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Global Warming, or Just Hot Air?

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The letters across the screen were big and bold, “Our Climate is CHANGING.” After listening to the representative from Climate Change Connection, a Manitoba government-funded educational group, the message was clear: The world is teetering on the verge of planetary catastrophe, and YOU, as a member of the collective human species, are to blame.

The setting for this presentation was an invitation-only roundtable on climate and agriculture sponsored by the province of Manitoba. Different roundtables examining other industries and concerns had already occurred as part of the process of developing a new climate change action plan for the province. Climate Change Connection set the stage with an apocalyptic scenario of massive ice-sheet meltdowns, receding glaciers, horrific storms and weather phenomena, and the death of polar bears.

Never mind that the science used in the CCC presentation was inaccurate. Never mind that the hockey stick graph used to prove global warming has been soundly disproved by the analytical research community. Never mind that we were only shown ground-sensor temperature readings, which demonstrates warming in city centers (a land use issue), but never once were we shown weather balloon or satellite feeds: with data that doesn’t fit the climate change hysteria. [For FC subscribers, see the Video Feeds section in the membership area and watch the documentaries debunking the “science” of global warming.]

None of this would mean anything if the global

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warming debate was only a marginal issue relegated to a fringe section of the population. But that's not the case. The global warming movement is *global*, transcending demographics, professions, economics, cultures and religions, and politics.

Millions upon millions of school children in Canada, the US, across Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and other parts of the globe have been subjected to a non-stop stream of climate change propaganda. One example of this is the city of Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, which will hold a two day Youth Conference on climate change in late November/early December.

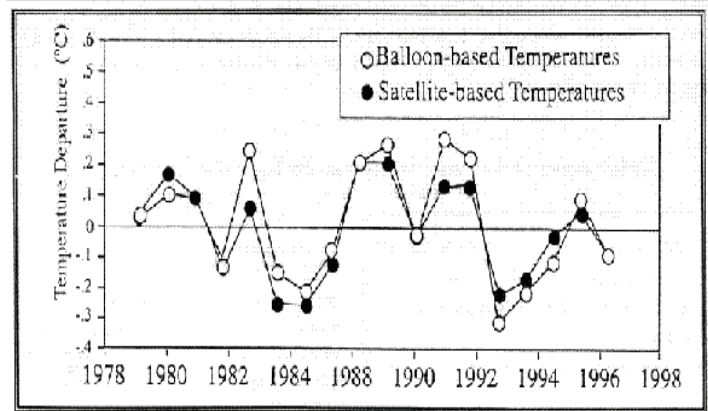
The goals?

- Educate participants about climate change science, impacts, and solutions.
- Engage participants to take action.
- Provide participants with the ideas, resources, networks, and support to further educate others about the issue and to take action.¹

Climate Change Connection tells us why a youth conference is needed.

Our youth will inherit climate change. Although impacts are being felt now, more troubling effects are projected to occur in the next 50 -100 years. What can youth expect? More severe weather events, the spread of disease, and water shortages, to name a few. Youth also will inherit the outcomes of all our current decisions and actions to address climate change.

Finally, youth will inherit the habits and mindsets that led to climate change unless they understand how greenhouse gas emissions - individual and societal - are created, and how they can be reduced. They need the information and skills to communicate their stand on climate change, as well as be a part of the solution, now and in the future.²



This is about changing minds: the re-shaping of values and beliefs. It's also about empowerment, communicating a "stand on climate change" – that is, how to impact your sphere of influence, at the family level, in churches, or within the classroom.

Similar conferences have been held across Manitoba before, with published *Youth Declarations* meant to stimulate and provoke social and political action. These declarations, which used scientifically viable language such as "we feel," represent the manipulation of youth towards a larger agenda. [For one declaration example, see the *Youth Declaration on Climate Change* at the back of this issue].

None of this is unique to Manitoba. Similar scenarios are being repeated around the world. And nobody, it seems, is immune. Even the Christian evangelical community is involved, as was witnessed in 2006 when The Evangelical Climate Initiative released their statement, *Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action*. Part of this statement reads,

"Because all religious/moral claims about climate change are relevant only if climate change is real and is mainly human-induced, everything hinges on the scientific data. As evangelicals we have hesitated to speak on this issue until we could be more certain of the science of climate change, but the signatories now believe that the evidence demands action..."³

They're right, up to a point. Everything does hinge on the scientific data, except that the scientific data, in its entirety, doesn't lend itself to the human-induced global warming theory. The signatories to the statement, however, reflect some of the most influential leaders in the evangelical community. Not only are their reputations on the line as the scientific evidence mounts against the human-induced global warming theory; these leaders have drawn their congregations into an intensely political arena.

And of course it's in the realm of politics and economics that the global warming agenda is ultimately played out – with incredible pressures being imposed from environmental lobby groups. With this in mind, expect an increase in government-sponsored climate change advertising campaigns, election circuit proclamations and debates, and an increase in regulations impacting industries, agriculture, community development, and even personal transportation decisions (such as an onerous gasoline carbon tax).

Economically, we can anticipate the development of local, national, and international carbon offset markets, where forest/land owners can sell “carbon credits” to high-pollution industries in order to offset their negative environmental impact. Not only will corporations engage in this type of paper trading (which actually solves nothing), but it can be expected that nations will embark in massive financial and technology offset transfers. Billions will be won and lost over “hot air.”

In order for FC subscribers to better understand this global movement, this *Forcing Change* issue is completely devoted to the climate problem – with a primary focus on the propaganda aspect. Included is an article from Dr. Tim Ball, one complete speech and a second speech excerpt by Senator James Inhofe, and a short item from John Herron's Global Warming Hoax. Another recent resource for FC subscribers is the Video Feed section in the membership area, which has a number of important climate change videos available for viewing.

As Chief Editor of *Forcing Change*, it is my hope that you will use these resources to help better comprehend the deeper nature of the climate agenda, how it works, and the impact it will have on society now, and in the years to come. **FC**

Endnotes:

¹ www.climatechangeconnection.org/Getconnected/Youthconferences.htm

² Ibid.

³ The Evangelical Climate Initiative, *Climate Change: An Evangelical Call to Action* (2006).

Hot & Cold Media Spin Cycle: A Challenge To Journalists Who Cover Global Warming

Editor's Note: The following public-record speech was delivered at the US Senate, Monday, September 25, 2006.

By Senator James Inhofe; Chairman, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

I am going to speak today about the most media-hyped environmental issue of all time, global warming. I have spoken more about global warming than any other politician in Washington today. My speech will be a bit different from the previous seven floor speeches, as I focus not only on the science, but on the media's coverage of climate change.



Senator James Inhofe

Global Warming – just that term evokes many members in this chamber, the media, Hollywood elites and our pop culture to nod their heads and fret about an impending climate disaster. As the



Former US Vice President
Al Gore

senator who has spent more time speaking about the facts regarding global warming, I want to address some of the recent media coverage of global warming and Hollywood's involvement in the issue. And of course

I will also discuss former Vice Presi-

dent Al Gore's movie *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Since 1895, the media has alternated between global cooling and warming scares during four separate and sometimes overlapping time periods. From 1895 until the 1930's the media peddled a coming ice age.

From the late 1920's until the 1960's they warned of global warming. From the 1950's until the 1970's they warned us again of a coming ice age. This makes modern global warming the fourth estate's fourth attempt to promote opposing climate change fears during the last 100 years.

Recently, advocates of alarmism have grown increasingly desperate to try to convince the public that global warming is the greatest moral issue of our generation. Just last week, the vice president of London's Royal Society sent a chilling letter to the media encouraging them to stifle the voices of scientists skeptical of climate alarmism.

During the past year, the American people have been served up an unprecedented parade of environmental alarmism by the media and entertainment industry, which link every possible weather event to global warming. The year 2006 saw many major organs of the media dismiss any pretense of balance and objectivity on climate change

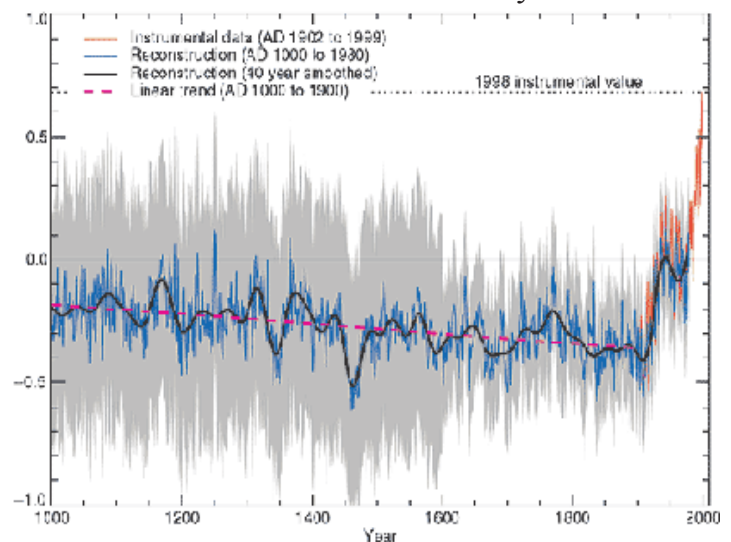
coverage and instead crossed squarely into global warming advocacy.

Manmade Global Warming Hockey Stick

First, I would like to summarize some of the recent developments in the controversy over whether or not humans have created a climate catastrophe. One of the key aspects that the United Nations, environmental groups and the media have promoted as the "smoking gun" of proof of catastrophic global warming is the so-called 'hockey stick' temperature graph by climate scientist Michael Mann and his colleagues.

This graph purported to show that temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere remained relatively stable over 900 years, then spiked upward in the 20th century presumably due to human activity. Mann, who also co-publishes a global warming propaganda blog reportedly set up with the help of an environmental group, had his "Hockey Stick" come under severe scrutiny.

The "hockey stick" was completely and thoroughly broken once and for all in 2006. Several years ago, two Canadian researchers tore apart the statistical foundation for the hockey stick. In 2006, both the National Academy of Sciences and an independent researcher further refuted the foundation of the "hockey stick."¹



The infamous hockey stick graph

The National Academy of Sciences report reaffirmed the existence of the Medieval Warm Period from about 900 AD to 1300 AD and the Little Ice Age from about 1500 to 1850. Both of these periods occurred long before the invention of the SUV or human industrial activity could have possibly impacted the Earth's climate. In fact, scientists believe the Earth was warmer than today during the Medieval Warm Period, when the Vikings grew crops in Greenland.

Climate alarmists have been attempting to erase the inconvenient Medieval Warm Period from the Earth's climate history for at least a decade. David Deming, an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma's College of Geosciences, can testify first hand about this effort. Dr. Deming was welcomed into the close-knit group of global warming believers after he published a paper in 1995 that noted some warming in the 20th century. Deming says he was subsequently contacted by a prominent global warming alarmist and told point blank "We have to get rid of the Medieval Warm Period."

When the "Hockey Stick" first appeared in 1998, it did just that.

End of Little Ice Age Means Warming

The media have missed the big pieces of the puzzle when it comes to the Earth's temperatures and mankind's carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

It is very simplistic to feign horror and say the one degree Fahrenheit temperature increase during the 20th century means we are all doomed. First of all, the one degree Fahrenheit rise coincided with the greatest advancement of living standards, life expectancy, food production and human health in the history of our planet. So it is hard to argue that the global warming we experienced in the 20th century was somehow negative or part of a catastrophic trend.

Second, what the climate alarmists and their advocates in the media have continued to ignore is

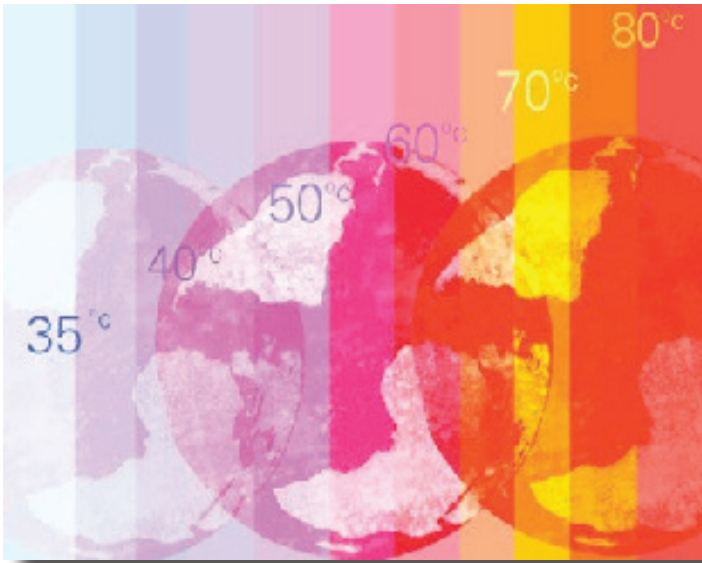
the fact that the Little Ice Age, which resulted in harsh winters which froze New York Harbor and caused untold deaths, ended about 1850. So trying to prove man-made global warming by comparing the well-known fact that today's temperatures are warmer than during the Little Ice Age is akin to comparing summer to winter to show a catastrophic temperature trend.

In addition, something that the media almost never addresses are the holes in the theory that CO₂ has been the driving force in global warming. Alarmists fail to adequately explain why temperatures began warming at the end of the Little Ice Age in about 1850, long before man-made CO₂ emissions could have impacted the climate. Then about 1940, just as man-made CO₂ emissions rose sharply, the temperatures began a decline that lasted until the 1970's, prompting the media and many scientists to fear a coming ice age. Let me repeat, temperatures got colder after CO₂ emissions exploded.

If CO₂ is the driving force of global climate change, why do so many in the media ignore the many skeptical scientists who cite these rather obvious inconvenient truths?

Sixty Scientists

My skeptical views on man-made catastrophic global warming have only strengthened as new science comes in. There have been recent findings in peer-reviewed literature over the last few years showing that the Antarctic is getting colder and the ice is growing and a new study in *Geophysical Research Letters* found that the sun was responsible for 50% of 20th century warming. Recently, many scientists, including a leading member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, predicted long-term global cooling may be on the horizon due to a projected decrease in the sun's output.



A letter sent to the Canadian Prime Minister on April 6 of this year by 60 prominent scientists who question the basis for climate alarmism, clearly explains the current state of scientific knowledge on global warming.

The 60 scientists wrote:

“If, back in the mid-1990s, we knew what we know today about climate, Kyoto would almost certainly not exist, because we would have concluded it was not necessary.”

The letter also noted:

“‘Climate change is real’ is a meaningless phrase used repeatedly by activists to convince the public that a climate catastrophe is looming and humanity is the cause. Neither of these fears is justified. Global climate changes occur all the time due to natural causes and the human impact still remains impossible to distinguish from this natural ‘noise’.”²

Computer Models Threaten Earth

One of the ways alarmists have pounded this mantra of “consensus” on global warming into our pop culture is through the use of computer models which project future calamity.

But the science is simply not there to place so much faith in scary computer model scenarios which extrapolate the current and projected build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere and conclude that the planet faces certain doom.

Dr. Vincent Gray, a research scientist and a 2001 reviewer with the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has noted, “The effects of aerosols, and their uncertainties, are such as to nullify completely the reliability of any of the climate models.”

Earlier this year, the director of the International Arctic Research Center in Fairbanks Alaska, testified to Congress that highly publicized climate models showing a disappearing Arctic were nothing more than “science fiction.” In fact, after years of hearing about the computer generated scary scenarios about the future of our planet, I now believe that the greatest climate threat we face may be coming from alarmist computer models.

This threat is originating from the software installed on the hard drives of the publicity seeking climate modelers.

It is long past the time for us to separate climate change fact from hysteria.

Kyoto: Economic Pain For No Climate Gain

One final point on the science of climate change: I am approached by many in the media and others who ask, “What if you are wrong to doubt the dire global warming predictions? Will you be able to live with yourself for opposing the Kyoto Protocol?”

My answer is blunt. The history of the modern environmental movement is chock full of predictions of doom that never came true. We have all heard the dire predictions about the threat of overpopulation, resource scarcity, mass starvation, and the projected death of our oceans. None of these predictions came true, yet it never stopped the doomsayers from continuing to predict a dire environmental future.

The more the eco-doomsayers' predictions fail, the more the eco-doomsayers predict.

These failed predictions are just one reason I respect the serious scientists out there today debunking the latest scaremongering on climate change. Scientists like MIT's Richard Lindzen, former Colorado State climatologist Roger Pielke, Sr., the University of Alabama's Roy Spencer and John Christy, Virginia State Climatologist Patrick Michaels, Colorado State University's William Gray, atmospheric physicist S. Fred Singer, Willie Soon of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Oregon State climatologist George Taylor and astrophysicist Sallie Baliunas, to name a few.

But more importantly, it is the global warming alarmists who should be asked the question: "What if they are correct about man-made catastrophic global warming?" Because they have come up with no meaningful solution to their supposed climate crisis in the two decades that they have been hyping this issue.

If the alarmists truly believe that man-made greenhouse gas emissions are dooming the planet, then they must face up to the fact that symbolism does not solve a supposed climate crisis. The alarmists freely concede that the Kyoto Protocol, even if fully ratified and complied with, would not have any meaningful impact on global temperatures. And keep in mind that Kyoto is not even close to being complied with by many of the nations that ratified it, including 13 of the EU-15 nations that are not going to meet their emission reduction promises.

Many of the nations that ratified Kyoto are now realizing what I have been saying all along: The Kyoto Protocol is a lot of economic pain for no climate gain.

Legislation that has been proposed in this chamber would have even less of a temperature effect than Kyoto's undetectable impact. And more recently, global warming alarmists and the media have been praising California for taking action to limit CO₂. But here again: This costly feel-good

California measure, which is actually far less severe than Kyoto, will have no impact on the climate – only the economy.

Symbolism does not solve a climate crisis.

In addition, we now have many environmentalists and Hollywood celebrities, like Laurie David, who have been advocating measures like changing standard light bulbs in your home to fluorescents to help avert global warming. Changing to more energy-efficient light bulbs is a fine thing to do, but to somehow imply we can avert a climate disaster by these actions is absurd. Once again, symbolism does not solve a climate crisis.

But this symbolism may be hiding a dark side. While greenhouse gas limiting proposals may cost the industrialized West trillions of dollars, it is the effect on the developing world's poor that is being lost in this debate.

The Kyoto Protocol's post 2012 agenda which mandates that the developing world be subjected to restrictions on greenhouse gases could have the potential to severely restrict development in regions of the world like Africa, Asia and South America – where some of the Earth's most energy-deprived people currently reside.

Expanding basic necessities like running water and electricity in the developing world are seen by many in the green movement as a threat to the planet's health that must be avoided. Energy poverty equals a life of backbreaking poverty and premature death.

If we allow scientifically unfounded fears of global warming to influence policy makers to restrict future energy production and the creation of basic infrastructure in the developing world – billions of people will continue to suffer.

Last week my committee heard testimony from Danish statistician Bjorn Lomborg, who was once a committed left-wing environmentalist until he realized that so much of what that movement preached was based on bad science. Lomborg wrote a book called *The Skeptical Environmentalist* and has organized some of the world's top Nobel Laureates to form the 2004 "Copenhagen

Consensus” which ranked the world’s most pressing problems.³

And guess what? They placed global warming at the bottom of the list in terms of our planet’s priorities.

The “Copenhagen Consensus” found that the most important priorities of our planet included: combating disease, stopping malaria, securing clean water, and building infrastructure to help lift the developing nations out of poverty. I have made many trips to Africa, and once you see the devastating poverty that has a grip on that continent, you quickly realize that fears about global warming are severely misguided.

I firmly believe that when the history of our era is written, future generations will look back with puzzlement and wonder why we spent so much time and effort on global warming fears and pointless solutions like the Kyoto Protocol.

French President Jacques Chirac provided the key clue as to why so many in the international community still revere the Kyoto Protocol, who in 2000 said Kyoto represents “the first component of an authentic global governance.”

Furthermore, if your goal is to limit CO₂ emissions, the only effective way to go about it is the use of cleaner, more efficient technologies that will meet the energy demands of this century and beyond.

The Bush administration and my Environment and Public Works Committee have been engaged in these efforts as we work to expand nuclear power and promote the Asia-Pacific Partnership. This partnership stresses the sharing of new technology among member nations including three of the world’s top 10 emitters – China, India and North Korea – all of whom are exempt from Kyoto.

Media Coverage Of Climate Change

Many in the media, as I noted earlier, have taken it upon themselves to drop all pretense of balance on global warming and instead become committed

advocates for the issue.

Here is a quote from *Newsweek* magazine:

“There are ominous signs that the Earth’s weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in food production – with serious political implications for just about every nation on Earth.”

A headline in the *New York Times* reads: “Climate Changes Endanger World’s Food Output.” Here is a quote from *Time Magazine*:

“As they review the bizarre and unpredictable weather pattern of the past several years, a growing number of scientists are beginning to suspect that many seemingly contradictory meteorological fluctuations are actually part of a global climatic upheaval.”

All of this sounds very ominous. That is, until you realize that the three quotes I just read were from articles in 1975 editions of *Newsweek Magazine* and *The New York Times*, and *Time Magazine* in 1974.⁴

They weren’t referring to global warming; they were warning of a coming ice age. Let me repeat, all three of those quotes were published in the 1970’s and warned of a coming ice age.

In addition to global cooling fears, *Time Magazine* has also reported on global warming. Here is an example:

“[Those] who claim that winters were harder when they were boys are quite right...weathermen have no doubt that the world at least for the time being is growing warmer.”

Before you think that this is just another example of the media promoting Vice President Gore’s movie, you need to know that the quote I just read you from *Time Magazine* was not a recent quote;

it was from January 2, 1939. Yes, in 1939. Nine years before Vice President Gore was born and over three decades before *Time Magazine* began hyping a coming ice age and almost five decades before they returned to hyping global warming.

Time Magazine in 1951 pointed to receding permafrost in Russia as proof that the planet was warming. In 1952, the *New York Times* noted that the “trump card” of global warming “has been the melting glaciers.”

But Media Could not Decide Between Warming or Cooling Scares

There are many more examples of the media and scientists flip-flopping between warming and cooling scares.

Here is a quote from the *New York Times* reporting on fears of an approaching ice age: “Geologists Think the World May be Frozen Up Again.”

That sentence appeared over 100 years ago in the February 24, 1895 edition of the *New York Times*. Let me repeat: 1895, not 1995.

A front page article in the October 7, 1912 *New York Times*, just a few months after the Titanic struck an iceberg and sank, declared that a prominent professor “Warns Us of an Encroaching Ice Age.” The very same day in 1912, the *Los Angeles Times* ran an article warning that the “Human race will have to fight for its existence against cold.”

An August 10, 1923 *Washington Post* article declared: “Ice Age Coming Here.”

By the 1930’s, the media took a break from reporting on the coming ice age and instead switched gears to promoting global warming: “America in Longest Warm Spell Since 1776; Temperature Line Records a 25-year Rise,” stated an article in the *New York Times* on March 27, 1933.

The media of yesteryear was also not above injecting large amounts of fear and alarmism into their climate articles. An August 9, 1923 front-

page article in the *Chicago Tribune* declared: “Scientist Says Arctic Ice Will Wipe Out Canada.” The article quoted a Yale University professor who predicted that large parts of Europe and Asia would be “wiped out” and Switzerland would be “entirely obliterated.”

A December 29, 1974 *New York Times* article on global cooling reported that climatologists believed “the facts of the present climate change are such that the most optimistic experts would assign near certainty to major crop failure in a decade.” The article also warned that unless government officials reacted to the coming catastrophe, “mass deaths by starvation and probably in anarchy and violence” would result.

In 1975, the *New York Times* reported that “A major cooling [was] widely considered to be inevitable.”

These past predictions of doom have a familiar ring, don’t they? They sound strikingly similar to our modern media promotion of former Vice President’s brand of climate alarmism.

After more than a century of alternating between global cooling and warming, one would think that this media history would serve a cautionary tale for today’s voices in the media and scientific community who are promoting yet another round of eco-doom. Much of the 100- year media history on climate change that I have documented here today can be found in a publication titled *Fire and Ice* from the Business and Media Institute.

Media Coverage In 2006

Which raises the question: Has this embarrassing 100-year documented legacy of coverage on what turned out to be trendy climate science theories made the media more skeptical of today’s sensational promoters of global warming? You be the judge.

On February 19th of this year, CBS News’s *60 Minutes* produced a segment on the North Pole. The segment was a completely one-sided report,

alleging rapid and unprecedented melting at the polar cap.⁶ It even featured correspondent Scott Pelley claiming that the ice in Greenland was melting so fast, that he barely got off an ice-berg before it collapsed into the water.

60 Minutes failed to inform its viewers that a 2005 study by a scientist named Ola Johannessen and his colleagues showing [sic] that the interior of Greenland is gaining ice and mass and that according to scientists, the Arctic was warmer in the 1930's than today.

On March 19th of this year *60 Minutes* profiled NASA scientist and alarmist James Hansen, who was once again making allegations of being censored by the Bush administration.⁷ In this segment, objectivity and balance were again tossed aside in favor of a one-sided glowing profile of Hansen.

The *60 Minutes* segment made no mention of Hansen's partisan ties to former Democrat Vice President Al Gore or Hansen's receiving of a grant of a quarter of a million dollars from the left-wing Heinz Foundation run by Teresa Heinz Kerry. There was also no mention of Hansen's subsequent endorsement of her husband John Kerry for President in 2004.⁸

Many in the media dwell on any industry support given to so-called climate skeptics, but the same media completely fail to note Hansen's huge grant from the left-wing Heinz Foundation.⁹ The foundation's money originated from the Heinz family ketchup fortune. So it appears that the media makes a distinction between oil money and ketchup money.

60 Minutes also did not inform viewers that Hansen appeared to concede in a 2003 issue of *Natural Science* that the use of "extreme scenarios" to dramatize climate change "may have been appropriate at one time" to drive the public's attention to the issue.¹⁰

Why would *60 Minutes* ignore the basic tenets of journalism, which call for objectivity and balance in sourcing, and do such one-sided segments? The answer was provided by correspon-

dent Scott Pelley.

Pelley told the CBS News website that he justified excluding scientists skeptical of global warming alarmism from his segments because he considers skeptics to be the equivalent of "Holocaust deniers."¹¹

This year also saw a *New York Times* reporter write a children's book entitled *The North Pole Was Here*. The author of the book, *New York Times* reporter Andrew Revkin, wrote that it may someday be "easier to sail to than stand on" the North Pole in summer.

So here we have a very prominent environmental reporter for the *New York Times* who is promoting aspects of global warming alarmism in a book aimed at children.

Time Magazine Hypes Alarmism

In April of this year, *Time Magazine* devoted an issue to global warming alarmism titled "Be Worried, Be Very Worried."¹²

This is the same *Time Magazine* which first warned of a coming ice age in 1920's before switching to warning about global warming in the 1930's before switching yet again to promoting the 1970's coming ice age scare.

The April 3, 2006 global warming special report of *Time Magazine* was a prime example of the media's shortcomings, as the magazine cited partisan leftwing environmental groups with a vested financial interest in hyping alarmism.

Headlines blared:

- "More and More Land is Being Devastated by Drought."
- "Earth at the Tipping Point."
- "The Climate is Crashing."

Time Magazine did not make the slightest attempt to balance its reporting with any views with scientists skeptical of this alleged climate apocalypse.



Al Gore – *Inconvenient Truth*

In May, our nation was exposed to perhaps one of the slickest science propaganda films of all time: former Vice President Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*.

In addition to having the backing of Paramount Pictures to market this film, Gore had the full backing of the media, and leading the cheerleading charge was none other than the Associated Press. On June 27, the Associated Press ran an article by Seth Borenstein that boldly declared “Scientists give two thumbs up to Gore’s movie.” The article quoted only five scientists praising Gore’s science, despite AP’s having contacted over 100 scientists.¹⁴

The fact that over 80% of the scientists contacted by the AP had not even seen the movie or that many scientists have harshly criticized the science presented by Gore did not dissuade the news outlet one bit from its mission to promote Gore’s brand of climate alarmism.¹⁵

I am almost at a loss as to how to begin to address the series of errors, misleading science and unfounded speculation that appear in the former Vice President’s film.

Here is what Richard Lindzen, a meteorologist from MIT has written about *An Inconvenient Truth*.

“A general characteristic of Mr. Gore’s approach is to assiduously ignore the fact that the earth and its climate are dynamic; they are always changing even without any external forcing. To treat all change as something to fear is bad enough; to do so in order to exploit that fear is much worse.”¹⁶

What follows is a very brief summary of the science that the former Vice President promotes in either a wrong or misleading way:

- He promoted the now debunked “hockey stick” temperature chart in an attempt to prove man’s overwhelming impact on the climate.

I don’t have journalism training, but I dare say calling a bunch of environmental groups with an obvious fund-raising agenda and asking them to make wild speculations on how bad global warming might become, is nothing more than advocacy for their left-wing causes. It is a violation of basic journalistic standards. To his credit, *New York Times* reporter Revkin saw fit to criticize *Time Magazine* for its embarrassing coverage of climate science.¹³

So in the end, *Time*’s cover story title of “Be Worried, Be Very Worried,” appears to have been apt. The American people should be worried – very worried – of such shoddy journalism.

- He attempted to minimize the significance of Medieval Warm period and the Little Ice Age.
- He insisted on a link between increased hurricane activity and global warming that most sciences believe does not exist.
- He asserted that today's Arctic is experiencing unprecedented warmth while ignoring that temperatures in the 1930's were as warm or warmer.
- He claimed the Antarctic was warming and losing ice but failed to note, that is only true of a small region and the vast bulk has been cooling and gaining ice.
- He hyped unfounded fears that Greenland's ice is in danger of disappearing.
- He erroneously claimed that ice cap on Mt. Kilimanjaro is disappearing due to global warming, even while the region cools and researchers blame the ice loss on local land-use practices.
- He made assertions of massive future sea level rise that is way out side of any supposed scientific "consensus" and is not supported in even the most alarmist literature.
- He incorrectly implied that a Peruvian glacier's retreat is due to global warming, while ignoring the fact that the region has been cooling since the 1930s and other glaciers in South America are advancing.
- He blamed global warming for water loss in Africa's Lake Chad, despite NASA scientists concluding that local population and grazing factors are the more likely culprits.
- He inaccurately claimed polar bears are drowning in significant numbers due to melting ice when in fact they are thriving.

- He completely failed to inform viewers that the 48 scientists who accused President Bush of distorting science were part of a political advocacy group set up to support Democrat Presidential candidate John Kerry in 2004.

Now that was just a brief sampling of some of the errors presented in *An Inconvenient Truth*. Imagine how long the list would have been if I had actually seen the movie – there would not be enough time to deliver this speech today.

Tom Brokaw

Following the promotion of *An Inconvenient Truth*, the press did not miss a beat in their role as advocates for global warming fears.

ABC News put forth its best effort to secure its standing as an advocate for climate alarmism when the network put out a call for people to submit their anecdotal global warming horror stories in June for use in a future news segment.¹⁷

In July, the Discovery Channel presented a documentary on global warming narrated by former NBC anchor Tom Brokaw. The program presented only those views of scientists promoting the idea that humans are destroying the Earth's climate.¹⁸

You don't have to take my word for the program's overwhelming bias; a Bloomberg News TV review noted, "You'll find more dissent at a North Korean political rally than in this program" because of its lack of scientific objectivity.

Brokaw also presented climate alarmist James Hansen to viewers as unbiased, failing to note his quarter million dollar grant from the partisan Heinz Foundation or his endorsement of Democrat Presidential nominee John Kerry in 2004 and his role promoting former Vice President Gore's Hollywood movie. Brokaw, however, did find time to impugn the motives of scientists skeptical of climate alarmism when he featured paid environmental partisan Michael Oppenheimer of the group Environmental Defense accusing skeptics of being

bought out by the fossil fuel interests.

The fact remains that political campaign funding by environmental groups to promote climate and environmental alarmism dwarfs spending by the fossil fuel industry by a three-to-one ratio. Environmental special interests, through their 527s, spent over \$19 million compared to the \$7 million that Oil and Gas spent through PACs in the 2004 election cycle.

I am reminded of a question the media often asks me about how much I have received in campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry. My unapologetic answer is ‘Not Enough’ – especially when you consider the millions partisan environmental groups pour into political campaigns.

Engineered ‘Consensus’

Continuing with our media analysis: On July 24, 2006 *The Los Angeles Times* featured an op-ed by Naomi Oreskes, a social scientist at the University of California San Diego and the author of a 2004 *Science Magazine* study.

Oreskes insisted that a review of 928 scientific papers showed there was 100% consensus that global warming was not caused by natural climate variations. This study was also featured in former Vice President Gore’s *An Inconvenient Truth*.¹⁹

However, the analysis in *Science Magazine* excluded nearly 11,000 studies, or more than 90 percent of the papers dealing with global warming, according to a critique by British social scientist Benny Peiser.

Peiser also pointed out that less than two percent of the climate studies in the survey actually endorsed the so-called “consensus view” that human activity is driving global warming and some of the studies actually opposed that view. But despite this manufactured “consensus,” the media continued to ignore any attempt to question the orthodoxy of climate alarmism.

As the dog days of August rolled in, the American people were once again hit with more hot

hype regarding global warming, this time from *The New York Times* op-ed pages. A columnist penned an August 3rd column filled with so many inaccuracies it is a wonder the editor of the *Times* saw fit to publish it.

For instance, Bob Herbert’s column made dubious claims about polar bears, the snows of Kilimanjaro and he attempted to link this past summer’s heat wave in the U.S. to global warming – something even alarmist James Hansen does not support.²⁰

Polar Bears Look Tired?

Finally, a September 15, 2006 Reuters News article claimed that polar bears in the Arctic are threatened with extinction by global warming. The article by correspondent Alister Doyle, quoted a visitor to the Arctic who claims he saw two distressed polar bears.

According to the Reuters article, the man noted that “one of [the polar bears] looked to be dead and the other one looked to be exhausted.” The article did not state the bears were actually dead or exhausted, rather that they “looked” that way.

Have we really arrived at the point where major news outlets in the U.S. are reduced to analyzing whether or not polar bears in the Arctic appear restless? How does reporting like this get approved for publication by the editors at Reuters? What happened to covering the hard science of this issue?

What was missing from this Reuters news article was the fact that according to biologists who study the animals, polar bears are doing quite well. Biologist Dr. Mitchell Taylor from the Arctic government of Nunavut, a territory of Canada, refuted these claims in May when he noted that, “Of the 13 populations of polar bears in Canada, 11 are stable or increasing in number. They are not going extinct, or even appear to be affected at present.”²¹

Sadly, it appears that reporting anecdotes and hearsay as fact has now replaced the basic tenets of journalism for many media outlets.

Alarmism Has Led To Skepticism

It is an inconvenient truth that so far, 2006 has been a year in which major segments of the media have given up on any quest for journalistic balance, fairness and objectivity when it comes to climate change. The global warming alarmists and their friends in the media have attempted to smear scientists who dare question the premise of man-made catastrophic global warming, and as a result some scientists have seen their reputations and research funding dry up.

The media has so relentlessly promoted global warming fears that a British group called the Institute for Public Policy Research – and this from a left leaning group – issued a report in 2006 accusing media outlets of engaging in what they termed “climate porn” in order to attract the public’s attention.

Bob Carter, a Paleoclimate geologist from James Cook University in Australia has described how the media promotes climate fear: “Each such alarmist article is larded with words such as ‘if’, ‘might’, ‘could’, ‘probably’, ‘perhaps’, ‘expected’, ‘projected’ or ‘modeled’ - and many involve such deep dreaming, or ignorance of scientific facts and principles, that they are akin to nonsense,” professor Carter concluded in an op-ed in April of this year.²²

Another example of this relentless hype is the reporting on the seemingly endless number of global warming impact studies which do not even address whether global warming is going to happen. They merely project the impact of potential temperature increases.

The media endlessly hypes studies that purportedly show that global warming could increase mosquito populations, malaria, West Nile Virus, heat waves and hurricanes, threaten the oceans, damage coral reefs, boost poison ivy growth, damage vineyards, and global food crops, to name just a few of the global warming linked calamities. Oddly, according to the media reports, warmer temperatures almost never seem to have

any positive effects on plant or animal life or food production. Fortunately, the media’s addiction to so-called ‘climate porn’ has failed to seduce many Americans.

According to a July Pew Research Center Poll, the American public is split about evenly between those who say global warming is due to human activity versus those who believe it’s from natural factors or not happening at all.

In addition, an August *Los Angeles Times*/Bloomberg poll found that most Americans do not attribute the cause of recent severe weather events to global warming, and the portion of Americans who believe global warming is naturally occurring is on the rise. Yes – it appears that alarmism has led to skepticism.

The American people know when their intelligence is being insulted. They know when they are being used and when they are being duped by the hysterical left.

The American people deserve better – much better – from our fourth estate. We have a right to expect accuracy and objectivity on climate change coverage. We have a right to expect balance in sourcing and fair analysis from reporters who cover the issue.

Above all, the media must roll back this mantra that there is scientific “consensus” of impending climatic doom as an excuse to ignore recent science. After all, there was a so called scientific “consensus” that there were nine planets in our solar system until Pluto was recently demoted.

Breaking the cycles of media hysteria will not be easy since hysteria sells – it’s very profitable. But I want to challenge the news media to reverse course and report on the objective science of climate change, to stop ignoring legitimate voices this scientific debate and to stop acting as a vehicle for unsubstantiated hype. **FC**

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Is Classroom Preaching on Global Warming Indoctrinating the Next Generation?

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Dr. Tim Ball

world, and he has been a guest on numerous radio programs, television specials, and documentaries. During the past ten years, Dr. Ball has given over 600 public presentations on climate issues.

In granting *Forcing Change* permission to use this article, Dr. Ball also agreed to help alert the FC network regarding changes and challenges emanating from the global warming movement. We can look forward to more of Dr. Ball's material in the future.

It gives the editor of *Forcing Change* great pleasure to introduce Dr. Tim Ball to the FC family

By Dr. Tim Ball, *Natural Resources Stewardship Project* (www.nrsp.com)

Do you know what your children are learning in school about climate change? Have you ever looked at their textbooks? Is it education or indoctrination? How accurate are the facts? How much is it an ideological or a political message? Is it a balanced curriculum offering options or one

imposing a singular view? How much is fear the vehicle of indoctrination?

Do you only learn about the material when your elementary school child can't sleep because of threats of a rising sea level? Are you like the mother who told me how children at a birthday party for her seven-year-old cried when a balloon burst because they said there would be another hole in the ozone? I hear from many people about children traumatized by what they have learned in school. A British survey of children between 7 and 11 found half of them are anxious about the impacts of global warming to the point of losing sleep. At what age do we place societal or world problems on young shoulders? US TV celebrity psychologist "Dr. Phil" says emphatically, don't put adult problems on children's shoulders.

No doubt, environmental advocates like Al Gore and Canadian counterpart David Suzuki believe pushing their message to young people is necessary to produce the type of people they want for their world, but at what age is it acceptable? Ar-



David Suzuki

istotle distinguished between knowledge that was essentially innate and knowledge that required life experience to assimilate. Information about the latter is purely propaganda when introduced to the

young. It is indoctrination.

There is a difference between presenting accurate facts and selling a message. It is like the difference between an advertisement selling a product or one selling a message (known as advocacy advertising.) By insinuating their message into the school curriculum they want to produce future citizens who think and act as they want about the environment. What they are really doing is insidiously putting on the cloak of green to mask a political ideology. They are effective because the ease of access they are given to the schools. This is in sharp contrast to the experience of those who want to explain what is wrong with the science and offer the alternative view for balance. I know from years of involvement with curriculum design and development how easy it is to 'direct' the information going to the classroom. How much input do parents have? Is it adequate to assume educators know what is best for tomorrow's citizen?

Some parents want their children indoctrinated, but often don't know what they are doing. Keith Wiley, father of seven-year old Gillian admits he wrote her entry for David Suzuki's contest, "If I were Prime Minister." "A planet with no poisons, and, carbon dioxide."

What he doesn't know is this guarantees no future for his daughter. CO₂ is the most important gas in the atmosphere. Without it plants die so there is no oxygen and no animals including Gillian. Indeed, current levels of 385 parts per million (ppm) are one third what research shows is optimum for plants. So in the misguided blind faith of religious environmentalism, they strive to eliminate CO₂ when it is not causing climate change and in doing so potentially kill all life. Maybe it's an extreme example of the bumper sticker proposal to "Save the Planet; kill yourself." It also underlines the fact that climate science is taught in the Social Studies curriculum when it should be in the Science curriculum. Without scientific understanding you simply have discussions in ignorance and potential for ideological and political bias.

All societies prepare their children for life. However, a modern western education does little to prepare them for life, but a great deal about how classifying their intelligence and abilities according to a very narrow definition of intelligence. It is the overlooked message of the movie *Crocodile Dundee*, that a person from the Australian outback can survive in New York while a New Yorker dies quickly in the outback – yet who calls who primitive or intelligent? A primordial education is about surviving. This is different than formal education as evolved in western societies.

Throughout history people pushing ideologies have recognized the role of controlling education of the very young. St. Ignatius of Loyola understood the permanent impression that the years of childhood make on a person when he said, “Give me the first seven years, and I’ll give you the man.” Adolf Hitler wrote about his objectives for the Hitler Youth program,

“My program for educating youth is hard. Weakness must be hammered away. In my castles of the Teutonic Order a youth will grow up before which the world will tremble. I want a brutal, domineering, fearless, cruel youth. Youth must be all that.”

Some may consider these as extreme examples of what is happening in our schools. Many others don’t.

Sadly, in professing to want an open and environmentally aware citizen they will create a narrowly and inaccurately informed citizenry. They are in danger of creating a society cynical of science so real issues are pushed aside. Some are already aware of this danger. People who were in school in the 1970s are among the most cynical because they were scared by threats of global cooling. There is another unintended consequences as about 20% of high school students tell me they’re convinced, the world is finished so they want the big house and car and will enjoy the end. My empirical findings were confirmed by a

formal study among students in the US. Equally important they are underestimating a much more media aware student body. They are the television generation who learn early that the ‘super duper’ advertised toy is usually just another piece of plastic junk.

The opening paragraph challenged parents about their knowledge of what children are learning in school. Their concern is personal and direct, but the knowledge and implications are important for all of society. If we are going to make the right decisions about local, national and global environmental and resource issues, it is imperative we have accurate facts and a rudimentary understanding of the way the earth works. That is not true now and will be worse if uninformed ideologues continue to have unfettered access without balance. Extending the politics of fear to young children is truly reprehensible no matter the cause.

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UK High Court Rules Al Gore’s An Inconvenient Truth to be Propaganda

Editor’s Note: John Herron is a Minnesota-based researcher and writer on global climate issues. His website, Global Warming Hoax (www.globalwarminghoax.com) contains a wealth of articles and reports on the misapplication of climate science. While at the Global Warming Hoax website, take note of the bookstore section, which lists a number of excellent resources on this vitally important subject.

Mr. Herron has granted *Forcing Change* permission to use this article, and has provided some further background to the editor of FC, which will appear as a preface.

It gives me pleasure to introduce John Herron to the *Forcing Change* network.

Preface: This short article was originally based on a preliminary judgement in the United Kingdom, which originally highlighted eleven points of inaccuracy in Al Gore's book, *An Inconvenient Truth*. [Editor's Note: the book and the movie by Gore is essentially the same, and even share the same title.] Since then, the judge's final decision was that he could only find cause to state that 9 of the 11 points outlined were inaccurate.

In an email exchange, Mr. Herron provided an interesting perspective on global warming and mass-hysteria,

"My theory on GW is that it is not a conspiracy; its mass-hysteria with a few people taking advantage of that. People remember extremes, e.g. when things are better they have the 'when I was a kid...' syndrome. But when things are much worse than the average their mind compresses time and they don't remember long periods of bad weather that occurred a long time ago, e.g. 'things have never been this bad.'

I truly think its human nature and frankly has occurred throughout history. In the past man blamed weather on the community's sin, waiting too long to sacrifice a virgin, a recent case of blasphemy, or just 'gods will.' Its amazing that in 1975 when North America was going through a few years of colder than average temperatures Newsweek did a cover story on the coming ice age. Now that temperatures are a little above normal (though only .7C warmer than in 1910 so it probably isn't perceptible), people had to blame something else for the weather."

By John Herron, Global Warming Hoax.

The United Kingdom High Court has ruled the book *An Inconvenient Truth* (by Al Gore) to be propaganda and described as irredeemable, containing serious scientific inaccuracies and "sentimental mush."

There you have it.

Truck driver Stewart Dimmock brought legal action against the school system to prevent *An Inconvenient Truth* from being taught in school as factual information. The UK High Court has issued a preliminary ruling stating that teachers must make clear that:

1. The Film is a political work and promotes only one side of the argument.
2. If teachers present the Film without making this plain they may be in breach of section 406 of the Education Act 1996 and guilty of politi-



cal indoctrination.

3. Eleven inaccuracies have to be specifically drawn to the attention of school children.

What are the “eleven inaccuracies”? (the following is from the UK New Party’s website).

1. The film claims that melting snows on Mount Kilimanjaro evidence global warming. The Government’s expert was forced to concede that this is not correct.
2. The film suggests that evidence from ice cores proves that rising CO2 caused temperature increases over 650,000 years. The Court found that the film was misleading: over that period the rises in CO2 lagged behind the temperature rises by 800-2000 years.
3. The film uses emotive images of Hurricane Katrina and suggests that this has been caused by global warming. The Government’s expert had to accept that it was “not possible” to attribute one-off events to global warming.
4. The film shows the drying up of Lake Chad and claims that this was caused by global warming. The Government’s expert had to accept that this was not the case.
5. The film claims that a study showed that polar bears had drowned due to disappearing arctic ice. It turned out that Mr Gore had misread the study: in fact four polar bears drowned and this was because of a particularly violent storm.
6. The film threatens that global warming could stop the Gulf Stream, throwing Europe into an ice age. The Claimant’s evidence was that this was a scientific impossibility.
7. The film blames global warming for species losses including coral reef bleaching. The Gov-

ernment could not find any evidence to support this claim.

8. The film suggests that the Greenland ice covering could melt, causing sea levels to rise dangerously. The evidence is that Greenland will not melt for millennia.
9. The film suggests that the Antarctic ice covering is melting, the evidence was that it is in fact increasing.
10. The film suggests that sea levels could rise by 7m, causing the displacement of millions of people. In fact, the evidence is that sea levels are expected to rise by about 40cm over the next hundred years, and that there is no such threat of massive migration.
11. The film claims that rising sea levels has caused the evacuation of certain Pacific islands to New Zealand. The Government are unable to substantiate this and the Court observed that this appears to be a false claim.

John Herron’s website, Global Warming Hoax, can be accessed via www.globalwarminghoax.com. **FC**

2007: Global Warming Alarmism Reaches A “Tipping Point.”

By Senator James Inhofe; Chairman, Senate Environment And Public Works Committee

Editor’s Note: The following is a speech excerpt from Senator Inhofe’s October 26, 2007 talk on global warming science and advocacy. The full text of this speech can be found at the US Senate Committee Environment and Public Works website, including all source links.

We are currently witnessing an international awakening of scientists who are speaking out in opposition to former Vice President Al Gore, the United Nations, the Hollywood elitists and the media-driven “consensus” on man-made global warming.

We have witnessed Antarctic ice GROW to record levels since satellite monitoring began in the 1970’s. We have witnessed NASA temperature data errors that have made 1934 – not 1998 – the hottest year on record in the U.S. We have seen global averages temperatures flat line since 1998 and the Southern Hemisphere cool in recent years.

These new developments in just the last six months are but a sample of the new information coming out that continues to debunk climate alarm.

But before we delve into these dramatic new scientific developments, it is important to take note of our pop culture propaganda campaign aimed at children.

Hollywood Targets Children With Climate Fears

In addition to Gore’s entry last year into Hollywood fictional disaster films, other celebrity figures have attempted to jump into the game.

Hollywood activist Leonardo DiCaprio decided to toss objective scientific truth out the window in his new scarefest *The 11th Hour*. DiCaprio refused to interview any scientists who disagreed with his dire vision of the future of the Earth.

In fact, his film reportedly features physicist Stephen Hawking making the unchallenged assertion that “the worst-case scenario is that Earth would become like its sister planet, Venus, with a temperature of 250 [degrees] centigrade.”

I guess these “worst-case scenario’s” pass for science in Hollywood these days. It also fits perfectly with DiCaprio’s stated purpose of the film.

DiCaprio said on May 20th of this year: “I want the public to be very scared by what they see. I

want them to see a very bleak future.”

While those who went to watch DiCaprio’s science fiction film may see his intended “bleak future,” it is DiCaprio who has been scared by the bleak box office numbers, as his film has failed to generate any significant audience interest.

Gore’s producer to kids: ‘Be activists’

Children are now the number one target of the global warming fear campaign. DiCaprio announced his goal was to recruit young eco-activists to the cause.

“We need to get kids young,” DiCaprio said in a September 20 interview with *USA Weekend*.

Hollywood activist Laurie David, Gore’s co-producer of *An Inconvenient Truth* recently co-authored a children’s global warming book with Cambria Gordon for Scholastic Books titled, *The Down-To-Earth Guide to Global Warming*.

David has made it clear that her goal is to influence young minds with her new book when she recently wrote an open letter to her children stating: “We want you to grow up to be activists.”

Apparently, David and other activists are getting frustrated by the widespread skepticism on climate as reflected in both the U.S. and the UK according to the latest polls.

It appears the alarmists are failing to convince adults to believe their increasingly shrill and scientifically unfounded rhetoric, so they have decided kids are an easier sell.

But David should worry less about recruiting young activists and more about scientific accuracy. A science group found what it called a major “scientific error” in David’s new kid’s book on page 18.

According to a Science and Public Policy Institute release on September 13,

“The authors [David and Gordon] present unsuspecting children with an altered temperature and CO2 graph that reverses the relationship found in the scientific literature. The manipulation is criti-

cal because David's central premise posits that CO2 drives temperature, yet the peer-reviewed literature is unanimous that CO2 changes have historically followed temperature changes."

David has now been forced to publicly admit this significant scientific error in his book.

Nine year old: 'I don't want to die' from global warming

A Canadian high school student named McKenzie was shown Gore's climate horror film in four different classes.

"I really don't understand why they keep showing it," McKenzie said on May 19, 2007.

In June, a fourth grade class from Portland Maine's East End Community School issued a dire climate report: "Global warming is a huge pending global disaster" read the elementary school kids' report according to an article in the *Portland Press Herald* on June 14, 2007. Remember, these are fourth graders issuing a dire global warming report.

And this agenda of indoctrination and fear aimed at children is having an impact.

Nine-year-old Alyssa Luz-Ricca was quoted in the *Washington Post* on April 16, 2007 as saying: "I worry about [global warming] because I don't want to die."

The same article explained: "Psychologists say they're seeing an increasing number of young patients preoccupied by a climactic Armageddon."

I was told by the parent of an elementary school kid last spring who said her daughter was forced to watch *An Inconvenient Truth* once a month at school and had nightmares about drowning in the film's predicted scary sea level rise.

The Hollywood global-warming documentary *Arctic Tale* ends with a child actor telling kids: "If your mom and dad buy a hybrid car, you'll make it easier for polar bears to get around."

Unfortunately, children are hearing the scientifically unfounded doomsday message loud and

clear. But the message kids are receiving is not a scientific one, it is a political message designed to create fear, nervousness and ultimately recruit them to liberal activism.

There are a few hopeful signs. A judge in England has ruled that schools must issue a warning before they show Gore's film to children because of scientific inaccuracies and "sentimental mush."

In addition, there is a new kids book called *The Sky's Not Falling! Why It's OK to Chill About Global Warming*. The book counters the propaganda from the pop culture.

Objective, Evidence based Science is Beginning to Crush Hysteria

My speech today and these reports reveal that recent peer-reviewed scientific studies are totally refuting the Church of Man-made Global Warming.

Meteorologist Joseph Conklin who launched the skeptical website www.climatepolice.com in 2007, recently declared the "global warming movement [is] falling apart."

All the while, activists like former Vice President Al Gore repeatedly continue to warn of a fast approaching climate "tipping point."

I agree with Gore. Global warming may have reached a "tipping point."

The man-made global warming fear machine crossed the "tipping point" in 2007.

I am convinced that future climate historians will look back at 2007 as the year the global warming fears began crumbling. The situation we are in now is very similar to where we were in the late 1970's when coming ice age fears began to dismantle.

Remember, it was *Newsweek Magazine* which in the 1970's proclaimed meteorologists were "almost unanimous" in their view that a coming Ice Age would have negative impacts. It was also *Newsweek* in 1975 which originated the eerily similar "tipping point" rhetoric of today:

Newsweek wrote on April 28, 1975 about coming ice age fears: “The longer the planners delay, the more difficult will they find it to cope with climatic change once the results become grim reality.”

Of course *Newsweek* essentially retracted their coming ice age article 29 years later in October 2006. In addition, a 1975 National Academy of Sciences report addressed coming ice age fears and in 1971, NASA predicted the world “could be as little as 50 or 60 years away from a disastrous new ice age.”

Today, the greatest irony is that the UN and the media’s climate hysteria grows louder as the case for alarmism fades away. While the scientific case grows weaker, the political and rhetorical proponents of climate fear are ramping up to offer hefty tax and regulatory “solutions” both internationally and domestically to “solve” the so-called “crisis.”

Skeptical Climatologist Dr. Timothy Ball formerly of the University of Winnipeg in Canada wrote about the current state of the climate change debate earlier this month,

“Imagine basing a country’s energy and economic policy on an incomplete, unproven theory - a theory based entirely on computer models in which one minor variable (CO2) is considered the sole driver for the entire global climate system.”

And just how minor is that man-made CO2 variable in the atmosphere?

Meteorologist Joseph D’Aleo, the first Director of Meteorology at The Weather Channel and former chairman of the American Meteorological Society’s (AMS) Committee on Weather Analysis and Forecasting, explained in August how miniscule mankind’s CO2 emissions are in relation to the Earth’s atmosphere.

“If the atmosphere was a 100 story building, our annual anthropogenic CO2 contribution today would be equivalent to the linoleum on the first floor,” D’Aleo wrote. **FC**

Youth Declaration on Climate Change

November 18, 2005

We, the 57 youth representatives of Winnipeg, Manitoba feel that climate change is a real, visible and important issue that affects all people around the world.

We feel that changes in weather patterns and global temperatures are a direct result of human-related production of greenhouse gases and negative alteration of environment. Overall, we are concerned about how human actions contribute to this issue and question the sustainability of the future.

Specifically we are concerned about:

1. Energy use and the amount of green house gases created through heating of homes, transportation, electricity, industrial processes, and production of consumer goods.
2. Health implications such as disease, famine and water quality issues.
3. Increases in natural disasters, including floods and droughts.
4. Decreased global biodiversity.
5. Relocations of mass amounts of people.
6. Changes in agricultural practices.
7. A lack of education about climate change.

The above concerns are all long term in nature.

As a result, it is the youth of the world that face the greatest challenges. Despite this, there is a lack of youth involvement in climate change issues. We feel that we are not taken seriously and that there is a lack of resources available for us to become involved. Moreover, too much emphasis is being placed on problems rather than solutions.

Given the above concerns, we demand that more action be taken to address climate change and involve youth in the process.

Education

People of all ages and countries need to be educated about the seriousness of climate change. Governments need to undertake massive educational campaigns to create awareness about climate change and support for the reduction of greenhouse gases. Governments should also provide organizations with funds to promote awareness about climate change at the community level.

Governments need to invest in preparing Youth with the skills and knowledge to address climate change. Funding needs to be increased in the renewable energy and energy efficiency technology sectors, as well as in climate change impacts and how we can adapt to them.

International Governments

Climate change is an international issue and, as such, all countries must sign onto the Kyoto Protocol and make efforts to reduce their greenhouse gases. There needs to be consequences for countries that do not sign or make efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. Governments of the world need to come together to put pressure on those countries that have not signed. They need to take whatever action is necessary to ensure that all countries are doing their part.

National Governments

Governments need to stop putting the economy above all else. After all, without a clean environment and properly-functioning climatic system, there is no economy. Governments need to move beyond voluntary measures and force industries and businesses to reduce their greenhouse gases, especially the large polluters. In addition, governments need to monitor companies to make sure they are meeting the targets.

Moreover, economic incentives and disincentives need to be created for individuals. Rebates or no taxes need to be made available for electric and



hybrid cars, and gas guzzlers need to be heavily taxed. The government should also provide more funding for homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

Municipal Governments

Municipal governments need to manage and plan cities with climate change in mind. Public transportation needs to be made faster and more

accessible to everyone. Opportunities for walking and cycling need to be created. The green space in every city needs to be increased.

Youth

Youth need to be given a greater voice on climate change issues. We need a platform from which we can express our demands. We want to work with governments and the community to influence the policies that will affect our lives. Moreover, we need to be able to vote on policies, such as energy and climate change policies, that will have the greatest impact on our future. **FC**

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