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### **Al Gore's Sequel**

Soon to be in theaters across the nation, Al Gore's <u>An Inconvenient Sequel</u> will repeat, even add to, the apocalyptic claims shown in his 2006 film <u>An Inconvenient</u> *Truth*. In the decade since Gore's earlier film, however, the numbers of scientific realists who counter the stance put forth by Gore and others has grown enormously. There will, therefore, be plenty of outright denials of the former vice president's frightpeddling insistence about warming and mankind's role in it.

Don't expect any apology for <u>misinformation</u> in this film. And don't look for details from an important report examining how data from weather stations have been doctored to buttress Gore's scares. A conservative news purveyor known as <u>PJ Media</u> has recently shown that temperature figures making up the Global Average Surface Temperature (GAST) have been manipulated to favor the position favored by Gore. The culprits include the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA), and the Hadley Center for Climate Prediction and Research.

Figures used to create GAST's summary conclusion do not coincide with actual temperature readings and have been dubbed "not a valid representation of reality." In fact, the year 2016 was not "the hottest year on record" as claimed by NOAA. That year produced "a below average'" number of hot days that ranked it 80th from the hottest since 1895 when recording temperatures began.

NOAA's charts and graphs portray U.S. temperature higher by 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit since the 19th century. But its own figures disproving that very claim have been altered to conform to the increased amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere. CO2 is "supposed" to be a dangerous substance driving temperatures upward; however, mounting numbers of climate realists and allies in other fields point to the needed and beneficial effects of CO2. And they don't adjust temperature data to conform to their expectations regarding temperature fluctuations.

According to many climate alarmists, deniers of "inconvenient truths" are bought-and-paid-for agents of energy companies. No mention is made of the millions Al Gore and his climate allies have accumulated from government grants and green-energy subsidies. Gore alone has become a multi-millionaire.

Nor should anyone be conned into believing that any denier is a self-indicted and dangerous kook just

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because of the claim that "97 percent of scientists" believe the CO2 con and mankind's pernicious role in causing its increase. There's "consensus" among scientists say Gore and his allies. <u>There isn't</u>. But, as the late physician, researcher and author Michael Crichton stated in his 2003 Caltech lecture, "In science consensus is irrelevant.... There's no such thing as consensus science. If it's consensus, it isn't science. If it's science, it isn't consensus. Period."

There happens to be a political agenda behind all of the hoopla about climate change. The Paris Agreement President Trump refused to sign turns out to be a key step toward wealth redistribution. Former head of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Rajendra Pachauri openly pointed to that goal. Christiana Figueres, who led the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) until 2016, said the Paris Agreement provided tools to "replace capitalism." Former UNFCCC official Ottmar Edenhofer summarized, "we de facto redistribute the world's wealth by climate policy."

Climate realists, adamant deniers of the message put forth by Gore and others, are today's heroes not the enemies of mankind. That their number continues to grow is welcome news.

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