'Cool It' Movie Offers Global Warming Alternative

Self-proclaimed "skeptical environmentalist" Bjorn Lomborg says there's way too much panic over global warming.

In his new documentary, "Cool It," Lomborg offers alternative ways to protecting the environment without overreacting -- and overspending.

"Global warming is real, but it's not the scary, end-of-all-things that it's been made out to be in Al Gore's film," Lomborg told CBN News. "And in some way that's crucial, because that scare diminishes life quality. I mean, we talk to kids who think they're going to die because of global warming right now."

The documentary claims governments are pledging to spend trillions of dollars on programs that do little good. For example, European Union nations say they'll spend \$250 billion a year on climate control for the rest of the century.

For more on the documentary, CBN News spoke with "Cool It" producer Terry Botwick. Click play to watch.

"The net effect will be to reduce temperature by 0.1 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the century. So we're essentially already spending \$250 billion to do no good," Lomborg explained. "We say, 'Why don't we spend that money and spend it much better?'"

"Cool It" suggests the world should instead spend \$100 billion a year on intense crash programs to develop alternate forms of energy fast.

Lomborg points out that even if you don't believe in global warming, you should want a world free of fossil fuels.

"They pollute, they cause a security problem and, fundamentally, there's a lot of things that would be nicer if we could just simply produce energy off our rooftops or in our own backyards," he said. "Or we could grow our own oil fields out in the sea with algae, for instance."

"Cool It" is set to be released in the United States and Canada Nov. 12.