

Reaction to the Al Gore Pre Movie Cartoon on the “Sky is Falling”.

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The actual risks of catastrophic climate change are about as real and dangerous as the animated elephants – or any other Hollywood special effects monster. The best solution to the horrifying disaster is to walk out of the movie theater. If you have nightmares afterward, just remember: it was only a movie.

There simply is no credible evidence that CO₂ is the driving force behind climate change – or that any future climate change will approximate what AlGoreans are ranting about or be catastrophic. As I suggested in my latest op-ed, computer models and worst-case scenarios are not evidence.

Moreover, more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere means plants grow better (under a variety of adverse conditions), and a warmer world will be better for most people and wildlife. It will certainly be better than an energy-deprived world, where people are battling over reduced supplies of energy, money, jobs and food – caused by draconian rules imposed in response to these Hollywood monsters.

Worst, the alarmists’ efforts to convince people in poor developing countries that climate change is the biggest threat they face will likely result in millions of them dying of malnutrition and diseases that fossil fuels and energy and economic development would reduce or eliminate. In other words, they will die from dangers they face now, because they (and rich country donors, politicians and pressure groups) are unnecessarily worried about speculative risks 50 years in the future.

Al Gore and his well-funded minions may be masters of propaganda. But they are also eco-imperialists who want to control our economies, lives, energy choices and living standards – and appear to give little thought to the misery, deprivation, disease and premature death they are perpetrating and perpetuating across the Third World.

Al wants (the rest of) us to slash CO₂ emissions by 80% below 1990 levels – and return to life as it was the last time the United States emitted that amount of carbon dioxide: 1905. Well, as my grandmother used to tell me: The only good thing about the good old days is that they’re gone.