Atmosphere cooler now than eight years ago


An author and skeptic of manmade climate change says George W. Bush will leave office on January 20 with the earth's temperature cooler than when he took office in 2001.

Chris Horner is a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and the author of Red Hot Lies: How Global Warming Alarmists Use Threats, Fraud, and Deception to Keep You Misinformed. He says despite the media and the left accusing Bush of inaction on climate change, Bush is leaving office with the earth cooler than when he started.

"We put up satellites in the atmosphere to measure the lower troposphere. We did this 30 years ago because of the global cooling panic. So we're measuring where we would find the cooling or warming signal, which is in the lower troposphere," he explains. "And we don't see either; there has been a slight cooling in the last few years. The warming of two decades stopped in 1998."

But Horner contends that global-warming alarmists are finding it difficult to switch their hysteria back to global cooling, so they created the so-called "climate change" crisis.

"And now, there is $300 million dollars from sources unknown [that has] been given to Al Gore to push a climate crisis rebranding campaign," he adds. "And that's what you'll see in 2009, coordinating with an effort to impose what's called a cap-and-trade rationing scheme."

He believes global warming became a "totem in the anti-Bush struggle," and that many people are going to wake up confused on January 20 when they cannot blame Bush anymore.