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Media hysteria

and propaganda promoting "human-caused global warming" have hit a new high this month, just as the previously most successful campaign of world technological genocide - the demonization of DDT - is passing from the scene. After eradicating malaria from the entire developed world, DDT was banned by the United States, the United Nations, and their retainers. The result has been the deaths of more than 50 million children, mostly African, and chronic ongoing illness from malaria for more than 500 million adults - 10% of the human race.

There was never a shred of credible scientific evidence that DDT was harmful to the environment or to animal or human health. Even the scientific review board of the Environmental Protection Agency, EP A, the agency that initiated the DDT ban, found DDT to be environmentally safe and environmentally beneficial. Before the ban DDT saved hundreds of millions of human lives, and its originator received a well-deserved Nobel Prize.



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Based on Silent Spring by Rachel Carson, a book that was demonstrably false from cover to cover, and promoted by self-interested ideologues, including Al Gore, the anti-DDT pogrom reached an intensity comparable to the current campaign against energy.

Use of DDT against malaria is now being advocated by the US and the UN. Why has DDT been rehabilitated? The reason is that malaria has been killing mostly black children, and black political power has finally reached a point where this can no longer be overlooked. So, those in the culture of human death have lost the ban of DDT, but they managed to kill a lot of people while it was in force.

Banning DDT, however, is child's play compared with banning energy - the most genocidal action ever attempted in human history.

The campaign against inexpensive and plentiful energy resources for human technology is not new. It began on college campuses in the 1960s. The same left-wing radicals who controlled those campuses are now in control of the United States Congress.

Their target was and is energy - in any form that is industrially robust. Their primary demons have been nuclear energy and hydro-carbon energy. Solar energy, biofuels, and wind energy will be acceptable to them only so long as they remain industrially impractical for the generation of large amounts of inexpensive energy.

Evidence for this is found in hydroelectric energy, which has actually been classified by our government as a "non-renewable" re-source and demonized by the anti-technologists. Its sin - it produces large amounts of inexpensive entirely renewable electrical energy.

In the 1960s the cry arose for people to reduce their use of hydro-carbon energy from coal, oil, and natural gas. The initial claim was that we were running out of these "precious and rare" commodities. The truth, however, is that the United States especially and the world in general has plenty of hydro-carbon energy supplies for the next several centuries - a truth that soon asserted itself in the market price for hydrocarbon fuels. Oil itself is plentiful. Moreover, coal and natural gas can be easily converted into oil. There is no natural shortage of these commodities.

Political actions in the 1970s and thereafter, however, created shortages in the United States. Taxation, regulation, and litigation placed such onerous burdens on hydrocarbon production inside the United States that new production was instead developed abroad - and Americans were gradually forced to buy more and more of their hydrocarbon energy from often unstable foreign countries, especially those located in Muslim regions.

An alternative was available, however, in nuclear electric energy

While hydroelectric energy was peaking because most good hydro-electric sites had been developed, about 100 nuclear power plants were already supplying 20% of America's electrical energy. More such plants could have substituted for diminishing hydro-carbon supplies and maintained the energy independence of American industry.

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So, a vast, unprincipled, falsehood-filled propaganda campaign was launched against nuclear power - and it succeeded. -not one nuclear power plant was built in the United States after the 1970s. The safest, least expensive, most environmentally benign source of industrial and domestic energy was essentially banned from further development in the United States - a situation that continues today.

As reported in The Wall Street Journal



OnLine, February 24, 2007, an estimated 251 nuclear power plants are in various stages of planning and construction throughout the world, but there is not a single such plant under construction in the United States.

Without nuclear energy and without development of sufficient domestic hydrocarbons, Americans powered their country with imported hydrocarbon fuels. These, it turned out, were not in short supply as had been claimed.

Therefore, the anti-technologists tried another lie. Noticing that global temperatures were in a mild downtrend, they screeched that "global cooling" would soon engulf the planet. This, they claimed, was being caused by the burning of hydrocarbon fuels. If we did not stop using hydro-

carbons, they asserted, we would all soon freeze in the dark. The global cooling campaign met its end when temperatures began to rise naturally and when Carl Sagan predicted that, if Iraq burned the oil fields of Kuwait, the resulting global winter would cause worldwide devastation. Iraq did set fire to the Kuwait oil fields - and no global cooling took place.

So, now that temperatures were rising, the ever-resourceful anti-technologists tried a third time. Now they claimed that "human-caused global warming" is the threat - again only to be stopped by rationing the human use of hydrocarbon energy. Global taxation, global energy rationing, global technology reduction, and human genocide are their goals and, given their record of success so far, these merchants of fear and death may be very close to succeeding.

Their weakness is in science. Their claims of warming due to human production of carbon dioxide are entirely without scientific merit. So, they refuse to debate the science, falsely claiming that a consensus of scientists - which does not exist - agrees with them.

CONSENSUS

SCIENCE

Science consists of making experimental observations of the physical world and organizing these observations in rational ways. In combination with the discipline of mathematics and a systematic that subjects hypotheses to rigorous experimental tests, scientists have obtained sufficient information about the physical world to make possible the wonderful technology

that we enjoy today.

Science is essentially a search for natural truth - to whatever extent that the human brain is capable of discerning that truth. Often scientists prove to be wrong. They develop hypotheses that are consistent with the known experimental facts only to find additional facts that invalidate their hypotheses. This is a continuing process that is so pervasive that most truly outstanding scientists exhibit substantial humility toward their work.

Perhaps the most eloquent expression of this humility was by Isaac Newton, indisputably the greatest physical scientist who has ever lived, who said near the end of his life, "I do not know what I may appear to the world; but to myself I seem to have been only like a boy playing on the sea-



shore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, while the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

Albert Einstein wrote, "In order to put his system into mathematical form at all, Newton had to devise the concept of differential quotients and propound the laws of motion in the form of total differential equations - perhaps the greatest advance in thought that a single individual was ever privileged to make."

Notice the profound humility in both statements. Yet these two unequalled physicists never departed from the principle that their hypotheses and theories must be verified and constantly tested by all of the experimental information available. They studied the truth, not the opinions of other people.



Benjamin Franklin discovered the electron and gave us the + and - signs on our batteries, but the overwhelming consensus of scientists during the

following 100 years was that Franklin was \Tong about the existence of the electron.

All scientists are guided by the principle that their hypotheses must be verified and tested by observations of the physical world. If they are not so guided, they are not scientists. Scientific truth is not determined by opinion polls or "consensus" decision making.

The proponents of human-caused global warming are without humility and

without interest in experimental information. They predict the weather 100 years in the future with unverified computer models and then state with absolute certainty that they must turn off half of humanity's energy supplies and heavily tax the remainder. This is neither science nor environmentalism. It is fraud.

THE GLOBAL WARMING CONSENSUS

The global warmers are not interested in humility or experimental verification. Consider the hypothesis of "human-caused global warming" and the concomitant hypothesis that warming of the earth will soon result in vast environmental damage - the two hypotheses now being promoted under the banner of an alleged "scientific consensus" and a need for worldwide energy taxation and rationing.

First, there is not a single experimental observation - not even one - that verifies either of these hypotheses. The first hypothesis is supported solely by computer extrapolations of future earth temperatures, using mathematical models with so many adjustable parameters that they can be made to predict virtually any conclusion. At best, this is a computer-modeled hypothesis that has never been validated by any experimental test whatever. The second hypothesis does not even have a computer model that suggests it, and, like the first, has not been verified by any experimental test.

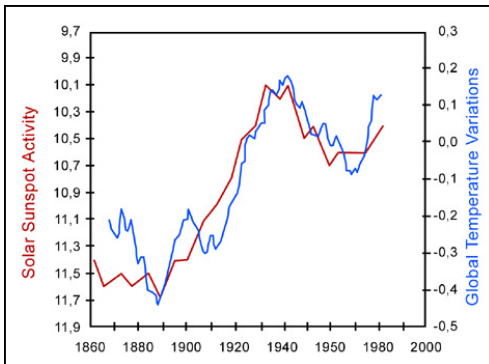
Carbon dioxide is actually a very weak greenhouse gas. Water vapor is much stronger. The computer models predict that a very small amount of warming from carbon dioxide will set off a cycle of increased water evaporation from the oceans, thus causing a catastrophic temperature rise. We know, however, by experiment that this is not correct. The historical temperature record as shown in Figure 2 below reveals many periods when temperatures were much higher than can be achieved by carbon dioxide warming. Yet, no water-mediated or other cycle of extreme warming took place.

Contrary to the endless claims by Al Gore and his retainers, there is not and has never been any consensus among scientists in favor of either of these hypotheses. Some years ago, my colleagues and I circulated a petition among American scientists. In less than a month, with very limited resources, we obtained the signatures of 18,000 Americans with university degrees in physical science to a petition which states:

"We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan in December, 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases (Continued on page 3)

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would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.



"There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

The fact that more than 18,000 Americans with university degrees in physical science - including many very eminent men - signed this statement does not prove that the statement is scientifically correct. Scientific truth is not determined by polling. It does prove, however, that there is not a

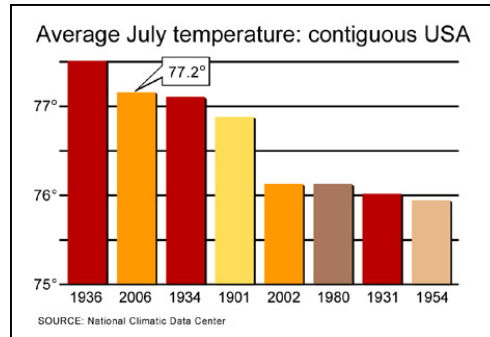
consensus of scientists - with only a handful of skeptics - in the United States who believe the opposite. The human-caused global warming industry with its billions of dollars in annual operating funds has never been able to assemble a group of scientists even one-tenth as large as this to sign a statement in support of its position. This indicates that, if a consensus exists at all, it is on the side of this petition.

Even now, when we are not soliciting signatures, we have a continual modest stream of scientists asking to sign this petition. The claim that virtually all scientists agree that humans are warming the earth and thereby severely damaging the environment is entirely bogus. It is a myth generated by a well-funded group of self-interested elitists for the purpose of avoiding discussion of the science opposed to their schemes for gaining additional political power.

What have the human-caused global warmers said in response to this petition and the definitive review article, "Atmospheric Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide" by A.B. Robinson, S. L. Baliunas, W. Soon, and Z. W. Robinson, that was distributed with it.

They have claimed that we were paid by the oil industry to dummy up a false petition; that the signatories to the petition are bogus; that the petition has long ago been

discredited; that the signatures are unvalidated; that our laboratory has insufficient computers; that we are a "campaigning organization"; that the review article was never peer reviewed; that we falsely pretend to be endorsed by the National Academy of Sciences; and that the first author of the review article is a Christian - the ultimate smear in the company they keep. Isaac Newton was also a Christian. All of these claims except for the last are definitively and demonstrably false, although many NAS members did sign the petition. See www.oism.org/pproject for a copy of the review article and the names of the petition signers.



What have the human-caused global warmers not done in response? They have never replied to any of the scientific data in the review article upon which the petition

is based, and they have never circulated a petition of their own in opposition to this one.

The claimed scientific consensus of the human-caused global warming industry does not exist. This claim is an outright lie. Ω

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I estimate that, even with volunteers doing the work, this project would cost at least \$1 million and possibly as much as \$2 million. While little in comparison with the cost of an energy-rationed future, this is still far beyond the means and resources of *Access to Energy*.

This project would need to have one or several large initial contributors who provide the greater part of the funds and thereby assure smaller donors that the project can be completed.

Some years ago, I was talking with an outstanding Caltech engineer and physicist whom I have known for almost 50 years, but had not seen for a long time. In sharing experiences with him, I mentioned that I had inherited *Access to Energy* from Petr Beckmann, who had started the newsletter to defend nuclear power from the many lies directed against it. I said that Petr had been a very effective voice against the enemies of nuclear power. Said he, "He could not have been very effective. Nuclear power lost!"

Petr's legacy of leadership and work for nuclear power is still having a very significant effect in a battle that is not yet won.

I suggest that each reader of *Access to Energy* think about the un-thinkable effects of a loss to the human-caused global warmers and about the question of funding the resources to beat them through a clear and unequivocal demonstration to the American people that science and scientists are not on their side.

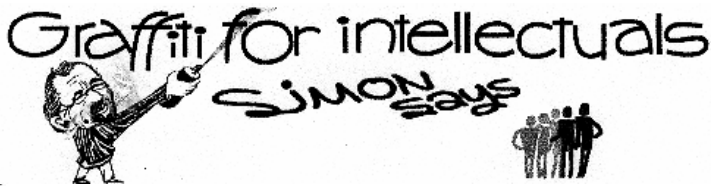
Then write to at least one affluent individual who might be willing and able to help. If you cannot think of such an individual, write to Lee R. Raymond, American Enterprise Institute, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Lee Raymond is retired Chairman and CEO of Exxon Mobile Corporation.

We do not know Mr. Raymond and have never communicated with him or Exxon. However, from many news reports, we conclude that he was a most principled voice against the global energy rationing enviros while he was at Exxon. It is men of this sort who have access to the economic power to stop the enviros. Some of that power should be utilized to expand the Petition Project.

If the necessary capital can be found, we and our colleagues would happily do our part in updating the review article and executing the petition campaign on an entirely unpaid, volunteer basis.

We are making good progress with the biomedical research that readers of *Access to Energy* and other donors have made possible by their generosity in funding our work. We could not solve this global warming political problem by ourselves even if we sacrificed all of this work and the serious obligations that it entails.

Outside this window waves, however, an American flag. That flag represents many things. One of the things it demonstrates is that we are not alone. For more than two centuries, whenever America has been threatened by evil, her people have risen up and saved her. ●



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WINNING—and needing your help

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AN APPEAL FOR ACTION!

Tom Bethell, writing in the American Spectator, once quoted me as saying "It is fine to complain about those who would do evil. It is better to take some noticeable action to interfere with them. It is self-satisfying to take action strong enough to elicit praise. An enemy is not beaten, however, unless he is, in fact, beaten. It is best to win, even if this requires action outside one's field of specialization."

When the stakes are hundreds of millions of human lives and the prosperity and freedom of the entire world, it is not just "best" to win. It is an absolute moral requirement to win.

Yet, gradually, through the expenditure of essentially unlimited funds on propaganda, those who are promoting the evils of global rationing, taxation, and regulation of energy through the false claim of "human-caused global warming" are gaining the upper hand for their evil and dishonest plans.

This has finally attracted the serious attention of most people and groups within the "conservative" community, so there are lots of articles and statements being published against the enviros. These efforts are, however, mostly directed at the conservative faithful. They are being overwhelmed by the enormous sums being spent by the unprincipled enviro-media-anti technology-political-academic-business alliance that is railroading a perceived reality of human-caused global warming into the brains of American voters.



The most effective single action that has been taken against these people was the Petition Project in which a review article and petition were circulated among some of America's scientists. Funded by non-tax deductible donations and subscription income from *Access to Energy* readers and assembled and mailed by volunteers, this petition demonstrated that the claimed "consensus" of American scientists in favor of the CO2-caused environmental catastrophe hypothesis does not exist. If anything, scientists are, in the majority, opposed to this hypothesis - which is

both un

proved and also invalidated by the experimental evidence.

Surely, the enviros have lied about every aspect of the Petition Project and filled the Internet with false statements about it and its organizers, but that has not prevented it from becoming the most referenced information against them in the world and an effective tool in marshaling political opposition to their program. For example, in March 2007, on the

Sean Hannity radio program, Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma read this petition on the air and stated that it was the Petition Project that initiated his work against this hoax. Senator Inhofe's has been the most effective work of this kind in Washington. Other United States Senators have made similar statements.

However, this project is old. We wrote the review article and circulated the petition 9 years ago. The review article needs to be updated, since the evidence against the human-caused global warming hypothesis is even stronger today than it was 9 years ago. Had we possessed enough money for stamps and printing, we could have obtained 50,000 signatures then. This needs to be done now!

Expanding the Petition Project from 18,000 to 50,000 signers with university degrees in science would be more difficult and expensive today, but also far more effective. The enviros would fight every step of the way - providing the project with wonderful publicity. If done properly, I am certain that it would succeed.

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