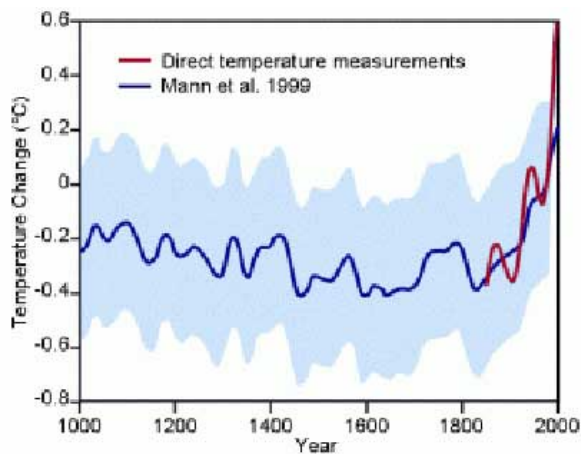




It was a faked, trumped-up scandal from the beginning, and now [it's official nonsense](#):

An American scientist accused of manipulating research findings on climate science was cleared of that charge by his university on Thursday, [the latest](#) in a string of reports to find little substance in the allegations known as Climategate.

This comes on the heels of a House of Commons investigation [clearing British scientists of any wrongdoing](#).

Of course, in the Times story, the reporters have to get a quote from faux-think tank Competitive Enterprise Institute claiming (without any evidence, as is typical) that the investigation of Mann was a whitewash. Investigations designed to reach particular results? Pot, meet kettle.