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Behind the Climate-change Agenda

It was in the summer of 1992 that a motley assortment of leftist politicians, New Age mystics, and activists from environmentalist NGOs came together in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for what was billed as the “Earth Summit.” The event attracted a veritable Who’s Who of internationalist elites, including Canadian billionaire Maurice Strong and a delegation of U.S. senators of both parties, led by John Kerry and soon-to-be vice president Al Gore. At the time, the Rio gathering attracted as much attention for the bizarre antics of the fringier New Age elements in attendance as for its actual stated aims. But Strong, Gore, and company were completely serious then, and the progress the globalist environmental movement has made in the three decades since speaks volumes about their true intentions.

The original Earth Summit has given way to a series of glitzy annual UN-sponsored events known as United Nations Climate Change Conferences, the most recent of which was held in November 2022 at Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Like the Rio event, each of these conferences is designed to serve a specific purpose: using the supposed global environmental catastrophe as a pretext for creating world government.

While this may seem hyperbolic, consider the success that the globalists have had in reaching their goals. In 1992, Al Gore wanted what he called a “Marshall Plan for the environment,” an international program that — like its post-World War II namesake — would transfer an immense amount of wealth from rich to poor countries. But while the original Marshall Plan was carried out in the name of rebuilding economies shattered by war, Gore wanted a permanent heavy transfer of foreign aid from developed to underdeveloped countries in the name of the global environment. Fast-forward to the 2022 climate conference, known informally as COP27, and *voilà!* We have just witnessed the creation of a permanent system of so-called loss and damage payments, a plan to coerce rich countries into donating hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars to poor nations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America as reparations for the damage allegedly done to the climate by industrialization. As we are all sick of hearing, climate change supposedly is created by all of the awful technologies that we used to believe had improved our standard of living. It turns out that fossil fuels must be banned, factories shuttered, and carbon footprints erased in order to return to the agrarian bliss that our pre-industrial ancestors enjoyed for the duration of their 30-year average lifespans.

Along the way from Rio 1992 to Sharm El Sheikh 2022, we have seen the implementation of many of the goals of the original United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change signed at Rio. First came the Kyoto Protocol in 1997, which was superseded by the Paris Agreement in 2016. Each of these agreements promulgated more and more “soft laws” committing signatories to — among other things — drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions by a target date. The overall goal of this entire movement is to bring human technological progress to a screeching halt by creating an international regime that will literally make industrialization and the use of most natural resources illegal.

And now Americans are experiencing the fruits of this Utopian project firsthand, thanks to a Biden administration that is completely aligned with the goals of these radicals. All of Biden’s seemingly irrational decisions to shut down pipelines and drilling and to impose massive new burdens on the entire energy industry, even in a time of high inflation and acute shortages, are in fact efforts to comply with the international climate regime, no matter what it costs ordinary Americans.

In this issue, our writers — one of whom attended COP27 — expose the dangerous reality of growing



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global tyranny in the name of climate control, including an insidious drive to dilute and eventually replace Christian beliefs with New Age enviro-paganism. It is time for Americans to awaken to the danger of this treacherous movement and elect leaders who will throw off the shackles being forged for our country in the name of saving the planet.



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