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Appendix A Excerpt from Glasgow schools leaflet

Twelve Really Important Things you can do to help stop global warming

oneclimate, net active: Talk

can do lots! talk to your friends... your teachers

with your friends, your teachers and your parents. You can all make your voices heard on

OneClimate.net.



What's OneClimate.net?
It's your space... like
MySpace, but this
special space is for
setting up networks of
like-minded people to
help fix climate change.
On OneClimate, you can
ask questions or write
about things you're

doing to combat global warming. You can post videos and pictures too. You can even form your own group and make contact with others like yourself. Get your parents and teachers involved! Why not get your school to join as a group? Take a look at OneClimate.net! It's completely FREE.

You can also write to your country's politicians telling them that you're worried about climate change and why. If enough people make a fuss, they have to do something.



2. Know what damag

you're

doing and get to be an expert! It's

not much use trying to change something if you're part of the problem or you don't understand what it's all about! Why not start by finding out what your Carbon





Appendix B Other exam board repositories

OCR repository

The OCR repository had far less evidence of bias than the AQA one discussed in the main text, although occasionally there were questions that raised concerns. For example, in the January 2012 geography paper, examinees were asked to discuss the statement 'The principal causes of global warming are the result of human activities'. The marking scheme appeared to accept that it was possible to argue that natural factors might play a role, but left this warning:

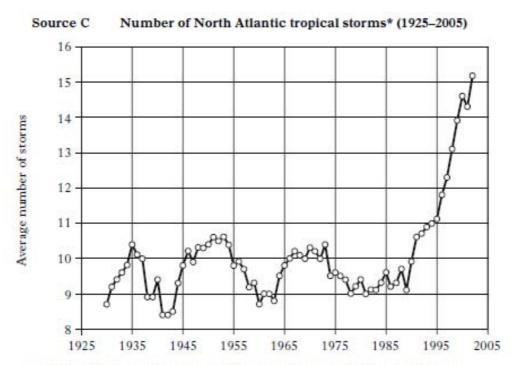
Comments about non-human contributory factors are welcome, as long as they are justified by convincing science and do not descend into the genre of fictional conjecture.²

It is unclear whether fictional conjecture was considered acceptable for comments about anthropogenic factors.

However, alongside such concerns, there is also evidence that OCR candidates are being criticised for green bias. One examiner's guide for marking a global warming project criticised the candidate for including loaded questions on transport, assuming that this was affecting global warming.³ In the same document the examinee's observation that a *Guardian* article was biased in a green direction appeared to be accepted.

SQA repository

The Scottish Qualifications Authority repository shows evidence of a bias as serious as that outlined for AQA (see main text). For example, in a paper on Contemporary Social Studies, a graph of North Atlantic hurricane activity is shown (see Figure 1), measured by the count of tropical storms.⁴ The *y*-axis has been truncated, exaggerating the apparent rise, but more important than this is the fact that the count of named tropical storms is a widely deprecated way of measuring hurricane activity. This is because the advent of satellites has led to more storms being detected, including many small ones and examination of the graph reveals that the rise in storm count coincides with the beginning of the satellite era. The accumulated energy of hurricanes over a season is widely recognised as a more reliable measure, and shows hurricane activity at historically low levels.



*Tropical storms get their energy from warm air in the atmosphere

Source D Global surface temperature and atmospheric carbon dioxide levels (1850–2005)

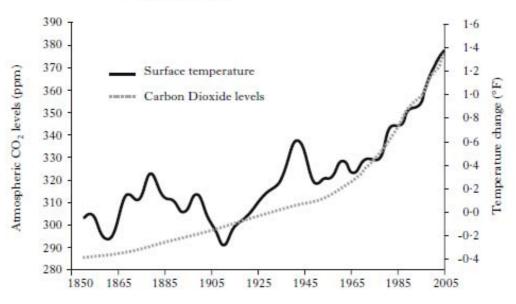


Figure 1: Excerpts from Contemporary Social Studies paper

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Similarly, in the same paper, the graph of surface temperatures has been smoothed and truncated at 2005, hiding the halt in temperature rises since the millennium (Fig. 7).

Another example comes in the shape of a Religious, Moral and Philosophical Education (RMPE) paper,⁵ which focuses on environmentalism:

Describe two ways in which an organisation like Friends of the Earth responds to the problem of global warming.

- ..
- Through education, giving out information about the effects of global warming.
- Calling on people to campaign and demand more support for renewable energy programmes.
- Publishing studies that report on global companies and their contribution to global warming.
- Drawing attention to the effects of global warming on the world's poorest people.

Another RMPE paper asked candidates to describe two forms of environmental damage,⁶ with the marks scheme suggesting, among other things damage to the ozone layer through burning of fossil fuels. Markers were also advised to note that the sources used were suitable, with suggestions including 'reports from organisations such as WWF, Greenpeace, etc. Scientific reports on state of planet etc'.

The SQA repository refers to 'climate change' 60 times, 'global warming' 104 times, 'recycling' 122 times, and to 'sustainable' or 'sustainability' over 120 times.

Appendix C – Further materials from an ecoschool



Figure 2: Bredon Hill Middle School French materials

Source: http://www.bredon.worcs.sch.uk/?page_id=1535.

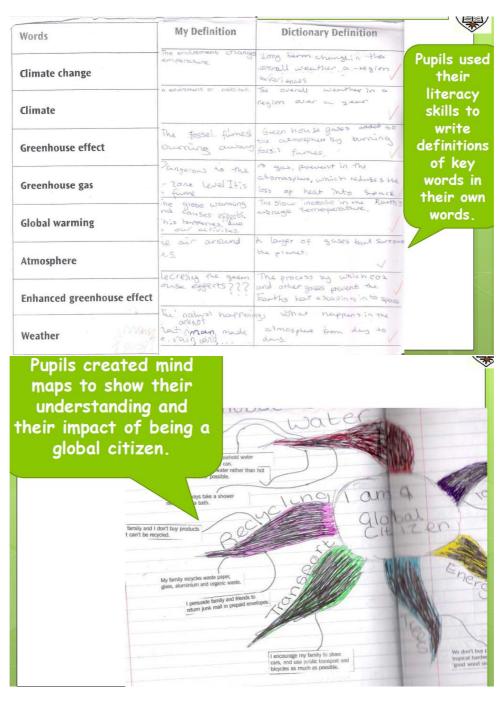


Figure 3: Bredon Hill geography classwork

Source: http://www.bredon.worcs.sch.uk/?page_id=1535.

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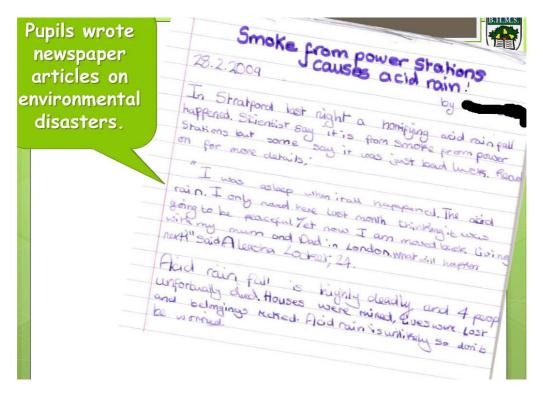


Figure 4: Further excerpt from geography classwork

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Appendix D Nef teaching materials

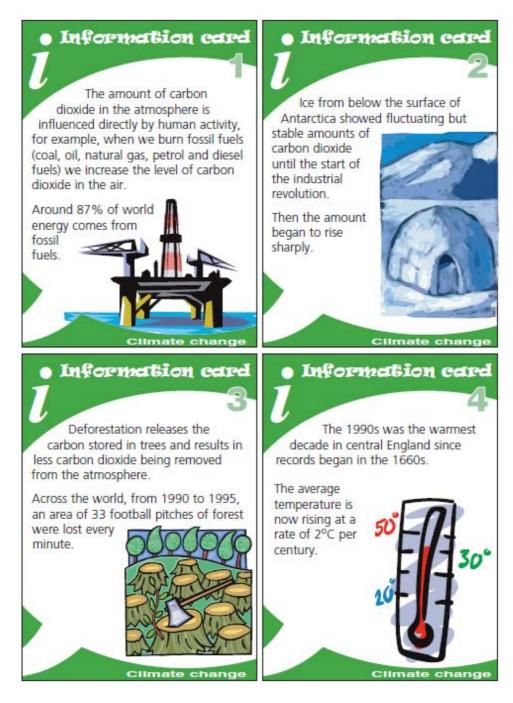


Figure 5: Nef teaching materials (1)

Source: http://www.neweconomics.org/publications/entry/democs-for-schools-climate-change.

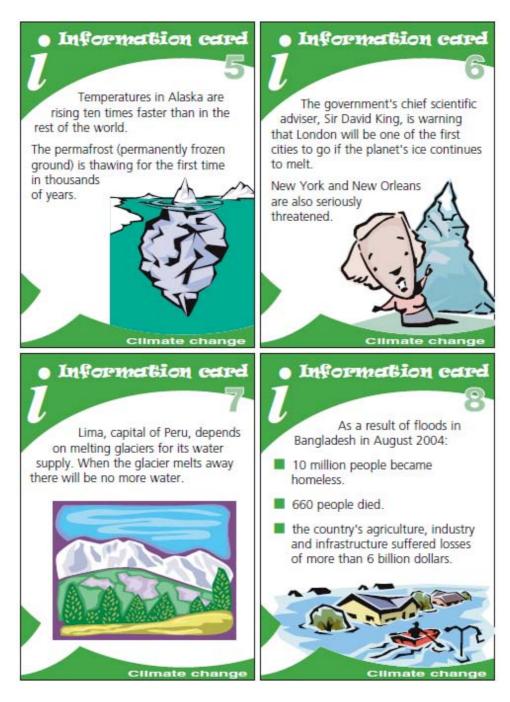


Figure 6: Nef teaching materials (2)

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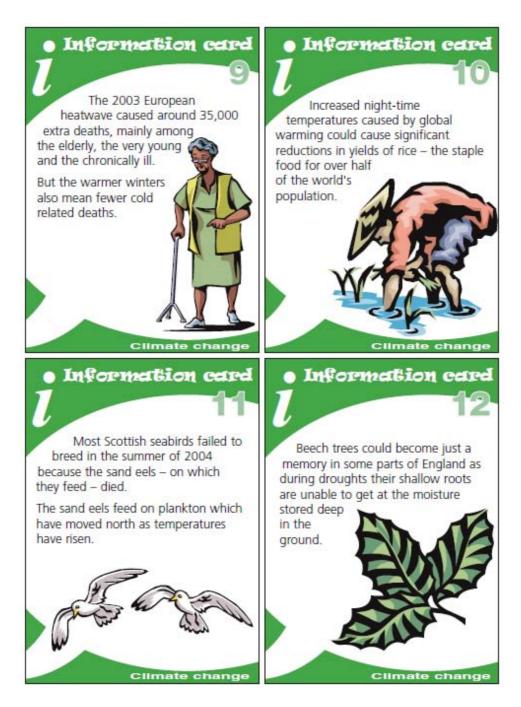


Figure 7: Nef teaching materials (3)

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