



## THE GLOBAL WARMING TEST

### ○ Question 9:

Which of the following is **not true** about an increasing **greenhouse effect**?

- a) the consensus of scientists is that the problem warrants drastic action
- b) nighttime temperatures may increase, but daytime temperatures will not
- c) the coldest, driest regions of the planet will warm first

**You are correct !**

● In 1989 as the Cold War and the threat of nuclear war were winding down, the Union of Concerned Scientists began to circulate a petition urging recognition of global warming as potentially the great danger to mankind. The petition was eventually signed by 700 scientists. Only three or four of the signers, however, had any involvement in climatology. [Richard S. Lindzen, MIT](#)

● "When a bureaucracy's reason for existence is threatened, it typically generates new missions." [Desperately Seeking Mission: Why the State Department's Gone Green --- Peter VanDoren](#)

● President Clinton and others cite a letter signed by 2600 scientists that global warming will have catastrophic effects on humanity. Thanks to Citizens for a Sound Economy, we know now that fewer than 10% of these "scientists" know anything about climate. Among the signers: a plastic surgeon, two landscape architects, a hotel administrator, a gynecologist, seven sociologists, a linguist, and a practitioner of traditional Chinese medicine. [Global Warming Treaty is All Pain, No Gain ---Malcom Wallop](#)

● Over 17,000 scientists have signed the [Global Warming Petition](#) to express their view that "there is no convincing scientific evidence that human release

of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gasses is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate." [\*The Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine\*](#)

● "It's unfortunate that many people read the media hype before they read the (IPCC) chapter " on the detection of greenhouse warming. "I think the caveats are there. We say quite clearly that few scientists would say the attribution issue (the argument that global warming is caused by human industrial activity) was a done deal." [Dr. Benjamin Santer, climate expert and contributor to the UN- sponsored Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#)



## Question 10

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