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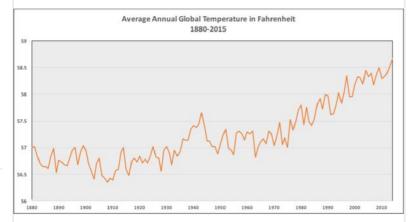
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How much higher is the "rate of temperature increase" over the past 150 years due to man-made climate change compared to earlier periods when temperature rose naturally?

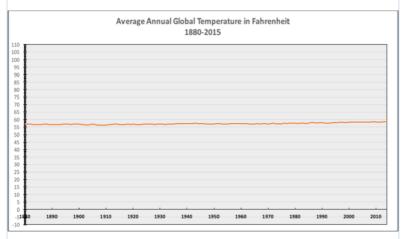
Here is a chart of mean surface temperature rise over the last century and a half:



Wow! Hotter 'n' hotter!

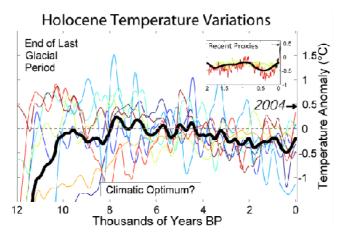
Here is the same data at the scale of human experience of temperature on this planet:

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When you don't make each half degree a centimeter thick, it doesn't look at all scary. It pays to know how to read graphs and charts.

And here we have our mean surface temp for the last eleven millennia:



The first thing to note is the steep climb to the left to the Holocene climate optimum and then the shallow descent on the right to two decades ago. The Younger Dryas was a temperature minimum quite a bit greater than the many to the right. Per











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rnese sinusoidal waves result from quite predictable forcings such as sunspot activity and Milankovitch cycles. They are evidence, then, we are dealing with no unusual forcings of any significance.

The peaks are referred to as "Warms" and the valleys as "Minimums." They are dramatically different. Warms have always been periods of agricultural bounty and civilizational advance. Minimums have been instead periods of droughts, earthquakes, volcanic activity and human migrations. This is thought to result from Warms being associated with high sunspot cycles with their greater infrared radiation and Minimums with low sunspot activity and the sun's greater output of gamma radiation, which, being very high energy, penetrates not just us but the Earth as well.

The point marked 2004 indicates the temperature jump predicted by the many (42) different models for the original Catastrophic Anthropogenic Global Warming hypothesis of Al Gore. Note that a jump in MST of that magnitude would certainly indicate a new forcing was taking place. From there, MST leveled off (apart from the usual El Niño and La Niña effects) and has started down again as sunspot activity subsides. In other words: Nada, Nichts, Zilch, Zip.

Before you claim otherwise, do note that starting with the Holocene optimum and moving rightward, there have been ten rises to Warms (and nine downturns to Minimums). The ten rises have been fairly uniform in slope and duration, but this most recent one, the one actually associated with the industrial revolution, is the least remarkable for heat.

Some claim this year as evidence of warmth finally increasing, but... hold your horses: the Hunga Tonga volcano of last winter alone blasted enough water into our atmosphere to cause such an increase in humidity and thus temperature. Note that our recent rise in gamma radiation may have had something to do with that earthquake.

So, earth's mean surface temperature for the last century and a half—in fact for the last eighty centuries—has been nothing out of the ordinary.

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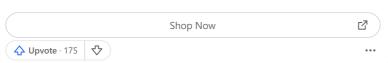
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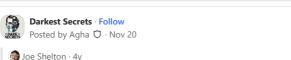
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