

<http://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2010/08/monckton-makes-it-up/>

Reality #1.

The IPCC doesn't make predictions of future atmospheric CO₂ concentrations. And even if we ferret out what Lord Monckton actually means by this claim, he still plotted the data incorrectly.

The IPCC doesn't really make predictions of how atmospheric CO₂ will evolve over time. Rather, the IPCC has produced various "[emissions scenarios](#)" that represent estimates of how greenhouse gas emissions might evolve if humans follow various paths of economic development and population growth. The [IPCC's report on emissions scenarios](#) states, "Scenarios are images of the future, or alternative futures. They are neither predictions nor forecasts. Rather, each scenario is one alternative image of how the future might unfold."