Cartoons for the Classroom

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Between the lines

As world leaders prepared for the December, 2009, UN climate-change conference in Copenhagen, a computer hacker sparked a new round of debate between climatechange activists and skeptics.

The hacker broke into a prominent British climate research center and posted more than a thousand private emails online. The skeptics have jumped on suggestions that the researchers may have massaged their data.

Meanwhile, the Christian Science Monitor reports that while many Americans worry about global warming, their concerns are receding, according to recent studies.



Eric Allie / Courtesy CagleCartoons.com



Paresh Nath, The Khaleej Times, UAE / Courtesy CagleCartoons.com

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http://cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/allie.asp

More by Paresh Nath

http://www.cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/paresh.asp

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Drawing a bead on the climate-change debate

Talking points

- 1. A scene from *The Wizard of Oz* provides cartoonist Eric Allie with a metaphor for the climate-change debate. The Wizard is labeled "Global Warming Science." Explain the cartoonist's stance on global warming.
- 2. Notice that the cartoonist chose the Scarecrow to answer the admonition by the Wizard. Why choose that character? (Hint: "If I only had a . . .") The Scarecrow's hat is labeled MSM. What's that stand for? (Hint: Scarecrow's holding a notebook.)
- 3. In Paresh Nath's cartoon, the globe is drowning while the 2035 Global Warming summit attendees agree there's no hurry ot act. What do the signs visible in the water stand for? What is the cartoonist implying?