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'The Climate Made Me Do It?'

A group of Greenpeace protesters known as the Kingsnorth Six were arrested in 2007 for trying to paint "Gordon Bin It" (referring to Prime Minister Gordon Brown), on the Kingsnorth coal plant smokestack, which resulted in £30,000 in damages. During their trial, the Greenpeace protesters admitted that they did it, and never questioned the amount of damage. So, the matter might seem settled.

But no, the Kingsnorth Six claimed they were not liable for the damages, based on the law that holds a fireman not liable for damages when, in the process of trying to save lives, he breaks down the front door of a home to gain access. The Kingsnorth Six claimed, like the rescuing fireman, that they were saving the world from the effects of global warming, by protesting new coal plants!

In other words, these Greenpeace protesters took their defense from the 1960s-1970s comedian Flip Wilson, who was famous for his routine, "the devil made me do it." Now Greenpeace is saying, "the climate made me do it."

Enter James Hansen

How did the jury buy this defense? The Kingsnorth Six called in James Hansen, the chief U.S. global warming alarmist, to testify as an expert witness. This means that his statements were made not as a private citizen, but as the director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Hansen claimed in his testimony that coal plants were the biggest cause of global warming. Further, Hansen told the court, "Maybe we have the wrong people on trial."

On Sept. 10, 2008, the jury in the Kingsnorth Six case, influenced by the Hansen testimony, found the Greenpeaceers "not guilty" of damaging the Kingsnorth smokestack.

The question remains about the fallout of the verdict. At present there is some



Hansen and Gore made me do it?

talk of passing a law in Britain to stop climate protesters from damaging or stopping the operation of coal plants; but until then, protesters can damage or tie up operations of coal plants in Britain and claim that "the climate made me do it."

Gore's comment featured by Greenpeace UK's video of the event: "I can't understand why there aren't rings of young people blocking bulldozers and preventing them from constructing coal-fired plants."

Return of the Global Warmers' Sacred Icon

The U.S. Climate Science Program (<http://www.climate-science.gov>) released a draft of its full report for public comment in July, which featured the return of the most holy icon of the climate swindle, the "hockey stick" temperature graph of Michael Mann et al.

The infamous Mann hockey stick shows a fairly level temperature for most of the past 2,000 years, which comprises the shaft of the hockey stick, but then a sudden, steep rise in temperatures in the 1990s, which makes up the blade of the hockey stick. The 2,000-year even temperature depiction, of course, denies both the Medieval Warm Period from about the 10th to 14th Century, and the Little Ice Age of the 16th to mid-19th Century,

which followed it. By keeping the temperature record flat, Mann et al. can assert that the steep rise is entirely caused by man's activities.

The return of the hockey stick was a shock, because it had been so thoroughly debunked by a congressional committee in 2006, and in a report and conference hosted by the National Academy of Sciences that the same year.

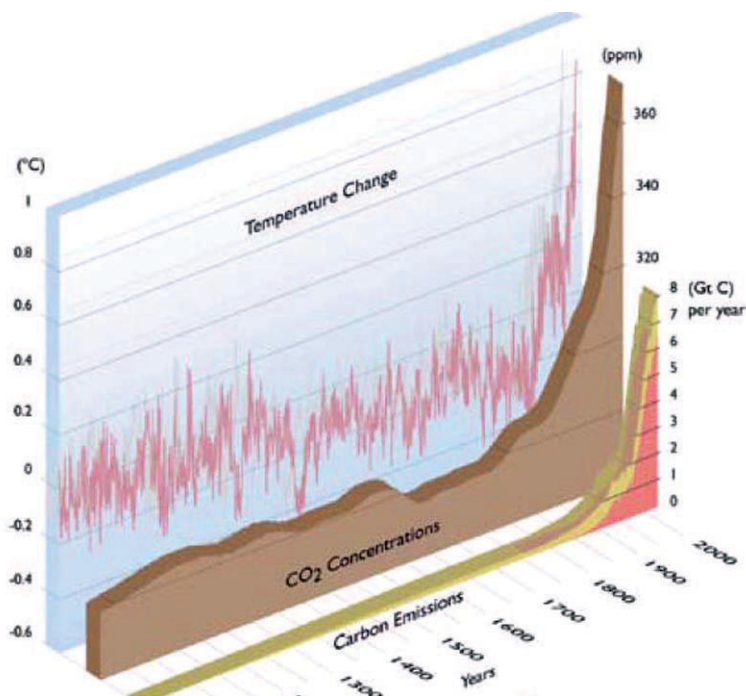
In September, Mann et al. released a report titled "Proxy-based reconstructions of hemispheric and global surface temperature variations over the past two millennia" (<http://www.pnas.org/content/105/36/13252.full.pdf>), in which Mann claims to show that the hockey stick was not just a statistical trick. He did not rely on tree rings for this reconstruction, Mann says, as he had in the 1998 paper.

But this new paper meets a very different audience than that of the first hockey stick paper in 1998. This time, readers have been educated by the work of Steve McIntyre and Ross Mckittrick, on their website Climateaudit (www.climateaudit.org), which shows how Mann's reconstructions are put together by cherry-picking the data. McIntyre has worked tirelessly to get the data and source codes for this and other graphics that the global warmers will not release. So now, Mann's little secrets have been made available to a good part of the scientific community.

For those readers who would like to check out the construction of the hockey stick, there is a short, easy-to-understand online experiment at <http://noconsensus.wordpress.com/2008/09/20/online-experiment-with-the-latest-hockey-stick/>.

'Climate Wars'

Meanwhile, to keep the pressure of the global warming scare going, BBC2 in



USCCSP

The original Michael Mann hockey stick, shown here in the USCCSP report, cherry-picked its proxy temperature data. The “new” hockey stick uses only 5 percent of the available temperature proxy data.

Britain aired a two-part program in September called “The Climate Wars,” which attempted to return the sacred icon back to the respectability it had in the 2001 “IPCC Third Assessment Report.” That report featured the hockey stick on its cover, and five times in the text. The “Climate Wars” program pointed out that Michael Mann was not alone in finding the temperature hockey stick, but other researchers had done so as well. However, unmentioned in the BBC2 program is that all of the researchers who came up with similar hockey stick curves, have co-authored papers with Mann, or worked either with him or Phil Jones, the director of the Climate Research Center in Britain.

(Those global warmers who love to attack the “skeptics” as being in the hire of the oil companies, should note that this Climate Research Center was originally funded by Shell Oil.)

Lord Monckton is right when he wrote in his rebuttal to the latest Mann paper (http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/monckton_papers/rebuttal_of_rebuttal_

of_on_global_forces_of_nature_driving_the_earth_s_climate.html), that Mann et al. and U.S. climate scientist James Hansen should be put on trial for crimes against humanity, because the policies that they promote will kill millions of the world’s poor.

New Zealand MP Calls Al Gore a Phony

Rodney Hide, ACT Party Leader and Member of Parliament, gave a speech to Parliament on Sept. 2, attacking the proposed emissions trading scheme for New Zealand (http://nzclimatescience.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=342&Itemid=30). “The entire climate change-global warming hypothesis is a hoax, the data and the hypothesis do not hold together, Al Gore is a phony and a fraud on this issue, and the emissions trading scheme is a worldwide scam and swindle.” Hide said.

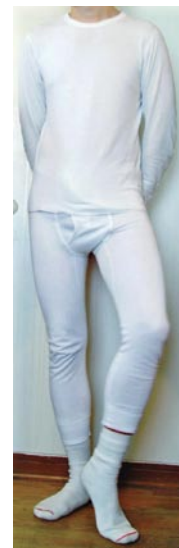
“Enacting this legislation will cost New Zealanders dear—that is the point of it—and it will drive up the costs of basic goods and services for New Zealanders proba-

bly by at least \$500 or \$600 a year.” Hide also noted that if passed, this emissions trading scheme would drive New Zealand farmers off their land, would send businesses and jobs from New Zealand with no environmental gain, and would do little or nothing for world weather.

The only proof of man-made global warming was a computer model that was created by an “obscure U.S. physicist,” Hide said. That computer model gives a temperature curve in the shape of a hockey stick, he said, and when the world was given the computer model, researchers found that you could get the same hockey stick shape by putting in any set of numbers. “You could take the Wellington telephone directory, feed it into the model that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change used in 2001, and we would get a hockey stick that saw the world running scared, that saw policy-makers running scared, and saw Al Gore make his movie based on it.”

Are Record Sales of Long Underwear Another Sign of Global Warming?

According to an article in the *London Telegraph* Aug. 22, sales of thermal underwear increased 54 percent as compared to last year, while winter coat sales increased 76 percent for the same time period. Department store Debenhams’ spokesman Ed Watson told the *Telegraph*: “The awful weather clearly has something to do with this hibernation hysteria.” Watson also noted that with the increases in the cost of natural gas, it looks like many people will be turning to their wardrobe rather than the central heating



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thermostat this winter to keep warm.

Arctic Ice 2008: Doomsayers Wrong Again

CNN, the *New York Times*, and the British press, among others, all published stories this Summer saying that there was a 50/50 chance that the Arctic would be ice free this year. But it seems that the Arctic was not consulted on this matter.

According to the latest data from the National Snow and Ice Data Center, NSIDC (<http://nsidc.org/arcticseaicenews/>), this year's melt is some 700,000 square kilometers less than last year's ice melt. To get an idea of size: This 700,000-square-kilometer increase of sea ice is an area about double the size of Germany. The first week in September marks the end of the season's ice melt.

William Chapman, a researcher with the Arctic Climate Research Center at the University of Illinois, told the online *DailyTech* Sept. 3 that this year the Arctic was definitely colder than 2007 (www.dailytech.com/Arctic+Sees+Massive+Gain+in+Ice+Coverage/article12851.htm). Chapman also says part of the reason for the large ice loss in 2007 was strong winds from Siberia, which affect both ice formation and drift, forcing ice into warmer waters, where it melts.

Wrong Assumptions

Earlier predictions were also wrong, Chapman says, because researchers thought thinner ice would melt faster in subsequent years. Instead, according to the NSIDC, the new ice had less snow coverage to insulate it from the bitterly cold air, resulting in a faster rate of ice growth.

With the Arctic sea ice refreezing season beginning, will the agencies that track the Arctic have the intellectual courage to issue press releases on the possibility of a new record refreeze this year, or will they keep promoting the global warming alarmism of Al Gore?

Climate 'Alarmism' Has Become 'Enviro Terrorism'

William Alexander, Professor Emeritus of the University of Pretoria in South Africa and a former member of the United Nations Scientific and Technical Committee on Natural Disasters, accused climate

alarmists of turning to terrorism to advance their cause. Writing in the online "CO₂ Sceptics" (<http://co2sceptics.com/news.php?id=1724>), he says, "While the globe was still warming and environmentalist claims were modest, the IPCCs case was impregnable. In these modern times, the environmentalists fed the media with scare stories in order to advance their cause. The media in turn had little interest in repeating the same warnings month after month. So, climate alarmists were forced to increase the level of alarmism. Environmental terrorism is the result."

"These alarmist predictions have backfired," Alexander wrote. "Environmental extremism, and now plain terrorism, is causing tremendous damage to the image of science. It is exacerbated by the failure of conscientious scientists to raise the alarm."

"The IPCC warnings of climate dangers are based on computer models," Alexander said, "that can only generate answers based on the input assumptions." Of the models' credibility, he wrote: "I have no more faith in global climate model (GCM) predictions than I have in all those emails from Nigeria advising me that I

have won the Lotto, or those proposals from rich widows in Dubai who have just lost their husbands, or from the less frequent emails from my bank asking for details of my banking account. These GCMs are mathematical dinosaurs."

New Focus: Adaptation

Dr. Alexander also said that if there were a failure to come to an agreement at the Accra Climate Conference in August, that would spell doom for the IPCC, and the global warmers would have to switch to adaptation as the solution. This last point is very interesting because that Accra Conference reached no agreements on anything, and the Sept. 6 issue of the British Royal Society's journal, *Philosophical Transactions of the British Royal Society A*, is dedicated to the idea of adaptation—geoengineering. The lead article of the journal, in fact, is written by global warming maniac Stephen Schneider, "Geoengineering: could we or should we make it work?"

So is "adaptation" the new warming hobby horse, since the planet is failing to warm as their computer models say, and as they are failing to get agreements to cut emissions for the developing world?

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