

For Sourcewatch, Q re U.S. Environmental Literacy Council's citing of your 2001 Science paper

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Hello Anna

Thanks for pointing this out. Here is a response you can quote:

I assume that the paper referenced is "Climate Variability and the Influence of the Sun" which I published in Science (vol.294, p.2109, 2001) and which refers to another paper (Bond et al, in the same issue of Science). The latter presented an observational record indicating that times of cooling of the North Atlantic Ocean, which occur approximately every 1500 years, are associated with periods of low solar activity. My paper discussed mechanisms whereby that link might occur and it certainly supports the idea that solar activity might modulate climate on these timescales. Nowhere, however, did it refer to current global warming, or suggest that the Sun is responsible for it, and to extend the conclusions in this way is disingenuous.