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Rebel with a Clause



Rebel with a Clause Climate calamities

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In last week's offering, I dissected the disreputable arguments against global warming skepticism of public relations consultant and David Suzuki acolyte, Jim Hoggan.

To repeat, Hoggan has co-authored a book attacking global warming doubters as generally being tied to Big Oil.

He even appeared on The Bill Good Show, and with the complicity of the shows producers and host, Hoggan basked in the balminess of his own CKNW-endorsed infomercial.

It was a pathetic segment.

Thus, I was critical of Hoggan's on-air shenanigans and the refusal of The Bill Good Show to mollify such nonsense.

Well, you'd think I had advocated for the choking of puppies. Within hours, Hoggan had penned an misleading letter to the editor of this august publication and, within days, two other alarmists had written equally deceptive screeds.

I'm a "hyper-conservative", screamed one lad. Really? I strongly support gay rights, including marriage; advocate for funding child care, health care and education, first; know the Olympics are being delivered on the backs of the poor and believe the HST is a hurtful policy that will take food from the table of many a needy family.

But I am a terrible chap, no?

My column was "breathtaking" in its pretense, according to another fellow, because I was attacking Hoggan for "talking about climate change without expertise".

Manifestly, this same fellow has a reading comprehension problem. My issue with Hoggan remains that he wrote a book about how (in his words) "almost all deniers are connected to big oil."

Quite apart from the offensive term "denier", which should be reserved for those insufferable bastards that deny the Holocaust, Hoggan's broad sweeping statement is untrue. I am, simply put, offended that Hoggan, without a scintilla of climate credentials, criticizes genuine researchers as being bought and paid for.

There are hundreds of legitimate scientists, worldwide, suggesting that our planet may have even cooled in the last eight years and that previous climate models are wrong.

Nevertheless, it was Hoggan's letter that tells you everything you need to know about global-warming alarmists and their ilk. He tried desperately to defend Green guru Al Gore, and his discredited drama, which, I submit should be renamed A Profitable Lie, from the significant criticisms delivered in October 2007, by Mr. Justice Burton of the British High Court. He contorted the decision: The plaintiff was a "failed right-wing politician," according to Hoggan.

And here are Hoggan's words from his appearance on The Bill Good Show,

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not one week earlier.
"Most critics try to paint this issue (global warming) as a political issue, a right versus left issue ... and it's not."

Do you see the weeping craftiness?

It is a political issue only when it suits the alarmists.

My friends, the reality is that global warming alarmism is being revealed, with greater momentum, on each day that passes, because the predictions of planetary apocalypse are summarily not true.

Hoggan, whose limitless capacity for overstatement, is just another apologist for a movement that costs young families extra at the check-out counter, in "green" products that might facilitate eco-fantasies, while China sells 25,000 cars per week and builds a coal-burning plant every six days. You never hear Hoggan or any of his left-wing counterparts criticizing their own, even though the Clinton Administration (with Al Gore as Vice-President) sat on the Kyoto Protocol for two terms.

They rail against Stephen Harper, even though, Jean Chretien and Paul Martin twiddled their thumbs for years, after the Liberals stupidly ratified such a sham initiative that would ravage the Canadian economy.

The end game is that global warming alarmists need you to be afraid; to buy themselves time, in the flawed aspiration that their decade-old fairy stories about man-made climate ruin will finally emerge.

They are required to excuse failing predictions as being impervious to reasonable query and to attack people like me, when, frankly, I have only one interest in all of this: Protecting you and your families from the relentless tales that line the pockets of giddy hucksters and dancing gremlins.

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