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Sen. Inhofe Discusses Climategate, "The Greatest Scandal in Modern Science"

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Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK), ranking Member on the [Senate Environment and Public Works Committee](#) ^[1] (EPW), spoke to bloggers at The Heritage Foundation's weekly [Bloggers Briefing](#) ^[2] today and focused his remarks on the controversial "Climategate" scandal — the series of leaked e-mails that have blown holes through the theory of man-made global warming.

As Sen. Inhofe sat down to speak, he opined that he was just in the Senate trying to convince Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) to investigate the subject of the e-mails, instead of the people who uncovered the e-mails. Sen. Inhofe was the leader of the global warming opposition ten years ago when he chaired the EPW Committee; when a blogger asked him what he thought about the emergent news that the science was flawed, the Senator quipped, "Redemption."

Senator Inhofe is not alone in his views on "Climategate." The UK Telegraph called it the "[greatest scandal in modern science](#)" ^[3], and the [UK MET is reevaluating over 160 years of climate data](#) ^[4] because "public opinion of man-made global warming has been shattered by leaked e-mails." Sen. Inhofe seemed confident that neither climate bills would pass the Senate, but feared the Obama Administration would circumvent the legislative process and use the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to [force regulation through the Clean Air Act](#) ^[5]. Sen. Inhofe fired back by releasing a [YouTube video saying that the EPA finding that CO2 is a pollutant was based on faulty science](#) ^[5].

Now, the United Nations is in the middle of the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference, where "[the science is settled](#)" ^[6]. However, as we have stated, the [science](#) ^[7] [is](#) ^[8] [far](#) ^[9] from settled. Now, the world has learned that the basis of the science that climate change was founded on could be proven faulty. This has not stopped the UN's International Panel on Climate Change [from creating a treaty that will be costly to the US economy and not have any real impact on the environment](#) ^[10]. And it's a treaty that would infringe on our national sovereignty.

You can listen to Sen. Inhofe's remarks [here](#) ^[11].

You can watch the video of his remarks [here](#) ^[12].

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