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Letter: Authority figures

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Thank you, Devin Rokyta, for writing (Our View, April 2) about record-breaking warm weather events that do not prove our current human- caused global abrupt climate change, and that weather is not climate.

Varying weather conditions, called noise, are sometimes hijacked as proof of global cooling. For example, this winter our Earth has warmed in every region except the northeast region of the United States. One must not reject global warming just because it snowed in their state.

Jennifer Francis shows how the jet stream is meandering more nowadays due to a warmer and higher atmosphere over the North

Pole, which causes oddities in weather patterns such as snow in Egypt with heat in Europe and rain in Pakistan with drought in Russia.

Over time, there is less variability in weather events as well as greater predictability. Nowadays, we have overwhelmingly more record-breaking warm weather events than cooling events. Our world is heating.

Most of us understand the need to limit certain speech, such as yelling "fire" in a crowded theater. Yet when the fire chief instructs, "Please stay in your seats," at a crowded theater filling with smoke, unprepared people follow their social scripts to obey the authority figure - finding out too

late they are in harm's way. In our society, (thankfully) few people pose as authorities on climate for the unprepared to believe their instructions to stay seated, while the world fills with greenhouse gases. Yet I recoil at blatant untruths spoken by these so-called leaders and then parroted by some in the news media.

Listen to NASA, IPCC, Scripps, NOAA, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, Royal Society, World Meteorological Association, U.S. State Department, American Meteorological Society. Please join with Citizens Climate Lobby to reduce global warming.

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