

Re: OT:Thanksgiving

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"HeyBub" <heybub@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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tlmfru wrote:

I interpreted your post as casting doubt upon global warming happening at all.

And while it certainly can happen without our help, you're just being stubborn if you contend that – two centuries of spilling heat, carbon dioxide, pollutants of all sorts, chemicals such as nitrogen and phosphorus which cause natural growths to run away, into the environment – have had nothing to do with it.

Yes, but natural growths soak up the CO₂, giving off Oxygen. It averages out.

What's really, really dumb is to pretend that carbon/emission credit trading is going to do anything to solve the problem. (You haven't said this, so you needn't respond if you don't want to). Book-keeping, which is what this is, won't do anything. As it is done now, emission credits are just a license to pollute. If there was true political courage anywhere in the world, polluters would be fined so heavily that they couldn't afford NOT to clean up. Especially if they couldn't pass it along to their customers.

The biggest gain in fighting pollution is improved technology, not draconian laws, shell-games involving carbon, or changes in lifestyle. We have the cleanest air (in the U.S.) we've ever had and we got it through increased technology, not through trying to power our society from sunbeams or eating free-range chickens.

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People just don't apply one of the "quality control thinking" processes, such as "what then." For example, if we get rid of automobiles, and go back to a simpler time, what will we do with all the horse shit?

It could be absorbed into this forum and no-one would even notice :-)

Pete.

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"I used to write COBOL...now I can do anything."

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