

A convenient fraud now being exposed

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A WORD of advice to the many teachers who have been scaring our children with screenings of All Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Be aware that a judge this month instructed British teachers showing the film to tell their pupils that Gore makes at least 11 false or unsupported claims.

I hate to think it is necessary to remind our own teachers to do likewise, but I fear the worst.

Every school in the country has now been offered free DVDs of *An Inconvenient Truth*, by Paramount and Jackgreen International, which makes money from the global warming scare. Even the Environment Protection Authority is urging schools to show it.

And, indeed, with our pop stars lip-synching green platitudes and polls showing Australians are more panicked by global warming than people of almost any other country, it seems all this propaganda is working brilliantly already.

In Britain, though, teachers are at least required to be more careful before force-feeding such hype to children. The Education Act bans the teaching of partisan political views and demands politics be taught in a balanced way, which would be a novel approach in some of our own schools.

So, when Stewart Dimmock, a truck driver and school governor from Kent, heard that Britain's Labour Government was sending copies of Gore's film to more than 3800 schools he sued. "I wish my children to have the best education possible, free from bias and political spin, and Mr Gore's film falls far short of the standard required," said the father of two.

What followed was three days of argument in the English High Court on just how truthful Gore's Academy Award-winning film really was.

Justice Michael Burton is yet to give his final ruling, but has already said the film promotes "partisan political views" and schools must warn students of that.

Worse for Gore's reputation, Burton also said the Government had to rewrite the guidance notes for teachers that accompany the film to point out that *An Inconvenient Truth* contained 11 serious untruths or unsubstantiated claims. Only then could it be shown in class.

Here are those 11 corrections to Gore's film - and many will be familiar to readers

of this column:

1. Gore presents Mt Kilimanjaro's melting snows as proof of global warming. In fact, the snows are vanishing thanks to local factors, including deforestation.
2. Gore suggests Antarctica's ice cover is melting. Most studies say it is increasing or stable.
3. Gore shows scary graphics of cities drowning in seas that rise 7m, causing millions of refugees. But the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change says the seas will rise at worst by 59cm this century.
4. Gore uses images of Hurricane Katrina and suggests it was caused by global warming. The Government's expert in this case admitted such one-off events can't be blamed on warming.
5. Gore suggests ice-core evidence shows rising CO₂ caused temperature rises, which ended the past seven ice ages. In fact, the CO₂ rises followed temperature rises by 800 to 2000 years.
6. Gore claims global warming could stop the Gulf Stream, causing an ice age in Europe. Recent studies deny it.
7. Gore blames global warming for species losses and coral reef bleaching. The Government couldn't show evidence to back this claim.
8. Gore claims a study showed polar bears had drowned because of vanishing ice. The study actually said just four polar bears drowned, and only because of a bad storm.
9. Gore suggests Greenland's ice could melt, causing a dangerous rise in sea levels. In fact, Greenland's ice won't melt for thousands of years.
10. Gore shows the drying up of Lake Chad and claims this was caused by global warming. The Government's expert agreed this was not the case.
11. Gore claims rising seas have forced people to flee Pacific islands to New Zealand. There is no record of any such warming-caused evacuation.

I don't know why the court stopped at just 11. Hyperbole overload? But this must be enough to make rational viewers sceptical of all Gore's case.

The British Government has now rewritten its guidance to teachers to take in those 11 objections, while trying very hard not to make Gore's film seem fraudulent.

To correct that last false claim, for instance, of global warming causing islanders to evacuate their homes, the guide now includes this weasel disclaimer: "It is not clear that there is any evidence of evacuations in the Pacific due to human-induced climate." What: not clear?

But that's not the only sign that the educationists who push Gore's film on to students are as devoted to his apocalyptic faith as are our own class of teacher-preachers.

Note this line from the guide, urging children to question even their parents' lack of faith: "Pupils may ask, what were my parents and grandparents doing during this time? Did they know that this was happening?"

But here's the real questions those students will be asking once they are old enough to think for themselves, and to see Gore's promised Armageddon never came.

- What were my teachers doing, pushing on me an end-of-my-world film that clearly didn't tell the truth?
- What madness took hold even of our scientists, that the CSIRO could claim of this deceitful film, "its scientific basis is very sound"?

Children, you are being told untruths to scare you. And shame on those who are party to this deceit.