

ME AND THE MODELERS: PERHAPS NOT SO DIFFERENT AT ALL

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Throughout the course of the CO₂/climate controversy of the past decade, I have invariably found myself at odds with most of the climate modeling community. Many times, however, these differences have been more a matter of interpretation and emphasis than they have of substance. Hence, I feel an obligation to publicly state that when it comes to our separate assessments of the state-of-the-art of climate modeling, we appear to be in near perfect agreement.

My basis for this statement comes from the recent review article of Schlesinger and Mitchell (1987) and its somewhat longer forerunner (Schlesinger and Mitchell, 1985). After studying their careful analyses in some detail, I can truthfully say that I concur in every single word of their conclusions and suggested goals of future research. And judging from the list of people they acknowledge as having reviewed both versions of their paper, I would seem to be in good climate modeling company in this concurrence.

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