

GCC-STAC decided simply to drop this seven-page section of the report. For years afterward, the GCC and its members continued to tout their contrarian theories about climate change, even though the GCC had admitted internally these arguments were invalid.

98. In February 1996, an internal GCC presentation stated that a doubling of carbon dioxide levels over pre-industrial concentrations would occur by 2100 and cause “an average rate of warming [that] would probably be greater than any seen in the past 10,000 years.” The presentation noted “potentially irreversible” impacts that could include “significant loss of life.”⁶⁵

99. Certain Defendants also funded another front group in the 1990s, the Global Climate Science Communications Team (“GCSCT”). GCSCT members included Exxon, Chevron, and the API. A 1998 GCSCT task force memo outlined an explicit strategy to invest millions of dollars to manufacture uncertainty on the issue of climate change, directly emulating a similar disinformation campaign by the tobacco industry. The memo stated: “*Victory Will Be Achieved When,*” among other things, “*Average citizens ‘understand’ (recognize) uncertainties in climate science,*” public “*recognition of uncertainty becomes part of the ‘conventional wisdom.’*”⁶⁶ and the “*Media ‘understands’ (recognizes) uncertainties in climate science.*”⁶⁶ The plan stated that progress would be measured by the percentage of news articles that raise questions about climate change.

https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2015/07/Climate-Deception-Dossier-7_GCC-Climate-Primer.pdf.

⁶⁵ John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute, Global Climate Change Science – Overview of Recent Developments (Feb. 13, 1996).

⁶⁶ Global Climate Science Communications: Action Plan (Apr. 3, 1998), *available at* <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/784572/api-global-climate-science-communications-plan.pdf>.