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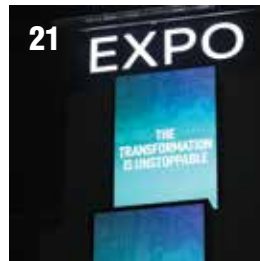
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The Greatest Grift on Planet Earth

Glaciers melting. Oceans rising. No, oceans *boiling*. Forests burning. Deserts growing. Hurricanes and tornadoes becoming more frequent. Wars. Migration. People and animals dying. That's what's happening to the planet we call home. And it's all our fault. More precisely, it's the fault of Westerners living in developed countries — especially Americans.

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There is no scientific evidence that the world is warming *catastrophically*, or even outside of normal climatic variation. Nor is there evidence that reducing (or eliminating) human industrial activity will somehow cool the planet or stop the climate from changing.

In other words, the entire worldwide, United Nations-led environmental agenda — including, of course, the Conference of the Parties (COP) summits — is one gigantic grift. It's undoubtedly the greatest grift ever to have been carried out in the history of the world.

Unfortunately, many well-meaning people buy into the climate-change grift. This is understandable. After all, the population has been fed a steady diet of global-warming propaganda since the late 1980s, and alternative (i.e., realistic) views are often sidelined and ridiculed.

This scam would

be something to laugh at and simply ignore if it were relegated to people standing up at UN conferences and making crazy claims about boiling oceans. But it's much more than that. Under the guidance of various UN organizations, member nations are voluntarily implementing laws, regulations, and ordinances to effect a massive shift in the economies and lifestyles of people all around the world, particularly in developed countries.

“Sustainable development” and “green” industry are buzzwords we've all grown accustomed to. Ordinary citizens are being told they need to downsize their lifestyles and their nations' economies in order to save the planet, all while the wealthy elites are conspicuously “super-sizing” their lifestyles.

In the end, it's nothing more than a plan to turn 99 percent of the world's population into serfs — a return to the “good old days” where the upper crust of society enjoyed a codified distinction from the unwashed masses.

Obviously, no one except the elites wants such a future. But what can we do?

The best way to fight this grift is to expose it for what it is. Remember, the elites only have as much power as we give them. Their success depends on the ignorance of the masses. If those masses become aware of what's going on, they can simply say “no.” For this reason, education is paramount — education of oneself and others.

At *The New American*, we've been calling out the climate-change grift for years. In this issue, we cover the COP28 climate conference held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 30-December 13.

To learn more about the climate-change scam and how to stop it — along with other plans of the globalist elites — consider subscribing to *The New American*.

— John T. Larabell



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**PHASING OUT
OIL — OR
AMERICA?**

As Western governments pledged ever-more suicidal “climate” policies at the UN COP28 summit, the communist, socialist, and Islamic regimes of the world made oil deals.

by Alex Newman

DUBAI — Under the guise of saving the world from alleged man-made global warming, governments and tyrants at the UN COP28 “climate” summit last month agreed to “transition” away from fossil fuels. But don’t believe the hype from the establishment media from the UN summit about a looming “phaseout” or “phase down” of hydrocarbon energy. What is really happening is a planned phaseout of the United States and the broader Western world — what used to be known as Christendom or the “Free World” — as the UN and Western leaders work to usher in what they describe as a new “multipolar” world order.

The reality of this planned phaseout of the Free World and the principles that gave birth to Christian civilization should have been clear to everyone. Several U.S. senators at the summit, including Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Tom Carper (D-Del.), were asked by *The New American* about the absurdity of having the U.S. government commit economic suicide to “save the climate” even as the regime ruling Communist China keeps building coal-fired power plants at an unprecedented rate. Unfortunately for Americans, the senators had few answers other than simply insisting that Beijing should follow suit after the United States jumps off the cliff into economic oblivion. Everyone — including their Deep State allies in the West pushing the agenda — knows the Chinese Communists have no intention of following suit.

Throughout the COP28 “climate” summit, the Biden administration and Western governments pledged ever-more suicidal energy policies and draconian wealth redistribution from the middle class under the guise of saving the planet. Among the many announcements was a “bold executive action” by the Biden administration on December 2 building on “more than 100 actions” taken by federal agencies in 2023 to reduce methane, the White House said. Speaking at COP28, U.S. National Climate Advisor Ali Zaidi and EPA boss

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Shutdown: Under the guise of fighting “climate change,” the U.S. government is waging war on fossil fuels, especially coal-fired power plants such as this shuttered plant in Michigan. This could effectively end America’s status as a global industrial superpower.

Michael Regan announced EPA “final standards” to “sharply reduce methane emissions from oil and gas operations.”

According to an analysis of the pledges by FreedomWorks chief economist Stephen Moore, just the Biden administration’s latest methane promises — pledges that he said amount to “a de facto ban on natural-gas power plants” — will take out upwards of 60 percent of American electric power generation. “Biden is playing a dangerous game of unilateral energy disarmament,” Moore explained, saying the move could “destroy the 21st century American industrial economy” as it presently exists. “If he has his way, we will jump off the cliff first in the naïve hope that China, India, Russia and Europe are right behind us.”

Arabs & Chinese Communists Make Oil Deals

But of course, Beijing, Moscow, and the other regimes playing along with the “climate” charade have no intention of jumping off the cliff after Western governments. In fact, in a series of leaked documents highlighted by the state-owned British broadcaster BBC and other international media, officials from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Communist China, and other countries were exposed planning to make oil and gas deals at the UN summit. The head of the state-run Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Sultan

Ahmed Al Jaber, actually served as president of whole UN climate summit, giving Emirati officials myriad opportunities to ink hydrocarbon deals.

According to the documents prepared by UAE’s COP28 team ahead of the summit, obtained by the “Centre for Climate Reporting” working alongside the BBC, officials had “talking points” outlining some of the proposed energy dealing. For instance, one said ADNOC was hoping to “jointly evaluate international LNG [liquefied natural gas] opportunities” with Communist China in Africa and beyond. “Chinese companies are among our most strategic partners,” explained the official UAE negotiating document that was leaked, noting that ADNOC did oil and gas sales of \$15 billion with the CCP over the last year.

The Arab effort to launch new hydrocarbon projects was not just aimed at courting Beijing, which is building coal-fired power plants at an unprecedented pace and already emits drastically more CO₂ than the entire Western world combined. The UAE negotiators were also hoping to meet with more than 25 other governments on oil and gas deals, according to the documents. ADNOC “stands ready” to help Colombian authorities develop their nation’s “fossil fuel” resources, the documents revealed. Al Jaber was also supposed to ask Brazilian officials for help “securing alignment and endorsement”

in ADNOC's bid to buy Latin America's largest oil and gas processing company. The talking points called on the COP28 president to tell officials from Saudi Arabia and Venezuela — two of the most oil-rich nations in the world — that “there is no conflict between the sustainable development of any country's natural resources and its commitment to climate change.”

The news about the deals was spun by the establishment press to portray the UAE government hosting the climate talks in a negative light. Speaking to the BBC, which broke the story, “climate” policy expert Professor Michael Jacobs of the University of Sheffield said the revelations showed that the COP28 leadership's actions were “breathtakingly” hypocritical. “I actually think it's worse than that, because the UAE at the moment is the custodian of a United Nations process aimed at reducing global emissions,” continued Jacobs. “And yet, in the very same meetings where it's apparently trying to pursue that goal, it's actually trying to do side deals which will increase global emissions.”

But the real significance of the scandal was lost in the press. The real issue: Anti-energy hysteria and fraudulent solutions such as solar panels and wind turbines are

being peddled by the UN and the establishment media to Western populations. More importantly, the anti-energy propaganda and policies are a tool for undermining the economies of Western nations, namely those of Europe and the United States. Communist China and other autocracies, whose emissions are all soaring with no end in sight, will continue increasing their CO₂ emissions while absorbing the productive capacity being shut down in what used to be the Free World.

Ironically, as if to confirm the trend, the next UN Framework Convention on Climate Change “Conference of the Parties” (COP29) will be held in yet another Islamic oil-producing nation, Azerbaijan. Like other “petrostates,” as climate alarmist Al Gore calls them, almost half of that nation's GDP comes from hydrocarbon (oil and gas) energy. “Much like this year's host, the country of 10 million people on the border of Eastern Europe and Western Asia relies heavily on digging up fuels that heat the planet when burned,” reported the U.K. *Guardian*, one of the most alarmist outlets in the world. Once again, Western governments will make suicide pledges to dismantle their critical infrastructure and wage jihad on energy, while communist and Islamist regimes make oil deals.

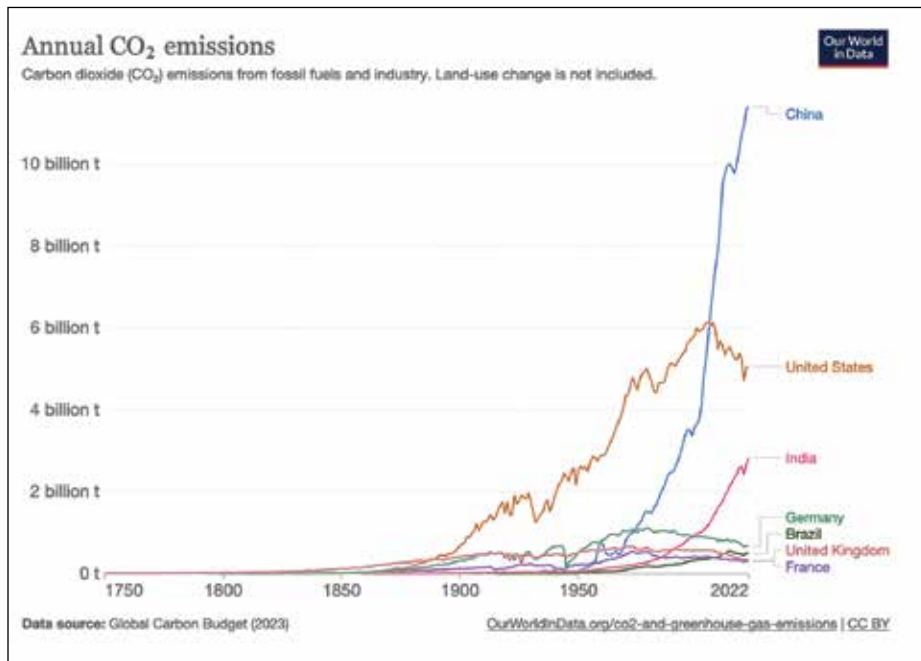
Right after the COP28 conference, the fact that non-Western governments have no plans to ditch reliable hydrocarbon energy was reiterated when Sultan Al Jaber vowed that ADNOC would continue investing in it. “My approach is very simple: it is that we will continue to act as a responsible, reliable supplier of low-carbon energy, and the world will need the lowest-carbon barrels [of oil] at the lowest cost,” he was quoted as saying, claiming ADNOC's oil resulted in less CO₂ emissions than other oil because it was extracted more efficiently. “At the end of the day, remember, it is the demand that will decide and dictate what sort of energy source will help meet the growing global energy requirements.”

In its defense, the UAE's state-owned energy giant did agree to invest in a U.K. “wind farm” project. But, of course, the project hurts Britain, not the UAE, and the only reason it is viable for investors is because of huge subsidies by British taxpayers. The scheme would never have gotten off the ground to begin with without being subsidized by wealth extracted from productive sectors and industries to prop it up. In short, it will be a net wealth destroyer for Britain, as yet more money is redistributed from struggling British taxpayers and energy consumers to foreign regimes and business interests.

British officials have tried to put a happy face on it all as they prepare to flush more taxpayer wealth down the “green energy” drain. “This is a huge boost for UK renewables, creating more jobs, helping to power three million homes and increasing our energy security,” claimed U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who is ousting conservatives from government to bring in unpopular globalists such as anti-Brexit extremist and former Prime Minister David Cameron. However, as any credible energy analyst knows, the project will end up being a net job destroyer with much higher costs and a negative impact on the reliability of the power grid.

The Public Narrative

Oil deals aside, officially, after two weeks of negotiations, the UN “climate” summit produced the first-ever global deal that calls for “transitioning away” from hydrocarbon energy — energy that still supplies more than 80 percent of the world's needs.



What “pollution”? While Western nations are castigated for their so-called CO₂ pollution and are told they must deindustrialize, China is by far the world's largest emitter of CO₂.

“Whilst we didn’t turn the page on the fossil fuel era in Dubai, this outcome is the beginning of the end,” said UN climate czar Simon Stiell, calling the agreement a “climate action lifeline, not a finish line.” Biden’s climate czar John Kerry, meanwhile, said the deal “sends very strong messages to the world.”

That outcome was right in line with what UN chief António Guterres, who has been affiliated with the Socialist Party his entire career and previously led the Socialist International, demanded at the start of the conference. “We cannot save a burning planet with a firehose of fossil fuels,” he declared. “We must accelerate a just, equitable transition to renewables. The science is clear: The 1.5-degree limit is only possible if we ultimately stop burning all fossil fuels. Not reduce. Not abate. Phaseout — with a clear time frame aligned with 1.5 degrees.”

Western media outlets all parroted the UN talking points about “nations” (governments and tyrants) striking a deal to “transition away from fossil fuels,” as Reuters put it. *The New York Times* headline was similar: “In a First, Nations at Climate Summit Agree to Move Away From Fossil Fuels.” Even *The Wall Street Journal*, a paper with an editorial board that has been exposing some of the fraud, ran a deceptive headline claiming “nations” at COP28 “Agree for First Time to Transition From Fossil Fuels.” *Time* magazine barely concealed its glee: “World Finally Agrees to Transition Away From Fossil Fuels.”

But the truth did slip out several times during the conference: There will be no “phaseout” for many of the key players. ADNOC chief Al Jaber outraged climate alarmists worldwide when he ridiculed their pseudo-scientific pronouncements. “I’m not in any way signing up to any discussion that is alarmist,” he told former Irish President Mary Robinson, blasting Western media for being “biased and wrong.” “There is no science out there, or no scenario out there, that says that the phase-out of fossil fuel is what’s going to achieve 1.5C [degrees of supposed global warming].”

When Robinson pointed out that ADNOC was still investing “a lot more” in hydrocarbon energy, Al Jaber again hit back with truth. “Please help me, show



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Keep the oil flowing: As Western governments pledged to destroy more energy infrastructure, COP28 President Sultan Al Jaber (middle) and his delegation were making oil and gas deals with communist and socialist regimes.

me the roadmap for a phase-out of fossil fuel that will allow for sustainable socio-economic development, unless you want to take the world back into caves,” he added, blasting her for “pointing fingers” and “contributing to the polarization” in the world. He was exactly right: Ending fossil fuels would destroy civilization and decimate the human population. It would also do essentially nothing to change the temperature, as numerous leading scientists have explained to *The New American* over many years.

Other oil-producing Arab governments also injected a major dose of reality into the summit while undermining the UN-backed Western media narrative. Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman ridiculed the idea that the world would “phase out” hydrocarbon energy. “And I assure you not a single person — I’m talking about governments — believes in that,” he was quoted as saying in the press, letting out facts that everyone who understands what is going on already knew. “I would like to put that challenge for all of those who ... come out publicly saying we have to [phase down], I’ll give you their name and number, call them and ask them how they are gonna do that. If they believe that this is the highest moral ground issue, fantastic. Let them do that themselves. And we will see how much they can deliver.”

Multipolar World Order

Unfortunately, Arab truth-tellers and oil producers may not be able to save the West from Deep State elites determined to suppress energy — and therefore prosperity, security, liberty, and leadership — in the Western world. As this magazine has documented for decades, they are determined to undermine their own nations amid the push for what outfits such as the Council on Foreign Relations and the World Economic Forum have long touted as the “multipolar” world order. In fact, a decade ago, this writer warned in an article about Sino-Russian deals across Latin America that the world was being “shepherded in controlled fashion toward a new, ‘multipolar’ world order featuring a neutered United States and more unaccountable ‘global governance.’”

That process is accelerating. After World War II, with Europe in ruins, the United States, with around two percent of the world’s population, made up more than 50 percent of global GDP. By 1960, thanks to the Marshall Plan and massive global wealth transfers from the American taxpayer and technology transfers, that share had declined to around 40 percent. Today, the U.S. economy makes up less than one-fourth of global GDP, as successive U.S. administrations and Deep State-controlled Big Businesses have deliberately transferred more and more of America’s pro-

ductive capacity to Communist China. The Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) economy is on the verge of overtaking the United States. That is the ultimate objective.

Late oil heir and globalist leader David Rockefeller, one of the top financiers of the "environmental" movement, was open about his views on this and his role in the process. In fact, in his autobiography *Memoirs* he boasted of his anti-American scheming. "Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will," he wrote on page 405. "If that is the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

Perhaps even more revealing, Rockefeller — the longtime chairman of the globalist powerhouse Council on Foreign Relations and founder of the Trilateral Commission — also offered insight into his views in a 1973 op-ed for *The New York Times* under the headline "From a China Traveler." "Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded, not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering a high morale and community of purpose," said Rockefeller, praising the "national harmony" and the

"enormous social advances" achieved by the "singleness" of ideology. "The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao's leadership is one of the most important and successful in human history."

The World Economic Forum (WEF), which has lavished endless praise and accolades on mass-murdering CCP dictator Xi Jinping and boasts of being "proud of the cooperation with China over the past four decades," famously predicted that by 2030, the United States will no longer be the world's sole superpower. In its place, multiple regimes — including China's — will play a growing role. WEF boss Klaus Schwab can barely contain his zeal for the CCP. "I respect China's achievements, which are tremendous over the last 40 years," said Schwab on CCP propaganda TV in the summer of 2023. "I think it's a role model for many countries." The "Chinese model," he added, "is quite attractive."

When asked which nation's administration he admired most, Canadian would-be dictator Justin Trudeau — a WEF "Young Global Leader," along with more than half of his Cabinet — pointed to Communist China as well. "There's a level of admiration I actually have for China, because their basic dictatorship is actually allowing them to turn their economy around on a dime," the prime minister said on camera, pointing to the brutal regime's

supposed support for "solar panels" and "green" energy.

In a 2011 Obama White House statement released following Obama's meeting with then-CCP boss Hu Jintao, the then-U.S. leader expressed similar views. "The United States reiterated that it welcomes a strong, prosperous, and successful China that plays a greater role in world affairs," the statement said.

"Climate" Policy a BRIC in the NWO

In the end, the transfer of economic power to the CCP and its allies — and eventually the military supremacy that comes with economic power — is being engineered under the guise of "climate" policy. One of the keys to understanding how this is happening is to understand that what is really meant by the "transition" from traditional energy is the caveat added in the final COP28 deal — the transition should take place in a "just, orderly and equitable manner." While the terms are undefined, the meaning is clear to those in the know. Because Western nations developed first, they must take the plunge off the cliff to economic oblivion first. After all, it would be contrary to the principle of "equity" to force Communist China, Russia, South Africa, or Brazil to stop or even rein in their CO₂ emissions until long after the West has committed economic suicide. By then, it will be too late to reverse course.

As the Biden administration — and the Obama administration before it — has been shutting down power plants and energy exploration, Communist China — with the full support of Western elites — has been building CO₂-spewing coal-fired plants like there is no tomorrow. The Chinese economy already releases drastically more CO₂ into the atmosphere than all of the Western countries combined, and that CO₂ output will only continue to increase, regardless of phony pledges the CCP's operatives may make at UN summits — and everybody knows it.

For the CCP, in addition to making energy costs far cheaper in China, the imbalance is also forcing Western industry to relocate there as prices of energy and regulatory compliance surge in the West. Once Western firms set up in China, their intellectual property is almost immediately stolen by the CCP, which can then



Economic expansion: As Europe and North America reduce their fossil-fuel use, BRICS nations such as Russia and China, and now Saudi Arabia and Iran, are increasing production and use of coal, oil, and gas. The West could be left behind.



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Freedom and prosperity: If not constrained by government regulations, the United States could be one of the world's largest oil producers, assuring economic progress and independence for generations to come.

use slave labor to bankrupt Western competitors. Ironically, those coal-fired plants being built across China are powering the very factories producing the economically and environmentally devastating solar panels and windmills subsidized by struggling Western taxpayers — systems that will end up imposing even higher costs on American consumers.

It is not just China. The “BRICS” regimes — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa — are key. Each of these governments is the anchor of its respective European Union-style regional government. And together, the BRICS have repeatedly issued declarations calling for a new, multipolar world order with a radically empowered UN, a global currency, and all the same general features long sought by Deep State globalists in the West.

The Kremlin has been at the forefront of this too, in several respects. In a series of exclusive reports, *The New American* exposed that various “green” climate lobbying organizations are actually receiving major funding from the Russian government and its state-controlled oil industry, especially Gazprom. According to congressional investigators, the Kremlin was funneling money through a shell company in Bermuda called Klein Limited to the Sea Change Foundation.

This “pass through” outfit, which helps

conceal the source of funds being distributed to various far-left organizations, then distributed the money to “green” organizations in the West. Among other policies, many of these organizations advocate an end to energy extraction and development in the Western world — especially in the United States, which possesses enormous oil, gas, and coal resources that could make the U.S. economy a massive net exporter of energy practically overnight, as President Donald Trump demonstrated.

Operatives from some of the groups receiving funding through Sea Change, such as the Environmental Defense Fund, were actually involved in the Biden administration’s Fifth National Climate Assessment. When asked about it by *The New American* at an event at the COP28 summit, the two primary authors and coordinators of the controversial report deflected and offered non-answers to the question as other journalists in the room giggled.

After the event, when asked by *The New American* about three recently published peer-reviewed studies by Dr. Willie Soon and dozens of other scientists worldwide attributing observed warming to the “urban heat island effect” and changes in solar activity, Molly Hellmuth, who led the international chapter of Biden’s Fifth National Climate Assessment, said she was not aware of them. Even the chair-

man of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Working Group 1 has cited Dr. Soon’s work on urban heat islands, so having top U.S. government “climate” experts not knowing about the studies would be bizarre.

The Future: U.S. or CCP-style NWO?

When flying to the conference after sundown over the Arabian Peninsula, all that was visible were bright flames scattered as far as the eye could see across the dark expanse — oil wells producing energy to power homes, businesses, tractors, ships, trucks, and all the other systems that make life possible for eight billion people on the planet. Unfortunately for Americans and those in the West, the flow of that precious energy is rapidly changing direction away from the once-great Christian nations of the West that built civilization and have blessed the lives of so many billions of people.

Instead, if Americans do not stop Biden, the EU, and the UN, that energy will flow toward mass-murdering regimes, such as the CCP, that are based on principles of government more compatible with what globalists call the “New World Order.” Bill Gates, Schwab, Rockefeller, George Soros, Henry Kissinger, Trudeau, and countless other Western “leaders” have openly told the world they view Communist China as the model of the future: totalitarian in every respect. That is what awaits the entire world, at least if the West is murdered by its own leaders by cutting off the energy needed to survive using this UN “climate” fraud as a pretext.

But it is not too late to prevent the death of the West and the emergence of this nightmarish, CCP-style “New World Order.” As Donald Trump showed, the United States can rapidly become energy independent and even a net exporter of energy simply by getting the federal government’s boot off Americans’ necks. Ending the deliberate war on America and the deliberate building up of hostile foreign powers such as the CCP is as simple as cutting off the funding for it in the U.S. House of Representatives. The “climate” scam was never about climate. It was always about ending freedom. Americans must stop this fraud before the fraud ends US. ■

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WHAT THEY SAID



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“The decision at COP28 to finally recognize that the climate crisis is, at its heart, a fossil fuel crisis is an important milestone. But it is also the bare minimum we need and is long overdue. The influence of petrostates is still evident in the half measures and loopholes included in the final agreement. Fossil fuel interests went all out to control the outcome, but the passionate work of millions of climate activists around the world inspired and motivated delegates from many nations to loosen the industry’s grip. Whether this is a turning point that truly marks the beginning of the end of the fossil fuel era depends on the actions that come next and the mobilization of finance required to achieve them. We must ask ourselves how much longer will the world have to wait before all nations summon the political will to overcome these narrow special interests and act on behalf of the future of humanity. It is up to all of us to hold our leaders accountable to their promise to transition away from fossil fuels once and for all.”

—Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore via X, December 13

“These climate conferences have nothing to do with climate. They’re to do with control of energy systems worldwide. No one is talking about the science of climate. Why? Because there’s nothing to talk about. Our science, geology, has known for hundreds of years that climate change is natural. It’s driven by natural processes. The variability we’ve seen in the past has been far, far greater than anything we measure today. It’s a total absolute non-issue that’s got nothing to do with climate. It’s got nothing to do with environment. It’s all to do with power. And if you have power and money, you can control. And this was an energy conference, not a climate conference.”

— Geologist Ian Plimer to Sky News Australia host Cory Bernardi on December 17

“We predicted the whole ritual: the hopes, the claims that time is running out, that this is our last chance, that there will be a deadlock, then that there will be a breakthrough, and then everyone will celebrate the breakthrough, the deal. And then when they read the small print, they tend to realize just how little actually has been achieved. So this has been the annual kind of COP ritual, and COP28 hasn’t disappointed.”

— Dr. Benny Peiser of the Global Warming Policy Foundation presented “Reflections on COP28 — Energy Realism Eclipses Climate Alarmism” on December 13



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“He’s got to say, ‘We’re all going to die.’ That’s what he should say to open up with.”

— Star Trek legend William Shatner said this to Noel Phillips on Good Morning Britain, referring to King Charles’ opening speech at COP28. He continued, “Insects are going extinct. We don’t go around saying, ‘Oh my God, insects are going.’ Who cares? And we stupid human beings don’t even know they existed in the first place.”

“Despite what you’re being told, cold kills some 15 to 20 times as many people as does heat. And that’s the little-known fact they want to cover up. The largest study of its kind showed that 20 times as many people died from cold-related deaths as from heat-related deaths. So what does that tell you? Global warming would save lives. Yet when people hear that, their heads explode.”

— **Gregory Wrightstone of the CO₂ Coalition to Jim Hale of PBS NewsHour**

“One of the difficulties that indigenous people continue to struggle with ... is our perspective on our relationship to the sacred — to the sacredness of the creative and the female creative principles of Mother Earth and Father Sky.... And part of that is how humanity views its relationship to what we call the sacred. So when we develop these metrics for understanding the sacred, we’re dealing with another system that doesn’t understand, but doesn’t want to understand. So how do we develop a value system of debate?”

— **Tom Goldtooth, executive director of Indigenous Environmental Network, speaking at COP28**



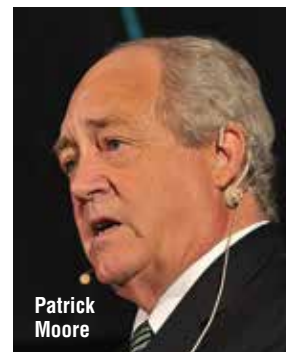
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“The most significant thing of this COP28, happened about a week before COP28, and that’s when a couple of hundred medical journals urged the World Health Organization to declare climate change a public health threat. And the idea here is to bring this under a public health authority. So if you can declare a Covid emergency, or you can declare any kind of public health pandemic, you can now call climate change that.... And that’s why [COP28] is really window dressing for the real power happening behind the scenes.”

— **Marc Morano, executive editor of Climate Depot, to Laura Ingraham of Fox News**

“There is no science out there, or no scenario out there, that says that the phase-out of fossil fuel is what’s going to achieve 1.5C. Please help me, show me the roadmap for a phase-out of fossil fuel that will allow for sustainable socioeconomic development, unless you want to take the world back into caves.”

— **Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, president of COP28, in November during a live online event called “She Changes Climate.” Al Jaber is also the chief executive of the United Arab Emirates’ state oil company, ADNOC.**



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“Well, it’s a recipe for mass suicide. It’s just quite amazing that someone that is in government — actually elected to the government of the United States of America — would propose that we eliminate all fossil fuels in 12 years. This would basically result (if we did it on a global level), it would result in the decimation of the human population.”

— **Dr. Patrick Moore, former Greenpeace Canada president, on the Green New Deal**

“I suppose it was the Almighty’s sense of humor to cover Western Europe with snow while those who flew into Dubai on private jets warned of planetary disasters due to fossil fuels. The United Nations climate conference is and always will be a contradiction, especially when held in a place (the United Arab Emirates) whose wealth is uniquely derived from fossil fuel. England’s King Charles opened the COP28 conference by reminding everyone that we’re going to boil in hell unless we cut down on creating CO₂. I was reminded of the time he flew into central Europe, then as heir to the throne, and with him went a Rolls Royce or a Bentley that did nine miles to the gallon because Charles likes his comforts. Hypocrisy reigns supreme with the Brit King.”

— **Taki Theodoracopulos writing for Taki’s Magazine**

"GLOBAL STOCKTAKE"

WHAT THE CATCHPHRASE REALLY MEANS

The global planners may claim that they want to save the planet from man-made climate change, but the reality is that their agenda would be devastating to humanity.



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GloboCOP: UN Secretary-General António Guterres addresses the news media at COP28 in Dubai. The former leader of the Portuguese Socialist Party and onetime president of the Socialist International, Guterres is an enthusiastic booster of the scheme to institute global socialism disguised as wealth redistribution in the form of climate reparations payments from rich countries to poor countries.

by *Steve Bonta*

DUBAI — Of all the provocative catchphrases bandied about during COP28, the most conspicuous — and the most baffling — was the “Global Stocktake.” We aren’t sure why the United Nations planners chose this obscure phrase instead of a more widely recognized synonym such as “self-assessment” or “self-evaluation.” Perhaps the deliberate choice of a word whose meaning most of us needed to google was calculated to provoke greater interest, discussion, or even reverential awe. After all,

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anyone casually throwing around a term the man on the street has never heard of must be possessed of far greater wisdom than the rest of us, right?

Certainly the globalists calling the shots at COP28 think so, or else they would not have gone to the trouble of creating an entirely new set of webpages and videos to explain what the Global Stocktake is. In brief, according to the UN’s website, the Global Stocktake is “like taking inventory. It means looking at everything related to where the world stands on climate action and support, identifying the gaps, and working together to chart a better course forward to accelerate climate action.” It is supposedly the first ever Global Stocktake, lending additional gravity to the

occasion. But it’s also the first of many, slated by our superiors to occur every five years, beginning with this year’s climate conference, and is designed to smooth the way toward the ultimate goal of world government by climate fiat.

In his opening remarks at COP28, Simon Stiell, executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, made sure to emphasize the term, warning that the world is “standing at a precipice, facing the Global Stocktake.” On December 1, at the official opening ceremony, UN Secretary-General António Guterres invoked the phrase repeatedly, warning that the “success of this COP depends on the Global Stocktake prescribing a credible cure in three areas.” These, he went on to explain, were:

First, drastically cutting emissions. Current policies would lead to an earth-scorching three-degree temperature rise. The Global Stocktake must set clear expectations for economy-wide Nationally Determined Contributions, that cover all greenhouse gases, and align with the 1.5-degree limit. The G20 — which represents 80 per cent of the world’s emissions — must lead. I urge countries to speed up their net zero timelines, to get there as close as possible to 2040 in developed countries and 2050 in emerging economies.

Second, we cannot save a burning planet with a firehose of fossil fuels. We must accelerate a just, equitable transition to renewables. The science is clear: The 1.5-degree limit is only possible if we ultimately stop burning all fossil fuels. Not reduce. Not abate. Phaseout [sic] — with a clear time frame aligned with 1.5 degrees.

The Global Stocktake must not



Manufactured outrage: A radical demonstrator allegedly representing the “grassroots” demonstrates at COP28. Tellingly, all of the demonstrators exercising “free speech” at COP were agitating for more radical climate policies, while none demonstrated in opposition to COP28’s agenda.

only commit to that — it must also commit to triple renewables; double energy efficiency; and bring clean energy to all by 2030.

The economics are clear: the global shift to renewables is inevitable....

Third, climate justice is long overdue. Developing countries are being devastated by disasters they did not cause. Extortionate borrowing costs are blocking their climate action plans. And support is far too little, far too late. The Global Stocktake must commit to a surge in finance, including for adaptation and loss and damage. And it must support reform of the multilateral development banks to leverage far more private finance at reasonable costs for developing countries on climate action. And developed countries must show how they will double adaptation finance to \$40 billion a year by 2025 — as promised — and clarify how they deliver on the \$100 billion — as promised.

Put Plainly

The Global Stocktake is simply another name for the three-pronged agenda of

COP28, an agenda so radical and so counter to reason and common sense that it had to be given a lofty-sounding label to obscure its irrational aims. And those aims are 1) drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions, 2) completely phase out the use of fossil fuels and replace them with “renewables,” and, 3) in the tradition of international socialism, commit to a massive transfer of wealth from rich to poor countries in the name of “climate justice.” This last in particular must have been music to the ears of Guterres, whose socialist credentials are impeccable: He served as both the secretary-general of the Socialist Party of Portugal and as the president of the Socialist International long before his appointment as the ninth UN secretary-general.

The first goal is certainly not new, but the ferocity of commitment on the part of its radical boosters is. Americans have grown accustomed to dismissing the vapors of climate extremists as inconsequential posturing that will never have any significant effect on an independent and robustly capitalist America. But the decades of pressure and propaganda have taken their toll, pushing the anti-fossil fuel agenda into every public-school cur-

riculum in the country, and browbeating a large part of the American public and the politicians they elect into believing that, after all, the man-made climate Götterdämmerung is nigh. This, it must be acknowledged, is a spectacular feat of propaganda, reflecting how effective the “Big Lie” can be when its supporters manage to sustain it for decades. Talk of man-made global warming/climate change has been around since the 1980s, with little changing save the terminology, while other environmental bugbears, such as global cooling, acid rain, and ozone depletion have come and gone. The reason for the persistence of the global-warming narrative is now crystal clear: It is the only environmental issue that is both global in scope and also useful to effect dialectic antagonism between the global haves and have-nots, antagonism serving as a prelude to the mother of all socialist leveling schemes: the loss and damage payments for “climate justice.”

The amounts being contemplated for loss and damage payments are staggering. As the UN’s chief climate-change online resource coyly puts it, “The stocktake also points to a growing gap between the needs of developing countries and the support provided and mobilized for them, and calls for the unlocking and redeployment of trillions of dollars towards climate action and climate-resilient development.” Exact figures are still disputed, but what’s not in dispute is, first, that the United States is the chief culprit and, second, that the United States must pay out the lion’s share of the swag. This, in spite of the fact that the U.S. government has a decades-long track record of being more generous with other people’s money than any other government in the world, having paid out more than \$3.75 trillion in unreciprocated foreign aid since the end of World War II. By all indicators, the loss and damage program will dwarf all previous U.S. foreign aid, and will go a long way toward accomplishing its real goal: bankrupting the United States and bringing it down to the level of impoverished socialist plutocracies the world over.

As for the most radical of the three agenda items of the stocktake, the total phaseout of fossil fuels (euphemistically called the “energy transition”) must be reckoned as only a first, baby step toward

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the bigger, even more appalling goal: the total deindustrialization and de-modernization of the world. Since the dawn of the modern age, technological and scientific progress have been great factors in the empowerment of the individual against the state, as well as in improving the standard of living. So, naturally, global elites, who detest the empowerment of their inferiors, are opposed to it. Every great technological advancement, from the printing press to the automobile to the internet, has transformed the human condition for the better, conferring on ordinary people both freedoms and standards of living once reserved for the elite few that constituted the ruling classes. To the elites, it is intolerable that anyone other than they should have unfettered access to convenient international travel; hence commercial jet travel must be curtailed. They gnash their teeth at the fact that mere mundanes can hop in their private cars and drive across the country at will; cars must be banned or made so expensive that only the deserving rich can drive them. They are indignant that, rather than huddling around fires in smoke-filled huts during the winter, the hoi polloi actually

have access to heating fuel that they can adjust to their own comfort range. And on and on.

Just the Beginning

But the anti-fossil fuel madness won't stop with a ban on gasoline, natural gas, and heating oil. It will eventually be extended to include all petroleum-derived products, such as polyethylene (aka plastic), silicone, polypropylene, neoprene, nylon, and so forth, all of which are less biodegradable than, say, paper or organic waste, and are regularly scapegoated for ecological issues such as the "Great Pacific Garbage Patch." And, lest this strike the reader as hyperbole, consider these words of wisdom from the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) own website:

Plastic pollution is a global problem. Every year 19-23 million tonnes of plastic waste leaks into aquatic ecosystems, polluting lakes, rivers and seas.

Plastic pollution can alter habitats and natural processes, reducing ecosystems' ability to adapt to climate change, directly affecting millions of

people's livelihoods, food production capabilities and social well-being.

And for good measure, here's the UNEP's executive director, Inger Andersen, weighing in on what needs to be done about plastics: "We will not recycle our way out of the plastic pollution crisis: We need a *systemic transformation* to achieve the transition to a circular economy." (Emphasis added.)

Yes, folks, they're not going to stop with taking away your gasoline and heating oil; they're also going to be coming for your plastics — meaning, in effect, that the most useful substances ever devised by human ingenuity, upon which all of our modern gadgetry, from medical devices to computers to airplanes, is crucially dependent, will eventually be banned. If global elites have their way, we'll all be back to napped flint, hand-blown glass, and home-smelted implements before long.

Fortunately for humanity, a modicum of common sense did prevail at COP28. Although a schedule for assessing loss and damage payments was agreed upon in principle, the much-anticipated consensus on a fossil-fuel phaseout failed to materialize. This was in no small measure because Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, the Emirati oilman presiding over the event, refused to let it happen. In response to this epic fail, the histrionics from developing-world delegates, especially island nations, were as hysterical as they were deceptive. For example, Esa Sharon Mona Ainuu, a government minister from the tiny island nation of Niue, broke down in tears at a post-COP press conference after wondering what she was going to tell her daughter. "Sea level rise is just getting worse. Our food sources are gone and people are drowning," she added. In addition to the shameless hyperbole (no, people aren't drowning or starving in Niue or any other Pacific nation), she failed to mention that tiny Niue happens to have one of the highest per-capita rates of greenhouse gas production in the world, an inconvenient truth of the sort that climate fanatics habitually ignore.

So the fossil fuel "energy transition" has been avoided, at least for now. But rest assured that the elites will be back to try again next year. ■



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The next ban: After fossil fuels are banned, plastics, upon which modern civilization is as crucially dependent as fossil fuels, are targeted for elimination.

WEALTH REDISTRIBUTION NOW GLOBAL TAXES SOON

The developing planetary “climate” regime wants to go beyond administering “reparations” payments from Western nations; it wants to acquire its own revenue sources.



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Money grab: The so-called loss and damage fund is a global wealth redistribution scheme by the UN and kleptocratic members to loot what's left of the middle class in the West, all disguised as “climate reparations.”

by Alex Newman

DUBAI — Throughout the UN COP28 climate summit, Western governments, including the Biden administration, pledged to hand over more and more billions in new taxpayer funding for climate “reparations” and a “Green Climate Fund” aimed at bringing regimes ruling poorer countries to heel, among other schemes. But self-proclaimed world leaders made clear that this is just the start. Ultimately, global taxes and “trillions” in funding will be demanded under the guise of bringing about “climate justice,” the leaders declared.

The latest wealth-redistribution schemes came even as voters and taxpayers in nations such as Argentina and the Netherlands (among others) were increas-

ingly rejecting the parties, politicians, and policies behind them. Meanwhile, recent polls show most American adults reject the man-made climate-change hypothesis. That put U.S. officials in an awkward position at the climate summit in a major oil-producing nation on the Arabian peninsula. Asked by *The New American* about their promises to extract ever-greater sums of money from what remains of America’s middle class even in the face of public incredulity and the prospect of Donald Trump coming back to the White House, U.S. Senator Chris Coons (D-Del.) put it bluntly: “We’ll continue to move forward, regardless.”

Right from the start, Western governments and Japan pledged enormous sums for what was portrayed as climate “reparations” to governments of poorer nations.

Dubbed the “loss and damage” fund by the UN and its members, the concept was agreed to last year at COP27 in Egypt. The narrative behind it holds that since freer Western peoples developed first, they have put more CO₂ into the atmosphere, and therefore must pay Third World governments who misrule poverty-stricken populations for the alleged harm caused by it. Every flood, tornado, hurricane, drought, or weather-related disaster is now assumed to be caused by American and European CO₂ emissions.

All of this is based on the dubious and widely ridiculed hypothesis that human emissions of carbon dioxide, known to scientists as the “gas of life,” constitute “pollution” that must be reduced via taxes and regulations to prevent alleged man-made climate change. CO₂ makes up about 0.04 percent of the atmosphere, with human emissions of the gas — including exhalation — making up just a tiny fraction of that. The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) claims reducing this trace gas exhaled by all human beings will prevent “climate change.”

But to compensate alleged victims for the “climate changes” that have already resulted from Western CO₂ emissions over the last century — and will still supposedly come — this loss and damage fund was agreed to in principle at last year’s UN climate summit in Egypt. With no trial and no jury — and no opportunity to even present a defense — Joe Biden and his climate czar John Kerry pleaded guilty on behalf of the United States. Biden echoed socialist UN Secretary-General António Guterres’ claim that this process would help protect humanity from looming “climate hell.” Other Western governments also pleaded guilty on behalf of their nations.

The Great Giveaway

This year, sentencing took place. On the very first day of COP28 in Dubai, governments began making pledges to fleece their taxpayers. The German government pledged \$100 million, while Japanese authorities promised to hand over \$10 million to start. The Biden administration pledged \$17.5 million for the reparations fund, and the European Union (EU) vowed to offer €200 million. But that is just a start, as they all emphasized. Third World regimes are demanding at least \$100 billion per year just for this new fund as part of what they call “climate justice.”

The fund, which will be housed at the World Bank for now as policymakers try to find a permanent home for it, is separate from the infamous “Green” climate slush fund agreed to in Paris at COP21. That fund has been in existence for years. It is being used to bribe Third World governments into keeping their people in poverty by prohibiting abundant energy and restricting resource development. Biden and Obama have already funneled billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars into that one, in flagrant defiance of federal laws banning U.S. funds for international organizations that recognize the “State of Palestine,” even as Communist China and other nations increase their gargantuan CO₂ footprint.

Early on in the conference, the Biden administration pledged \$3 billion of additional U.S. taxpayer funds for the “Green” slush fund. That figure is in addition to \$10 billion pledged for the fund by European governments and the Japanese government. But even all that is just the tip of the iceberg of what the Biden administration has pledged and planned under the guise of saving the climate. Hundreds of billions of dollars in “climate” spending were authorized in the deceptively named “Inflation Reduction Act.” And as multiple U.S. senators told *The New American*, that spending will get Republican states and politicians on board with the agenda going forward.

The administration released a statement portraying Biden as a generous climate hero dedicated to saving the planet with Americans’ tax money. “Since day one, President Biden, Vice President [Kamala] Harris, and the entire Biden-Harris Administration have treated climate change as the existential threat of our time,” the White House said in the announcement of the new funding. “After spearheading the most significant climate action in history at home and leading efforts to tackle the climate crisis abroad, the United States heads into the 28th U.N. Climate Change Con-

ference (COP28) in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) with unprecedented momentum.”

“Climate” activists funded by the Kremlin, European taxpayers, and the Rockefeller oil dynasty — infamous for financing racial eugenics and population control — celebrated the loss and damage developments. “The responsibility now lies with affluent nations to meet their financial obligations in a manner proportionate to their role in the climate crisis,” Climate Action Network (CAN) “head of global political strategy” Harjeet Singh was quoted as saying in media reports about the developments.

As *The New American* documented at the 2019 UN climate summit in Madrid, the largest financier of CAN is the Sea Change Foundation. Congressional investigations revealed that the Sea Change Foundation had received almost \$25 million from a shell corporation in Bermuda known as “Klein Ltd.” and controlled by Putin cronies and Russian energy interests. When asked by *The New American* about the funding, a Russian official simply laughed.

But even all the new billions are just the starting point for massive planetary wealth redistribution, top officials made clear. That wealth redistribution is explicitly called for in Goal 10 of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), dubbed the “master plan for humanity” by leading UN officials and adopted by Obama and all other UN member states in 2015.

King Charles of the U.K., who flew to the event in one of several private jets taken to the summit by U.K. officials despite serving as among the world’s leading “climate” bullies, demanded at least \$5 trillion to supposedly stave off a climate crisis. “How can we bring together our public, private, philanthropic and NGO [nongovernmental organization] sectors ever more effectively, so that they all play their part in delivering climate action?” he asked in his speech opening the UN summit, warning of “dangerous, uncharted territory” ahead.

Tax money will be key, he explained, but the private sector will also be coerced into forking over ever-greater sums. “With the private sector firmly at the table ... we could mobilize the trillions of dollars



Climate is king: Billionaire King Charles, who opened the COP28 summit and flew in on a private jet, said \$4.5 trillion to \$5 trillion a year would be needed for the transformation taking place under the guise of “climate change.”

we need, in the order of four-and-a-half to five trillion a year, to drive the transformation we need,” the British monarch declared, without specifying who would pay, how they would be forced to pay, or where exactly the gargantuan sums of money would be going. Estimates suggest the British royal family is worth almost \$30 billion, but Charles did not pledge any of his family’s enormous unearned wealth at the summit.

The Global Taxman Cometh

As for how those trillions will be “unlocked” or “mobilized,” as the globalist narrative puts it, International Monetary Fund boss Kristalina Georgieva called for governments to impose a global “carbon tax” on humanity. “We are very keen to give the biggest possible incentive for decarbonization, which is putting a price on carbon,” the Bulgarian IMF chief said at the UN summit. “That price needs to go up, up, up if we are to speed up decarbonization.”

Another supposed benefit of “carbon taxes” (really CO₂ taxes) would be raising even more money for government, declared Georgieva — as if government absorbing and squandering 40 percent to 75 percent of everything people produce around the world were not enough. “We are a huge proponent of carbon price,” added the IMF bigwig, whose institution has long been groomed to eventually serve as a global central bank.

In addition to “creating liquidity” by issuing Special Drawing Rights out of thin air and handing them to member governments, the IMF is also building a globally interoperable system for central bank digital currencies. Leading World Economic Forum luminaries have repeatedly expressed hope that these digital currencies will be used to track and control every individual’s “carbon footprint.”

Journalist Leo Hohmann slammed the IMF chief’s comments. “Georgieva is a globalist elitist sitting there at COP28 under the banner of the IMF and World Bank, admitting in the wide open that what the globalists want is a global tax that punishes people for driving gas-powered cars, heating their homes, cooking on gas ranges, eating meat, flying on planes, etc.,” he said. “These are all things that your typical middle-class family sees not



Tax time: Global carbon taxes are needed to raise revenue and move the world away from traditional energy sources, International Monetary Fund boss Kristalina Georgieva said at COP28.

as luxuries but as everyday necessities. If the globalists get their way, only the rich will be able to afford these things. The rest of us will be left to fend for ourselves in cold, dank little apartments, riding our bicycles to work, or catching the bus, while coming home to a dinner of meal worms and crickets. No thanks.”

But as globalists and climate alarmists plotted the heist of trillions, resisters were pushing back hard. Climate skeptics across the Western world in particular have been slamming the whole UN process as a fraud. As the summit was still in its first week, U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced a bill to defund not just the “climate” movement but the whole UN. And around the world, political leaders who reject the “climate” agenda have been performing well in polls. Most Americans and most Republicans in Congress reject even the man-made climate-change hypothesis underpinning the whole edifice, although a number of GOP lawmakers who claim to believe it are participating in COP28.

Even establishment voices have been sounding the alarm about the looting being openly discussed. Speaking about the cli-

mate summit on Fox News, neoconservative former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said the “whole thing” was merely “an elite ripoff of everyday workers.” “When John Kerry talks about giving away money, guess what? That’s your money,” declared Gingrich. “Kerry is cheerful about taking money from you to give to these people he’s never met, who will then, by the way, mostly squander it.... It’s an absurdity. And historians will someday look back and say, how could they have been so stupid for so long?”

Whether House GOP lawmakers will provide taxpayer funding for all of the pledges and promises Biden and Kerry are making remains to be seen. Funding bills were still being debated as this was being written. But what is clear is that the public’s tolerance for such schemes is wearing thin, with only about a third of Americans saying in polls that they would be willing to pay even \$1 extra per month on their energy bill to fight “climate change.” If America is going to have legitimate elections in 2024, Democrats and alarmist Republicans better hope voters do not find out what went on in Dubai. ■

THE “UNSTOPPABLE” TRANSFORMATION

The architects behind the Big Green Agenda claim that the global transformation they envision is unstoppable, but the truth is otherwise.



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Inevitable: One of the major themes of the UN COP28 “climate” summit was the idea, seen here on an electronic display, that “the transformation is unstoppable.”

by Alex Newman

DUBAI — “The transformation is unstoppable,” declared giant electronic billboards overlooking the UN COP28 “climate” summit. It was a common refrain, not just from the UN but even from countless American officials at the summit. But what “transformation” are they talking about? Based on comments from leading UN officials and scientists, experts say the goal is clear: transformation toward technocracy and away from liberty, sovereignty, and self-government.

Top leaders at the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), for instance, openly demanded the power not just to study the “science,” but even to prescribe “climate” policy at the international level. Even more alarming, some of the IPCC “scientists” asked for the power to oversee the implementation and enforce-

ment of their policy prescriptions. Critics, however, warned that not only were the demands unscientific, but they would undermine self-governance while ushering in an “insane” totalitarian technocratic form of government. That seems to be the plan.

Speaking to the U.K. *Guardian*, one of the largest newspapers in the British Isles and perhaps the most alarmist on “climate” issues, almost half a dozen IPCC officials suggested that these UN “scientists” needed vast new powers. The supposed goal: Save humanity from itself and carbon dioxide (CO₂), known to scientists as the “gas of life” despite being demonized as “pollution” by global-warming theorists.

“At some point we need to say that if you want to achieve this aim set by policymakers then certain policies need to be implemented,” explained UN IPCC Vice Chairman Sonia Seneviratne, who has

served as coordinating lead author of the UN “climate science” body for more than a decade. “As climate change becomes worse and worse, it is becoming more difficult to be policy relevant without being prescriptive.” By prescriptive, she means handing governments and nations their marching orders based on “the science.”

Leading scientists in the field, however, ridiculed the calls when asked about them by *The New American*. Princeton University physics Professor Emeritus Will Happer, who served as climate advisor to President Donald Trump and is a vocal critic of the UN’s alarmism, paraphrased well-known conservative pundit William F. Buckley, telling *The New American* he would “rather have climate policy set by the first 1,000 people in the telephone directory than by IPCC ‘scientists.’”

Top astrophysicist Dr. Willie Soon with the independent Center for Environmental Research and Earth Sciences (CERES) was similarly dismissive of the proposed IPCC power grab. Dr. Soon, who recently worked with dozens of scientists to publish three scientific papers in peer-reviewed literature showing that observed warming could be explained by changes in solar activity and the “urban heat island effect,” was appalled at the IPCC power grab. “This is a rather appalling, [though] not unexpected, development for all the ‘humble’ scientists at [the] UN IPCC to now call for IPCC to violate its own founding 35-year principle for their reports to never be policy prescriptive but merely policy relevant,” he told *The New American*.

“The bad weather and extreme climate were all imagined in those scientists’ computer climate model toys,” continued Dr. Soon, who retired last year from the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. “It is sad and dangerous for those non-elected scientists to go this far to stretch their daily dramas to the epic levels that they can literally now be permitted to stop anyone from enjoying a fine filet mignon

or cooking their food with gas. This is what the ‘power’ to prescribe policy that they have demanded means.”

For her part, Seneviratne of the IPCC expressed “shock” about what *The Guardian* referred to as the “discrepancy” between the supposedly “scientific” findings of the scandal-plagued (and frequently wrong) UN climate body and the policies being pursued by governments around the world. “It’s very difficult for us to understand as scientists because it doesn’t seem to make any sense,” she was quoted as saying, lamenting that the “transformation” they are seeking has so far not materialized despite the ever-escalating alarmism pumped out by the IPCC.

Global Decimation

The policies that Seneviratne and other IPCC leaders said the UN climate body should be allowed to dictate are enormously significant. They would alter the lives of everyone on the planet. For example, one she mentioned was phasing down or even eliminating humanity’s use of “fossil fuels” (hydrocarbon energy such as oil, gas, and coal). Those sources currently provide more than 80 percent of all the energy people use around the world. In short, the UN climate body would become the global master of all energy use, with deadly implications, critics observed.

Asked about “fossil fuel” elimination in 2019, Greenpeace co-founder and former Greenpeace Canada President Dr. Patrick Moore, an environmental scientist, said eliminating hydrocarbon energy would be a “recipe for mass suicide.” “It’s amazing that somebody in government would propose that we eliminate all fossil fuels in 12 years,” he told *The New American*, saying that if done globally it would result in the “decimation of the human population” and the cutting down of virtually every tree on Earth for cooking and heating.

Speaking of the IPCC being allowed to dictate and even enforce policy under the guise of stopping climate change, Patrick Wood, author of several books on technocracy and the leading critical expert on the movement, warned of disastrous consequences. If such a scheme were to move ahead, it would mean the end of freedom and the emergence of a new form of government dreamed up almost a century ago and pushed by David Rockefeller’s Trilateral Commission. The year 2023 was declared by the Trilateral Commission to be the first year of the New International Economic Order, and what that means is slowly becoming more apparent.

Wood was not surprised, but blasted the plan. “That a single group of deluded technocrat scientists should declare

themselves to be the sole enforcers of their own ‘science’ is patently insane,” he told *The New American*. “If they are not summarily stopped, it will give them the dictatorial power to implement every facet of Agenda 21, the UN 2030 Agenda, Global Biodiversity Assessment, and more — in other words, total scientific dictatorship.”

Wood noted that when the idea of “technocracy” — rule by scientists and experts — was originally hatched by scientists at Columbia University in 1932, they had a vision similar to that hinted at by the IPCC. “They basically called on FDR to declare himself dictator, to summarily dismiss Congress and to appoint scientists to run all of society,” explained Wood, noting the parallels with what the UN’s own “climate” body is now openly calling for.

Pointing to the infamous Club of Rome’s 1991 book *The First Global Revolution*, Wood also noted that these would-be tyrannical technocrats openly discussed “searching for a common enemy,” as they put it. That led to the idea of “the threat of global warming,” ultimately allowing them to claim the “real enemy” was “humanity itself.” “In other words, it was a scam made up as a pretext for implementing Technocracy,” Wood said.

Commenting on the IPCC scientists’ calls for more power, Climate Depot editor Marc Morano, one of the world’s leading “climate skeptics,” suggested there was a link between their latest pronouncements and governments’ Covid power grabs of recent years. “The UN scientists were jealous when they saw how public health officials could implement authoritarian policies during COVID and now they want Fauci-like powers!” he argued, describing the advocates as “scientist dictators.” Biden’s climate czar John Kerry seemingly confirmed the premise when he declared at the summit, “The climate crisis and health crisis are one and the same.”

As if to confirm that yet again, another IPCC coordinating lead author, Gert-Jan Nabuurs, blasted the fact that governments and people — often through democratic mechanisms such as voting — were still able to resist and even withstand the UN body’s “scientific” demands. “The IPCC’s critical, independent and guiding roles seem to be less and less evident,” he



Fearmonger: Outraged at how many people reject man-made warming alarmism, leading alarmist Al Gore at COP28 called “algorithms” used by social media the equivalent of “digital AR-15s” and said they should be banned.

said. “As they decline, countries seem to be exerting a larger and larger influence.”

If “countries” should not be exerting influence, the alternative would be the increasingly aggressive UN or its legions of IPCC scientists acting in defiance of nations and their governments, of course. For Nabuurs and other IPCC “experts,” the problem is that “we can’t be policy prescriptive.” In other words, they cannot make demands and “hard statements” about what should be done.

Nabuurs lamented that, despite the UN continuing to produce “assessment reports” warning of imminent doom, governments are not doing what he believes is required. “We already know that in five to six years’ time the message is not going to be very different, the problem will still be there, emissions will still be going up, there will be more evidence of impacts and less time to try to stay under 2 degrees Celsius [of warming],” he complained.

And yet, in reality, the IPCC has consistently been wrong. Noting failures ranging from debunked predictions about Antarctic ice and snowfall to outlandish “climate” models predicting massive warming and sea-level rise that never happened, numerous scientists have told this magazine that the UN body cannot be trusted. In a 2018 interview with *The New American*, former UN IPCC sea-level scientist Dr. Nils-Axel Mörner, chairman of the geophysics and geodynamics department at Stockholm University, suggested that the IPCC was deliberately lying. “There is no big sea-level rise going on, and there will not be,” said the late scientist, widely considered one of the top experts in his field before he passed away. “On the contrary, if anything happens, it will go down a little bit.” When Dr. Mörner tried to force the IPCC to remove its demonstrably fraudulent claims from its “assessment report,” the IPCC refused, so he resigned, he explained.

As has become typical, the IPCC did not respond to multiple requests for comment or interviews from *The New American* — requests made both in person and by email — until after a version of this story was published online. Then, the IPCC said it did not have anyone available but that questions could be sent by email. However, a statement provided to *The Guardian* said, “It is important to note that the IPCC assessments are policy



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Time to leave: As 83,000-plus alarmists gathered at the UN “climate” summit in Dubai, Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced a bill to get the United States out of the UN altogether.

relevant but not policy prescriptive: they may present projections of future climate change based on different scenarios and the risks that climate change poses and discuss the implications of response options, but they do not tell policymakers what actions to take.”

But as the UN and its members are becoming more and more extreme in their demands, a global rebellion of sorts is brewing. In the United States, recent polls show the vast majority of Americans do not even believe the man-made global-warming theory underpinning it all. During the COP28 summit, Tucker Carlson — the most significant voice in U.S. media today by far, with shows on X viewed by tens of millions — slammed Biden climate czar John Kerry and the whole climate agenda.

What Should Be Done

As the 80,000 or so attendees at the climate summit were buzzing around Dubai working on “solving” the alleged crisis, U.S. Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) introduced a bill to get the United States out of the UN entirely. Calling his bill the “DEFUND” (“Disengaging Entirely From the United Nations Debacle”) Act, Senator Lee said the UN is an “enemy of Judeo-Christian beliefs,” a “usurper of sovereignty,” and a “voice for Marxism” costing U.S. taxpayers almost \$20 billion per year for its “anti-American agenda.”

“No more blank checks for the United Nations. Americans’ hard-earned dollars have been funneled into initiatives that fly in the face of our values — enabling tyrants, betraying allies, and spreading bigotry,” Lee said in a news release. “With the DEFUND Act, we’re stepping away from this debacle. If we engage with the UN in the future, it will be on our terms, with the full backing of the Senate and an ironclad escape clause.”

Pushback is growing internationally, too, as political leaders from the Netherlands and Argentina to Brazil and the United States threaten to upend the whole agenda. Trump has repeatedly referred to the man-made warming hypothesis as a Chinese Communist Party “hoax.” And House Republicans have been working on bills that would strip some or even all of the UN’s various funding streams on multiple issues for months. Nobody at the summit wanted to talk about any of that. Instead, they put on an air of invincibility.

With pushback growing, the UN and leaders of the climate movement were sounding more and more autocratic, claiming that nothing could stop them now. And it was not just the UN banners on giant screens around the conference boldly proclaiming that “the transformation is unstoppable.” When Kerry was asked at COP28 about the prospect of Trump coming back to power and derail-

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Realist: Asked about UN IPCC scientists' call for power to prescribe and even implement global climate policies, leading astrophysicist Dr. Willie Soon blasted the body and said the demands were appalling.

ing the “progress” made on “climate,” he responded arrogantly. “They’re not going to stop this,” he told the world after making faces. “This economic transformation is going to be the biggest transformation in human history — it’s bigger by far than the industrial revolution — and it is going to happen.”

Climate guru Al Gore, meanwhile, went on a tirade about “algorithms” and people around the world being able to find alternative information. “If you have social media that is dominated by algorithms that pull people down these rabbit holes that are a bit like pitcher plants, these algorithms, they are the digital equivalent of AR-15s,” he said, obviously upset that people were accessing information contradicting the alarmist narrative while demanding “reforms” for the sake of “democracy.”

“They ought to be banned, they really ought to be banned. It’s an abuse of the public forum.”

U.S. lawmakers were also beyond arrogant. *The New American* asked the delegation of U.S. senators at the UN summit about the prospect of Trump’s return to power and the fact that polls show most Americans reject the man-made global-warming theory, with just over a third being willing to pay even one single additional dollar on their electric bills to “fight climate change.” Senator Chris Coons (D-Del.) stated just as confidently as Kerry that nothing could stop the agenda.

Boasting that the “Inflation Reduction Act,” described as the largest “climate” bill in world history, had already hooked conservative states with tens of billions of tax dollars, he painted it all as unstop-

pable. “Am I suggesting that were the former president to be our next president that everything would be fine? Not at all,” he said. “But I am saying that there is broad enough and deep enough support for continuing investments to combat climate change and for the Inflation Reduction Act and bipartisan infrastructure law in particular that we will continue — we’ll continue to move forward regardless.”

A coalition of more than 2,000 “global leaders,” celebrities, Big Business CEOs, “finance leaders,” big city mayors, governors, scientists, “global youth leaders,” “faith leaders,” nongovernmental organization bosses, and other self-proclaimed leaders wrote an open letter outlining their demands. In a COP28 statement they headlined “The transformation is unstoppable,” the leaders declared that “later is too late.” “These outcomes must be supported by the implementation and ratcheting of Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans well before COP30 in 2025,” they demanded.

Multiple critics of “the transformation is unstoppable” told *The New American* it made them think of the arrogant attitude associated with the launch of the supposedly unsinkable *Titanic*. The biblical adage of “pride goes before a fall” was mentioned multiple times, too. What is clear, though, is that the UN and the climate movement intertwined with it are putting forth the view that nothing and nobody — not even the people of the United States or their elected representatives — can stop this global transformation.

As UN IPCC leaders and other technocrats seek more and more power at the expense of national sovereignty, democratic norms, individual rights, and self-government, opposition will continue growing in tandem. Americans and people around the world are clearly rejecting the agenda as costs and reality begin to hit home, with, as noted above, few Americans willing to hand over even a single dollar a month for the cause. The prospect of voluntary submission to an all-powerful, pseudo-scientific climate dictatorship under the IPCC now is net zero. But the battle over that nightmarish future is just getting started. ■



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COP28: WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

Viewing the shocking reality of the “climate” confab “up-close and personal” is very different from looking at the sanitized version through the prism of the major media.

by *Steve Bonta*

DUBAI — It’s been called the “Olympics of virtue signaling” for good reason. The annual UN Climate Conference, or COP (short for “Conference of the Parties” of the UN-FCCC), attracts hundreds of global leaders, including presidents, prime ministers, and monarchs, to some swank resort or similar venue. Alongside the besuited wealthy elites in their private jets come thousands of left-wing activists ranging from respectable-seeming NGO delegates, to noisy, ultra-radical street agitators, to representatives of aboriginal cultures. And mingling with the agenda-setters are thousands of journalists, representing ev-

erything from establishment “newspapers of record” and major news channels to environmental news aggregators and blogs.

This superficially discordant crowd with its manufactured “booming, buzzing confusion” has convened almost every year for more than three decades, and despite the appearance of heterogeneity, almost everyone present agrees wholeheartedly with the broad mission: to save the planet Earth from man-made climate catastrophe. And while the annual antics at the climate conferences may appear to be more spectacle than substance, the radical global movement to dismantle modern civilization in the name of saving the climate has become a clear and present danger to national sovereignty and to civilizational progress.

December’s UN climate conference, COP28, was the most ambitious yet (and given the previous year’s COP27 landmark agreement on loss and damage payments, that’s saying something). Held at the sprawling Expo City in sumptuous Dubai, COP28 benefited from the enormous wealth and other resources of the host country, and the tone at the event was shriller and more insistent than previous such events. As with every global climate conference stretching all the way back to Rio de Janeiro in 1992, this year’s event featured the usual amalgam of global elites (including a delegation of U.S. senators and even, for a brief interval, Vice President Kamala Harris) and corporate special interests, along with a motley

In the end, of course, the event fell short of its most radical and most stridently proclaimed objective; despite two weeks of virtue signaling, posturing, and threats (“We aren’t leaving without a deal”), the not-so-august assembly broke up without a commitment to phase out fossil fuels.



Hot air: U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry speaks at COP28. Never one to let the facts interfere with a good narrative, Kerry has become Al Gore’s successor as America’s most overheated climate rhetorician.

array of NGOs, including outrageously costumed environmental activists and representatives of indigenous people decked out in colorful attire. There was anticipation among the thousands of globalist activists and policymakers who descended on Dubai that the years of slowly tightening strangulation of the world’s economy and political system by the global climate regime is about to enter a new, much more ambitious phase. The “energy transition,” as it’s called, whereby the human race will be forced to repudiate centuries of technological progress and unfettered economic growth in order to appease the guardians of the planet, has reached the breakout point. Or so we were told, over and over.

From the raucous beginnings at Rio that provoked a mostly bemused reaction from

any rational minds paying attention, the climate crusade has evolved into a deadly serious threat, perhaps the gravest danger to American sovereignty and individual liberty yet to emanate from the United Nations system. And, unless things change in a hurry, the climate crusaders are going to literally tear down modern Western civilization, along with all the individual freedoms and standard of living it entails.

Outlandish Objectives

First, the objectives of this year’s event. Heading the list of agenda items was extracting a firm agreement on commencing the flow of loss and damage payments from the wealthy to the poor countries, beginning in 2025. This is to be a heavy, permanent regime of international wealth

transfer from the haves to the have-nots, on a breathtaking scale that probably far exceeds Karl Marx’s wildest fever dreams. There’s a reason why attendees at COP28 were demographically skewed, with Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the poorer Asian countries represented out of proportion to actual population, while Japanese, Europeans, and North Americans were decidedly underrepresented. These are the countries that will be fleeced by the rest, and the intended beneficiaries, lacking the economic, political, or military clout to compel the developed world to heel, have been on a sustained campaign to shame, manipulate, and otherwise take advantage of Westerners’ compassion. Everything wrong with the world, it turns out, is the fault of Western countries, and only loss and damage tribute can atone for their collective guilt.

An even more quixotic and irrational goal, broadcast far and wide during the two weeks of the conference and amplified worldwide by the breathlessly sycophantic leftist establishment media, was the complete phaseout of all fossil fuels within a few years, beginning with the industrialized countries whose economies most critically depend on them. The so-called reasoning behind this objective is to keep global temperature increases within the rather arbitrary limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius. More than that, we were warned again and again, the Earth will enter a period of runaway and irrevocable climate change featuring cataclysmic glacier melting and, in the longer run, boiling oceans. Throughout the conference, the catchphrase “Keep 1.5 alive” served to remind one and all of how stark the stakes were.

Given the goal of fossil-fuel eradication, it seemed incongruous to hold such a conference in the petroleum-rich sands of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), just miles from some of the world’s most extensive petroleum and natural-gas extraction and refining facilities. The president of this year’s climate conference, Emirati Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, triggered outraged headlines several days into the conference with comments he made questioning the science behind a fossil-fuel phaseout. The sultan, unlike many other globe-trotting elites at the conference, was a relatively accessible presence at many press conferences and conference sessions open to the

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public. In fact, many white-robed sheikhs were involved in the proceedings, picking their way disdainfully through the loudish mob of Western leftist activists that maintained a constant presence at every venue where the People Who Mattered convened.

To say that the Emiratis, conservative Muslims all, had difficulty comprehending the secularized furor that is radical Western environmentalism would be an understatement. Beneath the veneer of Westernized modernity evident across the UAE is a deeply conservative, devout society for whom secular Earth worship and moral relativism are utterly incompatible with the worldview of the Faithful. Moreover, the UAE, despite its federal structure, is neither democratic nor a republic. It's an Islamic monarchy where criticism of the government and Islam alike is strictly prohibited, and the sort of boisterous street demonstrations from which climate conferences typically channel much of their energy were nonexistent. But even without the street mummery, COP28 must have seemed to most Emiratis as deeply disruptive and emblematic of the worst excesses of the secular West.

Not that the UAE, despite its immense industrial and financial base, is lacking in a conservationist ethic. The Arabian Des-

ert is one of the bleakest and least biodiverse places on Earth; indeed, the southern part of the UAE blends into the Rub' al Khali, or Empty Quarter, a region of desert so hot and dry that none of the four countries that border it — Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen being the other three — care enough about it even to establish settled international boundaries. Yet in spite of these environmental limitations, the Emiratis have managed to make the desert bloom, to some degree. The city of Dubai itself boasts a large wildlife sanctuary, Ras al Khor, that hosts hundreds of flamingoes and other wading birds, while in the desert not far from the Expo City where COP28 was held, the gigantic Al Marmoom Desert Conservation Area harbors significant herds of Arabian oryx and wild gazelles, as well as numbers of wintering eagles and other birds. An enormous nearby chain of artificial lakes and wetlands, the Al Qudra Lakes, teems with waterfowl. In both of these areas camping, bicycling, and hiking are enduringly popular among Emiratis. Given the amount of desalinated seawater needed to maintain such areas, the UAE, like the developed West, has reached a level of prosperity where it can afford to maintain parks and sanctuaries, and to place limits on hunting and fishing. But other, poorer Middle Eastern coun-

tries enjoy no such luxury; to them, and to many other poor countries across the Global South, the goal of eliminating fossil fuels and all of the technology they enable must have seemed preposterous. But for the sake of the former goal — the anticipated global shakedown — they were willing to play along with the show.

The Greatest Sham on Earth

And what a show it was. Whatever else may be said about radical leftists, it must be admitted that they have a flair for the dramatic. Daily protests, prohibited outside conference grounds and severely restricted within, provided the usual make-believe spontaneity of street activism, the “pressure from below” staking out the most extreme positions possible. These colorful minions sported everything from extravagant native feathered headpieces to animal costumes. One lady attracted international attention by wearing a manatee costume, a departure from the usual sea turtle apparel. Most of the protests that I observed took place around lunchtime, and consisted of raucous chants accentuated by drum beating, followed by a march of a few hundred yards from one side of the “blue zone” to the other.

All of the protests, of course, were designed to put pressure on conference delegates from the Left, and were exclusively sympathetic to radical climate politics. No dissenting protests, such as voices questioning the entire histrionic climate narrative, were permitted. The press reports were full of rhetorical finger-wagging at the UAE government for clamping down on the “free speech” of protesters; no one noted the irony that COP28 itself permits no dissenting voices to be raised. Even the occasional adversarial question by some independent journalist such as my colleague Alex Newman was viewed with hostility. From what I could observe, an overwhelming majority of the thousands of journalists present were leftist sycophants as concerned with advancing the conference's agenda as the conference delegates themselves.

This, then, was the scene within the “blue zone,” the elite decision-making area accessible only to those, including yours truly, with coveted credentials. Outside the blue zone, and almost completely encircling it, was the sprawling



Dugong show: Dressed as a sea cow, California activist Alice McGown earned points for originality, if not rationality, at COP28. Here, McGown addresses a supposedly serious session in full sirenian splendor.

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Fossil furor: One of the many choreographed demonstrations at COP 28 expressing mindless opposition to fossil fuels. Although the climate conference failed to commit to its main goal, the total phaseout of fossil fuels, radical Left support of this measure will continue.

“green zone,” where the general public could visit and be indoctrinated. Near one of the entrances, employees of the event actively encouraged passersby to enter a large, postmodern-looking building, the Mobility Pavilion, that resembled a stack of silver trefoils. Inside the building was a lavish, high-tech, interactive tour of the world of the future that tried to portray the goings-on at COP28 as both the outgrowth of millennia of enlightened progress and as the gateway to a still more enlightened and advanced future. With a sophistication rivaling that of a major theme park, the presentations included fawning portrayals of high Islamic culture complete with enormous statues of several notable Muslim sages of centuries past, as well as a history of the creation of the UAE itself. Following these were dazzling light shows designed to portray the future of world climate, the future of AI, and the future of technology in general. The overall effect was to instill awe and (for the locals, at any rate) sympathy for a cause that supposedly resonated with the values of Emirati and Islamic culture.

The Mobility Pavilion was the propaganda centerpiece of the entire event, as evidenced by the fact that this author was asked to enter and view the program every time he walked past! Across from

the Mobility Pavilion was what looked to be at first blush a sort of indoor trade fair. But the booths that lined the interior of the gymnasium-like building were all corporate advertisements for the green policies of a veritable Who’s Who of prominent multinational corporations. IBM, Microsoft, and many other major players had lavish displays detailing their slavish compliance with the global green regime, with sober-looking delegates participating in various public meetings and presentations.

And so it went, building after building brimming with green propaganda, eye-wash for the thousands of non-official visitors from both Dubai and abroad.

For those of us involved in events, the UN organizers sent a steady flow of detailed emails updating us on the status of negotiations and apprising us of major upcoming events such as press conferences and public meetings with major dignitaries present. Once the novelty of the occasion wore off, however, every event seemed more or less the same. No matter the theme, the rhetoric and talking points were always drearily predictable: *Technology and progress are bad. The planet is on the brink of climate cataclysm. Only 1.5 Celsius can save us. The rich countries are morally culpable for progress, and must begin handing over*

their ill-gotten gains to the Global South. The “energy transition” is inevitable. And above all else, the United States is to blame for everything and must be held to account for its transgressions.

Equally striking was the way in which everything was portrayed as being associated with climate issues. The wars in Gaza and Ukraine? These and other conflicts are consequences of instability wrought by climate change. AI? It must be used to advance the message of climate alarmism more effectively. Global finance? We have to ensure that all finance and banking is compliant with the Paris climate treaty. To the true believers at COP28, literally everything is subsumed by the climate, and impacted by man’s alleged alteration thereof.

Step by Step

In the end, of course, the event fell short of its most radical and most stridently proclaimed objective; despite two weeks of virtue signaling, posturing, and threats (“We aren’t leaving without a deal”), the not-so-august assembly broke up without a commitment to phase out fossil fuels. The tens of thousands of attendees returned disappointed in the outcome, unalterably convinced that the planet is on a climatic doom loop, and resolved to try again a year from now. My own flight to Frankfurt was crammed with them, and it was obvious from overheard conversation that this was an annual outing for many of them. Undeterred by the incongruity of choosing a major producer of fossil fuels to host an event consecrated to the ending of fossil-fuel extraction, COP planners announced just before the close of the conference that next year’s event would be held in another major oil country, Azerbaijan, which is the world’s 24th-largest oil producer.

And while it didn’t meet its most ambitious goal, the conference did lead to an agreed-upon timetable for the beginning of loss and damage payments, thereby guaranteeing that the Samoas, Maldives, and Central African Republics of the world will not go empty-handed. The United States, meanwhile — unless there is an electoral rout next year — will commence the heavy new tributary payments in the near future.

And, of course, a year from now, the UN’s green gestapo will have another shot at fossil fuels. ■

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Religion & Faith Take Center Stage

The new world religion championed by the Earth worshippers is antithetical to true Christianity and Judaism.



For Gaia: Starting at the “faith pavilion,” the interfaith “faith walk” around COP28 brought together pagans of all varieties along with supposed Christians and Jews to ask various deities for “climate justice.”

The New American

by Alex Newman

DUBAI — World religions and religious leaders will be crucial to achieving the goals of the United Nations and its member governments in what they describe as an existential battle against man-made climate change. That was the message delivered by a growing coalition of priests, prelates, holy men, monks, bishops, imams, rabbis, witch doctors, shamans, ancestor worshippers, and other assorted spiritual figures assembled at the UN’s 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) on global warming. All vowed that their flocks would be joining the holy war on global warming, too.

Religion was more central to this year’s “climate” summit than ever before. In fact, for the first time ever, the UN gath-

ering featured a “faith pavilion” hosted by the UN Environment Programme and dozens of religious groups. The space was dedicated exclusively to harnessing the religions of the world in the battle against alleged man-made global warming. Countless prayers for “climate justice” and “green energy” went up from the summit to countless deities, with believers from widely divergent religious traditions locking arms in the fight to save “Mother Earth” from humanity.

“We ardently implore all decision-makers assembled at COP28 to seize this decisive moment and to act with urgency, weaving a tapestry of shared action and profound responsibility,” explained a statement by top religious leaders from around the world representing faiths including Islam, Catholicism, Orthodox Christianity,

Judaism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, and more before the summit began. “The urgency of the hour demands that we act swiftly, collaboratively, and resolutely to heal our wounded world and preserve the splendor of our common home.”

Among other goals, the dozens of religious leaders behind the statement, assembled by the UN, vowed to shepherd their followers into achieving “net zero” CO₂ emissions. Claiming their faith instills a “sacred duty” to “cherish” the “ecosystem that cradles us,” the signatories vowed to “jointly address” the supposed global climate crisis. They demanded governments join them and “champion the development of a faith-based ecological narrative” and weave it into education, culture, and more. Finally, the holy men called for “lower-carbon



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Earth and spirit: Many pagans were at the UN climate summit, including Chitya Keyur Sanghavi of Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, who was teaching Eastern spiritual practices to deal with “climate anxiety.”

lifestyles” and “social progress rooted in harmony with the Earth.”

The interfaith movement behind the pavilion and the religious side of the climate movement is increasingly prominent, broad, and powerful. Consider that among those cosponsoring the pavilion, strategically placed right at the heart of the summit compound, were the Muslim Council of Elders, the Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (which released the new “Ten Commandments of Climate Change” at last year’s COP27 on Mount Sinai), the Episcopal Diocese of California, and dozens of other religious groups from around the world.

There to inaugurate the pavilion were the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin standing in for Pope Francis, and many other powerful figures. All were involved in the Abrahamic Family House in Abu Dhabi that opened earlier this year featuring a Catholic church, a mosque, and a synagogue. The faith pavilion hosted dozens of events with key leaders from every religion you can think of, and many more beyond that.

Pope Francis, who was scheduled to attend the summit and the opening of the faith pavilion but backed out citing health concerns, claimed climate change was ac-

tually a “religious problem.” Calling environmental damage “an offense against God” and referring to emissions of CO₂ as “toxic,” Francis cited his encyclical *Laudato Si’* in demanding that countries (governments) place what he described as the “global common good” ahead of “national interests.” “We have a duty to protect our common home,” said Francis, who has stirred widespread opposition from conservative Catholics around the world.

“May we be attentive to the cry of the earth,” the pope said in prepared remarks delivered at the faith pavilion by Cardinal Parolin, who attended in Francis’ place and read his speech for him. “The climate, run amok, is crying out to us to halt this illusion of omnipotence.” Praising the faith pavilion for being “the first of its kind at the heart of a COP,” Francis said it stood as a testament showing “that all authentic religious beliefs are a source of encounter and action.”

Aside from the pope and his emissary, numerous other religious leaders also spoke from the pavilion. These included Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis of the U.K., World Evangelical Alliance Secretary-General Bishop Thomas Schirrmacher, Divine Shakti Foundation President Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, and an array of pagan leaders worshipping all sorts of deities that the Apostle Paul refers to in his letters as “demons.”

All were welcome, the leaders declared, except undefined “extremists,” who were repeatedly condemned throughout the festivities.

Another bigwig religious boss at the event, World Council of Churches General Secretary Reverend Professor Dr. Jerry Pillay, echoed his far-left organization’s talking points when he blamed “fixation on profit” for the supposed “climate emergency.” Fixing the alleged emergency, he said, will require a “shift” away from “market-based solutions.” Among the policy prescriptions he demanded: ending fossil fuels, further criminalizing environmental sins, and much more. “Faith is the missing piece in the climate discussions and for climate action,” he added.

Right next to the pavilion, Chitya Keyur Sanghavi with the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University was teaching people how to deal with “climate anxiety” from stress about CO₂ emissions and the lack of “climate justice.” Spiritual practices rooted in Hinduism such as meditation can help, he told *The New American*. Sanghavi, whose organization specializes in teaching people how to “connect with nature” and “connect with god,” said the “end goal is to be happy and be a good human being.”

On December 8, this writer witnessed an interfaith “faith walk” across the UN COP28 compound. It brought together more than a dozen self-styled world religious leaders, including self-proclaimed Christians, Jews, Hindus, indigenous pagans, a Zoroastrian, and more. Right before setting off on the walk, each religious leader was supposed to offer “one word” of hope. Organized by “Eco-Bible” author Rabbi Yonatan Neril of the Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development, who last year told *The New American* that religion must be a “delivery vehicle” for climate activism, all the speakers asked various deities for “climate justice.”

Some Hindu monks said protecting the planet would be pleasing to their gods. The Zoroastrian said the battle against climate change was a major part of the broader battle of good against evil. One self-described evangelical Christian from Brazil, who spoke in Portuguese, said black communities across Brazil and around the world were especially vulner-

able, and that protecting the climate was the right thing to do for Africans and their descendants worldwide. A female Swedish Lutheran bishop prayed to Jesus for climate justice, while a pagan from Brazil with face paint asked her deities for help and shook a maraca.

Several of the leaders who spoke with *The New American* sounded totally sincere as they pleaded for what was universally described as “climate justice.” What exactly that means was never made clear, but calls for wealth redistribution and ending “fossil fuels” were ubiquitous. None of the self-proclaimed Christians who spoke with *The New American* throughout the summit seemed particularly concerned about hell, sin, damnation, Satan, or even Jesus. All, though, said “climate change” needed to be dealt with and that Christians must be involved in the fight.

Another one of the hundreds of speakers at the faith pavilion was Nury Turkel with the U.S. Commission on International

Religious Freedom. Addressing the “climate crisis,” he called for religious leaders and institutions to get involved in fighting climate change and ensuring that their followers understand what he described as their “responsibility to the Earth.” He repeatedly referred to the United States as a “democracy” as he called on religious climate activists to work hard to influence policymakers.

Another speaker, a Jesuit priest from Africa, gave a talk on “eco-theology” and “transforming food systems.” Citing Pope Francis over and over again, especially *Laudato Si’*, the priest and several other Africans on stage argued that all Catholics had a duty to be involved in the fight to save the planet. The priest also quoted Bible verses to argue for “gender equality in food systems” and other talking points in line with the UN’s broader agenda, as a handful of people listened or hung out in the air-conditioned faith pavilion.

Perhaps most bizarrely, self-proclaimed

environmental scientist Guy Lane of Australia launched a “new religion” at COP28 called “Vita Sapient.” The movement, which he told *The New American* was inspired by a “brown booby bird” that landed on his sailboat, holds that the entire Earth is a single living organism and individual people are like cells. Unfortunately, he suggested in a wide-ranging interview with *TNA*, many of these cells are no longer serving their proper function, and so something unspecified has to be done about this.

Religion and faith have become increasingly central to the UN “climate” machinery, and that was on full display at COP28 like never before. As *The New American* explained in last year’s cover story from COP27 on the Sinai Peninsula, where globalists unveiled the new Ten Commandments and told *TNA* they were working on a “Third Covenant,” this is all very deliberate. In fact, the UN has been working to bring religions on board for years, and those efforts are now bearing fruit as virtually every major religious movement lines up behind the UN agenda.

Management guru and establishment insider Peter Drucker explained that major global transformations of the sort envisioned by the UN’s climate movement require a “three-legged stool” approach. The first leg is government, with the UN bringing together virtually every national government in the world. The second leg is business. As such, the World Economic Forum is now a “strategic partner” of the UN in bringing business into the “unstoppable” transformation.

Finally, the third leg, Drucker said, is religion. Thus spirituality, faith, and religion are becoming a major component of the “climate” plan as the UN works to bring religious people into its global transformation. As religious leaders told *The New American*, almost all people on the planet claim some sort of religion. The UN-backed “Religions for Peace” movement is even claiming to be the “UN of religions,” arguing that “all religions of the world” are part of it. Watch for the signs in your church.

Religious leaders have made their views clear: Humans must protect Mother Earth in accordance with UN dictates as part of their spiritual duty. What God thinks about it all, however, is another matter entirely, and remains to be seen. ■



Climate-change pope: Even though health prevented him from attending in person, Pope Francis towered over COP28 as “religious leaders” of all varieties joined a holy war against “climate change” and the activities supposedly causing it.

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WHAT CLIMATE CHANGE?

by Rebecca Terrell

Forget about “following the science” of Deep State plotters. Earth offers plenty of evidence that the man-made climate crisis is a concocted hoax.

While international bureaucrats strive to strip us of reliable, affordable energy sources to combat a fabricated man-made climate catastrophe, they insist that we “Follow the science!” and demonize anyone who dares object.

Yet the truth is we don’t need scientists to tell us what is blatantly evident. We know the Earth has warmed over the past 175 years. And we know that the warming is well within the bounds of natural variation. All we need to do is look around.

The New American provides this photo essay of irrefutable evidence that there is no climate catastrophe in the making. And we ask a simple question: Whom are you going to believe, eco-radicals, or your own eyes?

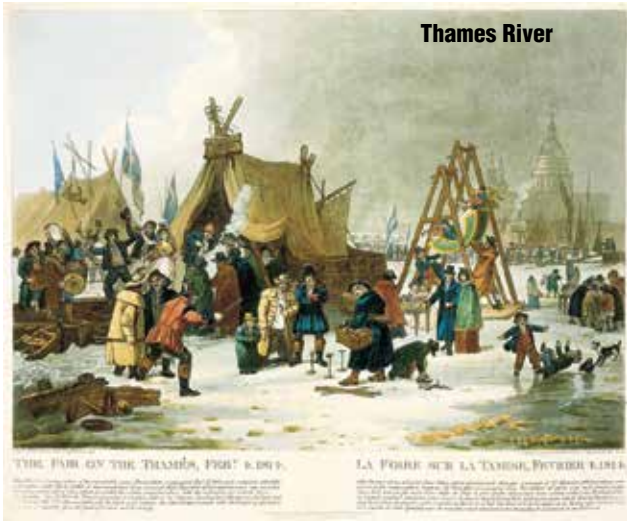


A WARMING WORLD

Do we live in a warming world? Let's hope so! There are few who would wish a return of conditions as they were during the Little Ice Age (LIA), a period between roughly 1300 and 1850 when crop failures, famines, and

epidemics held sway over Europe and Asia. As recently as 1814 the Thames could freeze hard and thick enough for Londoners to stage "Frost Fairs" on its icy surface. No one has tried that in modern days.

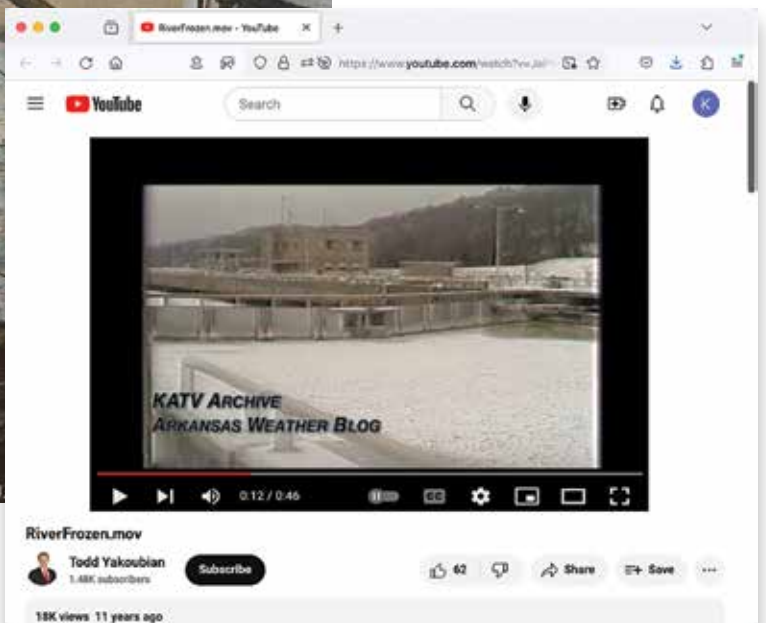
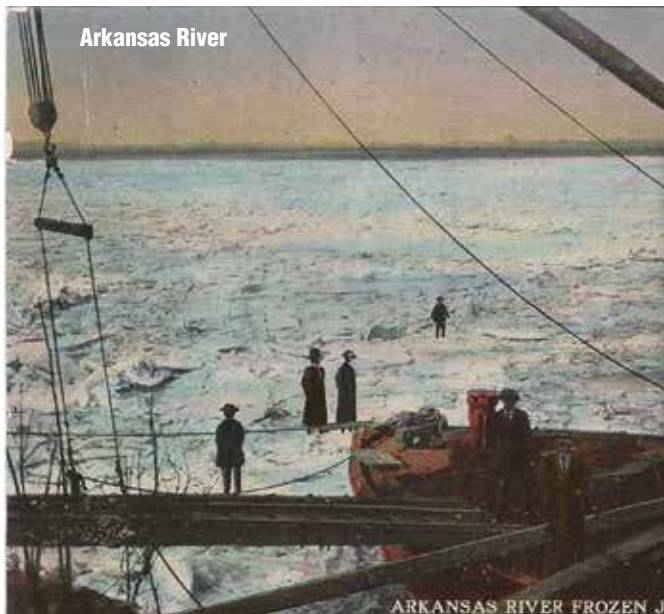
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History records the thaw. In his book, *The Civil War Quadrennium*, William O'Donnell tells the story of Union officers who sentenced a 17-year-old Confederate soldier to be hanged in January 1864. "Many hundreds of men, women and children trudged to the site from the north side of the Arkansas River, crossing on ice that had solidly covered the stream for several weeks." Yet by 1912, although a frozen Arkansas River was uncommon enough to be featured on a postcard, people could again walk across. Another freeze occurred in 1983, but the ice at Little Rock was too thin to bear even a child's weight.

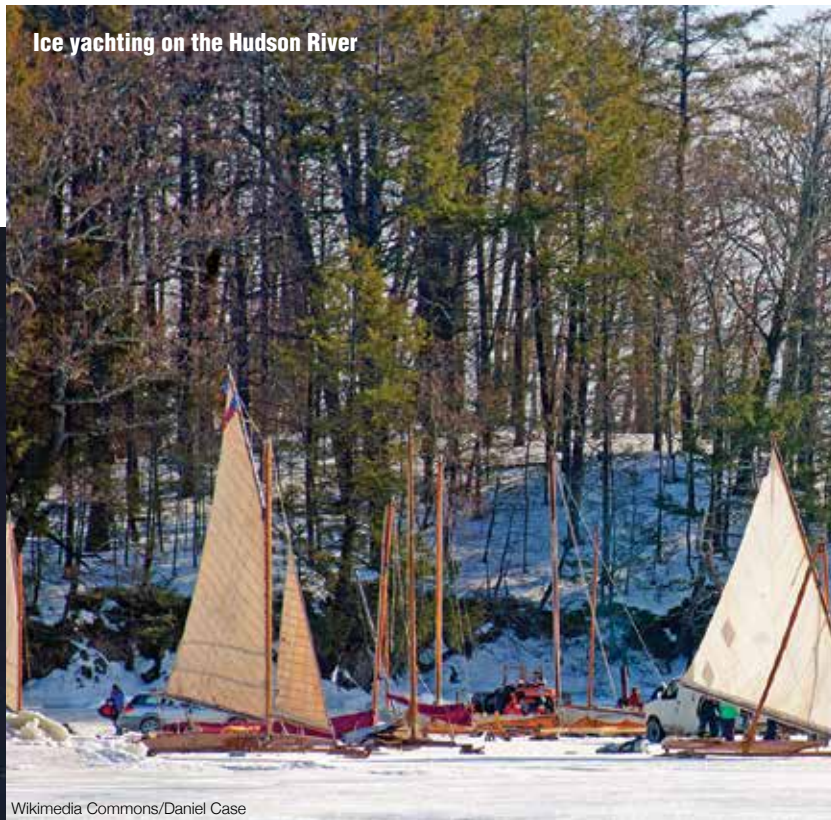
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RIVERS STILL FREEZE

Some would call us lucky to be steadily emerging from the LIA since the late 1800s. But though conditions are notably improved, lakes and rivers still freeze in winter. Take Lake Pepin, formed by a swell of the Mississippi River between Wisconsin and Minnesota. In her autobiographical *Little House on the Prairie*, Laura Ingalls Wilder records her family's trek across it in their covered wagon in 1868, as they were leaving the Badger State for Kansas.

Big River magazine calls Pepin “a hot spot for the oldest and coldest extreme sport on the Mississippi,” because iceboaters have been racing there each winter for more than a century. And it's not the only place you'll find the popular pastime — various ice-sailing associations compete in regattas throughout North America and Europe. In fact, the sport made its debut in the United States on New York's Hudson River in 1790 and is still prevalent today.



Ice yachting on the Hudson River



Iceboating in Toledo, Ohio

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

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IT'S BEEN WARMER

The slow increase in temperature since the mid-19th century is actually a rebound from the LIA minimum, which stands in stark contrast to the prosperous Medieval Warm Period (MWP). Historians date the MWP from 900 until 1300 A.D., and a recent study by scientists at China's Lanzhou University confirms that temperatures were 2.8 degrees Celsius higher than those of our day. Moreover, the preceding Roman Warm Period, nearly 2,000 years ago, experienced temperatures higher by nearly 2.9 degrees Celsius.

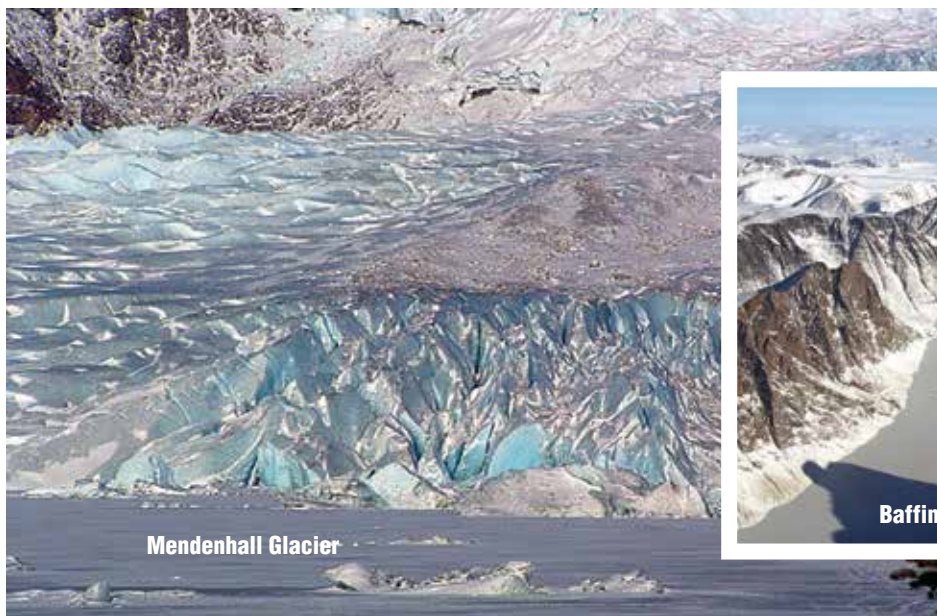
Retreating glaciers help us tell this story. Eco-alarmists howl that their disappearance poses a harbinger of worse to come, and more than a decade ago the U.S. Geological Survey's Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center warned that only 25 glaciers larger than 25 acres remained of some 150 that existed in 1910, when Glacier National Park was established. Interestingly, that's the same number still reported in 2020, when park officials had to replace all of their signs (shown on facing page) that predicted a total melt by that year.



Perhaps the greatest tell is from the receding Schnidejoch Glacier on the Austrian-Italian border. Archeologists found the remains of Oetzi the Ice Man at an altitude of 3,000 meters (1.86 miles). He lived about 3300 B.C., during a warm period known as the Holocene Optimum. Ice preserved his leather clothing for thousands of years. Subsequent excavations also revealed weapons, household items, Roman coins, and other human remains. “Researchers were excited about the relics from a time when temperatures in the Swiss Alps were up to 2 degrees over today’s, the timber line had climbed substantially, and the glacial zone began roughly 700 meters higher than it does today,” reported the German newspaper *Der Tagesspiegel* in 2003.



Meanwhile, the landscape beneath receding glaciers bears witness to a time when temperatures were much higher. “Ancient trees emerge from frozen forest ‘tomb’” reads a 2013 *Juneau Empire* headline. “The Mendenhall Glacier’s recession is unveiling the remains of ancient forests that have remained frozen beneath the ice for up to 2,350 years.” Archeologists are discovering the same in many areas — boreal forests far above the current natural tree line. Are the trees “climate deniers” too?



What of abandoned Viking settlements unearthed in Greenland beneath now-frozen tundra? In 1991, caribou hunters stumbled upon a 500-year-old farm along a riverbank in a now-uninhabited area. Excavators found the remains of trees there, too, though the region is today above the tree line. They hailed from a time when pioneers grew corn and barley in Greenland, now the world’s least densely populated country, which relies largely on food imports. Similarly, in 2015, excavators discovered a Viking outpost on Baffin Island, far north of the Arctic Circle, in a location that is currently desolate and barren.

RISING SEAS, OR GROWING SKEPTICISM?

Despite alarmist claims that global-warming-provoked sea-level rise will erase vast swaths of land from our maps, we can look about and tell that just isn't happening. However, before proceeding to our photographic evidence, it is important to note that sea level is affected by a vast array of variables, including tides, winds, currents, tectonic and seismic activity, erosion, and water temperature, to name just a few. Around the globe, sea level can "vary by up to 100 meters (328 feet)," according to the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

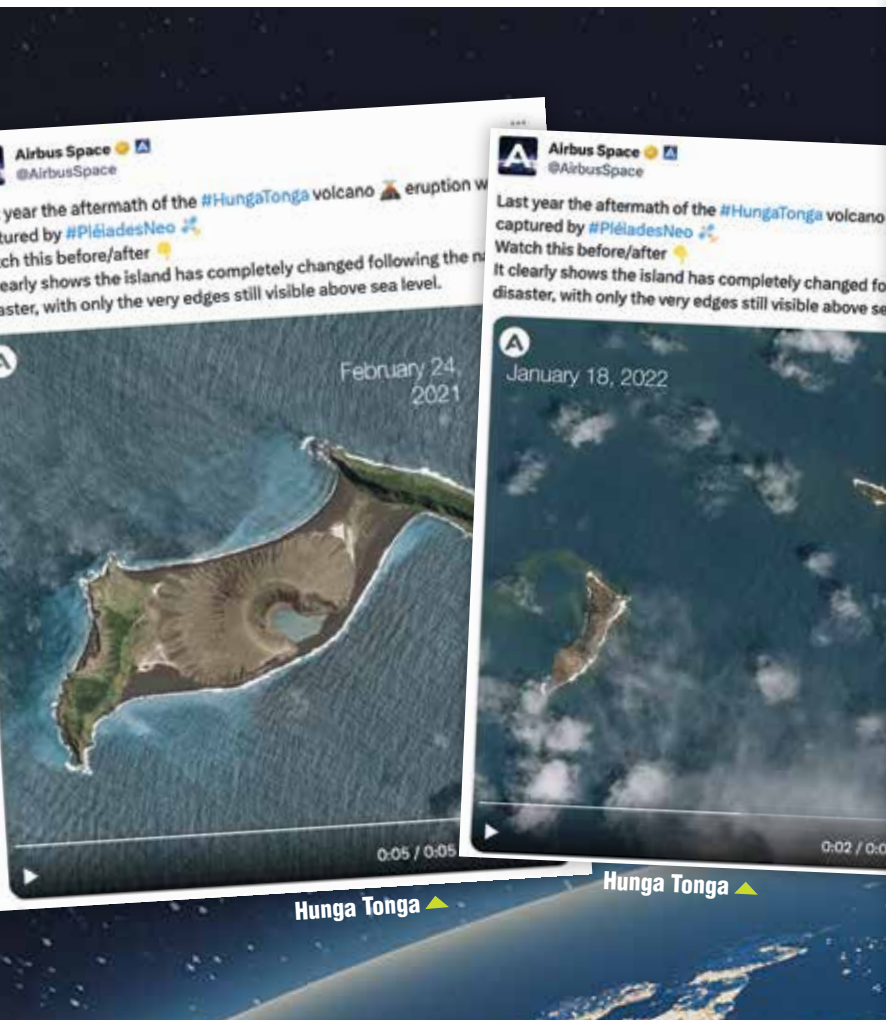
In some cases, the sea remains level while the Earth moves. For

example, a 2016 earthquake in New Zealand raised a portion of its eastern coastline by nearly five feet, as recorded by Victoria University. Prior to that extreme event, the area had been gradually sinking by a few millimeters each year, leading to an apparent — but not actual — rise in sea level.

Conversely, volcanoes can make land disappear entirely. Last year's Hunga Tonga eruption all but erased that South Pacific island.

Regardless, many areas around the globe are worth pondering before we launch into sky-is-falling mode. Consider these "then and now" pictures:

Ellis Island



Mont Saint-Michel, France

Fort Denison, Sydney, Australia



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Fort Denison, Sydney, Australia

Then & Now

Much has changed

But NOT the sea level

Wake up to the climate SCAM, LIES & MISINFORMATION



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the sea level looks the same got to ask why if the climate is growing warmer maybe climate change is a lie



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**DAILY MERCURY:
APRIL 7, 1923.**

NORTH POLE MELTING.

MANY GLACIERS VANISHED.

Is the North Pole going to melt entirely? Are the Arctic regions warming up, with the prospect of a great climatic change in that part of the world?

Science is asking these questions (says "Popular Science Siftings"). Reports from fishermen, seal hunters, and explorers who sail the seas around Spitzbergey and the eastern Arctic all point to a radical change in climatic conditions, with hitherto unheard-of high temperatures on that part of the earth's surface

We also have the benefit of past journalistic and scientific accounts refuting modern claims of cataclysm. Pictured here is a 1923 excerpt from Australia's *Daily Mercury*, which headlines that the North Pole is melting and glaciers are vanishing. It mentions Spitsbergen, an island 12 degrees south of the North Pole. The same island appeared the year before in a report by George Liff, the U.S. Commerce Department's American consul at Norway, who called the high temperatures and lack of ice "favorable conditions" and said he hoped they would continue.

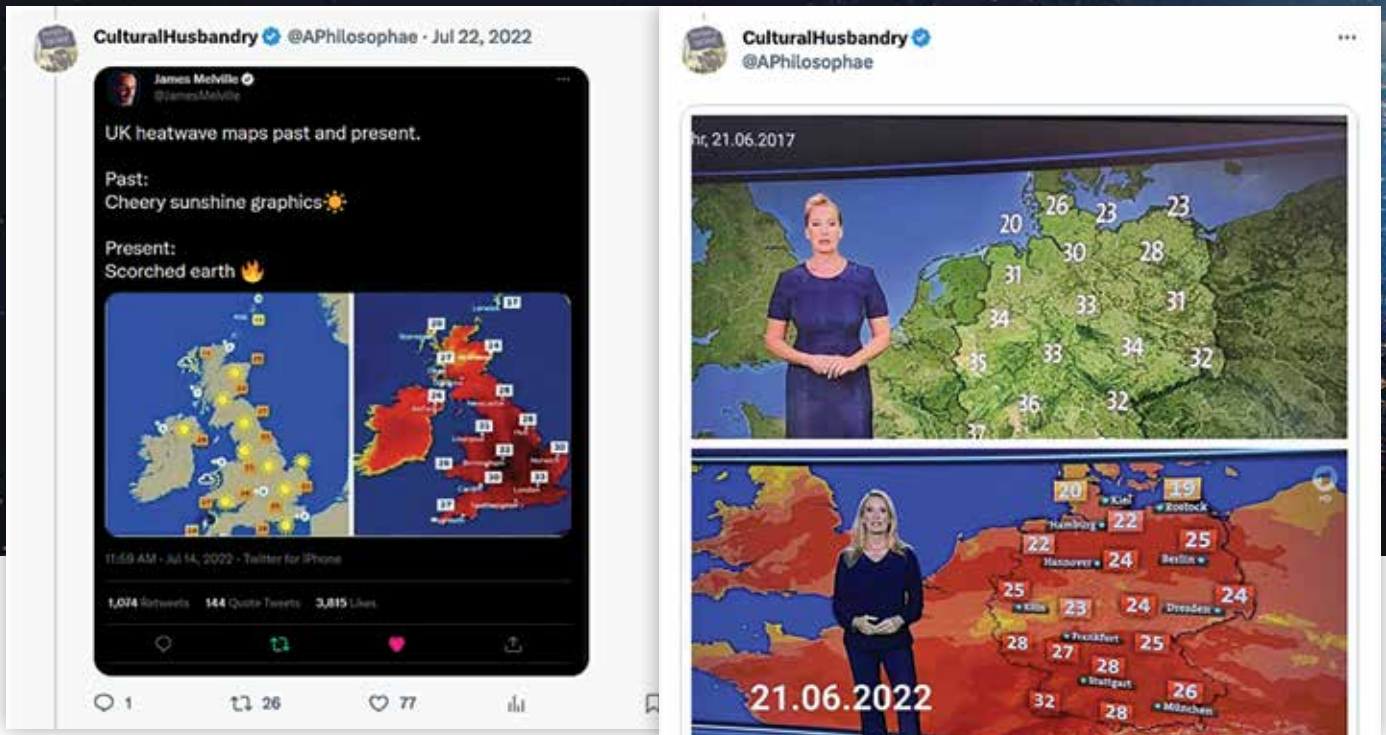
THE PSYOP

Nevertheless, eco-alarmists are bound and determined to make us think that by eating meat and driving SUVs, we are recklessly careening the globe toward fiery annihilation. Nowhere is the PSYOP more evident than in the updated color scales now used in temperature maps on the nightly news and in weather apps.

The first example below (of the U.K.) comes from Sweden. AFP Fact Check deemed “FALSE” the claim that these colors were changed to exaggerate global warming. It reported that “the first map was published in late July 2016 and the second in early

August 2021,” and that the maps were produced “by separate Swedish media organisations.” Nothing to see here, of course.

Next, we go to Germany, where this time PolitiFact justified the new colors. It agreed that the maps are correctly labeled as being from 2017 and 2022. They are both from the same media outlet, and they both display expected high temperatures. However, the “red, orange and yellow heat map was part of a change in graphic format implemented in 2020,” PolitiFact explains, concluding that there is no deceit involved. And aren’t the emperor’s new clothes lovely, PolitiFact?



CONCLUSION

Limited space prevents us from including many more examples that could otherwise be added. Some emanate from historical records, others from archaeological evidence, and a vast array from plain, old-fashioned common sense.

After all, science is still catching up with history, for there was no reliable temperature measurement system before 1714 when Daniel Fahrenheit invented the first mercury-in-glass thermom-

eter, and that did not come into general use until the late 1800s. For the next 100 years there was no uniform monitoring of the temperature of the Earth’s surface or the oceans. By 2000, only 50 percent of the globe had thermometer coverage.

So, how can we possibly know that current temperature trends are well within the bounds of natural variation? Just ask your own eyes! ■

Faith FAMILY FREEDOM



THE FINAL FLIGHT OF ED HISERODT, CONTRIBUTOR TO *THE NEW AMERICAN*

by Rebecca Terrell

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamt of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.*

*Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace,
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew;
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

— “High Flight” by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Ed Hiserodt, longtime contributor to *The New American*, “slipped the surly bonds of Earth” the morning of November 28. He was waiting for a colleague to pick him up for a business lunch later that day. The night before, he had spoken with one of his daughters about driving out for a visit to her home in Colorado. And just days earlier he had sent an email to family and friends about converging at his home in Arkansas to witness next April’s total solar eclipse.

But God had other plans, and after 84 years of (more or less) steadily beating, one of the happiest hearts to ever grace Earth suddenly stopped.

It was the same heart that, eight years before, was in jeopardy, his doctors had warned. They gave Ed between five and 10 years. Soon after that prognosis, he asked me to help write his obituary. It was a bittersweet task, because not only have we been collaborators on many articles over the past 15 years, but he has also been a dear friend and second father to me for more than 40.

He tackled the job with his characteristic optimism, and for an opening borrowed a phrase from the poem “High Flight” — the same line as that which began this tribute article. It was a favorite verse of his since he had so many times experienced the exhilaration of flying his own plane.

After recording the requisite family lineage, we composed the following:

Ed’s undying loyalty to the Crimson Tide began with his college career at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa where he joined Sigma Chi Fraternity and went on to earn a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering in 1962. After graduating and earning a private pilot’s license that year, he worked in a number of engineering capacities including as a NASA contractor on the Saturn V project in Huntsville from 1962



Ed
Hiserodt

Courtesy of the Hiserodt family



until 1966, and as an electrical manufacturer's representative for Ransom Sales in Memphis. In 1970 he moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, and in 1983 founded Controls & Power, an engineering representative firm for electrical control manufacturers, of which he was president for the remainder of his life. Ed prided himself on

achieving his bucket list items of owning his own plane and making a hole-in-one. But he never got around to climbing Mount Everest. (Too much trouble.)

Passion for liberty was his *raison d'être*, and he lived a life supporting those causes that restore and safeguard the freedoms we inherited from those who died to ensure we would have them. A life member of The John Birch Society and former chairman of the American Conservative Union, his special interest rested in promoting nuclear energy and exposing the myth of so-called "renewables." As such, he was a member of Scientists for Accurate Radiation Information and Environmentalists for Nuclear Power. A longtime contributor to *The New American* magazine on science and energy issues, in 2005, he penned his magnum opus, *UnderExposed: What If Radiation Is Actually Good for You?*, currently in its second printing of the English edition and which has also been translated into Dutch and French.

Neither of us was completely satisfied with the result. There was too much we had to omit for the sake of brevity. But we cut it short, leaving space for visitation and funeral information. When finished, he smiled. "It's been a wonderful ride!" he said, with a shake of his head and a twinkle in his eye.

It was a humble understatement. What the obituary couldn't possibly convey was how much his children and grandchildren adore him. Nor did it mention his affinity for good music. The line about Mount Everest only hinted at his madcap sense of humor. Known among industry colleagues as Mr. Wizard (a fact his family learned only after his passing), his personal humility would never have allowed remarks of his engineering prowess and uncanny ability to frame complex scientific concepts in accurate yet understandable terms.

But these characteristics revealed themselves in spades when notice of Ed's death reached those lucky enough to have known



him. Here is a small sampling of their comments:

- "Thank you, Ed, for everything you did for a better world, and to support the many benefits of radiation and clean nuclear energy. We won't forget you."

- "Your book, *Underexposed*, opened the eyes of many about the health benefits of radiation. Environmentalists for Nuclear Energy will remember you and continue to promote your work."

- "Ed's book became a standard for public education in the English, Dutch and French-speaking worlds. I encourage everyone to read it for understanding of important science and in memory of an outstanding husband, father, educator and engineer."

- "I will always remember Mr. Ed as a person who was young at heart and enjoyed life! Who else has disco balls and a DJ at their 80th birthday?!"

- "What made Ed a genius was his intellect combined with his love of reading, learning, mentoring, and meeting a challenge, gathering friends and like-minded colleagues along the way."

- "His pioneering activity in variable frequency drives opened the development of lakeside property and other problem areas of sewage collection across the U.S. and the world."

- "Only Ed (in bermuda shorts) would be in Minnesota during a winter storm working on a pump with the electric crew. They managed to get it up and running, maybe with a little frostbite."

- "I will always have such fond memories of Mr. Wizard. He was a kind man who always took time to mentor and explain sometimes complicated things in layman's terms. He truly was a genius, but he was always humble — a rare combination."

- "Sitting in front of a control panel in a manufacturer's facility, in a muddy jobsite, in a 100-degree pump room, he was always teaching. Any interested person became his 'student,' and they will never forget Ed and the profound effect he had on their lives."

Many more tributes could be added to these, yet even all together they could not honestly do him justice. As for my own contribution, all I can say is that no one could ever possibly replace him. It is my prayer that in his own, final "high flight," not only has he truly "touched the face of God," but he lives forever in that Beatific Vision.

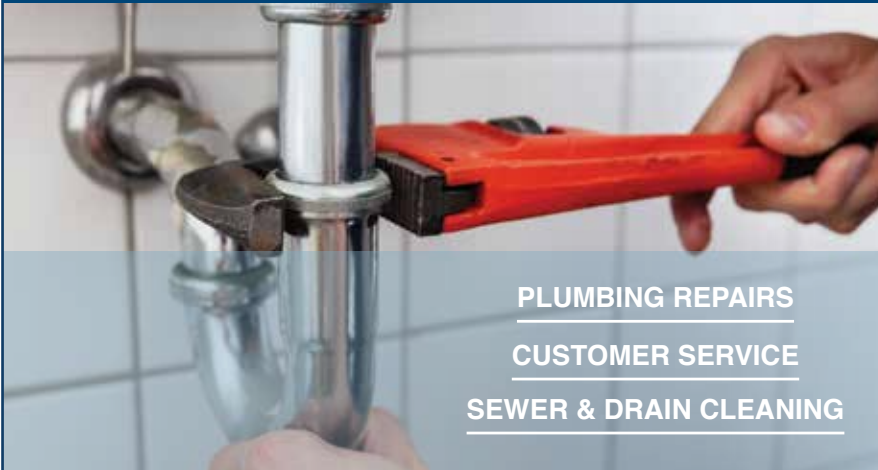
Farewell, my beloved friend, until we meet again. ■



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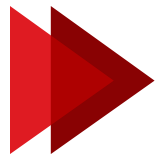
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Want to Protect America? Get US Out of the United Nations!



by William S. Hahn,
CEO of The John Birch Society

The *New American* magazine is worth so much more than its cover price. What other news organization do you know of that attended COP28 to deliver to you the truth behind the climate agenda, investing precious resources to fly a team of three halfway around the world?

Were there no other media outlets attending COP28 that saw the climate alarmism for what it was and were willing to expose the sham?

You might be surprised to learn that *The New American* was the only accredited media organization exposing the truth about the “climate” agenda from Dubai — and that among the accredited NGOs the only truth-teller we are aware of was Climate Depot. At COP28, *The New American* stood alone among thousands of reporters by asking the tough, but fair, questions of key officials, including a U.S. Senate delegation that included Lisa Murkowski, a Republican from Alaska who supports much of this agenda — even though her constituents are highly dependent on the petroleum industry. (Her lifetime Freedom Index score of 45 percent indicates her level of commitment to the Constitution.)

While the rest of the media attendees touted the globalist narrative of a landmark deal to transition away from fossil fuels, *The New American* reported the truth about this. Only Western countries are expected to move forward with deindustrializing and transferring mountains of wealth in the form of climate reparations to developing countries under the guiding hand of the United Nations.

Let’s not forget that one of the principles of the American Republic is that the most responsive and responsible government is that which is closest to the people. Given the track record of the UN, how far would you trust global government? Wouldn’t we be better off preserving our Republic and restoring freedom and independence instead of ceding any sovereignty to this anti-American organization?

At the founding meeting of The John Birch Society in 1958,



Robert Welch pointed out that the UN is the main international organization siphoning sovereignty from the United States.

Fast forward to today and see the fruits of the UN’s labor. Its Agenda 21 and 2030 projects have reached across the globe to land directly in many of the small communities in America — some landing directly on the doorsteps of landowners in many Plains and Midwestern states. The plight of farmers, ranchers, and other landowners has been chronicled in these very pages. With their property threatened by eminent domain, these hardworking Americans

are being attacked by companies that are given federal tax dollars and working under the guise of battling climate change with such gimmicks as carbon capture, which needs physical pipelines to crisscross the countryside to get its product to market — a market that would not exist if Congress would not have offered subsidies.

This agenda must be stopped. Local communities need to become informed of the threats and know how to stop them. The John Birch Society is well equipped to lead this charge, and has been doing so since 1958. Staff and members are the “boots on the ground” educational army that has been helping everyday Americans protect their God-given rights from tyranny. In 2023, we helped protect property from these UN Agenda 2030 land grabs in several states.

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