

Is the Earth still recovering from the 'Little Ice Age'? *Analysis of temperature records*

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A roughly linear global temperature increase of about $0.5^{\circ}\text{C}/100$ years ($1^{\circ}\text{F}/100$ years) seems to have occurred from about 1800AD, or even much earlier, to the present. This value may be compared with what the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) scientists consider to be the manmade greenhouse effect of $0.6^{\circ}\text{C}/100$ years. This long-lasting linear warming trend is likely to be a natural change. One possible cause of the linear increase may be Earth's continuing recovery from the Little Ice Age. This trend ($0.5^{\circ}\text{C}/100$ years) should be subtracted from the temperature data during the last 100 years when estimating the manmade contribution to the present global warming trend. Thus, there is a possibility that only a fraction of the present warming trend is attributable to the greenhouse effect resulting from human activities.