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# Rex Murphy: Give us money or Santa gets it

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This image is a screen shot from the David Suzuki Foundation website, showing Santa awash at the North Pole.

Santa Claus and his company are no longer at the North Pole! There's something of an all-points bulletin — or whatever is the polar equivalent — out on the famous Claus household. The whole batch of them, consisting of the familiar Santa, his wife (first name unknown) Mrs. Claus, and the band of elves with whom, apparently, the Clauses (chastely) cohabit, are missing and presumed wet.

Our authority for this is no less than the renowned David Suzuki Foundation, which has sounded the alarm and asked for money to help the great jolly Christmas icon relocate. Its new web site, [www.wherewillsantalive.ca](http://www.wherewillsantalive.ca), claims that, thanks to global warming, "The North Pole is no longer safe for Santa's workshop." It also shows Suzuki, done up in elf gear, escorting Santa's sled as it floats in the waters off the decaying polar ice.

Where they are now, at the beginning of December, is of course every Christmas-yearning child's first question. Could they all have been scuttled off by Al Gore, and hidden in the mega-mansion of his New York Times buddy Tom Friedman, whose house has the square footage of the entire state of Delaware? Do you think he might have hitched up Rudolph and sledded off to the Durban climate-change conference? Who knows?

The David Suzuki Foundation is the only group that seems to be aware of Claus's predicament. "Save Santa from climate change by supporting the David Suzuki Foundation," they exhort us. And when you click around, you find that the site is peddling all sorts of knickknacks. Yet the money is not going to Santa.

"Think of everything Santa has done for you," we are told. "Now is your chance to help him." But it's unclear to at least one adult how, whatever Santa may have done for the children of the world, it should somehow rebound to the credit or benefit of the David Suzuki Foundation. Unless all these years we've been missing something, and it's been David himself behind the great white beard.

All this may seem merely petty, but it is troublesome nonetheless. What the Suzuki Foundation is doing is sending out a scare notice to children everywhere that Christmas is in jeopardy, Saint Nick adrift and lost, making the fate of both of them dependant on giving to the cause. I'm not saying what the Suzuki Foundation is doing is immoral. I will say they have given new life and vigour to the word "tacky." Scaring kids and guiltng parents is monumentally tacky.

I don't want to be around for the Easter campaign: "Kids, we've got the bunny. If you want to see old floppy ears again ..."

Remember: It's all for global warming, so it has to be ethical.

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**zephyr**

Lets cut to the chase and tell what the Suzuki Foundation is really about and it is simple and purely about ...MONEY. They must really be getting itchy palms when they have stooped to use Christmas as a way to add to their coffers. Shame, Shame.

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**jmrSudbury**

Thanks for the link to the Greenland data Lingonbay. My favourite graph is the one that shows snowfall and run off back to 1958. Soon they will have enough data to span a single 66 year ocean cycle. It will be even better when they have 2 or 3 cycles worth of data.

In the meantime, people have been fighting real pollution. SO2 levels near coal power plants in the eastern United States have decreased by nearly half since 2005. This was confirmed by NASA satellite data.

The North Pole will continue to have ice in winter for many decades at minimum.

John M Reynolds

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**Lingonbay**

JMR,

There's lots of other climate data out there - much of it spanning tens of millions of years - and all of it comprising a consistent picture. There are lots of hockey sticks as well. In most of the hockey stick plots the blade is curved up at the same angle. For Arctic ice the slope of the blade heads, not surprisingly, in the opposite direction.

<http://www.skepticalscience.co...>

"Arctic Sea Ice Hockey Stick: Melt Unprecedented in Last 1,450 years"

25 minutes ago in reply to jmrSudbury

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**Uncle Peter**

Does anyone here know what an Oxymoron is? I'll give you an example "A credible David Suzuki." Now \*that's\* an oxymoron.

55 minutes ago 3 Likes

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**Shane Matthews**

Yeah, I know; I'm a veritable Homo habilis. Next I'll be insisting that sentences be intelligible.

2 hours ago

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**Michaelt14**

It was my understanding the Suzuki Foundation is a registered Charity. When a Charity advertizes to collect money for a cause but then put that money to somewhere else. That is Illegal. If you give to money to a cause you believe in but they use that money to some other purpose other than what was advertized.

They are advertizing they will move Santa Claus. Since there is no Santa Claus what are they going to be moving and what is the money going to be used for.

"Santa must relocate — fast — to make sure that all the nice boys and girls still have a Happy Holiday. You can help by buying Santa the supplies he needs to land safely in a new home." - Suzuki Foundation Website

That should be considered fraudulent advertizing.

2 hours ago 6 Likes

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**northern vigor**

Did not Suzuki say they should all be locked up in jail...oh, that was just for the AGW deniers.

1 hour ago in reply to Michaelt14 2 Likes

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**Lingonbay**

The real facts about what is happening in Santa's neck of the woods are available at.

<http://www.arctic.noaa.gov/rep...>

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**Sassylassie**

Santa isn't real, neither is global warming a leftist marriage made in Fictionville.

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**Torque Bomarc**

It's just a ploy by the Branch Davidian Suzukians to re-locate Santa's small business to a more union-friendly jurisdiction.

The Elves work, a month a year? Their union will stick it to Santa so he won't be able to sit down for another 11 months.

And when the International Brotherhood of Reindeer work to rule, watch the shit hit the shop floor.

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**OliverClareLewis**

johnnyunsu

" I'll take Dr.Suzuki and his researchers findings over the misinformed word"

Really? According to the immoral Suzuki ad, "The North Pole is no longer safe for Santa's Workshop"

Now THAT'S science, eh?

And of course Suzuki is basing his comments on the manipulated data of the IPCC and its climate henchmen like Mann, Trenbeth, Jones et al. Criminal data. Pure and simple. Manipulated, adjusted and all contrarian science is prevented from making a statement..IPCC will not allow contrary information...THE facts.

Science as I know it (as applied to climate), is dead.

But, johnnyunsu, I guess if you believe in Santa's workshop you'd believe anything.

3 hours ago 6 Likes

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**johnnyunsu**

No, Oliver, I'm very discerning over my information's sources, you apparently not. Santa fake but fun, AGW real but ignored. You, Oliver, know very little of science if you believe the lies spun by the right-wing MSM and their overlords..

1 hour ago in reply to OliverClareLewis

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**BlueScot**

The boy named Su contiues to promote his non-science politically-correct awareness campaign acknowledging the holiday season (whom evers we do not know) while most of his rag tag followers denounce the existence of the reason for the season. Even my kids make fun of the man without any influence from me.

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**johnnyunsu**

And your expertize is?

1 hour ago in reply to BlueScot

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**valdictorian16**

I hope we won't have to rewrite The Cremation of Sam Magee- Robert Service( 1874-1958), to make it more acceptable ( if David Suzuki is right!) - it is perfect just as is.....

Every time I go in the sauna, I think of Sam :

And he wore a smile you could see a mile,  
And said, please close that door...  
Since I left Plumtree, down in Tennessee,  
It,s the first time I,ve been warm.

Sorry my punctuation is not working, but I am most grateful that, our Finnish cousins brought the Sauna to Canada.

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**Delphicorc**

Rex says "I'm not saying what the Suzuki Foundation is doing is immoral. I will say they have given new life and vigour to the word "tacky."=====

You are indeed too kind. What the Suzuki Foundation does is immoral. Not specifically or necessarily what they are presently doing to poor old Santa, but certainly what they are trying to accomplish in general. The likes of David Suzuki, Al Gore, William Marsden etc rail with vitriolic fire and brimstone as they accuse the the skeptics and the indifferent with moral decrepitude deserving - at least according to Suzuki - nothing less than lengthy prison time for our political leaders. They never waste their valuable time arguing science rather they insist, with corrupt evidence as authority, that the science is settled and that all of us have a moral duty to not only accept the science but to conform our behavior in a most sacrificial way in order to save the planet. Never do they consider the good faith and expertise of those that may disagree with them. All detractors despite their qualifications are dismissed as immoral idiots motivated by selfishness or backed by oil companies. Nor do they ever consider the consequences of... show more

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**Umbra**

I didn't think anyone could outdo PETA and their childish Sea Kittens campaign but I believe even this stupidity has been surpassed by Suzuki.

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**valdictorian16**

Sorry folks I can't get this picture out of my brain now, so I'll have to share.  
Warning it might not be suitable for those of a sensitive nature, or indeed any sensibilities.

Santa is in such danger, only Susuki and science can save him now, but more is needed, it's too much even for our intrepid boy- wonder- warrior scientist.  
Help is at hand though- I hear thundering hooves off in the distance, must be the reindeer- and here they come to save the day, yes it is... bearing Elizabeth May, back ffrom Durban, to lend a Hand, oh and here comes Margaret Atwood to record the Handmaid's tale and yes, yes Marg Delahunty our very own Canadian Wonderwoman -Warrior Princess is bringing up the rear.  
What's that Santa is shrieking and running away from them, with the reindeer! saying--- come Dancer and Prancer, and Donder and Blitzen... we're out of here: we have work to do..... don't these fools know ..  
'tis the night before Christmas and all through the house  
Not a creature is stirring even a mouse.....

Please don't mess with our Christmas Joy  
'tis the season to be jolly for girls and even this boy  
Rest from your labours,,  
Peace and love to all,  
... show more

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**hmk13**

Excellent, you missed Chuckles Mulchhair, the ravishing Libby Davies and Silver Tongued Pat Martin or Mr Happy, or whatever. Truly terrifying to anyone with an iota of common sense or an absence of the self-loathing socialista programming these lovelies propagate and feverishly espouse.

1 hour ago in reply to valedictorian16

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**johnnyunsu**

Rex, Rex, Rex, give it up! You've clearly lost it.

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