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UN Paris Climate Hypocrisy: Limos and Learjets

Time to get out your AGW hypocrisy meters. AGW, of course, stands for anthropogenic (human-caused) global warming. And the hypocrisy meters are about to ring off the charts, as the AGW alarmists descend in droves on Paris for COP 21 (21st Conference Of Parties), the United Nations' muchballyhooed climate summit, set to take place November 30-December 11.

It happens every time: the millionaires, billionaires, and "public servants" — Prince Charles, Al Gore, Ted Turner, Richard Branson, Hollywood celebs, presidents, prime ministers, etc. — swoosh into the confab in their tax-payer provided jets, or their own private Learjets and Gulfstreams, to preach to the rest of us on why we must reduce our "carbon footprints" and submit to a UN-mandated "carbon budget."



While at the global gathering, these elites will occupy the luxury suites of the most expensive hotels, dine at the swankest 5-star eateries, and entertain themselves at the trendiest watering holes. Appropriately, the UN summit will be held at the Paris-Le Bourget Airport and conference site , which boasts the largest number of private jet terminals of any airport in the world.

The UN's COP21 webpage <u>says</u>: "In order to give the best possible welcome to the 40,000 people expected, France has chosen the Paris-Le Bourget site for its hosting capacity (18 hectares) and its accessibility."

As Canadian climate realist Donna Laframboise <u>explains</u> in her blog, Paris-Le Bourget is "not just any airport."

"Ordinary people don't descend from the clouds and touch down on its consecrated runways," Laframboise writes. "That experience is reserved for royalty, rock stars, and the conspicuously consuming super rich. Offering quick takeoffs and landings, Paris Le Bourget (aka LBG) is 'the premier choice for private flights' in and out of the French capital. Equipped with more private terminals (eight) than anywhere else in the world, it caters to the 'ultra high net worth traveller' desiring an open-air terrace or a children's play area. Patrons who aren't met by chauffeured limousines can drive away in Porsche rental cars."

"If climate change were really a crisis," Lafromboise asks, "wouldn't emissions-spewing private jets have been outlawed long ago? I mean, what possible excuse do preachy celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Oprah Winfrey have for this gas-guzzling self-indulgence?"

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planetary dignitaries and their media soulmates at that event were energy hypocrisy hogs: leaving the doors and windows of the UN convention center wide open to the hot and humid tropical air, while denouncing middle-class use of air conditioning; riding back and forth daily from the convention in private limos and luxury taxis, instead of the brand new fleet of buses that had been purchased for the event (and which were always virtually empty, except for myself and a few other riders); staying in top-of-the-line luxury hotels, while decrying "wasteful" and "unsustainable" middle class single-family homes.

It was the same at the UN's 2009 COP15 Climate Summit in Copenhagen, with <u>"Limos and Private Jets for Climate Dignitaries"</u> — the same "greenies" who insist that the rest of us must submit to everincreasing regulatory controls over every breath we take and every move we make.

"We haven't got enough limos in the country to fulfill the demand," lamented Majken Jorgensen, the managing director of the Copenhagen's biggest limousine firm. "We're having to drive them in hundreds of miles from Germany and Sweden." Jorgensen also told the U.K.'s *Daily Telegraph* that only about five of the climate dignitaries' vehicles are hybrids. "The government has some alternative fuel cars but the rest will be petrol or diesel. We don't have any hybrids in Denmark, unfortunately, due to the extreme taxes on those cars. It makes no sense at all, but it's very Danish."

The hypocrisy of the millionaire-billionaire jet-setters — Michael Bloomberg (Media mogul and former NYC mayor), Tom Steyer (real estate tycoon and Democrat fundraiser), Hank Paulson (former Goldman Sachs CEO), Brad Pitt, and Angelina Jolie, to name a few — appears to know no bounds, as they <u>crank</u> <u>up their demands</u> for global sacrifice, while indulging the champagne and caviar lifestyle of the superrich.

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