

Climate Change -- Follow the Money

Al Gore made \$100 MILLION

1. **Gore saw his personal wealth increase by an estimated \$100 million** thanks largely to speaking fees and investments related to global warming hysteria. (tennesseepolicy.org/main/article.php?article_id=764)
2. **Al Gore is a partner in Silicon Valley's preeminent venture capital firm:** After "a conversation that's gone on for a year and a half," according to Gore, he has decided to join his old pal John Doerr as an active, hands-on partner at Kleiner Perkins, Silicon Valley's preeminent venture firm.
See: http://money.cnn.com/2007/11/11/news/newsmakers/gore_kleiner.fortune/
3. **"The investment vehicle headed by Al Gore** has closed a new **\$683m fund** to invest in early-stage environmental companies and has mounted a robust defence of green investing."
"The Climate Solutions Fund will be one of the biggest in the growing market for **investment funds with an environmental slant.**"
"The fund will be focused on equity investments in small companies in four sectors: renewable energy; energy efficiency technologies; energy from biofuels and biomass; and the **carbon trading markets.**"
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4. **Al Gore appears to get \$100,000 for speaking.** See this for one example (price is on page 5):
<http://thesmokinggun.com/archive/years/2007/0717071gore1.html>
5. **Al Gore is Chairman of Generations Mutual fund.** see: generationim.com/about/team.html
6. **Al Gore's mutual fund profits from carbon trading** as it bought 9.5% stake in CAMCO GLOBAL
see: http://money.cnn.com/2008/10/31/magazines/fortune/gunter_carboncredits.fortune/index.htm?postversion=2008110307
7. **Al Gore's mutual fund , was a prized Lehman client.**
(<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/main.jhtml?view=DETAILS&grid=A1YourView&xml=/opinion/2008/09/21/do2105.xml>)

Jim Hansen received \$300,000 (he controls NASA's climate reporting)

1. NASA Goddard Scientist to Receive Heinz Award
"Dr. Jim Hansen, Chief of the Goddard Space Flight Center's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, N.Y., and **one of this year's recipients of a \$250,000** Heinz Award, receives his award tonight at a ceremony at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C."
<http://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/news/20010305/>
2. **"Hansen was in Wilmington to receive a 50,000 dollar** Common Wealth Award for outstanding achievement," ...
"The awards are provided by a trust of the late Ralph Hayes, a former director of Coca Cola and Bank of Delaware, now PNC."
(<http://www.terraviva.com/2007/080407011650.dyqm0pmz.html>) (AFP) Apr 07, 2008

Maurice Strong on Chicago Climate Exchange board of directors

Secretary General of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development -- the so-called Earth Summit -- held in Rio de Janeiro, which gave a significant push to global economic and environmental regulation.

Mr. Strong founded the Earth Council <http://www.earthcouncilalliance.org/en/about/maurice-strong.html>

Strong is on the board of directors of the Chicago Climate Exchange, described as "the world's first and North America's only active voluntary, legally binding integrated trading system to reduce emissions of all six major greenhouse gases (GHGs), with offset projects worldwide." <http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/content.jsf?id=67> ; <http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/content.jsf?id=821>

SustainableOregon.com

Sir Nicholas Stern launches carbon credit ratings agency

1. "Lord Nicholas Stern, **author of the UK's Stern report on climate change, will launch a new carbon credit ratings agency** on Wednesday, the first to score carbon credits on a similar basis to that used to rate debt." (http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/897fc1b4-4219-11dd-a5e8-0000779fd2ac.html?nclick_check=1)

"Among our principal guests were **Sir Nicholas Stern, who will be joining us as Vice Chairman, IDEA-Global Group on August 13th 2007,**" (http://www.ideacarbon.com/events_july07.asp)

"The markets for emission reductions under the flexible mechanisms and the EU ETS have increased from small and hesitant trades to a growing market, **projected to possibly exceed \$10 billion** in the CDM alone. In a follow up commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol, projections place a market size at over \$100 billion." (<http://www.ideacarbon.com/markets.asp>)

BILLIONS in Research Money:

"NEW YORK, Aug 20 (Reuters) - Eight scientific organizations urged the next U.S. president to help protect the country from climate change by pushing for increased funding for research and forecasting ... \$9 billion in investments between 2010 and 2014 ... The investments would pay for satellite and ground-based instruments that observe the Earth's climate and for computers to help make weather predictions more accurate."
<http://www.reuters.com/article/vcCandidateFeed2/idUSN20412636>

Climate Change --They Think It's OK to Lie to Us!

1. **Al Gore:** *I think the answer to that depends on where your audience's head is. In the United States of America, unfortunately we still live in a bubble of unreality. And the Category 5 denial is an enormous obstacle to any discussion of solutions. Nobody is interested in solutions if they don't think there's a problem. Given that starting point, I believe it is appropriate to have an over-representation of factual presentations on how dangerous it is, as a predicate for opening up the audience to listen to what the solutions are...* Al Gore in Grist, 09 May 2006, <http://www.grist.org/news/maindish/2006/05/09/roberts/> bold added.

BTW, a British court found a bunch of inaccuracies in Gore's film ("over-representation of factual presentations"?). See: <http://newparty.co.uk/articles/inaccuracies-gore.html>

2. **Stephen Schneider** of the National Center for Atmospheric Research described the scientists' dilemma this way: "On the one hand, as scientists, we are ethically bound to the scientific method, in effect promising to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but-which means that we must include all the doubts, the caveats, the ifs, ands, and buts. On the other hand, we are not just scientists but; human beings as well. And like most people we'd like to see the world a better place, which in this context translates into our working to reduce the risk of potentially disastrous climatic change. To do that we need to get some broadbased support, to capture the public's imagination. That, of course, entails getting loads of media coverage. **So we have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements, and make little mention of any doubts we might have.** DISCOVER OCTOBER 1989, Page 47, Bold Added (Steven Schneider is now Editor of Climate Change Journal)

3. **Jim Hansen:** (He controls NASA's historical climate records):

Emphasis on extreme scenarios may have been appropriate at one time, when the public and decision-makers were relatively unaware of the global warming issue, and energy sources such as "synfuels," shale oil and tar sands were receiving strong consideration. Now, however, the need is for demonstrably objective climate forcing scenarios consistent with what is realistic under current conditions. from http://naturalscience.com/ns/articles/01-16/ns_jeh6.html, bold added

Some quotes from Jim Hansen's former superior at NASA:

He was never muzzled ...

He thus embarrassed NASA by coming out with his claims of global warming in 1988..

...some scientists have manipulated the observed data to justify their model results...

They have resisted making their work transparent ...

Thus there is no rational justification for using climate model forecasts to determine public policy...

http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Minority.Blogs&ContentRecord_id=1a5e6e32-802a-23ad-40ed-ecd53cd3d320