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MOVIE ANALYSIS: AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

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THE MOVIE "AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH"

- Documentary film from 2006 by USA vice-president Gore
- Film documents the Gore's campaign to educate citizens about global warming via a comprehensive slide show
- Main purpose to raise awareness about global warming
- 2 Academy Awards for Best Documentary Feature and Best Original Song (2006)
- Al Gore, along with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize
- But also heavily criticized by climate skeptics...





CRITIQUES

- Scientific basis of the film is mainly correct, *but*
 - It tries to use single events (e.g. Hurricane Katrina) to prove that global warming is occurring
 - He links global warming with other environmental problems (e.g. a dry lake because of land use change in Africa)

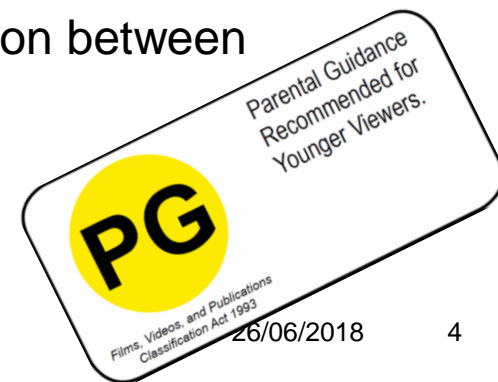
Also

- Mixing political with scientific issues
- Bringing in personal issues

But anyways, it is a good movie to get a better view of what global warming and climate change are all about ...

SOME TEACHER GUIDANCE...

- What is the most vulnerable part of the earth and why?
- The earth's carbon dioxide levels fluctuate from summer to winter. What causes this natural fluctuation?
- What can bubbles of atmosphere trapped in glacial ice tell us?
- How do measurements of carbon dioxide and temperature compare?
- What is the main reason that storms are becoming stronger?
- The movie mentions “canaries in a coal mine.” What is meant by this and what are the “2 canaries” for global warming?
- What are some ecological problems that can result from global warming?
- What are the 3 factors mentioned that lead to a collision between civilization and the earth?
- What are 3 misconceptions about global warming?
- What can you do to reduce your carbon emissions?





AFTER THE MOVIE

- Discuss in small groups:
 - What are the key points of the movie?
 - Do you think that Al Gore is correct in his assumptions?
 - What do you personally think will be the consequences of global warming?
 - What should we do to prevent it from further worsening?
 - Who should we blame?
- **Formulate three key take-home messages and get a spokes(wo)man to present them ...**



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