



Professor Fired Over Documenting Increases In Polar Bear Populations

The religion of Scientism infects Technocrats to substitute pseudo-science for real science and blame everyone else for the results. Polar bears do not face extinction because of man-made global warming as is claimed by climate hysterics. □ TN Editor

Nobody has done more to sink the claim that climate change is endangering polar bears than zoologist [Susan Crockford](#) — and she may have paid for it with her job.

After 15 years as an adjunct assistant professor, [Ms. Crockford](#) said the University of Victoria rejected without explanation in May her renewal application, despite her high profile as a speaker and author stemming from her widely cited research on polar bears and dog domestication.

[Ms. Crockford](#) accused officials at the Canadian university of bowing to “outside pressure,” the result of her research showing that polar bear

populations are stable and even thriving, not plummeting as a result of shrinking Arctic sea ice, defying claims of the climate change movement.

Her dismissal, which she announced Wednesday in a post on her Polar Bear Science blog, has spurred alarm over the implications for academic freedom and the rise of the “cancel culture” for professors and scientists who challenge climate catastrophe predictions.

“When push came to shove, UVic threw me under the bus rather than stand up for my academic freedom,” said [Ms. Crockford](#), who earned a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary studies, specifically biology and anthropology, in 2004.

[Ms. Crockford](#) cited numerous instances of the university promoting her interviews and work, including her participation in a 2007 PBS “Nature” documentary about dog domestication and evolution, as well as her appearances at K-12 schools and adult groups for 10 years through the University of Victoria Speakers Bureau.

That supportive climate changed two years ago. In May 2017, her lectures were shut down after the speakers bureau received a complaint about her “lack of balance,”

“The speakers’ bureau incident made it clear the administration had no intention of protecting my academic freedom against complaints from outside the university,” [Ms. Crockford](#) said in an email to The Washington Times.

UVic Associate Vice President Michele Parkin responded with a letter challenging the assertion that [Ms. Crockford](#) was let go for “telling school kids politically incorrect facts about polar bears.” She was referring to a recent headline in the National Post of Toronto.

“There is no evidence to suggest that [Dr. Crockford](#)’s adjunct appointment was not renewed for ‘telling school kids politically incorrect facts about polar bears,’” said Ms. Parkin. “The University of Victoria, in both word and deed, supports academic freedom and free debate on academic issues.”

The statement fell short of denying that [Ms. Crockford](#)'s dismissal was linked to her polar bear scholarship, which almost single-handedly blew up the climate change movement's promotion of the bears as iconic victims of anthropogenic global warming.

Her books include "The Polar Bear Catastrophe That Never Happened," published in February, in which she said the bears are not threatened. She noted that the International Union for Conservation of Nature's 2015 Red List of Threatened Species puts polar bear numbers at 22,000 to 31,000 despite a widespread belief that the population has dropped to a few thousand.

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