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# MANMADE GLOBAL WARMING IS A SCAM

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*Manmade* Global Warming (GW) is the biggest hoax in recorded history. There is absolutely no scientific evidence that CO<sub>2</sub> has anything to do with current warming, regardless of the source. It has such a small effect that it cannot be isolated from the many other variables. Solar radiation, orbit changes, axis tilt, volcanic activity, and ocean currents, for example, dwarf CO<sub>2</sub> as causes of climate change and there are many more variables for which we have no long-term data.

Historically, CO<sub>2</sub> levels have risen *after* warming, not before. Superimposing a graph of temperatures on a graph of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels shows that temperature rises first, *followed* by a rise in CO<sub>2</sub>, often 800 years later. Most atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> comes from the oceans and when they get warmer, they release CO<sub>2</sub> faster, just like a soda fizzes faster when it is warm. Arguing that CO<sub>2</sub> causes GW is like arguing that lung cancer causes smoking.

The temperature rose a whopping 1° F last century, but ¾ of that rise was in the first half. If human use of fossil fuels was the cause, the larger rise should certainly have been in the second half of the century. Actually, the latest satellite technology has shown only a slight rise in lower atmosphere temperature since 1998, indicating a declining rate of temperature rise. The satellite data largely ignores the urban heat island effect that can result in “downtown” being 6 to 8 degrees warmer than nearby rural areas, particularly at night. Many of the “hottest ever recorded” temperatures are in urban areas where the heat island effect has increased with urban growth over the last century.

Willy Sutton said he robbed banks because “that’s where the money is.” “Scientists” could just as easily develop models for global cooling, as they did in the 1970’s, but they now model Global Warming because that’s where the money is. V.P. Al Gore started the ball rolling with a \$1 billion grubstake and that’s been followed by \$10 billion more to “study” GW. There are entire careers dependent on GW and more grant money every year. The money has become so addictive that any scientist who questions GW is attacked and risks losing funding for their own research projects.

The GW “scientists” assume CO<sub>2</sub> causes GW, design computer models based on that assumption, plug in rising (often greatly exaggerated) CO<sub>2</sub> levels, and then claim that the models prove GW. Using this method can prove virtually anything. Reduced to its basics: Assume A=B; thus it is proven, A=B. The quantum leap to A=B=disaster is mere conjecture. History actually tells us that humans thrived during warmer cycles and starved during cooler cycles.

There is one model that really launched the panic about GW. It is the one that showed an impending sharp rise in temperatures. Because of this sharp rise, it was known as the “hockey stick” model. There is a technique for testing such models, called the Monte Carlo method. It is a modified random number generator that generates random data within certain parameters. When 100’s of random data sets of temperatures were plugged into the “hockey stick” model, it always showed a sharp rise. So the shape of the curve was largely independent of the values entered. The developer of the model refused to release the computer code that would allow peer review. While this model has been thoroughly discredited, the hockey stick ramp is still etched in the minds of many GW proponents and those gullible enough to follow their lead.

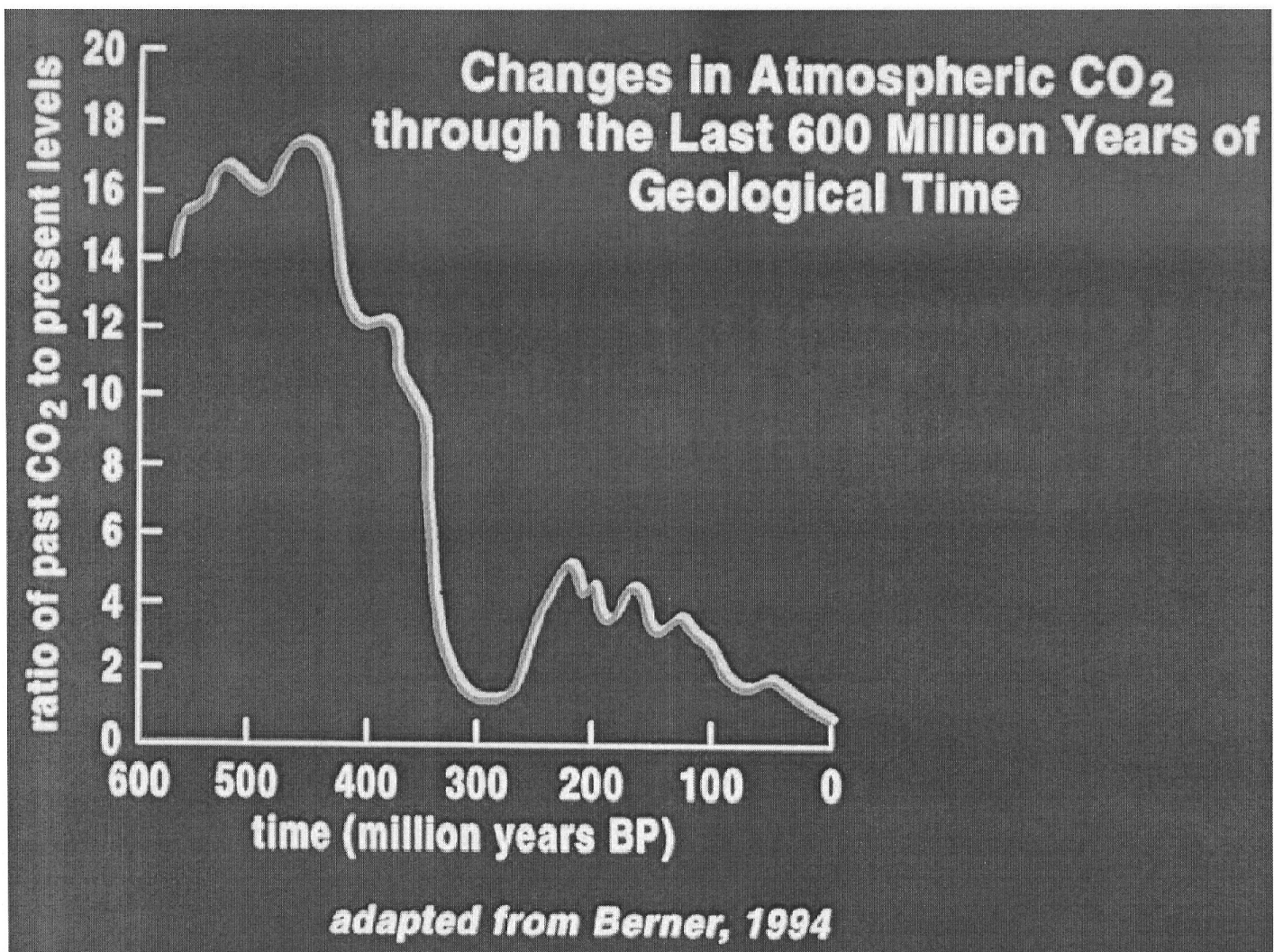
None of the climate models is backward viable. When data from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century is plugged in, the models “predict” much higher temperatures for the second half than what actually happened. So the only thing we know for certain about the models is that they are flawed and heavily skewed towards Global Warming.

Rising temperatures on Earth have coincided with rising temperatures on Mars and other planets. The rising temperatures also coincide with the warmest solar cycle ever recorded. Could it be that

the variable output from the Sun, the only source of heat in the solar system, is responsible for temperature variations? NASA's Mars Global Surveyor has recorded that the polar icecap (ironically made mostly of CO<sub>2</sub>) has been receding for 3 consecutive years. To be consistent, the GW crowd would have to argue that Martians have been driving SUVs. Oops, Mars has no atmosphere, so there is no greenhouse effect and "Martian-made" global warming is impossible. Only increased radiation from the Sun can explain it.

CO<sub>2</sub> is a trace gas comprising only 0.0335% (by volume) of the atmosphere. Human contribution to CO<sub>2</sub> entering the atmosphere is 2.5% to 4% at most. The predominant greenhouse gas, however, is water vapor, accounting for 95%. *IF* CO<sub>2</sub> were 1% to 2% of the greenhouse effect, human CO<sub>2</sub> contribution would be something like 0.05%. And the GW doomsayers claim reducing this to 0.04% is imperative to save the planet. One part per 10,000 to stop GW is patently absurd.

On top of that, only once in the last 600 million years have CO<sub>2</sub> levels been as *low* as they are now. Why? Because so much of the carbon is tied up in coal, oil, and natural gas, all from vegetation that died millions of years ago after pulling CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere. We should get busy and burn that stuff or we'll run out of CO<sub>2</sub> needed for our current greenery. Higher CO<sub>2</sub> levels have been shown to increase crop yields by extending the growing season 2 to 3 weeks while also making the plants more drought and disease resistant. If you put a bubble over North America, we would eventually have crop failures caused by a depletion of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>. Due to the amount of foliage, North America is a net producer of oxygen and a CO<sub>2</sub> consumer.



Al Gore's "documentary" is full of half truths, gross omissions, unsubstantiated "facts," cherry-picked data, misrepresented photos, and total fabrications.

Al Gore shows a few glaciers shrinking but not the ones that are expanding. There are about 9500 glaciers in the Himalayas alone and only 50 of them have been studied. What about the other 9450 glaciers? Some of the shrinking glaciers were shrinking long before the invention of the auto and the surge in the use of fossil fuels. The "snows of Kilimanjaro" were receding when all ships were sail powered and state-of-the-art lighting was lamps using whale oil.

Al shows dramatic photos of glacial ice falling off into the ocean and claims that this is evidence of GW. Actually, it is proof that the glacier is expanding, not shrinking. The ice breaks off every spring as it has done for hundreds and probably thousands of years. If the glacier were shrinking, the ice would not reach the ocean to break off and the picture would only show a rocky shoreline. But there is nothing dramatic about a rocky shoreline. So the picture is real but the commentary is a lie.

Al shows "before and after" photos of disappearing northern pack ice. But the leading expert on subject says that that large ice flows drift during the summer due to weather conditions and ocean currents. Sometimes they drift towards the North Pole, sometimes they drift towards Russia, and sometimes they drift towards Canada. Then they freeze together again in the winter forming pack ice that is not in the same location from one year to the next. So the ice didn't disappear, it just moved.

Al says GW will cause the spread of malaria. The disease is not temperature dependent, however, and there have even been malaria outbreaks inside the Arctic Circle. If malaria spreads, it will be primarily due to the ban of DDT, which was responsible for eradication of the disease in North America and Europe.

Al shows waves lapping at islands that he claims will disappear as the sea rises 20 feet from melting glaciers. There are several problems. First, waves have been eating away at landmasses and turning them into sand since the beginning of time. Second, even the estimates from the GW biased UN report forecast a rise in sea levels of at most 17 inches in the next 100 to 200 years. At least that's better than the original "forecasts" that predicted a 200 foot rise, where tourists would look at NY City through glass-bottomed boats. It seems they used the amount of ice during the last ice age, when Chicago was under 4500 feet of it, and added that to current sea levels. Oh how liars can figure. And how did all that ice melt 10,000 years before the industrial revolution and SUVs?

Conveniently ignored is the fact that for 500 years (about 800 to 1300) the Medieval Warm Period had temperatures much warmer than they are now. This reveals several inconvenient truths:

1. Humans had nothing to do with the warming.
2. Temperatures much warmer than now were not disastrous.
3. Receding glaciers in the Alps have revealed human activity. A silver mine appeared in Switzerland with tools lined up waiting for workers to return in the spring. Apparently, the "disaster" occurred when it got colder, the snow didn't melt and a glacier covered the mine. The glacier advanced during the "Little Ice Age" that ended in about 1850 and it has been getting warmer ever since. Perhaps current warming indicates a return to "normal" rather than a departure.
4. GW proponents will discount the Medieval Warm Period as an anomaly isolated in Europe. However, Florida's Lake Okeechobee this June receded to its lowest level since 1935, revealing human remains and pottery from a village 500 to 1000 years ago. Based on the mud at the site, the village was likely several hundred yards from the shallow lake, indicating conditions warmer and drier than now. During the same period, Canadian forests extended several hundred miles north to the edge of the Arctic Circle.

5. So how is it that more trees existed when it was warmer, but GW proponents now say we need to plant more trees to *prevent* warming?
6. Humanity thrived under the warmer temperatures. The Vikings colonized and farmed significant areas of Greenland, which were green at that time. Wine grapes were grown in England, prompting the French to impose tariffs on the lower priced English wines. Olive and fig trees were grown in Germany. It's too cold to do any of that now.

A few more inconvenient truths:

- While maybe 3 of Canada's polar bear populations are shrinking, the other 8 are stable or increasing and that's where it is warmer. One population has increased from 850 to 2100, hardly a sign of the apocalypse.
- While one side of the Greenland ice sheet is shrinking, the other side is getting thicker.
- While at most 30% of the Antarctic ice cap is getting thinner, at least 70% is getting thicker.
- While trees were cleared for farmland, there are actually more trees in the US now than there were when the Pilgrims landed. An 1864 panoramic photo of "Old Main," the original building at the University of Denver, has Pikes Peak 58 miles in the distance, but not a single tree anywhere. The large addition of trees to formerly treeless environs is very common across the Great Plains and the desert southwest, from Texas to southern California. Weyerhaeuser should claim that too many trees cause Global Warming.
- Earlier this year scientists "misused" their grant money by releasing a study claiming that methane from bovine flatulence was contributing more to the greenhouse effect than CO<sub>2</sub> produced by human activity. This was a short-lived story because GW proponents knew people would likely conclude that a world without pizza, ice cream and cheeseburgers is not worth saving. They also knew that cow farts destroying the planet would expose GW as the fraud that it is. But before cow farts, there were 70 million farting buffalos. Was Buffalo Bill the first Al Gore, just doing his part to save the planet?
- While GW proponents, citing the devastation of Katrina, claim GW will make such hurricanes commonplace, hurricane experts say GW has and will have little or no effect. The leading US hurricane expert, Dr. William Gray of Colorado State University, has said that *if* GW is happening primarily at the poles, as claimed by GW proponents, it would *decrease* the intensity and frequency. It is the *difference* in temperature between polar and tropical regions that causes hurricanes.
- While there were some noted scientists listed (for creditability) as contributors to the often-cited GW report, none actually wrote the report; it was written by bureaucrats. Some of the scientists, who disagreed with the distortions in the final report, had to threaten a lawsuit to get their names removed.
- While Al Gore and the mainstream media claim the debate is over, there is a petition (1) disputing manmade Global Warming signed by nearly 17,800 scientists, including 2,660 trained in physical or environmental sciences. Most of the scientists promoting GW are not so trained; they are usually concerned with the plight of frogs in their favorite pond or some other micro view of the planet. You won't see any of this on *60 Minutes* or anywhere else in the MSM.
- The debate is over only because GW proponents have declared it so. Al Gore has compared GW deniers to Holocaust deniers (unproven theory vs. historical fact) and has refused to even appear with any qualified scientist who might shoot holes in his non-scientific methods.

(1) The "Oregon petition" has 19,700 signatures with 17,800 independently verified. While it does not say "Global Warming," it disputes the assertions of the Kyoto Protocol that is largely the basis for GW. Many of the early e-mail signatures have been replaced with mail-in cards, which is now a requirement. Of those claiming to have PhD's, 95% have been independently verified. Critics cite some obviously bogus signatures, like one of the Spice Girls with a PhD and duplicate signatures.

Note that submitting duplicate and bogus signatures is a technique often used by the left to invalidate petitions for ballot initiatives they don't like, but would likely be approved by voters if they got on the ballot. However, some names ridiculed as obviously bogus are real. Signer "Perry Mason," for example, is a PhD chemist.

Most of the gloom and doom "scientists" now precede their dire forecasts with less definitive conditions like "may," "might," "could," and so forth. Never reported, of course, is that for every "may" there is also a "may not." So a modern Chicken Little will say, "The sky *might* be falling, but we can't afford to wait to find out for sure, because there is a consensus among all the little chickens. We are told that there is a consensus on Global Warming, but we are not told that this is only among those who "believe" in GW. Galileo was placed under house arrest, because he had the audacity to disagree with the consensus that the Earth was the center of the universe. Consensus is not science and is often dead wrong.

To gloss over such things as the disastrous crop losses due to frost in California, GW proponents point out that it was *only* the second worst freeze in recorded history. The warm early winter weather in the East was endlessly emphasized, but the brutally cold late winter and early spring weather was given only casual reference, even though they forced the cancellation of several GW conferences. Areas of northeast Alabama broke the record lowest temperature ever by 7 degrees, and it wasn't even winter.

These cold spells became so inconvenient that the latest technique is to speculate that all extreme weather phenomena are due to "climate change" rather than Global Warming. The fall in the Southern Hemisphere has been unusually cold. In May, it snowed in South Africa for the first time in 35 years with a dozen or more dead and it wasn't even winter yet. As reported:

"The South African Weather Service said 54 temperature records were set as snow, hail and heavy rain descended on the country. Many cities recorded record low temperatures while others hit new marks for the heaviest one-day rainfall. Some commentators suggested *climate change might be at least partly to blame...*" [Emphasis added]

Note that during the same week it snowed in North Dakota and Maine. Blaming such a strange coincidence on Global Warming is quite a stretch even for a GW proponent, so it must be "climate change," the new universal bogeyman. Manmade Global Warming has morphed into manmade global climate change. No one has even attempted to twist science far enough to explain just how this works, but humans must be the cause. After all, what else could it be?

Considering Al Gore's contention that GW will destroy the planet and kill us all, you'd think he would be doing everything he could to reduce his own contribution to this pending calamity? Apparently, big Al only thinks everyone else should go green.

Al Gore's Tennessee mansion uses about 20 times the electricity of the average home and most of this comes from coal-fired generating plants. With a year-round heated pool and decorative gaslights, the annual gas bill is \$12,000, just a wee bit high for a home in a southern state. And he has 3 more homes. Al claims he is "carbon neutral," because he buys carbon credits. It turns out that Al started and is chairman of a company that invests in planting trees and such for the purpose of selling carbon credits to rich people who don't want to be inconvenienced by going green. Al buys carbon credits from himself, then profits from the Global Warming hysteria he creates and will profit even more with government mandates regulating carbon emissions. Follow the money.

I think Al has also created his own version of the see food diet. He eats everything in sight but, apparently, he buys "food offsets" by paying some starving Somalian not to eat food he doesn't have anyway. It makes just as much sense as carbon credits and the results are obvious.

How does big Al pay the \$30,000 annual utility bill for his mansion? Through 2003 he had received \$500,000 in royalties from a zinc mine on the property. The mine had been cited several times for exceeding EPA limits and polluting a nearby creek. It was shut down voluntarily, but is scheduled to reopen under new management so that “environmentalist” Al Gore can reestablish the cash flow to support his energy-wasting lifestyle, the kind he so deplores for the rest of us.

Al Gore recommends an “Energy Impact Calculator” for determining your “carbon footprint.” Ironically, this calculator cannot handle numbers as large as those for Al’s house. When it comes to carbon footprints, Al Gore is a giant, nearly as big as he is a hypocrite.

The following occurred during Al Gore’s March 2007 testimony before a Senate committee:

**"There are hundreds of thousands of people who adore you and would follow your example by reducing their energy usage if you did. Don't give us the run-around on carbon offsets or the gimmicks the wealthy do,"** Senator Inhofe told Gore.

**"Are you willing to make a commitment here today by taking this pledge to consume no more energy for use in your residence than the average American household by one year from today?"** Senator Inhofe asked.

Senator Inhofe then presented Vice President Gore with the following "Personal Energy Ethics Pledge:

*As a believer:*

- *that human-caused global warming is a moral, ethical, and spiritual issue affecting our survival;*
- *that home energy use is a key component of overall energy use;*
- *that reducing my fossil fuel-based home energy usage will lead to lower greenhouse gas emissions; and*
- *that leaders on moral issues should lead by example;*

***I pledge to consume no more energy for use in my residence than the average American household by March 21, 2008."***

Gore refused to take the pledge.

Along with Al Gore, one of the leading proponents of carbon offsets is Maurice Strong, who has become very wealthy by wheeling and dealing while manipulating world politics. He has been involved in many UN scandals, the most recent being the totally corrupt oil for food program with Saddam Hussein. Carbon credits are just the latest in a long line of international scams “legitimized” by global bureaucrats. He has been working on this scam for at least 15 years. He was in charge of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. At that summit, he clearly played to the real agenda of the world environmental movement when he said:

***“Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring that about?”***

There you have it. The environmental movement is mostly political. Patrick Moore, the cofounder of Greenpeace in 1971 and GP International in 1979, is still an avid environmentalist. He resigned from the organizations in 1986, however, because he says they, and the environmental movement

in general, have been hijacked by the far left. While they claim to be deeply concerned about the environment, their primary goal is to destroy capitalism and promote global socialism. Why else would the Kyoto Protocol exempt China and India, which have the fastest growing economies in world and comprise 35% of the world's population?

China is currently second to the US in carbon emissions and will soon be number one. China is building coal-fired power plants faster than Starbucks builds new coffee shops. A new generating plant currently comes on line every 10 days and over 2000 new coal-fired plants are planned in the next 20 years. Thus, China cannot sell carbon credits, but they are well into playing the "greenhouse gas" credit game. China currently builds factories specifically designed to produce the "worst" greenhouse gasses, like Freon. They have no need for the Freon, but instead China sells the factory to a European company. The European company then closes the factory and uses the "credit" to get around new regulations and keep their factories operating in Europe. It is only a matter of time before the European company pays China not to build the polluting factory at all. So it boils down to redistribution of wealth from rich capitalist countries (and their evil corporations) to poor countries, global welfare in effect. Who pays for this nonsense? The customers, of course.

There has been a concentrated effort to brainwash school children with GW taught even in math, history and English classes, mandatory viewing of Gore's movie, etc. One school required parents to view the film with their children. At one NJ university viewing the film is required for graduation. Opposing views and data are neither presented nor permitted.

The public is bombard with GW propaganda woven into news stories. In the second week of May, the MSM grossly over covered sub-tropical storm Andrea (not even a hurricane), emphasized how this was *three weeks* before the official start of hurricane season, and implied Global Warming was the cause. Where is it written that storms must conform to the Gregorian calendar like such seasonal absolutes as "never wear white after Labor Day?" Then we are told that this is "*only* the 17<sup>th</sup> time that a named storm occurred this early," implying that this is extremely rare. Conveniently left out is that storms have only been named since 1951. Thus, on average, an early storm happens every 3 years or so. Furthermore, U. of Alabama and former NASA climatologist Dr. Roy Spencer stated that Andrea was caused by "unusually cold air pushing unusually far south." And somehow Global Warming caused this?

Unfortunately, the bureaucratic Global Warming train may have already left the station, never to return to the real world. To further stoke coal to this engine, Al Gore has trained 1000 people (Global Warming missionaries?) to travel the country narrating his GW slide show in front of any audience they can find from schools to Rotary Clubs to nursing homes. This is intended to produce millions of converts to the GW cause. Al Gore said it is, "The largest mass persuasion campaign in the history of the world." I'm reminded of an old adage, "Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large numbers."

The only questions unanswered are how much freedom of choice will be sacrificed and how much will it cost to accomplish, at best, nothing.

For example, our tax dollars are used to subsidize production of ethanol from corn. In 2006, 20% of our corn production was used for ethanol with 25% forecast for 2007. This has already caused a huge spike in corn prices (doubled in the last 12 months), which has increased the cost of many food items, those containing corn products and those from animals that eat corn products. In the last year, for example, egg prices went up 23% and chicken is up 27%. Because of higher corn prices, increased acreage is planted in corn rather than wheat or soybeans, causing price increases in those crops as well. It even has a name – "agflation." Taxpayers' money used to raise the price of their food; FDR would be so proud. The New Deal lives on; can a depression be far behind?



Corn is a major export commodity and many third world countries will have increased starvation because they can't afford the higher price. There have already been demonstrations in Mexico protesting the rising price of tortillas.

Car companies are taking advantage of incentives by making higher cost vehicles that can use E-85, 85% ethanol fuel. But even if 100% of the corn crop was used for ethanol production, it would only satisfy 12% of our fuel needs and many millions of people would starve. How many trees must be cut down to get land to grow more corn? On top of that, most ethanol production currently uses coal to fire the distillation process, negating all proclaimed environmental benefits of ethanol. Furthermore, ethanol (or E-85) cannot be sent through pipelines to major urban centers as is often done with gasoline. It soaks up moisture and corrodes the pipes. Thus, it must be transported by additional diesel burning trucks (\$100,000 each), made from energy intensive steel and rolling on petroleum and natural gas (burned for carbon black) based tires.

Then there is the often-ignored law of unintended consequences. The recent spike in gas prices was mostly due to a lack of refinery capacity. Oil companies assumed the traditional 1% annual growth in demand, but instead it was 3%. However, rumblings about the government raising CAFE standards, mandating higher ethanol content in gasoline, and mandating availability of E-85 at gas stations have caused the oil companies to shelve all plans they had for increasing refinery capacity. Any such expansion is far too expensive and takes far too long for implementation to justify the risk if the government will be meddling with market forces. So, once again, government attempts to solve a problem will only make it worse and, consequently, the public will have to pay for such folly.

Even without all the details, "We must reduce dependence on foreign oil; hey, let's burn food," sounds idiotic. Corn-based ethanol, as an alternate fuel source, is only viable for people who live in an alternate reality. Yes, Brazil uses ethanol, but it's made from sugar cane, which has 5 times the yield. Furthermore, analysis of the entire process indicates that E-85 has essentially no effect on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and it actually creates air pollution more detrimental to human health than gasoline. We will still be dependent on foreign oil and will increasingly become dependent on foreign food as well. Only a Washington bureaucrat could devise a "solution" so patently stupid.

And that's just one of what will likely be a plethora of "solutions" designed by politicians, the geniuses that gave us a 66,000-page tax code, each page attempting to correct some perceived inequity created by a previous page. Our very way of life is in jeopardy. Generations of little girls baked "delicious" brownies in their Easy Bake Ovens that used a light bulb as the heat source. Millions of these gourmet appliances will be wastefully relegated to the trashcan when incandescent light bulbs are banned. Either that or parents will be forced into even whiter (greener?) lies when compact fluorescent bulbs produce "delicious" raw brownies.

And what happens when a fluorescent bulb breaks, releasing toxic mercury? A woman in Maine recently tried "saving the planet" by installing CFL bulbs. Unfortunately, she dropped one and it broke. Home Depot suggested she call the poison control center, which referred her to the state EPA, who tested and found 6 times the maximum allowable levels of mercury. Because she tried to do the right thing, she ended up paying \$2000 for a HAZMAT cleanup. With energy savings of about \$10 per year, she'll break even in 200 years.

"White knight" politicians around the world, including some state governments, are strongly considering banning incandescent light bulbs. All flora and fauna on Earth are carbon based. To save these carbon-based life forms, we are told we must reduce the amount of carbon we remove from the ground. This in turn requires removing mercury, toxic to nearly all living things, from the ground and putting it in every room of every house. Will every house become a potential Superfund

Site? How long will it take for ambulance-chasing lawyers, like John Edwards, to file class action lawsuits that will double or triple the cost of the CFL bulb mandated by the government?

Are you ready to pay more for a lawnmower, air conditioner, refrigerator, washer, and pretty much anything that uses energy, often with negative payback? Are you ready for a gas-guzzler tax on anything bigger than a Civic, a carbon tax on charcoal, and a surcharge on every tank of propane? Are you ready to pay more for the energy itself, and everything that requires energy to produce, when the government requires power companies to “collect” carbon and store it underground? Sadly, nature would do that for us at no cost; that’s how oil and coal got underground. Some of today’s vegetation becomes tomorrow’s oil (yes, it’s renewable), tomorrow being millions of years in the future. Mother Nature should file a grievance.

At the time of the Kyoto Protocol, the Clinton Administration estimated that “carbon caps” would increase the price of gasoline 53% and overall energy costs by 86%. This would in turn reduce economic growth by 1.9% and cause interest rates to rise. With the government’s track record of grossly underestimating costs, one can only imagine how high they might really go.

April marked the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Earth Day (UN sanctioned version), often cited as the beginning of the environmental movement. While extensively covered by the mainstream media, not a single one reported the claim at the time was that human-generated pollution was going to block out the Sun and precipitate disastrous Global Cooling. A late 1970’s cover of *Newsweek* depicted the impending doom as we all froze to death. Oops, it didn’t happen so the “environmentalists” regrouped and developed a new strategy, Global Warming. But even if nothing happens (again), they will claim that it was Al Gore and resultant government regulations that saved us from certain death and that even more drastic restrictions are necessary to prevent humanity from backsliding into oblivion.

In the real world, climate warming follows climate cooling followed by climate warming, and so on since the birth of the planet. In the last 600 million years, the one thing that has *never* happened is climate stay the same. Climate change is both normal and inevitable. Anyone who believes otherwise is either a fool or unaware that the manmade GW “science” is shaky, at best, and there is another side to the argument that is far more compelling.

You do not have to believe in Global Warming to be swept up in the rush to “save the planet.” But you will pay dearly for complacency in a higher cost of living for a lower standard of living. While I doubt the GW train can be derailed, perhaps it can at least be slowed. To paraphrase the traditional admonition by the wedding preacher – Should anyone have reason why we should not destroy our economy in the inane attempt to stop Global Warming, speak now (and be prepared to dodge the slings and arrows from the PC crowd) or forever hold your ankles.

While the following were written roughly ¾ of a century ago, they are still appropriate today:

“For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple, and wrong.”

H. L. Mencken

“The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule.”

H. L. Mencken

“I intend to make government into an instrument of unimaginable power.”

Franklin Delano Roosevelt