



Walter Cronkite (photo  
from TPM)

Some people are calling him “the last journalist” because his breed of even-handed, fact-based report seems to be an endangered species. Be that as it may, it’s interesting to note that he spoke out on the subject of climate change a few years ago in the pages of the [Philadelphia Inquirer](#). Not surprising, his perspective was different from that of the Bush Administration, which made a practice of scoffing at the “reality-based community”:

The contempt of the Bush administration for environmentalists and their concerns is well known by now. While evidence of man-made environmental damage mounts, the Bush team resists its implications like a defeated army whose rear guard fights off its pursuers as it retreats. That has been especially true of its handling of the most serious of all environmental issues – global warming.

*Speaking truth to power*, as they say. He’ll be missed.