



## Inside Track

### UN Warns Climate Change Will Soon Make It “Too Hot to Work”

Better get your overtime in while you can, because the UN says it will soon be “too hot to work.” Research funded by the United Nations and released in a July 12 paper by the *Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health* contains warnings that by 2030 climate change will cause temperatures to soar so high that “global economies” will be impacted financially to the tune of \$2 trillion.

“Heat stress,” as the UN research calls it, will force workers — especially those in developing countries — to cut back on their work hours.

This climate-induced unemployment will cause drastic reductions in gross domestic product (GDP) around the world, including a nearly .5 percent dip in the United States. The Pacific island nation of Tuvalu will be hit the worst by the warming workplace, losing approximately 25 percent of its GDP, according to the UN’s data. The UN-sponsored paper reported that while “extreme heat in Southeast Asia already curbs annual working hours by 15 to 20 percent ... that figure could double by 2050 as climate change progresses.”

But Southeast Asia isn’t the only area where workers are supposedly going to choose to starve rather than work in extreme temperatures: In some countries in Europe, it will apparently be too cold to work. Tord Kjellstrom, a director at the Health and Environment International Trust, told *Bloomberg* July 18, “Russia, Norway and Sweden may see productivity dip as a result of colder weather in winter.” Basically, then, everybody’s going to stop working because it’s either too hot or too cold.

What happens when everybody stops working? Government will have to shoulder the burden of supporting those people who have been forced to flee their jobs because rich countries failed to limit greenhouse emissions. In that scenario, then, government becomes the sole source of sustenance for the laborers of the world, who become dependent upon government for everything from birth to education to work to death. Perhaps this is the ultimate aim in all the climate-change chatter coming out of the United Nations.

### New ATF Head Wants Computerized Database of All Gun Purchases

Deputy Director Thomas Brandon of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), in an interview shown July 31 on CBS’s *Sunday Morning*, complained that his agency is “a small agency with a big job” and that he really needs more agents and more money to do that job.

What he would really like, however, is a computerized database of all gun purchases made by every buyer and seller in the country: “There’s a lot of things that don’t make sense.... Would [having such a database at the ATF] be efficient and effective? Absolutely. Would the taxpayers benefit with [improved] public safety? Absolutely. Are we allowed to do it? No.”

Brandon took over the agency in April 2015 after Todd Jones bailed out following the agency’s failed attempt to ban ammunition for the popular AR-15 rifle. Jones had taken over the agency after Kenneth



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Melson bailed out in 2011 following the implosion of the ATF's scandalous Fast and Furious gun-walking operation.

Brandon is propagating falsehoods, as have the former heads of ATF — this time about a gun registration program, saying it would be efficient and, apparently, cost effective. But Canada tried such a registration scheme starting in 1998. The scheme's cost rose from its projected \$2 million to over \$1 billion, and it didn't stop crime since criminals mostly used illegally acquired (thus unregistered) guns. Canada abandoned its plan in 2011.

Brandon doesn't need a gun registration computer program to do his job. And, in fact, so much of his agency's "mission" is outside the constitutional powers granted to the executive branch that Representative James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) was correct when he said, "I think we ought to get rid of the ATF," and giving it additional funds to pay for a searchable database of every gun, and gun owner, in the country amounts to "de facto gun registration." Brandon's agency of 5,000 employees spending a billion dollars a year to oppress the citizenry needs to be defunded immediately and completely.

## **National Debt Increases \$100 Million Every Hour**

What took other presidents more than 200 years to do, Barack Obama has done in one year, and he continues doing it year in, year out. During the Obama administration, \$1.1 trillion dollars has been added every year to the national debt.

This is not exactly the legacy one would expect from a man who, as a senator in 2006, said that "increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren." Ironically, as president, Barack Obama has laid upon the backs of those very children and grandchildren a debt that increases by about \$100 million every hour, every day.

It is likely difficult for most Americans to comprehend the steep crescendo of the national debt, given that most of us have lived with the annual perpetuation of the obligation — the kicking of the proverbial can — hoping that someday someone will find a solution. Or not.

Consider that the entire national debt did not reach the \$1 trillion mark until the administration of Ronald Reagan. Today, however, every year we add more than the entire accumulated debt of the United States as of the time Ronald Reagan became president! Perhaps we should be proud. We've managed to do in one year what it took our ancestors more than 200 years to do!

The federal government cannot be relied on to fix the problem that it perpetuates and from which it benefits. The people and the states must reclaim their sovereign authority and assert it in defense of fiscal freedom, refusing to participate in, pay for, or carry out any federal program or policy that is not absolutely allowed by the Constitution that grants every power possessed by the federal government.

## **EU Immigration Could Affect Austrian Revote**

On October 2, Norbert Hofer, Austria's presidential candidate for the Freedom Party (FPÖ), will be going head-to-head once more against the socialist Green Party standard bearer, Alexander Van der Bellen.

There were massive "election irregularities" in Austria's May 22 presidential election that gave Van der Bellen a razor-thin margin of victory. On July 1, Austria's Constitutional Court ordered a rerun of the



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country's presidential election. "The runoff presidential election must be completely repeated in all of Austria," stated Gerhart Holzinger, the president of the Constitutional Court. While it cited no instances of outright fraud, the court ruled that 77,926 of the 4.5 million votes cast were affected by improprieties in the counting process. This amounted to more than double the margin of victory and was sufficient to annul the vote.

Hofer, 45, an aeronautical engineer, is dapper, well-dressed, articulate, and charming, while Van der Bellen, 72, an economics professor, is scruffy, haughty, and elitist. By effectively delivering the FPO message of opposition to EU-mandated migration/refugee policies, Hofer has won over millions of Austrians who can plainly see the disastrous consequences of the EU's open borders. In contrast to Van der Bellen, who is an ardent euro-federalist who supports total absorption of the nation-state by the Brussels-run EU bureaucracy, Hofer has campaigned on a slogan of "putting Austria first."

Neither Hofer nor the FPO has called for an Austrian exit from the EU, but they do insist on an Austrian referendum on the issue of Turkey being admitted to the European Union. And if Turkey were to be admitted over their objection, or if the EU attempts to enforce its mandatory refugee quotas, it is likely the FPO would quickly launch its own British-style exit. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker and European Parliament President Martin Schulz have already riled many Austrian voters with their interference in the May elections and their warnings to Austrians against voting the Hofer/FPO ticket.

## **Billionaire Buys Democrats to Boost "Green" Investments**

With a group of radical Democrat prosecutors and lawmakers waging war on the free-speech rights of climate skeptics, a new report identifies billionaire "green" crony capitalist Tom Steyer as the chief financier — and financial beneficiary — of the controversial agenda. According to the report, produced by the non-profit watchdog Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal) and released July 21, the major Democrat donor has massive investments in the "green" energy industry — a sector that is largely dependent on the government subsidies and regulations justified by increasingly discredited climate alarmism. And so, in an apparent effort to protect his investments and extract even more wealth from the public, the crony billionaire has become the largest campaign donor for either political party, dropping around \$100 million just in the last two years alone. The implications of what appears to be massive corruption are huge, with a wide array of Democrats across America implicated in the schemes.

The investigative report, entitled "Buying the Democrat Party Lock, Stock and Barrel," exposes the political spending of Steyer, a California billionaire who made a big part of his fortune in coal. In the 2014 election cycle, he spent some \$75 million to oppose political candidates who would not bow to his extreme "green" agenda and help enrich him. In 2016, after a dismal track record in the midterm elections, Steyer reportedly spent about \$25 million directly backing alarmist Democrats. And he is apparently plotting to spend yet another \$50 million on politicians this year to buy even more support — in addition to another \$50 million he plans to raise from fellow crony capitalists seeking to buy themselves more political power and subsidies. The litmus test for politicians who want Steyer's money is whether or not they support global-warming alarmism and the associated policies that will enrich him.

Apparently Steyer was even able to purchase some planks in the Democrat Party platform, which now



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calls for the nation to be run entirely on government-approved forms of “clean energy” within the next few decades. Within 10 years, the platform says, 50 percent of U.S. energy must come from “clean” sources. Such extremism in the platform of one of America’s major political parties might be good news to crony billionaires such as Steyer, but for Americans, who will pay drastically higher bills in addition to suffering from a crippled economy and an exodus of jobs to nations where Steyer has coal investments, the price tag will be enormous. More than two-thirds of America’s energy today comes from cheap, economically viable sources such as coal and natural gas that Steyer and his agents in government want to abolish.

Steyer’s investments in fossil fuels and coal in other countries have exposed him to criticism for his hypocrisy and have raised questions about his supposed belief in CO2 as “pollution” in need of regulation. “Over the past 15 years, Mr. Steyer’s fund, Farallon Capital Management, has pumped hundreds of millions of dollars into companies that operate coal mines and coal-fired power plants from Indonesia to China,” the *New York Times* reported in 2014, citing records and interviews.

Of course, it is hardly the first time that billionaire crony capitalists have been exposed pushing the “climate” agenda and other “green” schemes to benefit themselves. A 2014 report from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee revealed the existence of a network described by lawmakers as the “Billionaires Club” that has been showering funds on the environmentalist “green movement” for years. Among other concerns, the Senate report said the secretive Billionaires Club might be violating federal laws in its controversial efforts to get its own agents elected to political office, seize control of the federal regulatory regime, and push a radical agenda on America. Now that the Billionaires Club has purchased so much power, it is using its agents in the bureaucracy to further fleece taxpayers to advance its own goals by granting its front groups even more money, the Senate investigators found. Top insiders such as David Rockefeller, George Soros, and Bill Gates are deeply involved.

Despite the best efforts of crony capitalists and establishment insiders, though, surveys show the majority of Americans do not even believe the man-made global-warming theory. While bad news for Democrats and the investment portfolios of establishment billionaires such as Steyer and mega-banks such as Goldman Sachs, that is all good news for Americans and humanity. But efforts to expose climate alarmism and the agenda behind it must continue. Crony billionaires such as Steyer and the broader establishment have a great deal invested in the agenda, and so, a great deal is at stake. Still, the truth is an extremely powerful weapon — and it stands on its own without the need to spend billions buying politicians. That means everyday Americans without billions to buy politicians can still win this fight.



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