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Inside Track

UN Calls for All Countries to Declare Climate Emergency



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At the December 12 Climate Ambition Summit, held in London, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called on all countries of the world to immediately declare a “climate emergency.”

“Five years after the Paris [accord] we are still not going in the right direction,” Guterres said.

“There is a promise to limit temperature rises to as close [to] 1.5 degrees [as] possible but the commitments made in Paris were far from enough to get there and even those commitments are not being met,” Guterres complained.

“If we don’t change course, we may be heading for a catastrophic temperature rise of more than 3 degrees by the end of the century. Can anybody still deny that we are still facing a dramatic emergency?... That is why today, I call on all leaders worldwide to declare a State of Climate Emergency in their countries until carbon neutrality is reached,” he said.

The UN, the U.K., and France co-hosted the summit, which brought together — mainly by video, owing to coronavirus concerns — speakers from all over the world to discuss progress and make new commitments on climate issues in advance of COP26 next November in Glasgow, Scotland.

Among the speakers at the event were Pope Francis, U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson, French President Emmanuel Macron, Chinese leader Xi Jinping, and European Union leaders Ursula von der Leyen and Charles Michel. Although the United States is not technically a part of the Paris Agreement, it was represented by governors Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan and Charlie Baker of Massachusetts.

Guterres had harsh criticism for all the national leaders, of members of the G20 forum of nations, for their lack of action on so-called green energy, particularly those. “This is a moral test. We cannot use these resources to lock in policies that burden future generations with a mountain of debt or a broken planet,” the secretary-general concluded.



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United States the World's Least Racist Nation, Study Tells Us



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Vindicating earlier studies, author Kathleen Brush visited 114 nations during the course of her “racism” research and found what common sense informs us: The United States is among the least racist countries on Earth.

Author of the book *Racism and Anti-Racism in the World Before and After 1945*, Brush appeared December 10 on *Tucker Carlson Tonight* to present her findings.

Among her compelling metrics for measuring “racism,” Brush mentioned, Americans express less displeasure about living next to someone of another race than people in other countries do, with only zero to five percent of Americans saying they objected. “In Iran and Nigeria, it was 30 to 40 percent,” said Brush. “In France, it was 20 to 30 percent.”

Brush said she was motivated to conduct her research by people such as former presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg, who play the race card to attain power and impugn our nation as inherently bigoted and even as “white supremacist.”

After studying racism the world over for more than 10 years, however, “I know what systemic racism looks like,” the author told host Carlson. “It is opposite to the United States.”

The reality is that if we were a white supremacist nation, we’d be the most incompetent white supremacists in history. As to this, Brush cited how black Americans “are the most prosperous, educated black population in the world.”

The same white supremacist incompetence is apparent in other group outcomes as well. For example, “America’s Latino GDP is the highest GDP of any Latin American nation,” reports Brush. “And that includes Brazil, with 3.5 times the [Latino] population.”

Then there are the Asian-descent Americans, who, inexplicably, the white supremacist power structure has decided to elevate above whites. In fact, they “are the most educated and prosperous racial group in America. Their incomes are 25 percent higher than whites’, on average,” Brush tells us. “For Indian Americans, household income is 60 percent higher.”



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Another Taxpayer-funded “Green Energy” Company Fails



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With all the talk about a “Green New Deal” and saving the planet from the scourge of fossil fuels, it’s only prudent to remember that those pie-in-the-sky “carbon neutral” technologies aren’t quite ready yet. As evidence of this, witness the recent bankruptcy of Tonopah Solar Energy, which operated the Crescent Dunes Solar Plant in Nevada.

The Chapter 11 bankruptcy was approved by Judge Karen Owens in early December. Tonopah received \$737 million in guaranteed loans from the Obama administration. Under the terms of the restructuring is a settlement with the Department of Energy, which will leave taxpayers on the hook for as much as \$234.68 million in outstanding debt.

Billed as the first plant to be able to store the sun’s energy, Crescent Dunes is a giant solar plant (1,670 acres) with a vast circular array of 10,000 mirrors and was supposed to be able to deliver power 24 hours per day. Crescent Dunes was supposed to be able to store heat from the sun using molten salt to create steam, which would allow it to deliver power whether the sun was shining or not.

But the facility suffered a string of leaks in its hot salt tank, which is a key part of the plant’s energy storage system. When the plant was running from 2015-2019, it was selling power at \$139 per megawatt-hour (MWh). On average, large solar energy plants today generally sell power for under \$30 per MWh.

The plant was expected to deliver 482,000 megawatt-hours each year, but to date, it hasn’t produced that much power in its lifetime. When it did operate, the plant was plagued by equipment failures and regular outages. The plant’s sole customer, NV Energy, said that Crescent Dunes posed “the most significant risk” to meeting its renewable energy goals.

In the spring of 2019, the plant’s hot salt tanks suffered what owners referred to as “a catastrophic failure,” and the plant has not run since.

It’s yet another reminder that the “carbon neutral” technologies that green activists and leftist politicians are always crowing about don’t actually exist yet. Perhaps they will someday, but the American people — and the people of the world, for that matter — cannot afford to keep throwing money at them until they do.



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Top Execs at Twitter, Facebook Donated Tens of Thousands to Biden



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Leading executives at social-media giants Facebook and Twitter donated tens of thousands of dollars to the campaign of Joe Biden.

According to a review of Federal Election Commission (FEC) records conducted by Fox News in mid-December, several of the top executives gave the legal maximum of \$2,800.

The FEC records show that Erin Egan, Facebook vice president of public policy, gave \$2,800 to Biden's campaign on October 1, in addition to \$2,800 she donated to the campaign during the Democratic primary.

Facebook chief revenue officer David Fischer also donated the legal maximum of \$2,800 to Biden during the primary, along with \$750 during the general election. David Wehner, Facebook's chief financial officer, donated \$2,800 to Biden on April 22.

Four Facebook vice presidents — Gene Alston, Michael Verdu, Shahriar Rabii, and T.S. Khurana — likewise donated \$2,800 to the Biden campaign during the 2020 cycle. The chief operating officer of Instagram (which is owned by Facebook), Marne Levine, also donated the maximum limit of \$2,800 to Biden.

Also at Facebook, public policy directors Steve Satterfield and Michael Matthews and product manager Brett Keintz, along with director Ibrahim Okuyucu, each donated \$2,800 to Biden's campaign.

At Twitter, meanwhile, vice president Matt Derella donated \$2,000 to Biden's campaign in September. The company's senior director, Ryan Oliver, gave Biden \$2,800 in March. James Kelm, senior director of product management, contributed \$2,800 during the primary and another \$2,800 during the general election.

FEC records reveal that dozens of Twitter and Facebook employees with "manager" or "director" in their titles donated at least \$1,000 to Biden's campaign. By contrast, only two Facebook employees with "manager" or "director" in their title donated to President Trump's campaign; no Twitter employees with those titles donated to the president.



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Despite the major imbalance, Twitter spokesman Trenton Kennedy told Fox News that the company has “stated many times — that we enforce the Twitter rules judiciously and impartially for everyone on our service.”



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