

Smith College
AST 111
Homework Assignment

Global Warming

Go to the *Real Climate* website page on *Responses to common contrarian arguments* at

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2004/12/index/#Responses>.

Choose one topic from the list there that appeared in the last 5 years, and read both the response and the original posting that triggered the response.

Summarize the issue in 2-3 paragraphs, using your best scientific understanding of the greenhouse effect. What was the claim, and what is the RealClimate scientist's response? Are there any credible scientific counter arguments presented in the posted responses to the response?