

End Funding for the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

SAVINGS IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2016-2020	2016-2025
\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$12	\$12	\$51	\$108

Heritage Recommendation:

End contributions to the IPCC. This proposal saves \$10 million in 2016, and \$108 million over 10 years.

Rationale:

The IPCC is charged with the “preparation of comprehensive Assessment Reports about the state of scientific, technical and socio-economic knowledge on climate change, its causes, potential impacts and response strategies. The IPCC also produces Special Reports, which are an assessment on a specific issue and Methodology Reports, which provide practical guidelines for the preparation of greenhouse gas inventories.”³⁰

These studies have been subject to bias, manipulation, and poor data. In recent years, the U.S. House has voted to eliminate funding to the IPCC, but funds have been included in the final appropriations bills enacted into law.

Additional Reading:

- David W. Kreutzer, “A Cure Worse than the Disease: Global Economic Impact of Global Warming Policy,” Heritage Foundation *Backgrounder* No. 2802, May 28, 2013, <http://www.Heritage.org/research/reports/2013/05/a-cure-worse-than-the-disease-global-economic-impact-of-global-warming-policy>.
- Brett Schaefer and Nicolas Loris, “U.S. Should Put U.N. Climate Conferences on Ice,” Heritage Foundation *Issue Brief* No. 3792, December 5, 2012, <http://www.Heritage.org/research/reports/2012/12/climate-change-us-should-work-outside-of-united-nations-climate-conferences>.
- David Kreutzer, “If IPCC Sea Level Numbers Aren’t Bad Enough, Try Tripling Them,” *The Daily Signal*, July 22, 2011, <http://dailysignal.com/2011/07/22/if-ipcc-sea-level-numbers-aren%e2%80%99t-bad-enough-try-tripling-them/>.

Calculations:

Savings are expressed as budget authority based on the FY 2014 estimated spending levels as found on page 177 of the “FY 2015 Congressional Budget Justification: Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs,” <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/222898.pdf>. This estimated level has been increased at the same rate as discretionary spending in the CBO’s most recent baseline spending projections.