

Cast of Characters

Jule Charney - Physicist and MIT faculty member who was a pioneer in modern meteorology and a leading American scientist-statesman.

Exxon - An oil and natural gas company that formed when Standard Oil of New Jersey merged with Humble Oil and now known as ExxonMobil due to a merger with Mobil Oil. It is one of the companies that dominates the global petroleum industry.

Albert Gore, Jr. (Al Gore) - Democratic congressman and senator from Tennessee in the 1980s.

Jim Hansen - NASA climate scientist at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies who used computer modeling to simulate the impact of climate change.

Fred Koomanoff - Program Director of the Carbon Dioxide Research Division at the Department of Energy during the Reagan administration.

Gordon MacDonald - Geophysicist, member of JASON, and chief scientist of MITRE Corporation, a think tank funded by the Pentagon.

Syukuro Manabe - Meteorologist and climatologist who used computer modeling to simulate the impact of climate change while working at NOAA's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory.

Rafe Pomerance - Activist and lobbyist who was deputy legislative director of Friends of the Earth and then joined World Resources Institute.

William Reilly - Director of the Environmental Protection Agency during the George H.W. Bush administration, former staff member of Nixon's Council on Environmental Quality and former president of the World Wildlife Fund.

Roger Revelle - Oceanographer, University of California San Diego faculty member, and science advisor for the Kennedy Administration.

Henry Shaw - Senior researcher and manager of the Environmental Area in Exxon Research & Engineering's Technology Feasibility Center. Convinced Exxon to create its own carbon dioxide program.

John Sununu - George H.W. Bush's chief of staff and former governor of New Hampshire who had a PhD in mechanical engineering.