

Hurricane Update 2023 to the left). The number of events and associated losses may be rising but if the extreme weather events are declining (they are and not just in tropical storm activity), the fault does not lie with CO<sub>2</sub>. Costs are rising

because humanity has a bias towards faulty logic. The population is continually growing, and that population tends to settle right in the path of extreme weather events. A flood plain will tend to flood, a coastal development will be susceptible to severe storm activity, a nice forest retreat is vulnerable to wildfire, etc. And in the event, you have not noticed, costs are subject to continuous inflation. Replacing the multimillion-dollar mansions that line Florida's coast today will be much more expensive than some of the relatively unpopulated shorelines that existed decades ago. Note, while CO<sub>2</sub> plays no role, "Climate Change" policy plays a key negative role in those rising costs (i.e.: inflation)!

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Another year, another confirmation that tropical storm/hurricane activity is declining globally. So, no this component of extreme weather is not getting worse due to anthropogenic global warming (CO<sub>2</sub>) or any other parameter. Look at the chart below! Tropical storms have been declining since the 1960s. Only 2010 (at 67 registered storms) was lower than 2023's 68 storms. This data covers 1950 to the present and corresponds to 86%+ of human CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Hurricane/Cyclone activity is also declining (and has done so since the 1980s). CO<sub>2</sub> continues to rise; extreme storms continue to decline. There is definitely a correlation, just not the one the alarmist community continually pushes for their ideological (not scientific) purposes.

