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## Private Property Ownership – the First American Right To Die Under Barack Obama’s Tyranny

By Tom DeWeese

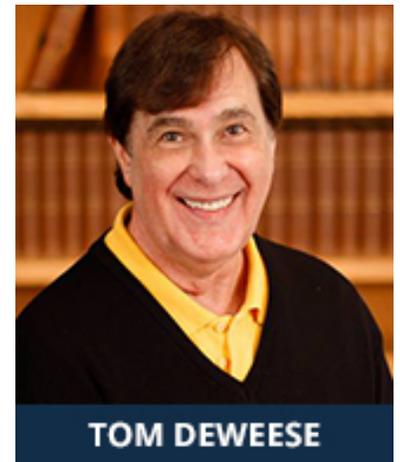
*“Imagine no possessions, I wonder if you can...”*

John Lennon wrote these words for a fantasy song to glorify his understanding of the road to peace. John may not have understood the true origins of his thoughts, but we know it as Communism. Barack Obama knows that too and is determined to make sure you understand the consequences of “no possessions.” In government-speak it’s called the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule.” (AFFH) Once it becomes a reality you will be able to fully appreciate John’s statement – imagine no possessions.” For if AFFH is allowed to stand, the concept of private property is about to die in America.

The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule is federal enforcement of Sustainable Development Smart Growth Cities. Until now there was at least a pretense that Smart Growth development was a local process. That, of course, is what the American Planning

Association (APA), Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and your city council have assured citizens. Now, through the revelation of AFFH, it is clear that such development is a top-down dictatorship, overseen by the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Announced July 16, 2015 by HUD Secretary Julian Castro, the excuse for the 377 page ruling is to promote and assure discrimination and achieve balanced and integrated living patterns for all citizens. To achieve that goal, AFFH is specifically designed to move people out of rural areas into mega cities and tightly



control who may stay in reduced suburbs. Exactly as we've been warning about Smart Growth policy.

To achieve its goals, AFFH requires agencies and communities that apply for HUD grants to detail income levels, religion, color, and national origin of every single person living in every neighborhood of the community. They will then determine any imbalances and, if necessary, force a massive shift of people into such neighborhoods to achieve the desired balance. This is nothing less than social engineering!

Worse, the AFFH rule will effectively eliminate local government rule over development. Where once there was at least the pretense of local communities making their own decisions and could spend the HUD grants as they determined best for their communities, now, under AFFH, HUD will control those decisions to its satisfaction. And the local governments will be forced to comply. The result is the destruction of local representative rule. Communities must supply updates to HUD on the break down of its communities every five years to check on and assure progress.

So what does this mean to average American citizens - in plain English? It means the destruction of neighborhoods, loss of control of their own property and loss of property values. If government funded high rise apartment buildings are forced into neighborhoods of single family homes, the value of the properties will fall. It's possible that, should a neighborhood find itself in a shortage of residents representing certain ethnic backgrounds or income levels, then a homeowner trying to sell their home may find they can only sell to someone representing that imbalance. Imagine the affect that will have on the already depressed real estate market.

For those who live in ethnic neighborhoods of their own choosing, being close to family and friends that share traditions and outlooks, it means being forced into neighborhoods where they are not wanted and where they do not want to be. It means a loss of freedom of choice and loss of the right to be secure in their home. In this day

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of constant accusations of racism for nearly every act, does no one see the irony of the built- in racism in a regulation that assumes those of certain ethnic origin or economic level are oppressed and unhappy simply because they live in a different kind of environment from that of the enforcers? What could make them feel more lost and hopeless than to be forced into living in government controlled housing in a neighborhood where they are shunned and resented?

This past September the United Nations made a big deal out of its new 2030 Agenda as it vows to eliminate poverty by 2030. Of course the only remedy to poverty offered in any UN policy is redistribution of wealth. That means taking from those who created their wealth (wealth translates to whatever amount you may have in your pocket or bank account at the time) and give a portion to someone who has failed to create their own wealth. However, the missing ingredient in these so-called solutions is a plan to actually help people build their own wealth. Take just a small amount today to feed someone in need and tomorrow they will need more. Again and again and again.

Taking from a producer time and again will cause two results. First, the producer eventually loses their wealth. If government takes enough then the person who once had wealth will have none and will in fact need assistances themselves. Result = more poor, not less. Second, the producer will finally learn that it is a waste of time to keep trying to produce and will stop producing. Result = again, more poor, fewer opportunities. No solution to get people out of the poverty cycle. Moving them into your neighborhood will not stop poverty. It will make you poorer as your property values decrease.

The fact is, America became the wealthiest nation on earth in a very short time precisely because of the ability of every American to own and control their own property. Ownership produces equity – that is a process to build wealth. 60% of small businesses in America were financed by the equity in the owner’s private property. And eventually 60% of Americans were employed by companies that were financed in that manner. Private property ownership is the path to building wealth and eliminating poverty.

However there is no mention of such a plan in the UN’s Agenda 2030. Instead we see quotes like this one from the National Audubon Society’s Peter Berle: “We reject the idea of private property.” Those promoting these policies tell us that private property

ownership is a social injustice because not everyone owns private property. So, they plan to make it impossible for anyone to own property – just to keep us all equal.

Professor Paul Ehrlich of Stanford University explained the goal best when he said, “A massive campaign must be launched to de-develop the United States. De-development means bringing our economic system into line with the realities of ecology and the world resource situation.” Ehrlich, by the way, is the father of the discredited population explosion theory that drives much of today’s environmental movement.

As a result of current Smart Growth policies, federal subsidized low income housing is taking the place of single family homes, thus eliminating the ability of low income Americans to buy their own property and achieve their own wealth – what was once called the American Dream.

According to Builderonline.com, which reports on trends in the building industry, homebuilders are no longer planning to build starter homes for young families or low income buyers. They only plan to build single family homes for the rich and federally subsidized apartment buildings for the rest of us. Why? Because the housing industry is being taken over by the federal government through plans such as AFFH. It is setting the standard for the future of housing.

In cities around the nation, such as Portland, Oregon, Boston, Massachusetts and Seattle, Washington, their Smart Growth plans are forcing them to end the availability of single family homes. In July, 2015, Seattle mayor Ed Murray and the City Council called on community leaders to develop a Housing Affordability and Living Agenda for the city. One of the main recommendations was to get rid of single family homes. Smart Growth forces an artificial line around the city outside of which no growth may take place. As the population grows, density grows. Eventually the city has no where to grow but up – into pack and stack high-rise apartment buildings. That is what has happened to Seattle. Now home owners will begin to see Eminent Domain used to take their single family home and replace it with the high-rises. It is the end of private property in Seattle.

One of the great outrages coming from the enforcement of such policy is the National Association of Realtors (NAR). This is the national organization that has set itself up as the champion of private property ownership and the idea that home ownership is the root of the American Dream. Yet, the NAR has sold its soul for a few grants and it is now a major promoter of Smart Growth policy. Every realtor in the nation should rise up against the NAR and threaten to leave it if it doesn’t stop promoting Smart Growth policy. If realtors continue to be cowed by the NAR they will soon wake up to learn they will have no product (homes) to sell. The future of every realtor in the nation is at stake. They could and should be a powerful voice in stopping

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this destruction of property rights. But today they remain silent and ignorant of their own organization's actions, to their own peril and that of every homeowner in the nation. The NAR and its member realtors take a walk of shame everyday that they let this outrage go forward.

However, some members of Congress are trying to stop AFFH. Representative Paul Gosar of Arizona introduced a bill in July to ban funding for AFFH. His bill passed the House 229 – 193. Then Senator Mike Lee of Utah introduced the "Local Zoning Decisions Protection Act (S.1909). His bill has six co-sponsors including Presidential candidate Marco Rubio. The plan was to get both bills passed in their respective houses, then merge them together in a conference committee and add the final version to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill (THUD). That bill was considered to be "must –pass" legislation making it more likely that Obama would have to sign it or see HUD shut down.

Unfortunately the plan didn't work. House Speaker Ryan and Senate Majority Leader McConnell once again betrayed efforts to reign in the Obama juggernaut by eliminating the language from the massive trillion dollar omnibus spending bill passed in December. In fact, the final spending bill actually increased HUD's budget by \$2.6 billion, assuring it has plenty to enforce AFFH.

However, in a conversation I had with Lee's legislative director, he assured me that S.1909 is still alive and that the Senator is determined to stop AFFH. It is vital that Americans who see the danger in AFFH take action now to stop it. We must flood Capitol Hill with calls supporting S.1909 and express our strong opposition to AFFH.

The American Policy Center has also prepared a petition addressed to Senator Lee to encourage him to continue the fight. With thousands of signatures he can use the petition to show other members of the Senate that he has strong support for S.1909. **Readers can sign the petition here.** If American private property rights are to be saved then we must stop AFFH!

Clearly HUD's plan to enforce the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Rule is a major tool for killing private property and de-developing the United States. It is the enforcement of social justice. It is pure social engineering designed to reorganize human society, just as was promised with Agenda 21.

The one growth industry coming from Agenda 21, the 2030 Agenda, and the AFFH rule is government. It is getting bigger with each new rule and grant. The obvious result of such massive growth is corruption at all levels of government. When people have no say in how their lives are being engineered government rushes in to fill the void and dictate the rules. It's a pretty hopeless feeling to stand alone against such a behemoth.

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For twenty years the warnings have been issued. We warned that Agenda 21 is the reorganization of human society. That local planning is the enforcement of Agenda 21. That Smart Growth will force people off their land and into cities of stack and pack high-rise toms. That Sustainable Development will control your food and water; transportation choices; family size. And that shortages and misery are your future.

We warned that our American form of representative government will be replaced by non-elected regional councils and dictated to by a central government. That Free Enterprise will be replaced with fascist-style public private partnerships as international corporations will use their influence with government to stomp out mom and pop stores; government agents will join in group hugs with Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and corporate presidents as they carve up the goods of our once free society.

I've delivered all of these warnings for more than 20 years. And frankly I'm weary of it. I've been laughed at by elected officials and ignored by national news shows. I've been called a conspiracy theorist and a liar. As we tried to warn Americans of these dire consequences, they have been easily diverted and maneuvered with the chosen issue of the day; totally engrossed in a presidential election that is a year away; sniping at who said what; who offended whom... Meanwhile, the real issue of the complete destruction of our society, our values and our way of life are ALL encompassed in Agenda 21. And it moves forward almost unabated, as Americans would rather think about something else.

Well America, get ready to receive your due! Barack Obama has just nationalized your home. Along with that, he has put your local government in chains and he and his central government will now make the rules in your local community. If you do nothing now then it won't matter whom you elect to city council or county commission. It won't matter how loud you scream. Imagine no possessions. I wonder if you can! Ignore this warning to take action today or you're going to learn.

**[Sign our online petition now, click here](#)**

# Animal Rights and You: Using Americans Love for Animals to Steal your Rights

By Katharine Dokken

When people think of “animal rights” they think that taking good care of their family pet is the goal. It sounds right. It sounds like good common sense. After all, who could possibly be against taking better care of animals? Unfortunately, this feel good idea is the polar opposite of what the animal rights movement is truly about. They want you to think they are against the “abuse” of animals when they appeal for donations from you, they just don’t tell you that they view animal ownership itself as the abuse they are against.

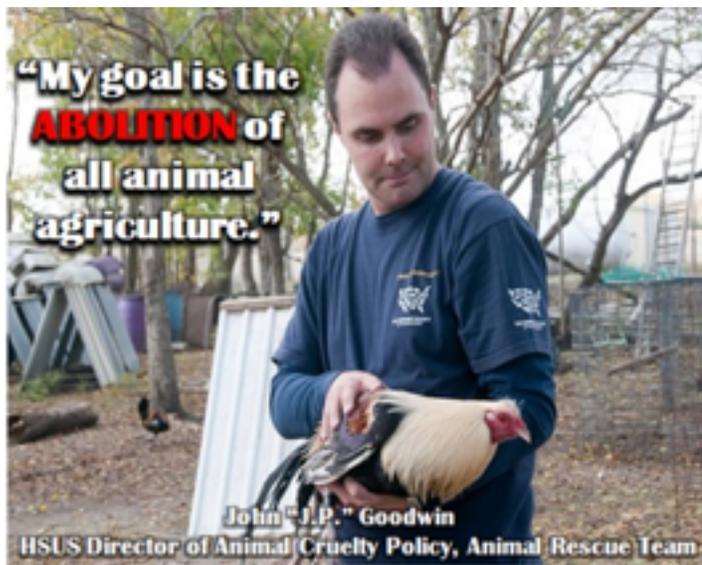


The animal rights movement seems like it is focused on being kinder to animals as a moral guise to cover their true activities which seeks to create an invisible barrier between humans and animals. To make a moral equality between the life of an ant and the life of a child. To end all human ownership of animals, end all domestication of animals. To remove animals from our plates, our barns, our homes, and our lives. The end goal of the animal rights movement is the exact same as their sisters in the environmentalist movement, they seek to end the free market system, seize and redistribute wealth, and gain power over others using our love for animals against us. Activists could really care less about the fate of the animals they claim to be speaking for. As I discuss in my recent book, The Art of Terror: Inside the Animal Rights Movement, the end result of most animal rights policies, the animals die.

The largest group in America today focused on taking your rights away and giving them to animals is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). The HSUS is a warm and fuzzy sounding group that constantly shills for donations to help them save animals. The problem is, HSUS doesn’t run a single pet shelter in America. Not one. They are not an umbrella group for any local “humane” society in your community. In reality they are a Washington, DC based vegan lobbyist group with \$214,549,879 in assets, and morally opposed to pet ownership and meat consumption.

*“One generation and out. We have no problems with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding.”*

- Wayne Pacelle President of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).



Every state in America has extensive and excessive animal care laws and regulations already on their books to ensure that animals receive good care from their human owners. That is not animal rights, though these activists want you to think it is. You will not find mentions of rights for animals in the Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution. Thomas Jefferson, one of the authors of both these documents would be rolling over in his grave at the thought of his documents applying to animals. What about the 'right to air conditioning?' Do you believe that

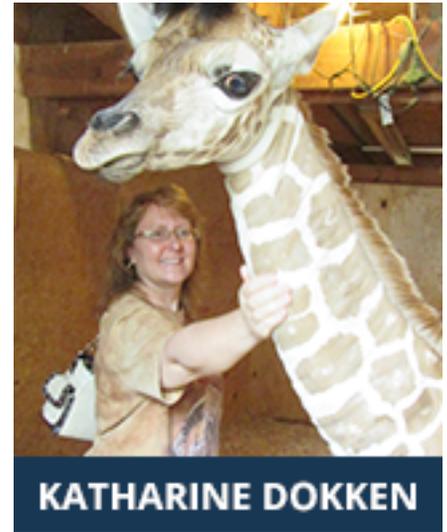
all animals have a constitutional right to air conditioning? Urban voters passed a ballot initiative in Missouri in 2010, funded by the animal rights extremists of HSUS, which outlawed all farmers and dog breeders overnight. The Missouri bill which extremists promoted as an end to "puppy mills" immediately made all farmers into criminals for failure to provide air conditioning to their animals. To animal rights extremists the most common normal animal practices are all abuse. In Michigan, the Department of Natural Resources issued a regulation outlawing the ownership of any pig that isn't solid pink in color. Making farmers into felons overnight.

To the animal rights movement, a frog's life has more value than your right to a pond on your property. Human beings are suffering in California while all the water they need is instead given to the delta smelt (a bait fish) which has more right to life than anyone in the San Joaquin valley has a right to water. Under animal rights, the rights of a chicken are above the rights of the farmer who owns it. Voters in California approved another HSUS ballot initiative in 2008 that caused 50% of egg farmers to go out of business, making the price of eggs rise across this nation. Control the food supply, you control the people.

These extremists have bought their way into government across the board from Tom Vilsack, the Secretary of Agriculture to your local Animal Control Officer, now more than likely a closet member of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a domestic terrorist organization. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) now spends taxpayer money to promote Meatless Mondays as part of their promotion of veganism to reward their animal rights masters. They have infiltrated many large corporations and are working to take them down from the inside out. They are in your children's schools and your local church.

They have taken over providing training on their views of “animal law” to the National Sheriffs Association, to your local police department and animal control officers. Social vigilantism is encouraged as they set us against our neighbors and encourage people to report each other to the authorities.

As part of the moving goal post of their animal abolition goals, Fairfax County, Virginia has just outlawed the use of a dog leash for more than one cumulative hour per day, making it a crime of animal cruelty to walk your dog too much. Other counties nationwide are outlawing allowing dogs to stay outside in cold weather, instantly making farmers into felons for using live stock guardian dogs. Communities nationwide have low pet “limit” laws denying you the right to own the animals of your choice. Own three Malamutes, walk them 62 minutes on a 30 degree day, and you too might be a felon. Next thing you know, you and your neighbors will appear on the latest “animal abuser” registry that is floating around legislatures in a state near you and be banned from owning animals for life.



The right to own private property is a cornerstone of America. Our Founding Fathers viewed private property rights as existing above and beyond government. You not only have legal title and ownership of private property, you have the right to use that property as you wish. Animals are property, not our equals as the animal rights movement portrays, and as such, no legislature or court can ban or “limit” you from exercising your right to own and use or eat the animal of your choosing.

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## **Kathrine Dokken is a New Voice of Courage and Truth Against the Radial Animal Rights Movement**

Her new book, F’cker County: The Peyton Place of the Piedmont should be a must read manual to understand how Agenda 21 corrupts local governments. This is the county where framer Martha Boneta has been harassed, threatened and suffered IRS audits just for trying to protect her property from the radical environmental movement. Dokken’s new release completes the Whispering Pines trilogy. In 2010, a breeder of show dogs and service dogs for the handicapped

was raided by animal rights terrorists in Fauquier County, Virginia. For two and a half years, the dog's owner, Katharine Dokken, suffered in silence while extremists stalked her, threatened her life and home. At the end of 2012, she released a ground breaking book, *Staring the Dragon in the Eye: The Hidden Victims of Animal Extremists*, the first book ever published that pulls the curtain back on animal forfeiture cases, a brutal bastardization of civil asset forfeiture laws, and reveals the ugly truth. The animal rights front came out howling in protest at the expose' of their activities, and have resumed their cyber campaign to discredit the author. Undaunted, she forged ahead and released the second book in the *Whispering Pines* series in 2014: *The Art of Terror: Inside the Animal Rights Movement*. This book continues the expose' of these terrorists and their activities across America. Today, these criminals and their sympathizers have left over 30 negative reviews for both books on Amazon filled with fraudulent slander against the author in an attempt to stop the public from reading what is going on in America today.

*Staring the Dragon in the Eye* was the Who. *The Art of Terror* was the What. Now in 2015, Katharine Dokken has released her third book on animal rights and environmental terrorism, *F'cker County: The Peyton Place of the Piedmont. Or the Where*.

On the surface, Fauquier County, Virginia seems rich in colonial and civil war history. Numerous civil war battles took place there including the Battle of Thoroughfare Gap. But just as the county is rich in history, it is also rich in scandal ranging from Susan Cummings, an arms heiress, who slaughtered her polo playing boyfriend to the White House Gate Crashing Salahi's, ironically enough, a friend to the murdered polo player. Fauquier is home to some of the wealthiest people in America including the late Paul Mellon. That was the past. This is now.

Today the billionaires and the poor are in constant clash over United Nations Agenda 21 policies designed to remove poor people from rural land and force them back into overpopulated urban cities. It is known as wine and horse country that doesn't welcome wine but worships horses. An agricultural farming county you can't farm in because that interferes with the fox hunts of the rich. Home of the Liberty Farm and the Pitchfork Protest. Home to 26 wineries that the County Board of Supervisors did their best to outlaw and run out of the county. Home of animal rights terrorists and the kingdom of eco-nazi's trying to institute English socialism and German fascism on American property owners. Home to petty bureaucrats on power trips. A county where stalking is a major pastime and lawsuits are daily fare. A county where the unwashed masses are denied a movie theater but instead encouraged to spend their nights watching the beautiful people play twilight polo at \$30 to \$50 a car. A literal abusive hellhole of deception, thuggery, corruption, unethical behavior, bullying and targeted destruction of outsiders who dare to move in. A county so notorious in the Commonwealth of Virginia that its nickname is F'cker County.

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# With the Paris climate conference complete, what comes next, what will it cost you, and what can you do about it?

*By Marita Noon*

The UN Climate Conference in Paris ended, as predicted, late and with lots of fanfare over the “agreement” that contains little enforceable language--other than reporting emissions. CO2 reduction goals are, according to the New York Times: “essentially voluntary.”

Despite the disappointing results for the anti-fossil fuel crowd, the Sierra Club gleefully tweeted: “Fossil fuels now have an expiration date.”

What comes next?

Recently, Michael Brune, the Sierra Club’s executive director, announced their next effort: “to prevent the extraction of fossil fuels right from the start”--a campaign known as “Keep it in the ground.” The plan, reported The Hill, is to “shut down coal mines, and crack down on hydraulic fracturing, along with stopping the transportation of fossil fuels in oil trains, pipelines and coal export terminals.”

The plan, which likely isn’t legal, sounds ludicrous to anyone who understands energy or follows the topic--after all, Germany’s ambitious plans to “go green” have failed miserably--but activists, who are committed to the cause, are buoyed by several recent victories. A post, “Keep It in the Ground Movement Scores Another Victory Over Fossil Fuel Interests,” on Greenpeace.org states: “Remember when we told you that the movement to keep fossil fuels in the ground was gaining momentum? We weren’t making that up.” The author then goes on to list the “much-discussed” successes:

- Shell’s departure from the Arctic;
- Rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline; and
- Exxon’s history of climate denial.

She then touts something that slipped under the radar for even the most ardent news watcher: on December 7, the Bureau of Land Management “announced a last minute delay to a fossil fuel lease sale”--which the post claims is due to “grassroots opposition.” The author brags that this “isn’t the first time” they have “stopped the sale of our public lands for fossil fuel exploitation.”



The antis have reason to celebrate. Last month 2016 presidential contender Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) and his colleague Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) introduced the “keep it in the ground bill”--in an admitted “long-shot effort to block the federal government from issuing fossil fuel extraction leases on public land.” While the bill is “certain to languish in the Republican controlled Congress,” they hope by getting it on “lawmakers’ radar,” they can “kick off a grassroots movement that will eventually force lawmakers to block new drilling and mining on public land.” Citing the previous “victories,” they believe that “if green groups can raise the same enthusiasm against federal land leases,” it will “breathe life into the proposal to end new federal land energy development.”

Just days after the Sanders/Merkley bill was introduced, President Obama intoned the movement’s message in his speech announcing the rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline: “we’re going to have to keep some fossil fuels in the ground rather than burn them.” Activists believe that by keeping “the pressure on,” “the grass roots movement can push him in the right direction. They see this campaign as a way for Obama to “burnish his climate legacy by ending, or at least greatly phasing out, the sale of new fossil fuel leases.”

The fight, however, goes much further than federal lands: “it stretches into local fights, over small drilling wells, coal mines and infrastructure.” As they learned from the Keystone fight, “opening multiple fronts” is important.

So, now you know what comes next. If you are in the energy industry--or are in a city, county, or state where it prospers--like low gasoline prices, or don’t want your taxes raised, “keep it in the ground” should scare you into action.

What will it cost?

Here’s what’s happened in many states just as result of low oil prices--not as a result of keeping it in the ground, which would have a much greater impact. And this quick review doesn’t include the devastation wrought on Appalachian Mountain residents as a result of President Obama’s war on coal.

- Lawmakers in New Mexico will have \$60 million less than expected for the state budget;
- Louisiana is bracing for cuts across the board as it loses \$12 million in mineral revenue for each dollar drop in oil prices;
- Thanks to the prolonged slump in oil prices, North Dakota’s state budget may have to be trimmed by \$106.8 million;
- In Wyoming, projected revenues will be down by \$617 million for the three-year budget period that ends in June 2018. The state faces a \$159.7 million budget shortfall for the current fiscal year;
- Oklahoma’s lawmakers will struggle to balance the budget due to a shortfall of between \$500 million and \$1 billion;
- Due to a multibillion-dollar budget deficit, Alaska’s governor has proposed the first income tax in 35 years. The state faces a lower bond rating if it doesn’t do more to address the deficit.

This is not just a state issue. In Santa Barbara County, as result of shutting down two major pipelines, a forthcoming report--which I'll cover more in-depth upon release--projects 3-year losses to the county, state and federal revenue estimated at \$897 million.

These budget shortfalls impact everyone.

In Oklahoma--where "government officials think one out of every four tax dollars is linked to the energy business"--Governor Mary Fallon is calling for state departments and agencies to "start finding ways to cut from their budgets." Department of Transportation spokesperson Terri Angier says: "Everyone has to take cuts. Everyone has to share the burden." Addressing the state's bleak long-term budget forecast, David Blatt, executive director for the Oklahoma Policy Institute, says: "The state tax system is no longer generating the revenue needed for basic public services such as education." He adds: "Equally troubling, state prisons are staffed at less than 65 percent even though they've reached well beyond inmate capacity."

Carroll Cagle, media director of the New Mexico Prosperity Project, told me: "Services New Mexicans depend on from state government are paid for by taxes, and one of the largest and most reliable tax sources is the oil and gas sector. The services include state police, the public schools and colleges, health services, highways and many more. Too many New Mexicans are unaware of where the tax money comes from, or even if they do, they take it for granted. But tax revenue from oil and gas, which flows into Santa Fe to pay for a good portion of all those services (hundreds of millions of dollars), cannot be taken for granted. It defies the self-interest of those who benefit from and favor public services to add to the global pricing problem by unwisely hampering oil and gas producers--the most lucrative source of tax revenue in the state. Without the oil-and-gas industry, services would be cut and taxes would have to go up."

The situation in Santa Barbara, according to initial reports, means the public school system could be the biggest loser with an estimated \$24.1 million dollar loss. The County Fire Department could also face a potential \$4.6 million shortfall in lost tax receipts.

Additionally, the federal government receives more than \$10 billion annually from oil-and-gas revenues. If fossil fuels are kept in the ground, taxpayers will have to fill the funding gap.

If the "keep it in the ground" movement is successful, government services--including education, first responders, and hospitals and healthcare--must be cut, taxes on everything must go up, and electricity rates will "necessarily skyrocket." Western civilization is based on successful mining and farming--which the antis want to block.

So, now that you understand the costs will result in a destruction of our economic system and standard of living, hopefully, you'll engage in halting the movement--because without the participation of American citizens, they will roll on to more "victories."

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## What can be done?

While the anti-fossil fuel movement can tout some successes, as I've recounted, they've had many setbacks--including state and federal courts overturning their ambitious goals. They have been pushing for an international climate treaty for 21 years, yet repeatedly fail. After decades of the most extensive and expensive public relations campaign in the history of the world, fewer people are worried about climate change than when the effort started--with recent polling indicating only 3 percent say global warming was the most important issue facing the country today.

The tide may have already turned, but with your help, we can enact a complete transformation of the anti's destructive policies.

First, call your Senators and the White House. Tell them: "Lift the oil export ban without adding the increased economic burdens of long-term extensions of tax credits for wind and solar." The House has already passed legislation to lift the export ban, but the White House has opposed it. Reports indicate that the export ban--a policy from a different energy era--will "likely" be lifted, but, as a part of the spending and tax measures deal currently being negotiated, Bloomberg states: "in return, Democrats are seeking long-term extensions of tax breaks for renewable energy such as wind and solar."

Next, we are in an election year. Vote for lawmakers who are not trying to scare you or make you feel guilty--but who want to reunite the country, restore its economic strength, and who recognize the importance of cheap energy in our current economic war.

Stay engaged and support those of us who are on the front lines of the war on fossil fuels. Each week, through this column, I introduce a news-based, energy-themed issue that is generally not covered in the mainstream media. Please read it and pass it on. Encourage your local newspaper to publish the print edition of it (provided free). When people understand, they are less likely to be hoodwinked by the fairytale that we can power the world with butterflies, rainbows and pixie dust.

Let's score some more victories!

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# Binding climate treaty now voluntary mush

## But Obama still wants to send US energy use and living standards backward

*By Paul Driessen and Roger Bezdek*

Paris climate talks became frenzied, as delegates desperately tried to salvage an agreement beyond empty promises to do something sometime about what President Obama insists is the gravest threat to our planet, national security and future generations.

Determined for once to lead from upfront, he took a 500-person greenhouse gas-spewing entourage to the City of Light, to call for preventing increasing droughts, floods, storms, island-swallowing rising acidic ocean levels, and other disasters conjured up by alarmist computer models.

Legally binding carbon dioxide emission targets were too contentious to pursue. So was modifying “differentiated responsibilities,” the notion that countries which historically caused the recent atmospheric carbon dioxide build-up must lead in cutting their emissions, while helping developing countries eventually do likewise, by pouring trillions of dollars in cash and free technology into the Green Climate Fund for supposed adaptation and compensation. Developing countries had insisted on that massive wealth redistribution as their price for signing any binding document.

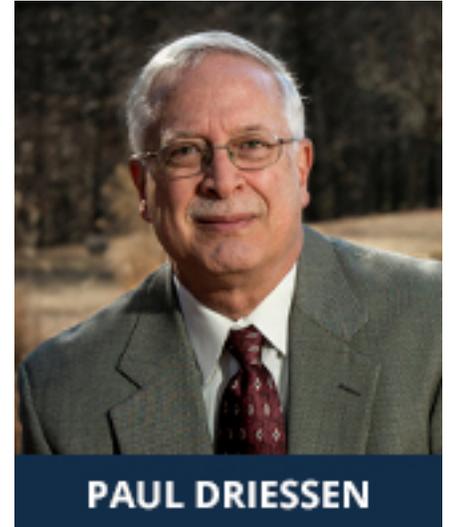
Although China now emits far more CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases (GHG) than the USA or EU, it refused to fast-track reducing those emissions. China and wealthy petro-states also opposed paying into the Climate Fund. Other major bones of contention were likewise never resolved.

Thus, in the end, what we got out of Paris is voluntary emission caps, voluntary progress reviews, no international oversight or enforcement of voluntary progress, and voluntary contributions to the Fund.

Of course, the entire climate cataclysm mantra is based on the claim that carbon dioxide has replaced the solar and other powerful natural forces that have driven climate change throughout Earth and human history. Now, merely tweaking CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will supposedly stabilize climate and weather systems.

President Obama fervently believes this delusion. He will likely use the Paris gobbledygook to say America somehow has a “moral obligation” to set an example, by de-carbonizing, de-energizing, de-industrializing and de-developing the United States. Thankfully, Congress and the states will have something to say about that, because they know more anti-fossil fuel edicts will destroy jobs and living standards, especially for poor, working class and minority families.

The impacts would be far worse than many news stories and White House press releases suggest.



Those sources often say the proposed climate treaty sought seek GHG reductions of 80% below predicted 2050 emission levels. The real target proposed by the White House, EU, Germany and Britain was 80% or more below actual 1990 levels by 2050.

*Those targets meant the world would have to eliminate some 95% of the greenhouse gases that all humanity would likely release if we reach world population levels, economic growth and living standards projected for 2050. The United States would likely have to slash its CO2 and GHG reductions to zero.*

Moreover, current 2050 forecasts already assume and incorporate significant energy efficiency, de-carbonization and de-industrialization over the next 35 years. They are not business-as-usual numbers or extrapolations of past trends. Further fossil fuel and CO2 reductions beyond those already incorporated into the forecasts would thus be increasingly difficult, expensive, and indeed impossible to achieve.

As we explain in our [MasterResource.org analysis](#), there is a strong positive relationship between GDP and carbon-based energy consumption. Slashing fossil energy use that far would thus require decimating economic growth, job creation and preservation, and average per-person incomes. In fact, average world per capita GDP would plummet from a projected \$30,600 in 2050 to a miserable \$1,200 per year.

Average per capita GDP in 2050 would be less than what Americans had in 1830! Many futuristic technologies might still exist, but only wealthy families and ruling elites could afford them.

That would be catastrophic for jobs, health and welfare in developed countries – and lethal to millions in poor nations, who would be denied the blessings of electricity and fossil fuels for decades to come. That is indefensible, inhumane and immoral. And for what?

Mr. Obama and the Paris alarmists insisted that drastic GHG reductions will hold global temperature increases to 2 degrees Celsius (3.5 F) above pre-industrial, post-Little Ice Age levels, since 1860. We're already halfway to that. And now some even claim the upper safety limit is 1.5 degrees C (2.7 F), which would require even more draconian energy and emission cutbacks. Otherwise we face climate and weather calamities, they insist. It's utter nonsense.

EPA's own analyses suggest that its fully implemented Clean Power Plan would bring an undetectable, irrelevant reduction of perhaps 0.02 degrees Celsius (0.05 F) in average global temperatures 85 years from now – assuming carbon dioxide actually does drive climate change.

In the Real World, climate changes regularly, and recent climate and weather trends and events are in line with historic experience. In fact, average global temperatures haven't risen in nearly two decades; no category 3-5 hurricane has struck the USA in a record ten years; Greenland and Antarctic ice are at record levels; and still firmly alkaline sea levels (8.1 pH) are rising at barely seven inches per century.

Many scientists believe the sun and other powerful natural forces may soon usher in a new era of colder temperatures, regardless of whether atmospheric CO2 rises above 0.04% (400 ppm). That

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would pose much greater threats to human health, agriculture and prosperity (and wildlife) than global warming.

Never forget: Fossil fuels facilitated successive industrial revolutions and enabled billions to live better than royalty did a century ago, average incomes to increase eleven-fold, and helped average global life expectancy to soar from less than 30 in 1870 to 71 today.

Carbon-based energy still provides 81% of world energy, and supports \$70 trillion per year in world GDP. It will supply 75-80% of global energy for decades to come, Energy Information Administration, International Energy Agency and other studies forecast. Carbon-based energy is essential if we are to bring electricity to the 1.3 billion people who still do not have it, and end the rampant poverty and lung, intestinal and other diseases that kill millions of people in poor countries every year.

Furthermore, thousands of coal-fired power plants are built, under construction or in planning around the world. China and India will not consider reducing GHG emissions until 2030, and even then it will be voluntary and dependent on how their economies are doing. That means atmospheric carbon dioxide levels will continue to climb, greening the planet and spurring faster crop, forest and grassland growth.

President Obama and the 40,000 climate alarmists gathered in Paris ignored these inconvenient realities, and whitewashed the adverse consequences of anti-hydrocarbon policies. Even binding targets would have minimal or illusory health, climate and environmental benefits.

Instead, they would have horrendous adverse effects on human health and environmental quality, while doing nothing to prevent climate change or extreme weather events. What alarmists wanted in Paris would let unelected, unaccountable activists and bureaucrats decide which industries, companies, workers, families, states and countries win the Climate Hustle game, and which ones lose.

And it's not just President Obama. He wants to slash America's carbon dioxide emissions by 26-28% below 2005 levels by 2025 – and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050! Every Democrat presidential candidate demands similar actions: Hillary Clinton wants one-third of all US electricity to come from wind and solar by 2027; Bernie Sanders wants 50% by 2030; Martin O'Malley wants 100% by 2050.

Obligating the United States to slash its fossil fuel use, and send billions of taxpayer dollars annually to dictators, bureaucrats and crony industrialists in poor countries would be disastrous. Thank goodness it did not happen. But we are not out of the woods yet.

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