Nuclear Power vs. Global Climate Change

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Before we begin, I should disclose my personal opinions about some controversial issues that we will be discussing. Like most people, I believe my opinions to be based on established scientific facts; like most people, I am probably **wrong** about some of them. I hope we can all help each other discover the errors in our opinions. Here are some of mine, expressed as bold statements:

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