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Inside Track

UN: Ukraine War a “Blessing” for Climate



Petteri Taalas (wikipedia/ ITU Pictures)

The head of the UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Petteri Taalas, said the Ukraine War “may be seen as a blessing” as far as climate change is concerned, AP reported October 11. According to Taalas, the crippling energy shortage that threatens millions of Europeans this coming winter will cause nations to more quickly turn to “renewable energies” such as solar, wind, and hydrothermal.

“From the five- to 10-year timescale, it’s clear that this war in Ukraine will speed up our consumption of fossil energy, and it’s speeding up this green transition,” Taalas said. “So we are going to invest much more in renewable energy, energy-saving solutions.... So from [a] climate perspective, the war in Ukraine may be seen as a blessing,” he concluded.

Climate Depot’s Marc Morano said that Taalas’ statement essentially makes Vladimir Putin a climate-change hero. “So the head of the UN’s World Meteorological Org. said the quiet part out loud — that he believes Russia’s invasion of Ukraine is helping save the Planet! Putin is the UN’s new Climate Hero,” he pointed out October 11.

Taalas made his remarks while promoting the WMO’s most recent State of Climate Services report. The report is full of typical UN climate scare tactics such as warnings about “more frequent or intense extreme weather, water and climate events.”

So, the Ukraine War is a net “good,” at least as far as the climatistas are concerned. While admitting that the war and the associated energy crisis were a “shock for the European energy sector,” even leading some nations — notably Germany — to return to fossil fuels such as the much-vilified coal for the short term, Taalas pointed out it may spur a quicker transition to unreliable sources of energy.

“Time is not on our side and our climate is changing before our eyes. Sustainable energy security and reaching net zero by 2050 will mean a complete transformation of the global energy system,” he said.

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French Politician: Macron Never Got Covid Vaccine



Emmanuel Macron (AP Images)

A former French presidential candidate and former member of France's National Assembly is claiming that President Emmanuel Macron, who stated in January that he "really [wanted] to p*ss off" the unvaccinated people of the nation, is not, himself, vaccinated against Covid-19. Jean Lassalle of France's Resistance Party made the remarks in an interview with broadcaster NTD on October 10.

Lassalle claimed that "most" members of the French government were also unvaccinated.

Lassalle, who ran for the presidency in 2017 and 2022, served in the National Assembly for the Pyrénées-Atlantiques department from 2002 until this year. He chose not to defend his seat in 2022.

He claims he experienced serious health problems possibly associated with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Lassalle explained why he took the jab: "Because I was an MP and I didn't want to give the feeling that I wasn't doing my job. But I did not know that Emmanuel Macron was not vaccinated."

"I did not know that most of the government members were not, and I did not know that many of my fellow MPs were not either. I wanted to set an example," he continued.

Lassalle blamed Macron and former U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson for strongly suggesting — some might say pressuring — that everyone take the experimental shots. "This was the time when Mr. Macron, Boris Johnson and all the others ... encouraged everyone to get vaccinated," he pointed out.

The French politician discussed his health struggles that he believes are associated with the vaccine. "I got the Johnson vaccine that almost killed me, that warped my heart. I have had four surgeries since January 3rd of this year," he said. "And then there, it is in the Ambroise Paré clinic that the surgeon who trained with another one in the besides, succeeded in putting my auricles in place, except to make them function normally. Otherwise, I would certainly be dead."

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Med Students Pledge to Honor “Indigenous Ways of Healing”



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Some medical students are now taking an oath to “honor all Indigenous ways of healing historically marginalized by Western medicine” and fight “white supremacy, colonialism, the gender binary, ableism and all forms of oppression.” Worse still, the oath was apparently formulated by medical students themselves.

The pledge was made by incoming medical students at the University of Minnesota (UM) and “was led by Dr. Robert Englander, the associate dean for undergraduate education, at the school’s white coat ceremony,” reported the *Daily Mail* on October 13.

Rebel News adds detail, writing October 10, “The document first begins with a land acknowledgment requiring students to recognize that the school is located on Dakota land. “Today, many Indigenous people from throughout the state, including Dakota, and Ojibwe (ooh-jib-way), called the Twin Cities home; we also recognize this acknowledgment is not enough.”

The pledge then continued, as presented by Rebel News, thus: “We recognize inequities built by past and present traumas rooted in white supremacy, colonialism, the gender binary, ableism, and all forms of oppression.... As we enter this profession with opportunities for growth, we commit to promoting a culture of anti-racism, listening, and amplifying voices for positive change. We pledge to honor all Indigenous ways of healing that have been historically marginalized by Western medicine. Knowing that health is intimately connected to our environment, we commit to healing our planet and communities.”

But if Englander really is suggesting that “shamanism and Western science are equally valid medical practices,” as renowned critical race theory opponent Christopher Rufo puts it, then here are some ideas for him. The Iroquois, for example, “wore menacing masks to scare off evil spirits, which they attributed [sic] with poor health,” writes *Health & Fitness History*. “Rhythmic drums, rattles, and other music with ritualistic dances would be used in an attempt to exorcise demons.... Some tribes would engage in a ritualistic smoking of tobacco in an effort to cleanse themselves.”

— Selwyn Duke



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Chicago's Rising Crime Continues to Drive Big Companies Away



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Even though, officially, Tyson Foods' surprise announcement on October 5 that it was moving from Chicago to Arkansas had to do with something called "unlocking greater opportunities to share perspectives" among its key people, most observers know the real reason: those key people working in Chicago don't want to get mugged or carjacked on their way to work.

Said Tyson CEO Donnie King: "Bringing our talented corporate team members and businesses together under one roof unlocks greater opportunities to share perspectives and ideas, while also enabling us to act quickly to solve problems and provide the innovative products and solutions that our customers deserve and value."

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot's "progressive" policies such as ending cash bail and defunding the Chicago Police Department (CPD) have allowed crime to explode. According to the latest statistics from the CPD, crime surged to heights not seen in decades, both in 2021 and thus far in 2022.

Murders are up 32 percent since 2019, violent crime is up 37 percent, and common low-level theft (property, vehicles, etc.) is up an astonishing 61 percent.

Chicago's homeless camps and open-air drug markets remind one of San Francisco, which Neighborhood Scout rates as a 4 out of 100 of the safest cities in the nation. Chicago rates a 10.

Tyson's departure follows that of the city's richest man, Ken Griffin, and his companies. Griffin owns 80 percent of Citadel LLC, a multinational hedge fund, and all of Citadel Securities, one of the largest market makers in the country.

Tyson is following the lead of Boeing, which has been a corporate resident of Chicago's Deerfield suburb for three decades, and Caterpillar. Each is moving to a safer locale: Arlington, Virginia, and Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, respectively.

— Bob Adelman



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