



Suzuki hurts his own cause: Greenpeace founder

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David Suzuki talks to members of the media after speaking at the Canadian Public Health Association conference in Edmonton in this June 12, 2012 file photo. (QMI Agency files)

OTTAWA — One of the founding members of Greenpeace says environmental guru David Suzuki has become so extreme he's actually hurting his own cause.

Patrick Moore sat down with Sun News Network's Ezra Levant for an hour to talk about the evolution — or devolution — of the environmental movement and why he finds both Greenpeace and Suzuki's messaging not just reckless, but counterproductive to their own cause.

"Greenpeace began with a very strong humanitarian element," Moore explained. "Basically, Greenpeace and much of the environmental movement went from caring about people to believing that humans were the enemy of the Earth."

Moore illustrated his point by highlighting the debate over golden rice — a genetically modified crop enhanced with beta carotene, designed to address the vitamin A deficiencies in children in the developing world.

Its creators hail it as a solution to world hunger. Its detractors — including Greenpeace — call it a Pandora's box of unknown consequences.

It's the extreme environmentalist's belief that humans are a cancer of the planet that allows them "to ignore millions of kids dying of vitamin A deficiency," Moore said.

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