

Memorandum – March 20, 2017

To: Science Teachers and Science Department Chairs

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Re: How do you teach global warming?

A recent survey found most K–12 science teachers who address climate change in their classrooms treat the science as “settled” and focus on ways to reduce human emissions of greenhouse gas emissions. Perhaps you are one of those teachers.

I am writing to ask you to consider the possibility that the science in fact is not “settled.” If that’s the case, then students would be better served by letting them know a vibrant debate is taking place among scientists on *how big* the human impact on climate is, and *whether or not* we should be worried about it.

The enclosed book, titled *Why Scientists Disagree About Global Warming: The NIPCC Report on Scientific Consensus*, begins with these challenging words:

Probably the most widely repeated claim in the debate over global warming is that “97% of scientists agree” that climate change is man-made and dangerous. This claim is not only false, but its presence in the debate is an insult to science.

The authors are distinguished climate scientists **Craig D. Idso, Ph.D., Robert M. Carter, Ph.D.,** and **S. Fred Singer, Ph.D.** They are also lead authors and editors of the *Climate Change Reconsidered* series produced by the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change (NIPCC). (See www.nipccreport.org.)

Accompanying the book is a short (ten-minute) DVD produced by The Idea Channel, a respected nonprofit producer of educational products for K–12 teachers. A teacher’s guide to using the video in classrooms is available at www.izzit.org.

I hope you can take some time to read this remarkable book and view the video, and then use them in your classroom and share them with other teachers.

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Please call me at 312/377-4000 or use the enclosed form if you have questions or suggestions. I hope to hear from you soon.