

Media's silence of the climate scams

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How lucky to have gatekeepers such as the ABC, SBS and Fairfax Media to protect us from the likes of Climate Depot founder Marc Morano, recently here promoting his documentary Climate Hustle?

Thanks to mainstream media censorship, Morano's groundbreaking film, which promised a heretical fact-finding journey through the propaganda-laced world of climate change, was denied publicity. Described as "the most dangerous documentary of the year", Climate Hustle "exposes the myth of the 97 per cent 'scientific' consensus, debunks hype about temperature and extreme weather, and introduces viewers to key scientists who have reversed their views and converted to scepticism".

Fortunately, Al Gore had no difficulty finding the media opportunities Morano couldn't, to push his apocalyptic movie An Inconvenient Sequel. It continues the scaremongering of Gore's An Inconvenient Truth. Like the first, it's full of scary weather videos and features, Gore reminding us that we are at a tipping point with the result that our children will inherit a world of "stronger storms, worsening floods, deeper droughts, mega-fires, tropical diseases spreading through vulnerable populations in all parts of the Earth, melting ice caps flooding coastal cities, unsurvivable heat extremes, and hundreds of millions of climate refugees". Facts don't stand in the way of a good story. But, then, most who consider this movie a "must see" will take delight in having their fantasies and prejudices confirmed.

The movie shamelessly promotes green tech, a field in which Gore is a successful investor. His advocacy and political access are believed to have made him the world's first "carbon billionaire". But that's the self-serving nature of climate-change politics. It confers wealth and privilege on its boosters. Doubters are banished.

Take the generous financial rewards and status showered on scientists who discover human links to global warming. Under the cloak of academic authority, junk science regularly passes uncritically into the mainstream as credible research. School and university students are indoctrinated with the catastrophic warming faith "so that science can advance" (and sceptics can be silenced).

Crony capitalists are encouraged to invest in renewable energy through attractive taxpayer subsidies. We are told the crippling costs of renewable energy targets are the price we must pay to save the planet. Energy poverty and the premature death of the elderly through lack of affordable heating are downplayed or accepted as collateral damage.

Much of the media volunteered as propagandists, refusing to report fully and accurately, or even to report at all. Extreme weather events continue to be hyped as proof of reckless human activity when no causation is proved. Against predictions and record human emissions, the decline during the past decade in the frequency and intensity of storms and other natural catastrophes goes largely unreported. And there has been no measurable warming for the past 19 years. Who knew?

But catastrophic climate change is about political power. Using Malthusian environmental ideology, the climate movement is aimed at what can loosely be called the Western way of life. How else to explain the Paris Agreement under which, for their sins, rich nations must hobble

their economies and compensate poor countries so that the largest emitters, China, India and Russia, can emit freely? Donald Trump spotted this idiocy and quit the agreement.

But even the thuggishness of the climate establishment can't hide the intellectual corruption behind it all or the willingness of scientists to compromise their work for generous grants and political influence. We've had access to thousands of emails and computer files from leading scientists revealing data manipulation, collusion to keep raw data from independent examination and scientific journals pressured to reject contradictory studies.

Australian scientist Jennifer Marohasy recently outed the Bureau of Meteorology for limiting the lowest temperature that an individual weather station can record. If this is accepted practice, no wonder American physicist Charles Anderson declares "it is now perfectly clear that there are no reliable worldwide temperature records".

And on it goes. John Theon, retired chief of NASA's Climate Processes Research Program and responsible for all weather and climate research, testified that "scientists have manipulated the observed data to justify their model results". Then, politically inspired to have the maximum possible impact on world leaders attending the 2015 Paris climate conference, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued an exaggerated report based on unverified data. Esteemed scientist Hal Lewis resigned in disgust from the American Physical Society, saying climate change "is the greatest and most successful pseudoscientific fraud I have seen in my long career".

Despite it all, climate science is defended to the death. Invalidate it and "the greatest moral challenge of our generation" unravels and, with it, a compelling reason to meddle in others' lives.

While publicly politicians refuse to discuss the science, they feast on its alarmism. But they cannot forever feign ignorance of the scientific fraud deeply embedded in its core. Australians are waking up. They are growing suspicious of Labor premiers genuflecting to Gore, promising zero net emissions by 2050 and questioning the Turnbull government's virtue signalling for staying with the Paris Agreement. Slowly it is dawning on them that they and future generations are being played for fools, paying a horrifying price and enduring pointless pain, for spurious "save the planet" propaganda.