



Al Gore’s “Climate Reality” CEO, Maggie L. Fox, Cancels Climate Change Discussion

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On Wednesday, September 14, Al Gore commenced a 24-hour global web [broadcast](#) titled “Climate Reality” to “reveal the complete truth about the climate crisis.” Mr. Gore’s introductory video clip stated: “Across the globe, cataclysmic weather events are occurring with such regularity that it’s being called ‘a new normal.’”

Maggie L. Fox, President and CEO of the Climate Reality project, and I were scheduled for an on-air discussion on the topic of climate change on Jim Bohannon’s nationally syndicated radio [program](#) on Wednesday night. But Mark Chace, Bohannon’s producer, received a communication on

Wednesday afternoon cancelling the planned appearance of Ms. Fox. It appears that Ms. Fox did not want to debate climate change with a climate skeptic, under the guise of being “too busy.”

This is not a “new normal” for Al Gore and his team. For years, Mr. Gore has refused to debate anyone who believed climate change to be due to natural causes, rather than man-made causes as proposed by the theory of Climatism. Mr. Gore and Ms. Fox can deliver a multi-million dollar global media event, but they refuse to engage in an open give-and-take discussion on climate change.



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The whole premise of “Climate Reality,” is that weather events are now abnormal and must be caused by mankind. Al Gore and his team point to every storm, drought, flood, and forest fire and announce that these are due to man-made greenhouse gas emissions. This is a modern example of superstitious thinking.

In the not-too-distant past of Renaissance Europe, individuals accused of witchcraft were executed for weather-related “crimes.” Dr. Emily Oster of Harvard University [estimates](#) that between the thirteenth and nineteenth

centuries as many as one million people in Europe were executed for the crime of witchcraft. Dr. Oster states:

“The most active period of the witchcraft trials coincides with a period of lower than average temperature known to climatologists as the “little ice age”...In a time period when the reasons for changes in weather were largely a mystery, people would have searched for a scapegoat in the face of deadly changes in weather patterns. ‘Witches’ became target for blame because there was an existing cultural framework that both allowed their persecution and suggested that they could control the weather.”

Are we so different today? Catastrophic warnings from computer models have replaced the oracles of the past. The new witches of our modern society are the coal and oil companies. Mr. Gore and the priests of Climatism tell us that by destroying our industrial society, we can now control the weather and stop the rise of the seas.

This summer, our news media carried story after story on “record temperatures in the U.S.” Yet, according to [data](#) from the National Climatic Data Center, not a single state high temperature record has been broken this year. Only one state high temperature record was broken in the decade from 2000-2009, the state record for South Dakota. Twenty-two of the 50 state record high temperatures were set back in the 1930s.

Despite Al Gore’s claims of abnormally severe weather, global tropical storm [activity](#) remains near a 30-year low. Irene delivered huge amounts of rain to the Atlantic states, but was only a tropical storm according to measured wind speed when it hit the North Carolina coast. No Category 3 hurricane has made U.S. landfall since 2005. To find the last 5-year period without a Category 3 hit on the U.S., we need to go back to 1910-1914.

The “new normal” is not reality, but only an amplified level of alarm from Al Gore and Climatism.

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