

The paper seems to be [disavowing](#) the views of its own columnist:

The new evidence — including satellite data showing that the average multiyear wintertime sea ice cover in the Arctic in 2005 and 2006 was nine feet thick, a significant decline from the 1980s — contradicts data cited in widely circulated reports by Washington Post columnist George F. Will that sea ice in the Arctic has not significantly declined since 1979.

I feel particularly chagrined by Will's inability to understand climate science — we went to the same high school, which has an [outstanding science program](#), so even if he missed out on science in college and later life, he should *still* know better!