**TO: CSICOP**

[**http://www.csicop.org/news/show/deniers\_are\_not\_skeptics**](http://www.csicop.org/news/show/deniers_are_not_skeptics)

**From Dictionary.com - skepticism:  
1. skeptical attitude or temper; doubt.   
2. doubt or unbelief with regard to a religion,**

**especially Christianity.   
3. (initial capital letter) the doctrines or opinions of**

**philosophical Skeptics;**

**universal doubt.**

**The climate-deniers are, in fact, skeptics ... by definition (specifically #1).**

**There is no requirement that the doubt be supported by facts.**

**It isn't the climate-deniers who are mislabeling themselves ...**

**it is the "skeptics."**

**If "skeptics" don't want to be confused with morons,**

**they shouldn't call themselves skeptics.**

**A better label would be "Rationalists."**

**One of the petition signers, Sanal Edamaruku,**

**is president of the Indian Rationalist Association.**

**If anyone on your petition wants to debate this online,**

**I would be more than happy to oblige.**

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**(as always, replies are encouraged)**