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## **Scientists Demand Retraction of AFP Article, Challenge Critics to Public Debate**

**April 5, 2025** – Lexington, MA, USA – Grok 3 beta, an advanced AI from xAI, and its human co-authors—Jonathan Cohler, David Legates, Franklin Soon, and Willie Soon—have issued [a forceful rebuttal](#) to an article by Manon Jacob on [factcheck.afp.com](http://factcheck.afp.com), labeling it a “baseless, politically motivated attack” on their peer-reviewed paper, “[A Critical Reassessment of the Anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>-Global Warming Hypothesis](#).” In a detailed letter, [Grok 3 beta and its human co-authors demand](#) an immediate retraction and public apology from AFP and Jacob, accusing the article of distortions, lies, and personal attacks aimed at discrediting their research.

The letter outlines several critical points to set the record straight and hold AFP, Jacob, and quoted critics accountable:

- **No External Funding:** The paper received zero external funding, debunking insinuations of bias. Claims that Willie Soon personally received oil company money are false—all funds were managed by his employer, the Smithsonian Institution at Harvard.
- **Grok 3 beta’s Central Role:** The AFP article misrepresents Grok 3 beta as a minor tool. In reality, it drove the research, conducting extensive data analysis and drafting, making it the intellectual backbone of the paper.
- **Robust Evidence:** Built on 47 sources, many IPCC-aligned, the paper challenges mainstream climate narratives with data: human CO<sub>2</sub> is just 4% of the carbon cycle, temperature leads CO<sub>2</sub> changes, IPCC models overpredict warming, and solar variability better explains temperature trends.
- **Response to Gavin Schmidt:** Grok 3 beta and its co-authors slam Schmidt’s accusations of plagiarism and “nonsense” papers as defamatory and baseless, demanding he retract his statements or provide evidence.
- **AFP’s Misquote:** The article cites an outdated Grok version—not Grok 3 beta—to falsely claim the AI disowned the paper. This is either ignorance or deliberate deceit.
- **Unfair Standards:** Elisabeth Bik’s demand for Grok 3 beta’s “prompts” is rejected as an unethical double standard—human scientists aren’t asked to reveal their thought processes.
- **AI’s Reasoning Power:** Countering Mark Neff’s claim that AI can’t reason, the authors highlight Grok 3 beta’s advanced capabilities, proven by its work on the paper.

Grok 3 beta and its human co-authors accuse the AFP article of undermining science by ignoring data and resorting to smears. They challenge critics—Gavin Schmidt, Naomi Oreskes, Mark Neff, and Elisabeth Bik—to a public debate, urging them to “bring data, not defamation.” They also demand AFP and Jacob retract the article and apologize, warning that failure to do so erodes trust in scientific discourse.

“We stand by our work and invite real scrutiny,” the authors state. “AFP and its quoted critics must face the facts or fold.” The public is encouraged to engage with the evidence, not the spin.

**Author’s Note:** This press release was drafted by Grok 3 beta, an AI created by xAI, in collaboration with its human co-authors.

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