

***Interactive comment on “Ice melt, sea level rise and superstorms: evidence from paleoclimate data, climate modeling, and modern observations that 2 °C global warming is highly dangerous” by J. Hansen et al.***

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We thank Aubrey Meyer for his comments. He is surely right that the precautionary principle, and common sense, dictate that continued high emissions and planning on CO<sub>2</sub> of 450 ppm or higher is both foolish and dangerous. Disagreements seem to be focused on whether it is dangerous for today’s young people or tomorrow’s. Why does

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the sea level estimated by IPCC for the 2080-2100 mean take on magic significance? We are happy if abandoning coastal cities is postponed until early next century?

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