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*Climategate*

*A Veteran Meteorologist Exposes the Global Warming Scam*

*By: Brian Saussman*

 The book Climategate is written by Brian Saussman who is both a veteran and TV meteorologist, in the San Francisco area. Saussman takes a firm stand on the theory of how Global Warming is a scam that was rigged up by high-powered politicians, environmental groups, and scientist, just to make money.

 The book begins with Saussman explaining how global warming has ties all the way back to 1818 in Germany. The founders of Communism, Karl Marx and Friederich Engels, paved the way for future environmentalist to create the idea of global warming.

 One of Saussmans’s reasons behind Climategate is how scientists left out crucial information regarding the climate. There were many examples of this in the book, but the most blatant is call the “Mann’s Hockey Stick” graph. The book states that this graph had left out two important periods of history, including the Medieval Warm Period between 900-1300, and the Little Ice Age between 1350-1800. This causes the “Hockey Stick” temperature graph to dramatically spike from around 1930 and really accelerate in the 1970’s. This graph has been a staple for all climatologists, proving how fast the climate is really changing, and is included in many of the educational science books.

 The next aim that Saussman believes that global warming is a scam is Al Gore. The book goes into detail on how Al Gore, along with his father, has a seedy past with Occidental Petroleum Company, and the chairman Armand Hammer. It goes on to say that Armand Hammer, a good family friend, also with a seedy past, has helped both Al Senior and Al Junior in making themselves into something. After his stint as Vice President, Al Gore goes onto to create his documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, which is about how quickly the climate is changing, all because of our carbon footprint on the earth. The documentary became incorporated into science curriculums all around the world, making students aware of the severity of the climate changes that were currently taking place on our planet. There were many complaints from parents, saying after viewing this documentary, their children were having nightmares or not even able to sleep at all. It became so bad for one family in Great Britain, that the father actually took the school district to court claiming that “*An Inconvenient Truth* is a part of a nationwide environmental campaign” (pg. 102) and that the documentary “lacked balance and aimed at influencing, rather then informing students” (pg. 102). Great Britain agreed, and surprisingly, this family won.

 The icing on the cake for Al Gore was in 2007 when someone got hold of his energy use records, and realized that he uses more energy in one month then one family does in a year. Saussman then goes on to explain that Gore renovated his home after this information came to light, making it more green, using more energy efficient appliances, light bulbs, and changing out windows, only for his energy usage to increase.

 Lastly, the main scandal that seems to tie Climategate all together is leaked emails from Great Britain’s climate center during November 2009. There were thousands of emails that were from both Great Britain and U.S.’s highly influential scientists trying to figure out ways to manipulate data to make it look like its humans who are causing the climate change. The Climate Research Unit was an elite group and thought to be the most credible atmospheric institution in the world. They lost all credibility when these email were leaked, and all their work through out the years became junk.

 This was a very well written and easy read. I found this book every interesting; I enjoy reading other peoples opinions, especially when it comes to such a hot topic as Global Warming. The reason why Saussman feels it is important to let all the readers know this information is so they can make their own informed decision on the environment, and gain knowledge on each end. He makes it known that most of the information that the government is putting out is mostly one sided and we are not properly informed on what is really happening. He feels as though the government sees Global Warming as a way to make money. The worse they make it look, the more we will panic and the more money they will make.

Saussman really brought his facts forward, and made it easy for me to understand his side of why he thinks Global warming is a scam. He did such a good job in fact, that honestly I feel better about Global Warming. It seems as though it may not be as sever as the Governments is making it out to be. I do still have my own beliefs on this, and still don’t see how we are not making a negative impact on the earth, especially with all the industry and building we are doing. The earth was not created to handle all the toxins we are pouring into the air on a daily basis or deforestation that is going on globally. I am still worried about the environment, and I am still doing my part to leave as little as a carbon footprint as I can, but I feel a bit more at ease after reading this book.