
Environmentalism

Anti-greenhouse film finally on U.S. TV

After one year of censorship, a British television documentary debunking the global warming hoax was finally shown on U.S. television. The documentary, "The Greenhouse Conspiracy," appeared on the Discovery channel on June 30, despite strong pressure from professional environmentalist organizations which were demanding it not be shown. Jessica Tuchman Mathews, a former aide at the National Security Council and the CIA, and now vice president of the World Resources Institute, denounced the film as "trash."

What is it about this film that has scared the environmentalists to the point that they are willing to rip up the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech, to prevent this film from being shown in America?

The documentary is a Socratic dialogue, in which the producers set the leading spokesmen for the global warming theory against the leading scientists who point out that the theory is a scientific fraud. For the first time, top scientists such as Patrick Michaels, Virginia state climatologist, Hugh Ellsaesser from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Sherwood Idso from Arizona's Water Conservation Laboratories, and Robert Balling, head of the Department of Climatology at Arizona State University, have been able to make their case that the environmentalists who demand the dismantling of advanced industry and scientific agriculture, the prohibition of chlorofluorocarbons which are used in refrigeration, and other drastic measures to prevent an ostensible future danger to the planet, are just full of hot air.

The documentary rips to shreds the arguments of top global warming proponent Stephen Schneider, of the National Center for Atmospheric Research, for advocating "climate models" which bear little resemblance to reality. These models form the theoretical basis for the global warming predictions.

In Maryland, the documentary was followed by a discussion moderated by WAMU (the Washington, D.C. radio station that transmits from American University) talk show hostess Diane Rehm, and featuring Michaels, Balling, and several other scientists, as well as Jessica Tuchman Mathews.

Tuchman, unable to counter the scientists' arguments against global warming, resorted to the *ad hominem* argument that opponents of global warming are a "minority fringe," and claimed that computer climate models have

more veracity than actual weather and climate data. Michaels and Balling took her to task for this, noting that the Earth used to have much higher carbon dioxide levels (which plants love), and that the poles are cooling, not warming (contrary to the assertion of Schneider's climate model). They questioned how public policy could be made based on flawed computer models instead of actual data.

Children's books aim at 'greenwashing'

Death Is Natural, a so-called science book written by Laurence Pringle and published in 1991 by William Morrow & Co. (paperback, \$5.95), indoctrinates six-year-olds "with the green ABCs: People are bad; people hurt the good earth and its creatures; there are too many people," reports Marjorie Hecht, in a critique published by *21st Century Science & Technology* in its Spring 1991 issue.

Although there is some useful factual content, it is "outweighed by the Malthusian propaganda," she reports. The message is one of cultural pessimism. Author Pringle attacks human beings and moots the possibility of species extinction, writing: "The earth has never before seen a species like ours. No other species has had such damaging effects on the earth's atmosphere, water, soils, and life. We may yet change our environment so that we will die out. Humans can become extinct too." (No other species has produced scientists or authors of books, one might object.) But not to worry, opines Pringle, for "In the long view of the earth's history, however, the death of a species is no more remarkable than the death of one rabbit."

In one of Pringle's other books, *Living Treasure: Saving Earth's Threatened Biodiversity*, recommended for children ages 8 and up, the author tells children they should join environmentalist groups and buy environmentally correct products, to save earth from man.

Ninja Turtles used for anti-farmer lies

The American Farm Bureau Federation is mobilizing protests against another children's book, *ABCs for a Better Planet*, published by Random House, which the AFBF denounces as a slanderous attack on farming.

This book, featuring the popular Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, is being promoted by the Troll Book Club for summer reading. Under M, for meat, it attacks cattle raising, stating that "a lot of the world's cereal crop is fed to cattle, when it could be used to feed starving people instead. And cattle expel methane, a gas that makes the greenhouse effect worse." It advises eating less meat, and "asking your folks to buy meat from organically raised cattle."

Under P, the book says that pesticides used by farmers may still be in the food you buy at the market, without, of course saying, that the levels are regulated by law to be harmless. Once again, the kiddies are greenwashed by this book to demand that their parents buy "organically" grown vegetables and fruits.