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Get thee behind me, 2013!

Wallace, Idaho – This being the first day of 2014, let us first say to the year just concluded: “Bugger off and don't come back!”

Twenty-thirteen was the first year of Obamascare, and the continuing erosion of the credibility of our erstwhile brethren in the so-called mainstream media (MSM).

Consider, as 2013 staggered drunkenly to a close, the nightly stories on the plight of the *M.V. Akademik Shokalskiy*, a Russian research vessel stuck in Antarctic ice since Christmas Eve, and its merry complement of “74 scientists, tourists and crew” now to be evacuated, as soon as a blizzard subsides, by helicopter after Chinese and Australian ice-breaking ships failed to get near the stranded craft. (Remember, this is summer down there.)

Just who are these scientists and “tourists” and what was their mission before getting mired in a South Pole Slurpee? Good luck finding out from the mainstream wire services and conventional news channels. We hear vaguely of their collective CV as tourists and nothing of their mission.

You can imagine our lack of shock to learn that this was a shipload of global warmists, led by none other than Chris Turney, a professor (high priest?) of “climate change” at the University of South Wales. According to Turney’s personal website, the purpose of the expedition is to “discover and communicate the environmental changes taking place in the south.”

Blogged Turney from his website on Tuesday: “It's been a sobering week.” He then goes through a number of agonizing circumlocutions to conclude that Antarctic ice is rearranging itself – which is a far cry from just disappearing, as the high priests of global warming, having reinvented themselves as climate-change artists, require us to believe.

None of the aforementioned nuances were reported on by the mainstream media stenographers and hand-puppets, of course. To do so would have required the same sort of spine it took to call Obama's lie about keeping your health insurance if you like it – oh, wait, nobody from the MSM did that, either.

Me, I get a belly-laugh at the absolute irony of a bunch of global warmists being stuck in ice in the middle of summer. Rather like that big convention of global warming alarmists organized by Al Gore that had to be cancelled due to an unseasonable snowstorm in D.C. a few years ago.

But liberals are incapable of laughter at such ironies, much less at themselves, because lurking inside of each one of them is a totalitarian just itching to break out, and totalitarians are never wrong. And without global warming, where go all those drooled-over government diktats restricting carbon emissions and, thus, the crippling of western civilization and the freedom of the market as we know them?

So on to 2014, about which one good thing might be forecast: It can't possibly worse than 2013, can it?

