

## Letter to the Editor

The Letters Editor.

### **About Lysenko, Pseudo-Science and CO2.**

Recently English Historian Paul Johnson wrote that the climate change bandwagon is like Marxist or Freudian science. A closer parallel might be with Lysenko pseudo-science.

Lysenko was an insignificant agriculturalist who thought he had a new way of developing crops that would vastly increase food production in the starving Russia of Stalin. It was called vernalisation, and included treating seeds before cultivation to affect their behaviour.

Significantly, Lysenko introduced his ideas first through politics, and had heavy political backing. Russian “intellectuals” inferred that his idea had a Marxist backing, because it claimed biology could be modified in the way that communists wanted to control people's behaviour.

Lysenko, through politics became a cult leader, whose ideas impressed the politburo and peasants.

He demonised conventional genetics. Opposition to Lysenko was not tolerated, and was labelled 'bourgeois' or 'fascist'. With Stalin's blessing numerous geneticists were shot, and others exiled to Siberia.

Dark green anti-industrial climate change ideology, like Lysenkoism, is much more attractive for politicians and “true believers” to follow than the study of real science.

The modern Lysenkos are Nicholas Stern in Britain and Ross Garnaut in Australia. Both Stern and Garnaut make it clear they are not scientists and have based their conclusions on the farcical IPCC reports.

Paid and encouraged by political leaders, both continue to make public statements warning about the increasing dangers of climate change as if they were experts. This merely keeps their reports in the public eye, and echoes the pseudo science of Lysenko.

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