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## IS IT A DEBATE IF ONLY ONE SIDE IS HEARD?

**Let me ask** the same question I have often asked before: "Why haven't you read about this somewhere else?" After all, this is a topic that affects the future of all of us, it deals with a deadly threat to civilization as we know it, and Nobel Prizes have been given to people who have brought us the bad news that humanity is responsible for the oncoming worldwide environmental upheaval and we should do something soon, very soon, or else we are doomed, doomed, doomed!

I am not a scientist. I don't expect you to accept my opinions on human-caused global warming – I am not an expert in that field. But it bothers me when the media parrot the idiotic and false statement by Al Gore and his disciples that the debate is over. Well, in a way it is – since our mainline media will not publish what the real experts are saying – so what kind of a debate could there be when only one side has a chance be heard? And this is more than annoying and frustrating – it is criminal, unethical, based on lies and will result in tragic consequences to our lives and those of our children.

Wouldn't you think that an open letter to the U.N. Secretary General by over 100 prominent scientists, many of them former and current members of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), deserves to be reported by the media, especially since it angrily criticizes the conclusions of the recent Global Warming Summit in Bali that supposedly relied on IPCC's conclusions? You would, right? You'd be wrong!

The letter was printed, in full, in Canada's National Post on December 13. It was later distributed, in abbreviated form by the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment, but not by Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post, any TV news channels or other major newspapers. The signatories of the letter are top level scientists from major universities throughout the world. (If you want to see their names, you can look them up by Googling "Scientists letter to U.N. Secretary on global warming". I think you'll be impressed by their names, degrees and international fame.) They are outraged by what happened in Bali and what is continuing to happen throughout the world.

Here are just a few quotes from the letter – the added emphasis is mine:

"Attempts to prevent global climate change from occurring are **ultimately futile**, and constitute a tragic misallocation of re-

sources that would be better spent on humanity's real and pressing problems."

**"It is not possible to stop climate change, a natural phenomenon that has affected humanity through the ages.** (History) attests to dramatic challenges posed to past societies from unanticipated changes in temperature, precipitation, winds and other climatic variables."



U.N. SECRETARY - GENERAL KI-MOON

"In stark contrast to the often repeated assertion that the science of climate change is 'settled', significant new peer-reviewed research has cast even more **doubt on the hypothesis of dangerous human-caused global warming.**"

"The IPCC has issued increasingly alarming conclusions about the climatic influences of human-produced carbon dioxide (CO2), a non-polluting gas that is essential to photosynthesis...The IPCC's conclusions are **quite inadequate to implement policies that will markedly diminish future prosperity.**...It is not established that it is possible to significantly alter global climate through cuts in human greenhouse gas emissions."

"The IPCC Summaries for Policy Makers are prepared by a relatively small core writing team with the **final drafts approved line-by-line by government representatives.**

\*Contrary to the impression left by the IPCC Summaries, recent observations of phenomena such as glacial retreats, sea-level rise and migration of temperature sensitive species are not evidence for abnormal climate change since **none of these changes are outside of normal variability.**

\*The average rate of warming of 0.1 to 0.2 degrees Celsius recorded during the late 20<sup>th</sup> century falls within known **natural rates of warming and cooling** within the last 10,000 years.

\*Today's computer models cannot predict climate. Despite computer projections of temperature rises **there has been no net global warming since 1998.**

\*Significant new peer-reviewed research has cast even more doubt on the hypothesis of dangerous human-caused global warming. But because IPCC working groups were **generally instructed to consider work published only through May 2005, these important findings are not included in their reports; i.e. the IPCC assessment reports are already materially outdated.**

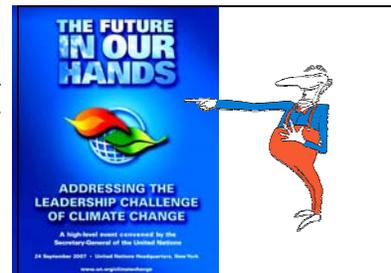
The signatures represent experts who teach and do research at the most respected universities worldwide - MIT, Royal Swedish University, Canada, Australia, Institute of Mathematical and Theoretical

Physics in Germany, and many more. They include the former head of Australia's Climate Centre and consultant to World's Meteorological

Association, the former U.K. Chancellor of the Exchequer and the President of the World Federation of Scientists in Geneva. I doubt that they are on the payroll of oil companies or in cahoots with George W. Bush. Look them up – I think you'll be as impressed and angry as I am, and as some of the scientists are.

Nathan Paldor, professor of Dynamical Meteorology and Physical Oceanography at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem said that many who share the signatories' views are afraid of retribution if they speak out publicly and, in any case, find it very difficult to have their views distributed by the mainline media.

And so, I repeat, why haven't you read any of this lately? ☹



ADDRESSING THE LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Complete peer-reviewed scientific references to the facts in this article can be found in the peer-reviewed article, *Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide* by A. B. Robinson, N. E. Robinson, and W. Soon – [www.oism.org/pproject](http://www.oism.org/pproject).

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## **THE VIRTUES OF ATMOSPHERIC CARBON DIOXIDE**

AL GORE'S MOVIE, *An Inconvenient truth*, includes some very remarkable revelations including:

1. A "COMPUTER CALCULATED" temperature prediction curve with predictions beginning in 1938 – when neither Al Gore nor the computer had yet been invented.
2. PHOTOS OF SOUTH SEA islanders being washed from their islands by rising seas – sea level having risen 3 inches during the past 50 years.

3. DRAWINGS OF species driven to extinction by human use of hydrocarbons – including the Woolly Mammoth, which has been gone from the Earth for thousands of years.

4. A LITTLE GIRL'S ICE cream cone melting before she can eat it – as a result of the current 0.5 degree centigrade per century increase in temperature.

5. 650,000 YEARS OF EARTH temperature fluctuations, including 6 ice ages – all

caused, according to Al Gore, by carbon dioxide fluctuations of entirely unknown origins.



Al Gore's other popular offering is his book appropriately entitled *The Assault on Reason* – a subject for which he obviously has readily demonstrated exper-

tise.

George Washington was at Valley Forge during the coldest period in 1,500 years, with Earth average temperatures dipping as low as 1 degree centigrade below the 3,000-year average. Since then, temperatures have gradually recovered. If the current rate of increase continues, about 2 centuries from now the temperature of the Earth will be back to that of the medieval period 1,000 years ago – when Greenland was green and warmer weather brought increased growing seasons and general rises in comfort and prosperity in many cooler climates.

Meanwhile, in the United States, rainfall is increasing, tornados are becoming less frequent, glaciers have been receding for 200 years – back to their more normal average lengths, and hurricane frequency

and severity has been unchanged for the past century.

Standing timber in U.S. forests has, however, increased by 40% since 1950; 2,000-year-old pine trees are growing faster; and animal and plant quantity and diversity are sharply increasing. This is truly alarming! If current trends continue, we will be overrun by squirrels, deer, and foxes and fighting for our lives against aggressively growing orange and apple trees. A dire prediction was even published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences – I am not making this up – warning that poison ivy is also growing faster.



and the other organic molecules in living things is derived from atmospheric carbon dioxide. Without atmospheric carbon dioxide, life as we know it would not be possible. Plants inhale carbon dioxide and are thereby fertilized. When atmospheric carbon dioxide increases – as it has by about 30% during the past century, plant life and the animal life that thrives upon it are also increased.

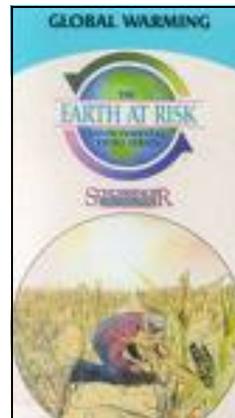
The annual increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide attributable to human activities – primarily the burning of coal, oil, and

natural gas – is about 1 part in 10,000 of that contained in the oceans and biosphere – a contribution of ultimately negligible consequence. Since, however, this human-released carbon must travel through the atmosphere to reach the ocean and biotic reservoirs, human use, while it continues, has caused a transient rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide from about 0.03% to about 0.04% of atmospheric



molecules. The primary environmental result of this rise is plant fertilization. We are moving carbon from below ground into the atmosphere, where it is available to produce more plants and animals – a wonderful and unexpected gift from the industrial revolution.

The Earth's atmosphere and surface are warmed by solar radiation; the greenhouse effect – primarily caused by atmospheric water vapor; and other less-understood phenomena. Carbon dioxide and methane are also greenhouse gases, but their physical properties render their greenhouse effects very weak. Neither warms the Earth significantly, and no greenhouse warming caused by these two substances has ever been unequivocally observed. The warming and cooling of the Earth is correlated most closely with fluctuations in solar activity and is entirely uncorrelated with human hydrocarbon use.



This has not, however, troubled Al Gore, the United Nations, and their environmental retainers, who are regaling the body politic with unverified computer projections that purport to predict the weather centuries in

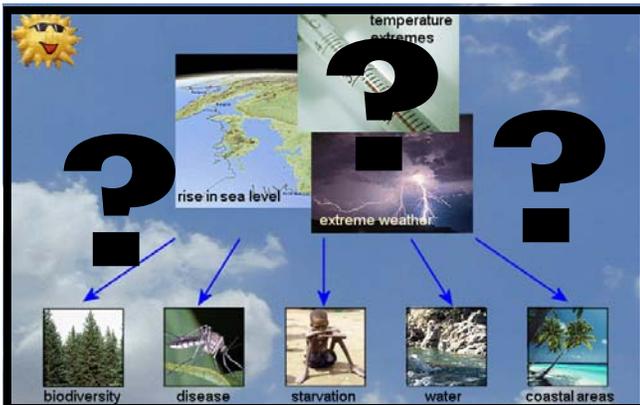
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the future. These computer models cannot predict the weather next week, nor can they even “predict” the weather last year. In order to make the models conform to at least somewhat to past temperature trends, their handlers have introduced 6



and even 7 adjustable parameters into their calculations. As Enrico Fermi famously remarked when quoting his friend, the great mathematician and computer pioneer John von Neumann, “with 3 parameters I can fit an elephant and with 4, I can make him wiggle his trunk.”

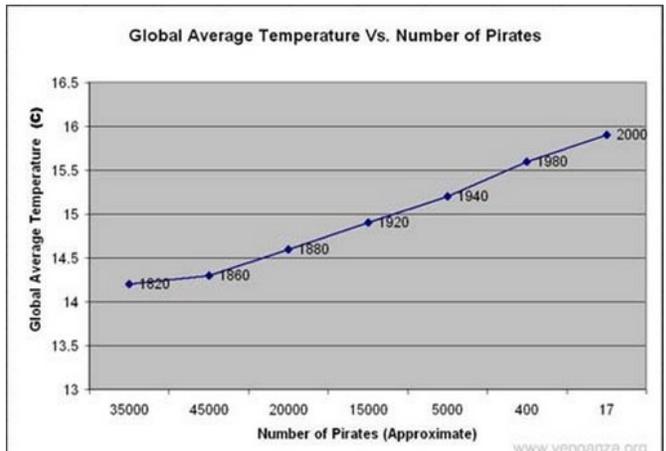
Why are these people doing this? Why has Al Gore positioned himself to become a historical laughing stock, and why have a few hundred United Nations climate change-funded “scientists” joined them? The reason surely is not



global warming. If they truly were alarmed as they say about imminent climatic peril, they would be clamoring for the Penner-Teller solution. These scientists have shown that slight injections of sun-blocking particulates into the upper atmosphere would immediately erase all Earth warming of the past 200 years. Teller estimated the cost to achieve this cooler temperature at about \$1 billion. A similar additional amount would probably be required annually to maintain the cooling.

If Al Gore were truly alarmed about hydrocarbon use, he would be clamoring

for nuclear power plants. The construction of just 50 nuclear installations similar to that partially completed at Palo Verde near Phoenix would erase most of the U.S. carbon dioxide output – and would also erase most of the U.S. trade deficit at the same time. Yet, while The Wall Street Journal recently counted 381 nuclear power plants in various stages of planning or construction around the world – but none being constructed in the United States, Al Gore and his retainers actually oppose nuclear power.



**The lesser known consequences of global warming**

So, why are they doing this? In the words of Indiana Jones – “fortune and glory, kid, fortune and glory” – paraphrase that “money and power, madam, money and power.” Al Gore, himself, has already accumulated astonishing personal wealth during his campaign against world energy technology and is now a principal in a new corporation being formed to profit from public fear of global warming. Meanwhile, United Nations bureaucrats are mesmerized by the prospect of taxing and rationing world energy supplies – a position of virtually unlimited wealth and power that would give them life-and-death control over both world technology and the human race.

And, why do we prefer that Al Gore and his friends not succeed? One reason is that, in the poorer countries of the world, billions of people are using technology to lift themselves from poverty and to gain some of the technological blessings that Americans now enjoy. These people need inexpensive, relatively low technology energy that can, with current methods, only be practically derived from hydrocarbons. World hydrocarbon rationing would deprive them of this energy, destroy their dreams, and cause them to slip backwards into suffering, poverty, and death.

Simultaneously, Americans can only maintain and extend their own technology and prosperity with inexpensive energy – available now in practical quantities only from hydrocarbon and nuclear sources.

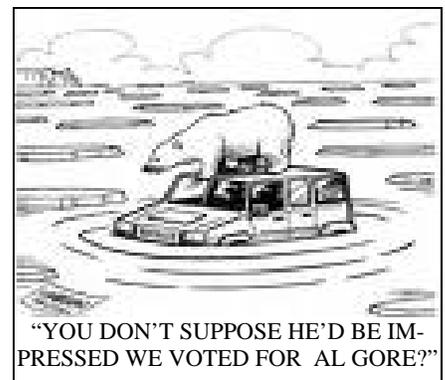
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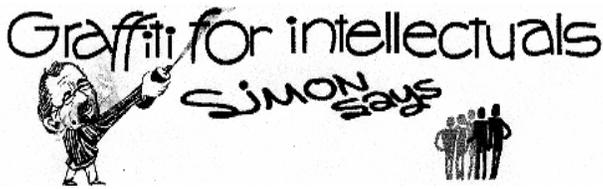
Most people agree that increased quality, quantity, and length of human life and decreased human suffering are worthwhile goals. These goals are best reached by technological advance, and inexpensive energy is the currency of technological progress. The myth of hu-



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man-caused global warming currently threatens these goals and that technological advance. This is the truth – inconvenient as it may be to the self-centered aspirations of Al Gore and his United Nations friends. Ω





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BEARING UP By Sarah Palin, Governor of Alaska— New YorkTimes, Jan 5, 2008,

About the closest most Americans will ever get to a polar bear are those cute, cuddly animated images that smiled at us while dancing around, pitching soft drinks on TV and movie screens this holiday season.

This is unfortunate, because polar bears are magnificent animals, not cartoon characters. They are worthy of our utmost efforts to protect them and their Arctic habitat. But adding polar bears to the nation's list of endangered species, as some are now proposing, should not be part of those efforts.

To help ensure that polar bears are around for centuries to come, Alaska (about a fifth of the world's 25,000 polar bears roam in and around the state) has conducted research and worked closely with the federal government to protect them. We have a ban on most hunting — only Alaska Native subsistence families can hunt polar bears — and measures to protect denning areas and prevent harassment of the bears. We are also participating in international efforts aimed at preserving polar bear populations worldwide.



This month, the secretary of the interior is expected to rule on whether polar bears should be listed under the Endangered Species Act. I strongly believe that adding them to the list is the wrong move at this time. My decision is based on a comprehensive review by state wildlife officials of scientific information from a broad range of climate, ice and polar bear experts.

The Center for Biological Diversity, an

environmental group, has argued that global warming and the reduction of polar ice severely threatens the bears' habitat and their existence. In fact, there is insufficient evidence that polar bears are in danger of becoming extinct within the foreseeable future — the trigger for protection under the Endangered Species Act. And there is no evidence that polar bears are being mismanaged through existing international agreements and the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The state takes very seriously its job of protecting polar bears and their habitat and is well aware of the problems caused by climate change. But we know our efforts will take more than protecting what we have — we must also learn what we don't know. That's why state biologists are studying the health of polar bear populations and their habitat.

As a result of these efforts, polar bears are more numerous now than they were 40 years ago. The polar bear population in the southern Beaufort Sea off Alaska's North Slope has been relatively stable for 20 years, according to a federal analysis.

We're not against protecting plants and animals under the Endangered Species Act. Alaska has supported listings of other species, like the Aleutian Canada goose. The law

worked as it should — under its protection the population of the geese rebounded so much that they were taken off the list of endangered and threatened species in 2001.

Listing the goose — then taking it off — was based on science. The possible listing of a healthy species like the polar bear would be based on uncertain modeling of possible effects. This is simply not justified.

What is justified is worldwide concern over the proven effects of climate change.

The Center for Biological Diversity, which petitioned for the polar bear to be protected, wants the listing to force the government to either stop or severely limit any public or private action that produces, or even allows, the production of greenhouse gases. But the Endangered Species Act is not the correct tool to address climate change — the act itself actually prohibits any consideration of broader issues.

Such limits should be adopted through an open process in which environmental issues are weighed against economic and social needs, and where scientists debate and present information that policy makers need to make the best decisions.

Americans should become involved in the issue of climate change by offering suggestions for constructive action to their state governments. But listing the polar bear as threatened is the wrong way to get to the right answer. ●

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