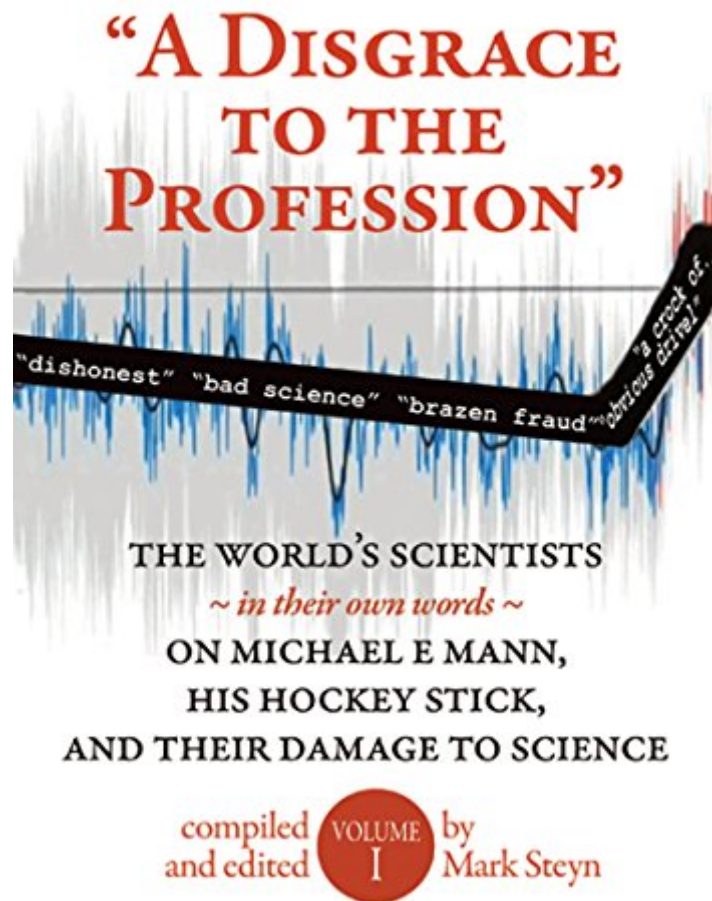


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# "A Disgrace To The Profession"



## Synopsis

The "hockey stick" graph of global temperatures is the single most influential icon in the global-warming debate, promoted by the UN's transnational climate bureaucracy, featured in Al Gore's Oscar-winning movie, used by governments around the world to sell the Kyoto Accord to their citizens, and shown to impressionable schoolchildren from kindergarten to graduation. And yet what it purports to "prove" is disputed and denied by many of the world's most eminent scientists. In this riveting book, Mark Steyn has compiled the thoughts of the world's scientists, in their own words, on hockey-stick creator Michael E Mann, his stick and their damage to science. From Canada to Finland, Scotland to China, Belgium to New Zealand, from venerable Nobel Laureates to energetic young researchers on all sides of the debate analyze the hockey stick and the wider climate wars it helped launch.

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## Customer Reviews

I purchased and read an advanced release of this book from Mark Steyn's online store. The "Hockey-Stick" graph, which became the iconic symbol for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) third assessment, deceptively lacked a portion of tree-ring analysis that didn't correlate with the spike in the modern instrumented temperature record (Hide the

decline •, "Mike's Nature trick"). The omitted data casts doubt on the ability of tree-ring proxies to detect temperature spikes in the past. Referring to the deceit Steyn stated in a blog: "Michael Mann was the man behind the fraudulent climate-change 'hockey-stick' graph." Mann sued for defamation. Steyn now raises the stakes by moving beyond his 270 word post to this 300 page book that piles a host of claims, made by accomplished scientists, of deception and improper science into Mann's work. If there are courses in science ethics, this book should be a required text. Though I've followed Climate Audit's posts detailing the problems with the "Hockey Stick" and Steyn's web posts related to Mann's legal suit, this book is still very informative. I didn't realize how many scientists are on record critical of Mann's methods, ethics, or both. Steyn has compiled 120 sections of critiques, accounting for at least 120 different scientists (some of the critiques have multiple authors). Number 89, for instance, is a note to the editor of Nature Geoscience responding to a Mann paper. The note is endorsed by 23 scientists and starts: "Several aspects of their tree-ring growth simulations are erroneous." But Steyn piles on an additional 24th scientist, a tree-ring researcher, who called the study "highly questionable."

Mark Steyn has written a wonderful new book on Dr. Michael Mann's hockey stick and the controversy surrounding it. It is difficult to overstate the significance or impact of Mann's Hockey Stick (Mann, Bradley, Hughes (23 April 1998), "Global-scale temperature patterns and climate forcing over the past six centuries" (PDF), Nature 392 (6678): 779-787, Figure 5, the paper is often abbreviated as "MBH"). The Hockey Stick appeared in Figure 1 of the Summary for Policymakers of the third IPCC Assessment Report (called "TAR" published in 2001) and it was prominently displayed in Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth." As the book clearly shows, both the graph and the movie have been thoroughly discredited by hundreds of scientists who have attempted and failed to reproduce Michael Mann's hockey stick using his data and other proxy data. Further, MBH attempts to overturn hundreds of papers that describe a world-wide Medieval Warm Period from around 900 AD to 1300 AD. The chapter devoted to Dr. Deming discusses this. Professor Jonathon Jones of Oxford University: "The hockey stick is an extraordinary claim which requires extraordinary evidence...the evidence is extraordinarily weak...its defenders were desperate to hide this fact...I'd always had an interest in pathological science, and it looked like I might have stumbled across a really good modern example...The Hockey Stick is obviously wrong. Everybody knows it is obviously wrong." As 1973 Nobel Prize winner Professor Ivar Giaever said "Global Warming has become a new religion" because you can't discuss it and that is not right.

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