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HANNITY: Welcome to HANNITY & COLMES. I'm Sean Hannity.

And coming up next, need proof that the media is liberally biased? We've got a new study that's come out. We're going to show it to you. Very interesting.

And you won't believe what would one Democratic Senator had to say about Republicans on the eve of an election. Will liberals do anything to win?

But first, a new film from 20th Century Fox predicts massive disaster if human beings do not do something about global warming.

"The Day After Tomorrow" depicts tornadoes tearing up Los Angeles, a blizzard burying Paris and London and a tidal wave flooding New York City.

Even though scientists still can't agree on whether the global warming is scientific fact or fiction, the vanquished vice president, Al Gore, is using the film as an excuse to bash President Bush one more time.

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AL GORE, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: We see the consequences of not looking ahead and planning ahead in Iraq. What about the consequences of not looking ahead and planning ahead were global warming?

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HANNITY: Joining us now from the **Competitive Enterprise Institute** is Myron [E]Bell and from the League of Conservation Voters, Debbie Callahan.

I contend, Myron, that—that Al Gore is an environmental extremist who uses hysteria to whip up a political viewpoint. You oversee the global warming and international environmental work at CEI.

Am I right? Is he an extremist?

MYRON EBELL, **COMPETITIVE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE**: Yes, he's an extremist, Sean, and he also, of course, lives in a fantasy world. So, it's not surprising that he thinks a fantasy disaster movie about the new ice age is going to help the political argument on his side in global warming.

HANNITY: Well, one of the things he said, he's telling people, could this happen? We need to answer. This is a movie.

Now, Deb, I want to put up on the screen, Al Gore uses fear tactics and hyperbole and attacks Republicans. This is what he said when a bill was sponsored in 1995 about Republicans.

He said, "If this bill ever becomes law, our drinking water would be dirtier, would make more people sick, and would kill more people. Our air would be dirtier, make more people sick, and kill more people. Polluters would love it, because they'd be given the green light to dump huge increases in the volume of pollution into our rivers, our lakes and through smokestacks into the air. Our food, the water we fish, the water we swim in, would not be safe."

He basically said Republicans, the air that they breathe, the water that they drink, that they want to pollute it. It's just a lie. It's an outright, Al Gore hysterical lie.

DEB CALLAHAN, LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS: I'm sorry. Are you asking me a question?

HANNITY: I want you to comment on it.

CALLAHAN: Well, all right. I kind of missed the point; I can't see your screen.

But I think it's not a lie to say that the Congress has been rolling back environmental laws over the last handful of years, especially since President Bush took office. And we've been seeing historic rollbacks of our Clean Air and Clean Water Act, our other important super fund toxic waste laws.

HANNITY: Do you think Republicans have a plan and we're supporting a plan, then, to poison the air, water and kill more people? Do you believe that?

CALLAHAN: You know, Sean, I think what's important here...

HANNITY: I didn't ask you what's important. Do you believe that—that's what Al Gore said. The Republicans had a plan and a bill that would poison the water, air and kill more people. Do you believe that?

CALLAHAN: Sean, what he was referring to was Republican-led—Republican written and led legislation. And what we say is that Republicans, Democrats and independents alike in this country want a better environment.

HANNITY: That's not what he said. He said—he said Republicans were supporting a plan, Deb, to poison the air, water and kill people. Do you agree with that?

CALLAHAN: Well, I don't know what bill you're talking about. But I will say that there's been legislation that's come out of Congress that, from this Republican-led Congress, that would poison the air, poison the water.

COLMES: I think we're going to have a very good debate about which party supports legislation or policies which are better long term for the environment. I want to ask you about this film...

CALLAHAN: ... talk about the moderate Republicans, who are also voting against these Bush administration rollback proposals. I don't like to just attribute it to one political party.

COLMES: I want to talk about this film that Al Gore was here in support of, "The Day After Tomorrow."

Myron, is it or is it not true that there's such a thing as climate change?

EBELL: True, the climate is always changing. The fact is, however, that a very moderate amount of warming that we've seen in the last century is not a very sound basis to believe that we're going to have a new ice age.

And it's fine for a disaster movie. But I think it's ridiculous and silly when our public officials and the environmental groups and former presidents start saying well, we ought to take this movie seriously.

COLMES: We know this is a science fiction movie. Everybody knows this is science fiction and everybody knows that this is to make a point.

And is it not true that the Pentagon, for example, has hired futurists to draw up worst-case scenarios? They've already done that. And they've agreed that abrupt climate changes are plausible and could challenge national security and needs that we must consider.

Is that not true, Myron?

EBELL: I think Pentagon is in charge of considering and planning for the most unlikely scenarios.

However, I would point out that that Pentagon study did not link the catastrophe of Europe undergoing a rapid cooling to global warming. In fact, abrupt climate changes do happen.

CALLAHAN: That's exactly, actually, what that report said coming out in the Pentagon, if you read the report from the Pentagon.

EBELL: Deb, I read it. Deb, I read it several times. And by the way...

CALLAHAN: Well, you missed an important point.

EBELL: Nothing in the report said that we should be pursuing energy rationing or the Kyoto global warming treaty.

COLMES: But it did say—Deb Callahan, what it did say is that we have to consider ways, we must deal with national security, based on the possibility of climate change. Isn't that what it said? And we have to be prepared for this.

CALLAHAN: Right. I mean, what that Pentagon report said, like many other scientific reports before it, is that climate change is something that's very real. Human activity can lead to climate change. And, in fact, what they did in this report was link national security, international security, to global climate change, and, therefore, it's something serious, which even this administration's Pentagon says it's time we tackle.

HANNITY: You know, Deb, you've got to go back to the first Earth Day and see the signs that were being held by the environmentalists that said the ice age is coming. Now it's global warming. They've got to make [up] their mind.

CALLAHAN: Sean, there's been a lot of signs in the 34 years since the first Earth Day. I think we've learned a lot. It's important to recognize that. And I hope people enjoy the movie this weekend. You want to see some good science fiction, you can read the Bush administration's policy on global climate change.

HANNITY: I think I'm going to pass. But good to see you. Thank you, Deb.