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Why do we continue to talk about the debate over global warming as if it were a scientific controversy? It is easy to explain why politicians, economists, and global oil corporations might want to do away with the science of climate change. But what is the basis of the scientific counterpoint to the "consensus" view outlined by Oreskes? This is the subject of *Merchants of Doubt*, a team effort by Oreskes and Erik M. Conway, the historian of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

(Text adapted from Jacob D. Hamblin's introduction to the Roundtable Review.)

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