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Special Note From Tom DeWeese

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Due to my on-going recovery from emergency surgery I haven't been able to keep up with my writing schedule to produce the monthly DeWeese Report. But it's necessary to keep vital, up to date, information coming to my readers. So I am very grateful that several of my good friends, who are also authors, experts and activists, have come to my aid to help me produce this April DeWeese Report. Special thanks to Chuck Baldwin, Paul Driessen, the folks at Consumer Freedom and the Heartland Institute. I'm getting stronger everyday and next issue should have some new items from me. Thanks for your continued support.

Tom DeWeese

Our real manmade climate crisis

The crisis is due not to climate change, but to actions taken in the name of preventing change

By Paul Driessen

In his first address as Secretary of State, John Kerry said we must safeguard “the most sacred trust” we owe to our children and grandchildren: “an environment not ravaged by rising seas, deadly superstorms, devastating droughts, and the other hallmarks of a dramatically changing climate.”

Even the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and British Meteorological Office now recognize that average global temperatures haven't budged in almost 17 years. Little evidence suggests that sea level rise, storms, droughts, polar ice or other weather and climate events and trends display any statistically significant difference from what Earth and mankind have experienced over the last 100-plus years.

However, we *do* face imminent manmade climate disasters. Global warming *is* the greatest moral issue of our time. We must do all we can to prevent looming climate catastrophes.

But those cataclysms have nothing to do with alleged human contributions to planetary climate systems that have always been chaotic, unpredictable

and often disastrous: ice ages, little ice ages, dust bowls, droughts and monster storms that ravaged and sometimes even toppled cities and civilizations.

Our real climate crisis is our responses to Mr. Kerry's illusory crises. It takes four closely related forms.

Influence peddling. Over the past three years, the Tides Foundation and Tides Center alone poured \$335 million into environmentalist climate campaigns, and \$1 billion into green lobbies at large, notes *Undue Influence* author Ron Arnold. Major US donors gave \$199 million to Canadian environmental groups just for anti-oil sands and Keystone pipeline battles during the last twelve years, analysts Vivian Krause and Brian Seasholes estimate; the Tides Foundation poured \$10 million into these battles during 2009-2012.

All told, US foundations alone have “invested” over *\$797 million* in environmentalist climate campaigns since 2000! And over *\$19.3 billion* in “environmental” efforts since 1995, Arnold calculates! Add to that the tens of billions that environmental activist groups,

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universities and other organizations have received from individual donors, corporations and government agencies to promote “manmade climate disaster” theories – and pretty soon you’re talking real money.

Moreover, that’s just US cash. It doesn’t include EU, UN and other climate cataclysm contributions. Nor does it include US or global spending on wind, solar, biofuel and other “renewable” energy schemes. That this money has caused widespread pernicious and corrupting effects should surprise no one.

Politicized science, markets and ethics. The corrupting cash has feathered careers, supported entire departments, companies and industries, and sullied our political, economic and ethical systems. It has taken countless billions out of productive sectors of our economy, and given it to politically connected, politically correct institutions that promote climate alarmism and renewable energy (and which use some of this crony capitalist taxpayer and consumer cash to help reelect their political sponsors).

Toe the line – pocket the cash, bask in the limelight. Question the dogma – get vilified, harassed and even dismissed from university or state climatologist positions for threatening the grants pipeline.

The system has replaced honest, robust, evidence-based, peer-reviewed science with pseudo-science based on activism, computer models, doctored data, “pal reviews,” press releases and other chicanery that resulted in Climategate, IPCC exposes, and growing outrage. Practitioners of these dark sciences almost never debate climate disaster deniers or skeptics; climate millionaire Al Gore won’t even take questions that he has not preapproved; and colleges have become centers for “socially responsible investing” campaigns based on climate chaos, “sustainable development” and anti-hydrocarbon ideologies.

Increasingly powerful, well-funded, unelected and unaccountable activist groups and bureaucracies use manmade global warming claims to impose regulations that bypass legislatures and ignore job and

economic considerations. They employ sweetheart lawsuits that let activists and agencies agree to legally binding agreements that leave out the parties who will actually be impacted by the court decisions.

The green behemoth wields increasing power over nearly every aspect of our lives and liberties, with no accountability for screw-ups or even deliberate harm to large segments of our population. All in the name of controlling Earth’s temperature and preventing climate change

Climate eco-imperialism impoverishes and kills. Climate alarmism and pseudo science have justified all manner of regulations, carbon trading, carbon taxes, renewable energy programs and other initiatives that increase the cost of everything we make, grow, ship, eat, heat, cool, wear and do – and thus impair job creation, economic growth, living standards, health, welfare and ecological values.

Excessive EPA rules have closed numerous coal-fired power plants, and the agency plans to regulate most of the US hydrocarbon-based economy by restricting carbon dioxide emissions from vehicles, generating plants, cement kilns, factories, malls, hospitals and other “significant” sources. Were it not for the hydraulic fracturing revolution that has made natural gas and gas-fired generation abundant and cheap, US electricity prices would be skyrocketing – just as they have in Britain and Germany.

EU papers carry almost daily articles about fuel poverty, potential blackouts, outsourcing, job losses, economic malaise and despair, and deforestation for fire wood in those and other European countries, due to their focus on climate alarmism and “green” energy.

California electricity prices are already highest in USA, thanks to its EU-style programs. The alarms are misplaced, the programs do nothing to reduce Chinese, Indian or global emissions, and renewable energy is hardly eco-friendly or sustainable.

Wind energy requires perpetual subsidies and “backup” fossil fuel power plants that actually produce 80% of the electricity

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Clash Of The Titans In California

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Massive shale oil reserves could give California one of the biggest oil booms on Earth, but the uber-powerful California green lobby is gearing up for the fight of its life. The stakes of the battle could be huge. Hundreds of thousands of high-paying jobs for Californians, versus environmental concerns about fracking, pipelines, and greenhouse gasses. The intrigues in this drama are many. Will black gold bail out big blue California? Bring lots of popcorn. This is going to be a terrific show. --*Walter Russell Mead, Via Meadia, 4 February 2013*

Comprising two-thirds of the United States' total estimated shale oil reserves and covering 1,750 square miles from Southern to Central California, the Monterey Shale could turn California into the nation's top oil-producing state and yield the kind of riches that far smaller shale oil deposits have showered on North Dakota and Texas. --*Norimitsu Onishi, The New York Times, 3 February 2013*

Imagine all of the additional shovel-ready, energy-related jobs (direct and indirect) that could have been created since 2008 in the oil and gas industry (and its supporting industries), if the Obama administration had been a little less friendly to the taxpayer-subsidy-dependent, high-cost, unreliable but politically-favored "green" energies, and instead had been a little more friendly to the low-cost, job-creating, dependable fossil fuel industry (think Keystone XL pipeline) that doesn't require picking the pockets of the taxpayers. --*Mark J. Perry, AEIdeas, 4 February 2013*

Too Good To Be True? 'Britain Has Shale Gas For 1500 Years'

Britain could have enough shale gas to heat every home for 1,500 years, according to new estimates that suggest reserves are 200 times greater than experts previously believed. The British Geological Survey is understood to have increased dramatically its official estimate of the amount of shale gas to between 1,300 trillion and 1,700 trillion cubic feet, dwarfing its previous estimate of 5.3 trillion cubic feet. According to industry sources, the revised estimates will be published by the Government next month, fuelling hopes that new "fracking" techniques to capture trapped resources will result in cheaper energy bills. --*Tim Webb, Rachel Sylvester and Alice Thomson, The Times, 9 February 2013*

Britain is caught in an energy crunch that is shaping up to be one of the most serious problems to face this administration — and the next. Nuclear plants that produce about a fifth of our energy began to be shut down last year. By 2023, only one will still be in operation. Britain, once the envy of Europe thanks to its North Sea energy riches, will lose nearly a third, 25-30 gigawatts (GW), of its generating capacity. If nothing is done, we could face decades lurching from crisis to crisis. --*Michael Hanlon, Danny Fortson and Jack Grimston, The Sunday Times, 17 February 2013*

Green Energy Controls Cause Shortages and Revolt in Europe

Consumers in Europe are revolting against their countries' green energy policies. For over a decade, the governments of Germany and Spain have been funding their subsidies for solar and wind energy by passing on large costs to the consumer. In Germany, an extra charge is added to household electricity bills, and that charge nearly doubled in January. Worried about the consumer reaction, Merkel's government is now furiously back pedaling. --*Walter Russell Mead, Via Meadia, 17 February 2013*

News from the Center on Consumer Freedom

Unscientific Rambling Stains Science Dinner

When most people think of “the most destructive force in the universe,” they think of astronomical phenomena like black holes and meteorites. And if those words were uttered at a swanky dinner of scientific research donors only a few days before a “city killer” asteroid near-miss, the speaker must have been a prize-winning astronomer speaking of the inevitable Armageddon or galaxies colliding.

But he wasn't. Instead, Rockefeller University's “Celebrating Science” gala hosted Robert Lustig, the notorious gadfly physician who claims sugar is “toxic” and “a poison.” (Even food police chief and soda prohibitionist Michael Jacobson won't go that far.) And The Wall Street Journal reported that “the most destructive force in the universe” Lustig identified wasn't nuclear explosions or an asteroid impact, but sugar, a completely safe food ingredient that has been consumed by people for roughly 10,000 years. No wonder he has told the Chicago Tribune “we are going to have to do some of this [regulating of sugar] on the fly”—apparently it's the only way he can keep his agenda safe from scientific scrutiny.

And that wasn't Lustig's only scientific and historical howler. He proclaimed obesity “bigger than the bubonic plague.” Um, no. The largest bubonic plague pandemic (The Black Death) killed off up to one-third of Europe's population (between 75-200 million people) over about a decade. An earlier plague pandemic killed up to 5,000 people every day in the capital of the Byzantine Empire. Given that evidence shows that mild overweight and Grade I obesity are linked with longer lives, Lustig's claim is easily shown to be pure unadulterated hyperbole, not science.

So if the advancement of science isn't Lustig's motivation, what might be? Book sales are a possibility: Lustig's manifesto *Fat Chance* is on sale. More generally, Lustig hopes to help trial lawyers win judgments against food companies for daring to sell food people like—he's already taking law classes to prepare the way. If Lustig gets his way, adults should get ready to line up at the Sugar Control Board store in your state (if you can still afford sugar), and little girls better not be baking cookies. ●

PETA's Death Toll Nears 30,000 Pets

Since at least 1998, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has operated a pet “shelter” — more than the misnamed Humane Society of the United States can claim. Unfortunately the dogs and cats that are taken into PETA's shelter are usually killed. And those that were sheltered in 2012 are no exception: According to Virginia state regulatory filings, PETA — the group that preaches “total animal liberation” and that would ban bacon, butter, and Beyonce's Big Game halftime show — killed 89.4 percent of the dogs and cats it took into its shelter.

The 1,647 cats and dogs PETA employees killed last year bring the animal rights group's total body count to 29,398 since 1998. PETA has committed this slaughter despite the fact that the group's president, Ingrid Newkirk, has claimed that “We could become a no-kill shelter immediately.” The self-described “press sluts” are more interested in lettuce-clad “lobster liberation” and offending Holocaust survivors than finding adoptive homes for the pets in its care. PETA even bought a walk-in freezer to store the bodies. That's probably not the “forever home” most people would hope for.

What makes it scarier for pet owners is that this highest of hypocrisies isn't completely out of character for PETA. Newkirk has said that in her ideal world, “companion animals [what the rest of us call “pets”] would be phased out.” A PETA staffer wrote in a Florida newspaper that the community should become “no-birth,” putting puppies and kittens on the path of the dodo bird. And — perhaps desperate not to be

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ALARMISTS ATTACK SCIENTISTS TO SALVAGE MYTHICAL CONSENSUS

Global warming alarmists are desperately seeking to minimize the damage presented by a recent survey of geoscientists and engineers regarding global warming.

A recent survey of more than 1,000 geoscientists and engineers reported in the peer-reviewed Organization Studies found only 36 percent agree with the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change assertion that humans are causing a serious global warming problem. By contrast, a majority of scientists in the survey say they believe nature is the primary cause of recent global warming and/or that future global warming will not be a very serious problem.

Global warming alarmists, desperate to restore the shattered remains of their fictitious global warming consensus, spent the past week in overdrive expressing outrage and attacking the scientists participating in the survey. The alarmists claimed the scientists were biased based on their career path and unqualified to give a knowledgeable assessment of global warming.

These arguments would be plausible, and perhaps might even be persuasive, except that alarmists have been saying exactly the opposite for decades. When alarmists say scientists can be biased based on their career path, and that only atmospheric scientists are qualified to give informed opinions on global warming, they are engaging in the most laughable form of hypocrisy.

Skeptics frequently point out that claims of an alarmist global warming consensus rely on tainted, biased participant pools. Investigative journalist Donna Laframboise, for example, has documented absurd bias and activism within the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), where environmental activists drive the findings in their roles as lead authors. Similarly, skeptics point out that environmental activists directed the findings of a recent National Academy of Sciences (NAS) global warming report, with nearly all of the 23 NAS authors previously on the record as global warming alarmists before being chosen to write the report.

Additionally, an often misrepresented survey claiming 97 percent of scientists agree that humans are causing a global warming crisis (actually, the survey asked merely whether some warming has occurred and whether humans are playing at least a partial role – two questions to which I would answer yes) restricted its participant pool to government scientists and scientists working for institutions dependent on government grants. Scientists who work for – or are funded by – government institutions know their funding will dry up and their jobs will disappear if and when global warming stops being an asserted crisis.

Alarmists can't have it both ways. Scientists' career choice, salary dependency, and preexisting sociopolitical points of view either taint their objectivity or do not taint their objectivity. They do not taint skeptics' objectivity while failing to taint alarmists' objectivity.

By James Taylor, Heartland Institute www.heartland.org. ●

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shamed by the performance of city dog catchers — PETA stood in the way of an ordinance to reduce pet killing in its hometown.

If you are outraged by PETA's shameful, lethal behavior, please go to PETAKillsAnimals.com and sign our petition asking the Commonwealth of Virginia to strip the group of its status as an animal shelter.

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The SPLC Is At It Again

Now they're targeting Senator Rand Paul

By Chuck Baldwin.

Well, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) is at it again. In their typical obsessive hate-filled paranoia, the SPLC has issued another baseless assassination piece against anyone whom they consider to be "right-wing." They call their hit piece, "The Year in Hate and Extremism." Of course, only "right-wing" leaders are so characterized. According to the SPLC, left-wing leaders are always the voices of reason and goodness. Barf!

The SPLC article lists several conservative leaders as examples of "hate and extremism." They include Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), U.S. Representative Trey Radel (R-FL), former Arizona Sheriff Richard Mack, Matt Barber of the Liberty Counsel, FOX News radio host Todd Starnes, and ConservativeDaily.com's Tony Adkins. "Even further to the right," according to the SPLC, are Oath Keepers (founded by Stewart Rhodes), Judicial Watch's Larry Klayman, and, yes, yours truly.

I take special delight in knowing that the SPLC ALWAYS puts me on or near the top of their most "dangerous" patriot lists. (Richard Mack and Stewart Rhodes also seem to merit this same attention.) I can't tell you what a relief this is to me! I would hate to think that all of this work that I'm doing would somehow be overlooked by an extremist left-wing hate group like the SPLC. Plus, every time the SPLC puts me on one of their lists, donations, contributions, and support for my work always skyrocket.

The SPLC maintains that 2012 saw a dramatic increase in the number of right-wing "hate groups." Again, according to the SPLC, there are no left-wing hate groups. Of course, the SPLC doesn't bother to name or locate these groups. Everyone is just supposed to take their word that they exist.

In addition, the SPLC maintains that anyone who opposes the UN's Agenda 21 is also part of the "radical right," as is anyone who belongs to the John Birch Society. Predictably, the SPLC report associates any and all of the above with neo-Nazis. This is a typical tactic of the SPLC (and other ultra-liberal organizations) to discredit conservatives by associating them with Nazis.

Back in 2010, the SPLC issued its list of 40 patriot leaders: people whom they consider to be part of the "radical right." And, yes, Chuck Baldwin is at the very top of the list. Others who made the list in 2010 include Stewart Rhodes and Richard Mack (again), Alex Jones, Devvy Kidd, Cliff Kincaid, Jack McLamb, John McManus, Daniel

New, Larry Pratt, Joel Skousen, Edwin Vieira, Jr., Andrew Napolitano, and Ron Paul.

See my column on this report at:

The SPLC is such a paranoid, extremist, ultra-liberal organization it would seem that only those who are the most biased and prejudiced in their liberal philosophy could even take them half-way seriously. Unfortunately, however, the SPLC is one of the most-often quoted sources by the mainstream media. Of course, most Americans realize that the mainstream media, for the most part, is itself extremely biased in favor of a left-wing agenda, so it is not surprising that they would gravitate to the left-wing paranoia that emanates from the SPLC.

However, even more unfortunate is the fact that the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C., also gives credence to the SPLC's ultra-left-wing propaganda. This is the most disturbing part of the SPLC hysteria: the nation's law enforcement agencies that receive instructions, bulletins, memos, briefs, etc., from the DOJ are watching the feds regurgitate the left-wing propaganda of the SPLC. This is why State police agencies, such as what we saw happen in Missouri's MIAC report, end up characterizing conservatives as "extremist hate groups." They got it from the DOJ, which got it from the SPLC.

So, how is it that a private extremist organization such as the SPLC is given this kind of notoriety and credibility by the federal government?

In a previous column, I pointed out that the SPLC and DOJ enjoy a very cozy relationship. In that column I said, "The Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) in Montgomery, Alabama, has long been used by the federal government and the national press corps to paint conservative organizations as 'extremists,' 'anti-government,' 'hate groups,' etc. No sooner would the SPLC issue some attack piece in their newsletter and police agencies all over the country would be issuing bulletins to their officers regurgitating what the SPLC had just spewed out. No private organization has this kind of connection to, and influence over, police agencies nationwide without collaboration with the Department of Justice (DOJ) in Washington, D.C. Well, now, we have evidence that such a collaboration exists.

"Briart.com has just released a report by Judicial Watch confirming that the DOJ and the SPLC are intricately tied to the hip. The report states, 'Judicial Watch (JW), a Washington D.C. based non-partisan educational foundation, released some two dozen pages of emails it obtained on

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attributed to wind, and blankets wildlife habitats with turbines and transmission lines that kill millions of birds and bats every year. In fact, industrial wind facilities remain viable only because they are exempted from many environmental review, wildlife and bird protection laws that are enforced with heavy penalties for all other industries. Solar smothers habitats with glossy panels, and biofuels divert crops and cropland to replace fuels that we have in abundance but refuse to develop.

Now climate activists and EPA want to regulate fracking for gas that was once their preferred option.

By far the worst climate crisis, however, is eco-imperialism perpetrated against African and other poor nations. When their country was building a new power plant that would burn natural gas that previously was wasted through “flaring,” President Obama told Ghanaians they should use their “bountiful” wind, solar, geothermal and biofuels energy, instead of fossil fuels that threaten us with dangerous global warming. Meanwhile, his Administration refused to support loans for South Africa’s critically needed, state-of-the-art Medupi coal-fired power plant, which the Center for American Progress, Friends of the Earth, Sierra

Club and other radical groups stridently opposed.

The actions ignored both the livelihoods and living standards that electricity has brought the world, and the millions of deaths from lung infections and intestinal diseases that these power plants would prevent.

Ready-made excuse for incompetence. Hurricane / Superstorm Sandy proved how “dangerous manmade climate change” can give politicians a handy excuse for ill-considered development decisions that increase storm and flood risk, failure to prepare their communities for inevitable severe weather events, misleading storm warnings, and slow or incompetent responses in their aftermath. Blaming carbon dioxide emissions and rising seas is always easier than manning up and shouldering the blame for Bloombergian failures. Citing IPCC computer forecasts of nastier storms and flooded coastlines likewise gives insurers a convenient excuse for hiking insurance rates.

When the conversation next turns to climate change, discussing the *real* climate crisis – and the true meaning of environmental justice – could open a few eyes.

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Tuesday revealing connections between the Department of Justice Civil Rights and Tax divisions and the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).”

That the DOJ has such a cozy relationship with this type of ultra-liberal organization should be cause for concern by all Americans. After all, justice is supposed to be adjudicated equally to all men—conservatives or liberals—according to the

rule of law, not parceled out with the taint of bias and prejudice.

So, the SPLC is at it again. And, once again, I am flattered to be included in their list, because a man is known as much by his enemies as he is his friends. If the SPLC is attacking me, I must be doing something right.

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Also included in the makeover will be the guidebook new immigrants are encouraged to read, “Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants.”

USCIS spokesman Daniel Cosgrove told *The Daily Caller* the new manual will be out by the end of fiscal year 2013. When asked if the revamping had anything to do with the president’s push for immigration reform, Cosgrove said that the effort was “an ongoing project” for the department.

In November, Alabama Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions advocated taking the “Government Benefits” page down. (RELATED: Homeland Security promoting government benefits to immigrants). “Some of these programs are clearly not available for immigrants,” Sessions said in November, “and it just creates confusion out there and suggests that if you can get into America, you can leave and get onto these programs, and from what we are seeing, many of these people

are successful in getting on benefit programs that they are not lawfully entitled to.”

DHS launched WelcometoUSA.gov in 2007, and the guidebook was first developed in 2004 and revised in 2007.

Update: After publication Sessions weighed in on the department’s expected addition of the Affordable Care Act to WelcometoUSA.gov.

“The administration’s determination to place immigrants on federal assistance, including the President’s health law, will add trillions to the cost of any amnesty. It is wrong and unfair to ask Americans to pay higher taxes and bear more debt in order to provide free benefits to legal and illegal immigrants. Such a policy weakens growth and undermines the core legal and economic principle of immigration – that you should be able to establish before you come here that you are financially self-sufficient.”

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DHS Revamping Immigrant Welcome Materials, set to include Obamacare

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The welcome materials the federal government directs new immigrants to read — which detail, among other facets of American life, how and where to get government benefits — are in the process of getting a bit of a makeover to increase accessibility for newcomers.

The WelcometoUSA.gov website, which bills itself as “the U.S. Government’s official web portal for new immigrants,” maintained by the Department of Homeland Security’s U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), will soon feature information about President Barack Obama’s signature health care legislation, USCIS spokesman Chris Bentley told The Daily Caller.

USCIS has already added new promotional banners to the site that make it easier for users to find information about personal finance, child care and emergency information. The agency is working to make the language even more accessible to its target immigrant audience. (RELATED: USDA proposes food stamp parties)

According to a list of changes to the “Welcome” site that the department has already made, provided to TheDC by USCIS, many of the changes are simplifications of the original text.

For example, where the “Government Benefit” section once read:

“Depending on your immigration status, length of time in the United States, and income, you may be eligible for some federal benefits programs. Government assistance programs can be critically important to the well-being of some immigrants and their families. Frequently, however, there is a lack of information about how to access such benefits. Benefits programs can be complicated and you may be given misleading information about how they operate,” followed by a list with links of government benefit websites such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, Supplemental Security Income, and a site offering information on eligibility for all federal benefits programs.”

The “Government Benefit” section now reads:

“Depending on your immigration status, length of time in the United States, and income, you may be eligible for some federal benefit programs,” followed by the list of benefits programs.

The text on the front page of the site has also been significantly reduced. Initially the text read:

“Welcome to the United States! On behalf of the President of the United States and the American people, we welcome you to this great nation. The United States has benefited from the contributions of immigrants since its founding more than 200 years ago, and we are certain that our newest immigrants will continue this storied legacy. Freedom and opportunity are of the utmost importance in the United States and we wish you the very best as you begin your journey. As a permanent resident, you have made the decision to call the United States your home. It is now your responsibility to learn about this country’s civic values, its rich history, and its citizens. As you settle into your new home, WelcometoUSA.gov will help you find basic information about the United States and your new community. The Federal Government has a variety of resources for you. We encourage you to learn as much as you can about this country as you are now a valued part of our nation. Your contributions will help ensure the success of the United States for years to come. Congratulations and welcome. We hope you enjoy great success in the United States.”

It now says:

“Welcome to the United States! On behalf of the President of the United States and the American people, we welcome you to this great nation. The United States has benefited from the contributions of immigrants since its founding more than 200 years ago. As you settle into your new home, WelcometoUSA.gov will help you find basic information about the United States and your new community.”

The project to revamp the website started in spring of 2012 and will be finished in the next couple of weeks, according to Bentley.

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