FROM “CLIMATE GATE” TO JIGSAW PUZZLES: A DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT SCIENCE THINKING ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Abstract. The H1N1 virus has been a major public health concern. On this matter, public health scientists' data and recommendations are held in high regard and with minimal skepticism. It is striking that on climate change, the overwhelming majority of climate scientists (and the scientific literature) are in consensus concerning climate change; yet a cloud ("pun intended") of doubt and distractions like the recent "Climate Gate" email scandal continues to exist. Like a jigsaw puzzle, the climate change picture is clear to climate scientists even with a few missing pieces. This talk will briefly examine the current and best science thinking from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the literature on climate change and objectively discuss what "we know, don't know, or need to know."