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## Ithaca Common Council's support for Carbon Tax questioned

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Tonight, Ithaca Common Council meets to discuss its support for a scheme called the Federal Carbon Tax Resolution. The genuine issue of humans causing pollution to the air, water and soil is not on their agenda. Council intends to further the Al Gore fraud that human activity and its re-releasing of carbon dioxide is the cause of "global warming." But can the so-called climate experts that council relies on be trusted? Are climate crisis experts telling us the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

There are many techniques used by liars: lying directly, lying by omission and muzzling the truth are examples. Do so-called climate scientists use any of these techniques? Let's look at a representative sample.

Originally, Professor Steve Schneider, of Stanford University, claimed that human carbon dioxide emissions were causing global cooling. But then he did a flip-flop and decided humans were causing global warming. When interviewed by Discover Magazine, claiming concern for a climate crisis, Schneider pronounced: "We need to get some broad based support, to capture the public imagination. That of course means getting loads of media coverage. So we have to offer up some scary scenarios, make simplified dramatic statements and little mention of any doubts one might have. Each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective, and being honest." Really?

Dr. Heidi Cullen of The Weather Channel claims to be a scientist. She hosts the blog Forecast Earth. Reacting to thousands of professional meteorologists who doubt that humans cause climate change, Cullen blurted, "If a meteorologist has an AMS Seal of Approval, (they) have a responsibility to truly educate themselves on the science of global warming. If a meteorologist can't speak to the fundamental science of climate change, then maybe the AMS shouldn't give them a Seal of Approval." Cullen wants to muzzle the truth.

Ellen Goodman of The Boston Globe wrote a Feb. 9, 2007 article titled "No Change in Political Climate." It was typical of science media doubletalk. First she claimed that only politically motivated scientists doubt that CO2 drives climate change. But then Goodman made the most grotesque accusation in recent memory, "I would like to say we're at a point where global warming is impossible to deny. Let's just say that global warming deniers are now on a par with Holocaust deniers, though one denies the past and the other denies the present and future."

Common Council also relies on a United Nations farce called the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), specifically the February 2007 report, "Summary for Policymakers." The summary rants about human-sourced CO2 as the cause of an "imminent global catastrophe." What Schneider, Cullen, Goodman and the IPCC have not disclosed is that the 21-page summary was written four months before the 1,600-page science report. When cornered on this deception the IPCC bureaucrats boldly stated that the delay was necessary so that, "Changes (to the science report) could be made to ensure consistency with the Summary for Policymakers." In truth the summary muzzled the science report!

Professor John Christy, lead author of the science report, said “I have often heard it said that there is a consensus of thousands of scientists on the global warming issue, and that humans are causing a catastrophic change to the climate system. Well, I am one scientist, and there are many that simply think that that is not true.” Is Christy being “anti-Semitic”?

The Hearst Corporation's The History Channel recently aired “The Global Warning.” The purpose of this primetime drama is to convince you that increases of CO<sub>2</sub> is the major historical cause of global warming but simultaneously allege that humans are the recent villains. Professor Ken Tankersley, of the University of Cincinnati, was interviewed regarding how the recent Ice Age ended 11,500 years ago. He theorizes that a comet struck the Earth. But then, he claimed that the comet contained and released “a lethal payload of millions of tons of carbon dioxide,” and that this release caused global warming and the end of the Ice Age. Tankersley also makes the unfounded claim that this event represented “the last natural period of global warming.” Now, these are not merely misstatements; these are blatant lies. It is well-known that comets do not contain CO<sub>2</sub>, let-alone “millions of tons.” The results of the NASA Stardust Mission of 2005 is one example of facts widely publicized in the science community; comets are not “dirty snowballs,” and definitely not made of CO<sub>2</sub>. Is Tankersley also claiming that Hale-Bop ended an Ice Age on Jupiter in 1997? Tankersley took a page right out of the Schneider play book.

Common Council should heed Professor Christy, “We have a vested interest in creating panic because then the money will flow to climate science.”

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