

GORDON J. FULKS, Ph.D.

Gordon J. Fulks is a physicist known most recently for his Op-Ed in the Oregonian titled “Global Warming: Climate Orthodoxy Perpetuates a Hoax.” He criticized Governor Kulongoski for forcing State Climatologist George Taylor out of his position at Oregon State University for expressing doubts about Anthropogenic Global Warming. Dr. Fulks went on to argue that AGW is a scare perpetuated by certain politicians and scientists for their personal gain. It lacks the crucial component of all successful scientific theories: solid evidence. With the abysmal state of science education and near total support of the media, alarmists have found it very easy to generate widespread anxiety using anecdotal “evidence” from natural climate variations and testimonials from their “experts.”

Dr. Fulks’s background is very similar to that of many of the scientists promoting AGW with two notable exceptions: he has never accepted ANY money to promote or oppose AGW (or any other theory) because that is unethical, and he is considerably more experienced than most who have.

He received a BS in Physics in 1967 and went on to get an MS and Ph.D. in Physics, all from the University of Chicago. He worked initially for the Laboratory for Astrophysics and Space Research at the Enrico Fermi Institute of the University of Chicago doing experimental research on the solar modulation of galactic cosmic rays. One of the crucial questions at the time was the size of the heliosphere filled by the solar wind blowing from the surface of the sun. The prevailing view of experts was that it was relatively small. In a paper published in 1975, Dr. Fulks argued that it had to be huge, stretching beyond our solar system. Twenty years later, two NASA spacecraft finally reached interstellar space, 8 billion miles from the sun and far beyond Pluto.

He also worked for a think-tank in Santa Barbara, California, primarily supporting the US Defense Nuclear Agency on nuclear weapon effects. When that agency faded away at the end of the Cold War, he supported the US Department of State designing new embassies and working at the US Embassy in Moscow. More recently, he has consulted for various business and government clients seeking to better understand electromagnetic phenomena, related scientific scares, and the concept of acceptable risk.