

## Russian Academy of Sciences Bitchslaps Environmental Movement

(via InstaPundit:)

**Iain Murray** is somewhat overstating the case when he says that **this** is "probably the biggest story in the world right now".

A senior adviser to President Vladimir Putin has cast further doubt on whether Russia will ever ratify the Kyoto agreement on limiting emissions of the greenhouse gases linked to global warming.

Andrei Illarionov, who advises the president on economic policy, was speaking the day after Mr Putin refused to set a timetable for Russian ratification, angering supporters of Kyoto around the world.

So long as Russia stays out, the UN protocol setting targets for cutting emissions from the burning of fossil fuels cannot take legal effect.

But it is indeed a significant and under-reported story. Russia is about to help the US to save the world again. To save it **several trillion dollars**, that is.

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His government has behaved rather badly over the Iraq war, weapons sales to Iran, but this time he's done something right.

Kyoto is a dreadful document and the sooner it is dead and buried the better off the world - including the environment - will be. Except perhaps for Europe, which was attempting to use Kyoto for its own economic advantage. But who really cares about Europe anymore - its a lost cause!

by a reader on Wed, 10/08/2003 - 07:10 | [reply](#)

## What's with "bitchslaps" anyway?

I am the only one who finds this offensive? What if this was

"kidspanks" or "jewkills"?

Or should I just start taking my "anti-PC" pills again?

by **Pat** on Tue, 10/14/2003 - 20:40 | [reply](#)

## **Re: What's with "bitchslaps" anyway?**

We were intentionally speaking out of character for the sake of  
ironical emphasis, as was Iain Murray whom we were echoing.

We apologise to Pat and any other dog lovers who may have been  
offended by the metaphor, and assure them that no animals were  
harmd in the making of this blog.

by **Editor** on Wed, 10/15/2003 - 00:09 | [reply](#)