

Van: **Benny Peiser** peiser@thegwpf.com  
Onderwerp: In Unprecedented Move, Head of World Meteorological Organization Slams 'Climate Extremists'  
Datum: 11 september 2019 om 13:05  
Aan: hugo@hugovandermolen.nl



Open in your browser

**The Global Warming Policy Forum**  
Director: Dr Benny Peiser

Common sense on climate change

HOME WHO WE ARE LATEST POSTINGS PRESS RELEASES CONTACT

## GWPF Newsletter 11/09/19

# In Unprecedented Move, Head of World Meteorological Organization Slams 'Climate Extremists'



Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization

(WMO)

---

The head of the world's foremost weather science organization issued a surprise rebuke to climate alarmists, marking what may be, according to some experts, one of the most significant developments in the climate debate in decades. The remarks came as a "total surprise," especially coming from Talaas, who has himself made alarmist statements about the climate, according to Benny Peiser, the director of the Global Warming Policy Foundation in London. "I think they're beginning to realize that the whole agenda has been hijacked by extremists and undermining the economy and the social stability of European countries," Peiser told The Epoch Times. --[Ivan Pentcoukov, The Epoch Times, 10 September 2019](#)

**In Unprecedented Move, Head of World Meteorological Organization Slams 'Climate Extremists'**  
[Ivan Pentcoukov, The Epoch Times, 10 September 2019](#)

**The head of the world's foremost weather science organization issued a surprise rebuke to climate alarmists in remarks published on Sept. 6, marking what may be, according to some experts, one of the most significant developments in the climate debate in decades.**





World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Secretary-General Petteri Taalas gives a press conference in Geneva on Oct. 8, 2018. (Fabrice Coffrini/AFP/Getty Images)

Petteri Taalas, the secretary-general of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), told the *Talouselämä* magazine in Finland that he disagrees with doomsday climate extremists who call for radical action to prevent a purported apocalypse.

“Now we should stay calm and ponder what is really the solution to this problem,” Taalas said. “It is not going to be the end of the world. The world is just becoming more challenging. In parts of the globe, living conditions are becoming worse, but people have survived in harsh conditions.”

The remarks came as a “total surprise,” especially coming from Talaas, who has himself made alarmist statements about the climate, according to Benny Peiser, the director of the Global Warming Policy Foundation in London.

“I think they’re beginning to realize that the whole agenda has been hijacked by extremists and undermining the economy and the social stability of European countries,” Peiser told *The Epoch Times*.

Talaas said that establishment meteorological scientists are under increasing assault from radical climate alarmists who are attempting to move the mainstream scientific community in a radical direction. He expressed specific concern with some of the solutions promoted by climate alarmists, including calls for couples to have no more children.

“While climate skepticism has become less of an issue, now we are being challenged from the other side. Climate experts have been attacked by these people and they claim that we should be much more radical. They are doomsters and extremists. They make threats,” Taalas said.

“The latest idea is that children are a negative thing. I am worried for young mothers, who are already under much pressure. This will only add to their burden.”

According to Myron Ebell, the chair of the Cooler Heads Coalition—an organization that challenges climate alarmism—Talaas’s remarks are significant because he heads the WMO. The WMO is one of the two organizations that founded the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 1988

change (11/07) in 1900...

“It’s a major international organization. It has a lot of credibility and for the head of it to say that the alarmists have gone too far is important or potentially important,” Ebell said.

“We’ll have to see what the impact is and also what the blowback is,” he added. “Because, in the past, when people have stepped out of line in a more realistic or skeptical direction, the alarmist establishment has been pretty effective—and often in a very brutal way—in punishing or forcing people back into line.”

While Taalas limited his examples in the climate debate to Finland, some of the extremism Ebell references is akin to the rhetoric employed by climate alarmists in the United States. Democratic socialist Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has become one of the key faces of that movement. The New York congresswoman regularly promotes the theory that the world will enter an irreversible downward spiral toward apocalypse unless the United States takes radical action to eliminate carbon dioxide emissions in 12 years.

[Full story](#)

## **WMO Secretary-General Rejects Climate ‘Doomsters And Extremists’**

[Andrew Montford and Mikko Paunio, Global Warming Policy Forum, 6 September 2019](#)

**The Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) says that the alarmist narrative on climate change has gone off the rails and criticised the news media for provoking unjustified anxiety.**

Speaking to Finland’s financial newspaper [\*Talouselämä\*](#) (“*The Journal*”) on 6 September 2019, Petteri Taalas called for cooler heads to prevail, saying that he does not accept arguments that the end of the world is at hand:

“It is not going to be the end of the world. The world is just becoming more challenging. In parts of the globe living conditions are becoming worse, but people have survived in harsh conditions.”

He also says that the Finnish discourse on climate change has become

overly doom-laden:

“The atmosphere created by media has been provoking anxiety. The latest idea is that children are a negative thing. I am worried for young mothers, who are already under much pressure. This will only add to their burden.”

Moreover, contrary to much of what is heard in the media, he thinks that the solution to climate change does not require people to live ascetic lives.

“If you start to live like an orthodox monk”, he says, “the world is not going to be saved”. He stresses that standards of living should not be lowered.

And he suggests that radical environmentalists are now a major problem:

“While climate scepticism has become less of an issue, now we are being challenged from the other side. Climate experts have been attacked by these people and they claim that we should be much more radical. They are doomsters and extremists; they make threats. Much more radical action is demanded by Extinction Rebellion movement. They demand zero emissions by 2025 and “honest” climate information from governments.”

To Taalas, the deep greens have been abusing the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, cherry-picking parts that they think will support radical action.

“The IPCC reports have been read in a similar way to the Bible: you try to find certain pieces or sections from which you try to justify your extreme views. This resembles religious extremism.”

Although he is critical of right wing populists who do not accept any climate action, he warns of what might happen if fuel taxes are raised too far, noting the protests of the French gilets jaunes.

Taalas hopes that mainstream media will become more critical and hopes more for a more diverse presentation of views and argues that all sides should be interviewed.

“We should consider critically, and with reservations, the thoughts of experts...”

[Full interview \(in Finnish\)](#)

Tell your friends about us  
They can get our newsletter for free

 Share

 Twitter

 Forward to a Friend

 Share

© 2019 The Global Warming Policy Forum, All rights reserved.

**Our mailing address is:**

The Global Warming Policy Forum  
55 Tufton Street  
London SW1P 3QL  
United Kingdom

**About this mailing list:**

You are receiving this email because you opted into it with your subscription to the GWPF or through CCNet.

**You can update your list preferences here:**

- Update subscription preferences
- Unsubscribe from this list