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Rebel with a Clause



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Over-billed as Good

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I am a loyal listener and have been a privileged guest on KKNW's The Bill Good Show. I've always thoroughly enjoyed the experience but Monday was a little different.

In one of the segments, Bill featured a new book written by James Hoggan, a local public relations consultant, who you may know as the man whose company received an untendered PR contract with the City of Vancouver early in the term of our Mayor, Jolly Green Gregor.

Hoggan, a well-known global warming alarmist and David Suzuki Foundation overlord, went on to talk about his new book, which apparently takes on what he alleges to be a campaign against global warming by interests usually steeped in financing by Big Oil, etc.

And while admitting that he has absolutely no credentials to be looking at climate science, he took on the position of many legitimate climatologists anyway.

"The critics against climate change are all public relations efforts (sic)," Hoggan claimed, painting with such a broad brush as to cover a canvas in one stroke.

Then, adding to the hot air rising in the studio, with about the same credibility as a cobblestone fortune teller, he exclaimed, "There is a big difference between climate change science and PR, I've gone into the background of many of the critics and most are tied to big oil companies."

Not a stitch of reason from Hoggan, who was doing nothing more than lobbying and spinning in the exact same manner he claims he finds offensive.

Nor, disappointingly, did Bill Good pressure Hoggan at any point, instead content to gingerly lob softball questions.

It might as well have been an infomercial.

I leapt to my laptop and sent an e-mail to Bill's producers requesting a minute to refute the nonsense of their guest, since they hadn't booked anyone with a balanced view.

The terse response should have told me something was awry, "Call the open-line."

I just about fell out of my chair.

I thought 600 legitimate climate scientists, from recognized universities and institutes, bombarded the recent climate-change conference in Copenhagen, either in person or by letter, with significant evidence that, primarily, a) there is now a growing body of evidence that for the last eight years we may be in a position of global cooling, and; b) that the original models (computer generated suppositions) upon which the whole global warming hysteria is based, may be substantially flawed, to the extent that the notion of global warming being entirely anthropogenic, is wrong.

So I called and finally got through. After I spent 20 seconds pummeling his guest with truth, Bill Good cut me off.



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"We've only got two minutes left and I want to hear from my guest."

Subsequently, Hoggan received the remaining two minutes where he provided a response to me, by lying about a British High Court decision that declared Green High Priest Al Gore's schlockumentary An Inconvenient Truth, in large part "a fiction" and Gore's evidence of global warming catastrophe as "unsupportable" and his deductions as "highly unlikely based on the scientific evidence."

But according to Hoggan, I was the one lying and the highly critical judgment - which I have in my possession - wasn't critical; Notwithstanding Justice Burton's objections to Gore's proven hooley, in the same drama, about Lake Chad, the snow caps of Kilimanjaro, coral reefs and Hurricane Katrina.

Bill Good, to his credit, admitted his show's prejudice halfway through the segment.

"The producers of this show have looked at the research on climate change and have determined that the majority of it supports global warming"

Wonderful. Two, twenty-something reporters have sat in their adjacent cubicles at CKNW, flipping through some global-warming propaganda, and, therefore, the most revered time slot in B.C. radio history will be subject to intractable bias in favour of climate-change hysteria, rather than robust debate about the future of our planet.

It's very simple: The debate is far from over with growing evidence, not from fruit-fly biologists like David Suzuki, or PR gurus like Jim Hoggan and Al Gore, but by hundreds of revered and respected climatologists like Drs. Douglas Hoyt, Antonio Zichichi and Vladimir Bashkirtsev of America, Italy and Russia respectively, who are rallying against alarmism and hysteria, because it may all be a natural cycle after all.

But this would render the "Green Movement" on par with Copernicus' claims of a flat earth.

Were you aware that Bill Good wants you to know James Hoggan is selling a book?

I might as well have been listening to Hulk Hogan on Monday.

All the while I was thinking about PR, but listening to BS.

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