

EVIDENCE EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT A

SOCIAL POST

@commonsensecolby · posted 7:22 AM · shared 16,900 times

"Uh, did anyone else notice 2025 was COOLER than 2024?? The data literally proves warming has stopped. A major new climate report confirms it. Follow the science, not the panic"

EXHIBIT B

PRODUCT WEBPAGE

commonsensecolby.example/the-report

COMMON SENSE COLBY About The Report Support

The Cooldown Is Here — The Data Doesn't Lie.

✓ CONFIRMED BY A MAJOR CLIMATE REPORT

globalclimatedatacenter.example/2025-findings

"The report the media won't cover" — Plainspoken Report

EXHIBIT C

BLOG ARTICLE

plainspokenreport.example · posted 6 days before the viral post

Headline: "A Major Climate Report Just Dropped — Here's the Cooldown Data." Excerpt: "Common Sense Colby points to a large, internationally authored climate indicators report, highlighting that 2025 was cooler than 2024, as evidence that warming has stopped." A link under "the report" leads to Exhibit D.

EXHIBIT D

PRESS RELEASE

commonsensecolby.example/press · issued 3 weeks before the blog article

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Common Sense Colby cites a major international climate indicators report, noting that 2025 was cooler than 2024. "The scientists' own data shows the cooldown — they just won't say it out loud," the release states. It does not mention the report's finding on the rate of human-induced warming, or its estimate of when 1.5°C of warming will be reached.

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EXHIBIT E

CITATION

Referenced in Exhibits C and D as “a major international climate indicators report”

Forster PM, Walsh T, Smith C, et al.

Indicators of Global Climate Change 2025: annual update of key indicators of the state of the climate system and human influence.

Earth System Science Data. 2026;18:3889–3933.

DOI: 10.5194/essd-18-3889-2026

A record with this title, journal, and DOI can be looked up directly. Check what the report actually says about the rate of human-induced warming and why a single cooler year doesn't mean warming has stopped — then compare that to how Exhibits C and D describe it.