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Retractions in Other Science Fields

Notably absent from "Mistakes in Scientific Studies Surge" (page one, Aug. 10) is a category for climate science.

The examples of scientific misconduct mentioned in this article are mirrored in the 2009 "climategate" scandal. Trusted scientific journals were shown to be suppressing scientific papers not in accord with the views of a small cabal of think-alike editors. Trusted scientific societies were shown to be mouthpieces for their leadership, espousing positions not reflecting the wider views of members. Man-made climate change related to fossil-fuel usage was the official leadership view. Peer review became known as "pal review." Academic success and grant funding came to those claiming to establish this link; little funding and derision was the fate of those wishing to explore alternate hypotheses.

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