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Mr Vince Carlin,
Ombudsman.
The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
Toronto

Dear Mr.Carlin,

The basis of this complaint is the CBC's apparent unwillingness to conform to requirements of section 3 of the 1991 Broadcasting Act where it states :

(i) the programming provided by the Canadian broadcasting system should

(i) be varied and comprehensive, providing a balance of information, enlightenment and entertainment for men, women and children of all ages, interests and tastes,

(iv) provide a reasonable opportunity for the public to be exposed to the expression of differing views on matters of public concern"

It is also obvious that laws oblige a public broadcaster to be free of bias.

It is particularly in the treatment of topics related to the Global Warming and Climate Change debate (GW and CC) that the CBC is far from free of bias and far from presenting the balance of views it is required to provide. Showing the odd critical video at early morning hours on Newsworld does not cut it.

This problem has been around for years and my colleagues and I have sent numerous letters to the Corporation which are either ignored or receive correspondence-pool replies from people who do not know the issue, or some who advise us to read the Reports of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). To us, who have studied Climate Science for many years and who probably know more about it than anyone at the CBC, this non-answer is just insulting.

The immediate reason for writing to you is the showing of AL Gore's propaganda video "An Inconvenient Truth" (AIT) on two occasions (New Year's Day) on the main network and on Newsworld.

Mr Gore, who is not a scientist, in a manner which make the older ones among us think of Leni Riefenstahl, exaggerates, misrepresents

and misinterprets facts and observations, plays havoc with cherished principles of scientific inquiry, comments and challenges and presents the future in an alarmist way which far exceeds even the already questionable tenets of the politicized IPCC. It is propaganda.

The video has been shown in schools to unsuspecting and uncritical youngsters, which led to a suit in British High Court against showing it at all. The UK Court, in its judgment, decided that there were nine major scientific "errors" in the film and that it should not be shown in classrooms without mentioning its errors and bias and without proper explanations of the existence of alternative theories on GW and CC. Science writer Lord Moncton has published a document listing 37 errors-of-fact in the video.

I want to stress that the opposition to the UN's IPCC version of climate science is growing rapidly around the world, particularly now that the consequences of the inefficient Kyoto campaign are becoming clear. The Al Gore film is now widely being condemned as sheer propaganda. It did not help his cause that Mr Gore is now a principal in a corporation profiting from Carbon Trading.

Petitions, declarations and appeals have been sent to the UN, the IPCC Chairman, to Prime Ministers and Presidents, signed by literally thousands of non-government-connected scientists; United States Senate Committees have pointed out great errors in statistical manipulations leading to the IPCC's erroneous conclusions.

In Canada, only one of the national newspapers acknowledges even the existence of a credible alternative to the CO2 myth. Only a few radio stations do the same. The CBC is never among them.

While the current complaint was instigated at the occasion of the repeated screening of AIT, you will understand that the problem is older and goes much more deeply. The CRTC has been unwilling to take on the bias question, stating in a letter to me, that it is not within their mandate. I wonder. I hope you will see fit to restore the balance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Jacobs