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Scouring the bowels of the internet

Climate Change Fanatics Blame Japan Earthquakes, Tsunamis on Global Warming

You know, because earthquakes are such a recent phenomenon.

(Grist) — So far, today's tsunami has mainly affected Japan — there are reports of up to 300 dead in the coastal city of Sendai — but future tsunamis could strike the U.S. and virtually any other coastal area of the world with equal or greater force, say scientists. In a little-heeded warning issued at a [2009 conference on the subject](#), experts outlined a range of mechanisms by which climate change could already be causing more earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic activity. . . .

Scientists have known for some time that climate change affects not just the atmosphere and the oceans but the earth's crust, but these effects are not widely understood by the public.

“In the political community people are almost completely unaware of any geological aspects to climate change,” said

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News recall

- The 6.3 magnitude quake in L'Aquila devastated the city and killed 309 people.
- Six Italian scientists and an ex-government official have been sentenced to six years in prison over the 2009 deadly earthquake
- Earthquakes are complex, makes accurate prediction of them virtually impossible.
- The "prediction" of the Haicheng quake was therefore just a lucky unrepeatable coincidence.
- Public thought their prediction should be accurate.



Joke? Prediction?

- Mayan apocalypse: the end of the world 2012-12-21?
- I don't know, but I heard from a stranger in the street?
- Or I can't say now, later (after it happens) I will tell you.
- Or it will happen definitely, maybe in a second, maybe in hundreds of years.
- Or I don't know, it's the life.
- Or I make a prediction for money.

To say or not to say?

- What to blame?
 1. Wrong predictions cause only panic for public (there's no catastrophe, but claims one).
 2. Wrong prediction on a catastrophe.
 3. There could be a catastrophe, but in order to avoid panic, I don't speak out.

Where's the threshold?

In what frequency?

Damage and panic?

Doctor in prediction

- A doctor has a patient with stomach pain, do the doctor need to call patient saying that you're going to die anyway, while most of his stomach pain patients have no problem later.
- What happens if the doctor is on vocation, and his patient suddenly dies?

Doctors and scientists

Scientists

- Lack of predict abilities
- Predict a catastrophe
- Wrong prediction—more victims

How to predict an earthquake?

Lots of phenomenon

How to predict pregnancy?

If you are tired and can eat much than before, or you have a sickness.

Doctor

- Young doctors
- Make a diagnosis
- One case– one victim



Always
happen
everywhere,
meaningless!

Earthquake in USA



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