



# CLIMATE FACT CHECK: NOVEMBER 2024 EDITION

Without a doubt, the news of the month was the reelection of climate skeptic Donald Trump to the presidency. Bloomberg captured the relevant implications with the headline: “Trump Aims a ‘Wrecking Ball’ at Climate Policy.”

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## Trump Aims a ‘Wrecking Ball’ at Climate Policy

The president-elect has said he'll exit the Paris climate accord and ramp up oil and gas production.



Donald Trump at a rally in Pottsville, Michigan, on Aug. 29. Photographer: Brittany Greeson/The New York Times/Redux

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Let's hope the Bloomberg headline comes true. Here are 10 more reasons for President Trump to wield a wrecking ball against the climate hoax.

## RECORD NUMBER OF STORMS DURING HURRICANE SEASON?

The *Washington Post* reported last April in "[Forecast group predicts busiest hurricane season on record with 33 storms](#)" that:

"A research team led by University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann is predicting the upcoming Atlantic hurricane season will produce the most named storms on record, fueled by exceptionally warm ocean waters and an expected shift from El Niño to La Niña. The new forecast, issued Wednesday, calls for a range of 27 to 39 named storms, with a best guess of 33."

*The Washington Post*

**Fact Check.** Only 18 named storms occurred. Mann's group only made the wrongest seasonal storm prediction on record. There has been no comment yet from the *Washington Post*.

## WARMEST NOVEMBER IN WASHINGTON, DC?

The *Washington Post* reported in "[D.C. just experienced its warmest November on record](#)" that: "November's warmth helped push 2024 into first place among the warmest years on record for the District."

*The Washington Post*

**Fact Check.** The average high temperature for Washington, DC in November 2024 was estimated to be 55.2°F. The sixth warmest Washington, DC November on record occurred in 1931 and was estimated at 54°F. Washington DC has an urban heat island effect that can reach as high as 8.5°F. While November 2024 was nominally warmer than November 1931, it's difficult to attribute the difference to the weather or climate.

## LAKE-EFFECT SNOW AFFECT BY EMISSIONS?

The *Buffalo News* reported in "Buffalo is seeing more intense snowstorms more often, data show": "The troubling trend of severe snowstorms happening more often in Western New York may be due to the planet heating up as humans continue to burn excess fossil fuels."

THE BUFFALO NEWS

**Fact Check.** So-called "lake-effect snow" is caused when by cold air moves over the warm Great Lakes. There is no direct scientific evidence that emissions cause cold air to move anywhere or that they warm the Great Lakes. Snow data from Buffalo since 1940 shows no trend of increasing snowfall or severe snow storms.

## WILDFIRES NEW TO THE NORTHEAST US?

The *Washington Post* reported in "Wildfires used to just be a problem in the American West. Not anymore." that: "The West has for years been adapting to more extreme fires and investing in firefighting resources. In a place like Connecticut, there hasn't been a reason to consider such steps — until now."

*The Washington Post*

**Fact Check.** Wildfires are not a new problem in the Northeast. That's why Northeast states started the Northeastern Forest Fire Compact in 1949. Its [purpose](#) is to "promote effective prevention and control of forest fires in the Northeastern United States."

## CLIMATE CHANGE WORSENING STORMS?

Nautilus reported in "The New Climate Math on Hurricanes" that: "Climate scientists have been warning for years that climate change is supercharging storms, broadly speaking. But connecting specific rates of warming to the ferocity of specific storms was out of reach. Now a team of scientists has developed a model that, for the first time, allows them to calculate how warming ocean temperatures have contributed directly to wind speeds in individual hurricanes."

 NAUTILUS

**Fact Check.** Meteorologist Joe Bastardi [responded](#) that: "This is absurd. So can we calculate why the average Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) per storm, a measure of the total energy produced by a storm, has dropped from over 10 in the 1950s to under 8 now. Or why with the warmest sea surface temperature on record, the Northern Hemisphere ACE index was 80% of average?"

## RECORD DRYNESS IN THE NORTHEAST?

The Associated Press reported in "[Record dryness in US Northeast should change water behavior, experts say](#)" that: "Fires have burned in parks and forests around New York City. Towns and cities in a stretch from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to south of Philadelphia had their driest three months on record... Some reservoirs in the region are near historic lows... As the climate warms, droughts will continue to intensify and communities should use this one as motivation to put in place long-term solutions, experts say."

 Associated Press

**Fact Check.** While it was a dry October in the Northeast, since 1895 the Northeast has been [trending](#) wetter.

## CLIMATE CHANGE 'GOOSED' HURRICANE SPEEDS?

The Associated Press reported in "[Climate change goosed hurricane wind strength by 18 mph since 2019, study says](#)" that: "Human-caused [climate change](#) made Atlantic hurricanes about 18 miles per hour (29 kilometers per hour) stronger in the last six years, a new scientific study found Wednesday."

 Associated Press

**Fact Check.** [Hurricane activity occurs in multidecadal cycles](#). Even assuming that emissions somehow affected hurricanes, and there is no evidence that they do, a six-year study would be quite inadequate.

## BANGLADESH DISAPPEARING?

The Associated Press reported on June 29, 1989 in "[UN Predicts Disaster if Global Warming Not Halted](#)" that: "A senior U.N. environmental official says entire nations could be wiped off the face of the Earth by rising sea levels if the global warming trend is not reversed by the year 2000... Coastal regions will be inundated; one-sixth of Bangladesh could be flooded, displacing a fourth of its 90 million people."

 Associated Press

**Fact Check.** A recent study (2022) [reports](#) that since 1990, Bangladesh has increased in land area by 1,033 square miles. Also, [repeated studies](#) show that most island nations have grown in size during the recent period of modest warming.

## 1.5°C NO LONGER MAKES SENSE?

Bloomberg reported in "[Why Are We Still Talking About 1.5C?](#)" that: "The battle to keep global warming within 1.5°C has been a rallying cry for climate action for nearly a decade. Now, with the planet almost certain to blow past the target, diplomats and campaigners at the COP29 summit have found themselves awkwardly clinging to a goal that no longer makes sense."

**Bloomberg  
Law**

**Fact Check.** The 2009 Climategate scandal revealed that temperature targets like 1.5°C never made any sense. In an email exchange with a European politician about the original 2°C climate target, University of East Anglia climate scientist and prominent Climategate figure Phil Jones admits: "The 2°C limit is talked about by a lot within Europe. It is never defined though what it means. Is it 2°C for the globe or for Europe? Also, when is/was the base against which the 2°C is calculated from? I know you don't know the answer, but I don't either! I think it is plucked out of thin air."



## STRUGGLING PLANKTON?

The *Washington Post* reported in "[Plankton are the backbone of the ocean – and may struggle with what's coming](#)" that: "A pair of papers in the journal *Nature* shows how plankton are struggling to survive in warming seas."

*The Washington Post*

**Fact Check.** In July 2023, the *Washington Post* reported the opposite phenomenon in "Climate change is changing the ocean's color – and fast, scientists say." Warming seas were causing plankton to thrive so much that they were turning the water green.

We'll close out this month with this very special [report](#) from Associated Press climate propagandist Seth Borenstein. Climate hysteria is such a hoax that delegates to November's COP-29 climate conference were reduced to playing a climate change board game.

Until next month, check out these other great fact checks.

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- [Quit Fearmongering, The Nation, Climate Change is Not a National Security Threat](#)
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