



What is John Coleman's educational background?

Is John Coleman for real or a fraud? Where does he get his information re GW and does he have any credentials to corroborate his assertion that GW does not exist???

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he believes it...

(1) John Coleman majored in journalism in the fifties at the University of Illinois. He has been employed as a broadcaster until his retirement. He was also CEO and President of the Weather Channel during its first year of operation.

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(2) *He* certainly believes what he writes/says. Some of what he says is reasonable, but ignores significant findings in favor of his hypothesis that change is occurring at a constant rate, or in some instances, not at all. He is examining much of the same data everyone else is, but the magic is in the interpretation, and he clearly went in with an agenda, and comes out with the results he wants to see. Consider his description of hard working researchers as "environmental whacko type[s]"

(3) Coleman is a broadcaster, and a "weather watcher" for fifty years. That certainly makes him qualified to tell the public about weather trends in an entertaining fashion, but he is *not* an environmental scientist, or indeed, even a certified meteorologist.

Consider that the bar was so low that the American Meteorological Society had to set standards some *fifty years* after Coleman got his degree. In short, while earnest, and probably backed by some reasonable observation, his claims that Global Warming are "a scam" should be taken less seriously than if Al Roker were to say the same.:

What is the Certified Broadcast Meteorologist Program?

In January 2005, the AMS introduced a new program called the Certified Broadcast Meteorologist (CBM) program, intended to raise the professional standard in broadcast meteorology and encourage a broader range of scientific understanding, especially with respect to environmental issues. The goal of the CBM program is to certify that the holder meets specific educational and experience criteria and has passed rigorous testing in their knowledge and communication of meteorology and related sciences needed to be an effective broadcast meteorologist.

In order to acquire a CBM, new applicants must hold a degree in meteorology (or equivalent) from an accredited college/university, pass a written examination, and have their work reviewed to assess technical competence, informational value, explanatory value, and communication skills. All CBMs may retain their certification and display the CBM logo as long as they pay their membership and renewal fees each year and complete certain professional development requirements every five years.

Current AMS Sealholders (those who earned or applied for the Seal prior to January 1, 2005) are not required to hold a degree in meteorology (or equivalent).



Sources: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Coleman_\(meteorologist\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Coleman_(meteorologist))

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Answer from tkirklen

John Coleman's Background

John Coleman started his career at **WCIA (TV)** in **Champaign, Illinois**, doing the early evening weathercast while he attended the University of Illinois. After graduating in 1957, he became the weather anchor for **WMBD-TV**.

In fall of **2007** Coleman described the current concern over **global warming** "a fictional, manufactured crisis, and a total scam." In **2008** he gave a speech of the same tone before the **San Diego Chamber of Commerce** blaming the "global warming scam" and environmentalist lobby for current gas and food prices rising, and declaring that that scam is a threat to our economy and our civilization.

Although,he served as the founding CEO and President of The Weather Channel, he was forced out. He then became weather anchor at **WCBS-TV** in **New York** and then at **WMAQ-TV** in Chicago before moving to Southern California to join the independent television station, **KUSI-TV** in San Diego.

His postings assessing the science behind global warming can be read at **www.kusi.com** [/quote]



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