

*Hey Guys:*

*I have thrown out some specific ideas about calling a truce in the war of words between the participants in the most commonly visited politically oriented blogs in our community, which, for the purposes of this discussion are defined as the blogs hosted by the three of you. The basic terms would be these:*

*1) An agreement on the part of the blog hosts to enforce a "no direct or indirect negative references" policy: the blog hosts would agree not to mention any other host directly or indirectly in a negative manner for a period of one month. Cross posting, or referencing a post on another's blog, as George and Russ often do, would be allowed.*

*2) An agreement on the part of the hosts to eliminate negative personal references to other blog posters made by your participants. For example: if I were to post on Peline's blog about public health and CO2 emissions, "Frisch is an idiot....", would not be allowed, but "Those who believe there is a link between public health and air quality are wrong (or self interested or fools) because..." would be allowed. Positive personal references, such as, "Hey Greg I agree that \_\_\_\_is a problem....", would be unaffected.*

*3) An agreement to request that your participants comply with these terms of service and try to focus on a discussion of issues rather than personalities for a one month period.*

*4) An agreement to re-evaluate in one month by e-mail to see how it worked.*

*I know this is a burden on the blog hosts and a certain level of patience will be required to allow for time to edit posts.*