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Inside Track

“Climate Change” No Cause for Alarm, Report Says



Will “climate change” caused by the burning of fossil fuels bring death and destruction to the Earth? Not according to Dr. Indur Goklany, who, in a February report, argues that global warming, assuming it exists, not only is causing few of the negative outcomes the climate alarmists attribute to it, but is actually improving the planet.

“The standard narrative ... is that climate change is already increasing the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events (EWEs) and wildfires, reducing available water and crop yields, increasing diseases, hunger, poverty and human mortality, and reducing productivity of the biosphere and the habitat available for species,” Goklany writes in his report for the Global Warming Policy Foundation. “It is claimed that these and other climate change impacts are diminishing human and environmental wellbeing, and will reduce them further unless ‘drastic measures to achieve as quickly as possible zero net greenhouse gas emissions’ are taken.”

Hogwash, says the good doctor, who can hardly be considered a climate “denier” given that he helped establish the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

EWEs have, in fact, remained relatively the same, or even declined, in frequency and intensity during the period of alleged warming. “Heatwaves were more extreme in the past, for example in the US in the 1930s, when atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations were only 75% of those today,” he pens. There has been “no significant increase in the frequency or intensity of all major hurricane-strength landfalling cyclones.” While reports of tornadoes have increased over time because of better technology, “strong tornadoes have, if anything, been declining.” Neither floods nor droughts have increased in frequency or severity. “Wildfires probably burned more area in the past,” and “the global burned area declined by between 16 and 33% between 1998 and 2015.”

“Except for the fact that hot days have increased while cold days have decreased,” observes Goklany, “none of the trends are consistent with the received narrative.”



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Honduras Adds Permanent Abortion Ban to Constitution



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Honduras recently passed a constitutional amendment that, barring a sea change in public opinion, permanently prohibits all abortions in the Central American country.

“All human beings have a right to life from the moment of conception,” declared Honduran National Congress member Mario Perez, who introduced the amendment on January 21.

Just seven days later, Congress ratified the amendment, which reads: “The unborn shall be considered as born for all rights accorded within the limits established by law. It is prohibited and illegal for the mother or a third party to practice any form of interruption of life on the unborn, whose life must be respected from conception.”

“The changes raise the Congressional voting threshold to modify abortion law from two-thirds majority to three-quarters,” reported CNN. “Since Honduras’s unicameral Congress has 128 deputies, the new rules would require at least 96 to vote for future changes to these articles — an unlikely scenario at the moment, since 86 voted for the amendments.”

The amendment, known as “Shield Against Abortion in Honduras,” was promoted by the National Party of Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández. However, as should be obvious from the number of deputies who voted for it, the measure was popular across party lines.

The amendment will have no effect on existing Honduran law, which already prohibits killing the unborn without exception. Why, then, did the government feel the need to strengthen its protection of the unborn?

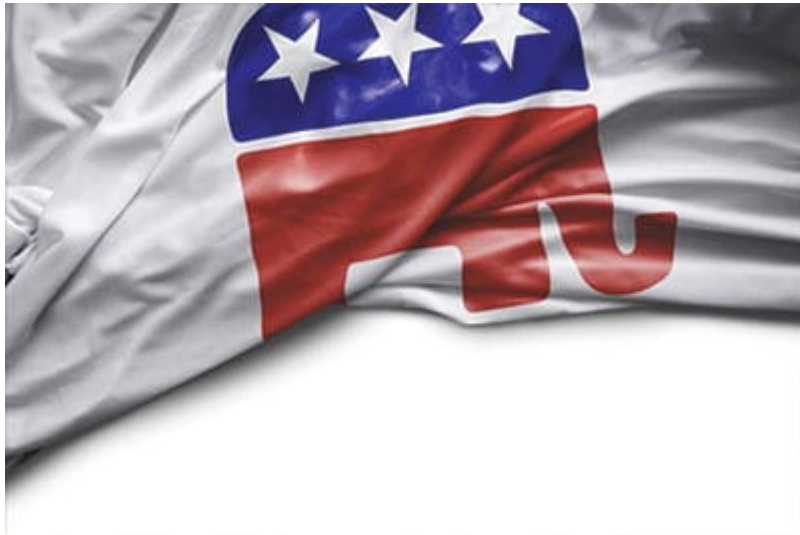
“2021 is a major election year in Honduras, with both the presidency and all 128 seats of Congress up for grabs,” wrote CNN. “Though abortion is not a historically decisive voting issue for Hondurans, the topic may have been particularly sensitive amid the recent wave of pro-choice rulings in the region.” Argentina’s new law allowing unlimited abortion of fetuses under 14 weeks old undoubtedly also spurred lawmakers to pass the amendment.



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Republican Party Targets 47 Vulnerable House Democrats in 2022



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On February 10, the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) released its battle plan to recapture the House in the 2022 midterm elections. Its strategy is simple: remind voters of the damage Democrats have been doing to the country, the economy, and the rule of law. By targeting 47 of the weakest Democrat incumbents, the NRCC is planning on beating the average in 2022, as historically the opposing party wins between 25 and 27 seats in the House in the midterms.

The Republicans only need to turn five to return the House to Republican control.

In 2018, Democrats won 35 more House seats than Republicans, and in 2020 they were expected to expand that lead substantially. Instead, not a single incumbent Republican lost reelection, while Republicans replaced 13 incumbent Democrats. The margin favoring Democrats in the House is now just five, the slimmest majority since 1930.

Included among the 47 Democrat targets are 29 in districts that either didn't support Biden, or supported the House incumbent by five points or less. There are another 10 Democrats who might face redistricting issues next year, especially in states where Republicans control the legislature. And there are eight more who won by fewer than 10 points and also underperformed Biden in last November's election.

Among Democrats that the NRCC has promised to target are Representatives Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.) and Ron Kind (D-Wis.), who won their districts by just 3.9 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively. In 2018, each of them won their seats by more than 19 points.

The NRCC considers Representative Kurt Schrader (D-Ore.) as especially vulnerable, as he only garnered 52 percent of the vote, which underperformed Biden by three points in that district. Also on the list of "underperforming" Democrats are California Representatives Katie Porter and Mike Levin, who underperformed Biden by 4.4 percent and 6.5 percent, respectively.

Also vulnerable, according to the NRCC, is Representative Deborah Ross (D-N.C.), who underperformed Biden in November and who is facing redistricting in 2022 in a state with a Republican-controlled



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U.K. Hospitals: “Chestfeeding” Instead of “Breastfeeding”



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The U.K.’s Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals have implemented a new “transgender-inclusive” policy, reported the U.K. *Times* on February 10. According to the *Times*, the policy is “the first in the country to formally implement a gender-inclusive language policy for its maternity services department, which will now be known as “perinatal services.”

The policy will require hospital staff “to use gender-neutral language alongside — not instead of — traditional terms to ensure that all groups are represented,” reported BristolLive on February 10. “Breastfeeding,” for example, will be replaced by “chestfeeding.” Other substitutions include “human milk” for “breast milk,” “parental” instead of “maternal,” and “birthing parent” for “mother.”

Even many liberals are not happy with the new policy. On *Good Morning Britain*, liberal commentator Piers Morgan, who is outspoken against political correctness, read a Twitter user’s post that said, “I’m transgender myself, and Morgan is 100 percent correct. This isn’t what the majority of transpeople ask for, and it hinders our rights, not helps us.”

“I want transgender people to have respect and dignity and equality,” continued Morgan. “I don’t think you get there by telling midwives to stop using the term ‘breastfeeding’ because it may upset a few people when 99% of the people in there are breastfeeding. It’s nonsense, and this kind of PC-cop nonsense with the language ... it has the opposite effect to what you think it does. It annoys people.... It doesn’t bring you any inclusivity. It becomes exclusive; it alienates people.”

If transgender people are not asking for these term changes, why are progressives bulldozing their ideas under the pretense of inclusivity the transgender community is not demanding? As conservative commentator Dennis Prager says, “The Left destroys everything it touches.”

Engaging in conversation and debate about the psychological and sociological effects of altering language to neutralize gender is the first step toward raising awareness of the “cancer” of cancel culture.



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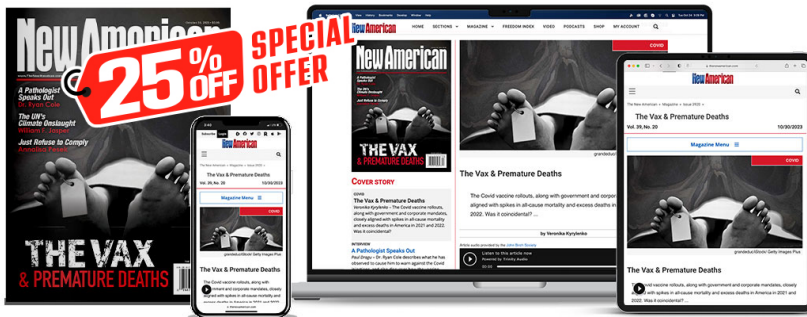
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