



The Review

Covid, Climate, and Chains: Using Crises for Control

The Great Reset: Global Elites and the Permanent Lockdown, by Marc Morano, Washington, D.C.: Regnery Publishing, 2022, 448 pages, hardcover.

Opportunities — sometimes labeled as crises or emergencies — have an uncanny habit: They tend to favor those who have spent years preparing for them. At the same time, major emergencies usually lead to the expansion of state power.

Accordingly, those who relish centralized government, especially when they expect to be calling the shots, savor such crises, even if they don't always admit that or disguise their underlying motives.

More power for them: That is the goal.

The book under review does an exceptional job in ripping off the masks of many of the major players — though that effort is made a bit easier these days when the actors so often say out loud what they are thinking. In some cases, our wannabe masters are arrogant enough to write down their aspirations.

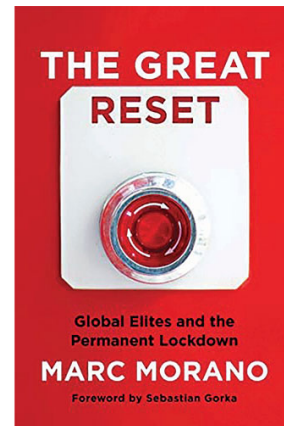
ClimateDepot.com publisher Marc Morano, author of *The Great Reset: Global Elites and the Permanent Lockdown*, has amassed mountains of material about those who maintain, among other claims, that they “own the science.” Morano has been doing this for some time, also authoring *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Climate Change* and *Green Fraud: Why the Green New Deal Is Even Worse Than You Think*.

The “Great Reset” dystopian nightmare, which has been a frequent subject in the pages of this magazine, envisions eventual rule by technocrats. Morano’s book shows how the responses to climate change — and Covid-19 in particular — play into their manipulations.

Powerful Push for More Restrictions

A major advocate of the Great Reset is Klaus Schwab, founding chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF) — with the WEF being one of the most visible proponents of the planned revolution. He’s not reticent about what he wants, even if he occasionally plays down the implications. “The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world,” according to Schwab. “Every country,” as the WEF leader put it in 2020, “from the United States to China, must participate, and every industry, from oil to gas to tech, must be transformed. In short, we need a ‘Great Reset’ of capitalism.”

That is one of the open admissions cited by Morano, whose volume is awash with citations, specifics, and dates, well suited as a trove for research papers. (A number of the critical sources cited had their





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Twitter accounts deleted, but their tweets remain available on the Internet Archive's Wayback Machine.) There are, in fact, so many references that the book features additional related panels throughout. These also serve as breaks from the main text.

A book's functionality is, of course, affected by its content and layout. Each text box has its own headline and usually a footnote. There are multitudes of breaks and subheads in the main body, with plenty of white space. As a result, the package plays well for quick comprehension at a time when too many readers, shaped by the digital world, seem to have the attention span of a goldfish.

Back to the meat of the theme. Here's another quoted admission from Schwab, who co-authored *COVID-19: The Great Reset* (published in 2020): "One of the great lessons of the past five centuries in Europe and America is this: acute crises contribute to boosting the power of the state. It's always been the case and there is no reason why it should be different with the COVID-19 pandemic."

Ideological foundations, key "philanthropists," and the United Nations are also involved, as are select national and international leaders — the usual suspects when it comes to imposing a brave new world on the hoi polloi. Here, for instance, is Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at a 2020 UN conference, preaching (as quoted by Morano): "The pandemic has provided an opportunity to accelerate our pre-pandemic efforts to imagine economic systems that actually address global challenges like poverty, inequality, and climate change."

Prince Charles (now Charles III, king of the U.K.) has been singing these tunes for a long time. As he pontificated at the (virtual) opening meeting of the WEF in 2020, "The recovery from the coronavirus crisis represents an opportunity to reset the global economy and prioritize sustainable development without further damaging the planet."

And the word was similarly passed to President Biden, or his handlers and speechwriters, using an earlier term for the global plan. This is from the president's comments to the Business Roundtable in March 2022: "We're at an inflection point, I believe, in the world economy, not just the world economy, the world, that occurs every three to four generations." As Biden said, "Now is the time when things are shifting and there's going to be a New World Order out there."

Although Biden, making unscripted comments, did say not long ago that the "pandemic is over," the extension of the public-health emergency has continued — as it has been renewed every 90 days since January 2020. That makes it more expedient for imposing federal policies.

WHO Promotes Beijing's Policies

The scope and extent of global planning — under various names, such as the Great Reset, New World Order, and the UN's Agenda 21 (updated to Agenda 2030) — is vast. Morano notes, for instance, that Schwab has even bragged about how the World Economic Forum has "penetrated" governments worldwide. It's not empty boasting.

Morano also cites *The New American's* William F. Jasper and his remarking how the Great Reset "is the latest and greatest pet of the World Economic Forum, the United Nations, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Royal Institute [of] International Affairs." Some of the planning takes place when Deep State elitists, communist dictators, and others meet, for example, in Davos, Switzerland. It is obvious, notes Jasper, from the "hundreds of pages dedicated to The Great Reset on the WEF website, and its many conferences, webinars, studies, and reports on this project, that it didn't begin with the



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Wuhan outbreak” in Communist China.

The general public does not see the interconnections and back-channel dealings. Consider the relations between the World Health Organization, billionaire Bill Gates, and the dictatorship in Beijing. Morano goes into considerable detail over Gates’ activities and concludes, rather dramatically, that Gates “rules media, academia, government officials around the world, and the WHO.” Examine the facts and see if you don’t agree.



Marc Morano (The New American)

The Communist Chinese harsh lockdown of Wuhan and subsequent actions nationwide got glowing reviews by the WHO. That shouldn’t have been a shock, since — as Morano describes in his book — the director-general of WHO, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia, “owes his position to Communist China” and has repeatedly praised “his Chinese paymasters.” Among other flattering remarks, Tedros gushed, “As I have said repeatedly since my return from Beijing, the Chinese government is to be congratulated for its extraordinary measures it has taken to contain the outbreak, despite the severe social and economic impact those measures are having on the Chinese people.” In many ways, according to Tedros, “China is actually setting a new standard for outbreak response. It’s not an exaggeration.”

On his website and in his book, Morano doesn’t mince words when describing the actions of Gates and WHO — calling the organization a “Bill Gates tool” and “vehicle for Chinese propaganda.” WHO is, he says, “seeking to grab pandemic powers modeled after the U.N. climate process.” Should that be a surprise? As Morano put it at Climate Depot, “The World Health Organization’s second-largest donor, behind the United States government, is (drumroll, please) ... the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.”

Someone, apparently, has been oiling the hinges on the doors of opportunity.

The Role of Woke Climate Policies

Climate activism has been pushing the (very willing) federal government into more intervention in the U.S. economy and society at large. The author examines this aspect of the “climate” fixation that has possessed much of the Left — who agonize over carbon “emissions” while blighting the financial atmosphere. It’s not just a harmless fad when environmental, social, and governance “stakeholder



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capitalism” threatens to become the basis of (in Morano’s phrase) “the financial New World Order.”

This threat has been the concern of, among others, Vivek Ramaswamy, an American entrepreneur who founded an asset-management company and a biopharmaceutical company, and is the author of *Woke, Inc.: Inside Corporate America’s Social Justice Scam*. Morano cites Ramaswamy’s analysis in his book as well as on his website (the book isn’t shy about quoting that site). In *The Great Reset*, Ramaswamy is cited as he dissects, for instance, the alphabet craze that seems to be foremost for many in the financial world. While successful businesses used to concentrate on making profits for their investors, too many today stress environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG); diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); and corporate social responsibility (CSR).

This is “not the free market in action,” says Ramaswamy. “It’s even worse than a monopoly or an ideological cartel.” Such asset managers, he declares, are “working hand in glove with the party in power to be able to do their bidding through the private sector.” President Biden’s “climate czar” John Kerry has been getting “every major CEO to sign the so-called climate pledge,” he observes, referring to this as a “form of crony capitalism.”

This does not apply to companies in China. In the United States, continues Ramaswamy, “they preach ESG. In China, they supplicate to the CCP” (Chinese Communist Party). It is, concludes Ramaswamy, “the defining scam of our time.”

Lure of Lockdowns

It might have resulted in a better balance to have more such climate-related analyses in *The Great Reset*. Still, Morano has written entire books concentrating on that aspect, and his website remains an ongoing valuable source. Meanwhile, two chapters (of the 13) in this volume do focus on that general subject — entitled “The COVID-Climate-Reset Connection” and “COVID Lockdowns Morph to Climate Lockdowns.”

Leading player Klaus Schwab again has a major role here. Indeed, Schwab said during a WEF livestream on “COVID-19: The Great Reset” that “the next crisis is already waiting for us around the corner, and it is the climate crisis.”

Perpetual lockdowns do also seem to have an appeal to climate activists. Such activists, comments the author,

want the public to get used to the travel restrictions, to get used to the quarantines, and to get used to the limits on their personal freedom — all of which will come in handy as lower emissions are mandated to “solve” the “climate emergency.”

Cited is Mark Mazur, a former U.S. Treasury official from the Obama administration, who made the following comments

in the lead-up to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. “We don’t want lower prices for fossil-fuel buyers, we prefer higher prices” to achieve “climate change goals,” Mazur explained.

High energy prices are *not* the unintended consequences of Great Reset and Green New Deal-style policies; they are the *intended* consequence.[Emphasis in original.]



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The idea is simple, if diabolical: The more distress for Americans, or those in other countries, the more likely they are to accept stringent government “solutions.” The Great Reset has publicized what is coming. It has even been touted in the nation’s supposed “newspaper of record.” Here’s one of the snappy points emphasized in a text box in the volume, with the headline “To Overhaul American Capitalism.” *The New York Times*, we read, “let slip the truth about the Biden administration’s new ‘infrastructure’ bill in 2021, calling it ‘the first step in a two-part agenda to overhaul American capitalism, fight climate change.’”

So, we shouldn’t be astonished that Biden once again has extended the coronavirus “emergency.” On the other hand, he has apparently been a little too slow for many progressive environmentalists, who wanted him to declare a national environmental emergency in 2020 when he was still president-elect. Maybe another day.



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