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AL GORE
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ATTACKS ON GORE

A full study of derogations of Gore would explain much about this nation. Why has this former Vice-President, presidential candidate, co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, author of 47 books, devoted leader in the struggle to cope with climate change, and so many other achievements received such severe and often grossly distorted assaults? Who are those people?

Just now (Jan. 17, 2014) I made a Google Search for Al Gore, biography, books, films and of the 10 entries on page one, 7 attacked “errors” in his film, “An Inconvenient Truth.” I have not seen a study on the distortions and prejudices of Google Search, but clearly one is needed. (The chief critic cited is the warming denier, Lomborg.)

Or take the back-handed treatment of Gore in our local newspaper, to which I replied as follows (unpublished).

In his recent column (6-30-13), Sherman Frederick admirably called on President Obama to provide “constitutional checks and real transparency” in his “spying programs.” But his comment about former Vice-President and Nobel Prize winner Al Gore seemed hasty, perhaps written under deadline pressure and even prejudice. “This commentator for the first time lines up with Al Gore when he says: ‘It is not acceptable to have a secret interpretation of a law that goes far beyond any reasonable reading of either the law or the Constitution and then classify as top secret what the actual law is.’” For the first time? Frederick implies he had had many opportunities to agree with Mr. Gore and had rejected them. And that suggests he had read some or at least one of Mr. Gore’s many books, that include: Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit (1992), Preventing Crime and Promoting Responsibility: 50 Programs That Help Communities Help Their Youth (1995), Joined at the Heart: The Transformation of the American Family (with Tipper Gore, 2002), An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It (2006), Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis (2009) There was nothing in Gore’s books he could agree with, or the other way around, he rejected everything in these books? Or did he misleadingly imply familiarity with Gore in order to make his sweeping rejection of Gore’s lifetime of research and writing, except for one statement, seem more profound? Or was it just a careless moment? Let’s hope it was the latter.

But scientists have a different view of Gore. They applaud him. Here’s a note from Physics Prof. Emer. Art Hobson about that:

“Gore’s work is really helpful. Scientists support him. He gave an invited plenary lecture--his slide show--at a national meeting of the Am Assoc for the Adv of Science (AAAS) several years ago. I was there. It was packed, with overflow in a separate hall connected by video. When he entered, Gore got a standing ovation. When he finished his talk, he got another standing ovation. This is unusual at AAAS meetings. This speaks well, both for Gore and for science. Cheers – Art”

So join me in telling the truth about Al Gore and giving him the thanks he deserves for telling us the truth about the planet and the politics that have prevented an effective global response to anthropogenic, atmospheric warming, from Earth in the Balance (1998) to The Future (2013). I will select three aspects of his recent life: his Climate Reality Project and his two recent books, Our Choice and The Future. CRP and these two books offer the comprehensiveness our leaders and all citizens
need for coping with the consequences of climate change.

The Climate Reality Project

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THANKS! YOUR SUBSCRIPTION IS CONFIRMED.
Thank you for joining The Climate Reality Project! You will now receive email updates from former Vice President Al Gore and The Climate Reality Project team.

You are part of a growing community of millions of people worldwide who have come together in support of taking urgent steps to halt the growing climate crisis. In the coming days and weeks, we’ll keep you updated on ways you can help us power a social revolution for climate action.

Now that you’ve taken the first step, do a little more: Let your friends know that you are standing up for Reality:

Be sure to follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook for more ways you can make an impact. With your help, we’ll accomplish a social revolution for climate action. Former Vice President Al Gore explains how committed citizens like you have come together against all odds and turned the tide of history in this video.

Let's all share a better future together.
Have You Added Your Name?

Stand up and Count the Social Cost of Carbon

Top Climate Stories of 2013 – #1 Time to Get Coal Out of Our Stockings

Stay updated.

• The Climate Crisis
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CPR makes it easy to join and send messages. --Dick

Dear Dick,

Thank you for sending a comment to the White House Office of Management and Budget. You’ll find a copy of your comment at the bottom of this email.

By supporting the Social Cost of Carbon, you’re helping the U.S. take an important step towards putting a price on carbon pollution.

Together we are standing up for a future where we count the true cost of carbon pollution on our health, our livelihoods and our children.

If this cause is as important to you as it is to us, will you help it gain more support?

Simply share this petition via email or on your social network and invite your friends and loved ones to join you in supporting the Social Cost of Carbon.

Sincerely,

The Climate Reality Project Team
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info@climatereality.com

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The following comment was submitted to Docket ID OMB-OMB-2013-0007: [This is CRP’s standard letter. –Dick]

Dear Office of Management and Budget,

Each and every day, I’m paying for the costs of carbon pollution. We’re paying with risks to our health, our livelihood, and the well being of future generations. My future depends on reducing carbon emissions, and that’s why I believe efforts to raise the Social Cost of Carbon estimate is a step in the right direction.

I support the work you initiated in 2013 to raise the current estimate of the Social Cost of Carbon to $37 per ton of carbon pollution. While the cost of carbon pollution society is being subjected to is likely even higher, I do applaud this update to the Social Cost of Carbon estimate as a critical first step towards a comprehensive
analysis of the economic burden of climate change.

As you work to finalize these estimates, thank you for considering the impact that carbon pollution has on future generations of Americans, and people just like me.

Dick Bennett

AL GORE’S RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, BOOKS, FILMS

OUR CHOICE (2009), GOOGLE SEARCH, Jan. 16, 2014, first page

1. Push Pop Press — Al Gore's Our Choice
   pushpoppress.com/
   Our Choice will change the way we read books. And quite possibly change the world. In this interactive app, Al Gore surveys the causes of global warming and ...

2. Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis
   ourchoicethebook.com/
   The App. The Book.

3. Al Gore – Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis on the App ...
   Sep 18, 2013 - Description. ✪ Winner of the 2011 Apple Design Award ✪ Al Gore's Our Choice will change the way we read books. And quite possibly change ...

4. Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis: Al Gore: Amazon ...
   www.amazon.com/Our-Choice-Solve-Climate-Crisis/dp/B005B1AEHC
   Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis [Al Gore] on Amazon.com. *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. It is now abundantly clear that we have at our ...

5. Our Choice - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
   en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Our_CHOice
   Our Choice is a 2009 book written by former U.S. Vice President Al Gore. Originally titled The Path to Survival it follows An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary ...

6. Al Gore Our Choice - Huffington Post
   Al Gore was on Good Morning America this morning talking about his new book, Our Choice. He discussed the changes that need to happen in America, whet.
Almost a decade ago, Al Gore was presented with a question, "what are the ... a complex and comprehensive map of the forces that are shaping our world.

**Our Choice** has 461 ratings and 87 reviews. Sérgio said: Informative, clear, well written and effective at passing a message. That message is that human s...

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THE FUTURE (2013), GOOGLE SEARCH, Jan. 16, 2014, first page

1. **The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change: Al Gore:**
   9780812992946 ...
   www.amazon.com › ... › Internet & Web Culture › Future of Computing

   The *Future: Six Drivers of Global Change* [Al Gore] on Amazon.com. *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER From the former ...

2. **'The Future' by Al Gore - NYTimes.com**
   www.nytimes.com/2013/01/24/books/the-future-by-al-gore.html

   Review by MICHIKO KAKUTANI

   Jan 23, 2013 - In "The *Future: Six Drivers of Global Change,*" Al Gore assesses how changes in technology, the environment and the political climate are ...
Almost a decade ago, Al Gore was presented with a question, "what are the drivers of global change?" Unable to...
These two books are extraordinary. *Our Choice* provides a splendid, reliably science-based, beautifully illustrated textbook of 18 progressive, accumulating chapters—sun and wind energy, forests, soil, population, true cost of carbon….to “Our Choice.” *The Future* is an exhilarating trip into the future of six “drivers” of change, of which the sixth is climate change. Chapter six is a compact but entirely clear compendium of the facts and consequences of global warming found in *Our Choice*. And the preceding five “drivers” lead up to it, creating the comprehensive analysis needed, moving up and down from meticulous detail to large generalization to connect the whole ahead of us. I highly recommend both of these books for every citizen.

RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

At first glance it might seem the various organizations teaching the facts of anthropocentric warming and resisting the effects of and teaching adaptation to warming are diluting their effectiveness. But each one has a purpose which complements the others. For example, the leadership and membership overlap. Two members of OMNI350 have graduated from Gore’s CRP training, and the chair of OMNI350 is a leader in the local/state Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL), and the two organizations work closely together. All of those members support Bill McKibben’s 350 campaign.

All of the well-established, main-line environmental groups (Sierra Club, Audubon, etc.) should be included in this list.

COMMENT BY ROBERT MCAFEE, a Volunteer Climate Leader of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps

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to me, Robert, Joanna

Thanks, Dick,

I'm waiting for the lead from Joanna, after they hear about the grant, before planning any OMNI350 support of
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Meanwhile, CCL is planning a regional conference to be held in Eureka Springs on March 8-9. We chose Eureka Springs because the OMNI Center wasn't fully available on those days. Robert designed a flyer which I'll send you.

CCL is also going to be tabling at the OMNI membership meeting, and will have postcards at the Interfaith Harmony Day.

On Saturday Robert and I are going to Little Rock for the NRDC citizen advocate training to encourage the state to take action on climate change, which we are excited to hear about and act on.

And finally, related to Gore, as soon as Joanna is ready after the baby is born, she is going to do the full Climate Reality presentation at the library during a Climate Change Book Forum meeting.

All these organizations working together!

And yes, have to get some help updating that OMNI350 site soon as we get a chance.

Best,
Shelley

...[Message clipped] View entire message

Robert McAfee

9:08 AM (33 minutes ago)

Dick, the essence of the Climate Reality Workshop continues to train climate reality leaders around the world to be qualified to do presentations. Generally there is a least one international and one national training program per year. This March Gore will offer a training program in South Africa. He’s done these in Australia, India, Turkey, just to name a few locations.

The Gore team has tight control over content, and I believe this is done in part because there are so many wishing bad for Mr. Gore. He wants to make sure all his facts are thoroughly vetted.

His plan is well thought out to have thousands of presenters spread the word about global warming. In turn
this will lead to hundreds of thousands hearing the message.

Currently there are more than 4,000 trainees world wide. The audience reached would be staggering if each presenter did indeed do the 10 presentations each agreed to do when selected for the training. The training by the way is brilliant. 2 ½ - 3 days of intense, professional training by experts.

The current focus is on the true cost of carbon. Coupled with 350.org’s Do the Math Campaign there is compelling evidence of why we must stop carbon pollution. Gore is an educator where McKibben (350.org) is more activist. In my opinion it’s too bad they don’t merge.

I don’t think anyone can seriously deny that it was Mr. Gore who really brought global warming to international attention. His “An Inconvenient Truth” is still one of the best overviews of the subject. And, with out doubt his slide shows are unequaled.

OMNI350 is fortunate to be utilizing the strengths of the Climate Reality Project, 350.org, and the Citizen’s Climate Lobby. Almost single handed Shelley over the last year has forged a group that is the strongest and best organized in our history of OMNI’s global warming work.

The Regional Citizens Climate Lobby this March in Eureka Springs is going to be a gold star on OMNI’s record in my opinion. Dick, you should be very pleased that serious ACTION is being taken on global warming.

Robert

COMMENT BY SHELLEY BUONAIUTO, CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY AND OMNI 350
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Best,
Shelley

CCL

**Citizens Climate Lobby**

The purposes of Citizens Climate Lobby are to 1) create the political will for a stable climate and 2) to empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power.

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Bill McKibben, 350.org

1. 350.org

350.org/

International effort to raise awareness of the need to decrease carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere to 350 parts per million. Includes updates on …

Jobs - The Science - 350 Local - "Do the Math" Movie

2. Official site for Bill McKibben: Author - Educator - Environmentalist

www.billmckibben.com/

Official website for Bill McKibben - author, educator, environmentalist, and Co-founder of 350.org; includes full information on all his books including Oil and …

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3. Bill McKibben - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_McKibben

Jump to 350.org - [edit]. Main article: 350.org. In the wake of Step It Up's achievements, the same team announced a new campaign in March 2008 …

4. Environmentalist, 350.org Founder Bill McKibben on "Eaarth …

www.democracynow.org/2010/4/15/mckibben

Apr 14, 2010

Ahead of Bolivia’s indigenous summit on climate change and the expected unveiling of a Senate climate bill …

OMNI350 (formerly OMNI Climate Change Task Force)
OMNI350 (initially Carbon Caps Task Force) has been our engine of information and action for peace, justice, and ECOLOGY. An important part of its history has been its Book Forums, which commenced in 2006. Started by Dick Bennett and then accelerated with the help of Louise Mann and now led by Shelley Buonaiuto, our public Book Forums have discussed some two dozen books on anthropogenic global warming/climate change; for example, Brown’s *World on the Edge*, Climate Central’s *Global Weirdness*, Flannery’s *The Weather Makers*, et al. Upcoming (Feb. 2, 2014): Collier’s *The Plundered Planet*. Of the many other actions by OMNI350, at present we are approaching those county officials who deny or doubt warming/climate change through meetings and suggested readings. These two examples illustrate our double-pronged tactic of educating the public and direct contact with uninformed officials.

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