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Commentary on IPCC Fifth Assessment Report report

Tim Ball, former professor of climatology at University of Winnipeg

Far from being the final word on climate change, last week's United Nations report suggesting near certainty that human activity is causing a rise in Earth's temperatures is actually further proof that the conventional wisdom is dead wrong and the Earth is cooling right on schedule, according to one of the leading scientists who is skeptical of the climate-change premise.

Last week, the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, or IPCC, reported it was 95 percent certain that climate change was the result of human activity, specifically the burning of fossil fuels that emit "greenhouse gases."

"That's the result that they get when you premeditate your science," said Dr. Tim Ball, former professor of climatology at the University of Winnipeg. "When you set out to establish a certain scientific outcome and you program your computers to do that, you shouldn't be surprised if that's the result you get. The problem is what they're getting out of their computers is not fitting with what's actually happening. Of course, that's been the problem with the IPCC all along."

Ball told WND the deception of the IPCC and its allies can be seen in how the reports are released, with the policy statement drawing headlines while the scientific information comes later and is largely ignored..... [\[full article\]](#)

Brett

Wall Street Journal

Rupert Darwall, the author of some good sceptical writing, has a great op-ed in the Wall Street Journal.

"Human influence extremely likely to be the dominant cause of observed warming since the middle of the last century," was the headline from Friday's release of the first instalment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's fifth assessment report. "Extremely likely"—indicating a 95%-100% likelihood—was ratcheted up one notch from the 2007 fourth assessment report's "very likely." Yet compared to 2007, the IPCC widened its estimate of the responsiveness of the climate system to carbon dioxide by reducing the lower band to a 1.5°C increase from 2°C, qualifying the new estimate as only "likely."

This is a glaring discrepancy. How can the IPCC be more confident that more than half the temperature rise since the mid-20th century is caused by greenhouse-gas emissions when it is less sure of the climatic impact of carbon dioxide? The explanation is that IPCC reports, especially the summaries for policymakers, are primarily designed for political consumption. And as if on cue, British Prime Minister David Cameron commented on the IPCC report, "If someone said there is a 95% chance that your house might burn down, even if you are in the 5% that doesn't agree with it, you still take out the insurance....." [\[Full article\]](#)

see also from the WSJ: [Climate of Uncertainty](#)

Phil H

Dr Vincent Gray
[NZ Climate Truth newsletter no 317](#)

Amy

NZCPR
[‘More UN carbon regulations on the way’](#) by Dr Muriel Newman
“The greatest challenge facing mankind is the challenge of distinguishing reality from fantasy, truth from propaganda. Perceiving the truth has always been a challenge to mankind, but in the information age it takes on a special urgency and importance. We must daily decide whether the threats we face are real, whether the solutions we are offered will do any good, whether the problems we’re told exist are in fact real problems, or non-problems” - Michael Crichton.

John B

The Corbett Report
James has some great articles on APGW stuff, interviews with Tim Ball etc its well worth trawling his archives.
For show notes and links see below the video window.

[45 minutes long](#)
The IPCC has released its latest assessment of the state of climate science and this time it’s even more dire than their 2007 assessment. Global Warming is ‘unequivocal’ and humans are the ‘dominant cause’ to a certainty of 95%. But how are these uncertainties calculated? And how does the IPCC process work anyway?

The Corbett Report dissects the latest IPCC hype and examines the organisation's processes and conclusions.

or for those who prefer to [watch on youtube](#):

Andrew L

Richard Lindzen

Top MIT Scientist: [Newest UN Climate Report as 'hilariously' flawed](#).

Phil

[Financial Post](#) - Kesten C Green, J Scott Armstrong and Willie Soon

The full paper is a lot to read.....but the article distils it. Here are a few tasters:

Astonishingly, given the expensive policies proposed and implemented in the name of "climate change," we are aware of only one published peer-reviewed scientific paper that claims to provide long-range climate forecasts. The paper is our own 2009 article in the International Journal of Forecasting. In it we examined the state of knowledge and the nature of the data available in order to select appropriate evidence-based procedures for long-range forecasting of global mean temperatures. We determined that the complexity and uncertainty of the situation meant that the no-change model would be the proper model to use.

We tested our no-change model using the same data that the IPCC uses. To do so, we produced annual forecasts with no trend from one-to-100 years ahead starting from 1851 and stepping forward year-by-year until 1975, the year before the current warming alarm was raised. We did the same for the IPCC scenario of temperatures increasing at a rate of 0.03°C per year in response to exponentially increasing human carbon dioxide emissions. This procedure yielded 7,550 forecasts for each method.

The results? Overall, the no-trend forecast error was one-seventh the error of the IPCC scenario temperatures. The no-trend forecasts were as accurate or more accurate than the IPCC scenario temperatures for all forecast horizons. Crucially, the relative accuracy of the no-trend forecasts increased for longer horizons – for example, the no-trend forecast error was one-twelfth that of the IPCC scenario temperatures for 91-to-100-year ahead forecasts.

Our research in progress tests more forecasting methods, uses more and better data, and extends the validation tests to the present time. The findings strengthen our conclusions that there are no scientific forecasts of dangerous global warming.

Without scientific forecasts, the alarm is false. Government programs, subsidies, taxes, and regulations put up as responses to the global warming alarm can only result in wasteful misallocations of valuable resources.

also from the FP:

[Kill the IPCC: after decades and billions spent, the climate body still fails to prove humans behind global warming](#) (article by Judith Curry)

The IPCC has given us a diagnosis of a planetary fever and a prescription for planet Earth. In this article, I provide a diagnosis and prescription for the IPCC: paradigm paralysis, caused by motivated reasoning, oversimplification, and consensus seeking; worsened and made permanent by a vicious positive feedback effect at the climate science-policy interface.

In its latest report released Friday, after several decades and expenditures in the bazillions, the IPCC still has not provided a convincing argument for how much warming in the 20th century has been caused by humans.....

She has clearly come down on the realist side having been equivocal for some time. This article is as insightful and cutting as I have seen. Spot on.

Ken

NBR

Bryce Wilkinson in the NBR on the [discrepancy between sea level rises predicted in the IPCC “Summary for Policy Makers” and the main Report](#):

[Climate Audit](#)

By Steve McIntyre

[Ice Age Now](#)

Report by Piers Corbyn, astrophysicist and longrange weather and climate scientist

Sonya

Watts up with that

[The 2013 IPCC AR5 Report: Facts -vs- Fictions](#)

Guest essay by Dr. Don J. Easterbrook, Professor of Geology, Western Washington University

Donna LaFramboise
[10 Pages of IPCC Science Mistakes?](#)

[“Bishop Hill” Blog](#)

Phil H

Nigel Lawson
This is not science, it's [mumbo jumbo](#)

Rodney Hide
[Climate Panel leaves me cold](#)

The 1996 Second Assessment was more certain. "The balance of the evidence suggests a discernible human influence on climate."

The 2001 Third Assessment declared the evidence strong: "There is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities".

The 2007 Fourth Assessment declared it 90 per cent probable that humans were to blame. "Most of the observed increase in globally averaged temperature since the mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations."

And now the just-released 2013 Fifth Assessment declares that "It is extremely likely [that is, 95 per cent probable] that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century".

Don

Tony Elliott
Latest landmark climate change report has IPCC scrambling for explanations
[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

Tony

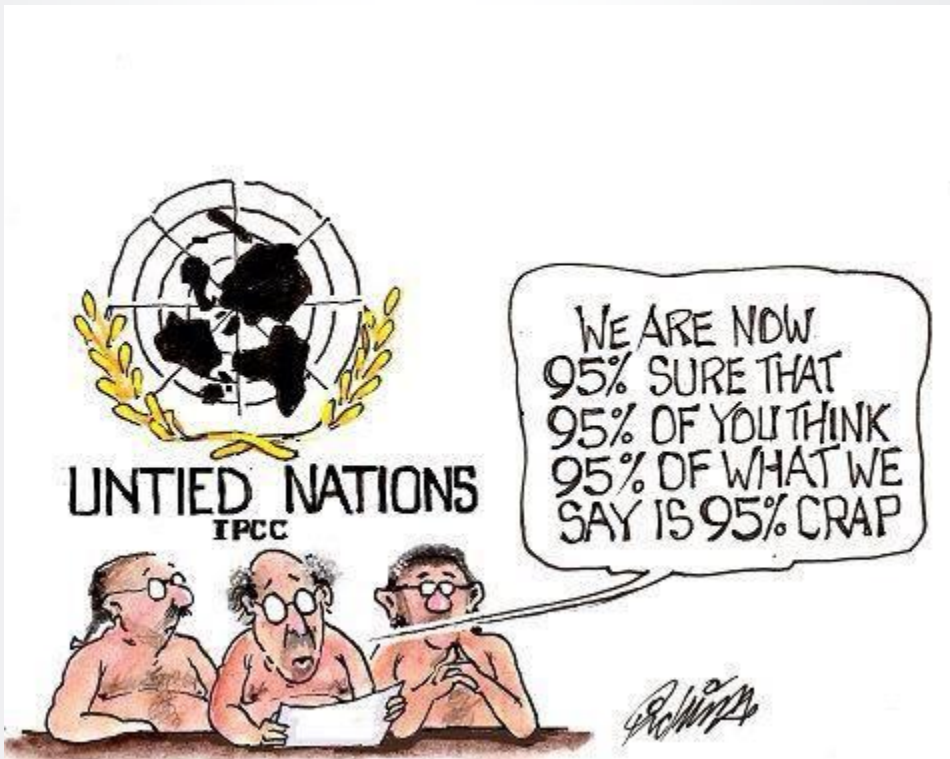
...and of course, [James Delingpole](#).

At the heart of the problem lie the computer models which, for 25 years, have formed the basis for the IPCC's scaremongering: they predicted runaway global warming, when the real rise in temperatures has been much more modest. So modest, indeed, that it has fallen outside the lowest parameters of the IPCC's prediction range. The computer models, in short, are bunk.

To a few distinguished scientists, this will hardly come as news. For years they have insisted that "sensitivity" - the degree to which the climate responds to increases in atmospheric CO₂ - is far lower than the computer models imagined. In the past, their voices have been suppressed by the bluster and skulduggery we saw exposed in the Climategate emails. From grant-hungry science institutions and environmentalist pressure groups to carbon traders, EU commissars, and big businesses with their snouts in the subsidies trough, many vested interests have much to lose should the global warming gravy train be derailed.

This is why the latest Assessment Report is proving such a headache to the IPCC. It's the first in its history to admit what its critics have said for years:

Rob and JH



Don

Environmentalists' exaggerations

Please see Ivo Vegter on Youtube talking at [Tedx Cape Town 2013](#) about environmentalists' exaggerations.

In this video Ivo gets across a lot of common sense without the scientific jargon that makes your brain hurt and he's funny.

George, also Ken and Alan

Matt Ridley: [Global lukewarming need not be catastrophic](#)

From NZCPR:

..... In the climate debate, which side are you on? Do you think climate change is the most urgent crisis facing mankind requiring almost unlimited spending? Or that it's all a hoax, dreamt up to justify socialism, and nothing is happening anyway?

Because those are the only two options, apparently. I know this from bitter experience. Every time I argue for a lukewarm "third way" – that climate change is real but slow, partly man-made but also susceptible to natural factors, and might be dangerous but more likely will not be – I am attacked from both sides. I get e-mails saying the greenhouse theory is bunk and an ice age is on the way; and others from guardians of the flame calling me a "denier".....

Don R

[A Changing Climate - The Spectator](#)

When we say the climate is changing, we do not mean that man-made global warming is destroying planet Earth. We mean that the climate of intellectual opinion is changing rapidly. Take Professor Judith Curry of the school of earth and atmospheric sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Writing in the

Australian, she maintains that: 'The scientific consensus-seeking process [should] be abandoned in favour of a more traditional review that presents arguments for and against, discusses the uncertainties, and speculates on the known and unknown unknowns.'

On the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) into climate change, Professor Curry says 'it is seen that climate models have significantly over-predicted the warming effect of CO2 since 1990' and that these 'models do not generally reproduce the observed reduction in surface warming trend over the last 10-15 years.' Calling for a fresh approach, Curry adds that 'the role of scientists should not be to develop political will to act by hiding or simplifying the uncertainties... behind a negotiated consensus.'

Take that, David Suzuki.....

Amy

Climate Sensitivity

A core goal in climate research today is the determination of climate sensitivity. That is, how sensitive is Earth's climate to changes in energy inputs and outputs? Is the planet's equilibrium temperature alarmingly sensitive or relatively insensitive to the additions of greenhouse gases in particular and other warming factors in general? What controls Earth's climate sensitivity? Might these factors suggest something about the design of the Earth?

Peter and Julia

Sea Level Rise - a challenge from Bryce Wilkinson

An excellent article in NBR by member Bryce Wilkinson challenges the MoE recommendation that all planning should allow for AGW-related sea level rise of up to 10mm per year.

"However, deep in the body of the main report the IPCC actually addresses the issue.

It reveals that in 2011, one study found zero acceleration in sea level rise between 1900 and 2010, and another found only a near-trivial rate of acceleration of 0.012mm a year. Both findings were statistically significant at the 90% confidence level.".....

Barry

Generation Zero's local election hopes

Our recent special notice about Gen Zero's plans for the local election was well received with quite a bit of feedback. Thanks to Paula for alerting us to the information on the Gen Zero website.

Here are some of the responses:

The release from Climate Realists was interesting.

Bearing in mind that a breath exhalation of a man is around 4000ml, and that of a woman around 3000ml, and the exhaled breath is rich in CO₂, then if the Generation Zero extremists were truly committed to their zero CO₂ target, they could all try to stop breathing.

Ross

I am busy writing to Auckland candidates about the fluoride in water.

I spent ages converting from a pdf all their email addresses - if there are any of your activists who would like to write to the Auck candidates about the carbon scam, then I am willing to gift you the list of email addresses.

Cheers,

Esther K

(note from Editor: if you are interested in this contact list please let us know- email info@climaterealists.org.nz)

How not to vote!
Paula

That Victoria University survey

The psychology Dept. of Victoria University recently put out a survey about ‘the social effects of taking action on climate change’.

As promised, the summary of letters I sent to Taciano Milfont, the senior lecturer, may be found [here](#) with his response printed below.

Esther H

Ice Caps - now it's global COOLING

There were those that tried to tell us global warming was b*****t but we wouldn't listen. Time will tell but the pictures from outer space in this article show the arctic ice has increased in size this year.

Tony

See also:

[Gullible Green Sailors Trapped in the Arctic](#)

Alan

Looking after- the planet?

Rajendra Pachauri, Climate Science Head of the U.N. IPPC, announced in Australia in February this year that 'there has been no Global Warming for 17 years'. Now the same IPCC say global warming is currently accelerating faster than ever before and man is to blame. So who is right, him or himself?

Since 1993 the US has spent \$150 billion on climate change research. That's \$20 million every day. According to economist Bjorn Lomborg the European Union will pay \$250 billion for its current climate policies each and every year for 87 years. And for almost \$20 trillion, temperatures by the end of the century could be reduced by a negligible 0.05°C. Expenditure on R&D in NZ comes to around \$10 million per year, with very little to show for it.

To date over 70 climate models have failed in the past to deliver correct predictions for now, and the elusive "hot spot" that global warming science a decade ago said would establish CO2 as a culprit is still not to be found. Alternative theories have been offered, like that the heat must have gone into the deep ocean without anyone noticing, but earth scientists are just as confused as they ever were and forward extrapolation is still beyond the current scope of their computer models.....

Alan

Science is giving itself a bad name

I just read one of those typical "science stories" you see virtually every day.

This one, like they all do, cited "a new study" and "new research."

The report had good news for us all: "Earth could continue to host life for at least another 1.75 billion years, as long as nuclear holocaust, an errant asteroid or some other disaster doesn't intervene."

I saw this NBC News report on Drudge, so it must be true, right?

It got me to thinking, though. What about global warming? I thought the scientists had said that was going to be the death of us all in the relative short term.

So I checked to see the source of this “new study.”

You won't believe it: It's from Andrew Rushby of the University of East Anglia in the United Kingdom.

The University of East Anglia, of course, was the school that recognized catastrophic global climate change was a hoax, but covered up the email discussions between researchers who didn't want to lose their government grants to keep the hysteria at a fever pitch.

When I see stuff like this, it leads to the question: “Do I care what scientists say any more? Do I even believe in science?”

Brett

NZ's first Climate Refugees?

Here's an article on tvnz.co.nz I thought you might be interested in:

['Climate refugee' fights to stay in NZ](#)

Henry

Recommended Reading:

[‘Guardian Angel’](#) by Melanie Phillips

Read our [review](#):

[‘The Age of Global warming: A History’](#) by Rupert Darwall

[‘The Rational Optimist’](#) by Matt Ridley

For all those who have not actually read Matt Ridley’s book “The Rational Optimist”, yet - this review is good.

Good sceptical books continue to come out:

[‘In Global Warming We Trust’](#) by Anthony J Sadar

Tony Sadar contends that before we turn the lights out on modernity, we need to critically examine the assumptions behind long-range climate forecasts and plans to alter the Earth’s climate. He finds that today’s climate science is driven more by self-righteousness than the time-tested science virtues of rigorous data, skeptical inquiry, and no-holds-barred debate.

Sadar warns that climate science has become politicized and that activists’ goals interfere with scientific judgment. He calls on the science community to put an end to the unprofessional and anti-science practices of calling skeptics of a controversial theory “deniers” and “pseudoscientists.” He shows that despite claims to the contrary, leading scientists do not agree on environmental policies. As an atmospheric science insider, Tony Sadar cautions that environmental policymakers place too much confidence in proxy data, computer models, and long-range climate forecasts and are too quick to accept claims that fossil fuels are inherently bad, that humans are destroying the planet, and that only immediate and drastic action can save the world.

The book concludes with a [call to action](#)--a call to restore integrity and optimism to science.

[‘Roosters of the Apocalypse: How the Junk Science of Global warming nearly bankrupted the Western World’](#) by Rael Jean Isaac

Environmentalism is one of the biggest and most successful social movements of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. Fear that human activities are disrupting the planet’s climate global warming is one of the movement’s best-known tropes, often accompanied by predictions of frightening environmental disasters of apocalyptic proportions. But is it true?

Rael Jean Isaac, a sociologist who has written extensively about social movements in the U.S., has studied the environmental movement and paid special attention to

its global warming campaign. She finds the global warming movement, far from being based on scientific facts or consensus, is basically irrational, ideological, and profoundly anti-science.

[‘The Mad, Mad, Mad World of Climatism’](#) by Steve Goreham

The Mad, Mad, Mad World of Climatism is the first book on climate change that is fun to read. Using figures, cartoons, and whimsical sidebars, Steve Goreham describes our crazy world, which is far down the primrose path of global warming fantasy. Contrary to popular consensus, global warming is natural and cars are innocent. But this book is not short on science. Goreham uses charts, graphs, and references to dozens of scientific papers to support his arguments. He shows that icecap melting, stronger storms, polar bear extinction, and many other climate fears are unfounded. At the same time, his large collection of zany pictures and quotes grabs the reader's interest. Learn the real story about climate change.

[‘The Neglected Sun’](#) by Prof. Dr. Fritz Vahrenholt, Dr. Sebastian Lüning

This book is an updated and expanded translation of the German bestseller 'Die Kalte Sonne' (The Cold Sun) which was published in Germany in February 2012. The two German authors are Prof Fritz Vahrenholt, an energy expert and former managing director of RWE Innogy, and Dr Sebastian Lüning a geoscientist who spends most of his working life studying the earth's climate and history. So they are not some liberal arts graduates that cannot comment with authority on serious technical and scientific matters.

Vahrenholt's and Lüning's book looks at hundreds of peer-reviewed climate studies that contradict the claims of a catastrophic man-made global warming. Moreover, it shows how climate science has been to a considerable degree corrupted by politicians and activist scientists.

The Foreword alone cites almost 100 sources and captures the reader. From that point on, the book is impossible to put down. The book presents a solid case that shows man is not guilty of climate change after all and convinces the reader that the impact of CO₂ on temperature is exaggerated and that the sun's impact has been woefully neglected by climate models.

It explains how the IPCC wilfully ignored important, well-known climate factors and manipulated climate models in order to make CO₂ appear as the climate changing culprit.

After reading this book, readers will surely conclude that climate is far more complex than a single trace gas, that the IPCC played it loose with the science, and that there is an activist agenda driving current climate policy. Moreover, readers will come away assured that the climate catastrophe is the nothing but the latest in the string of scare stories we've seen from charlatans throughout human history.

And many more if you follow the embeds on Amazon.....

Phil, Sonya and others

Links from Sonya

From the Global Warming Policy Foundation:
Extreme Weather Events & Global Warming: How Good Is The Evidence?
[Three videos:](#)

***Dr. David Whitehouse, the GWPF science editor, looks at the controversy surrounding extreme weather events and global warming and asks two leading experts how solid the evidence is for the alleged link.

***Professor Roger Pielke Jr. (University of Colorado at Boulder) discusses the scientific evidence and controversy surrounding extreme weather events and global warming with Dr. David Whitehouse.

***Professor Jennifer Francis (Rutgers University) discusses the scientific evidence and controversy surrounding extreme weather events and global warming with Dr. David Whitehouse.

[Ministers face attack over growing blackout risk.](#)

Energy policy questioned as National Grid warns threat of cuts is highest for five years.

[Blackout risk this winter highest in a decade, warns National Grid.](#)

Britain's electricity safety buffer is at the lowest since 2007 and a cold winter could see an energy supply crunch.

The EU wants to kill off fracking to save wind farms

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/energy/fracking/10367432/Fracking-under-threat-from-EU-red-tape.html>

[SSE energy prices up 8.2 per cent](#) as ministers urge households to leave company

Gas and electricity prices will go up by more than £100 to a record level of £1,465, as ministers urged households to leave Scottish & Southern Energy today

The price - the first to be announced by one of the "Big Six" this winter will take effect from November 15 and force up the cost of living for more than seven million customers.

SSE blamed a raft of Government charges and "green" levies for the increase which it insisted equated to an average rise of just £2 a week on most bills.....

Carbon Tax 'too expensive'

MINISTERS ARE under renewed pressure to scrap their controversial green "carbon tax" after delays in European Union state aid left British heavy industry without promised protection from the costs of the levy.

Tata Steel and BASF have warned that the so-called carbon price floor ~ levied on fossil fuels used in power generation ~ is putting them at a competitive disadvantage.

Britain's Energy Chaos: Investors abandon sinking ship

Red Cross to distribute food parcels for the first time since WW2

The City has now finally digested Ed Miliband's energy policy, which could cost the supply companies at least £4.5bn over 2015-17. It is clear that the threat of a price freeze will chill investment in new generating capacity, regardless of what some in Westminster may hope. Equity investors have reacted as they ought to have on day one: they have been selling out of the entire UK gas and electricity sector (and not just supply companies) and switching their money into utilities based in safer countries.....



Not Climate Change related - but a free ad for Family First.

Family First is an organisation well worth your support. At times a lone voice, it continues to stand for families and family values within New Zealand.

Hi there

I have a great chance for both of us to be put in a draw to win an Air New Zealand DELUXE MYSTERY BREAK for 4 people

Each week I receive from Family First vital information about what the Government is doing, what the research is saying, what laws are being passed or changed, and how I can respond if I want to on issues affecting families and values in NZ. It keeps me up to date with what's happening, and also encourages and equips me to speak up on these issues if I want to. You can see examples of their information and website [HERE](#) .

If you would like to be informed on important family issues and be part of a 'voice for families', register [HERE](#), and don't forget to put my name in the space "WHO ENCOURAGED YOU TO JOIN OUR SUPPORT TEAM?"

Then we'll both be in the draw to win the Air New Zealand DELUXE MYSTERY BREAK for 4 people. Deluxe Mystery Breaks include: Return Air travel (Seat & Bag) on Air New Zealand, rental car with unlimited k's waiting for you at the airport, and 4 - 5 star accommodation at your mystery destination. Awesome!*

And if you find that you would prefer not to stay informed, you simply unsubscribe with a click of a button!

Thanks for your consideration of this. It would be a great prize to win. The draw will be made Monday week (21st Oct) so don't delay!

Click here <https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/email-updates/>

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