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Obama Plotting to Bypass Congress on UN Climate Regime

The Obama administration, conspiring with  the United Nations and various foreign governments, is plotting to foist a [draconian “global-warming” regime](#) on the American people — without ratification by a two-thirds majority of the U.S. Senate, as required by the Constitution for all treaties. The radical strategy primarily involves semantics and legal quackery: Instead of calling the controversial scheme a “treaty,” the White House is pursuing what it calls an international “accord.” If Congress does not step in to stop it, the global plot would [ration emissions of carbon dioxide and energy while redistributing potentially trillions of dollars from Western taxpayers to Third World regimes](#). Globalists and alarmists hope to conclude the UN deal at a “climate” summit in Paris next year.

The reasoning behind the lawless machinations is fairly simple: Obama, the UN, and foreign governments milking the climate alarmism all know the U.S. Senate will never ratify a global-warming regime. Having already failed to get a domestic cap-and-trade scheme through even a Democrat-controlled Congress, Obama has also turned to [“executive actions” in his unconstitutional bid to limit emissions of essential-to-life carbon dioxide domestically](#). Using the Environmental Protection Agency, the administration simply decreed that CO₂ — exhaled by humans and required for plant life — is “pollution.” By contrast, scientists and experts not feeding at the [global-warming industry trough](#) refer to [carbon dioxide as “the gas of life.”](#)

According to the *New York Times*, which first reported the latest administration scheme to bypass Congress, Obama’s “climate negotiators” are working with foreign powers and the UN to adopt a “politically binding” carbon regime. Critics of the lawless plan say lawmakers will have to act to rein in the administration, possibly by defunding the “climate” scheming undertaken by the White House and the UN. If Congress fails in its duty, though, the UN climate regime will seek to coerce governments around the world into seizing unprecedented powers over their populations and economies under the guise of limiting CO₂. Americans and Europeans, meanwhile, would be fleeced to prop up largely autocratic regimes around the world under the bogus pretext of fighting “climate change.”

As [opposition grows to the president’s “pen and phone” schemes to bypass Congress](#) and the Constitution, Obama’s swarms of climate bureaucrats are already pushing the radical plan in the press. “If you want a deal that includes all the major emitters, including the U.S., you cannot realistically pursue a legally binding treaty at this time,” observed Paul Bledsoe, described by the *Times* as “a top climate change official in the Clinton administration who works closely with the Obama White House on international climate change policy.” In other words, the Constitution, the legislative branch, the



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American people, and checks and balances will all be trampled to advance the UN climate regime. If the Constitution were followed, the administration knows it will fail.

Around the world, foreign governments and bureaucrats — who, unlike Obama and all members of Congress, did not take a solemn oath to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution — are fully on-board with the plot to crush even the appearance of constitutional governance in the United States. “There is an implicit understanding that this not require ratification by the Senate,” said Laurence Tubiana, the “climate ambassador” to the UN for the imploding Socialist French government. “There’s a strong understanding of the difficulties of the U.S. situation, and a willingness to work with the U.S. to get out of this impasse.” By “difficulties,” of course, the climate bureaucrat from France was referring to America’s system of constitutional self-government. The UN [climate czar previously said the mass-murdering Communist Chinese system was better suited to fighting “global warming” than the U.S. Constitution](#).

Even if the climate regime were to be ratified by the Senate — the chances of that happening appear to range from slim to none, especially because [most Americans reject the discredited man-made global-warming theories pushed by the UN and Obama](#) — the federal government has no constitutional authority to foist such a scheme on the American people in the first place. Big Government-mongers like to pretend that any treaty approved by two-thirds of senators becomes the “law of the land.” In reality, though, the U.S. government cannot expand its powers beyond those delegated to it in the Constitution simply by ratifying a treaty.

From the earliest days of the American constitutional Republic, that was common knowledge. “I say the same as to the opinion of those who consider the grant of the treaty-making power as boundless,” noted Thomas Jefferson, one of the most important Founding Fathers behind the U.S. Constitution, in 1803. “If it is, then we have no Constitution.” More recently, the Supreme Court ruled in the landmark 1957 *Reid v. Covert* case that “no agreement with a foreign nation can confer power on the Congress, or on any other branch of Government, which is free from the restraints of the Constitution.” If Obama was indeed a “constitutional law professor,” as he claimed, he would know that, meaning he is deliberately violating the oath he took with his hand on the Bible.

The scam being cooked up by Obama and his allies would also include “voluntary pledges” combined with “legally binding” elements from a 1992 treaty, the *Times* reported. “Countries would be legally required to enact domestic climate change policies,” the paper added. Of course, by “countries,” the *Times* was referring to UN member regimes, most of which are autocratic and many of which do not have even a shred of legitimacy (think Mugabe, Castro, Kim Jong-un, and others). “There’s some legal and political magic to this,” Natural Resources Defense Council “global climate negotiations expert” Jake Schmidt was quoted as admitting.

Ahead of the Paris summit where the administration hopes to ink the deal to impose a global climate regime on humanity, global-warming “dignitaries” plan to meet in New York next month to discuss the plan. In December, the UN global-warming circus will fly at taxpayer expense to Lima, Peru, to finalize the draft agreement. Then, if all goes according to plan, governments and dictators from around the world will meet in the French capital next September to put their signatures on the document, which they believe will bind the populations they rule into submitting to the UN carbon regime.

However, there are already signs that Republican lawmakers may put up some resistance, and with the GOP widely expected to take control of the Senate, Obama’s climate scheming may be doomed well before the Paris conference begins. “Unfortunately, this would be just another of many examples of the



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Obama administration's tendency to abide by laws that it likes and to disregard laws it doesn't like — and to ignore the elected representatives of the people when they don't agree," said Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the top Republican in the Senate. Specific action plans have not been laid out, but the [GOP-controlled House could simply cut off funds for the administration's unlawful plot](#).

Another top Republican and a firm opponent of the "pseudo-science" underpinning the UN's warming theories offered an even stronger rebuke to the White House plot. In a statement released Wednesday, Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) said Obama's latest scheme shows the president has "given up on his dream of enacting an internationally binding global warming treaty." The Senate will not ratify it, he noted again, a consistent and accurate message he has delivered over and over to the UN and its member regimes. Even on the domestic front, lawmakers plan to keep battling the unconstitutional machinations.

"We will continue to fight the president's economy crushing domestic greenhouse gas regulations," added Sen. Inhofe, perhaps the leading climate realist in Washington and persistent thorn in the side of UN alarmists. "U.S. economic competitiveness is hanging in the balance, and additional U.S. restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions will only hurt the United States as other nations like Australia either scrap or water down their unsuccessful green dream policies." He was referring to the [devastating blow to climate deception and hysteria delivered by Australia recently](#), when it voted to repeal carbon taxes after [previously vowing not to accept any more UN "socialism masquerading as environmentalism."](#)

As *The New American* [reported recently](#), virtually every falsifiable climate prediction made by the UN, Obama, and the legions of taxpayer-funded alarmists has been proven spectacularly wrong. In fact, [73 out of 73 UN "climate models" predicted warming, yet there has been none for at least 17 or 18 years](#) — maybe more, depending on the data set used. The globalists, carbon taxers, and pseudo-environmentalists [know their window to impose a devastating global carbon regime on humanity is on the verge of being slammed shut forever](#). Obama's latest plot represents a desperate, kooky, last-ditch effort to shackle the world. Americans and their elected representatives must ensure that it fails.

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