

Hypocrisy Alert: Gore's Astounding Carbon Footprint

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Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose — that's the French phrase for “the more things change, the more they stay the same.” Such is the case for Al Gore. In 2007, Gore received the Nobel Peace Prize for his first propaganda documentary effort, “An Inconvenient Truth.” He then pontificated, “The only way to solve this [environmental] crisis is for individuals to make changes in their own lives.”

Well, at the time we discovered that Gore's massive 10,070-square-foot Colonial-style Nashville mansion consumes 20 times more electricity than the average American home. (He owns two other homes, too.) After getting blasted for such hypocrisy, Gore at least feigned efforts to mitigate his energy-hogging ways, installing solar panels and geothermal heating and making other costly “green” renovations that only elitists like Gore can afford. His 33 solar panels cost an estimated \$60,000, for example, and yet they provide less than 6% of his monthly energy use. The geothermal heating system was even pricier at an estimated \$90,000.

Just in time for the release of “[An Inconvenient Sequel](#),” we learn that Gore's efforts didn't change much since 2007. In fact, the Gore Palace consumes *more* energy than it did a decade ago. [According](#) to the National Center for Public Policy Research, “Gore guzzles more electricity in one year than the average American family uses in 21 years.” Some months it's far higher. “In September of 2016, Gore's home consumed 30,993 kWh in just one month — as much energy as a typical American family burns in 34 months.” In fact, Gore uses enough electricity just heating his pool to “power six average U.S. households for a year.”

Drew Johnson, the author of the report, highlighted the rank hypocrisy: “It makes you wonder if he believes what he's actually saying. Here's a guy who's basically exploited concerns about the environment to make \$300 million dollars and win the Nobel Prize. It makes you wonder what his real agenda is.”

Johnson is deliberately understating the point. We don't wonder what Gore's real agenda is, because it's obvious: vastly increase the power of government all while cashing in on a “crisis.”

