

Matters of Belief

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The Sydney Morning Herald:

The argument over whether mankind is the sole cause, a contributing factor, or irrelevant to climate change is, to say the least, a vexed one for many Australians. Or, put another way, it's right up there with religion, politics and *Star Wars* versus *Star Trek* on the list of "Things You Really Shouldn't Get into an Argument About, Not if Your Blood Pressure Means Anything to You, Matey Boy". It is with that in mind that we draw your attention to University of Western Australia cognitive psychologist Stephan Lewandowsky's recent research, soon to be published in the journal *Psychological Science*. The professor details his study *NASA Faked The Moon Landing – Therefore (Climate) Science is A Hoax: An Anatomy of the Motivated Rejection of Science*, in which he reports a survey of climate blog users to identify the variables underlying the rejection of climate science.

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