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Inside Track

South Pole Temps Refuse to Cooperate With Global-warming Hysteria



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Since daily record-keeping began at the South Pole in 1957, three recent November days broke record minimum temperatures in the land of snow and ice. November 16 dropped to -46.0°C with the previous low temperature for that date -45.7°C in 1987; November 17 tied its record cold mark for that date with -45.1°C , the same as in 1999; and November 18 reached -45.2°C , breaking the previous record of -44.7°C in 1985.

The record cold temps come on the heels of a record cold winter in 2021, during which a research station on a high plateau in Antarctica recorded an average temperature of -78°F (-61°C) over a six-month period between April and September of 2021.

And the South Pole is not the only example of cooler-than-normal temperatures across the world. Arctic Sea ice, long considered something that needs to be watched closely lest we see an ice-free North Pole in summer months, has quietly been growing since its low point in 2012. At the end of September 2021, Arctic Sea ice covered 4.92 million square kilometers, according to an October 5, 2021 post at Arctic Sea Ice News and Analysis. That figure is 1.35 million square kilometers higher than the 2012 low.

In addition, Greenland's "shrinking" ice sheet, which many climate alarmists point to as a sure sign of global warming, appears to have grown, according to data from the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI). "According to our calculations, this year the Greenland ice sheet ended with a total SMB (surface mass balance) of about 471Gt. This means that 2021-22 ranks the 10th highest for SMB in our dataset that goes back 42 years," DMI reported.

And in America, much of western New York was hit by an unusual winter storm in November. Despite the obviously counterintuitive nature of the claim, climate hysterics blamed the freak New York weather on — you guessed it — global warming.

— Jim Murphy



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Macron Calls for “Recalibrated” Capitalism Under Single Global Order



Emmanuel Macron (AP Image)

In an address at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum in Bangkok, Thailand, on November 18, French President Emmanuel Macron said that the world needs “a single global order” to deal with the trade conflict between Communist China and the United States, a situation that Macron bemoaned as forcing other countries to choose sides.

Macron described the United States and China as “two big elephants” that needed to be replaced by the “cooperation of a lot of other animals” through a single world order. This trade confrontation, Macron contended, was just one of three situations that have caused the drive for a global order. The other two problems are the Russia-Ukraine war and climate change.

“A dynamic balance is the best way for nations to avoid being forced to choose between superpowers,” Macron said. “Countries have to pursue inclusive, sustainable development to address inequality and instability. You compete, all of us want to win. But you have to respect the sovereignty of the other one.” It would seem that a respect for national sovereignty and a “single” global order are contradictory.

The big pushes for world government came after World War I, after World War II, and during the Cold War, ostensibly to prevent further world wars. So, it is rather predictable that a globalist such as Macron would cite the need for a single global order when he mentioned the Russia-Ukraine War.

Then there is the problem of “climate change.” The theory that human industrial activity is causing the world to warm, allegedly producing all sorts of environmental catastrophes, has caught on the most. Since it is alleged to be a global problem, only a single global order can solve it.

At least that is what Macron argued in his Thailand speech. It was not a speech calling for limited government, for sure, but rather a call for a world government, with world-government limits on economic activity with a recalibrated capitalism.

— Steve Byas



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G20 Vows to Pursue Vaccine Passports



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The Group of 20 (G20) unanimously agreed November 16 to move toward a system of international vaccine passports to “build on the success of ... digital COVID-19 certificates.”

The G20, which includes the United States, China, Russia, and the European Union, held its latest summit November 15-16 in Bali, Indonesia, with the signing of a 52-point declaration.

While the Covid-19 pandemic and its disruptions to the world economy naturally dominate much of the document, G20 leaders do not, of course, apologize for their role in those disruptions by imposing lockdowns, inflating their currencies, and forcing their citizens to accept dangerous, unproven vaccines. In fact, the potentates, in their declaration, “recognize that the extensive COVID-19 immunization is a global public good” and promise to “advance [their] effort to ensure timely, equitable and universal access to safe, affordable, quality and effective vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics (VTDs).”

During the summit, Indonesia’s minister of health, former banker Budi Gunadi Sadikin, argued that G20 countries should adopt a “digital health certificate using WHO [World Health Organization] standards” so that during the next pandemic, the entire world would not have to be locked down again.

The G20 leaders probably didn’t need much convincing, since most of them had already imposed similarly tyrannical policies in their own countries. The Biden administration, in fact, continues to require foreign nationals traveling to the United States to prove that they have been vaccinated against Covid-19.

Anyone who believes these people care a whit about national sovereignty and individual privacy probably also believes in the Tooth Fairy. As Naomi Wolf explained in a 2021 interview with Fox News Channel, “‘Vaccine passport’ sounds like a fine thing if you don’t understand what these platforms can do.... It is not about the vaccine or the virus; it is about your data. What people need to understand is that any other functionality can be loaded onto that platform with no problem at all.”

— Mike Tennent



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GOP Report Details Biden Corruption, Stonewalling



Joe and Hunter Biden (AP Images)

The Biden administration has worked overtime to stop Republicans on the House Oversight Committee from finding out the full extent of President Joe Biden's complex web of activities with son Hunter Biden.

On November 17, committee Republicans released an interim report on the administration's stonewalling their requests for official government documents related to the Biden Family's global business empire.

Joe Biden claims he knows nothing about it. That's demonstrably false, the report shows. The report also documents the length to which leftist social media protected Hunter Biden and his father's campaign when the *New York Post* published the contents of his now-famous laptop.

The report opens by demolishing the claims, oft-made by Biden Sr., that he knew nothing about his family's planetary business empire, which Hunter built without much trouble despite his sex and drug addictions.

"During the 2020 presidential campaign, then-presidential candidate Joe Biden assured the American people he was not involved in his family members' multi-million-dollar global business deals," the 31-page report recalls.

Noting that the administration is obstructing justice, the report says the Treasury Department possesses "at least 150 Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) related to Biden family members' financial transactions."

Yet Republicans can't get their hands on those damning reports. Banks won't provide the information either, because the GOP minority does not have the power to subpoena the records.

In fact, the White House has not only refused to cooperate with House Republicans, but also spent more than \$265,000 "at taxpayers' expense ... specifically assigned to thwart this investigation and other probes."

Also disturbing (but, again, not news) is the report's rendition of leftist social media's role in helping the Biden campaign by spiking the laptop story.



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Committee Republicans won't have to wait long to get answers or documents. Once they take power in January and their investigation begins, they'll subpoena documents and witnesses. "Accountability is coming," they tweeted.

— Cort Kirkwood

Global Wealth Redistribution Approved at UN "Climate" Summit



(AP Images)

Under the guise of paying "climate" reparations, governments of wealthier nations attending COP27, the UN climate-change summit held November 6-18 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, agreed to seize potentially unlimited amounts of their citizens' wealth for redistribution. It was described as a "down payment" on permanent wealth transfers to the UN as well as governments, kleptocrats, and dictatorships ruling over poorer countries.

The promised money, described as payments for climate "loss and damage" supposedly caused by emissions of carbon dioxide from people in "developed" nations, was widely celebrated by tax-funded climate activists and those expecting to receive the funds. But many claimed it was not enough, and that trillions per year would be required even as the West is forced to tear down its economic productivity and energy infrastructure.

"This COP has taken an important step towards justice," claimed UN Secretary-General António Guterres, former leader of the Socialist International, after the deal was announced. "I welcome the decision to establish a loss and damage fund and to operationalize it in the coming period. Clearly this will not be enough, but it is a much-needed political signal to rebuild broken trust."

Essentially, the UN and its member governments, along with the legions of tax-funded "climate" activists with nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), argue that CO₂ emissions from the United States and Europe are responsible for worsening everything from droughts and floods to hurricanes and storms.

Communist China, which emits more CO₂ than all Western nations combined, is exempt from paying into the fund and from slashing its emissions. In fact, it is currently building hundreds of coal-fired



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power plants, something nobody at the summit was willing to discuss in any depth on record with *The New American*, for reasons that remain unclear.

Instead, taxpayers in the West, along with international development banks they fund, are expected to fork over the money. Government representatives from Denmark, Austria, Scotland, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, New Zealand, and other Western nations were among those promising to hand over money from their citizens.

But whether the U.S. Congress will agree to provide funding for the scheme remains to be seen. Republican control over federal purse strings will be a reality in January, and many Republicans reject the entire hypothesis that man's emissions of the "gas of life" are causing climate change. In 2009, then-President Barack Obama and other government leaders from developed nations promised to funnel \$100 billion per year of their citizens' money into a "Green Climate Fund." However, Republican lawmakers refused to cooperate, rendering Obama's pledge meaningless.

Then Donald Trump began the process of extricating the U.S. government from the Paris Agreement, rendering it all moot. Nobody at the summit was willing to discuss Trump's views or his recent announcement of his run for president in any detail — at least not on record.

But even if the \$100 billion were to materialize as the Biden administration undermines the nation's economy and drives citizens deeper into unpayable and unsustainable debt, that is not enough for leading "climate" experts.

The negotiators argued in the "Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan" that the supposedly necessary "global transformation to a local-carbon economy" is going to require "at least" \$4 trillion to \$6 trillion each year. Part of the plan is to bring the banking sector on board to divert investments and loans away from profitable and necessary economic activity such as reliable power, and into "green" energy schemes such as windmills and solar panels largely produced in Communist China.

Even before the final deal was reached, a huge range of "initiatives" and "plans" were launched involving the UN, its member governments, and even crony capitalists listed as sponsors of COP27 who will make huge amounts of money from taxpayers. Countless side schemes were announced by governments, (largely tax-funded) nongovernmental organizations, "woke" corporations, and megabanks. One of the most troubling schemes, perhaps, came from Google, which vowed to help track and trace emissions from everybody, everywhere, forever.

The UN and virtually every power center are moving rapidly in the direction of shackling the world under the guise of saving it from "climate change." Even a new religious and moral system is being developed to facilitate the transition. For liberty and prosperity to survive — and for the world's poor to have a chance to improve their situation — it is essential that freedom-loving people everywhere get informed and activated.

— Alex Newman



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