

OFCOM COMPLAINT - Martin Daubney on GB News - 24 July 2024

Programme details

Programme title: Martin Daubney

Date of broadcast: 24 July 2024

Time of broadcast (24 hour clock): 16:51

Channel / station*: GB News

Your complaint

Subject: GB News host Martin Daubney made misleading and unscientific claims about climate change and global temperatures, violating Ofcom rules 5.1 and 5.7 requiring accuracy and avoiding misrepresenting facts.

Description:

On 24 July, GB News host Martin Daubney, in a conversation with meteorologist Jim Dale, about the recent two hottest days in history, declared that “the climate has always changed”, and that “the temperature at the moment relative to thousands of years ago” is “actually cooler”, which supposedly proves that “it’s not quite the situation of ‘the world’s burning’”. He also proclaimed that “the climate’s always changed, it’s called the sun”.

Daubney’s claims are unscientific and misleading, violating rules 5.1 and 5.7, which require coverage to be “reported with due accuracy” and that “facts must not be misrepresented”. Daubney’s remarks also contradict Ofcom’s [guidance](#) around global warming, where it states that the “scientific principles behind the theory of Anthropogenic Global Warming” are “broadly settled”.

Climate records [indicate](#) that recent temperatures are the highest in 2,000 years. While there was a ‘Roman Warm Period’ and a ‘Medieval Warm Period’, there is [no evidence to suggest](#) that globally the Earth was warmer then than it is now.

[Temperatures have changed over the last 10,000 years](#), but the Earth’s temperature has [grown unnaturally rapidly in the post-industrial period](#) with established links to human activity. The impacts of human-made climate change are being felt right now and are only

due to get worse. [At the current rate](#), global temperatures will reach an average of 1.5 degrees centigrade over pre-industrial levels in 2040.