



Letters To The Editor

Climate-change Canards

The articles on climate in the February 3 edition of TNA are interesting and revealing about the political agenda that surrounds climate change. I have looked back at actual environmental conditions from “recent” geological past, and they offer some interesting observations.

Official weather records only go back to the 1880s in America and 1914 in England, but there are numerous other records of weather prior to that time. They were mostly individual observations found in diaries, letters, and unofficial reports. Even though they are not scientific findings, they are clear indicators of climate change that existed in the past.

Both European settlers and indigenous people suffered excess mortality in Maine during the winter of 1607-1608. That same year extreme cold was reported in the Jamestown, Virginia, settlement. In the winter of 1780 New York Harbor froze, allowing people to walk from Manhattan Island to Staten Island.

Now many claim that the natural disasters that we encounter are caused by man’s intervention on the natural world, yet natural disasters have occurred continually in the world.

In April of 1815, the most powerful volcanic eruption in human history occurred on Mount Tambora, in present-day Indonesia. The year following that eruption was known as “the year without a summer.” The ash from the eruption dispersed around the world and lowered the global temperature. There were so many crop failures that famines existed around the globe. Other significant global temperature variations continued for three years.

In 1879, naturalist John Muir determined that Glacier Bay ice had retreated more than 18 miles in a relatively short period of time.

The heavy use of the internal combustion engine couldn’t be blamed for that condition as it had just been invented.

A massive volcanic eruption took place at Krakatoa in 1883, taking more than 36,000 lives and making it one of the deadliest and most destructive eruptions in recorded history. It reduced the worldwide temperatures by 2.2 degrees Fahrenheit for five years! It’s noteworthy that despite that, glaciers continued to retreat.

Climate change does exist. What is not recognized is that there has never been a time when it hasn’t existed.

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Losing Rights to Socialism

Is socialism constitutional? Our Founders established a form of government different from any other in human history. It was based on the concept that humans have natural rights — rights they are automatically deeded. The basic ones listed in the Declaration of Independence are life, liberty, and property.

Socialism does not recognize these rights (it takes away these rights). Instead, it follows vague



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principles to achieve “the greatest good for the greatest number,” provided “from each according to his ability, to each according to his need.”

When, or if, people understand the nature and history of socialism, we will have a chance for our kids to live in a free country. A good test of a person in favor of socialized medicine is this question: “Are you willing to unconditionally deed ownership of your body to the federal government?”

For me, the answer is no. How about you?

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Is It Tomorrow Yet?

The recent article “False Predictions on Catastrophic Climate Change” (February 3 issue) was well-written and incisive.

It reminded me of the climate-alarmist major motion picture *The Day After Tomorrow*, which concerned a U.S. president who refused to confront global warming, resulting in a global calamity: tidal waves, tornados, and Arctic ice covering Manhattan. This was all supposed to happen, “the day after tomorrow” or thereabouts, but the movie was released in 2004! There have been a lot of “tomorrows” in the past 16 years!

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