



Correction, Please!

Bill Gates: World's Richest Capitalist, Globalist, Socialist



Bill Gates

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Item: The Atlantic magazine for November 2015 features a much-quoted interview with Microsoft founder Bill Gates, the world's richest man, focusing on the supposed "crisis" of global warming and the incessantly repeated claim that hydrocarbon fuel use must be drastically curtailed, if not eliminated. Entitled "We Need an Energy Miracle," the article's subtitle informs us that "Bill Gates has committed his fortune to moving the world beyond fossil fuels and mitigating climate change."

Among other things, Gates advocates global taxes on fossil fuels and massive increases in government spending for research and development in the energy sector. He advocates a push-pull strategy for central planning by government — guided by experts, such as himself. "The push is the R&D," Gates told Atlantic president and editor-in-chief James Bennet during the interview. "The pull is the carbon tax." The high-tech mogul, who has more faith in government than the free market, says: "Yes, the government will be somewhat inept — but the private sector is in general inept."

Correction: Like any other private citizen, Bill Gates should be free to spend his money as he sees fit. However, his recent headline grabbing and his popularity with the coercive utopians of the Left are the result of his ebullient support for spending *other people's money* to further his globalist green agenda. And that agenda just happens to coincide with the United Nations' plan for a new socialist order for the planet. The fact that he is a super-wealthy techno-geek does not make him an oracle on issues related to either economics or science.

"I'd say the overall record for the United States on government R&D is very, very good," Gates declares. Really? Well, according to a comprehensive 2007 study by the U.S. government's own Department of Labor (*R&D and Productivity Growth: A Review of the Literature*), "High returns accrue *only* to privately financed R&D. [Emphasis in original.] Many elements of university and government research have very low returns, overwhelmingly contribute to economic growth only indirectly, if at all, and do not belong in investment." In fact, says the report, "Returns to many forms of publicly financed R&D are near zero."



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Jacob Bronowski, the British mathematician, historian of science, and BBC presenter, once said, “No science is immune to the infection of politics and the corruption of power.” So-called climate science has proven this to be true — in spades. *Climate Money*, a report by the Science & Public Policy Institute, found that between 1989 and 2009 the U.S. government alone had spent over \$79 billion on climate change. It cites many examples of corruption and political “infection.” However, the UN and its supporters (such as Gates) want us to spend *trillions* on a “crisis” that the best non-corrupted science says doesn’t exist.

As “the world’s richest man,” with a net worth (estimated by *Forbes* this year) of \$79.5 billion, the tech titan has ample lucre to fund virtually any hobby horse he wishes. But like many of his mega-rich confreres who are obsessed with remaking the world, he seeks to use government force, i.e., the state’s taxing authority, to compel all humanity to adopt — and pay for — his grand vision.

The recent *Atlantic* interview was not Gates’ maiden voyage on the global-warming propaganda barge. He has been sailing these waters for a number of years, and pouring huge amounts of money into related enviro-activist and population control ventures, including programs that support and provide abortions. As we reported in *The New American* back in 2009 (and several times since), Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda, are members of the secret group known as “The Good Club,” a cabal of top billionaires obsessed with population control. The U.S. media have obligingly censored any mention of the group; its existence was leaked by the *The Times* of London. “Some of America’s leading billionaires have met secretly to consider how their wealth could be used to slow the growth of the world’s population,” the *Times* story of May 24, 2009 (“Billionaire club in bid to curb overpopulation”) reported. The “philanthropist” summit was “convened on the initiative of Bill Gates” and “discussed joining forces to overcome political and religious obstacles to change.” Besides Bill and Melinda Gates, the billionaire Good Club confab included David Rockefeller, George Soros, Ted Turner, Michael Bloomberg, Warren Buffett, Oprah Winfrey, and Sir Paul Nurse, the president of Rockefeller University.

We would be foolish indeed to look to Gates and his “Good Club” of billionaire statisticians for miracles or fixes for any crises, whether real or fanciful.



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