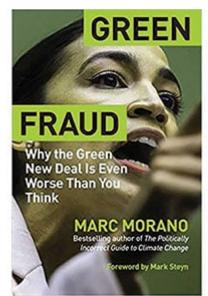


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Green New Deal or Green Fraud?

Green Fraud: Why the Green New Deal Is Even Worse Than You Think, by Marc Morano, Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2021, 256 pages, hardcover.





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In the world of the climate alarmists, few names are more disdained than Marc Morano.

Climatologist Michael Mann, creator of the discredited "hockey stick" graph that featured prominently in Al Gore's science-fiction film *An Inconvenient Truth*, has called Morano a "professional climate smearmonger."

George Soros-funded Media Matters has branded Morano "the most notorious climate denier in the U.S." Former CNN producer and now editor for climate-alarmist website The Daily Climate Peter Dykstra has referred to Morano as "the P.T. Barnum of climate denial."

Clearly, Morano has the climate hysterics spooked. That makes him someone whom those of us interested in the truth about global warming and its rebranding as "climate change" should be listening to.

Morano's newest book, *Green Fraud: Why the Green New Deal Is Even Worse Than You Think*, is a complete takedown of the so-called Green New Deal, exposing it for the complete lie that it is.

Morano's style of accessible prose combined with an extremely organized narrative is the antithesis of the way climate alarmists work. While the climatistas use confusing scientific language combined with over-the-top fearmongering in order to get the masses to throw up their hands and beg to be saved, Morano refutes the madness with cold, hard logic laid out in easy-to-access sections.

Want to know the similarities and differences between the "Green New Deal" and its namesake, the original New Deal of the 1930s? Morano covers it in Chapter 1. Want to know why the so-called solutions to climate change are just repackaged leftist ideology? Check out Chapter 6. Want to understand how the climate-alarmist movement is using the COVID-19 pandemic to further its own agenda? Check out Chapter 14.





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Many people believe that the Green New Deal first appeared in 2018 with the election of Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) to Congress. Seemingly out of nowhere, the former bartender rose to prominence by claiming that the United States needed a new plan, equivalent in scope to fighting World War II, to battle the invisible hobgoblin known as climate change.

But Morano reveals what readers of The New American have known all along: Far from an idealized vision of a socialist future imagined by Ocasio-Cortez, the Green New Deal has been in the works for decades.

Morano writes:

The Green New Deal is the ultimate culmination of decades of environmental activism seeking societal change through "solutions" to environmental problems. A long history of eco-scares — overpopulation, deforestation, the hole in the ozone layer, the depletion of natural resources, and so forth finally led to "global warming," "climate change." And the environmental activists are all in on climate change.

The ideological seeds of the Green New Deal, Morano argues, go as far back as Karl Marx himself, as the father of communism always thought that environmentalism could be an effective tool to push his anti-capitalist ideas.

But closer to this point in time, Morano argues, the Green New Deal also has roots in — surprise! — the United Nations.

"A very likely source for the Green New Deal is the UN Agenda 21 (later updated by the UN in 2015 to Agenda 2030)."

Morano's book shows that the ends of the Green New Deal and the UN's Agenda 21/2030 are virtually identical — and both plans are less about global warming than you might think. While the UN documents call for "a profound reorientation of all human society," Ocasio-Cortez has admitted that the Green New Deal can be used, in her own words, "as the vehicle to truly deliver and establish economic, social and racial justice in the United States of America."

That must be one heck of a climate-change policy.

The term Green New Deal was used in 2006 by the European Greens and by *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman in 2007. Michael Shellenberger, an environmentalist who has recently earned the ire of the climatistas for disagreeing with them on key issues such as nuclear power (Shellenberger is for it), recalled that he had co-developed an earlier version of the Green New Deal as early as 2003.

So, truth be told, the Green New Deal is neither new nor green. It's yet another restatement of globalist goals to restructure society.

In Chapter 6, Morano illustrates how many of the "solutions" that climate alarmists offer in the Green New Deal are essentially identical to those that they've offered for global scares of the past. Whether it be overpopulation, deforestation in the Amazon, nuclear annihilation, or the hole in the ozone layer, the answer is always the same — population control, economic restructuring, wealth redistribution, and limiting national sovereignty.

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The Green New Deal is essentially the environmental Left's wish list for the last forty years, all thrown into one package. They don't want to debate it on the climate merits or the economics. The public is being told we need to adopt all of these radical proposals — from banning meat to limiting airline travel to eliminating the internal combustion engine — to save us from an alleged climate emergency. We are not even told why we should expect better weather if we actually pass the Green New Deal.

Which is completely true. If the world simply rolled over and conceded that the climate alarmists are correct and gave them everything they want, should we expect no hurricanes, or at least hurricanes that aren't as strong? Should we expect Arctic sea ice to quickly rebound so that the polar-bear population can rebound?

Morano also exposes the obvious link between today's climate-change movement and the Malthusian principle that, more or less, blames mankind for all of the world's ills.

Morano quotes climate activist turned climate-apocalypse doubter Shellenberger: "Rich-world scientists in the grip of a dystopian Malthusian vision have, for 40 years, manipulated public fears of the bomb and 'overpopulation' to promote low-energy, anti-nuclear policies in the name of peace, prosperity and the environment."

One of the more disturbing chapters in the book is Chapter 12, which deals with how the climatechange movement exploits children for its nefarious ends.

Morano writes:

Having failed to convince adults to take "climate action," the climate movement can now use their kids to browbeat society into a Green New Deal. The climate establishment's longtime indoctrination of schoolkids is paying off. These kids have been terrorized with climate doomsday nonsense since kindergarten, and now they're being encouraged to skip school to urge "solutions" for supposed climate change.

Morano writes about the sad case of Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg, who first left school at age 15 in order to stand outside the Swedish Parliament to hold up signs urging government action on climate change.

The author details Thunberg's meteoric rise from high-school dropout to *Time* magazine's "Person of the Year" in 2019. The worst part of the Greta phenomenon is how her uninformed message of climate panic has impacted the young people of the world — with the obvious assistance of schools globally promoting the message of "climate emergency" to children, without the other side even being addressed and with fossil fuels being demonized instead of being lauded for their role in making the world a far better place.

"In reality, fossil fuels save and extend human lives. Oil and gas have created a system that maximizes human achievement and environmental improvement," Morano points out.

Interspersed throughout the narrative are quotes and anecdotes that Morano uses to further make his point that the climate-change movement is more political than scientific; more fearmongering and prevarication than reliance on reason or scientific fact.





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Morano approaches climate change from the perspective of a political operative rather than as a contrarian scientist, which makes sense since his expertise lies in politics.

Scientists such as Richard Lindzen, William Happer, Nils-Axel Mörner, and other climate realists are vital to the fight against the Malthusian climate-change movement, but at its core the movement is political in nature. Morano demonstrates exactly how to fight political lies — with political savvy and heavy doses of truth.







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