### Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change

**Update** 



The debate over global warming is the most consequential public policy debate taking place today in the United States and around the world. The stakes are enormous.

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a project of the United Nations, is not a credible source of science or economics.

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### IPCC Bias #1:

Climate change is "a change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods."

The Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1994, Article 1.2

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### IPCC Bias #2:

"We are an intergovernmental body and we do what the governments of the world want us to do. ... If the governments decide we should do things differently and come up with a vastly different set of products, we would be at their beck and call."

Rajendra Pachauri, in *The Guardian*, September 20, 2013

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- \* Formed in 2003 by Prof. S. Fred Singer
- \* Partnership of three organizations:
  - \* The Center for the Study of Carbon Dioxide and Global Change
  - \* Science and Environmental Policy Project
  - \* The Heartland Institute

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### What the NIPCC scientists found:

- \* There is **no scientific consensus** on the human role in climate change.
- \* Future warming due to human greenhouse gases will be much less than IPCC forecasts.
- \* Carbon dioxide has not caused weather to become more extreme, polar ice and sea ice to melt, or sea level rise to accelerate. These were all **false alarms**.
- \* The likely benefits of man-made global warming exceed the likely costs.

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## What this means for public policy:

- \* Global warming **is not a crisis**. The threat was exaggerated.
- \* There is no need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and no point in attempting to do so.
- \* It's time to repeal unnecessary and expensive policies.
- \* Future policies should aim at fostering economic growth to adapt to natural climate change.

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### Rein in EPA

"I have come to believe that the national EPA must be systematically dismantled and replaced by a Committee of the Whole of the 50 state environmental protection agencies."

> Jay Lehr, Ph.D. Science Director The Heartland Institute

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### **Oppose Carbon Pricing**

- \* Oppose carbon taxes
- \* Oppose cap and trade schemes
- \* Oppose Obama's plan to regulate  $CO_2$  as a pollutant

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### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Resolution in Opposition to a Carbon Tax
- \* Resolution Concerning EPA Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for New and Existing Fossil-Fueled Power Plants
- \* Resolution in Response to EPA's Plan to Regulate Greenhouse Gases under the Clean Air Act

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# **Stop Subsidizing Alternative Energy**

- \* Repeal renewable power mandates
- \* Repeal renewable energy subsidies
- \* Oppose net metering provisions that burden consumers

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### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Electricity Freedom Act
- \* The Market-Power Renewables Act
- \* Updating Net Metering Policies Resolution

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### Lift Obstacles to Conventional Energy

- \* Oppose heavy regulation of hydraulic fracturing
- \* Approve new oil and gas pipelines
- \* Allow exploration and development on public lands
- \* Lift regulations on nuclear power

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### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Resolution to Retain State Authority over Hydraulic Fracturing
- \* Resolution in Support of the Keystone XL Pipeline
- \* Resolution Urging Quick Congressional Action on the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future

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### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Pipeline Replacement and Infrastructure Modernization and Enhancement Act
- \* Resolution Urging the President and Congress to Act Expeditiously in Procuring a Site or Sites for the Storage of High-Level Radioactive Waste

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### Get the Feds out of Forestry and Land Use

- \* Roll back federal management of public lands
- \* Empower states to protect endangered species
- \* Oppose Agenda 21-style land use restrictions

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#### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Resolution Demanding that Congress Convey Title of Federal Public Lands to the States
- \* State Standards for Federal Resource Management Act
- \* The Right to Practice Forestry Act
- \* State-Based Healthy Forest Plan

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### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Endangered Species Resolution
- \* Protecting Property Rights to Facilitate Species Conservation

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# Get the Feds Out of Transportation

- \* Repeal fuel economy standards (CAFE)
- \* Repeal ethanol mandates
- \* Repeal electric vehicle subsidies

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### **ALEC Model Bills**

- \* Restrictions on Participation in Low-Carbon Fuel Standards Programs
- \* Resolution on Alternative Fuels

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### **Look Under the Hood!**



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