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FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2004 Bush Still Cool On Global Warming

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In a wide-ranging interview with the New York Times, Bush says that he doesn't believe Kerry lied about his war record, still refused to condemn the scurillious ads that made that charge without any factual basis or eyewitness evidence, admits he made a "miscalculation" about the post-war conditions of Iraq (is that like admitting a mistake?) and so forth. But my favorite bit came when the NYT brought up his own administration's new report that finally acknowledged what the overwhelming scientific evidence has made clear: that a major factor in global warming is carbon dioxide emissions.

"On environmental issues, Mr. Bush appeared unfamiliar with an administration report delivered to Congress on Wednesday that indicated that emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases were the only likely explanation for global warming over the last three decades. Previously, Mr. Bush and other officials had emphasized uncertainties in understanding the causes and consequences of global warming.

"The new report was signed by Mr. Bush's secretaries of energy and commerce and his science adviser. Asked why the administration had changed its position on what causes global warming, Mr. Bush replied, 'Ah, we did? I don't think so.""

Clueless. Maybe if he glanced at a newspaper every once in a while, Bush would know what his own administration was doing.



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