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Inside Track

UN: “It’s Now or Never” to Act on Climate Change



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The United Nations — that supranational organization that claims it has humanity’s well-being ever in its foremost thoughts — is again pushing hyperbolic propaganda claiming that the world is in serious trouble due to the bogeyman that is man-made climate change.

This time, scientists with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) are saying that we must stop greenhouse gases from rising any further by 2025 to have any hope of keeping global temperature increase at 1.5° Celsius or less, which they believe might stave off the worst effects of global warming.

Working Group 3’s addition to the UN’s Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) was released on April 4 and, if you believe it, the news is rather dire. Part one of the report was released last August, and part two was released early in March of this year.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres accused politicians and businesses across the world of “lying” about their promises on climate change.

Guterres lamented coming disasters such as sea-level rise, more and deadlier storms, water shortages, and “the extinction of a million species of plants and animals.”

“This is not fiction or exaggeration, it is what science tells us will result from our current energy policies,” Guterres warned.

“Some governments and business leaders are saying one thing but doing another; simply put, they are lying,” the secretary-general said bluntly.

“We are at a crossroads. The decisions we make now can secure a liveable future. We have the tools and know-how required to limit warming,” said IPCC Chair Hoesung Lee from South Korea.

“Humans have less than three years to halt the rise of planet-warming carbon emissions and less than a decade to slash them by nearly half,” the report claims.

“It’s now or never, if we want to limit global warming to 1.5C,” said Jim Skea, co-chair of Working



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Group 3, which compiled the report.

Marc Morano of Climate Depot had a ready and quick answer to Skea's claim: "'Now or Never' again?! Easy choice, NEVER!" Morano wrote.

By James Murphy

States With Fewer Covid Restrictions Handled Pandemic Best



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As the country enters its third year of the Covid pandemic and states and localities continue to impose and reimpose restrictive policies and mandates, a new comprehensive study released April 11 by the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Committee to Unleash Prosperity found that such measures harmed the economy and education while failing to achieve their stated goal of preventing Covid deaths.

Performing the worst and receiving an "F-" or "F" score were New Jersey, Washington, D.C., New York, New Mexico, California, and Illinois. All of these are governed by Democrats and have imposed some of the harshest Covid restrictions in the nation.

Maryland, Nevada, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Hawaii, Delaware, Arizona, Virginia, Colorado, Oklahoma, Alaska, Ohio, and Wisconsin performed a bit better, but still unsatisfactorily. Those predominantly Democrat-run states got a "D" score from the researchers.

The next category of states, receiving a "C" score, included Oregon, Louisiana, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Washington, Wyoming, Alabama, and Georgia.

A "B" grade was given to Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, West Virginia, North Dakota, North Carolina, South Carolina, Iowa, and Idaho, which remained largely open and saw little to no restrictions.

Arkansas, Maine, New Hampshire, Florida, South Dakota, Montana, Vermont, Nebraska, and Utah all received an "A" or "A+."

Commenting on the findings, the researchers said, "The states that locked down their economies have had unemployment rates on average about two percentage points higher than states that did not engage in severe lockdowns.... Most lockdown states have still not fully recovered the jobs lost in the early months of Covid."



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As for school closures, the paper stated that the measure “may ultimately prove to be the most costly policy decision of the pandemic era in both economic and mortality terms.”

The study noted that there “is no clear pattern in which states had high and low mortality, although we note one major study from Rand Corporation researchers found that lockdowns increased all-cause mortality to a statistically significant extent.”

By Veronika Kyrylenko

Feds Fine Wind-farm Company Millions for Killing Eagles



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First “green” energy endeavors threatened the North Maine Woods and a pre-Columbian forest in Germany. Now comes news that wind-power turbines have been killing scores of bald eagles, along with the more-threatened golden eagle. The federal government has fined a company implicated in this. Yet critics may wonder: Shouldn’t the feds expect an avian body count when encouraging wind power, as it’s well known that those unsightly wind turbine blades kill birds?

The kicker: One of the government’s gripes is that the company, ESI Energy, is “taking eagles without obtaining or even seeking the necessary permit,” as if this makes a bird less dead or a species less endangered and should apply to unintentional killings.

As Business Insider reported April 7, “A renewable energy company was given five-year probation and ordered to pay more than \$8 million in fines after the deaths of 150 bald and golden eagles on their wind turbines. NextEra Energy subsidiary ESI Energy pleaded guilty to violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, per a press release from the Department of Justice.... The company pleaded guilty to three specific deaths, which prompted the fines, per the DOJ. As part of the case it also acknowledged the deaths of more than 150 eagles at the company’s wind farms in Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, North Dakota and Michigan, and other states. Prosecutors said the eagles died over a period beginning in 2012, and that 136 of them were killed being struck by a turbine blade.”

ABC News noted April 6 that “NextEra spokesperson Steven Stengel said the company didn’t seek permits because it believes the law didn’t require them for unintentional bird deaths.”

ABC calculated in 2021 that wind farms kill more than half a million birds yearly. In contrast, wrote



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CNSNews' Hans Bader April 7 while trumpeting a more efficient energy source, "nuclear power plants don't kill birds."

This gets at the larger issue of why we have wind power at all: "woke" priorities and government subsidies.

By Selwyn Duke

Biden Admin Hands Smartphones to Illegal Immigrants



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The White House confirmed April 6 that the Biden administration is giving smartphones to illegal immigrants who cross the southern border in order to "check in" with them, track them while they're in the United States, and make sure they attend their immigration hearings.

Asked by Fox News reporter Peter Doocy at an April 6 press briefing how handing out the smartphones would deter more illegal immigrants from coming to America, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki said "we need to take steps to ensure that we know where individuals are and we can track — and we can check in with them."

Psaki went on to state that instead of keeping the border-crossers detained, the administration is using "three unique forms of technology to monitor participants enrolled in the program."

The first of them is telephonic, which uses an immigrant's voice "to create a biometric voice print during the enrollment process. And when the participant has a check-in call, their voice is compared to the voice print," said Psaki.

Another tracking technology is an app called SmartLink, continued Psaki. That app enables monitoring of the participant via smartphone or tablet, using facial-recognition technology to establish and verify his or her identity.

According to a [gadget360.com](#) report from March 10, 2022, more than 125,000 border-crossers have SmartLink installed on their phones, up from around 5,000 less than three years ago.

The third tracking technology is the Global Positioning System (GPS), which utilizes an ankle bracelet to monitor the location and movement history of illegal immigrants awaiting trial.



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According to numbers given by the Department of Homeland Security in January to Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), 47,705 of the more than 100,000 illegals who were released from Border Patrol custody at the southern border in 2021 between March 21 and August 31 and instructed to self-report to Immigration and Customs Enforcement within 60 days have failed to check in.

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