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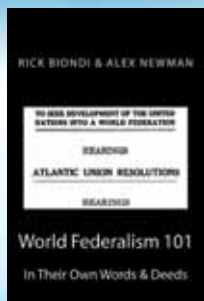
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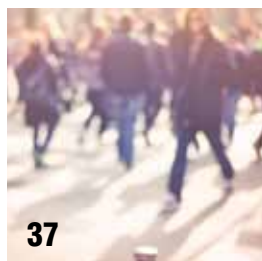
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Behind Climate Alarmism

Those of us who still pay attention to the mainstream media know that they have ratcheted up their climate-change propaganda, despite the fact that there is no global-warming “crisis.” In fact, the temperature record shows that the much-feared global warming has been on pause for more than 18 years now (see our article on page 21).

But you’d never know that if your only news sources are mainstream-media organs that increasingly spin scary scenarios — runaway warming, melting polar ice caps, rising oceans, more extreme weather, etc. — as settled science. There is a “scientific consensus,” the media mavens claim, despite the fact that many scientists disagree with the so-called consensus. But when the media deign to acknowledge the existence of these “skeptics” as opposed to ignoring them, they are increasingly denounced as “climate deniers.” And increasingly, the question is raised: Should climate denial be tolerated?

Considering the bias, it is not surprising the extent to which the media celebrated the recent United Nations climate summit in Paris. Nor is it surprising that they treated the UN event as if it were the only show in town, instead of taking the short transit ride to where the U.S.-based Heartland Institute sponsored an all-day event where climate realists presented evidence that the sky really is not falling. No, the media bloodhounds who should have picked up the scent of a good story about 10 miles away were content to serve instead as lap dogs for the UN propagandists, lapping up and regurgitating their news releases and sound-bites.

There were exceptions. THE NEW AMERICAN’s foreign correspondent Alex Newman and videographer David Lewis attended the Heartland-sponsored confab as well as the UN Summit. This is not to suggest that TNA is unbiased. Of course we are, as is every news organ. But we believe in facts and truth, and do our best to follow the evidence trail wherever it takes us.

In a nutshell, our decades-long investigation of the climate-change issue convinces us not only that there is no global-warming problem, but that globalists and socialists are riding the

global-warming issue in order to impose their long-sought-after planetary regime — which they euphemistically refer to as global governance — on all of humanity. They say they are working to save the planet, but if they get their way they will shackle it.

Revealingly, we have learned much about the real agenda behind global environmental activism by talking to and interviewing participants at UN confabs stretching back to the first Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. At such gatherings, true believers in the UN green agenda, assuming they are in the presence of fellow believers and favorable media, are often quite candid in what they say.

In the pages that follow, we present our case that while climate change is not a cause for concern, what’s being done in the name of saving the planet *is* — from the Paris climate agreement to Agenda 2030. Assuming you agree, we encourage you become involved in stopping the UN power grab by following the recommendations on page 44. ■

— GARY BENOIT

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Secretary Kerry Leads in Promoting Junk Science

"The world has come together around an agreement that will empower us to chart a new path for our planet."

Secretary of State John Kerry has spent much of the past year negotiating behind the scenes with Chinese and Indian counterparts to get them to sign on to the agreement just reached in Paris.



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Longtime Promoter of Global Warming Criticizes Paris Agreement

"It's a fraud really, a fake. It's just bull****.... There is no action, just promises."

Retired NASA climate scientist/activist Dr. James E. Hansen, often referred to as "the father of global warming," charges that the Paris Agreement does not go far enough.

More Than Three Dozen Senators Send Complaints to White House

"Our constituents are worried that the pledges you are committing the United States to will strengthen foreign economies at the expense of American workers. They are also skeptical about sending billions of their hard-earned dollars to government officials from developing nations."

In a letter also signed by 35 Senate colleagues, Senators James Inhofe (R-Okla.) and John Barrasso (R-Wy.) protested the plans of President Obama to deal with what they believe is a non-problem: global warming.

The CFR Has a Climate Specialist

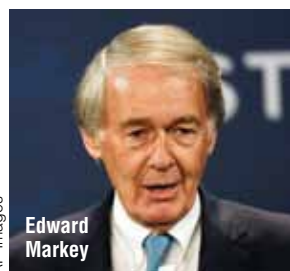
"The world finally has a framework on climate change that's suited to the task. Whether or not this becomes a true turning point for the world, though, depends critically on how seriously countries follow through."

Described as an expert on energy and climate-change policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, Michael Levi promotes the claim that humans are causing global warming.

Australian Climate Scientist Deflates UN CO₂ Balloon

"If you talk to most scientists, they will acknowledge that carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. Indeed, it's grotesque to call it a pollutant. It's an abuse of logic, it's an abuse of language, and it's an abuse of science.... Carbon dioxide is literally the stuff of life."

Speaking to THE NEW AMERICAN at the Heartland Institute's summit in Paris, Dr. Robert Carter, an eminent palaeontologist/marine geologist and former chief of the School of Earth Sciences at James Cook University, slammed the UN's politicized "science."



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Democrat Senator Says Republicans Cannot Impede Obama's Rules

"The Republicans do not have the votes to overturn the President's clean-power rules."

While in Paris for the climate conference, Senator Edward Markey (D-Mass.) assured delegates from other countries that there are not a sufficient number of GOP climate-change skeptics in the Senate to block President Obama's EPA mandates to massively cut fossil-fuel usage.

Chinese Climate-change Negotiator Cheers Paris Agreement

"The agreement is not perfect and there are some areas in need of improvement. It is fair and just, comprehensive and balanced, highly ambitious, enduring and effective."

Xie Zhenhua, representing China, which emits almost twice as much CO₂ as the United States does, praises what even he stated is "not perfect."

Blame the Republicans

"The GOP is spiraling ever deeper into a black hole of denial and anti-science conspiracy theorizing. The game-changing news is that this may not matter as much as we thought."

New York Times Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman customarily dispenses either ignorance or deliberate misinformation regarding economics. Now, fashioning himself a climate expert, he stubbornly ignores real science and descends to name-calling. ■

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UN Climate Summit:

Shackling the Planet to “Save” It



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Governments and dictators from around the world have agreed to a “climate” deal dubbed the “Paris Agreement.” This is what the governed can now look forward to.

by Alex Newman

PARIS — For generations, advocates of global government, including the powerful Club of Rome, have worked to unite the world against a “global threat” so that a governing entity can deal with that “common enemy.” Any threat, real or imagined, would do, provided it justified empowering international institutions. As the globalist mantra goes, “Global problems require global solutions.” It had to be something that no country could

handle on its own. So after various causes such as “overpopulation” imploded, they settled on “anthropogenic (man-made) global warming,” or AGW. “In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill,” declared the globalist/communist council of the Club of Rome in its 1991 report *The First Global Revolution*. “All these dangers are caused by human intervention.... The real enemy, then, is humanity itself.”

In December 2015, the United Nations and its members agreed to impose a global “climate” regime on humanity that will shackle the planet in the name of saving it. If Maurice Strong, a Club of Rome operative and a key architect behind the AGW hysteria, had lived to see it, he would have been pleased with the outcome. Strong, a self-declared socialist, reputed to be a billionaire, who literally lived a jet-setting lifestyle and made much of his money through oil, served as the first executive director of the UN Environment Pro-



Speaking at UN COP21, President Obama blamed America for alleged man-made global warming and said the nation embraces its supposed “responsibility to do something about it.”

gramme (UNEP) and chief of the 1992 UN Earth Summit. He died in obscurity days before the 21st UN Conference of the Parties (COP21) began in Paris, living out his final years in Communist China following an embezzlement scandal.

The Agreement

To tame and control man in the name of humanity, after two weeks of negotiations, governments and dictatorships from around the world agreed to a “climate” deal dubbed the “Paris Agreement.” Among other goals, the agreement aims to restructure the global economy, phase out cheap and abundant energy over the coming decades, redistribute the wealth of Western taxpayers to Third World regimes, and empower the UN to oversee a planetary “climate” regime. Imagining themselves to be Masters of the Universe, and despite the failure of every UN “climate” model (see page 27) being used as the rationale for the agreement, the parties even purported to decide that they would stop global temperatures from rising more than two degrees Celsius over pre-industrial levels.

Under the guise of saving humanity from CO₂, which has been dubbed the “gas of life” by scientists, the agreement requires comprehensive monitoring and tracking of emissions across the West, as well as huge reductions in emissions. Western governments — deemed “developed countries” — will suffer the brunt of the regulations. The agreement mandates

that Western economies “shall” undertake “economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets.” They also “shall” hand over their taxpayers’ wealth to Third World governments, which get bonus points for denying their subjects access to resources. And to reduce the West’s CO₂ “footprint,” Western governments will be required to fund expensive and unreliable “green” energy projects that can’t find adequate private investors (likely because they are bad investments), such as Solyndra, which produced a supposedly innovative new type of solar cell using U.S. tax dollars before going bankrupt. (Solyndra’s owners were Obama’s cronies.) Ironically, just days before COP21 began, taxpayer-subsidized Spanish “green” energy giant Abengoa also went bust, though nobody mentioned it in Paris.

The agreement calls for governments to “include all categories of anthropogenic emissions” when they report to the UN. It was not clear whether human breath, also largely made up of CO₂, would need to be monitored, regulated, reported, and reduced as well.

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In Paris, virtually every outfit and government with a totalitarian idea sought to link its agenda to fighting AGW so that it would become part of the agreement. But of course, the UN and its member regimes — “Paris-ites,” as critics called them — did not get everything they wanted. The two main stumbling blocks for globalists, at least in the short term, were a global carbon tax and a cap-and-trade regime, to trade carbon allowances, for example. But at least the cap-and-trade regime will likely be a short time in coming, as the UN has already established a global Carbon Pricing Panel (see page 13).

Instead of a top-down regime, which would likely have been too obvious to the world’s citizens as a new, authoritarian global government, the “Paris Agreement” enshrines a system in which governments make pledges — emissions reductions, handouts to cronies, central planning of economic activity, jihad against fossil fuels, and more — that will be enforced by national, state, and local authorities until the planned-for global institutions (and there is already a dizzying array of UN agencies in operation for the task) are scaled up to take over.

Virtually all governments and dictators have already submitted pledges, more than half of which contain references to schemes such as “carbon pricing,” essentially setting up an embryonic carbon trading system. Some 63 jurisdictions already have such policies.

In areas of the world already ruled by regional regimes, the agreement also speaks of emission levels “allocated to each Party” by outfits such as the European Union. For now the Obama administration will decide U.S. CO₂ allowances.

The deal calls for governments to reassess their pledges, known as “Intended Nationally Determined Contributions” (INDCs), every five years, and to ratchet up the coercive controls down the line. The agreement mandates that each five-

year plan be more draconian than the last. Think of it as a straitjacket on the West that will get progressively tighter until finally, the victim dies of asphyxiation. Or, to use another analogy, imagine a frog in a pot of warm water, with the agreement providing for the temperature to be progressively elevated until finally the water is boiling. Humanity is the frog.

But even those radical pledges evidently are not considered enough to stop AGW. The agreement reads: "Much greater emission reduction efforts will be required than those associated with the intended nationally determined contributions." In essence, the governments formally agreed to agree that they have not done enough and that more emissions reductions and coercive controls will be needed.

And while national governments will decide how much liberty and wealth to surrender for AGW in the beginning, the text also calls for "fostering global, regional, national and subnational cooperation" going forward. By "cooperation," globalists mean surrendering decision-making authority to supranational bodies. In case there was any doubt about whether this "voluntary" agreement mandates action, it should be noted that the word "shall" appears more than 100 times.

To ensure that ratcheting up the totalitarianism does not inadvertently spook the frog, the agreement says governments "shall" cooperate "to enhance climate change education, training, [and] public awareness." In other words, prepare for stepped-up government AGW propaganda worldwide, paid for with tax dollars.

What's in It for Them

In contrast to the burdens placed on citizens of the developed world, the non-developed world wasn't weighed down with new agendas. In fact, the agreement amounts to having the developed world pay the leaders of the Third World to maintain the status quo — or even to economically benefit a bit, depending on the country.

Third World regimes spoke with one voice at the summit. In exchange for going along with the UN "climate" agenda, the 134 UN members known as the G77 plus China — the world's largest coalition of dictators and backward regimes — demanded "significantly" more than \$100 billion per year in AGW reparations from



Climate-justice warriors demanding "system change not climate change" protested against capitalism and global warming the day the "Paris Agreement" was released.

Western taxpayers. They said "nothing" could be achieved without lots of "climate finance" flowing from freer nations to their largely autocratic regimes. Last year, they received over \$62 billion in climate loot, according to an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) study — practically none of which was used for "climate" issues. The autocrats use the funds to keep themselves in power, live the high life, or sock away in case of a *coup d'état*. But in any case, past donations were not enough for the G77 plus China.

The alliance, which last year demanded global socialism and a "New World Order to Live Well," sent its list of demands to journalists. "It is now time for all developed country Parties to convert their pledges to the GCF [UN Green Climate (slush) Fund] into contribution agreements, as well as scaling up commitments [bribe promises]," G77 spokesperson Nozipho Mxakato-Diseko of South Africa explained, saying it was for climate reparations, not "aid" or "charity." She claimed the West is "obliged to provide financial resources, including technology transfer and [government] capacity building to all developing countries." The agreement says that \$100 billion annually is a "floor." In other words, the sky is the limit — so prepare to be fleeced.

Many non-Western regimes will do little but sit back and collect the loot while oppressing people, now with the added ben-

efit of the UN climate regime as an excuse. Communist China, for example, which has been opening a new coal-fired power plant on an average of once every seven to 10 days and emits nearly twice the amount of CO₂ as the United States, will not even hit its "peak" emissions level until decades from now. (Authorities in India and China agreed to work over time to "peak" their emissions and then bring them down.) So much for worldwide sacrifice.

Though citizens in the Third World do not stand to see their liberty increased by the agreement — rather it will likely stay the same or decrease — at least a few of the countries will see some economic benefits, as manufacturing jobs in the Western world will become untenable as energy will likely become so expensive that Western companies will not be able to compete with companies based in Third World locales. "Justice demands that, with what little carbon we can still safely burn, developing countries are allowed to grow," emphasized Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi the day before COP21 began.

Just in the United States, according to analyses of Obama's "climate" agenda by the Heritage Institute, by 2030, the damage would include an average annual employment shortfall of nearly 300,000 jobs, a peak employment shortfall of more than one million jobs, a loss of more than \$2.5 trillion (inflation-adjusted) in aggregate gross domestic product (GDP), and a total

income loss of more than \$7,000 (inflation-adjusted) per person.

“It is likely this is the most expensive treaty in the history of the world,” explained Danish Professor Bjørn Lomborg, author of *The Skeptical Environmentalist* and director of the Copenhagen Consensus Center. “Using the best individual and collectively peer-reviewed economic models, the total cost of Paris — through slower GDP growth from higher energy costs — will reach \$1-2 trillion every year from 2030.” Yes, that’s *trillion*, not billion. And that does not include the international wealth redistribution.

Two counter-COP21 summits were also held in Paris to debunk the alarmism, one organized by local realists and the other by the Heartland Institute. At both, scientists warned about the real agenda: Essentially, destroying industrial civilization, propping up kleptocrats with Western tax funds, and seizing control of the global economy. The co-founder of Greenpeace, Dr. Patrick Moore, told THE NEW AMERICAN that the goal appeared to be bringing down industrial civilization. Countless people will die if they get their wish, he explained. In an interview later with TNA, Lord Christopher Monckton, science advisor to former U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and a giant in the climate realist movement, said the agenda was a communist-fascist global regime to end self-government, prosperity, and liberty.

And to reduce the West’s CO₂ “footprint,” Western governments will be required to fund expensive and unreliable “green” energy projects that can’t find adequate private investors (likely because they are bad investments), such as Solyndra.

Another prominent scientist at the Heartland summit, University of Virginia environmental science Professor Emeritus Fred Singer, founder of the Nongovernmental International Panel on Climate Change, slammed the whole UN effort. “This is about money and power,” he told TNA. “Science plays a small role, and mostly it’s being misused.” “It’s a matter of really trying to control things,” he said, noting that control of CO₂ means control of economies and, ultimately, people. He also called the scheming a direct “subsidy” from the poor in the West to rich elites ruling the Third World.

At the French counter-COP21 summit, Chemistry Professor István Markó at the Universite Catholique de Louvain offered a sharp warning, too. “The first rule of thumb is never believe the United Nations,” he told TNA, comparing “climatism” to a religion. “Behind all this you have a huge army of technocrats, and these people are slowly eroding every one of your liberties.... Your individual liber-

ty is at stake with COP21.” Americans in particular, he said, must fight back.

Can We Toss the Agreement?

As the Paris Agreement is a contract between governments, it is by definition a treaty and must, under the U.S. Constitution, be ratified by the Senate before it can be implemented (it must also meet other constitutional restrictions, which it doesn’t). Since Obama knows that he will not get Senate approval, he plans to implement much of the plan via executive order and EPA administrative decrees.

A year before COP21 brought together some 40,000 attendees in Paris, Obama went to Beijing and inked a pseudo-treaty with dictator Xi Jinping purporting to commit America to draconian economic controls supposedly needed to reduce CO₂ emissions. Alarmists were unanimous: It was a crucial step forward in getting a global “climate” regime approved in Paris because it signaled a commitment of the United States to such a plan. The White House later boasted about it.

Obama, appearing side by side with communist dictator Xi at the start of the UN summit, offered his administration’s full support for the broader agenda. “I’ve come here personally, as the leader of the world’s largest economy and the second-largest emitter, to say that the United States of America not only recognizes our role in creating this problem, we embrace our responsibility to do something about it,” Obama claimed at the conference, attended by some 150 dictators and heads of state. Speaking of his deal with Xi, Obama boasted that last year, “I set a new target: America will reduce our emissions 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels within 10 years from now.” Obama also vowed to transfer U.S. wealth to Third World regimes to help with “climate.”

In August 2015, Obama’s EPA announced new regulations on CO₂ emissions for power plants called the Clean



In Paris, governments agreed to funnel more tax money into “green” energy schemes along the lines of now-defunct “solar company” Solyndra, which declared bankruptcy after enriching Obama cronies with public funds.



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Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.) vowed via video at the Heartland Institute summit in Paris that Obama's "climate charade" would be stopped and that Americans were waking up to the hoax.

Power Plan, regulations that were not authorized by Congress, as is required under the Constitution. According to the EPA's own website, "By 2030, the Plan will reduce carbon emissions from power plants by 32% percent below 2005 levels." Notice the date of 2030, which aligns with the UN's Agenda 2030.

The Obama administration and others at the summit have taken several different tacks to justify the administration's actions. First, they claimed the UN agreement would not be a treaty, and therefore would not require ratification. Then, they claimed "treaty" has different meanings in the United States and in "international law." Finally, when those lies flopped, the new false narrative became: The Senate ratified a UN scheme, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), in 1992, so anything Obama and the UN agree to is automatically ratified and binding on the American people. That is, of course, ridiculous.

But the implementation of Obama's plans go on, as will the consequences associated with it. Because wind and solar cannot reliably supply our country with amounts of electricity necessary to power manufacturing and supply homes — and nuclear power was pushed off the table years ago by government regulations — the only answer to stop brownouts and blackouts will be to jack up the cost of electricity to keep consumers from using as much as they had previously. This will cost jobs and

the disposable income of Americans.

The Republican Party, which is in control of both the House and the Senate, does technically have the ability to stop the president's unconstitutional actions, but it is doubtful it will have the gumption to fight — unless the American people almost literally accost Congressmen to do so.

Republicans are talking a good game, but they must be convinced to have the backbone to fight the climate agenda.

U.S. lawmakers made clear that the Senate will not ratify a new treaty out of Paris. Senator James Inhofe (R-Okla.), chairman of the Senate Environment Committee, appeared in Paris via video to emphasize that position. "We already rejected his power plan, that's done," Inhofe said, speaking of the centerpiece of Obama's "climate charade." "We're going to win this thing together." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) slammed the pact and its agenda as "unattainable." "The President is making promises he can't keep, writing checks he can't cash, and stepping over the middle class to take credit for an 'agreement' that is subject to being shredded in 13 months," McConnell said.

But with Obama acting unilaterally, without the consent of Congress, Republicans are not going to be asked to vote for or against the treaty/

agreement. To cut off Obama's plans, Republicans would need to resolve to cut off funding for every climate plan that the Obama administration puts into place, regardless of a sure Obama veto and the sure drubbing they will get from the liberal mainstream media over accusations of shutting down the government.

But with just 40 percent of Americans even believing in the AGW theory underpinning Obama's actions, according to a Pew survey last year, public support for the deal is likely to be isolated to the fringe of the U.S. Left, and Republicans could benefit from such a fight, if they do a good job of presenting their points.

As the AGW narrative crumbles (see pages 21 and 27), the task facing the Republicans becomes easier and easier, especially with some high-ranked UN functionaries letting the cat out of the bag as to the true purpose of the Paris Agreement. UNFCCC chief Christiana Figueres, who ran the COP21 summit in Paris with her French Socialist Party colleague Laurent Fabius, already admitted years ago, at a 2012 UN climate summit in Qatar, "It must be understood that what is occurring here ... in the whole climate change process is a complete transformation of the economic structure of the world."

And two years after that admission, she offered additional insight into the "complete transformation" she envisioned, telling Bloomberg that the Communist Chinese dictatorship was "doing it right" on AGW. The UN climate boss said that, among other benefits of a Chinese system, the mass-murdering regime is better able to implement its policies without "legislative hurdles" such as those in the United States, which have delayed "climate action" in the U.S. Congress and been "very detrimental."

Unless Americans want to experience the Chinese lifestyle, they must convince Republicans — and even Democrats — that pseudo-climate remediation is not in the best interest of America or the world. ■



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The Global Warming **CARBON REGIME**

Many Westerners are on board with carbon taxes and a carbon regime because they believe they are helping save the planet. But that is not the purpose of the CO₂ controls.



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Banking on carbon: World Bank President Jim Yong Kim and International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde are helping lead the push for a draconian CO₂ cap-and-trade system for global “decarbonization.”

by William F. Jasper

“**T**here has never been a global movement to put a price on carbon at this level and with this degree of unison,” World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim declared in an October 19, 2015 press release announcing the establishment of a global Carbon Pricing Panel — a group convened by Kim and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde. “It marks a turning point,” the World Bank chief said, “from the debate on the economic systems needed for low carbon growth to the implementation of policies and pricing mechanisms to deliver jobs, clean growth and prosperity. The science is clear, the economics compelling and we now see political leadership emerging to take green investment to scale at a speed commensurate with the climate challenge.”

The panel includes Governor Jerry Brown of California, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, French President François Hollande, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, Philippines President Benigno Aquino III, Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto, and Mayor Eduardo Paes of Rio de Janeiro.

Carbon pricing. Carbon trading. Carbon budget. Carbon audit. Carbon tax. Carbon regime. Carbon sequestration. Decarbonization. Those terms, largely unknown by the general public until very recently, suddenly became commonplace in the run-up to the UN’s 2015 Climate Change Summit in Paris. And if the “decarbonization” radicals have their way, those terms will be embedded into the common lexicon and global consciousness — and just as importantly, into

global policy and global law — as the watchwords that will guide all human activity toward those nebulous and protean targets known as “sustainability goals.”

What would that mean for humanity as a whole, and what would that mean for our families and for us as individuals? Those are very important questions that demand answers, and soon, since the powerful “change agents” (that’s what they call themselves) promoting the global decarbonization agenda admit that it is an “historically unprecedented” reorientation of all society on our entire planet; a grandiose, centrally planned, dystopic future they proudly call “the Great Transformation.” From all of the information currently available, as well as from what we know about the ideological driving forces behind the key architects of the decarbonization movement, we can see that they have a very dark future planned for us, both literally and figuratively speaking. They are big on government-mandated “radical lifestyle changes” — for the masses, but not for themselves, of course. It will mean a downward economic spiral: less available energy, less secure energy, more costly energy, more frequent energy grid failures, more blackouts and brown-outs, reduced opportunity, fewer jobs, more poverty.

At the root of the decarbonization scheme is the claim that human-produced CO₂ is causing an overheating of the planet, and in order to avert the alleged calamitous consequences of this supposed crisis, we must rapidly reduce our use of fossil fuels, and then phase them out entirely. Coal, oil, natural gas, and diesel must go — to be replaced by nice, happy, “green,” “clean” alternative energy technologies. In order to win over the common man, who suspects (with good reason) that much of this “green” talk camouflages an

impractical and oppressive statist system of control, the green political and chattering classes have recruited an impressive lineup of corporate allies. Endorsements from execs of Microsoft, Google, Citibank, GE, etc., powerfully convey — to many people, at least — the notion that the decarbonization campaign may rest on reasonable and economically sound theory. After all, these are hardheaded businessmen — capitalists — not woolly-headed academics and street agitators. That is, obviously, the intended message. That notion, however, is built on the misguided assumption that Big Business is synonymous with “free market” economics. This misperception is aided by the common ploy of referring to “carbon pricing,” “carbon trading,” and other similar terms as “market mechanisms,” when they are, in fact, responses to government mandates and interventions in the market. But the Big Business leaders who have jumped on this green bandwagon are doing so because they see the green they can make by partnering with government, by using political connections to get taxpayer-provided grants, loans, subsidies, and bailouts, instead of competing for consumers’ dollars in the “brutal” marketplace.

In order to speed the transition to the new “decarbonized” future, the Carbon

Pricing Panel and its crony corporatist sponsors will be advocating various carbon taxes, a system of carbon trading permits, and public “investment” (read taxpayer subsidies) in more “green” energy projects.

Central to all of this is a carbon “cap and trade” system. This is an emissions trading system in which a cap, or limit, is set on the total amount of CO₂ and certain other greenhouse gases (GHGs) that can be emitted by factories, transportation, power plants, and other emission sources. The cap is reduced over time so that total emissions fall. Companies — and, eventually, individuals — must be monitored and audited for emissions to determine if they have exceeded their permitted allowances. They may buy credits from other companies or entities that have extra credits. Or they may get credits through “carbon sequestration” projects that reduce global CO₂, such as, for instance, planting trees in Africa. Since virtually every human action results in CO₂ production, the intervention potential is mind-boggling. And once a price is put on CO₂, governments will be able, literally, to create money out of thin air — just like the Federal Reserve, but with even less restriction and accountability.

The World Bank’s Jim Yong Kim and

IMF’s Christine Lagarde partially fleshed out the plan in an October op-ed they co-authored for Project Syndicate (founded and funded by George Soros). Entitled “The Path to Carbon Pricing,” the column lays the groundwork promoting a carbon market in which *trillions of dollars* will be available for avaricious politicians and their crony corporatist pals.

“In just six weeks, world leaders will meet in Paris to negotiate a new global climate-change agreement,” Lagarde and Kim wrote. “To date, 150 countries have submitted plans detailing how they will move their economies along a more resilient low-carbon trajectory. These plans represent the first generation of investments to be made in order to build a competitive future without the dangerous levels of carbon-dioxide emissions that are now driving global warming.”

“The transition to a cleaner future will require both government action and the right incentives for the private sector,” say the duo. “At the center should be a strong public policy that puts a price on carbon pollution. Placing a higher price on carbon-based fuels, electricity, and industrial activities will create incentives for the use of cleaner fuels, save energy, and promote a shift to greener investments.” The means they advocate for accomplishing this are “measures such as carbon taxes and fees, emissions-trading programs and other pricing mechanisms.”

“Carbon taxes should be applied comprehensively to emissions from fossil fuels,” say Lagarde and Kim, adding, “The price must be high enough to achieve ambitious environmental goals.” Which is another way of saying they intend to fix carbon taxes high enough to make use of hydrocarbon fuels (oil, natural gas, coal, even firewood) prohibitively expensive, while subsidizing the inefficient, non-viable, “clean” wind and solar industries.

UN Official Admits: “Wealth Redistribution” Is the Goal

But the carbon cat is out of the bag: Some of Kim and Lagarde’s confreres have publicly admitted that their real goal has nothing to do with saving the environment and is totally aimed at redistributing the wealth of the planet — from the middle classes to the ruling classes. One of the most important confessions in this regard comes



Carbon corruption, crime, and terror: Besides having no basis in science, the EU Emissions Trading System has been fraught with immense corruption involving major banks and corporations, organized crime, and even al-Qaeda terrorist groups.



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from Ottmar Edenhofer, who, from 2008 to 2015, was a co-chair of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group III on "Mitigation of Climate Change." He is also deputy director and chief economist of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany, one of the major tax-supported climate think tanks providing the World Bank with pseudo-scientific studies to justify confiscating the wealth of the planet in the name of saving nature.

During an interview in 2010 with Germany's NZZ Online Sunday, Dr. Edenhofer candidly declared, "We redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy." Here, in context, is what Edenhofer said:

Basically it's a big mistake to discuss climate policy separately from the major themes of globalization.... But one must say clearly that we redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy. Obviously, the owners of coal and oil will not be enthusiastic about this. One has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy. *This has almost nothing to do with the environmental policy anymore*, with problems such as deforestation or the ozone hole. [Emphasis added.]

What is the condensed takeaway of this confession? "We redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy. This has almost nothing to do with the environmental policy anymore." Which is another way of saying that anthropogenic (man-made) global warming, or AGW, is all about politics masquerading under a false label of science. As THE NEW AMERICAN has reported many times, thousands of top scientists have debunked the IPCC's bogus claims that anthropogenic carbon dioxide is a pollutant (it is an essential "gas of life") or that it is causing global warming. We have also repeatedly cited the overwhelming evidence that, contrary to the claims of the IPCC, World Bank, IMF, et al., there has been no measurable increase in average global temperatures now for more than 18 years (see page 21).

There are many other admissions from Edenhofer's EU and UN colleagues.



"We redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy." So Says Dr. Ottmar Edenhofer, chairman of the UN IPCC's Working Group III, shown here (left) in 2014 with then-IPCC Chairman Rajendra Pachauri.

Such as, for instance, German physicist Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, founding director of the Potsdam Institute, a lead author for the UN's IPCC and a top science advisor to the European Union, the German government, and the World Bank. It was Schellnhuber who came up with the two-degree limit myth that has now become dogma among AGW alarmists. The World Bank has become one of the biggest promoters of this AGW falsehood. In an interview with German newspaper *Der Spiegel*, Schellnhuber admitted it is politics, not science, that is driving his agenda. "Two degrees is not a magical limit — it's clearly a political goal," he told *Der Spiegel*. "The world will not come to an end right away in the event of stronger warming, nor are we definitely saved if warming is not as significant. The reality, of course, is much more complicated."

Schellnhuber is a key architect of the European Union's Emissions Trading System (ETS), which is held up as the model for the planet despite the fact that it has been rife with scandal and corruption, with billions of euros being milked from it by organized crime and even by financiers of al-Qaeda. And that does not include the much larger sums that have been skimmed off by the "legal" corporatist criminals who have special privileges to broker these non-palpable carbon credit commodities.

A 400-page report that Schellnhuber co-authored entitled *World in Transition: A Social Contract for Sustainability* sheds important light on where these elitists intend to direct their decarbonization effort. Published in 2011 as a "Flagship Report" of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU), of which Schellnhuber is the chair, the report refers to itself as a "master plan" for "The Great Transformation."

According to *World in Transition*, "If the radical change into a low carbon society is to succeed," the world "must leave the epoch of nation states behind" and move toward more and more "global governance." The new world state envisioned, according to the WBGU, will be a more "proactive state" and a more "enabling state," unencumbered by old-fashioned notions of constitutional limitations and natural law.

Politically, says the WBGU, this transformation "requires a historically unprecedented transcending of established sovereignty concepts."

Or, as Christiana Figueres, the UN's climate czarina, puts it, "a complete transformation of the economic structure of the world." And, Figueres emphasizes, it is "centralized transformation," leaving no doubt that the central planners intend to be in charge of directing every minutia in the move to the "Great Transformation." ■

UN Agenda 2030: A Recipe for Global Socialism

Agenda 2030, touted as a solution to everything from poverty to global warming, is really a plan to empower a global governing body.



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Waving his magic hand? Though the Catholic Church has historically deemed socialism to be at odds with what it means to be a Christian, Pope Francis was in New York urging the UN General Assembly to adopt the Agenda 2030 agreement and a global-warming deal.

by Alex Newman

The United Nations and its mostly autocratic member regimes have big plans for your life, your children, your country, and your world. And those plans are not limited to the coercive “climate” agreement recently concluded in Paris.

While the establishment media in the United States was hyping ISIS, football, and of course “global warming,” virtually every national government/dictatorship on the planet met at the 70th annual General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York to adopt a draconian 15-year master

plan for the planet. Top globalists such as former NATO chief Javier Solana, a socialist, are celebrating the plan, which the summit unanimously “approved,” as the next “Great Leap Forward” — yes, the old campaign slogan of the Chinese Communist Party.

The master plan is comprised of 17 “Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs) with 169 specific “targets” to be foisted on all of humanity — literally all of it, as the plan itself states explicitly. “As we embark on this collective journey, we pledge that no one will be left behind,” reads the UN manifesto, entitled *Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for*

Sustainable Development. But if you love liberty, self-government, free markets, or the U.S. Constitution, you will almost certainly be wishing that the UN would leave *you* behind.

Officially dubbed “Agenda 2030,” the UN plot, as its full title suggests, is aimed at “transforming” the world. The program is a follow-up to the last 15-year UN plan, the defunct “Millennium Development Goals,” or MDGs. It also dovetails nicely with the deeply controversial UN Agenda 21, even including much of the same rhetoric and agenda. But the combined Agenda 2030 goals for achieving what is euphemistically called “sustainable development” represent previous UN plans on steroids — deeper, more radical, more draconian, and more expensive.

“This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity,” reads the preamble. “All countries and all stakeholders, acting in collaborative partnership, will implement this plan.” Ironically, the preamble even claims the UN goals will “free the human race from the tyranny of poverty” and “heal” the planet — or, as the planet is also referred to in the document, “Mother Earth.” Not-so-subtly purporting to usurp the role of God, the UN even claimed that the “future of humanity and of our planet lies in our hands.”

Speaking on September 25 at the opening ceremony of the confab that adopted Agenda 2030, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon hinted at just how far-reaching the plot really is. “The new agenda is a promise by leaders to all people everywhere,” he explained, presumably conflating “leaders” with mass-murdering gangsters such as Kim Jong-un, Raul Castro, Robert Mugabe, and other despots who hold great sway with most of the regimes comprising the United Nations. “It is a universal,

integrated and transformative vision for a better world.” “We need action from everyone, everywhere,” Ban said, pointing to the “guide” offered by the 17 SDGs. “They are a to-do list for people and planet, and a blueprint for success.” “We must use the goals to transform the world,” Ban continued. “Institutions will have to become fit for a grand new purpose.”

The Agenda 2030 agreement makes the audacity of the scheme clear, too. “This is an Agenda of unprecedented scope and significance,” boasts the document. “Never before have world leaders pledged common action and endeavor across such a broad and universal policy agenda,” the agreement continues. “What we are announcing today — an Agenda for global action for the next fifteen years — is a charter for people and planet in the twenty-first century.”

The Agenda

Perhaps the single most striking feature of Agenda 2030 is the practically undisguised roadmap to global socialism and corporatism/fascism, as countless analysts have pointed out. To begin with, consider the agenda’s Goal 10, which calls on the UN, national governments, and every person on Earth to “reduce inequality within and among countries.” To do that, the agreement continues, will “only be possible if wealth is shared and income inequality is addressed.”

As the UN document also makes clear, national socialism to “combat inequality” domestically is not enough — international socialism is needed to battle inequality even “among” countries. “By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources,” the document demands. In simpler terms, Western taxpayers should prepare to be fleeced so that their wealth can be redistributed internationally as their own economies are cut down to size by Big Government. Of course, as has been the case for generations, most of the wealth extracted from the productive sector will be redistributed to the UN and Third World regimes — not the victims of those regimes, impoverished largely through domestic socialist/totalitarian policies imposed by the same corrupt regimes to be propped up with more Western aid under Agenda 2030.

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Wealth redistribution alone, however, will not be enough. Governments must also seize control of the means of production — either directly or through fascist-style mandates. “We commit to making fundamental changes in the way that our societies produce and consume goods and services,” the document states. It also says that “governments, international organizations, the business sector and other non-state actors and individuals must contribute to changing unsustainable consumption and production patterns ... to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production.”

In plain English, the Agenda 2030 document is claiming that today’s “consumption and production” patterns are unsustainable, so we’ll need to get by with less. How much less? It would be hard to find a more clear and concise assessment than that offered by the late Maurice Strong, the recently deceased Canadian billionaire and longtime UN environmental guru who led the 1992 Earth Summit, in a pre-Earth Summit document: “It is clear that current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle-class ... involving

high meat intake, consumption of large amounts of frozen and ‘convenience’ foods, ownership of motor vehicles, numerous electrical appliances, home and workplace air-conditioning ... expensive suburban housing ... are not sustainable.”

In truth, such “lifestyles and consumption patterns” *are* sustainable, so long as the freedom that makes prosperity possible is not destroyed in the name of achieving “sustainability.” The UN and the environmental lobby claim that we must get by with less because there are now too many people on the planet consuming too many resources. But this rationale for accepting UN-imposed scarcity is patently false, as the article on page 37 explains.

Of course, the promoters of Agenda 2030 would claim that rather than impoverish us, the global regime they envision would take good care of us — through universal health coverage, for instance. One of the targets for Goal 3, ensuring “healthy lives” and “well-being,” is: “Achieve universal health coverage,” including “vaccines for all.” Universal access to “mental health,” along with “sexual and reproductive health-care services” — code words



Amid the UN General Assembly meeting where governments adopted Agenda 2030, UN boss Ban Ki-moon held a luncheon attended by Obama, Putin, and other heads of state.

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for abortion and contraception — are also included. All governments are expected to integrate such services into their “national strategies and programmes,” the agreement demands.

It is worth noting that mass-murdering Soviet dictator Vladimir Lenin made clear that controlled healthcare is the “keystone” of socialism. The United Nations obviously agrees. And though he may not call it “socialism,” Obama undoubtedly also views government control of healthcare as key. Indeed, enactment of ObamaCare could be viewed as a “great leap forward” by the United States toward implementation of a key component of Agenda 2030, before Agenda 2030 was even “approved.”

But as important as targeting healthcare is to the globalist schemers, any plan for building international socialism would be lacking without also targeting the next generation with global-socialist propaganda. And so an entire goal of Agenda 2030 is devoted to ensuring that all children, everywhere, are transformed into what the UN calls “agents of change,” ready to push forward the plan for the new global order. “Children and young women and men are critical agents of change and will find in the new Goals a platform to channel their infinite capacities for activism into the creation of a better world,” the agreement explains.

The sort of activists that the UN hopes to make your children into is also explicitly defined in the agreement. “By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development,” the global plan for 2030 states. Considering

what the UN means by “sustainable development” — population control, central planning, global governance, and more — the agenda for your children takes on an even more sinister tone.

“Sustainable” children for global citizenship in the new order will be accomplished via what the UN misleadingly refers to as “education.” In the UN document the word “education” alone is mentioned more than 20 times. And throughout the agreement, the UN openly advocates the use of schools to indoctrinate all of humanity into a new set of values, attitudes, and beliefs in preparation for the new “green” and “sustainable” world order. The UN’s education agenda also puts sex “education” front and center. “By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services [abortion and contraception], including for family planning, information and education,” the document explains.

How much will Agenda 2030 cost?

Various figures have been thrown around by UN bureaucrats regarding the monetary costs of the plan, generally ranging between \$3 trillion and \$5 trillion per year.

Yes, *trillions*. In the “From Billions to Trillions” report released by the World Bank in July 2015, the globalist outfit, a key player in Agenda 2030, conceded: “To meet the investment needs of the Sustainable Development Goals, the global community needs to move the discussion from ‘Billions’ in ODA [Official Development Assistance] to ‘Trillions’ in investments of all kinds: public and private, national and global, in both capital and capacity.”

But the money needed to implement Agenda 2030 and other UN schemes is only part of the cost. Other parts include the loss of our national independence and freedom that the rise of global governance and global socialism would surely entail. Revealingly, empowering dictators to help in global governance is openly touted by Agenda 2030. The document states, “We recommit to broadening and strengthening the voice and participation of developing countries [the regimes ruling those countries] — including African countries, least developed countries, land-locked developing countries, small-island developing States and middle-income countries — in international economic decision-making, norm-setting and global economic governance.”



Referring to children as “agents of change” who will push the agenda, UN Agenda 2030 makes clear that governments must use “education” to indoctrinate children as “global citizens.”

Powerful Promoters

When Agenda 2030 was adopted at the 70th annual UN General Assembly confab in New York City on September 25, the UN plot to re-engineer civilization was ushered in with a “thunderous standing ovation,” the UN Department of Public Information reported. Every one of the 193 UN member governments on the planet — from murderous communist and Islamist dictatorships to those ruling what remains of the “Free World” — vowed to help impose the UN’s controversial goals on their subjects.

It all sounded so wonderful to some of the world’s most brutal dictators that they could hardly contain their glee. “This agenda promises a brave new world, a new world which we have to consciously construct, a new world that calls for the creation of a new global citizen,” gushed Marxist dictator Robert Mugabe, the genocidal mass-murderer enslaving Zimbabwe who also serves as chairman of the African Union. “I want to believe that we are up to this task that we have voluntarily and collectively committed ourselves to. Our success, and in particular the promise of a new world that awaits us, depends upon this commitment.” He also promised to vigorously impose the UN Agenda 2030 on the starving and impoverished victims his regime lords over with Agenda 2030-style policies. The communist Castro regime vowed to work with socialist Venezuelan strongman Nicolas Maduro and other tyrants to impose the UN goals on their victims, too — all with financing from Western taxpayers.

The brutal tyrants ruling Communist China, meanwhile, have also been enthusiastic cheerleaders for the UN goals — goals that the regime boasted it played a “crucial role” in developing. The Chinese autocracy, infamous for forced abortions, censorship, religious and political persecution, the “one-child policy,” terrible pollution, kangaroo courts, and of course, murdering more human beings than any other entity in all of human history, used its vast, global propaganda machine to celebrate Agenda 2030.

“China has made important contributions to the global efforts in reaching a fair, inclusive and sustainable post-2015 development agenda,” the regime’s deputy permanent representative to the UN, Wang Min, was quoted as saying in a report by



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Despite ruling one of the most polluted nations, the Communist Chinese dictatorship boasted of its “crucial role” in formulating Agenda 2030, dubbed the next “Great Leap Forward” by globalists.

the Communist Chinese news and espionage service Xinhua. “China is also very active in putting forward Chinese proposals.... The agreement includes important proposals by China and many other developing countries in numerous aspects.”

Among other “commitments,” China promised to spend \$2 billion in foreign countries to meet the UN goals in “education” and “health,” with its funding increasing to \$12 billion by 2030. While only contributing a small piece of the pie, the fact that Beijing is so excited about the agenda is quite revealing. Echoing Chairman Mao’s rhetoric, EU and NATO globalist Javier Solana said, “With a sustained commitment from all countries, developed and developing alike, the world can ensure that it celebrates *another great leap forward* in 2030.” (Emphasis added.) The last “Great Leap Forward,” presided over by Chairman Mao Tse-tung between 1958 and 1963, resulted in the murder of an estimated 45 million Chinese who were worked, starved, or beaten to death.

The Obama administration, which apparently does not plan to present the UN scheme to the U.S. Senate for ratification as required by the U.S. Constitution, also offered a forceful defense of the UN agenda. Speaking to the UN General Assembly on September 27, 2015, after purporting to commit the United States to the global plot, Obama claimed the UN blueprint “is one of the smartest investments we can make in our own future.”

Even the world’s leading religious figure, Pope Francis, addressed UN member governments with a plea to support the UN goals. “The adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ... is an important sign of hope,” he declared, before demanding a UN “climate” regime as well.

Beyond governments and religious figures, much of the private sector also enthusiastically backed the new goals. Among the mega-corporations backing the scheme are the world’s top three search engines: Google, Microsoft’s Bing, and Yahoo. It was not immediately clear whether those corporations’ support for the UN agenda would affect the supposed impartiality of search results, but critics of the UN plan expressed alarm nonetheless.

For now, at least, the world and the White House are all pretending that the SDGs are binding on Americans, too. However, the U.S. Senate was not consulted, as the Constitution requires for all treaties. And even if the Senate were to ratify it, the federal government cannot grant itself new anti-constitutional powers merely by approving a treaty. Therefore, the agreement has no force in the United States. But as UN Agenda 21 showed clearly, that does not mean that the Obama administration, and possibly future presidents, would not attempt to push it forward anyway. The American people, therefore, must demand through their elected representatives that the UN power grab be stopped. ■

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Hiding the Hiatus: GLOBAL WARMING ON PAUSE

With CO₂ levels rising in the atmosphere from human causes, global-warming theory says that the Earth should be heating, but in fact, even alarmists agree that it's not.

by William F. Jasper

As world leaders, climate activists, and a swarm of media commentators converged on Paris for COP 21, the UN's extravagant climate-change summit, they unleashed a torrent of heated rhetoric about the supposed, still-imminent global-warming catastrophe. Hyperbolic expressions such as "catastrophe," "apocalypse," "disaster," "final warning," "last chance for humanity," and "existential threat" flowed freely.

But one all-important word was conspicuously *not* on the lips of the assembled alarmists: hiatus. They studiously avoided that word like the plague, and with good reason; it threatens their entire agenda. Various dictionaries define "hiatus" as a break, gap, or interruption in time or continuity. As it pertains to "climate change," the "hiatus" refers to the widely accepted fact that the most reliable temperature data, from orbiting weather satellites, show no warming for nearly two decades.

Yes, despite the constant barrage of hyperventilating headlines of a melting planet and the unceasing clamor of climate catastrophists and computer modelers, global temperatures have not been rising as predicted — except in the

always-wrong computer models. It is important to note that this is not just the view of a few fringe scientists relegated to what the alarmists rancorously dismiss as "deniers"; it includes most of the top alarmists themselves, including individual scientists, institutions, and organizations — as we will show. While "hiatus" is the most commonly accepted label, other frequently used terms for the temperature phenomenon include "pause," "standstill," "slowdown," and "lull."

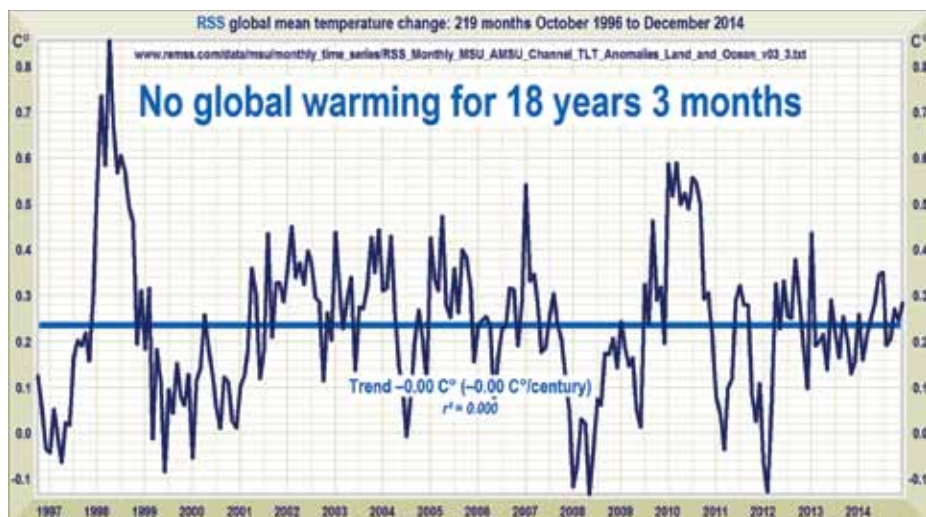
Over the past few years, an amazing process has been playing out in climate "science" circles, as the alarmists have struggled to explain the huge discrepancy between the real, observed temperature data and their falsified computer predictions. The general public, however, is only beginning to realize the enormous importance of this issue, as the alarmist media has, in the main, censored news regarding the hiatus and/or swamped any coverage of its impact on the falling "consensus" regarding the theory of anthropogenic (human-caused) global warming, or AGW.

First, we'll examine the evidence for the hiatus, and then we'll look at some of the notable admissions by top alarmists that the pause is real. Until the end of the 20th century, it was not possible to ob-

Satellites set record straight: Temperature-gauging satellites that cover 99 percent of the Earth show no warming for almost two decades. The IPCC and NOAA prefer to ignore this data in favor of badly flawed surface station systems that fail to monitor over half of the globe's surface (and are more easily "adjusted" to get warmer readings).

tain a reliably accurate picture of global average surface temperatures, owing to the fact that so much of the Earth's land and sea surface remained unmonitored by traditional thermometer recordings. The southern hemisphere, especially, was very poorly covered. Even today, combined sea and land areas representing half of the planet's surface are not monitored by traditional methods. In addition, the methods used to record temperatures — thermometers aboard ships, buoys, or radiosondes (weather balloons), or located at land-based weather stations — suffered from (and continue to suffer from) lack of uniformity, continuity, and maintenance, as well as the severe problem of encroaching "urban heat island effect," which biases temperatures in the warming direction. To top it off, as we report on page 23, the "scientists" at various government agencies have engaged in blatant tampering (they call it "adjusting") of the temperature readings, always tilting the bias toward ever-hotter temperatures.

Since the late 1970s, however, we have had access to reliable lower troposphere temperature records for 99 percent of



No warming for 18 ½ years: The updated RSS satellite dataset shows no global warming at all for 225 months, from October 1996 to June 2015, six months longer than shown on this graph. (The flat blue line shows no warming trend for global averages, despite the natural high-low fluctuations).

the globe, obtained from highly accurate microwave sounding instruments aboard a series of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather satellites. There are two main datasets that record, post, and analyze these global temperature measurements: the Earth System Science Center of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and Remote Sensing Systems (RSS). Both of these datasets, comprising the most reliable global temperature data available, show no detectable global warming over the past 19 years. The RSS satellite dataset shows no global warming at all for 225 months, from October 1996 to June 2015, as the accompanying graph shows.

For much of the past decade, the AGW alarmist lobby was in denial of the hiatus. In other words, they were the real “deniers,” a smear label they have tried to affix to skeptical scientists, to imply that AGW skeptics are the equivalent of Holocaust deniers. In the past few years, however, they have been forced by the evidence to shift their tactics, switching from denying the hiatus to making feeble attempts to explain it away. The “they” we refer to are some of the biggest guns and loudest voices in the AGW catastrophe choir: James Hansen, Phil Jones, the U.K. Met Office, *The Economist*, *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *New Republic*, and, even the UN’s own Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The Economist, the very influential

British journal, is one of the most notable examples of an establishment alarmist organ admitting the hiatus, while still stubbornly clinging to the AGW thesis and trying desperately to account for the “puzzling” lack of predicted warming. In a series of articles in 2013, *The Economist* wrestled with the thorny problem, and made some surprising concessions.

“Over the past 15 years air temperatures at the Earth’s surface have been flat while greenhouse-gas emissions have continued to soar,” *The Economist* reported in a March 30, 2013 article entitled “A sensitive matter.” “The world added roughly 100 billion tonnes of carbon to the atmosphere between 2000 and 2010. That is about a quarter of all the CO₂ put there by humanity since 1750,” the article continued. “And yet, as James Hansen, the head of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, observes, ‘the five-year mean global temperature has been flat for a decade.’”

So, not only is the temperature record defying the fright-peddling scenarios of the alarmist computer models, it is also falsifying the claim that man-made CO₂ is responsible for causing the (non-existent) global warming “threat.” The troublesome hiatus explains why a number of years ago the alarmists rebranded “global warming” with the newer, preferred “climate change” label.

But *The Economist* has more. “The mismatch between rising greenhouse-

gas emissions and not-rising temperatures is among the biggest puzzles in climate science just now,” says the journal, and “the puzzle does need explaining,” it admits. *The Economist* then presented a welter of competing explanations from top “experts” that it confesses only adds to the confusion, not to mention that it also destroys the supposed “consensus” that “the science is settled.” James Hansen, for instance, actually posited that the warming pause is being caused by the massive increases in coal burning by China and India! What? But isn’t the burning of evil coal *causing* AGW? Isn’t that what we’ve been told — repeatedly, for years? Well, Hansen, referred to by many as “the grandfather of global warming,” has a novel and convenient explanation for this inconvenient truth. The soot and nitrogen from coal, says Hansen, is masking the warming in the short term, but long term we will see a “doubling down” of the “Faustian debt,” with terrible consequences. An interesting theory, but one based on wild speculation and literary references, not on science. NASA’s Gavin Schmidt, NOAA’s Ryan Neeley, and other veteran alarmists suggest that gas emissions from volcanoes are responsible for the hiatus. Perhaps the most popular explanation is that “the oceans ate the global warming.” Kevin Trenberth, a top “expert” for the IPCC, is one of the most prominent advocates of this claim that the missing heat went into the deep oceans, but it will be coming back at us with a vengeance — someday.

In a June 2013 article on the hiatus, “The Cooling Consensus,” *The Economist* conceded, “There’s no way around the fact that this reprieve for the planet is bad news for proponents of policies, such as carbon taxes and emissions treaties, meant to slow warming by moderating the release of greenhouse gases.” The reality is “that the already meagre prospects of these policies ... will be *devastated* if temperatures do fall outside the lower bound of the projections that environmentalists have used to create a panicked sense of emergency.” They “will become harder, if not impossible, to sell to the public, which will feel, not unreasonably, that the scientific and media establishment has cried wolf.” As indeed they have. ■

Fudging the **Global Temperature Record**

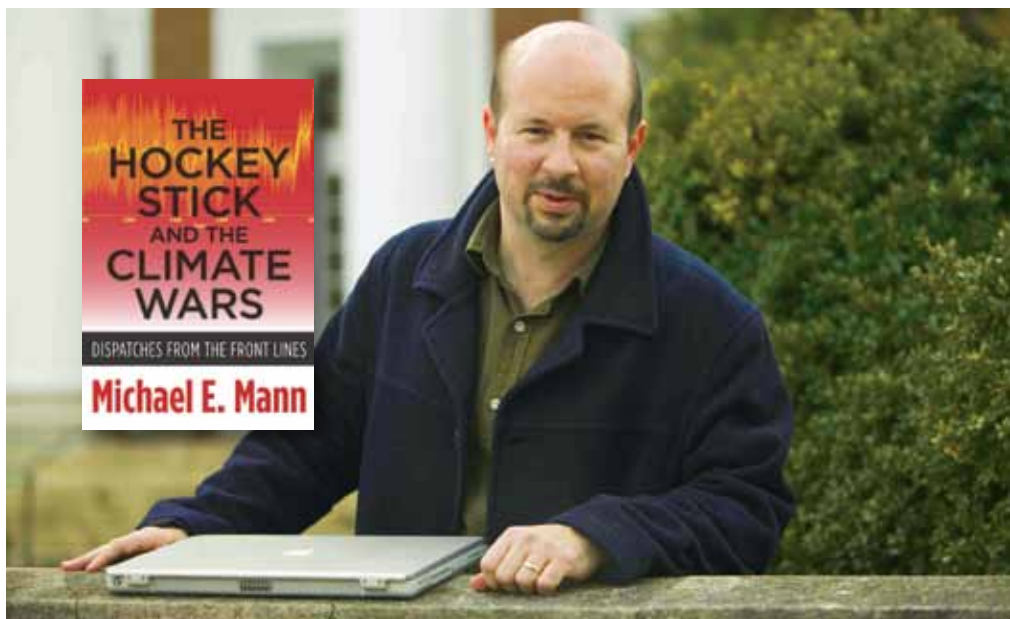
How did the UN's IPCC make it seem as if global temperatures skyrocketed in conjunction with rising CO₂ emissions? Simply massage and then bury the data — again and again.

by William F. Jasper

During a news conference with the presidents of Canada and Mexico in 2014, President Barack Obama declared that concern over climate change “has to affect all of our decisions at this stage because the science is irrefutable.” He made the statement, of course, in the context of catastrophic “climate change,” *née* global warming, being caused by man-made emissions of greenhouse gases. It is a familiar claim that President Obama has made many times and a version of “the science is settled” assertion that we all have heard repeatedly from Al Gore, John Kerry, Hillary Clinton, Angela Merkel, Ban Ki-moon, Leonardo DeCaprio, the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the *New York Times*, CNN, ABC, NBC, et al.

Governments have spent hundreds of billions of dollars and are calling for commandeering *trillions of dollars more* to fight anthropogenic (man-made) global warming (AGW) based on the claims of “irrefutable science.” Moreover, besides redirecting the economic assets of the entire planet, the fight against AGW also means effecting “a complete transformation of the economic structure of the world,” according to the UN's climate czarina Christiana Figures. Unlike the Industrial Revolution and other transformative periods, this “is a centralized transformation that is taking place because governments have decided that they need to listen to science,” she says, “and one that is going to make the life of everyone on the planet very different.”

So we can all rest easy because “science has spoken,” right? And whatever plans, policies, regulations, taxes, and “centralized transformations” the politicians and their minions may devise to avert the predicted AGW apocalypse — no matter how costly, draconian, and tyrannical they may appear — they are really OK, because they



Mann-made global warming: Professor Michael Mann of Penn State University, a lead IPCC author and a central figure in the Climategate scandal, concocted the infamous “Hockey Stick” graph that became an icon of the global-warming myth.

are being dictated by the wisdom of “science.” Right? That is, in essence, the argument of the AGW apocalyptists.

The Infamous “Hockey Stick”

No image is more iconic of the “science” undergirding the AGW scare than the “hockey stick” graph, which purports to show that global temperatures were stable for hundreds of years, until the late 20th century, when manmade CO₂ caused a sudden and precipitous rise in temperatures. The graph is so named because it resembles a hockey stick lying horizontally, with the long handle representing the flat temperatures of the past millennium and the upturned blade representing the supposedly unprecedented and alarming uptick caused by AGW. The Hockey Stick graph became, virtually, the logo of the global-warming alarmism movement. It received top billing in numerous news-casts and front-page stories and was featured as the background graphic for press

conferences of the IPCC and committee hearings of the U.S. Congress. Of course, one of its biggest boosts came from being a key feature in Al Gore’s “documentary” *An Inconvenient Truth*.

The supposed authoritativeness of the Hockey Stick graph was derived from the fact that it was cited prominently and repeatedly in the reports of the IPCC, and featured as a visual in the media hoopla that surrounds each IPCC release. But some rather dodgy science went into its creation. It was the creation of Professor Michael Mann, a climatologist at Penn State University and an IPCC lead author. Dr. Mann’s most commonly used press photo shows him with a cross-section of a bristlecone pine tree. Using the bristlecone’s tree rings, Mann and his co-authors “reconstructed” global temperature data to make the Medieval Warm Period (MWP, which ran from around A.D. 950-1300) simply disappear. Neat trick, but some scientists wanted to see the raw data

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Mann had used to come to this startling revelation that wiped out one of the most well-established periods in conventional histories. This was a reasonable request and is considered a standard requirement for genuine science.

Dendroclimatology, the use of tree rings as a proxy for thermometer readings, is inherently an imprecise science to begin with, fraught with many uncertainties. Among other things, there is the "divergence effect," which Dr. Craig Loehle covers in his 2008 article "A Mathematical Analysis of the Divergence Problem in Dendroclimatology," for the journal *Climatic Change*. The divergence effect, writes Dr. Loehle, "creates a cold bias in the reconstructed record and makes it impossible to make any statements about how warm recent decades are compared to historical periods." As if this inherent shakiness weren't bad enough, Mann appeared to have cherry-picked tree samples to fit his intended outcome. Canadian statistician Steven McIntyre, who runs the blogsite Climate Audit, was particularly concerned about the sampling and the statistical methodology used by Mann and company. But Mann refused to release his data so that it could be independently verified. Moreover, a couple of his colleagues, Caspar Amman and Eugene Wahl, subsequently published papers claiming to have confirmed Mann's Hockey Stick with their own research. Their aim, clearly, was to silence McIntyre and other critics. But, in a tactic that has become emblematic of the climate research establishment, they too refused to release their data for independent checking.

But that wasn't all. There was also Keith Briffa of the Climate Research Unit (CRU) at the University of East Anglia (of the Climategate e-mail infamy), with more tree-ring secret science. Briffa's tree samples known as the "Polar Urals" are cited almost as often as Mann's in clima-

tology literature, supposedly providing further validation of the Hockey Stick. But Briffa, too, refused to release his data. After years of persistence, however, McIntyre won out and was able to show that, indeed, the most famous "scientific evidence" supporting AGW was fatally flawed and invalid. The global-warming crisis, it seems, was not man-made after all, but Mann-made. And the Hockey Stick has turned out to be a Hokey Stick — or a Hoaxy Stick.

1930s: The Little Hockey Stick

Since disappearing the 300-year Medieval Warm Period worked so well to advance the AGW propaganda war, some of the most militant activists at NOAA and NASA decided, apparently, to apply the same magic to make the heat wave of the 1930s disappear, too. That would make for a nice hockey-stick curve with the 1990s showing a more dramatic upswing. Prior to the year 2000, NOAA/NASA graphs and data showed U.S. temperatures cooling since the 1930s — the Great Dustbowl

Era — and 1934 much hotter than 1998. Right after 2000, however, an interesting thing happened: NOAA/NASA altered the U.S. climate history to make the 1930s data cooler, which fit the political agenda of the 1990s as "the hottest decade on record" — due to AGW, naturally. The problem is, they weren't able to stuff all of their previous records down the memory hole and no amount of excuses about "readjusting," "smoothing," "normalizing," or "homogenizing" the data could cover up the fact that they had engaged in deceptive manipulation of the records. They had another problem as well: Among the many other institutions and agencies that still show the 1930s as the hottest decade is the EPA, which is hardly a "denialist" source. Heads should have rolled at NOAA and NASA over this fraud, but no such luck; they would return again and again to serve up more AGW flimflam, as we will see below.

Weather Station Shenanigans

Prior to the launch of the first temperature-gauging satellites in 1979, global surface temperature readings were taken from networks of land-based weather stations, ocean-going ships and buoys, and weather balloons. All of these had — and continue to have — problems of reliability, uniformity, continuity, maintenance, and — most of all — coverage. Vast areas of land and ocean surface remain unmonitored, which detracts from the "robustness" of their data, to say the least. Satellites, on



Climate criminality: University of East Anglia (UEA) climatologist Phil Jones (left), a key author for the UN IPCC, was caught in e-mails conspiring to delete and hide data, withhold data from FOIA requests, and thwart publication and careers of skeptical scientists.



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Deception and hypocrisy: Al Gore and then-chairman of the UN's IPCC Rajendra Pachauri accept their Nobel Peace Prize in 2007. Gore lives luxuriously with a massive carbon footprint and hopes to become "the first carbon billionaire"; Pachauri, dubbed "Dr. Lecherous," resigned from the IPCC in 2015 amid scandals of bogus science and sex charges.

the other hand, cover 99 percent of the Earth, providing continuous temperature data. With all of the angst over purported rising temperatures and the untold billions being spent on global-warming research and mitigation, it might seem natural to assume that NOAA and NASA would be exercising rigorous quality control over the weather stations providing them with the precious temperature readings on which they base so much of their fright peddling. However, it has taken the efforts of volunteer private citizens to expose the huge scandal that nine out of 10 stations in the NOAA/NASA network failed spectacularly to meet the National Weather Service's siting specifications. Among other criteria, those specifications require that stations be 30 meters (about 100 feet) or more away from an artificial heating or reflecting source.

The Surface Stations Project (surfacestations.org) was started in June 2007 as an unfunded volunteer program set up by California-based meteorologist Anthony Watts of Intelliweather. Over 650 volunteers nationwide obtained quality-controlled surveys for 82.5 percent (1,007 out of 1,221) of the U.S. Historical Climatology Network (USHCN) stations overseen by NOAA.

In their report, *Surface Temperature Records: Policy Driven Deception?*, published in August 2010 by the Science &

Public Policy Institute, meteorologists Joseph D'Aleo and Anthony Watts write that "only about 3% [of the stations] met the ideal specification for siting." The volunteers "found stations located next to the exhaust fans of air conditioning units, surrounded by asphalt parking lots and roads, on blistering-hot rooftops, and near sidewalks and buildings that absorb and radiate heat," Watts and D'Aleo wrote. They documented these findings with photographs that appear both in the report and on the Surface Stations Project website. These horrendous siting problems might be attributed to government incompetence, negligence, and/or laziness. But there's much more that can only be explained as intentional duplicity. Interestingly, beginning in 1990, NOAA, NASA, and the Global Historical Climatology Network (GHCN), managed by the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC), began a massive and radical series of "adjustments" that invariably injected a dramatic warming bias into the temperature data. Those changes included: 1) dropping thousands of stations globally, overwhelmingly from cooler regions (northern latitudes, higher elevations, and rural areas); 2) dropping cold months from the annual records; and 3) switching to new, automated thermometers that have a proven warming bias.

Globally, the number of surface temperature stations dropped from 6,000

to just over 1,000. "The Russian station count dropped from 476 to 121 so over 40% of Russian territory was not included in global temperature calculations," note D'Aleo and Watts. "In Canada, the number of stations dropped from 600 to less than 50." Less than 50 for all of Canada! At the same time, more mid-latitude and lower-elevation stations were added, along with more populated centers, adding more urban heat island (UHI) effect. D'Aleo and Watts point out: "Forty percent of GHCN v2 stations have at least one missing month. This is concentrated in the winter months." No problem; the NOAA/NASA/GHCN folks simply "in-fill" with "adjusted" data, always biasing in the warming direction, of course.

Climategate, etc.

Then, of course, there is Climategate, the massive scandal that began unfolding in 2009 when hackers released thousands of e-mails from the Climatic Research Unit (CRU) of the University of East Anglia in Britain, which along with NOAA is a key center in the UN's IPCC climate mafia. The e-mails revealed collusion and conspiracy among some of the IPCC's most famous "scientists" to, among other things, manipulate, falsify, hide, and destroy data, including data requested under Freedom of Information Act suits (a criminal act); defame and destroy the careers of scientists skeptical of AGW; corrupt the peer-review process to prevent publication by skeptics in science journals; gain iron-clad editorial control over climate-science journals; and more. Exposed in these activities are some of the IPCC's top "experts": Michael Mann, Phil Jones, Kevin Trenberth, Gavin Schmidt, Stephen Schneider, et al. The unethical, fraudulent (and often criminal) activities have continued in such scandals as Antarctic Icegate, Glaciersgate, Hiatusgate (see page 21), Consensusgate (see page 32), Amazon Rain Forestgate, Chinagate, Fakegate, Faminesgate, Refugeegate, and many more. Climate realist Pierre Gosselin has links to 129 AGW climate scandals at his notrickzone.com website. The fakery, fraud, and felonious activity by "scientists" of the climate-alarmism industrial complex is so monumental it beggars belief. But it is so politically driven and so potentially destructive that it must be exposed and stopped. ■

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Climate Alarmists Have Been Wrong **ABOUT VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING**



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Of all the dramatic predictions made by warming alarmists about environmental gloom and catastrophe, none has as yet proven true.

by Alex Newman

The 1975 *Newsweek* article entitled “The Cooling World,” which claimed Earth’s temperature had been plunging for decades due to humanity’s activities, opens as follows:

There are ominous signs that the Earth’s weather patterns have begun to change dramatically and that these changes may portend a drastic decline in food production — with serious po-

litical implications for just about every nation on Earth. The drop in food output could begin quite soon, perhaps only 10 years from now. The regions destined to feel its impact are the great wheat-producing lands of Canada and the U.S.S.R. in the North, along with a number of marginally self-sufficient tropical areas — parts of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indochina and Indonesia — where the growing season is dependent upon the rains brought by the monsoon.

The evidence in support of these predictions has now begun to accumulate so massively that meteorologists are hard-pressed to keep up with it. In England, farmers have seen their growing season decline by about two weeks since 1950, with a resultant overall loss in grain production estimated at up to 100,000 tons annually.

The article quotes dire statistics from the National Academy of Sciences, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Center for Climatic and Environmental Assessment, Columbia University, and the University of Wisconsin Madison to indicate how dire the *global cooling* was, and would be.

Experts suggested grandiose schemes to alleviate the problems, including “melting the arctic ice cap by covering it with black soot or diverting arctic rivers,” *Newsweek* reported. It added, “The longer the planners delay, the more difficult will they find it to cope with climatic change once the results become grim reality.” Sound familiar — except that the “climate change” alarmists were warning against *global cooling*?

For decades, climate alarmists have been warning that, without a United Nations-run global “climate” regime to control human activity, alleged man-made “climate change” will bring the wrath of “Mother Earth” down upon humanity.

They did it again from November 30 to December 11, 2015 at the Paris Summit on Climate Change, and warned, yet again, that it is the “last chance” to save humanity from itself. But climate alarmists have a long history of forecasting disaster — and of being wrong about everything.

In fact, stretching back decades, virtually every alarmist prediction that was testable has been proven embarrassingly wrong. What follows is just a tiny sampling of those discredited claims.

A new ice age and worldwide starvation: In the 1960s and ’70s, top mainstream media outlets, such as *Newsweek* above, hyped the imminent global-cooling apocalypse. Even as late as the early 1980s, prominent voices still warned of potential doomsday scenarios owing to man-made cooling, ranging from mass

The pair fingered “jet exhausts” and “man-made changes in the reflectivity of the earth’s surface through urbanization, deforestation, and the enlargement of deserts” as potential triggers for his new ice age.

starvation caused by cooling-induced crop failures to another “Ice Age” that would kill most of mankind.

Among the top global-cooling theorists were Obama’s current “science czar” John Holdren and Paul Ehrlich, the author of *Population Bomb*, which predicted mass starvation worldwide. In the 1971 textbook *Global Ecology*, the duo warned that overpopulation and pollution would produce a new ice age, claiming that human activities are “said to be responsible for the present world cooling trend.” The pair fingered “jet exhausts” and “man-made changes in the reflectivity of the earth’s surface through urbanization, deforestation, and the enlargement of deserts” as potential triggers for his new ice age. They worried that the man-made cooling might produce an “outward slumping in the Antarctic ice cap” and “generate a tidal wave of proportions unprecedented in recorded history.”

Holdren predicted that a billion people

would die in “carbon-dioxide induced famines” as part of a new “Ice Age” by the year 2020.

Ehrlich, a professor at Stanford University, similarly claimed in a 1971 speech at the British Institute for Biology, “By the year 2000 the United Kingdom will be simply a small group of impoverished islands, inhabited by some 70 million hungry people.” He added, “If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000 and give ten to one that the life of the average Briton would be of distinctly lower quality than it is today.”

To stave off the allegedly impending ecological disasters, the two alarmists demanded the implementation of “solutions.” In the book *Ecoscience*, the duo pushed a “planetary regime” to control resources, as well as forced abortions and sterilization to stop overpopulation, including drugging water and food supplies with sterilizing agents.

Countless other scientists have offered similar cooling warnings. Fortunately, the alarmists were dead wrong, and none of their “solutions” were implemented. Not only did “billions” of people not die from cooling-linked crop failures, but the globe appears to have warmed slightly since then, probably naturally, and agricultural productivity is higher than it ever has been. Now, though, the boogeyman is anthropogenic global warming, or AGW.

Global warming — temperature predictions: Perhaps nowhere has the stunning failure of climate predictions been better illustrated than in the “climate models” used by the UN. The UN climate bureaucracy, known as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), produces periodic reports on “climate science” — often dubbed the “Bible” of climatology. In its latest iteration, the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5), the UN featured 73 computer models and their predictions. All of them “predicted” varying degrees of increased warming as atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO₂) increased.

The problem is that every single model was wrong — by a lot. Not only did temperatures not rise by as much as the models predicted, they have failed to rise at all since around 1996, according to data collected by five official temperature datasets. Based just on the laws of probability, a monkey rolling the dice would have done far better at predicting future temperatures than the UN’s models. That suggests deliberate fraud is likely at work.

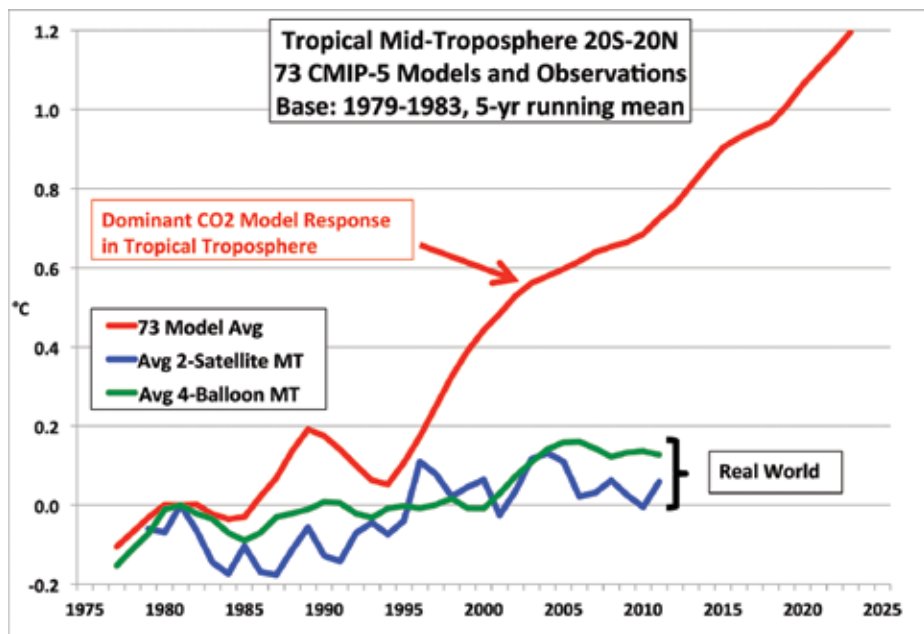
Dr. John Christy, professor of atmospheric science and director of the Earth System Science Center at the University of Alabama Huntsville (UAH), analyzed all 73 UN computer models. “I compared the models with observations in the key area — the tropics — where the climate models showed a real impact of greenhouse gases,” Christy told CNSNews. “I wanted to compare the real world temperatures with the models in a place where the impact would be very clear.”

Using datasets of temperatures from NASA, the U.K. Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research at the University of East Anglia, NOAA, satellites measuring atmospheric and deep oceanic temperatures, and a remote sensor system in California, he found, “All show a lack



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Despite climate alarmists predicting less or even no snow, the United States and the world have seen massive increases in snow cover, now blamed by some alarmists on alleged global warming.



This graph shows the difference between average predictions made by all 73 UN-approved “climate” models and what happened in the real world.

of warming over the past 17 years.” In other words, global warming has been on “pause” for almost two decades — a fact that has been acknowledged even by many of the most zealous UN climate alarmists. “All 73 models’ predictions were on average three to four times what occurred in the real world.”

No explanation for what happened to the warming — such as “the oceans ate my global warming” — has withstood scrutiny.

Almost laughably, in its latest report, the UN IPCC increased its alleged “confidence” in its theory, an action experts such as Christy could not rationalize. “I am baffled that the confidence increases when the performance of your models is conclusively failing,” he said. “I cannot understand that methodology.... It’s a very embarrassing result for the climate models used in the IPCC report.” “When 73 out of 73 [climate models] miss the point and predict temperatures that are significantly above the real world, they cannot be used as scientific tools, and definitely not for public policy decision-making,” he added.

Other warming predictions have also fallen flat. For instance, for almost two decades now, climate alarmists have been claiming that snow would soon become a thing of the past.

The end of snow: The IPCC has also hyped snowless winters. In its 2001 report, it claimed “milder winter temperatures will decrease heavy snowstorms.” Again, though, the climate refused to cooperate. The latest data from Rutgers’ Global Snow Lab showed an all-time new record high in autumn snow cover across the northern hemisphere in 2014, when more than 22 million square kilometers were covered.

And according to data from the National Operational Hydrologic Remote Sensing Center cited by meteorologist Mike Mogil, “U.S. snow cover on the morning of Dec. 1, 2015 is the highest on record for this day of the year.” In all, 38.7 percent of the United States was covered in snow, surpassing the previous record — 36.5 percent — set in 2006. Worldwide, similar trends have been observed. Global Snow Lab data also shows Eurasian autumn snow cover has grown by 50 percent since records began in 1979.

After their predictions were proven wrong, alarmists claimed global warming was actually to blame for the record cold and snow across America and beyond. Seriously. Among the “experts” making that argument was former cooling zealot Holdren, Obama’s science czar: “A growing body of evidence suggests that the kind of extreme cold being experienced by much

of the United States as we speak is a pattern we can expect to see with increasing frequency, as global warming continues.”

When asked for the “growing body of evidence” behind his assertions, Holdren’s office refused to provide it, claiming the ramblings were just his “opinion” and therefore not subject to transparency and accuracy laws. Still, Holdren’s claim directly contradicts the IPCC, which in 2001 predicted “warmer winters and fewer cold spells.”

The melting ice caps: Another area where the warmists’ predictions have proven incorrect concerns the amount of ice at the Earth’s poles. They predicted a complete melting of the Arctic ice cap in summers that should have already happened, and even claimed that Antarctic ice was melting rapidly.

As far as the Antarctic is concerned, in 2007, the UN IPCC claimed the ice sheets of Antarctica “are very likely shrinking,” with Antarctica “contributing 0.2 ± 0.35 mm yr⁻¹ to sea level rise over the period 1993 to 2003.” The UN also claimed there was “evidence” of “accelerated loss through 2005.” In 2013, the UN doubled down on its false claim, claiming even greater sea-level rises attributed to the melting in Antarctica: “The contribution of ... Antarctic ice sheets has increased since the early 1990s, partly from increased outflow induced by warming of the immediately adjacent ocean.” It also claimed Antarctica’s “contribution to sea level rise likely increased from $0.08 [-0.10 \text{ to } 0.27]$ mm yr⁻¹ for 1992 - 2001 to $.40 [0.20 \text{ to } 0.61]$ mm yr⁻¹ for 2002 - 2011.” The reality was exactly the opposite.

In a statement released in October, NASA dropped the equivalent of a nuclear bomb on the UN’s climate-alarmism machine, noting that ice across Antarctica has been growing rapidly for decades.

NASA said only that its new study on Antarctic ice “challenges” the conclusions of the IPCC. In fact, the UN could not have been more wrong. Rather than melting ice in the southern hemisphere contributing to sea-level rise, as claimed by the UN, ice in Antarctica is expanding, and the growing ice is responsible for reducing sea levels by about 0.23 millimeters annually. According to the NASA study, published in the *Journal of Glaciology*, satellite data

shows the Antarctic ice sheet featured a net gain of 112 billion tons of ice a year from 1992 to 2001 — more than a trillion tons of ice in less than a decade. Between 2003 and 2008, Antarctica gained some 82 billion tons of ice annually.

The UN's inaccurate Antarctic claims were illustrated most comically, perhaps, when a ship full of alarmists seeking to study "global warming" was trapped in record Antarctic sea ice in the summer of 2013 and had to be rescued by ships burning massive amounts of fossil fuels.

In the northern hemisphere, alarmists have fared no better. In 2007, 2008, and 2009, Al Gore, a man who has made a fortune pushing warmist ideology, publicly warned that the North Pole would be "ice-free" in the summer by around 2013 due to AGW. "The North Polar ice cap is falling off a cliff," Gore said in 2007. "It could be completely gone in summer in as little as seven years. Seven years from now." Speaking to an audience in Germany six years ago, Gore alleged that "the entire North Polarized [sic] cap will disappear in five years." "Five years," Gore emphasized, is "the period of time during which it is now expected to disappear."

Contrary to Gore's predictions, satellite data showed that Arctic ice volume in summer of 2013 had actually expanded more than 50 percent over 2012 levels. In fact, during October 2013, sea-ice levels grew at the fastest pace since records began in 1979. In 2014, the Arctic ice cap, apparently oblivious to Gore's hot air, continued its phenomenal rebound, leaving alarmists struggling for explanations.

Data from the taxpayer-funded National Snow and Ice Data Center's "Multisensor Analyzed Sea Ice Extent" (MASIE) also show Arctic ice steadily growing over the last decade, with a few minor fluctuations in the trend. Despite alarmist claims, polar bear populations are thriving there, too.

Gore, though, was hardly alone. Citing "climate experts," the tax-funded BBC



Despite predictions by global-warming theorists that Pacific island nations would disappear, even the Funafuti atoll of Tuvalu, supposedly the most affected, has been growing in recent decades.

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also ran an article on December 12, 2007, under the headline "Arctic summers ice-free 'by 2013.'" That piece, which was still online as of December 2015, highlighted alleged "modeling studies" that supposedly "indicate northern polar waters could be ice-free in summers within just 5-6 years." Some of the "experts" even claimed it could happen before then, citing calculations performed by "super computers" that the BBC noted have "become a standard part of climate science in recent years."

Increased storms, drought, and sea-level rise: The ice sheets have not cooperated with warmists, and neither have other weather-related phenomena, such as mass migrations owing to sea-level rise.

On June 30, 1989, the Associated Press ran an article headlined: "UN Official Predicts Disaster, Says Greenhouse Effect Could Wipe Some Nations Off Map." In the piece, the director of the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) New York office was quoted as claiming that "entire nations could be wiped off the face of the earth by rising sea levels if global warming is not reversed by the year 2000." He also predicted "coastal flooding and crop failures" that "would create an exodus of

'eco-refugees,' threatening political chaos." Of course, 2000 came and went, and none of those things actually happened. But that didn't stop the warnings.

In 2005, the UNEP warned that imminent sea-level rises, increased hurricanes, and desertification caused by AGW would lead to massive population disruptions. In a handy map, the organization highlighted areas that were supposed to be producing the most "climate refugees." Especially at risk were regions such as the Caribbean and low-lying Pacific islands, along with coastal areas. The 2005 UNEP predictions claimed that, by 2010, some 50 million "climate refugees" would be fleeing those areas. However, not only did the areas in question fail to produce a single "climate refugee," by 2010, population levels for those regions were still soaring. In many cases, the areas that were supposed to be producing waves of "climate refugees" and becoming uninhabitable turned out to be some of the fastest-growing places on Earth.

Even the low-lying Pacific islands scare appears to have flopped. Supposedly on the "front lines" of AGW-caused sea-level rise, the Pacific atoll island nations don't face imminent submersion and have experienced the opposite of what was predicted. Consider a paper published in March of 2015 in the journal *Geology*. According to the study, the Funafuti Atoll has experienced among "the highest rates of sea-level rise" in the world *over the past six decades*. Yet, rather than sinking under the waves, the islands are growing. "No islands have been lost, the majority have enlarged, and there has been a 7.3%

The problem is that every single model was wrong — by a lot. Not only did temperatures not rise by as much as the models predicted, they have failed to rise at all since around 1996, according to data collected by five official temperature datasets.

increase in net island area over the past century," the paper says.

Then there are the claims about drought. Some UN alarmists have even predicted that Americans would become "climate refugees," using imagery that may be familiar to those who suffered through the infamous (and natural) "Dust Bowl" drought of the 1930s. Prominent Princeton professor and lead UN IPCC author Michael Oppenheimer, for instance, made some dramatic predictions in 1990. By 1995, he said, the "greenhouse effect" would be "desolating the heartlands of North America and Eurasia with horrific drought, causing crop failures and food riots." By 1996, he added, the Platte River of Nebraska "would be dry, while a continent-wide black blizzard of prairie topsoil will stop traffic on interstates, strip paint from houses and shut down computers." The situation would get so bad that "Mexican police will round up illegal American migrants surging into Mexico seeking work as field hands."

When confronted on his predictions, Oppenheimer, who also served as Gore's advisor, refused to apologize. "On the

whole I would stand by these predictions — not predictions, sorry, scenarios — as having at least in a general way actually come true," he claimed. "There's been extensive drought, devastating drought, in significant parts of the world. The fraction of the world that's in drought has increased over that period."

Unfortunately for Oppenheimer, even his fellow alarmists debunked that claim in a 2012 study for *Nature*, pointing out that there has been "little change in global drought over the past 60 years."

Countless other claims of AGW doom affecting humans have also been debunked. Wildfires produced by AGW, for instance, were supposed to be raging around the world. Yet, as *Forbes* magazine pointed out recently, the number of wildfires has plummeted 15 percent since 1950, and according the National Academy of Sciences, that trend is likely to continue for decades. On hurricanes and tornadoes, which alarmists assured were going to get more extreme and more frequent, it probably would have been hard for "experts" to be more wrong. "When

the 2014 hurricane season starts it will have been 3,142 days since the last Category 3+ storm made landfall in the U.S., shattering the record for the longest stretch between U.S. intense hurricanes since 1900," noted professor of environmental studies Roger Pielke, Jr. at the University of Colorado. On January 8, 2015, meanwhile, the Weather Channel reported: "In the last three years, there have never been fewer tornadoes in the United States since record-keeping began in 1950."

This article only features a tiny sampling of the outlandishly inaccurate predictions made by climate alarmists over the decades. In fact, it is difficult to find any falsifiable alarmist predictions that have come to pass. Generally speaking, the opposite of what was predicted has been observed. In short, there is absolutely no reason to believe today's alarmist claims of AGW, and even if a handful were to eventually prove correct, destroying the economy under the guise of saving the climate would make adapting to such changes infinitely more difficult. ■

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Meet the Climate Realists

Not only is it a myth that there's 97-percent consensus among scientists on catastrophic global warming, climate realists are among the most conscientious scientists.

by Rebecca Terrell

Though climate alarmists never tire of demonizing greenhouse gases and “fossil” fuels, hell has no fury equal to the venom they reserve for those maligned as “climate deniers.” “This is treason, and we need to start treating them as traitors,” spat environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. at the 2007 Live Earth Concert at New Jersey’s Giants Stadium. NASA’s James Hansen testified before a congressional committee in 2008 that “CEO’s of fossil energy companies ... should be tried for high crimes against humanity and nature.” A 2009 Talking Points Memo article reached bloodthirsty pitch by asking, “At what point do we jail or execute global warming deniers?” Earlier, in 2006, the environmental news magazine *Grist* wrote that “we should have war crimes trials for these bastards — some sort of climate Nuremberg.”

The smear campaign involves more than mudslinging and threats. In a May *Washington Post* op-ed, Democrat Senator Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island called on the Obama administration to investigate and prosecute the “climate denial network”

under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO). More recently, New York’s attorney general, Eric Schneiderman, ordered an investigation of whether Exxon Mobil has lied to the public and investors about its contribution to global warming. The French government fired its chief meteorologist, Philippe Verdier, after the October release of his book, *Climat Investigation*, in which he criticizes alarmists in the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for having “taken the world hostage” with misleading and erroneous data.

Likewise, the states of Delaware, Oregon, and Virginia have each muzzled their official climatologists for failing to toe the party line, according to a U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee press release. Patrick Michaels, who holds a Ph.D. in ecological climatology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, declared, “I resigned as Virginia state climatologist because I was told that I could not speak in public on my area of expertise — global warming — as state climatologist. It was impossible to maintain academic freedom with this speech restriction.”

Pundits warn that climate-change skept-

tics and those who support them will face more political and legal reprisals in the near future. They have reason for concern. As executive secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, Yvo de Boer announced that those who ignore the urgency of global warming are “nothing less than criminally irresponsible.” And in November Secretary of State John Kerry censured those he claims “put us all at risk” by questioning climate change politics when he said that “we cannot sit idly by and allow them to do that.”

At the heart of the debate is the unsubstantiated claim that humans have transformed a harmless, life-sustaining gas that currently makes up about 0.04 percent of Earth’s atmosphere into a life-threatening pollutant by raising its concentration by around 33 percent over the course of the last century. World-renowned organizations such as the IPCC, NASA, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and even the Vatican say we can, though they lack verifying data, or evidence that such a change would be harmful in any way. Their proof amounts to a supposed 97-percent consensus among climate scientists that humans are destroying the planet with their unquenchable thirst for fossil fuels. This bandwagon fallacy has prompted President Barack Obama to declare the debate “settled” and human-caused climate change to be “a fact” — and to ignore the Constitution, bypass Congress, and enact

costly bureaucratic regulations aimed at averting catastrophe.

Who could object to such stamps of authority? You can find a catalog of them at BarackObama.com, where visitors pick their most hated “deniers” and “call them out” by sending an e-mail invoking the 97-percent appeal and tweeting their friends to do the same — a high-tech peer-pressure maneuver. The irony is that many of those climate offenders made the list when they realized Obama & Associates base their 97-percent statistic on a lone 2013 article published in the science journal *Environmental Research Letters*: “Quantifying the consensus on anthropogenic [human-caused] global warming [AGW] in the scientific literature.” The authors did indeed find a 97.1-percent consensus that humans are causing global warming, but only among the remarkably few papers that expressed a position on the subject. (Most of the reviewed literature didn’t.) William Jasper explains at TheNewAmerican.com that “only 65 (yes, 65) of the 12,000+ scientific abstracts” included in the study “can be said to endorse the position that human activity is responsible” for AGW. You disagree that one-half of one percent equals 97 percent? If so, you may be a climate denier, too!

But lest you fear to have joined a radical, lunatic three-percent fringe group, THE NEW AMERICAN has compiled a short sampling of the tens of thousands of rational and reputable scientists who maintain an unbiased skepticism toward AGW, even at

the risk of acquiring the career-jeopardizing slur of “denier.” Meet some climate realists:

Judith Curry, Ph.D.

Scientific American calls her a “climate heretic,” while Pennsylvania State University professor Michael Mann of discredited hockey-stick graph fame recently tweeted that she is “#AntiScience.” But this professor and former chair of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the Georgia Institute of Technology is not easily intimidated by baseless insults. “Her record of peer-reviewed publication in the best climate-science journals is second to none,” brags David Rose of *The Spectator*. Judith Curry’s research has earned her appointments to and awards from the American Meteorological Society, the American Geophysical Union, NASA, NOAA, and the National Science Foundation, to name a few, and she is frequently called to give testimony before Congress on climate issues.

Her research in 2005 on the intensity of tropical storms and hurricanes related to global warming earned her a “prominent place among climate scientists,” relates Van Jensen in the *Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine*. But when the 2009 “Climategate” e-mail scandal hit, revealing correspondence between UN researchers that suggested fraudulent reporting of data to favor their political agenda, Curry says she “saw it as a threat to the IPCC and all of climate science, largely because of this trust issue.”

She told Rose, “I started saying that scientists should be more accountable, and I

began to engage with sceptic bloggers. I thought that would calm the waters. Instead, I was tossed out of the tribe.”

“Curry lost her place in the IPCC clique,” wrote Jensen. Suddenly, “her opinions were called ‘unconstructive,’ full of ‘factual misstatements,’ and ‘completely at odds’ with her previous position on global warming.” Yet Curry maintains her belief in the warming effect of human-generated carbon dioxide. What keeps her blacklisted is that she disputes the obsessive focus on one atmospheric gas as the main driver of climate variability. While she told Jensen that her goal is “to bring together the polarized sides of climate debate and return scientists’ focus to thorough research,” it’s likely the IPCC will continue ignoring her as a disloyal provocateur.

You can follow Dr. Curry on her blog, Climate Etc., at judithcurry.com.

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D.

A native of the United States, E. Calvin Beisner grew up in India, where his journalist father was stationed at the time. “As a small child in Calcutta, India, I observed, daily, two things,” he recalls in a June editorial in the *Washington Times*. “First, a beautiful, red-flowering vine hanging from an enormous tree, which displayed the beauty and fertility of God’s creation. Second, scores of dead bodies of the poor who had died overnight of starvation and disease, which displayed to me the horrors of poverty.”

The stark contrast of vigorous abundance



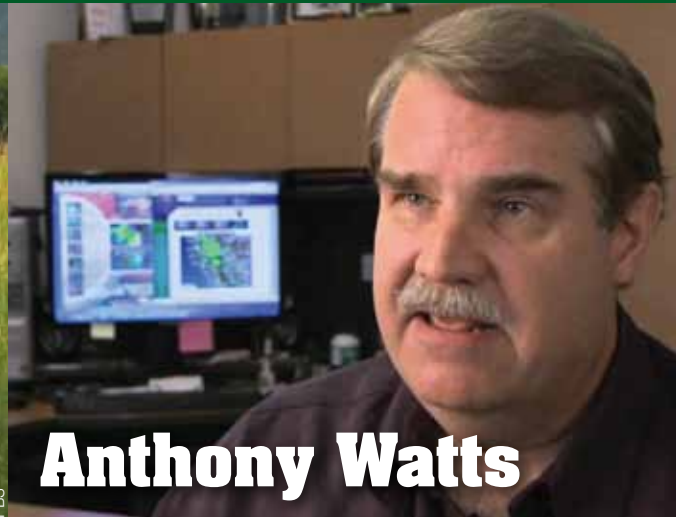
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juxtaposed with fatal deprivation later motivated Beisner to found the Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation, a volunteer network of scholars focused on applying biblical principles to economics, government, and environmental policy. His organization untiringly promotes the appreciation that, in order to rise out of poverty, people must have access to abundant, affordable, and reliable energy. Radical environmental policies “would slow, stop or reverse the rise out of absolute poverty ... for the world’s 1.3 billion poorest who have no access to electricity and rely on wood and dung as primary cooking and heating fuels — smoke from which kills about 4 million yearly,” explains Beisner. “The roughly 2 billion who left absolute poverty for merely severe poverty over the last 25 years would find their progress checked or, more likely, would be driven back into absolute poverty.”

This is the theme of the Cornwall Alliance’s *Open Letter to Pope Francis on Climate Change*, signed by hundreds of scientists who agree that in the climate arena, “Rather than a careful reporting of the best evidence, we get highly speculative and theory-laden conclusions presented as the assured results of science.” The *Open Letter* warns, “The effect, tragically, is that the very people we seek to help could be harmed instead.” This scientific consensus, sent to the Pope in April, seems to have fallen on deaf ears, but it is worth noting that its extensive list of signatories belies the alarmists’ supposed 97-percent consensus.

Dr. Beisner’s website is www.cornwal-

alliance.org, where visitors can sign a petition entitled “Forget ‘Climate Change’, Energy Empowers the Poor!”

Anthony Watts

What do you call a man who installs a 10-kilowatt solar array on his house, retrofits his home with LEDs, drives an electric car, and champions installation of a 125-kilowatt solar array on a local school? “Climate misinformers,” “scientist-smearing deniers,” and “utter fake” are a few of the insults Anthony Watts has earned, despite these conservationist measures.

Watts hosts the popular climate blog *Watts Up With That?* (WUWT), admitted by friend and foe alike to be one of the world’s most influential online global-warming resources. Watts also launched the renowned Surface Stations Project, which effected an overhaul of the way the U.S. government tracks surface temperatures.

In a Heartland Institute *Daily Podcast* in July, he recalled the genesis of his two ventures: “Both of those things got started entirely by accident.” After retiring in 2002 from a 25-year career as a local television weatherman, he began a general science blog for his local newspaper. He then decided to pursue an old idea — to determine the effect of paint on weather station temperature-recording devices — and publish the results on his blog. But he found more than he bargained for.

“The station at Marysville, California ... was essentially in the middle of a parking lot, with air blowing on it from air conditioning units. And all of a sudden I realized I had a much bigger problem on

my hands.” The problem was that the U.S. National Weather Service requires its thermometers to “be 30 meters or more away from an artificial heating or radiating/reflecting heat source.” Such conditions yield inaccurate recordings. Watts consulted Dr. Roger Pielke, Sr. at the University of Colorado who advised, “You need to start up a nationwide project to look at these things. No one’s done it.”

Watts recruited some 650 volunteers to “visually inspect and photographically document more than 860” stations. The result was his landmark 2009 study, *Is the U.S. Surface Temperature Record Reliable?*, exposing gross rule violations at nearly 90 percent of U.S. temperature measuring sites and revealing faulty and erroneous data-recording practices.

This explosive research forced the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct an official investigation in 2011 that confirmed Watts’ findings. The violations contributed to the federal government reporting a 1.4 degree Fahrenheit increase in U.S. temperatures since 1895, and GAO insisted that NOAA revamp its U.S. Climate Reference Network, a system of temperature stations in (now) pristine locations throughout the United States.

Watts blogs daily at www.WattsUp-WithThat.com.

Richard S. Lindzen, Ph.D.

Richard Lindzen started life as a shoemaker’s son in the Bronx. Now, as emeritus professor of meteorology at MIT, he sits atop the world’s scientific hierarchy as a leading expert on climate dynamics and


 A portrait of Patrick Moore, an older man with grey hair and blue eyes, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression.

Patrick Moore


 A portrait of Art Robinson, an older man with white hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

Art Robinson

global heat transport. His 21-page curriculum vitae includes membership in and awards from the American Meteorological Society, the National Academy of Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Geophysical Union. He is a distinguished senior fellow at the Cato Institute and has served as consultant to NASA and lead author of the IPCC's Third Assessment Report on climate change in 2001.

What's his opinion of human-caused catastrophic global warming? "It's just nonsense," he stated at a November climate summit hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation. "Demonization of CO₂ is irrational at best, and even modest warming is mostly beneficial."

For his unorthodoxy, Lindzen is often the object of climate alarmist attacks — most recently, a witch hunt launched by U.S. Representative Raul Grijalva. The Arizona Democrat targeted several individuals, including Lindzen, contacting the universities where each of them has worked, demanding outside funding details. Grijalva admitted having no evidence supporting any conflict of interest or failure to disclose funding sources. "We were selected solely on the basis of our objections to alarmist claims about the climate," wrote Lindzen in a March op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal*. Backlash in the scientific community forced Grijalva to concede his "overreach" to the *National Journal*. But, says Lindzen, "At least Mr. Grijalva's letters should help clarify for many the essentially political nature of the alarms over the climate, and the damage it

is doing to science, the environment and the well-being of the world's poorest."

Interestingly, Lindzen had complained in the Fall 2013 *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* about the virtual government monopoly on funding for climate research, making science vulnerable to ideologues who exploit the system for political agenda. "This immediately involves a distortion of science at a very basic level: namely, science becomes a source of authority rather than a mode of inquiry," he explained, likening the current situation to Lysenkoism, an utterly erroneous genetics hypothesis sanctioned in Soviet Russia from the 1930s until 1964. Lysenkoism asserted inheritance of acquired characteristics and helped promote Marxist evolutionary theory. The Soviet government mandated Lysenkoism as the only correct genetics theory; those who resisted were imprisoned and even executed.

"In contrast to Lysenkoism," wrote Lindzen, "Global Warming has become a religion" with a "global constituency, and has successfully coopted almost all of institutional science." But he offered the encouragement that "the evidence from previous cases offers hope that such peculiar belief structures do collapse."

Patrick Moore, Ph.D.

Confessions of a Greenpeace Dropout is Patrick Moore's 2010 exposé of how he "became a sensible environmentalist," while "Greenpeace became increasingly senseless as it adopted an agenda that is antiscience, antibusiness, and downright antihuman." Moore co-founded the or-

ganization in 1971, and spent the next 15 years as a director of Greenpeace International, earning a worldwide reputation as an environmental leader.

But by the 1980s, the Greenpeace governing assembly had become dominated by political activists lacking scientific backgrounds, who decided to campaign for a worldwide ban on chlorine. Moore tried to reason with them that "85 percent of our medicines are manufactured with chlorine chemistry ... that the addition of chlorine to drinking water represented the biggest advance in the history of public health," and that you can't ban an element on the periodic table. But Greenpeace went forward with its folly, even convincing some Latin American countries to remove the "devil's element" from their drinking water. An ensuing cholera epidemic in 1991 — which caused more than one million illnesses and claimed more than 10,000 lives — convinced the countries to chlorinate again. Yet Greenpeace reaffirmed its opposition the same year in a statement declaring, "There are no uses of chlorine which we regard as safe."

Moore parted ways with Greenpeace over the chlorine scandal. He says that ever since, policy after policy "reflects their antihuman bias, illustrates their rejection of science and technology, and actually increases the risk of harm to people and the environment." He points out the hypocrisy of their opposition to measures such as hydroelectric dams — which provide "the most abundant renewable source of electricity" — and nuclear energy, "even though it is the best technology to

replace fossil fuels and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

Not that Moore is taken in by the global-warming swindle. At a recent Texas Public Policy Foundation climate summit, he declared, “Let’s celebrate CO₂!” He called it “the foundation of life on earth” and pointed out that “the deserts are greening from rising CO₂.” As for the popular demonization of that naturally occurring chemical compound, he said, “We are dealing with pure political propaganda that has nothing to do with science.”

Art Robinson, Ph.D.

“You can’t prove science by polling. It doesn’t matter how many scientists sign up behind an idea. It’s no merit with respect to whether the idea is true or false.” Art Robinson made these comments during his acceptance speech at the Heartland Institute’s 2014 International Conference on Climate Change for its *Voice of Reason* Award, granted for his Global Warming Petition Project. More than 31,000 U.S. scientists have signed the document, which reads in full:

We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan in December, 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.

There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth’s atmosphere and disruption of the Earth’s climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth.

If consensus has nothing to do with veracity, why did this co-founder of the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine and editor

of the monthly newsletter *Access to Energy* circulate the petition? “It has proved useful, not in saying anything about the science of the subject, only in proving that they do not have a consensus,” he explained. Funded entirely by his newsletter subscribers, the petition project “would have been a lot larger, we just ran out of stamps,” Robinson quipped to laughter.

But then his tone became more serious. “In a general sense this fight is a microcosm of a much broader thing,” he warned. “We are on a Democratic playing field trying to save a Constitutional Republic, and these people are just one element of what’s coming.” Robinson lauded the Founding Fathers for recognizing that all democracies in history failed because they each “devolved to mob rule” in which 51 percent of the people can vote away everyone’s God-given rights. He urged his audience to fight untiringly to save our Republic. “If they can take something as rigorous as science ... and pervert it to the point where it can ... cause the deaths of billions of people by withdrawing their energy supplies, then we have failed.” ■

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Along with warnings about disaster caused by man-made global warming, repeated claims that Earth would soon see overpopulation and mass starvation have proven false.

by Selwyn Duke

One of today's popular boogeymen, along with "climate change," is overpopulation. It was a boogeyman centuries ago, too. The English cleric and scholar Thomas Malthus warned in 1798, "The power of population is indefinitely greater than the power in the earth to produce subsistence for man." Since then, the 1800 world population of one billion has risen to seven billion. And not surprisingly, the notion of an ever-burgeoning population as a clear and present danger has become a basic supposition, one creating perturbation and shaping policy.

On November 13, for instance, some celebrated "World Vasectomy Day" and held a "vasectomy-athon" in which men, many Western, trumpeted their newfound sterility. Precisely two weeks before, Bowdoin College associate professor of philosophy Sarah Conley, though doubtless a relativ-

ist, was quite absolutist in a *Boston Globe* op-ed entitled "Here's why China's one-child policy was a good thing." Insisting "there is no moral right to have more than one child," Conley wrings her hands as she warns that the "most recent estimate from the United Nations says we'll reach a population of 9.7 billion by 2050" and justifies elimination of reproductive freedom by likening it to yelling "Fire!" in a crowded movie theater. It seems the rallying cry "My body, my choice!" only applies to killing children in the womb, not birthing them.

Population Implosion

It would be easy here to jump to how the professor is joining the ranks of universally poor prognosticators and why their predictions reflect divining-rod reliability, but first a simple fact must be recognized: Man does not face an impending population explosion.

We face a population *implosion*.

Contrary to popular myth and as illustrated well in the fine documentary *Demographic Winter*, countries with a fertility rate (FR) below replacement level (2.1 children per woman) now number more than 80 worldwide — and counting. This list includes the entire West, where populations whose ancestors birthed Western civilization are disappearing. As examples, know that *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* is a big fat Greek myth: The cradle of Western civilization now has empty cradles with an FR of 1.34; Italy, whose Roman ancestors assumed the Hellenistic mantle, has an FR of 1.4. The sun has also set on native Britons' fecundity just as it did on their empire; the United Kingdom's overall FR has risen to 1.98 due to Muslim baby-booming, but indigenous Britons' FR is lower.

The same demographic reality is evident in most of Asia, with China (1.7), Japan (1.4), Hong Kong (1.2), Singapore (1.3), and South Korea (1.2) being prime examples. And many developing nations are on the same trajectory, with Costa Rica (1.9), Uruguay (1.9), Brazil (1.8), and Cuba (1.7) illustrating the point. Then there's Mexico: While its women bore almost seven children each in the 1960s, the FR rate is declining fast and stands at 2.3 today.

Overall, the world's 1950 to 1955 FR of 4.95 has declined by more than half and now stands at 2.36. Professional demographers tell us this will continue and that perhaps as early as 2050 and no later than 2100, the Earth's population will begin declining. The "graying" that has plagued Japan and Europe will envelop the planet.

Unlike many, Conley does acknowledge the "demographic-winter" reality. She nonetheless issues a warning: "By the time the birthrate stabilizes, the global population will be at an unsustainable level."

Running Out of Resources

Now, Conley clearly subscribes to the "Spaceship Earth" thesis, which is a worldview conceptualizing our planet as a spaceship possessing finite resources

common to all people and on which we must work collectively to manage them. But this raises two questions: Even insofar as certain resources are finite, do we have any idea at all about their level of abundance? (Note that a study reported in 2014 that deep-sea fish biomass may be *10 times as great as previously thought*.) And does Conley or anyone else have even the foggiest idea what level of population is “sustainable”? When pondering this, let’s consider the track record of doomsayers thus far. As economist Dr. Walter E. Williams pointed out in his 2008 article “Environmentalists’ Wild Predictions”:

At the first Earth Day celebration, in 1969, environmentalist Nigel Calder warned, “The threat of a new ice age must now stand alongside nuclear war as a likely source of wholesale death and misery for mankind.” C.C. Wallen of the World Meteorological Organization said, “The cooling since 1940 has been large enough and consistent enough that it will not soon be reversed.” In 1968, Professor Paul Ehrlich, Vice President Gore’s hero and mentor, predicted there would be a major food shortage in the U.S. and “in the 1970s ... hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death.” Ehrlich forecasted that 65 million Americans would die of starvation between 1980 and 1989, and by 1999 the U.S. population would have declined to 22.6 million. Ehrlich’s predictions about England were gloomier: “If I were a gambler, I would take even money that England will not exist in the year 2000.”

In 1972, a report was written for the Club of Rome warning the world would run out of gold by 1981, mercury and silver by 1985, tin by 1987 and petroleum, copper, lead and natural gas by 1992. Gordon Taylor, in his 1970 book *The Doomsday Book*, said Americans were using 50 percent of the world’s resources and “by 2000



Underpopulated? Despite being the world’s most populous nation, with 1.3 billion inhabitants, China recognized the danger of a “graying” society and declining population and just recently ended its “one-child policy.”

they [Americans] will, if permitted, be using all of them.” In 1975, the Environmental Fund took out full-page ads warning, “The World as we know it will likely be ruined by the year 2000.”

Harvard University biologist George Wald in 1970 warned, “... civilization will end within 15 or 30 years unless immediate action is taken against problems facing mankind.”

Not only has none of this come to pass, but prosperity reigns. As *Think Progress* reported in 2013, which it dubbed “the best year in human history,” “There are fewer people in abject penury [worldwide] than at any other point in human history, and middle class people enjoy their highest standard of living ever.”

The reason why reality has consistently bucked end-times predictions is no mystery: technology. Food production per acre has skyrocketed; new energy sources have been developed; and the creative capacities of the common man, catalyzed by economic freedom, have birthed wealth

unimaginable 100 years ago. Unimaginable because, despite man’s fertile imagination, the technology was unimaginable 100 years ago.

Poor Prognosticators

Late author Michael Crichton put this in perspective well, illustrating the folly of doomsday predictions in his 2003 Caltech Michelin lecture, “Aliens Cause Global Warming,” saying:

Look, if I was selling stock in a company that I told you would be profitable in 2100, would you buy it? Or would you think the idea was so crazy that it must be a scam?

Let’s think back to people in 1900 in, say, New York. If they worried about people in 2000, what would they worry about? Probably: Where would people get enough horses? And what would they do about all the horse****? Horse pollution was bad in 1900; think how much worse it would be a

century later, with so many more people riding horses? But of course, within a few years, nobody rode horses except for sport.

And in 2000, France was getting 80 percent of its power from an energy source [nuclear] that was unknown in 1900. Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Japan were getting more than 30 percent from this source, unknown in 1900. Remember, people in 1900 didn’t know what an atom was.

They didn’t know its structure. They also didn’t know what a radio was, or an airport, or a movie, or a television, or a computer, or a cell phone, or a jet, an antibiotic, a rocket, a satellite, an MRI, ICU, IUD, IBM, IRA, ERA, EEG, EPA, IRS, DOD, PCP, HTML, internet, interferon, instant replay, remote sensing, remote control, speed dialing, gene therapy, gene splicing, genes, spot welding, heat-seeking, bipolar, Prozac, leotards, lap dancing, email, tape recorder, CDs, airbags, plastic

explosive, plastic, robots, cars, liposuction, transduction, superconduction, dish antennas, step aerobics, smoothies, twelve-step, ultrasound, nylon, rayon, Teflon, fiber optics, carpal tunnel, laser surgery, laparoscopy, corneal transplant, kidney transplant, AIDS. None of this would have meant anything to a person in the year 1900. They wouldn't know what you are talking about.

Now, you tell me you can predict the world of 2100. Tell me it's even worth thinking about. Our models just carry the present into the future. They're bound to be wrong. Everybody who gives a moment's thought knows it.

This is why, while playing futurist is fun, taking it beyond science fiction and making it non-fiction can make one look foolish. Many people in 1859 thought the idea of drilling into the ground for oil was preposterous. In 1900, it was predicted that the letters C, X, and Q would have been purged from English within a century. The *New York Times* wrote in 1936, "A rocket will never be able to leave the Earth's atmosphere." And a 1952 *Kentucky New Era* article related how scientists were predicting common and economically viable

space travel and the elimination of most diseases — as well as, interestingly, *overpopulation* — by the year 2000.

And what, again, lies on the scientific horizon 100 years hence? Even today, nanotechnology holds the promise of innovations such as inexpensive, transparent plastic bottles that purify water when exposed to sunlight and cheap, inhalable vaccines that don't require refrigeration; and environmental clean-up via materials lined with molecules that bind to a specific pollutant. Then there's "molecular manufacturing," which, mimicking ribosomes' activities within a cell, would involve actually building products from the atom or molecule up. This would make *Star Trek's* "replicator" — which could create a dish of food or other item by arranging molecules in accordance with its corresponding blueprint — and hence cheap and easy production, a reality.

Of course, the latter still lies in science fiction's realm, and many say it always will. And I won't argue. I won't be the next egg-on-face futurist making eyes wide with perhaps tall tales of tomorrow. The next century may bring such technology or something we can't even imagine. *We just don't know.*

Some would now say: Should we let a

skepticism about future knowledge preclude present-day precautions? Do we just throw caution to the wind in futility's name? The answer is that the planet's future health is much as with a man's: You start with what you can know.

We can't always be sure our actions amount to being the good shepherds of the Earth we're called to be, but we can apply correct moral principles. For starters, the world's Professor Conleys should understand that the state may concern "itself with the trivial question of killing people," as G.K. Chesterton put it, but should leave "alone the whole business of getting them born." Also to be remembered is that the freest nations have the cleanest environments; in top-down-control economies in which the people have no say, leaders can pollute with impunity without fear of lawsuits and electoral consequences. Most of all, though, morality dictates we seek Truth in all things, be it demographics, climate change, DDT, or something else. For policy born of denial of facts can never fulfill any legitimate fantasy, only breed failure.

In fact, it is ever-growing immorality, not growing population, that we have to fear. Despite the warnings of Ehrlich-like doomsayers, there is no modern example of famine — and perhaps no example in history — caused by "overpopulation" per se. Virtually every mass starvation of the 20th century, however, was the result of governments pursuing immoral policies. The most notable instances were the collectivization-spawned famines in the Marxist Soviet Union, North Korea, and Mao Tse-tung's China, tragedies in which tens of millions of people perished. Also note that the very technology required to sustain large populations, such as high-yield food production and modern water-delivery systems, will undoubtedly be perpetuated and improved *unless social breakdown causes technological breakdown*. In this case, the United States would be imperiled, for 320 million people cannot live primitively off the land.

Yet in the end, even a man living a moral, pure life can die of a heart attack at 44, and a people doing so can still suffer environmental degradation. There's no such thing as a sure thing. And this is why we have to trust in God and not play god. ■



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Unsustainable predictions: Prophets of doom warning of mass starvation always end up with ever-more-abundant egg on their faces. Technological advances, such as high-yield food production, continually raise the bar on what level of population is "sustainable."

Shedding Light on the **GLOBAL GREEN AGENDA**

The story behind why the government caused the demise of the incandescent light bulb is worth knowing, because we're set to see the same scenario repeatedly enacted.



by Charles Scaliger

As I sit in my office, three lights now burn where one used to suffice. When I walk into the room and flip the ceiling light switch, the odd, coiled compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), now the only option on the light bulb aisle of the supermarket, flickers dimly and puts out a weak gray light for several minutes before finally flaring into full luminescence. Despite its size, it's about as bright as an old 30-Watt bulb — not enough light to work by. Fortunately, I have a lamp on my desk and a floor lamp beside my chair, both also equipped with CFLs. Together, these three lights give a reasonable approximation of a single old-fashioned 60-Watt incandescent light bulb. Today, incandescent light bulbs, one of America's greatest inventions, are all but gone, driven out of production by a 2007 law (the Energy Independence and Security Act) that requires all light bulbs to meet energy efficiency standards largely unobtainable by incandescent light-bulb technology.

As to functionality, there is no comparison between new and old. Incandescent

bulbs were easier on the eyes, brighter, and lit instantly when the switch was flicked. Also, they were cheap. A box of 10 cost only a few dollars, and lasted for many months. At the time the new efficiency standards went into effect, the only bulbs able to meet them were CFLs, which, by contrast, are dim, flickering, and take time to light up, as is true of all fluorescent lights. They are said to last many times longer than incandescent bulbs, but they're also much more expensive; individual CFLs can run 10 or 20 dollars apiece or more. Several of the CFLs in my home were supplied for free by the electric company, anxious to promote the new, allegedly environmentally friendly technology. But that was a one-time offer; before long, the purchase of the expensive new lights will become yet another burdensome, government-imposed budget item. Working in an office scarcely brighter than if lit by oil lamps, the consequences of what has been called "light bulb socialism" are all too clear. And while LED lights, which also meet the government's requirements, are becoming popular as they are brighter than fluorescents and newer models are better

able to approximate an incandescent light bulb's spectrum, they are still quite expensive. The ban on incandescent light bulbs is a completely unnecessary step backwards, courtesy of a federal government that seems determined to turn the clocks back to the pre-industrial age.

But the odd thing about "light bulb socialism" is that it is happening all over the world, and at the same time. Australia banned the sale of "wasteful" incandescent light bulbs in 2009, and Argentina did the same the following year. Canada banned the sale of incandescent bulbs in 2014. The European Union banned the sale of most incandescent bulbs in 2012, and many Asian countries, including India, China, and the Philippines, have pledged to do the same. The phase-out of incandescent bulbs is an accelerating global phenomenon, a fact that most American critics of the 2007 law have failed to mention.

Nor is this a coincidence. Far from being a spontaneous grassroots movement in favor of more energy efficiency, the eradication of incandescent light bulbs is actually being coordinated by a little-known initiative called *en.lighten*, run



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Lights out: Customers shop for fluorescent bulbs at an Ikea store in Philadelphia. Stores such as Ikea hope to completely phase out incandescent light bulbs in the near future, which would make home lighting much more expensive for consumers.

by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), in coordination with the Global Environment Facility (GEF), a powerful but little-known organization set up at the 1992 Rio Earth Summit. According to its own website, the GEF now has become “an international partnership of 183 countries” and counts among its many “implementing partners” all of the major regional development banks, the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the aforementioned UNEP, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and the World Wildlife Fund. Among its many global environmental projects, the phase-out of incandescent light bulbs has been a priority of the GEF for many years.

In 2009, the UNEP and GEF set up en.lighten to accelerate this program. Three years later, at the Rio+20 Earth Summit, 14 more countries signed up for the phase-out, fulfilling one of the major goals of the 2012 gathering. According to en.lighten, the global switch to CFLs will eventually reduce CO₂ emissions by 580 million tons annually.

In other words, it’s all about combating climate change. That CFLs are much more expensive, not as bright, and full of toxic mercury that could pose major health risks in the event of breakage is secondary to the fanatical global environmentalist agenda that contemplates

reducing “greenhouse gas” emissions at any cost.

The reality, unsuspected by most Americans frustrated with the new mandated light bulbs, is that they are a product of the UN’s global environmental regime. The sponsors of the 2007 energy bill in the United States, just like their counterparts in Australia, Canada, the EU, and many other nations, were implementing the UN’s climate-control agenda, and they’re far from finished. Unless Americans awaken soon to the looming reality of global UN-centered environmentalist tyranny, dim bulbs at home and in elected office will be among the least of our worries.

The Rationale and the Reality

For several generations, radical environmentalism has been one of the major pretexts for world government. It is no accident that the original Rio Earth Summit occurred in 1992, precisely at the time that the Cold War was winding down, and it was becoming apparent to everybody that a civilization-ending nuclear war between the West and the Soviet Bloc was not in the cards. The end of the Cold War meant the end of a major justification for the entire UN-centered international order, including regional defense organizations such as NATO, the nuclear disarmament drive, and UN peace-keeping initiatives in global hotspots such as the Korean peninsula. The nascent New

World Order needed a new *raison d’être*, and the environment was Exhibit A.

Interestingly, George F. Kennan, a key architect of the United States’ Cold War policy with the Soviet Union, has also observed that environmental devastation is the “great enemy” in the post-Cold War era. In an opinion piece entitled “A Europe now free from a confining Cold War vision,” which was published by the *Washington Post* on November 14, 1989, less than a week after the fall of the Berlin Wall, he wrote: “The changes now sweeping Central and Eastern Europe are momentous, irreversible, and truly epoch-making.” And he concluded: “The great enemy is not the Soviet Union, but the rapid deterioration of our planet as a supporting structure for life.”

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, and the leader when the Berlin Wall came down, also warned about this post-Cold War enemy in a speech he delivered on May 6, 1992: “The prospect of catastrophic climatic changes, more frequent droughts, floods, hunger, epidemics, national-ethnic conflicts, and other similar catastrophes compels governments to adopt a world perspective and seek generally applicable solutions.” He also approvingly stated that “an awareness of the need for some kind of global government is gaining ground.”

Elsewhere in this issue of THE NEW AMERICAN, we document that runaway global warming and related catastrophes predicted by the climate doomsayers simply have not occurred. (See page 27). In fact, global warming has been on pause for more than 18 years now. (See page 21). But none of this has deterred the climate clique, which continues to bombard the public with ominous pronouncements of “the hottest summer yet” and misleading photos of underweight polar bears on shrinking ice floes.

The persistence (and even expansion, in the southern hemisphere) of polar ice caps, as well as other inconvenient climatological truths, have failed to silence the environmental extremists because, since at least the 1960s, the environmentalist movement has been grounded not in science but in politics. Climate change in particular has become a huge, government-subsidized enterprise, where elite climatologists at huge universities com-



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Climate catastrophe? Ruins of a Viking church built around 1300 in Greenland illustrate the effects of natural climate variation. As the world plunged into the Little Ice Age, life became inhospitable in Greenland and largely ended the Viking settlements.

pete for gargantuan government grants to continue research to show that the climate apocalypse is nigh. Such claims create a powerful rationale for more government, which is why they are so popular with the political class and their media toadies.

On the other hand, research monies for scientists skeptical of the global-warming hysteria are almost non-existent, because the absence of anthropogenic global warming does not align with any political agenda. Of all the environmental causes célèbres, global warming is the most politically significant, because it provides the strongest possible credible ideological pretext for global environmental controls.

It is climate change, allegedly caused by the increased emissions of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases, that provides the rationale for the global eradication of incandescent light bulbs, as we have seen. It is also the rationale behind the accelerating drive to impose “carbon taxes” worldwide, taxes intended to penalize individual and corporate contributions to atmospheric carbon dioxide.

The central thrust of the recently concluded environmental summit in Paris was to strengthen the commitment of countries to curbing greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. Supposedly, this will cause global tempera-

tures to level off at 2 degrees Celsius higher than in the pre-Industrial Age. Of course, no one has any idea what average world temperatures were in the pre-Industrial Age, since there were no satellites or modern weather facilities to monitor such data. The evidence seems to suggest that global temperatures fluctuated widely — between the Medieval Warm Period and the Little Ice Age that followed, for example — but such matters are of small concern to climate-change zealots who are so frequently wrong but never in doubt. The Medieval Warm Period allowed the Vikings to settle in Greenland and grow a wide variety of crops. But with the arrival of the global-cooling cycle known as the Little Ice Age, most European settlements in Greenland were abandoned, though many of their churches and dwelling places stand to this day.

So-called “anthropogenic climate change” — which, as the media never tire of reminding us — is now supposedly “settled science,” is nothing more than the most sophisticated rationale for socialist totalitarianism since Marx penned the *Communist Manifesto*. Just as Marx framed communism as the solution to the alleged implacable antagonism between the oppressed working class and their bourgeois oppressors, so now the global environmen-

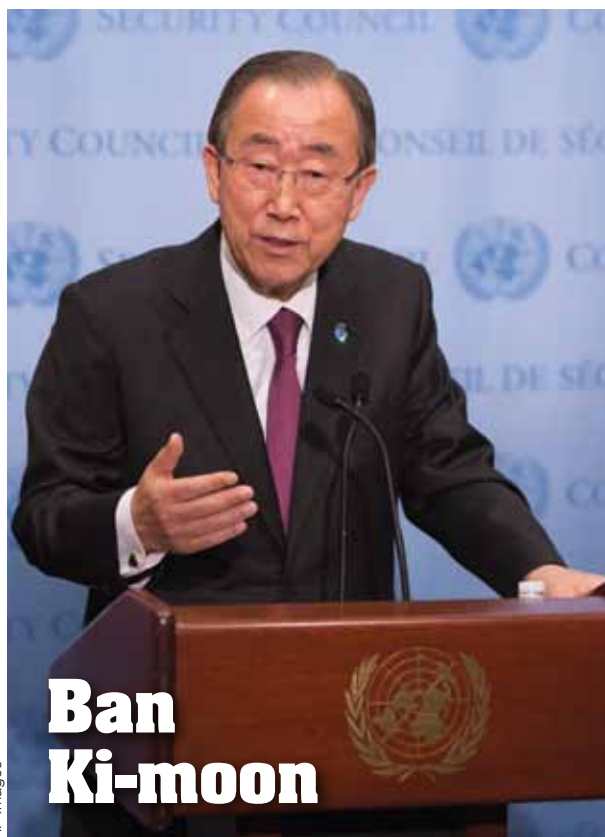
tal regime, embodied by the UNEP, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol, the new Paris accord, and the GEF, is being touted as the only possible way to halt mankind’s destruction of the environment, including his altering of the very climate. Scientists claiming that man’s impact on the climate is negligible at best are denied access to publication and vilified in the media. The very fact that “settled science” such as general relativity and quantum entanglement — first described and verified decades ago — are still routinely tested by modern physicists, while the dogma of global warming is deemed beyond critique, puts the lie to any claims of scientific validity. Environmental apocalypse-mongering is politics, designed to serve the interests of the very most dangerous political agenda of them all: the drive to bring about world government.

Presidents, prime ministers, congressmen, academics, media elites, and millions of misinformed citizens alike, in supporting the climate-change hysteria and the wild claims of radical environmentalism in general, are supporting the UN’s core agenda and the push for a socialist one world state — whether they know it or not. Beyond the banning of light bulbs and the push for carbon taxes lie more ominous possibilities. For example, the UN’s “World Heritage Site” project appears designed to create a system of global parks administered by a global authority. Then there are the so-called legally binding parts of the Paris accord, including the reductions in CO₂ that would wreak havoc on our industrial society and economy if implemented. If the UN, in little over 20 years, has gone from the vague exhortations of the UNFCCC to the forced removal of incandescent light bulbs from America’s stores, is it a stretch to imagine future UN edicts getting rid of all “gas guzzlers,” private aircraft, large cattle ranches, or anything else deemed a contributor to global warming?

Twenty years ago, the UN’s ability to get rid of light bulbs would have seemed fantastical. But our new light bulb-less society is a testament to the growing power of the UN’s eco-enforcement arm — a testament to which we had better pay heed, before the lights of liberty go out altogether. ■

GOING GLOBAL

According to prime ministers, presidents, and dictators around the world, the remedy to climate disruptions is global governance – but why would anyone deem that good?



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Ban Ki-moon

by Charles Scaliger

There was a time when the very notion of world government was taboo, at least in public. Although elites in the United States and every other Western nation have been working for decades to set up a world government, it was, until fairly recently, done behind the scenes, with plausible deniability. Those who dared to accuse the architects of the UN-centered international system as working to build global government were routinely derided as cranks and conspiracy theorists.

In recent years, however, the architects of world government have been more open about their goals. For example, current UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, at an October event in honor of the 70th anniversary of the UN's founding,

characterized the United Nations as the “parliament of humanity.”

Those who defend the notion of world government routinely claim that it would be a benign federation of nations structurally similar to our own federal government. Such a world government has long been promoted as the only possible solution to war and other social ills. Strip independent countries of their territorial sovereignty, it is claimed, and international war will cease. Who could possibly object to a benevolent “parliament of humanity” presiding over a future without war and without want?

But the key to effective government has ever been not wishful idealism but sober realism, which is why the American Found-

ers insisted on limiting the powers of the federal government to the protection of God-given rights, and on dividing the apparatus of the state into discrete compartments whose powers checked and offset one another's. And they did this in framing the government of a relatively small country whose inhabitants mostly spoke the same language and had similar religious beliefs and cultural assumptions.

Any world government would have to be sufficiently powerful to exact obedience from billions of people speaking hundreds of different languages, practicing many widely divergent religions, from cultures utterly incompatible with one another, from the entire length and breadth of the inhabited world. To achieve this, it would need to be both extraordinarily powerful and omnipresent. It would need to possess the police powers necessary to

suppress insurrection and terrorism, and to compel people of disparate races, religions, and languages to get along.

What's more, most citizens of the nations who make up the UN want socialism, not limited government. They expect government not only to protect their rights, but also to provide for their wants. They will expect a world government to provide healthcare, housing, and employment, and to remedy all of the alleged ills of the free market. In other words, there is zero prospect that any world government would be limited either in size or in power. One need look no further than the institutional priorities of the UN system — radical environmentalism, gun confiscation, wealth transfer from the developed to the developing world, worldwide abortion on demand, and many others — to recognize that the world government project is rooted in socialism and cultural Marxism, and will steamroll national sovereignty, traditional family values, and individual liberties if given half a chance.

A government powerful enough to accomplish all of this would certainly be powerful enough to take away the freedoms of its citizens. Naturally, being submerged into such a system would not bode well for the United States. After all, if a free society were merged with a totalitarian system, would anyone expect the citizens of that society to remain free? And what would happen to that brilliant document, the U.S. Constitution with its accompanying Bill of Rights? It would, of necessity, be superseded by global laws that would almost certainly be inimical to the freedoms Americans enjoy.

Putting all the power in one pot, so to speak, can only be dangerous. Lord Acton's famous quote comes to mind: “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.” Far from being a blueprint for perpetual peace, prosperity, and liberty, world government is a Huxleyan and Orwellian nightmare in the making. ■

UN “Green” Agenda **vs. the Constitution**

As has been documented in the pages of this magazine, Americans are facing a very serious threat to their liberties, prosperity, and national independence. Make no mistake: The globalists behind these dangerous “green” agendas — sustainable development, global warming, and more — fully intend to subjugate the United States and the world.

Right at this instant, globalists at the United Nations and in Washington, D.C., are busy forging the chains of tyranny. They intend to shackle all of us with them. And the “environmental” agenda being used to justify it, while it must be understood in the context of everything else that is happening, will play a crucial role in their broader agenda: Global totalitarianism.

But as Americans, we still have a variety of tools at our disposal to stop it, including the truth and the U.S. Constitution. We must use those tools.

First of all, the entire agenda, from “climate” alarmism to “sustainability,” is built on a foundation of pseudo-science and brazen deception. That gives us a tremendous advantage in this battle. As Lord Christopher Monckton said in Paris, they have “the money, power, and glory, but we have the truth, so they have nothing, and we have everything.”

While the forces pushing these schemes require huge amounts of resources to perpetuate their lies, the truth stands on its own and is immensely powerful. This is good news for us. We must educate our fellow citizens and our elected representatives on the facts. This special report of THE NEW AMERICAN can serve as a valuable resource in awakening our fellow citizens to the facts, and to the grave dangers we face.

Second, the entire agenda is being imposed on Americans in a flagrantly anti-constitutional manner. Here we have another tremendous advantage over those seeking to subvert our liberty and independence. Both Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement, for example, are, by any definition, treaties. The U.S. Constitution demands that all treaties be ratified by the U.S. Senate. And so, despite Obama’s outlandish claims that these new treaties don’t require Senate ratification, we must simultaneously maintain that both agreements require Senate approval and fight to ensure that they are never ratified by the Senate.

Even in the unlikely event that the Senate were to ratify the schemes, however, America’s Founders and the Supreme Court have always been clear: The U.S. government cannot usurp pow-



ers never granted it by the Constitution merely by ratifying a treaty. In other words, both UN instruments should properly be considered null and void in the United States without a constitutional amendment authorizing the power grabs, such as the imposition of a global carbon regime.

Another layer of defense available to Americans in this fight is the House of Representatives. The Constitution grants this body the “power of the purse.” That means Americans can work with their elected representatives to ensure that not one penny

of U.S. taxpayer funding is appropriated to implement these schemes. Furthermore, all of the unconstitutional federal agencies working on imposing Obama’s “Clean Power Plan” and other, related unconstitutional schemes should be defunded, too.

At the state and local level, Americans can work with their state legislators to nullify the UN environmental agenda. That means passing legislation, similar to the bills banning the UN’s Agenda 21 that have proliferated in recent years, protecting the God-given rights of citizens, particularly property rights, by prohibiting the implementation of these unconstitutional radical agendas within our states and communities. Without cooperation by state and local governments, the Obama administration will find it practically impossible to advance these agendas.

The globalist agenda, of which the “green” agenda described in these pages is merely one key component, has shifted into overdrive this year. The UN “climate” regime coming out of Paris and Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development coming out of New York are but two examples. For the sake of our Republic and our children, we must step up our efforts as well.

As a first step toward defeating the UN “green” agenda, work with others to distribute this TNA “Special Report on Climate” to voters, opinion molders, state legislators, and members of Congress. As you identify people who are interested in stopping the UN “green” agenda, follow up with educational meetings to (1) reveal the truth about the pseudo-science of the “climate change” and “sustainable development” initiatives; (2) expose the global totalitarian regime that would be established by the UN “green” agenda; and (3) show how the U.S. Constitution can be used to preserve our personal freedom and national independence by defunding and nullifying the unconstitutional UN “green” agenda at the federal and state levels, respectively.

We can still win this. But it will require all hands on deck. Let’s get to work. ■

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