies the position for you.
By all means ring me if you want but I'm not sure that I could provide further advice than that given below.
Best wishes,
Kate

Kate Kirk
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From: Kimberley Heitman
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 9:50 AM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: a question about releasing information

Hi Kate,

Yes, by all means Stephan should seek consent to list the blog URLs or name them. However, since an astute enquirer could search them out via Google search, I don't feel this is a matter of consent to research participation or of significant confidentiality. To otherwise close the point, anonymised responses to enquiries as to the bona fides of the blog links would also be ok.

Regards,
Kim

Kimberley James Heitman,
B.Juris, LLB, MACS, CT,
General Counsel,
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From: Kathryn Kirk
Sent: Monday, 10 September 2012 9:04 AM
To: Kimberley Heitman
Subject: FW: a question about releasing information
Importance: High

Hi Kim

Stephan Lewandowsky is enquiring about the matter he raises in his email below and is phoning me from Germany at lunchtime.

It seems to me that he could only release the names if he were given consent (probably via email) to do so.

Any advice that you could give would be appreciated.

Regards,

Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky

Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 11:09 PM

To: Kathryn Kirk

Subject: a question about releasing information

Dear Kate:

I have enclosed a paper on climate denial that is forthcoming in *Psychological Science*. The paper identifies conspiracist ideation, in addition to free-market "fundamentalism," as one of the predictors that determine science rejection among blog visitors.

There has been much discussion of this paper on the internet, and attention has focused on this sentence in the Method section: "Visitors to climate blogs voluntarily completed an online questionnaire between August and October 2010 (N = 1377). Links were posted on 8 blogs (with a pro-science science stance but with a diverse audience); a further 5 "skeptical" (or "skeptical"-leaning) blogs were approached but none posted the link."

I have been approached with requests to release the names of the 5 blogs that I contacted but that didn't post the links. (In the meantime, one blogger has owned up to being contacted, so there are only 4 individuals anonymous left.)

My initial response was to decline those requests until I had time to seek ethical advice. I don't think that those bloggers were technically approached with a request for research participation, but instead with a request to facilitate participation by others. Nonetheless, my immediate interpretation of the ethical guidelines was that this would be privileged information and that it would be inappropriate to release the details of people who elected not to facilitate my research without their consent.

I wonder, however, whether it would be possible for me to make this information public if the people involved gave their consent. There is considerable public interest in this matter, and people are even questioning whether I contacted any of those people in the first place. For those reasons, I would like to release the bloggers' names if they consent. Can you please advise on this issue?

Regards Steve

Winthrop Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
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Janeen Robertson

From: < >
Sent: Sunday, 9 September 2012 11:48 PM
To: Janeen Robertson
Subject: Lewandowsky et al, "NASA faked the moon landing, Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax: An Anatomy of the Motivated Rejection of Science"

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From: < >
Date: 9 September 2012 23:45
Subject: Lewandowsky et al, "NASA faked the moon landing, Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax: An Anatomy of the Motivated Rejection of Science"
To: Bill Loudon < >

Surely you and the University cannot be happy with the very poor quality of paper Prof Lewandowsky and others have recently had published. Frankly I am surprised it passed peer review at 'Psychological Science' as I doubt it would pass as the work of a first year undergraduate assignment unless everyone who read it was so blinded by confirmation bias they couldn't see the very obvious flaws in methodology. The title of the paper alone should have been enough to alert people to it's less than scientific objectives.

In the face of questions and criticisms Lewandowsky has compounded his sins with regards this paper with immature and puerile comments rather than address the very appropriate questions and comments raised.

Steve McIntyre at Climate Audit has provided a nicely detailed review of the paper, it's faults and methodology flaws here: <http://climateaudit.org/2012/09/08/lewandowsky-scam/>.

It is high time the University of Western Australia took some action against Professor Lewandowsky who with the assistance of others at the university continues to diminish the universities once good reputation.

Based on past experience I don't really expect a response or action from you on this matter. In June I wrote to Prof Lewandowsky myself with a question about his paper saying that I intended to do a more detailed review, but he didn't even acknowledge the email, let alone respond.

I am however keeping a copy of all correspondence on these issues so that the University cannot at some point in the future claim they were unaware of Prof Lewandowsky's activities, or that no one had brought their concerns regarding his activities to the attention of the University.

The first place my dossier will be going will be the grants commission and the relevant minister on a change of Federal Government. The Government will be looking for areas to cut costs and the School of Psychology at UWA would be ground zero if this is the quality of work their Professor's continue to publish!

Holly Beattie

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 Sent: Sunday, 9 September 2012 3:27 PM
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 info - psy; contactus@psychology.org.au
 Cc: @wanews.com.au; @wanews.com.au
 Subject: Mocks but no answer

From: **The Herald Sun**

Lewandowsky mocks, but fails to answer

Andrew Bolt —, Sunday, September, 09, 2012, (5:30am)

Professor Stephan Lewandosky concluded sceptics were more likely to be crazy conspiracy theorists on the basis of an online survey placed on blogs he won't name and eliciting just three replies from conspiratorial sceptics unknown - or possibly even one replying three times.

Rather than explain and defend his extraordinary methodology and how it passed peer review, he writes.

If I am not mistaken, I can indeed confirm that there were 4—not 3—versions of the survey (unless that was the number of my birth certificates, I am never quite sure, so many numbers to keep track of... Mr. McIntyre's dog misplaced an email under a pastrami sandwich a mere 8.9253077595543363 days ago, and I have grown at least one tail and several new horns over the last few days, all of which are frightfully independent and hard to keep track of).

Versiongate!

Finally this new friend from Conspirania is getting some legs.

About time, too, I was getting lonely.

Astute readers will have noted that if the Survey ID's from above are vertically concatenated and then viewed backwards at 33 rpm, they read "Mitt Romney was born in North Korea."

To understand the relevance of Mr Romney's place of birth requires a secret code word.

This man purports to be a serious researcher, with Australian Research Council grants to his name.

Lucia Liljegren of The Blackboard patiently explains to him some of the problems with his extraordinary paper. Here is some of her long post on Lewandowsky's blog, to which she gets no answer:

As for your childish claim that people are complaining that your paper represents some sort of conspiracy: No. That notion appears to have generated itself in your own fevered imagination.

As far as I can see people are criticizing your survey and interpretation as incompetent.

They would like you to fully describe your methodology. Some bloggers would like to know if they happened to be the ones you contacted and they are asking you to reveal those blogs so they can know whether they were involved. I have no idea why you have jumped to the conclusion that criticism of your methodology or interpretation or natural curiosity are evidence that one thinks you have conspired with ... uhm.. who?

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Yourself? (That's not a conspiracy.) To do... what? Poor research? (That would be an odd thing to 'conspire' to do.)

But people's opinion that you are incompetent and their curiosity about which blogs you invited is not a conspiracy theory.

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 12:55 PM
To: Robyn Owens; Gina Barron
Subject: FW: re your recent research paper

Hi Robyn, see below for a rather amusing request. I may have to post something on StW about the nature of peer review.

Steve

> -----Original Message-----

> From: [\[mailto: \]](#)

> Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 9:39 AM

> To:

> Subject: re your recent research paper

>

> Hi Professor.

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> I'm a commenter at Catallaxy blog and someone

> there posed a question as to the name(s) of the academics who peer

> reviewed your research. Would you please provide the information for me?

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> Thanks so much.

>

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Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 12:48 PM
To: Robyn Owens; Gina Barron
Cc: Bernadette Ferns
Subject: RE: Professor Lowandowski's observations and responses

Thanks. What's interesting in this is that the media involvement has been exceedingly cautious so far, and mostly quite rational. The noise is confined to the blogosphere.

Here are some good links:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/09/07/recursive_denail_fury/

<http://thinkprogress.org/climate/2012/09/06/803521/research-links-climate-science-denial-to-conspiracy-theories-but-skeptics-smell-a-conspiracy/>

The irony of all this isn't lost on everyone.
Regards Steve

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2012 8:34 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky; Gina Barron
Cc: Bernadette Ferns
Subject: Fwd: Professor Lowandowski's observations and responses

Steve and Gina - for your information.

Bernadette - can you send Holly the usual response so that Paul can respond?

Thanks,
Robyn

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Paul Johnson < >
Subject: Fwd: Professor Lowandowski's observations and responses
Date: September 7, 2012 6:45:16 AM GMT+08:00
To: Robyn Owens < >

Robyn,
Can you deal with this as with the other related communications.

Thanks
Paul

Professor Paul Johnson
Vice-Chancellor
University of Western Australia
E:
T: 08

Begin forwarded message:

From: <>
Date: 6 September 2012 12:10:49 PM AWST
To: Paul Johnson <>
Subject: Professor Lowandowski's observations and responses

Dear Prof Johnson,
I draw your attention to an article by Andrew Bolt today referring to Prof Lowandowski's paper with the catchy title "NASA faked the moon landing - Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax":
As Bolt indicates, the basis of the data from which Prof Lowandowski draws his conclusions does appear to be somewhat wanting, and Bolt seems justified in asking whether the august UWA can endorse this level of reasearch and publication.
I'd appreciate your considered response in due course.
sincerely

Holly Beattie

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From: < >
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 5:38 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky; general.enquiries@uwa.edu.au;
Receptionist Vice Chancellery; Holly Beattie; Bill Loudon; Ian Puddey; Aleksandar Janca;
info - psy; contactus@psychology.org.au
Cc:
Subject: Engaging in conspiratorial thinking

From: ***The Herald Sun***

Lewandowsky: questioning his curious survey shows you're nuts

Andrew Bolt —, Friday, September, 07, 2012, (9:59am)

More on the curious case of Professor Stephan Lewandowsky's survey, purporting to reveal climate sceptics tend to be the kind of whackos who think the moon landing was faked.

Jo Nova writes:

It has turned out Lewandowsky did contact at least 2 skeptic bloggers (he claims 5, but won't name them). He did it through another name, Charles Hanich, an assistant who was not named on the paper, so how would skeptics know to look for it?

Once Steve McIntyre figured this out (not with any help from Lewandowsky) he found 2 emails which he had not noticed or replied too.

The other blogger at JunkScience not only got an email but posted it with the warning that the survey looked dodgy: "Basically it seems to be fishing for conspiracy theorists in an effort to associate them with CAGW skepticism. I suspect Hanich & HREC are likely to get a lot of complaints about this framing."

This was a very clumsy survey.

There are even more strange things about this. Deltoid had already hosted the survey before McIntyre was even emailed once. McIntyre apparently did not receive the same invitation or a link to the same survey. Deltoid got their invitations from Professor Lewandowsky, not the assistant. Lewandowsky said no skeptic hosted the survey, but Junkscience did. Did Lewandowsky not even check the sites of skeptics he emailed?

Lewandowsky believes criticism of his strange methodology actually validates his theory:

So now there's a conspiracy theory going around that I didn't contact them. It's a perfect, perfect illustration of conspiratorial thinking. It's illustrative of exactly the process I was analysing. People jump to conclusions on the basis of no evidence. I would love to be able to release those emails if given permission, because it means four more people will have egg on their faces. I'm anxiously waiting the permission to release this crucial information because it helps to identify people who engage in conspiratorial thinking rather than just searching their inboxes.

Holly Beattie

From: Bernadette Ferns
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 11:41 AM
To: Holly Beattie
Cc: Robyn Owens
Subject: VC/DVCR meeting - 10 September

Hi Holly

Items for Paul and Robyn's meeting on 10 September:

- 1.
- 2.
3. Stephen Lewandowsky

Regards

Bernadette Ferns
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Bernadette Ferns

From: DVCR
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 9:29 AM
To:
Subject: Lewandowsky

Dear

Thank you for your email. The complaint you are making is received under the Public Complaint Policy and will be managed consistently with this policy and its associated processes. Information about the policy can be found at: <http://www.complaints.uwa.edu.au/home/general>.

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CRICOS Provider number 00126G

Bernadette Ferns

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From: Bernadette Ferns
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 9:23 AM
To: Holly Beattie
Subject: FW: Professor Lewandowsky's observations and responses

Hi Holly

This is the response I have been sending to all complainants, as suggested by Gina. FYI, if Paul wishes to respond to the complaint below from

Regards
Bernadette

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Dear xxxx

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Bernadette Ferns

From: Gina Barron
Sent: Friday, 7 September 2012 7:27 AM
To: Bernadette Ferns
Subject: FW: Form Submission - Lewandowsky

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Gina Barron
Manager, Complaint Resolution Unit

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From: mysource@admin.uwa.edu.au [<mailto:mysource@admin.uwa.edu.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2012 8:16 PM
To: Complaints
Subject: Form Submission -

Section 1. Personal Details

(1-a): Your Full Name

(1-b): Your Address

(1-c): Your Home Phone No.

(1-d): Your Mobile No.

(1-e): Your Email Address

(1-f): How would you prefer us to contact you? By Email

Section 2. Details About Your Complaint

(2-a): The person or section you wish to make a complaint about: Lewandowsky, S., Oberauer, K., & Gignac, C. E. (in press).

(2-b): The day/date of the incident: AUGUST 29TH THROUGH SEPT 6TH

(2-c): The place where the

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incident/s happened:

(2-d): Please tell us what happened:

The Deltoid, Tamino, Mandia and Hot-Topic blogs were sent the survey number surveyID=HKMKNF_991e2415 on about August 29th. That survey is on the archive, and starts with 6 questions about free markets.

Bickmore and Few Things had the survey number surveyID=HKMKNG_ee191483 also about Aug 29, but this one doesn't seem to be on the archive.

Steve Mc was sent survey number surveyID=HKMKNI_9a13984 on Sept 6th. This survey is on the archive, and it starts with 5 completely different questions! About how happy you are with life.....the lack of follow up with skeptic blogs to make sure they got communications inviting them to post the survey, and the early release of results before the survey was complete, the most troubling new revelation appears to be that some climate skeptic blogs got different questionnaires than their counterpart AGW advocate blogs. If true (and it appears to be based on the survey numbering system) this negates the study on the basis of inconsistent sampling, and I think it is time to ask Psychological Science editor Robert V. Kail to investigate this paper, and if he finds what the skeptics have, start a retraction.

Section 3. Resolving the Complaint

(3-a): What do you want to happen now?

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Holly Beattie

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info - psy; contactus@psychology.org.au
Cc:
Subject: At best a seriously tenuous grasp of the facts.....

From: **The Herald Sun**

How a few trolls convinced Lewandowsky sceptics were mad

Andrew Bolt —, Thursday, September, 06, 2012, (8:23am)

I have written before of my concern about Professor Stephan Lewandowsky's cavalier misrepresentation of evidence and endorsement of underhand methods (which even included forgery by others) to peddle absurd smears of sceptics in his warmist zeal.

But now this crusading psychologist seems to have taken one dangerous step too far. Lewandowsky and two fellow academics from the University of Western Australia have now produced a peer-reviewed sliming of sceptics with the arresting title "NASA faked the moon landing - Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax":

Their claim (using suspiciously loaded terms such as "denial" and even more suspicious assumptions of a monolithic set of views called "climate science") is that if you believe in free markets, you're more inclined to be just the scientific whacko who believes moon landings were faked - and "climate science" is wrong.

Swear to God, that is exactly what Lewandowsky asserts, without any attempt to engage in the arguments prominent sceptics actually make:

Although nearly all domain experts agree that human CO2 emissions are altering the world's climate, segments of the public remain unconvinced by the scientific evidence. Internet blogs have become a vocal platform for climate denial...

We report a survey (N> 1100) of climate blog users to identify the variables underlying acceptance and rejection of climate science. Paralleling previous work, we find that endorsement of a laissez-faire conception of free-market economics predicts rejection of climate science.. Endorsement of the free market also predicted the rejection of other established scientific findings, such as the facts that HIV causes AIDS and that smoking causes lung cancer. We additionally show that endorsement of a cluster of conspiracy theories (e.g., that the CIA killed Martin-Luther King or that NASA faked the moon landing) predicts rejection of climate science ...

Such a startling theory must have some pretty strong evidence to back it up. But no sooner does Lewandowsky detail it than alarm bells ring:

Visitors to climate blogs voluntarily completed an online questionnaire between August and October 2010 (N = 1377). Links were posted on 8 blogs (with a pro-science science stance but with a diverse audience); a further 5 "skeptical" (or "skeptical-leaning") blogs were approached but none posted the link.

And that's exactly where the whole exercise started to collapse.

Jo Nova is astonished by the scanty evidence on which Lewandowsky based his smear:

There are many questions to be answered about this paper in "Psychological Science." Questions worth asking at all kinds of levels.

The authors, Lewandowsky, S., Oberauer, K., & Gignac, C. E., drew conclusions about skeptics by largely surveying alarmist sites. They got hardly any positive responses, some of which may have been faked (who can tell?). Then with a tiny ten positive responses out of 1147, the authors drew inferences about a group of people which must number between one hundred thousand to one million or more individuals. Worse, of the ten who thought the moon landing was faked, only three or four were skeptics. In the UPDATE below note that there appear to be three different forms of the survey, a point that surely needs some explanation.

The headline of the study "NASA faked the moon landing—therefore (climate) science is a hoax: An anatomy of the motivated rejection of science" is drawn from only those ten responses. Do I need to say it's a sample size too small to draw any conclusions? I shouldn't. But this point alone should have been enough for the paper in its current form to fail review, yet it didn't.

Anthony Watts catalogues the astonishing flaws and concludes:

Based on what I've seen so far, it is my opinion that Lewandowsky set out to create the survey data he wanted by manipulation of the survey system through multiple undocumented surveys, incomplete and non-representative sampling, biased survey questions, and essentially no quality control. There weren't even significant safeguards in place to prevent individuals from taking the survey multiple times, appearing as other identities. There are so many things wrong with this paper that I can't see it surviving intact.

I think what we have witnessed here is yet another example of noble cause corruption, where the end justifies the means in the minds of the players.

Lewandowsky needs to explain himself. His university needs to say whether it backs his approach to research and debate.

UPDATE

Reader JCR:

Jo Nova has a list of about 25 prominent skeptic blogs which state that they weren't approached to host the link to the survey. These include Jo herself, Watts Up With That, Bishop Hill and The Blackboard (Lucia Liljegren). As of now, no skeptic blog has said they were contacted.

I wasn't contacted either. So who was, other than Climate Audit (which hadn't noticed the request until it went looking).

They just aren't that bright

Andrew Bolt —, Wednesday, September, 05, 2012, (7:06am)

Professor Peter Murphy has a theory on why the Left is losing the public debate. It's short of bright people:

The Left still commands the institutions and the media of ideas. It still dominates the press and the universities. But it no longer commands the ideas of the age. Its idea-set is exhausted... It is true that in the universities the intellectual Right remains marginalised, but the Left commands only the institution. The wellspring of leftist ideas has dried up. Most of the great left-wing intellectuals of the last century, some of whom were truly great, are dead. Their younger intellectual successors are almost entirely third-rate. They speak in clichés.

Scrap this shameless propaganda outfit now

Andrew Bolt –, Tuesday, September, 04, 2012, (8:49am)

Judith Sloan on the disgracefully misleading propaganda of the Climate Commission's recently released report, *The Critical Decade: International Action on Climate Change*:

This intellectually dishonest report paints a picture of international action on climate change that is at odds with reality.

Even the earnest environmental reporters in the mainstream media could not take its content seriously, pointing out its many gaps and misinterpretations. The report makes the most of countries' commitments and a possible global agreement, while ignoring the soaring emissions from China and failing to recognise that the lower emissions growth in a number of countries is primarily due to weak economic conditions.

It states that "it is in Australia's interest to tackle climate change", which is an incorrect statement in the absence of global efforts to tackle climate change...

The appendix of the report also contains a number of extremely misleading vignettes of climate-change policies, both in operation and those proposed (the two are deliberately mixed up), in a number of countries.

It waxes positively about the New Zealand emissions trading scheme, while failing to note that any further extensions have been indefinitely delayed and the local price on carbon emissions is currently well south of \$10.

It shocks me that a government body could put out such trash in the apparent belief a white lie in a "good" cause is excuse enough to trash scientific principles and an obligation to inform.

UPDATE

Senator Mathias Cormann on why Brussels is laughing at us for linking to the European carbon trading scheme:

Under the new linking arrangement, we will have the perverse situation where Australian coal producers will be paying the European carbon price equivalent while European coal producers will not.

That's because the EU ETS does not even cover methane, the greenhouse gas (known as fugitive emissions) that is emitted during the mining of coal.

So if the Government's Treasury modelling is correct (and the carbon price is indeed \$29 per tonne in 2015-16), Australian coal producers will be paying more than \$1 billion annually in carbon costs. European coal producers meanwhile will not pay a single euro for their emissions – on the contrary, most of the high cost European coal producers will be receiving public subsidies.

That's despite the fact that Europe produces nearly 50 per cent more greenhouse gas emissions from the production of coal than Australia...

The reality is that the government's claim that there would be a unified world price for carbon by 2016 is manifestly false. Far from that claim being realised, the only major carbon trading scheme in the world is, and will remain, the deeply flawed scheme in Europe. And now those crafty European bureaucrats have

locked a gullible Gillard government into a carbon headlock. After 2015, the carbon price itself might be the same, but many, many more Australian businesses will be paying it than their EU competitors.

And they, not us, will be setting the rules which dictate the price. You could not make this up.

The Europeans' last carbon tax laugh at our expense

Whenever the Gillard government was told the bleeding obvious about the negative impact its carbon tax would have on our economic fortunes its response was defiant.

Never mind that the carbon tax is pushing up our cost of living and the cost of doing business in Australia. Never mind that no other country in the world was or is contemplating any similar impost which would come close to what has been legislated here. Never mind that it would make us less competitive internationally while doing nothing to actually help reduce global emissions.

Its carbon tax would be implemented as legislated - period.

Only when confronted with the reality that Australian businesses would face carbon prices nearly three times those in Europe, and the small fact that based on the many exemptions under the EU ETS 23 million Australians are now paying five times as much carbon tax over the next three years than 500 million Europeans, did the Gillard government decide to do anything.

Their response was to remove the \$15 floor price from 2015 it had only recently legislated and to link its carbon tax scheme to the European scheme.

It is easy to find ways to poke fun at the European Union and the tendency of its Brussels-based bureaucrats to draft detailed directives on the content of sausages, the shape of vegetables and many other aspects of everyday life.

But when it comes to designing an emissions trading scheme in a way which protects their international competitiveness while simultaneously encouraging other countries to introduce carbon schemes which will make their mining, manufacturing and farm sectors less competitive, the Europeans are having the last laugh at our expense.

Indeed, the Gillard government's decision to link its carbon tax with the EU's trading scheme this week underlines just how comprehensively the Europeans have out-manoeuvred, out-negotiated and out-thought the Gillard Government – at the expense of our national interest.

Take the treatment of the coal sector, Australia's second largest export.

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That's despite the fact that Europe produces nearly 50 per cent more greenhouse gas emissions from the production of coal than Australia. That is, courtesy of the Gillard government, Europe's producers will gain at our expense while global emissions go up rather than down.

EU industry one, Australian industry nil.

And it is not just the coal sector that has been duded.

The simple fact is that the Australian and European carbon pricing schemes are very different, and will continue to be even after 2015.

Remember, in the first 8 years of its ETS, the EU issued virtually all its permits free. And just last month EU Climate Commissioner Connie Hedegaard announced that there were 950 million unused CO2 allowances, which is equivalent to almost half of the average annual allocation in the current stage of the EU scheme.

It is true that the EU was 'preparing' to start to sell a higher share of their permits from 2013. But that plan will be deferred – at least until 2015 – probably later.

Even if or when that happens, already, around 160 sectors in EU's economy have been exempted from the carbon price. Those sectors include all of mining and minerals processing sectors, sugar refining, wine production, dairy production, clock-making and motor cycle manufacture and many others. Free permits will also be provided to textile and clothing, footwear and perfume production. Even arms manufacturers will be spared the impact of the European ETS.

By contrast, after 5 years of planning and 2 months into the scheme, the Australian Government still cannot answer how many of our 42,500 export businesses facing increased electricity prices as a result of Labor's carbon tax will receive transitional assistance in the form of free carbon permits. Only last week, I asked Penny Wong in the Senate how many Australian export companies would receive free carbon permits. She didn't know.

We do know however that there are about 125 industry sectors which will get support under the EU scheme while their counterparts in Australia do not.

But the differences run even deeper. Even those European firms which are not considered 'trade exposed' will only have to buy 30 per cent of their permits from 2013 (or 2015 if the deferral comes through as expected). And not a single European industrial business will have to buy all its permits until 2027. Compare that with the hundreds of Australian businesses that have been required to buy all their permits from 1 July 2012.

EU industry two, Australia nil.

Then there are the bogus comparisons with other international actions.

Back in 2008 the government wanted us to believe that the US would have an emissions trading scheme equivalent to ours by 2010. That didn't happen.

Now they have based their modelling on an assumption the US would have a scheme like ours by 2016. That won't happen either and the Gillard government knows it.

So they point to the North East USA trading scheme as evidence of comparable effort, without mentioning that their carbon price is about \$1.88. Over the next three years Australians will have to pay 20 times the amount in carbon taxes than will be raised in an area of the US which has twice our population.

No wonder that those sounds you can hear from Brussels are the muffled laughter of EU bureaucrats.

Senator Mathias Cormann is the Shadow Assistant Treasurer and chaired the Senate Carbon Tax Inquiry

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2012 1:16 PM
To: Robyn Owens
Subject: Re: Congratulations.

Thanks. Different versions presented questions in different orders. We collapsed across that for final analysis of course.

Sent from my iPad - excuse the brevity

On 06/09/2012, at 1:13 PM, "Robyn Owens" < > wrote:

For your information.

Robyn

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Begin forwarded message:

From: < >
Subject: Re: Congratulations.
Date: September 6, 2012 10:24:44 AM GMT+08:00
To: DVCR < >

Dear Professor Owens,

It isn't so much that I wish to make a complaint, as this "research" appears to be so badly done that it reflects very badly on your University.

Different versions of the survey were apparently placed in different places and this is not mentioned in the paper, even though it invalidates the survey methodology.

As the good Dr has put things into the public arena the world is now watching. And will draw the appropriate conclusions concerning the ethical and professional standards of your University depending on your actions.

While I personally am insulted by the ridiculous accusations made in the paper I tend to ignore morons with an axe to grind, others may not be so forgiving and we do have laws in Australia against the malicious maligning of any group due to their beliefs.

I do hope that with honesty and probity the reputation of UWA will remain clean.

----- Original Message -----

From: DVCR

To:

Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 4:05 PM

Subject: RE: Congratulations.

Dear _____

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Email: _____
CRICOS Provider number 00126G

From: [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, 3 September 2012 11:29 AM
To: DVCR
Subject: Congratulations.

On having another idiot from UWA amke your University a planetary laughing stock.

<http://wattsupwiththat.com/2012/09/01/paging-dr-stephan-lewandowsky-show-your-invitation-list/#more-70214>

You may want to enquire from the revered Dr. Lewandowsky just what sort of "science" he is doing.

So far it looks like he is an out and out liar and his research data is "fudged" to say the least.

A concerned Australian citizen,

Bernadette Ferns

From: DVCR
Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2012 9:04 AM
To:
Subject: Complaint

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Bernadette Ferns

From: Gina Barron
Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2012 8:37 AM
To: Bernadette Ferns
Subject: FW: Form Submission - Lewandowsky

Hi Bernadette,

Could you please send the same response to this complainant re the Lewandowsky matter and I think Robyn now has a folder.

Cheers, Gina

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From: mysource@admin.uwa.edu.au [<mailto:mysource@admin.uwa.edu.au>]

Sent: Thursday, 6 September 2012 7:38 AM

To: Complaints

Subject: Form Submission -

Section 1. Personal Details

(1-a): Your Full Name

(1-b): Your Address

(1-c): Your Home Phone No.

(1-d): Your Mobile No.

(1-e): Your Email Address

(1-f): How would you prefer By Email
us to contact you?

Section 2. Details About Your Complaint

(2-a): The person or section
you wish to make a complaint
about:

(2-b): The day/date of the

incident:

(2-c): The place where the incident/s happened:

(2-d): Please tell us what happened:

Lewandowsky, S., Oberauer, K., & Gignac, C. E. (in press).
NASA faked the moon landing – therefore (climate) science is
a hoax: An anatomy of the motivated rejection of science.

<http://www.ambitgambit.com/2012/09/06/fish-rot-from-the-head-part-1/>

How about asking Lewandowsky why there are two or even three different forms of the survey?

The Deltoid, Tamino, Mandia and Hot-Topic blogs were sent the survey number surveyID=HKMKNF_991e2415 on about August 29th. That survey is on the archive, and starts with 6 questions about free markets.

Steve Mc was sent survey number surveyID=HKMKNI_9a13984 on Sept 6th. This survey is on the archive, and it starts with 5 completely different questions! About how happy you are with life.

Section 3. Resolving the Complaint

(3-a): What do you want to happen now?

Retract this piece of biased nonsense, whether you are a science magazine as bias free as possible or you are not. How pathetic the peer review must have been for this sorry excuse for science.

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Wednesday, 5 September 2012 8:50 PM
To: Gina Barron; Robyn Owens; MAYBERY Murray
Cc: Oberauer Klaus
Subject: Fwd: Your paper is an academic embarrassment - RESIGN!

Just FYI.

Sent from my iPhone - excuse the brevity

Begin forwarded message:

From: " " < >
Date: 5 September 2012 8:47:31 PM AWST
To: " " < >
Subject: Your paper is an academic embarrassment - RESIGN!

Doctor;

After a cursory review of your most recent paper "NASA faked the moon landing—therefore (climate) science is a hoax: An anatomy of the motivated rejection of science.", your data doesn't even support the claim made in the title.

Further; your survey methodology is so flawed as to make any resulting data of negligible value. How this got past peer-review is quite beyond me.

One thing is for certain; there is grounds in this paper for an inquiry into academic fraud.

Get your things together; you'll be leaving soon.

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Wednesday, 5 September 2012 2:52 PM
To: Robyn Owens
Cc: Gina Barron
Subject: RE: update

Hi Robyn, very good point, I don't have a problem with that at all. Impartiality is crucial and it's exactly what I am looking for. I am happy for any support but would never expect it to be blind. This is tricky territory and if I make (or made) a mistake somewhere along the line, so be it. I'd be the first to admit it.

There will be some media coverage over the weekend on the conspiratorial response to my paper on conspirology—I just spent ½ hour on the phone with a journalist, and he is amazed at the very rich field experiment that my paper has commenced.

The conspiracy theories are somersaulting in all directions, further and further away from reality. You really couldn't make this stuff up. There is no better support for my paper than the response to it.

Regards Steve

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 1:48 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Cc: Gina Barron
Subject: Re: update

Thanks Steve,

This is good. I'm not inclined to post on your blog just yet because I'd like to see how we shape the final moves after we get the APS response. How about you post that the matter has been received by the University and that I am examining it (I'm happy to be mentioned personally)? Once finalized, then we can blog the summary. I think it is important, for your sake, that any investigation is seen as impartial - this will strengthen the outcomes. I am conscious of supporting you here, and being seen to support you, but I'd like to see this play out before changing the course.

I'll be very interested to see the next paper too.

Robyn

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On Sep 5, 2012, at 1:02 PM, Stephan Lewandowsky <

> wrote:

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I post occasional updates at www.shapingtomorrowworld.org which draw out some comments that are, well, interesting.

It occurs to me whether it might even be opportune for you to post a brief statement there, saying that you have sighted the emails and that you are concerned by the continued public denial of this and the frivolous allegations against me, or something along those lines.

Let me know if you are interested and I can draft something to save you the time. I am also perfectly happy to leave things as they are, because I consider this to be a rich test bed for public display of precisely the processes that my paper is identifying.

Indeed, my next paper on this issue is being crafted as this is unfolding, based on the public response to my *Psychological Science* paper. I have a team of people keeping track of all the conspiracy theories and how they spread across the internet.

Best wishes, Steve

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Bernadette Ferns

From: Gina Barron
Sent: Wednesday, 5 September 2012 1:23 PM
To: Robyn Owens
Subject: RE: update

Hi Robyn,

I agree that we need to be able to provide ongoing support to our researcher's particularly where they are in such a contentious area known for quite severe attacks. I am concerned though that there is little comment you can make other than it is under review – this will simply make you a subject of further emails, and if we reference the APS contact I think they will simply get the same response.

I would recommend that you don't go ahead with the comment – but Steve can post on his blog that the matter has been received by the University and is being examined – when the final result is in, he can again post on the blog the summary of the finding.

So perhaps, just a response telling him that the response will be quick as soon as we hear back from the APS.

Cheers, Gina

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From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Wednesday, 5 September 2012 1:15 PM
To: Gina Barron
Subject: Fwd: update

Gina,

For your info.

What do you think about me posting something on Steve's website? I'm not inclined to do this, at least not before we hear back from the Australian Psychological Society with their view of whether he should release the names of the sites that did not respond to his request.

However, I am aware of the need to support our researchers.

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Subject: update
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Podblack Blog, 04:35 PM 2/09/2010, Re: Requesting information about online survey

To: Podblack Blog < >
From: Charles Hanich < >
Subject: Re: Requesting information about online survey
Cc:
Bcc:
Attached:

Dear

Thank you for your inquiry about our survey and please accept my apologies for not replying sooner.

In response to your first question -
the rationale behind the survey is to draw linkages between attitudes to climate science and other scientific propositions (eg HIV/AIDS) and to look at what scepticism might mean (in terms of endorsing a variety of propositions made in the media). In addition, we consider people's life satisfaction and their attitudes towards market economies, both of which are known to be important determinants of how people respond to messages relating to conservation and so on.

The Results -

The data will be statistically analysed in the aggregate and no respondent's identity will be revealed (or known), as there is no personal information requested, with the exception of age and gender.

If you, or any of the participants, would like to know the outcome of the study, you can contact me in about 6 months, and by that time every detail will be available together with the results.

No provision for neutral responses -

The reason for the omission of neutral responses is the same as the reason for not having a "unsure" tick box on ballot papers.

We need respondents to make a decision to allow comparison between categories.

No open answers -

It is our opinion that all the questionnaire items are unambiguous, hence not requiring open answer options for further clarification.

Although some participants may wish

to air their opinions in addition to the set questions, these comments would not be useful for statistical processing, as they would be outside of the scope of this study and each one would represent a one-off item, difficult to score and impossible to process, as there are no corresponding items from other participants to allow statistical processing.

Open comments are more suitable for blogs or similar, and blogs provide the arena for open discussions very well. It was not our intention to delve into this particular arena.

I'd like to draw my analogy back to the ballot papers, which similarly, did not have a provision for open comments, as these would not contribute to the purpose for which the ballot paper was intended, that is, to rank candidates.

Bernadette Ferns

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Tuesday, 4 September 2012 4:24 PM
To: Robyn Owens
Subject: Re: Lewandowsky

Thanks, agree. Having trouble keeping up with it all while at conference. Should have more time this weekend.

Sent from my iPhone - excuse the brevity

On 04/09/2012, at 4:11 PM, "Robyn Owens" <

> wrote:

Thanks Steve.

No more emails today (so far).

I've just spoken with Gina and advised her you were seeking comment from the APS. When we have that I think our approach will be to generate a summary statement saying something like:

1. The DVCR initiated an investigation
2. The work was carried out under Human Ethics approval, and accepted after peer review in a top journal.
3. The APS has advised ...
4. Assuming they say to keep the identities of groups that didn't participate private, I can then say that I have sighted evidence that they were contacted. If they say release the names, then you can consider that.
5. No misconduct was found.

Then we will work out if and how we want to communicate this back to the 9 who complained.

Keep me in touch, and I'll do likewise.

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The distribution of responses to the Moon Landing question are:

1067 Strongly agree

68 Agree

4 Disagree

6 Strongly Disagree

Total responses are 1145 (Rows R2 to R1146). Therefore $1067+68 = 1135$ $1135/1145 = 0.9912$

Really? 99.1 % of respondents actually believe that the moon landings "never happened and were staged in a Hollywood film studio"?

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Please see here for a public update: <http://www.shapingtomorrowworld.org/cc1.html>

Regards Steve

From: Robyn Owens
Sent: Tuesday, September 04, 2012 9:00 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: FW: Lewandowsky

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Sent from my iPad - excuse the brevity

On 03/09/2012, at 1:00 PM, "Bernadette Ferns" <

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I would appreciate it if you could keep me abreast of developments. Note that I am presently in Switzerland at a conference with only limited email access.

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Robyn

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stephan Lewandowsky < >
Subject: paper on climate denial
Date: 3 September 2012 3:09:25 AM AWST
To: Robyn Owens < >
Cc: "MAYBERY Murray (>)" < >, "Gina Barron" < >, "Karen Simmer (Health)" < >, Vittoria Wilkin < >, Kathryn Kirk < >

Dear Robyn,

I have enclosed a paper on climate denial that is forthcoming in *Psychological Science*, one of the top journals in my field.

Unsurprisingly given the results, this has gone viral in the denial-o-sphere on the internet, and I have strong reason to believe that you or others within the university will receive complaints, allegations of academic misconduct against me, or FOI requests. The reason for this is that my Method explains how participants were recruited as follows: "Visitors to climate blogs voluntarily completed an online questionnaire between August and October 2010 (N = 1377). Links were posted on 8 blogs (with a pro-science science stance but with a diverse audience); a further 5 "skeptical" (or "skeptical"-leaning) blogs were approached but none posted the link."

In addition to peculiar or abusive email (see enclosed for a sampling), I have been inundated with requests to release the names of the 5 blogs that I approached but didn't post the links (note that they *didn't post the links* and thus *didn't contribute participants*, so people unfamiliar with climate denial may wonder why so much effort is expended on these irrelevant blogs).

In response, I have thus far declined because those bloggers were approached with a request for research participation—I imagine that posting links would qualify as such. My reading of the relevant ethical guidelines is that this is privileged information and that it would be inappropriate to release the details of people who elected not to contribute to my research. I have sent an email to the Australian Psychological Society (APS; c/o Dr Susie Burke) to seek clarification on this.

My refusal, accompanied by an explanation of why I felt bound not to release those names, has been met with considerable outrage, and people have already posted your contact details on the web and are hinting that I am guilty of "fabricating" the requests and of academic misconduct and so on. This is routine practice among deniers when inconvenient papers appear in press and is usually followed by complaints to the university or FOI requests, in a fairly transparent attempt to discourage further research into denial.

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: []
Sent: Sunday, September 02, 2012 6:19 PM
To:
Subject: Thank U

Sir,

U made me Laugh. Thank U for that. U Great Scientist.

Not a Scientist!

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: |
Sent: Sunday, September 02, 2012 12:17 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: skeptical blog sites

2nd September 2012

Dear Professor Lewandowsky

I am a retired academic (geosciences) and maintain an active interest in the climate/paleoclimate literature. Additionally, I am interested in the surveys that have looked at views (skeptical and otherwise) on catastrophic anthropogenic global warming and I have read a copy of your article: Lewandowsky, S., Oberauer, K., & Gignac, C. E. (in press). NASA faked the moon landing—therefore (climate) science is a hoax: An anatomy of the motivated rejection of science.. *Psychological Science*.

I noted that you had contacted skeptical science blog sites in order to collect data for your survey (N > 1100) and that: "5 "skeptic" (or "skeptic"-leaning) blogs were approached but none posted the link."

I find this puzzling since I thought I was familiar with most of the climate change blogs, skeptical or otherwise. I am having some difficulty confirming that you actually contacted skeptical blog sites and that they refused to post your link. I trust you can point me in the right direction.

I would be most grateful if you could indicate exactly which skeptical blog sites you contacted and which refused to post your link. Additionally, I would be most grateful if you could forward me a copy of your original survey.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: []
Sent: Sunday, September 02, 2012 5:22 AM
To:
Subject: Regarding "NASA faked the moon landing?therefore (climate) science is a hoax: An anatomy of the motivated rejection of science."

Dr. Lewandowsky,

Re: your paper noted in the subject line above, it seems none of the (even mildly) mainstream "skeptical blogs" were contacted by you – many are piping in to say so and are apparently prepared to file affidavits about it – and I'm aware that you've cited privacy for not listing the 5 blogs that were approached and responded declining to post your survey. I'm sure all of that will be sorted soon enough, but my question is why you didn't invite Steve McIntyre to host your survey on Climate Audit, since he and his blog were mentioned in your paper as an influential skeptical blog? Also, why wasn't Anthony Watts' blog invited, being that it by far the most trafficked blog relating to climate change, and also considered skeptical? The reason that I ask is that I'm trying to determine the reasoning behind your methodology, and the amount of due diligence you performed in this area.

As an aside, McIntyre testified before a of the US House Energy and Commerce Committee, not British Parliament. And not as a blogger, but because he had relevant peer reviewed papers published on the subject.

My last question regards your removing duplicate IP addresses. Since you had access to all IP addresses from the survey, did you perform any analysis on addresses that would have been from known proxy/anonymizer sites, or any analysis on location of the (non-proxy) IP address origin?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: []
Sent: Sunday, September 02, 2012 4:52 AM
To:
Cc:
Subject: permission-request to publicize any contact between us re your climate survey

Dear Professor Lewandowsky:

I blog about climate at my own Error Theory blog and occasionally at the higher profile *Watts Up With That*. Possibly you tried to contact me with a request to do a post on your climate survey? I did not see any such request, and did not reply to any such request but if you did send me such a request I not only give you permission to publicize this information (and any response you think you got from me), but I request that you do so.

Sincerely,

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: []
Sent: Saturday, September 01, 2012 7:25 PM
To:

Dear Mr Lewandowski

I read with interest your latest publication

Lewandowsky, S., Oberauer, K., & Gignac, C. E. (in press). NASA faked the moon landing—therefore (climate) science is a hoax: An anatomy of the motivated rejection of science.. Psychological Science.

I am stunned by the sheer dishonesty and cavalier attitude you seem to have in regard to the polling of skeptical climate blog sites in this "paper" (more like a letter to the editor in the UK Sun). I urge you to withdraw the paper or hand in your PhD, wherever you got it from.

Cornflakes packet I suspect. I also note that you consider yourself a scientist. You might like to read and contemplate the writings of Karl Popper before you go rushing into areas that clearly you have no knowledge of. Nor it would seem any will to do so.

Im embarrassed to have the title PhD associated with such nonsense.

Genuine PhD Chemistry and Physics

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This is a message Via Webmail as I'm out of the Office

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: | @rankexploits.com]
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Re: Five skeptic blogs you contacted

Stephan--

Have you asked them if they mind if you release their names rather than assuming they would prefer you keep this information to yourself?

I am collecting a list of bloggers who would like you to state whether they were on your list of five. Would you confirm that you did not ask the following blogs:

The Blackboard.

Bishop Hill

The Air Vent (whose lead blogger you quoted.) A Gentleman's Castle.

<http://www.anenglishmanscastle.com/archives/010467.html>

So far these four bloggers have all stated they would wish you to state whether you contacted them (see <http://rankexploits.com/musings/2012/tweet-your-permission-for-lewandowsky-to-out-you/>)

I will be adding to this list over time and I hope you would be willing to at least provide information when the bloggers themselves state they do not wish you to keep their involvement or non- involvement a secret merely because that is your preference.

On Aug 30, 2012, at 7:23 PM, Stephan Lewandowsky wrote:

> Sorry, no, they likely replied to my requests under the presumption of
> privacy and I am therefore not releasing their names.

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> The blogs that did post the link (thereby publically identifying
> themselves, unlike those who declined) are:

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> %<http://www.skepticalscience.com>
> %<http://tamino.wordpress.com>
> %<http://bbickmore.wordpress.com>
> %<http://www.trunity.net/uuuno/blogs/>
> %<http://scienceblogs.com/illconsidered/>
> %<http://profmandia.wordpress.com/>
> %<http://scienceblogs.com/deltoid/>
> %<http://hot-topic.co.nz/>

>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: [mailto:.....@rankexploits.com]

>> Sent: Friday, August 31, 2012 1:10 AM

>> To:

>> Subject: Five skeptic blogs you contacted

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>> Hello Professor Lewandowsky,

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>> I am writing to ask you which 5 skeptic blogs you invited to provide
>> links to your survey. I believe the names are required to permit
>> objective parties to gauge your level of objectivity in collecting
>> data.
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>> Could you please provide a list?
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>> Thank you,
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>> The Blackboard <http://rankexploits.com/musings/>

Stephan Lewandowsky

From: []
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2012 7:57 PM
To:
Subject: "NASA faked the moon landing — Therefore (Climate) Science is a Hoax:

I bet you don't mention all those NASA astronauts who came out against NASA's global warming agenda?

No?

There you go.

Really, Your paper is beyond pathetic; do you call what you do "science"?

Shame on you. Shame on you.

, informed, literate skeptic who cheered when, in a Spanish bar in 1969, he watched Neil Armstrong (RIP) walk on the moon.

Lewandowsky

Simmer, Karen

From: Stephan Lewandowsky []
Sent: Thursday, 30 August 2012 12:42 PM
To: Simmer, Karen
Cc: MAYBERY Murray ()
Subject: RE: Complaint regarding the academic behaviour of Stephen Lewandowsky
Attachments: LskyetalPsychScienceinPressClimateConspiracy.pdf

Dear Karen, thanks for keeping me in the loop. This is not unexpected and I suspect it will not be the end of such correspondence. As an academic working on climate change (in particular denial), those complaints or worse are, sadly, now routine. I have CC'd in my Head of School to ensure that he is also aware of those developments.

I have been likened to pedophile priests on the internet and I have been called a "Nazi kike Zionist Jew", among other gems, in personal email: while this kind of stuff does not touch me personally, I think it is important for others to recognize the broad context of the current assault on (climate) science.

I have enclosed the peer-reviewed paper on which this complaint seems to have been based for your interest.

Regards Steve

Winthrop Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
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Australia's University Job Website

From: Simmer, Karen [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2012 12:34 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: FW: Complaint regarding the academic behaviour of Stephen Lewandowsky

Dear Stephan,

I write to you as I am Chair of the Academic Board. I received the email below. I do not take it seriously and will not respond but thought that you might find the contents interesting.
regards, Karen

Karen Simmer,

Chair of the Academic Board, Professor of Newborn Medicine, and Co-director, Centre for Neonatal Research and Education,

*The University of Western Australia,
M550 Stirling Highway, Crawley WA 6009, Australia.*

and

Director of Neonatal Intensive Care, King Edward Memorial Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital, WA, Australia.

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From: SCEF () [mailto: @scef.org.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, 29 August 2012 4:56 PM
To:
Subject: Complaint regarding the academic behaviour of Stephen Lewandowsky

Dear Professor Karen Simmer,

of the Scottish Climate & Energy Forum. The forum was founded by a group of ordinary people who are concerned at the lack of scientific standards being applied to climate "science" and the way certain people in the media have chosen to attack those like us who base our views on the scientific evidence.

We are a non profit making organisation, funded by our members, most of whom are scientifically trained and many work in academia or government. Otherwise we tend to be ordinary family people.

I emphasis "family", because certain academics and media organisations have used their positions to attack us in the most vitriolic way and e.g. this resulted this year, in the BBC on a high profile current affairs program likening us to "paedophiles and sex traders". Imagine if you or your husband had been described this way!

So, it is with deep regret that I have to inform you that one of your staff (Stephen Lewandowsky) appears to have been instrumental in yet another deceitful attack on us.

From the evidence in these two articles

- <http://talkingclimate.org/are-climate-sceptics-more-likely-to-be-conspiracy-theorists/>
(Archived to prevent deletion at: <http://www.webcitation.org/6AH7hg0lp>)
- <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2012/jul/27/climate-sceptics-conspiracy-theorist>

It is clear that Stephen Lewandowsky has very strong views on the subject. It is also very clear that he chose to select questions with a view to manipulating the research in order to achieve a particular outcome. E.g. even those who share his views thought his research was obviously biased:

"Yeah, those conspiracy theory questions were pretty funny, but does anyone think that hardcore deniers are going to be fooled by such a transparent attempt to paint them as paranoids?"

Therefore it seems that Stephen Lewandowsky has abused his position in your University in a most disgraceful way to further his own political views and denigrate those like us who reject his views.

He is perfectly entitled to hold his views. He is entitled to argue those views in public. What he is

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not entitled to do, is to fabricate evidence using a bogus survey with the intention of libelling our members.

This is a serious matter. If we do not have assurances that this matter will be investigated by the University, we may have to seek other redress. Therefore, as we do not believe there was any malice by the University and indeed Stephen Lewandowsky may not have been aware of the serious effects on the reputations of our members of his actions, we would be grateful for all involved, if your academics board would look into the matter.

regards,

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Scottish Climate and Energy Forum

email: _____ @scef.org.uk

Tel: _____

Address: _____

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From: [Stephan Lewandowsky](#)
To: ["John Cook"](#)
Subject: RE: Ethics approval #'s
Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 8:19:00 PM

see below

> -----Original Message-----
> From: John Cook [[mailto:](#)]]
> Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2012 9:36 AM
> To: Stephan Lewandowsky
> Subject: Ethics approval #'s
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> Steve, you mentioned emailing me the ethics approval numbers.
> Specifically, for the following research:
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> * the blog survey RA 4/1/4578

> * research RA 4/1/4007

> * your consensus study RA 4/1/4007

> * your study with Klaus with all those questions on evolution, climate,
> GM, etc. RA 4/1/4007

RA 4/1/4007 has had quite a few amendments, as you can tell. Just refer to "RA 4/1/4007, including amendments"

From: HREO
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Amendment Approval
Date: Friday, May 18, 2012 8:33:11 AM
Attachments: 518201283308AM30788571723.pdf

Please find attached a letter relating to the amendment requested for your Human Research Ethics protocol RA/4/1/4007 titled Understanding statistical trends.

Kind regards

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Our Ref: RA/4/1/4007

18 May 2012

Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
Psychology (School of)
MBDP: M304

Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – AMENDMENT REQUEST APPROVED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

I confirm receipt of your correspondence requesting an amendment to the protocol for the above project.

Approval has been granted for the amendment as outlined in your correspondence and attachments (if any) subject to any conditions listed below.

Any conditions of ethics approval that have been imposed are listed hereunder:

1. Final Qualtrix document with additional items.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Kirk on (08)

Please ensure that you quote the file reference RA/4/1/4007 and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Peter Johnstone
Manager

From: Kathryn Kirk
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 Amendment approved - Final Qualtrix document with additional items.
Date: Friday, May 18, 2012 8:33:11 AM
Attachments: final qualtrix 4 Kate.docx

Dear Steve

Project: Understanding statistical trends

Approval is granted for the amendment as outlined in your email and attached document.

Regards,

Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Thursday, 17 May 2012 10:29 PM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: Approval : amendment for RA/4/1/4007

Dear Kate: I am seeking re-affirmation of the amendment developed in the email chain below, with a few additional items thrown in.

The enclosed file contains all items for this internet survey: Those in black ink have been approved and used previously, and those at the end in **purple ink** are new (to this study, although the items on conservatism have been used in research since they were published in 1996).

In all other respects the methodology is identical (i.e. respondents via internet).

Hope this makes sense,

Kind regards Steve

From: Kate Kirk [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 9:31 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Approval : amendment for RA/4/1/4007

Dear Steve
Project: Understanding statistical trends
Approval is granted for the amendments outlined in your email and attachments.
Regards,
Kate

From: Stephan Lewandowsky [mailto:
Lewandowsky

] **On Behalf Of** Stephan

Sent: Thursday, 12 August 2010 12:07 PM
To: Kate Kirk
Subject: amendment for RA/4/1/4007

Dear Kate, I am writing to seek approval for an amendment to the procedure for RA/4/1/4007. In a nutshell, I want to administer the survey not in person but via the internet using professional survey software (e.g., www.surveymonkey.com or equivalent.)

As before, completion of the survey will be taken to constitute consent, and as before a variant of the approved information sheet will be shown before the survey commences.

The survey will be modified slightly as follows,

- (1) The graphical extrapolation task is removed
- (2) In addition to the already-approved items, some further questions will be presented that are enclosed in this email.

>> Note that the scale "H&G&Kahan" already has UWA approval under a different project (RA/4/1/4054).

>> The remaining two scales, "BCTI" and "Happ&Sat" have both been used extensively in previous research elsewhere.

>> To satisfy constraints of the Web software, some items may need to be reworded or altered; however, the enclosures accurately describe the thrust of the questionnaires.

- (3) In all other respects, the approved procedure remains unchanged except that it is administered via internet, with consent again being expressed by completion of the electronic questionnaire.

- (4) Participants will be recruited by posting links at relevant websites (e.g., www.uwa.edu.au/climatescience or science-oriented "blogs").

Kind regards
Thanks Steve

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Acceptance of Science Measures and Potential Correlates

All items:

- 1 strongly disagree
- 2 disagree
- 3 neutral
- 4 agree
- 5 strongly agree

Climate

- 1. I believe that the climate is always changing and what we are currently observing is just natural fluctuation.
- 2. I believe that most of the warming over the last 50 years is due to the increase in greenhouse gas concentrations.
- 3. I believe that the burning of fossil fuels over the last 50 years has caused serious damage to the planet's climate.
- 4. Human CO2 emissions cause climate change.
- 5. Humans are too insignificant to have an appreciable impact on global temperature.

Free-market ideology (Heath06a)

- 1. An economic system based on free markets unrestrained by government interference automatically works best to meet human needs.
- 2. The free market system may be efficient for resource allocation but it is limited in its capacity to promote social justice.
- 3. The preservation of the free market system is more important than localized environmental concerns.
- 4. Free and unregulated markets pose important threats to sustainable development.
- 5. The free market system is likely to promote unsustainable consumption.

Conspiracist ideation (from conspiracy paper, removing 'bad' items based on various criteria)

- 1. A powerful and secretive group known as the New World Order is planning to eventually rule the world through an autonomous world government which would replace sovereign governments.
- 2. The assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. was the result of an organized conspiracy by U.S. government agencies such as the CIA and FBI.
- 3. The Apollo moon landings never happened and were staged in a Hollywood film studio.
- 4. The assassination of John F. Kennedy was not committed by the lone gunman Lee Harvey Oswald but was rather a detailed organized conspiracy to kill the President.
- 5. The U.S. government allowed the 9-11 attacks to take place so that it would have an excuse to achieve foreign (e.g., wars in Afghanistan and Iraq) and domestic (e.g., attacks on civil liberties) goals that had been determined prior to the attacks.
- 6. Princess Diana's death was not an accident but rather an organised assassination by members of the British royal family who disliked her.

Convenience theories

- 1. The claim that the climate is changing due to emissions from fossil fuels is a hoax perpetrated by corrupt scientists who wish to spend more taxpayer money on climate research.
- 2. U.S. agencies intentionally created the AIDS epidemic and administered it to Black and gay men in the 1970s.

3. The alleged link between second-hand tobacco smoke and ill health is based on bogus science and is an attempt by a corrupt cartel of medical researchers to replace rational science with dogma.

Scientific propositions (other than climate)

1. The HIV virus causes AIDS
2. Smoking causes lung cancer
3. Lead in drinking water poses a serious long-term health risk

Age

Gender

GM Food

1. I believe that genetic modification is an important and viable contribution to help feed the world's rapidly growing population.
2. I believe genetically engineered foods have already damaged the environment.
3. The consequences of genetic modification have been tested exhaustively in the lab, and only foods that have been found safe will be made available to the public.
4. I believe that because there are so many unknowns, that it is dangerous to manipulate the natural genetic material of foods
5. Genetic modification of foods is a safe and reliable technology.

Vaccines

1. I believe that vaccines are a safe and reliable way to help avert the spread of preventable diseases.
2. I believe that vaccines have negative side effects that outweigh the benefits of vaccination for children.
3. Vaccines are thoroughly tested in the laboratory and wouldn't be made available to the public unless it was known that they are safe.
4. The risk of vaccinations to maim and kill children outweighs their health benefits.
5. Vaccinations are one of the most significant contributions to public health.

Political conservatism (Mehrabian96)

1. I am politically more liberal than conservative. (R)
2. In any election, given a choice between a Republican and a Democratic candidate, I will select the Republican over the Democrat.
3. Communism has been proven to be a failed political ideology.
4. I cannot see myself ever voting to elect conservative candidates. (R)
5. The major national media are too left-wing for my taste.
6. Socialism has many advantages over capitalism. (R)
7. On balance, I lean politically more to the left than to the right. (R)

From: _____
To: [Stephan Lewandowsky](#)
Subject: Re: Ethics
Date: Monday, March 26, 2012 12:28:48 PM

Thanks for that.

The deadline for the proposal was 12pm but it looks like I can still upload newer versions. To avoid having no ethics I attached my own ethics application, but I'll have to replace that with the letter of approval now obviously, making the proposal late. Would there be any way to let the reviewers know that everything was all ready prior to 12pm, but there was a slight delay in getting the letter of approval?

On 26 March 2012 12:08, Stephan Lewandowsky
< > wrote:

see enclosed

From: [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 11:13 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Re: Ethics

Sorry to be a bother, but _____ hasn't replied. Would you be able to send through a copy? I'm just getting a bit nervous about the 12pm deadline.

On 26 March 2012 10:34, _____ < >
wrote:

Just sent an email to _____ asking about the letter so I'll let you know if he's got it asap.

Thanks again!

On 26 March 2012 10:19, Stephan Lewandowsky
< > wrote:

you need a letter which I thought I had sent to : _____ already? maybe ask _____ and if he doesn't have it I can dig it out. steve

From: [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 10:03 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Ethics

Hi Steve,

I'm just wondering if there's anything such as a letter of prior approval that I need to submit along with my proposal. The proposal is all done but I'm still a bit unclear on the process for ethics.

Alternatively, do you need a revised copy from me to submit to the ethics committee (as per the cog-sci handbook)?

Cheers,

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Kathryn Kirk < >
To: " " < >
Cc:
Date: Mon, 28 Mar 2011 08:40:28 +0800
Subject: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007
Dear Steve

Project: Understanding statistical trends
Approval is granted for the amendment outlined in your email and attachment.
Regards,
Kate

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Saturday, 26 March 2011 7:10 PM
To: Kate Kirk
Subject: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007

Dear Kate, I am requesting two small amendments to the above project.

1. In addition to showing people the questionnaires and stimuli as already approved, I want to inform them of the scientific consensus on climate change. I have enclosed a summary of the text (or text + graph, depending on condition) that people will be shown.

2. I want to ask people if they are willing to receive more information about climate science and an *identical* follow-up questionnaire (as approved under RA/4/1/2007) a week later. To do so, they would leave their email address, which will be deleted after the follow-up information is sent, and which will be deindividuated during data analysis. In other words, although the two sets of responses will be linked for aggregate analysis, no email address will be retained or used during data analysis, and only those participants who agree to leave their email address will be contacted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards, Steve

Stephan Lewandowsky

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From: Kathryn Kirk
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: FW: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007 - Amended procedures to consensus manipulation and replacing climate science with GM foods
Date: Friday, March 23, 2012 9:22:14 AM
Attachments: [ethics pieces.docx](#)

Dear Steve

Project: Understanding statistical trends

Approval is granted for the amendments outline in your email and attachment.

Regards,

Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Friday, 23 March 2012 9:00 AM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007

Dear Kate, further to the amendment below, I am seeking another amendment to replace the consensus manipulation with two other brief text passages (one in each condition to which people are randomly assigned). They are enclosed, with one passage per page. Note that p. 2 is in draft form whereas p. 1 is complete (and has been used in previous research overseas).

In all other respects the procedure and questions remain unchanged from before.

In addition, we would like to repeat the experiment with an identical design and procedure, but replacing climate science with GM Foods. That is, all questions will be reworded to tap people's acceptance of scientific evidence about GM technology rather than climate, and the enclosed passage (p. 1) will be reworded to summarize the key facts underlying GM foods based on publically available information (e.g. <http://theconversation.edu.au/top-five-myths-about-genetic-modification-2664>). To reiterate, except for the change in topic, the experiment will be the same but with the stimuli translated from climate into GM.

Kind regards, Steve

From: Kate Kirk [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:40 AM
To:
Subject: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007

400 Words Climate Science Comprehension

How does climate change (“global warming”) work? The mechanism of the greenhouse effect [Or: “Why do some gases concern scientists—like carbon dioxide (CO₂)—but not others, like oxygen?”] (Ranney, Clark, Reinholz and Cohen, 2012)

Scientists tell us that human activities are changing Earth’s atmosphere and increasing Earth’s average temperature. What causes these climate changes?

First, let’s understand Earth’s “normal” temperature: When Earth absorbs sunlight, which is mostly visible light, it heats up. Like the sun, Earth emits energy—but because it is cooler than the sun, Earth emits lower-energy infrared wavelengths. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere (methane, carbon dioxide, etc.) let visible light pass through, but absorb infrared light—causing the atmosphere to heat up. The warmer atmosphere emits more infrared light, which tends to be re-absorbed—perhaps many times—before the energy eventually returns to space. The extra time this energy hangs around has helped keep Earth warm enough to support life as we know it. (In contrast, the moon has no atmosphere, and it is colder than Earth, on average.)

Since the industrial age began around the year 1750, atmospheric carbon dioxide has increased by 40% and methane has increased by 150%. Such increases cause extra infrared light absorption, further heating Earth above its typical temperature range (even as energy from the sun stays basically the same). In other words, energy that gets to Earth has an even harder time leaving it, causing Earth’s average temperature to increase - producing global climate change.

[In molecular detail, greenhouse gases absorb infrared light because their molecules can vibrate to produce asymmetric distributions of electric charge, which match the energy levels of various infrared wavelengths. In contrast, non-greenhouse gases (such as oxygen and nitrogen - that is, O₂ and N₂) don’t absorb infrared light, because they have symmetric charge distributions even when vibrating.]

Summary: (a) Earth absorbs most of the sunlight it receives; (b) Earth then emits the absorbed light’s energy as infrared light; (c) greenhouse gases absorb a lot of the infrared light before it can leave our atmosphere; (d) being absorbed slows the rate at which energy escapes to space; and (e) the slower passage of energy heats up the atmosphere, water, and ground. By increasing the amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, humans are increasing the atmosphere’s absorption of infrared light, thereby warming Earth and disrupting global climate patterns.

Shorter summary: Earth transforms sunlight’s visible light energy into infrared light energy, which leaves Earth slowly because it is absorbed by greenhouse gases. When people produce greenhouse gases, energy leaves Earth even more slowly—raising Earth’s temperature.

Trust Inducing Statement

The Principles of Science and its Methodology

The trust inducing statement will work on the principle that providing understanding about the core tenets of science and how it is performed will increase generic trust in science. Furthermore, this will then increase trust in specific sciences.

It is assumed that the statement will be approximately a page long so that it doesn't provide an information overload. In that time it will look to address key issues that have been identified as pertinent to understanding what science is and how it's research is conducted. Areas focused on will include:

- What is science and how is research related to this?
- What are ethics?
- What is peer review?
- Scientific Consensus and understanding a body of research
- What is scientific uncertainty?
- The differences between public and private science research
- Some examples of science in people's everyday life
 - Medicine: Antibiotics
 - Engineering: The petrol-electric hybrid engine
- What is the purpose of science?

These points will aim to provide an objective explanation of these points such that interpretation of their meaning is solely the task of the participants. It is hypothesized that once understanding these basic principles, participants will be able to draw on their previous knowledge and overly these criteria. If it is a match, it should provide more justification in their minds of the worth of science, increasing trust.

From: HREO
To: [Stephan Lewandowsky](#)
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Amendment Approval
Date: Friday, March 23, 2012 9:21:17 AM
Attachments: [323201292116AM33676064313.pdf](#)

Please find attached a letter relating to the amendment requested for your Human Research Ethics protocol RA/4/1/4007 titled Understanding statistical trends.

Kind regards

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Our Ref: RA/4/1/4007

23 March 2012

Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
Psychology (School of)
MBDP: M304

Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – AMENDMENT REQUEST APPROVED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

I confirm receipt of your correspondence requesting an amendment to the protocol for the above project.

Approval has been granted for the amendment as outlined in your correspondence and attachments (if any) subject to any conditions listed below.

Any conditions of ethics approval that have been imposed are listed hereunder:

1. Amended procedures to consensus manipulation and replacing climate science with GM foods

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Kirk on (08)

Please ensure that you quote the file reference RA/4/1/4007 and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Peter Johnstone
Manager

From: HREO
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Progress Report Approval
Date: Monday, January 30, 2012 11:41:54 AM
Attachments: 1302012114154AM42114228912.pdf

Please find attached a letter of approval for your recently submitted Human Research Ethics protocol progress report, RA/4/1/4007 titled Understanding statistical trends.

Kind regards

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30 January 2012

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Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – ETHICS APPROVAL RENEWED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

Thank you for submitting your Progress Report for the above project. The report is satisfactory and ethics approval for the project has been renewed.

You will receive a request for your next progress report approximately one month before the next renewal date of 01 December 2012.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Human Research Ethics Office (HREO) on (08)

Please ensure that you quote the file reference – RA/4/1/4007 – and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Kate Kirk
Secretary
Human Ethics Research Committee

Message: R2012/02509

From: Kathryn Kirk
To: Caixia Li
Cc:
Sent: 30/1/2012 at 9:56 AM
Received: 30/1/2012 at 9:56 AM
Subject: REopen RA/4/1/4007

This study is still continuing.
Please reopen file and approve to 1 December 2012.
Please send renewal letter.
Kate

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From: HREO
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Final Report Approval
Date: Friday, December 09, 2011 2:51:15 PM
Attachments: 129201125114PM53474167002.pdf

Thank you for your Human Research Ethics protocol final report for RA/4/1/4007 titled Understanding statistical trends.

Please find attached a Human Research Ethics closure letter for your records.

Kind regards

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MBDP: M304

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HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – FINAL REPORT APPROVED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

Thank you for submitting a final report for the above project. The Human Research Ethics Committee has noted that the report is satisfactory.

Your file for this project has been closed and any further work in this area should be the subject of a new application for ethics approval.

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Please ensure that you quote the file reference – RA/4/1/4007 – and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Kate Kirk
Secretary
Human Ethics Research Committee

Vittoria Wilkin

From: hreo
Sent: Friday, 9 December 2011 8:58 AM
To: Caixia Li
Subject: Final report approved RA/4/1/4007
Attachments: 2011 Progress_Report_RA_4_1_4007_Lewandowsky_2011.pdf

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky [mailto:
Sent: Wednesday, 7 December 2011 6:26 PM
To: hreo-research@uwa.edu.au
Subject:

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Project Reference Number: RA/4/1/4007

Chief Investigator: W/Prof Stephan Lewandowsky

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Chief Investigator: Stephan Lewandowsky

Current Date 8 November 2012

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
To: Charles Hanich
Subject: RE: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report
Date: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 2:27:00 PM

thanks, will do. s

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Charles Hanich

> Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 2:20 PM

> To: Stephan Lewandowsky

> Subject: RE: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report

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> From: Stephan Lewandowsky

> Sent: Monday, 5 December 2011 21:17

> To: Charles Hanich

> Subject: RE: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report

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> > Sent: Monday, December 05, 2011 3:03 PM

> > To: Stephan Lewandowsky

> > Subject: RE: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report

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> > From: Stephan Lewandowsky
> > Sent: Wednesday, 2 November 2011 14:50
> > To: Charles Hanich
> > Subject: FW: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report
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> > ugh... bunch of those forthcoming see what you can do.
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> > From: HREO [<mailto:hreo-research@uwa.edu.au>]
> > Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 2:49 PM
> > To: Stephan Lewandowsky
> > Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report
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> > Please find attached correspondence requesting that a Progress Report
> > be completed and submitted for the approved Human Research Protocol,
> > RA/4/1/4007, titled Understanding statistical trends.
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> > To complete your research Progress Report, you should undertake the
> > following steps:
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> > 2. Complete the Progress Report.
> > (If you need to send the Progress Report to a research associate
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> > If you have any problems with this process, please contact the HREO by
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From: Charles Hanich
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Date: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 2:20:31 PM
Attachments: Progress Report RA 4 1 4007 Lewandowsky 2011.pdf

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From: [Stephan Lewandowsky](#)
To: [Kathryn Kirk](#)
Subject: RE: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007
Date: Monday, November 28, 2011 7:50:00 AM

hi kate, thanks for the quick reply.
steve

From: Kathryn Kirk [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2011 7:38 AM
To:
Subject: FW: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007

Hi Steve,
The amended questionnaire has been approved.
Regards,
Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Sunday, 27 November 2011 7:59 PM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007

Dear Kate, further to this, I am again enclosing an updated questionnaire for a follow-up to this experiment as approved below.
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Thanks Steve

From: Kate Kirk [mailto:]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:40 AM

Message: R2011/40083

From: Kathryn Kirk
To:
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Sent: 28/11/2011 at 7:37 AM
Received: 28/11/2011 at 7:37 AM
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Attachments: Consensus Exp 4.docx (147 KB)

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Dear Steve

Project: Understanding statistical trends

Approval is granted for the amendment outlined in your email and attachment.
Regards,

Kate

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Sent: Saturday, 26 March 2011 7:10 PM
To: Kate Kirk
Subject: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007

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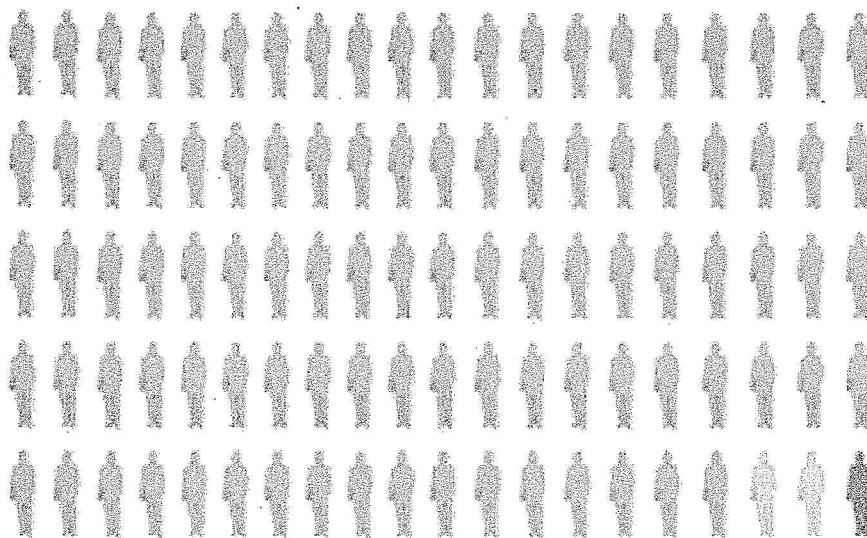
- 1. Out of 100 climate scientists how many do you think believe that human CO2 emissions cause climate change?**

Please read the following passage which is based on a recent analysis of the scientific literature:

Climate research shows that the temperature of the Earth has been increasing every decade since the 1970s. It is also established that the burning of fossil fuels releases CO₂ into the atmosphere, which has been directly linked to global warming and climate change.

Several recent studies have analysed the publications of the most active researchers in the field of climate science. This study concluded that out of 100 climate experts, 1 disagrees, 2 are undecided, and 97 agree that the global warming we are witnessing is a direct consequence of the burning of fossil fuels by humans.

**97 out of 100 of climate experts think
humans are causing global warming**



This information is based on the peer-reviewed scientific literature:

Doran, P. T. & Zimmerman, M. K. Examining the Scientific Consensus on Climate Change. *Eos*, 2009, 90, 21-22.

Anderegg, W. R. L.; Prall, J. W.; Harold, J. & Schneider, S. H. Expert credibility in climate change. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, 2010, 107, 12107-12109.

Copies of the papers can be obtained from the experimenter.

According to the preceding passage, how many out of 100 climate experts believe that human CO2 emissions are causing global warming?

50	60	75	80	90+
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For the following questions, place a tick mark anywhere along the line from 0% to 100%, like this:



For each question, we want to know what the contribution from human CO2 emissions is to cause each event. For example, 0% would mean humans are not at all responsible whereas 100% percent would mean that human CO2 emissions are fully responsible:

1. CO2 contribution to the observed increase in atmospheric temperature observed during the last 130 years:



2. CO2 contribution to the observed increase of global sea level during the last several decades:



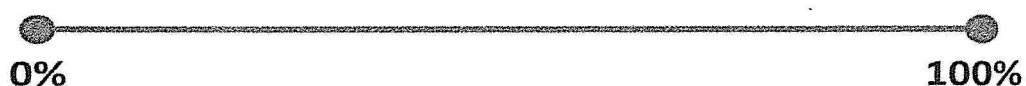
3. CO2 contribution to the fact that the number of weather-related natural disasters has more than doubled in the last 30 years:



4. CO2 contribution to the floods in Queensland last year:



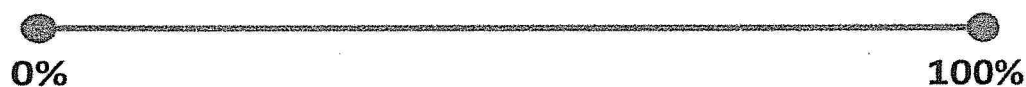
5. CO2 contribution to the floods in Pakistan last year:



6. CO2 contributions to the Russian wild fires last year:



7. CO2 contributions to the European heat wave in 2003 that killed 15,000 people in France alone:



Please indicate your degree of belief in the following scientific propositions by placing a tick in the appropriate box:

1. Human CO2 emissions cause climate change.

Absolutely False	Probably False	Unsure	Probably True	Absolutely True
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Smoking causes lung cancer.

Absolutely False	Probably False	Unsure	Probably True	Absolutely True
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. The HIV virus causes AIDS.

Absolutely False	Probably False	Unsure	Probably True	Absolutely True
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please respond to the following statements with a number from 1 to 100:

1. Out of 100 climate scientists how many do you think believe that human CO2 emissions cause climate change?

2. Out of 100 medical scientists how many do you think believe that smoking causes lung cancer?

3. Out of 100 medical scientists how many do you think believe that the HIV virus causes AIDS?

Please respond to the following questions by placing one tick in the appropriate box:

1. How much should Australia adjust CO2 emissions during the next 10 years?

Not at all	-10%	-20%	-40%	-50%
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How much should government funding for clean energy jobs be adjusted during the next 10 years?

Not at all	+10%	+20%	+40%	+50%
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SLFM Questionnaire

The following statements refer to the "free market". This is an economic system in which the government does not get involved with or regulate. Please state your agreement with each statement by placing a tick in the appropriate box.

- 1. An economic system based on free markets unrestrained by government interference automatically works best to meet human needs.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 2. The free-market system may be efficient for resource allocation, but it is limited in its capacity to promote social justice.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 3. The preservation of the free market system is more important than localized environmental concerns.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 4. Free and unregulated markets pose important threats to sustainable development.**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 5. The free-market system is likely to promote unsustainable consumption**

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please state your age and gender:

Gender (please circle one): **M** **F**

Age: _____

Thank you for your time!

From: HREO
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Request for Progress Report
Date: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 2:49:26 PM
Attachments: 112201124925PM53365444252.pdf

Please find attached correspondence requesting that a Progress Report be completed and submitted for the approved Human Research Protocol, RA/4/1/4007, titled Understanding statistical trends.

To complete your research Progress Report, you should undertake the following steps:

1. Use the URL link in the attached letter to download the Progress Report, which is in PDF format.
2. Complete the Progress Report.
(If you need to send the Progress Report to a research associate and/or student researcher for their input, please send the document as an email attachment. When your research associate and/or student researcher emails the Progress Report back to you, check the report and make final changes to the Progress Report, if necessary.)
3. When the Progress Report is completed, please email it as an attachment to the Human Research Ethics Office (HREO).
4. NB: Please quote your ethics reference number in the subject line of your email when submitting your report.

If you have any problems with this process, please contact the HREO by return email.

Kind regards

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Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – PROGRESS REPORT REQUIRED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

A progress report on your Human Research Ethics protocol referenced above is due on 01 December 2011. Please click on the following link <http://www.research.uwa.edu.au/staffnet/human-research/monitoring> to download an electronic copy of the report form that you are required to complete and submit with your report.

The completed form should be emailed to the Human Research Ethics Office (HREO) at hreo-research@uwa.edu.au **from the UWA email address associated with your name**, which will be accepted in lieu of a signature. Our current work processes mandate that the form can only be submitted electronically. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Note: Please quote your ethics file reference number in the subject line of your email when submitting your report.

You will require the following information to complete the form:

File Reference Number: RA/4/1/4007

Chief Investigator (CI): Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

Project Title: Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

The Human Research Ethics Committee is bound by NHMRC Guidelines to monitor the progress of all approved protocols until completion to ensure that they continue to conform to approved ethical standards. Until we receive a final report indicating that this protocol has completed, the monitoring of the protocol will remain a high priority for us.

Please ensure that you quote the file reference – RA/4/1/4007 – and the associated project title in this and any future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Kate Kirk
Secretary
Human Ethics Research Committee

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Vittoria Wilkin

From: Kathryn Kirk
Sent: Tuesday, 25 October 2011 11:37 AM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: FW: RA 4/1/4007 - Amendment approved to source economists at academic institutions

Hi Steve
I have noted your email on file.
The questions are fine.
Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Tuesday, 25 October 2011 11:29 AM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: RA 4/1/4007 - Amendment approved to source economists at academic institutions

Hi Kate, just to close the loop on this, see here for the final set of questions: <http://3493640.poll daddy.com/s/unsw>. You are invited to go through the survey so you have a final personal snapshot of what's going out to people. Except for minor wording changes, those questions should seem familiar to you from prior approvals. Feel free to leave responses, I will not look at the data during this testing stage.
Regards Steve

From: Kathryn Kirk
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 12:47 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RE: RA 4/1/4007 - Amendment approved to source economists at academic institutions

Hi Steve
Approval is granted to recruit economists at academic institutions as per the email correspondence below.
Regards,
Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Monday, 24 October 2011 12:45 PM
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: RA 4/1/4007 - request for amendment to source economists at Uni NSW

Hi Kate, no, I will not record anyone's email address at any point, and my initial contact (made via a collaborator at UNSW) will be made using the academics' work email address. I will not be able to link people's identities to responses (although I will record IP numbers simply to eliminate duplicates. But once that's done, I will not consider IP numbers during data analysis).

While we are discussing this, it occurs to me that I should perhaps not specify the university—after all, I may find economists at UWA or Murdoch who might also be willing to be approached? So perhaps my request should be broadened to read "UNSW or other academic institutions". Would that be OK?

Regards Steve

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Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 12:41 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
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Hi Steve

Please can you confirm that there will be no breach of the Privacy Act - ie. no email addresses will be given to you without consent.

Initial email contact from you should be with publicly available addresses.

Regards,
Kate

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Friday, 21 October 2011 4:24 PM
To: Kate Kirk
Subject: RE: RA 4/1/4007 - noted

Dear Kate, further to this, I am now seeking an amendment to the above project concerning the source of subjects. Whereas the original approved application sought to "approach potential participants in public places (e.g., City of

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Perth) and ask if they wish to volunteer 5 minutes of their time", for this next phase of the study I would like to send an email to potential participants that contains a link to the identical survey on the web.

The participants will be economists (Academics or advanced post-graduate students) at the University of NSW, who are collaborators of one of my collaborators. The idea is for each academic to circulate the link among their post-graduates or lab groups to solicit participation because I need experts in economics or in an allied discipline to participate.

To summarize, the procedure is unchanged and the questions are as per the earlier correspondence, I am merely asking to approach colleagues at UNSW and their students to invite them to participate.

Regards Steve

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From: Kate Kirk
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 12:34 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: FW: RA 4/1/4007 - noted

Hi Steve,
The latest set of questions are on file.
Kate

From: Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Tuesday, 19 April 2011 11:26 AM
To: Kate Kirk
Subject: RA 4/1/4007

Dear Kate, please find enclosed the current set of questions I intend to administer under approval RA 4/1/4007. The actual data and graphs being displayed are different from the ones submitted with the initial application, but they are identical in spirit and virtually identical in methodology to what's already been approved.

I am sending you this questionnaire not to ask for an amendment—because I don't think an amendment is required—but to put on record the latest set of questions for your information. Because this deals with climate change, I thought it important to cross t's and dot i's.

Kind regards Steve

Stephan Lewandowsky

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
To: Kathryn Kirk
Subject: RE: RA 4/1/4007 - Amendment approved to source economists at academic institutions
Date: Monday, October 24, 2011 12:50:00 PM

Hi Kate, thanks!

Steve

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To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Amendment Approval
Date: Monday, October 24, 2011 12:49:56 PM
Attachments: 10242011124955PM46195223413.pdf

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24 October 2011

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Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – AMENDMENT REQUEST APPROVED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

I confirm receipt of your correspondence requesting an amendment to the protocol for the above project.

Approval has been granted for the amendment as outlined in your correspondence and attachments (if any) subject to any conditions listed below.

Any conditions of ethics approval that have been imposed are listed hereunder:

1. Sourcing economists at academic institutions

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Kirk on (08)

Please ensure that you quote the file reference RA/4/1/4007 and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Peter Johnstone
Manager
Human Research Ethics Committee

Vittoria Wilkin

From: Kate Kirk < >
Sent: Monday, 28 March 2011 8:40 AM
To:
Subject: APPROVED: Amendmend request for RA/4/1/4007
Attachments: Consensus manipulations.doc

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Consensus manipulations

Consensus 1

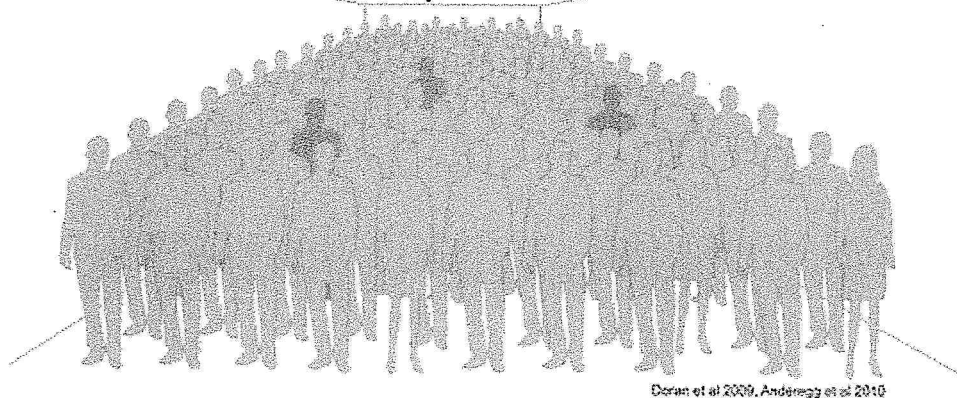
Climate research converges on the strong conclusion that the global mean temperature of the Earth is increasing at a considerable rate. It is also established that the burning of fossil fuels releases CO₂ into the atmosphere, the properties of which have been directly linked to global warming. A recent peer-reviewed study analysed the current climate literature from the most active researchers in the field of climate science: It concluded that 97% of climate experts agree that the global warming we are witnessing is a direct consequence of the burning of fossil fuels by humans.

97% of climate experts agree that the climate is changing and that humans are causing it.

Consensus 2

Studies show that 97 out of 100 climate scientists agree that human CO2 emissions are a major factor in the warming of the Earth's average global temperature.

Over 97% of actively publishing climate scientists
think humans are changing global
temperature



Doran et al 2009, Anderegg et al 2010

From: HREQ
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Amendment Approval
Date: Monday, March 28, 2011 8:38:42 AM
Attachments: 328201183841AM3112115523.pdf

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28 March 2011

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Dear Professor Lewandowsky

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1. Climate change questionnaire
2. with short term email follow-up

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Yours sincerely

Peter Johnstone
Manager
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From: Charles Hanich
To:
Subject: RE: for prescreening
Date: Monday, February 07, 2011 4:09:29 PM
Attachments: Tolerance for Ambiguity and Free Markets Questionnaire.doc

Hi Steve,

the questionnaires for pre-screening - see comment on FM.

Is the scale, etc. OK? They are going to use paper questionnaires for 1st semester.

From: Stephan Lewandowsky [] On Behalf Of Stephan
 Lewandowsky []
 Sent: Thursday, 3 February 2011 16:40
 To: Charles Hanich
 Cc: Ullrich Ecker
 Subject: for prescreening

Hi Charles,

see below; those are the 5 items I want included for 1101 pretesting in a separate scale. They are based on Heath & Gifford and I have ethics approval for their use; Ra 4/1/4007.

Can you please make a note of the consent form/text included below; as I add additional items it would be good if you could amend the text to cover the content of those forthcoming items.

"FM SCALE:"

1. An economic system based on free markets unrestrained by government interference automatically works best to meet human needs.
2. The free-market system may be efficient for resource allocation, but it is limited in its capacity to promote social justice.
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consent form follows: to be updated as needed to reflect final selection of items/scales

This study explores people's beliefs about a wide range of topics, ranging from scientific propositions to claims made in the media and on the internet. In addition, the survey is interested in your attitudes towards your own life and issues confronting modern societies at the moment. The survey consists of around 40 questions and should take no more than 15-20 minutes to complete.

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. The completion of this internet survey is taken to constitute your consent to participate. If you do not wish to participate, exit this webpage now.

The data will be analyzed without regard to your identity. If the results from this study will be published, only aggregate results will be reported and individual responses will not be identifiable.

If you have any questions or comments about this research you may address them to the experimenter, Charles Hanich, at [<mailto: >](mailto:).

The Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Western Australia requires that all participants are informed that, if they have any complaint regarding the manner in which a research project is conducted, it may be given to the researcher or, alternatively to the Secretary, Human Research Ethics Committee, Registrar's Office, University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley, WA 6009 (telephone number +61 8).

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Tolerance for Ambiguity Questionnaire

Instructions: The following statements contain statements describing various situations. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with those statements by placing a tick in **one** square for each question.

1. I avoid settings where people don't share my values.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. I can enjoy being with people whose values are very different from mine.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. I would like to live in a foreign country for a while.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. I like to surround myself with things that are familiar to me.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. The sooner we all acquire similar values and ideals the better.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. I can be comfortable with nearly all kinds of people.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. If given a choice, I will usually visit a foreign country rather than vacation at home.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. A good teacher is one who makes you wonder about your way of looking at things.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. A good job is one where what is to be done and how it is to be done are always clear.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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10. As a result of the circumstances or unexpected happenings arise really
has a lot to be grateful for.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What we are used to is always preferable to what is unfamiliar.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. I like parties where I know most of the people more than ones where all or most of the people are complete strangers.

Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank you

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Free Market Questionnaire

Instructions: The following statements contain statements about free markets. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with those statements by placing a tick in one square for each question.

Comment [c1]: Steve, should I put here some explanation about what are free markets, because I had a lot of subjects asking me: What is a free market? when we did the on-line survey.

1. An economic system based on free markets unrestrained by government interference automatically works best to meet human needs.

Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐

2. The free-market system may be efficient for resource allocation, but it is limited in its capacity to promote social justice.

Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐

3. The preservation of the free market system is more important than localized environmental concerns.

Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐

4. Free and unregulated markets pose important threats to sustainable development.

Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐

5. The free-market system is likely to promote unsustainable consumption.

Strongly Disagree ☐ Disagree ☐ Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐ Agree ☐ Strongly Agree ☐

Thank you

From: HREO
To: [Lewandowsky Stephan](#)
Subject: RA/4/1/4007 - Progress Report Approval
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 1:44:37 PM
Attachments: [128201014436PM49476697333.pdf](#)

Please find attached a letter of approval for your recently submitted Human Research Ethics protocol progress report, RA/4/1/4007 titled Understanding statistical trends.

Kind regards

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08 December 2010

Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
Psychology (School of)
MBDP: M304

Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – ETHICS APPROVAL RENEWED

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

Thank you for submitting your Progress Report for the above project. The report is satisfactory and ethics approval for the project has been renewed.

You will receive a request for your next progress report approximately one month before the next renewal date of 01 December 2011.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Human Research Ethics Office (HREO) on (08) 6488 3703.

Please ensure that you quote the file reference – RA/4/1/4007 – and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Kate Kirk
Secretary
Human Ethics Research Committee

From: Kate Kirk on behalf of hreo
To:
Subject: RE: RA/4/1/4007-Progress Report Overdue URGENT
Date: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 9:23:01 AM

yep, it think that is the case
kate

From: Stephan Lewandowsky [mailto:] On Behalf Of Stephan Lewandowsky
Sent: Monday, 6 December 2010 5:24 PM
To: 'HREO '
Subject: RE: RA/4/1/4007-Progress Report Overdue URGENT

all 3 progress reports were submitted over the weekend, I am assuming that this email crossed mine and I will therefore ignore it for now.

SL

From: HREO [mailto:hreo-research@uwa.edu.au]
Sent: Monday, December 06, 2010 3:30 PM
To: Lewandowsky Stephan
Subject: RA/4/1/4007-Progress Report Overdue URGENT

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Vittoria Wilkin

From: Kate Kirk on behalf of hreo
Sent: Monday, 6 December 2010 3:30 PM
To: Caixia Li
Subject: FW: RA/4/1/4007 - progress report approved
Attachments: Progress_Report_RA_4_1_4007_Lewandowsky.pdf

renewal letter
1 December 2011

From: Stephan Lewandowsky [mailto:
Lewandowsky] **On Behalf Of** Stephan
Sent: Saturday, 4 December 2010 4:14 PM
To: hreo-research@uwa.edu.au
Subject: RA/4/1/4007

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HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS PROGRESS REPORT REQUEST - DATED 13 November 2012
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Project Title: Understanding Statistical Trends

Project Reference Number: RA/4/1/4007

Chief Investigator: W/Prof Stephan Lewandowsky

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If you answered **NO** to Q1, please enter the expected commencement date:

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If you answered **NO** to Q2, please enter the expected completion date:

31-Dec-2012

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(If you answered NO to Q7, please provide details in your associated brief report.) YES: ☒ NO: ☐
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Chief Investigator: Stephan Lewandowsky

Current Date 13 November 2012

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From: HREO
To: [Lewandowsky Stephan](#)
Subject: RA/4/1/4007-Progress Report Overdue URGENT
Date: Monday, December 06, 2010 3:30:09 PM
Attachments: [126201033008PM55808095763.pdf](#)

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06 December 2010

Professor Stephan Lewandowsky
Psychology (School of)
MBDP: M304

Dear Professor Lewandowsky

HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS OFFICE – REPORT OVERDUE

Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

The Progress Report for the above project, for which you are listed as the Chief Investigator, has not yet been received. All ethics approvals are conditional upon the submission of satisfactory Progress Reports.

Should you wish to continue with the project, you must submit a Progress Report not later than **Monday, 20 December 2010**.

Please note that if this report is not received by the above date, ethics approval will be suspended and you will be required to cease all research activities associated with the project.

An electronic copy of the report form that you are required to complete and submit with your report is available to download from the following Web address: <http://www.research.uwa.edu.au/staffnet/human-research/monitoring>

Note: Please quote your ethics file reference number in the subject line of your email when submitting your report.

You will require the following information to complete the form:

File Reference Number: RA/4/1/4007

Chief Investigator (CI): Professor Stephan Lewandowsky

Project Title: Understanding statistical trends

Student(s):

If you have any queries, particularly if you believe our records are incorrect or inaccurate, please do not hesitate to contact the Human Research Ethics Office (HREO) on (08)

Please ensure that you quote the file reference – RA/4/1/4007 – and the associated project title in all future correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Kate Kirk
Secretary
Human Ethics Research Committee

From: [Charles Hanich](#)
To:
Subject: RE: Project Completion Dates
Date: Friday, December 03, 2010 4:27:24 PM
Attachments: [Progress Report RA 4 1 4007 Lewandowsky.pdf](#)

Hi Steve,

Thanks for the update, I updated the N to 1,800.
Can you please look at the brief report at the end of 4007, just to check that it is OK,
or if something needs to be changed or added?

You need to send them to:
hreo-research@uwa.edu.au
from your email address, individually, with the RA number in the subject line.

Cheers,
Charles

At 03:13 PM 2/12/2010, you wrote:

From: Charles Hanich [[mailto:](#)]
Sent: Thursday, December 02, 2010 2:09 PM
To: Stephan Lewandowsky
Subject: Project Completion Dates

Hi Steve,

the ethics forms have different format this year, and they want to know an estimated completion dates for the projects (month & year).

Here is the list of projects, can you give me completion estimates please?
Or let me know where I can find them?

RA/4/1/4007 - Understanding statistical trends
31/12/12

Cheers,
Charles

No virus found in this incoming message.
Checked by AVG - www.avg.com
Version: 9.0.872 / Virus Database: 271.1.1/3292 - Release Date:
12/02/10 03:34:00

Project Title: Understanding Statistical Trends

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Chief Investigator: Stephan Lewandowsky

Current Date 26 October 2012

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From: [Charles Hanich](#)
To:
Subject: RE: - Request for Progress Report
Date: Friday, December 03, 2010 10:39:59 AM

Hi Steve,

I am trying to narrow down the N for the surveys; without Version 4 and the Ipad I have N=1741 from 44 countries. If you could either send me the Version4 (they were all local, I believe) or give me the number of participants from it and also from the Ipad (or guess the Ipad), then I can report the N more accurately.

Cheers,
Charles

At 03:15 PM 25/11/2010, you wrote:

gosh, N=2000 for all modes of data collection combined for the surveys
(internet as well as in-person).
thanks for dealing with mobile

From: Charles Hanich [[mailto:](#)]]
Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2010 2:50 PM
To:
Subject: RE: - Request for Progress Report

Hi Steve,

Ok, I can extract the info from honours theses and from ;
except the Understanding Stat. trends.
Do you have the summery stats for the surveys?

Cheers,
Charles.

P.S. The mobile phone will be sent tomorrow via air satchel. (we missed today's mail)

At 01:03 PM 25/11/2010, you wrote:

From: Charles Hanich [[mailto:](#)]]
Sent: Thursday, November 25, 2010 11:28 AM
To:
Subject: Re: - Request for Progress Report

Hi Steve,

I am working on these progress reports. Can you please match the projects to the experiments (i.e.) for me? I have three projects here, and I attempted to match them to the experiments:

RA/4/1/4007 - Understanding statistical trends - ?? Is this the on-line and iPad stuff?
YES

Under which RA do and fit?
see enclosed

I only need the number of participants, number of sessions and the duration of each session, also if any of these projects have been completed. keep all projects open. concerning the session & participant info, check the honours theses method section they should be in your archive for 2010

Cheers,
Charles

At 03:28 PM 8/11/2010, you wrote:

Charles, see below and enclosed. I am about to forward a few of those- can you complete them as per usual based on the data you keep? ta s

From: [Stephan Lewandowsky](#)
To: ["Charles Hanich"](#)
Subject: RE: - Request for Progress Report
Date: Thursday, November 25, 2010 1:03:00 PM
Attachments: [approval4worldview.pdf](#)

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From: Stephan Lewandowsky
To: Nic Fay (1)
Subject: ethics
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 6:00:00 PM
Attachments: HREC-application-form-2007-amended-rtf3.rtf
Risk_Assessment_Checklist_20091123.docx
Approval amendment for RA414007.msg
ClimQnaireAug2010Draft.doc

Hi Nic, further to this message from yesterday, remember that tomorrow (Thursday) is basically my last day on email for about a week. So let me know if you need any more help or info tomorrow if you can.

Cheers Steve

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Hi Nic, see enclosed, this is the ethics trail for my previous climate-related project. The enclosed outlook message (hope you can read it on a mac) has itself enclosures that contain the constituent questionnaires.

I suggest we point to the "ClimQnaireAug2010Draft" (enclosed) and say that (a) that's got approval under an amendment to RA 4/1/4007 and that (b) all items other than the content questions will be taken from that pool of already-approved items. That would give us maximal flexibility.

Concerning the content items it's easiest to include a representative post (e.g., <http://www.skepticalscience.com/icefreearctic.html>) and just state that memory and comprehension will be tested by multiple-choice items; perhaps throw in 1-2 sample items but clarify that those depend on the content of posts and comments which cannot be anticipated exactly. I reckon that should do.

Hope this all makes sense; I don't think it'll be too hard to put together something.

Cheers steve

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