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## Inside Track

### Paper Challenging Climate Crisis Retracted



According to an August 25 post on the climate-change information blog Not a Lot of People Know That, a widely read, peer-reviewed paper by four Italian scientists was retracted on August 23 by the *European Physical Journal Plus (EPJP)* for concluding that there is no clear evidence that we are in the midst of a climate crisis. This is not the narrative allowed by the gatekeepers of climate-change dogma, who went into full attack mode.

For instance, shortly after the paper's publication last year, Graham Readfearn of *The Guardian* claimed that the researchers — two physicists, a professor of agrometeorology, and an atmospheric physicist — were simply writing climate-denial propaganda. "The climate science denial echo-chamber has been loud and proud this week with claims a new 'international study' has found no evidence of a climate emergency in records of extreme weather.... The authors ... did little original work, but instead reviewed selected papers from other scientists. This was an article, not a study," Readfearn concluded. Other climate cult-friendly media piled on, alleging that the authors "cherry picked" data and even misquoted others in gathering their information.

Roger Pielke, Jr. of Principia Scientific International reported on July 25 that a whistleblower leaked emails between the editors of *EPJP* and the associate editor responsible for the peer-review process of the published paper, Jozef Ongena, showing that the retraction was unwarranted and politically motivated.

Ongena criticized *EPJP's* encouraging critics to take their objections to the press instead of sending their concerns and issues to the paper's authors.

"The article has undergone the usual peer review.... Peer reviewing is the common practice.... I would invite the colleagues that have objections to send in their objections and to pass them on to the authors," Ongena said. "We should as a journal not refrain or be afraid from a scientific discussion, but it should be in a correct way."

But that was science done the old way. In today's world of climate science, the approved narrative must be adhered to without question.



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— James Murphy

## Central American Parliament Expels Taiwan as Observer



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Reuters reported on August 22 that on August 21, the Central American Parliament (Parlacen) voted to expel Taiwan as a permanent observer — a position it had held for more than two decades — and replace it with mainland China, whose rising economic clout in Latin America has increasingly alienated Taipei. Parlacen’s reason for the move was Taipei’s alleged lack of sovereignty under international law.

The Central American group, comprised of Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, and the Dominican Republic, made the decision during a session in the Nicaraguan capital of Managua.

A group of Nicaraguan legislators stated that Taiwan’s observer status was “illegitimate” because Taipei “lacks the recognition as a sovereign state by the United Nations.” The lawmakers pointed out that the UN “considers Taiwan a province of mainland China,” referring to the world body’s 1971 expulsion of Taiwan in favor of China.

China’s Taiwan Affairs Office voiced its support of Parlacen’s “correct decision.” With the UN recognizing the People’s Republic of China as the only representative of China in the globalist alliance, most countries have since maintained a “one-China” policy, refraining from forging formal ties with Taiwan. Among the six Parlacen members, only Guatemala presently has formal diplomatic relations with the country.

In response to Parlacen’s decision, the Taiwanese Foreign Ministry labeled the vote to oust the self-governing island a “conspiracy” by Beijing against Taipei, adding that Taiwan would back out from Parlacen “with immediate effect to uphold national dignity.” Subsequently, the ministry maintained the local government’s stance that neither Taiwan nor Beijing is “subordinate to the other.”

U.S. Senators Tim Kaine (D-Va.) and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), who lead a Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, denounced the vote in an August 21 joint statement. “Since 1999, Taiwan has served as a strong partner in its role as a permanent observer of the Central American Parliament, encouraging good governance and economic development in our Hemisphere,” they declared.



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— *Angeline Tan*

## **Fourteen Cities to Ban Meat, Dairy, Private Vehicles by 2030**



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The American cities of Austin, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, and Washington, D.C., plan to ban meat, dairy products, and all private vehicles within the next seven years.

The Federalist reported on August 19 that the 14 cities are part of a group known as C40, a self-described “global network of nearly 100 mayors of the world’s leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis.”

In an August 21 post on X, Mises Caucus quoted commentator Jordan Peterson as saying that “the C40 is the consortium of municipalities that have signed on to the 15-minute city plan.... Their goals are to reduce caloric consumption to 2,500 calories a day by force, essentially, within the next 15 years; to ensure that the peasant class — which is everybody but the elitists — can’t fly more than one time every three years; to not merely shift private car ownership from fossil fuel to electric ... but to eliminate 90 percent of private car ownership so that people are forced to take unbelievably expensive ... and nonexistent public transportation systems and to limit the amount of travel that people can do outside of their neighborhoods.” Other “ambitious targets” include limiting each person to three new items of clothing per year.

Although C40 claims the targets are simply “a set of reference points that cities, and other actors, can reflect on when considering different emission-reduction alternatives and long-term urban visions,” various cities have already taken steps toward this not-too-distant dystopia. According to The Federalist, this year, “New York City Mayor Eric Adams announced that the city will place caps on the amount of meat and dairy served by city institutions such as schools and prisons. Meanwhile, the U.K. has banned the sale of new gas-powered vehicles after 2030, and France has banned short-haul flights ‘to cut carbon emissions.’”

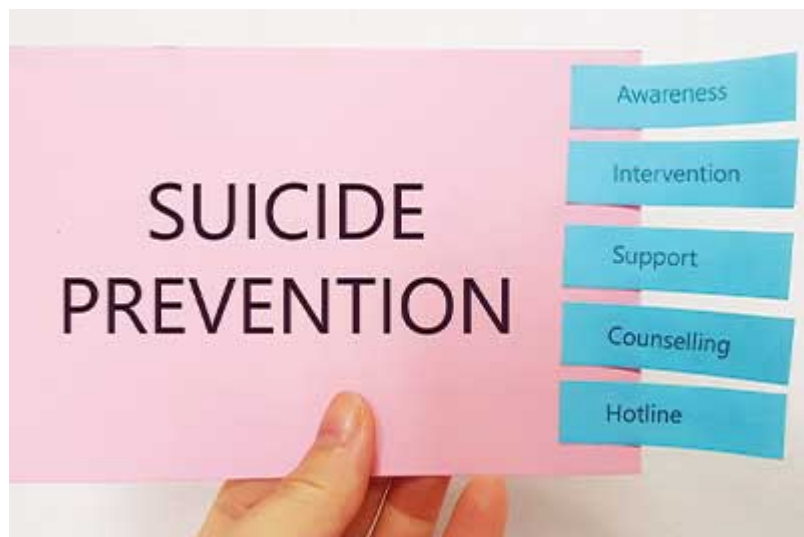
— *Rebecca Terrell*



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## Hospital Clinician Suggests Assisted Suicide to Depressed Woman



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A Canadian woman who sought medical help for her suicidal thoughts was “shocked” when the clinician assessing her case suggested medical assistance in dying (MAID), i.e., euthanasia.

Kathrin Mentler, 37, of Vancouver, British Columbia, has been depressed for much of her life, and has even attempted suicide more than once. She’s even studying to become a counselor for such patients. She was therefore unprepared for what happened to her when she presented herself at the Vancouver General Hospital’s Access and Assessment Centre in June.

In an August 9 interview with Canada’s *Globe and Mail*, Mentler said, “I very specifically went there that day because I didn’t want to get into a situation where I would think about taking an overdose of medication.” However, after telling Mentler there were “no beds; there’s no availability,” the clinician asked, “Have you ever considered MAID?” Mentler was shocked.

In a statement, Vancouver General Hospital confirmed that staff are trained “to explore all available care options” for suicidal patients and to conduct a clinical evaluation of the patient “which may include questions about whether they have considered MAID as part of their contemplations.” However, “Gauging suicide [risk] should not include offering options to die, which is what it felt like,” Mentler told the *Globe and Mail*.

MAID was legalized in 2016, but only for patients with terminal illnesses. In 2021, it was expanded to include disabled individuals regardless of their probability of near-term death. Patients with mental illness were set to be the next MAID targets this spring, but that was delayed a year after intense public criticism.

In 2021, 3.3 percent of all deaths in Canada — more than 10,000 people — were the result of MAID, a 32-percent increase over the previous year, and Quebec now has the highest euthanasia rate in the world. In a nation in which life is increasingly devalued and the government is footing the bill for healthcare, the euthanasia train shows no signs of slowing down.

— *Michael Tennant*



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