



Hollywood/Media Leftists Frothing Over Inhofe as New Senate Committee Chair

Singer/actress Barbra Streisand says the thought of Senator James Inhofe chairing an important Senate committee dealing with the environment and climate is "frightening." "God help us! This man is going to head the Committee on the Environment in the U.S. Senate. Like giving a fox the keys to the chicken coop," Streisand said in a December 2 tweet.

"This wld be hilarious if it weren't so frightening. I thank Sen Inhofe for singling me out as a voice against the perils of climate change," she said in another tweet.



Her reference to being singled out by Inhofe was in regard to a 2009 interview of Inhofe (shown) by veteran leftist David Corn of the socialist *Mother Jones* magazine, one of the most rabid dogs in the climate hysteria kennel. In a December 2 piece entitled "Inhofe's Grand Climate Conspiracy Theory: It's All About Barbra Streisand," Corn resurrected his 2009 interview with the senator during the UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen.

"The 80-year-old Republican from Oklahoma is one of the most notorious deniers of human-induced climate change," Corn rasped. "... And Inhofe, thanks to the recent elections, is in line to chair the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee when the Republicans assume control of the Senate next month. He has vowed to do all he can to block regulations aimed at cutting emissions."

Corn's "interview" with Inhofe is actually a paraphrase of the alleged encounter as recalled by the radical journalist. The magazine he writes for, *Mother Jones*, named for the Socialist Party organizer Mary Harris "Mother" Jones (1837-1930), has been in the front row of the global-warming alarmist choir for years, viciously attacking Senator Inhofe, as well as labeling prominent scientists that dissent from the climate crisis meme with the "denier" tag. Founded in 1976 by Marxist-Leninists associated with the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), *Mother Jones* has become "must" reading for most ardent "progressives."

Corn, who cannot contain his animus for those who refuse to adopt the sky-is-falling Chicken Little attitude on climate change, casts Inhofe in his latest piece as a slithering snake and a stinking skunk.

"He slithered in and out of the cavernous media filing center," wrote Corn, "ever at the ready to speak to reporters looking for the other side quotes denigrating the [Copenhagen] proceedings, claiming that climate change was no more than a hoax, and celebrating the summit's failure to produce a binding and comprehensive treaty."

According to Corn, "Inhofe enjoyed skunking up the party."

If Corn is to be believed, when he questioned Inhofe in Copenhagen and asked him who he thought was behind the radical global warming agenda "conspiracy," the senator said that it was extreme



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environmentalists and Hollywood liberals. When Corn pressed for a specific name, Inhofe reportedly named Streisand as one example.

"I nearly laughed," said Corn. "All these people had assembled in Copenhagen because of Barbra Streisand. A singer and actor had perpetuated the grandest con of the past 100 years?"

Corn, of course is blatantly utilizing a straw man *reduction ad absurdum* argument to misrepresent the senator's position. Corn and *Mother Jones* are certainly well aware that Senator Inhofe has produced a number of studies showing that some of the wealthiest Wall Street insiders, along with major tax-exempt foundations and corporations, are funding the noisy global-warming bandwagon. As *The New American* reported this past August (see here and here), Inhofe's committee released a very revealing study entitled <a href="The Chain of Environmental Command: How a Club of Billionaires and Their Foundations Control the Environmental Movement and Obama's EPA.

Among the super-rich sponsors named in the study are Teresa Heinz Kerry, Jay Halfon, Tom Steyer, Michael Bloomberg, Henry Paulson, and Eric Schmidt, as well as the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, the Rockefeller Family Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation — to name a few. *Mother Jones* receives prominent mention in the senate report as one of the regular recipients of funding from the "Billionaires' Club" and one of the reliable retailers of the club's fright-peddling propaganda.

All of which is not to suggest that Barbra Streisand's influence in the climate change lobby is insignificant. Not at all. As a <u>recent report</u> by Marc Morano at ClimateDepot.com notes, Streisand has stated that she and others have spent "countless millions" on this cause.

"My Foundation started supporting climate change work in 1989 when I donated a quarter of a million dollars to support the work of environmental scientist Dr. Michael Oppenheimer at EDF [Environmental Defense Fund]," says the super-wealthy chanteuse. "Since then, I, and others have spent countless millions on this issue."

Professor Oppenheimer, a former adviser to Al Gore and one of the establishment media's favorite go-to guys on global warming, has discredited himself many times with outlandish statements, predictions and "research." (See here, and here,

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In our recent video report, "Celebrity Global-warming Hypocrisy," we noted the unconscionable double standard of Michael Bloomberg, Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Prince Charles, and other pampered, privileged plutocrats of the jet-set variety who live luxurious lifestyles of conspicuous consumption, while championing extreme environmental regulation and austerity for the struggling middle class and the even-more-desperately struggling poor of developing nations.

Barbra Streisand is a fitting contender for the honor of Carbon Hypocrite of the Year. The famous songstress/actor, who has won multiple Oscars, Emmys, Grammys, and Tonys, has amassed a personal fortune that reportedly tops \$350 million. She lives in a \$100 million storybook mansion that could house hundreds of people. As the online pictorials of these websites show (here, here, and here), Streisand's cliff-top Victorian palace in Malibu, above the Pacific Ocean, features an enormous underground "shopping mall" of all her expensive collections of art, furniture, dolls, clothes, etc.

Mother Jones, the <u>Washington Post</u> and other leftist media outlets that are trying to cripple Senator Inhofe's potential for undoing much of the Obama administration's destructive regulatory dictatorship



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(rule by executive order) may find that playing the Streisand card will boomerang. The hypocrisy of the champagne-and-caviar celebrities with carbon footprints the size of sovereign nations telling working dads and moms to cut back on home heating and give up the family car for a bicycle is not likely to fly well with audiences outside of the Beltway, Hollywood, and Academe.

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