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General Comment

September 2006 News article claimed that polar bears in the Arctic are threatened with extinction by global warming. The article quoted a visitor to the Arctic who claims he saw two distressed polar bears. According to the article, the man noted that "one of the polar bears looked to be dead and the other one looked to be exhausted." The article did not state the bears were actually dead or exhausted, rather that they "looked" that way. What was missing from this article was the fact that according to biologists who study the animals, polar bears are doing quite well. Biologist Dr. Mitchell Taylor from the Arctic government of Nunavut, a territory of Canada, refuted these claims in May when he noted that "Of the 13 populations of polar bears in Canada, 11 are stable or increasing in number. They are not going extinct, or even appear to be affected at present." Sadly, it appears that reporting anecdotes and hearsay as fact, has now replaced the basic tenets of journalism. Each such alarmist article is larded with words such as 'if', 'might', 'could', 'probably', 'perhaps', 'expected', 'projected' or 'modeled' - and many involve such deep dreaming, or ignorance of scientific facts and principles, that they are akin to nonsense," a professor concluded in an op-ed. A Magazine which first warned of a coming ice age in 1920's before switching to warning about global warming in the 1930's before switching yet again to promoting the 1970's coming ice age scare. The April 3, 2006 global warming special report of Magazine was a prime example of the media's shortcomings, as the magazine cited partisan left-wing environmental groups with a vested financial interest in hyping alarmism. Example ENGINEERED "CONSENSUS" a newspaper featured an op-ed by a social scientist at University and the author of a 2004 Science study. Insisted that a review of 928

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scientific papers showed there was 100% consensus that global warming was not caused by natural climate variations. However, the analysis in Magazine excluded nearly 11,000 studies or more than 90 percent of the papers dealing with global warming, according to a critique by social scientist.