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 Komanoff** - 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.