## America's Energy Policy: Green or Red? (A short history of Global Warming Alarmism) By John D. Trudel

Mark Twain observed, "It's not what you don't know that kills you, it's what you know for sure that ain't true." Global Warming Alarmism today drives energy policy with politicized science.

**Consider This:** What if there is <u>no</u> Global Warming? What if the number of drowned Polar Bears this year is fewer than the number of drowned Polar bears 1000 years ago, icecaps are not melting, there are no biblical floods, and "climate change" is simply "weather"?

What if disinformation, misinformation, and politicized science are tricking us into killing jobs and destroying prosperity? (Sources: <a href="www.trudelgroup.com">www.trudelgroup.com</a>)

There is a general agreement that we're in a rolling recession, nearing depression and collapse. Deficits are at record highs with no end in sight. Businesses are closing, Americans are concerned, but Professor Paul Ehrlich argues we should do more to destroy our economy:

"We've already had too much economic growth in the United States. Economic growth in rich countries like ours is the disease, not the cure."

Paul R. Ehrlich Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University, 2007

A good way to destroy a nation is to destroy its energy industries. Raising taxes in a recession is a job killer, but cutting off energy is better. It kills both jobs and people.

**The Beginning:** Radical environmentalism was part of a Soviet disinformation program that swept through academia during Vietnam as a ploy to destroy capitalism. Some Communists argued they could win by getting **us** to destroy our culture and exceptionalism. After we won the Cold War, these prevailed. Here is a video from an American who watched this shift in 1992:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQf\_QfitmKE&feature=player\_embedded

**Blue Planet in Green Shackles** by Vaclav Klaus, poses the question: "What is endangered, Climate or Freedom?" Dr. Klaus, a PhD economist, has been President of the European Union as well as of The Czech Republic. Dr. Klaus, who lived under Communism, terms green activists "watermelons," green outside, but red at the core. He makes good arguments.

In my view, that role has been usurped by new strains of radicals, socialists and Saul Alinsky style (small "c") communists, with Chicago, not Moscow, as the center. The book <u>Manchurian President</u>, pp. 146-151, discusses agreements made with Communist Party USA for them to endorse Obama's 2008 candidacy. "Green" is <u>not</u> explicit in this (unpleasant) agenda.

I do not argue that Climate Alarmism and politicized science is still driven by the ghost of Joe Stalin. These days the leaders seem to be the Globalists (think UN), the Crony Capitalists (think Gore, Goldman Sachs, and GE), and a spectrum of activist Non-Government Organizations (think Soros). The old Communist Party now plays a minor role, but it rides the bus, was there at the beginning, and is <u>one</u> of the (many) leftist groups sponsoring protests in our streets.

Radical environmentalism, ecological central planning, surfaced in Paul Ehrlich's 1968 book *The Population Bomb*. It's the new socialism. John Holdren, Ehrlich's protégé and frequent coauthor (e.g. *Ecoscience*, 1977) is Obama's <u>current</u> Science Czar. The UN and other "postdemocratic" (not accountable to anyone) organizations embrace this. Professor Holdren advocates population control and is a major Global Warming alarmist, but he is not a Communist.

"The U.S. is threatened far more by the hazards of too much energy, too soon, than by the hazards of too little energy, too late."

John Holdren, 1975

**Global Traction:** "Agenda 21" was introduced by Maurice Strong, a high level UN official and socialist who later was caught stealing from his employer and fled to China. <u>Agenda 21</u> is global governance in the name of saving the planet. The UN embraces it as policy.

"Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring this about?"

Maurice Strong, Primary Author of Agenda 21, 1992

A long-stated goal at the UN is to reduce world population and increase central control. The next step was the Kyoto Treaty of 1997.

**Crony Capitalism:** A few like Al Gore and Maurice Strong got wealthy. Gore's movie of drowning polar bears used Hollywood special effects, but the biased Global Warming science was financed with our tax dollars: So far \$79 billion, about the cost of the Iraq War up until Saddam's capture, money borrowed from China. (Source: "Climate Money," Science and Public Policy Institute, July 21, 2009.)

Obama's first Green Jobs Czar was Van Jones, a self-proclaimed radical and Communist. Tens of billions of dollars are being spent on (nonexistent) Green Jobs, and more tens of billions are being sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> world nations to mitigate (nonexistent) Global Warming.

http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/2011/10/scientific-case-man-made-climate-change-dead

Can you say, "Solyndra?" It's only the tip of \$38 billion in dubious loans, improprieties, and violations of law that cries for a full investigation. Obama lends taxpayer money to cronies to allegedly fund green jobs (sometimes offshore). It's hard to overstate how corrupt this is:

• The Tonopah Solar Company in Harry Reid's Nevada is getting a \$737 million loan from Obama's DOE.

- The project will produce a 110 megawatt power system and employ 45 permanent workers.
- Even if it works (new ventures have ~1:10 odds), that costs taxpayers \$16 million per job!
- One of the investment partners in this endeavor is Pacific Corporate Group (PCG).
- The PCG executive director is Ron Pelosi who is the brother to Nancy's husband.

**Bypassing the Constitution:** The Soros-funded Center for American Progress directed Obama to bypass Congress and ration energy using the EPA, DOE, and other agencies. Collectively, Coal and Nuclear Power sources represent <u>65%</u> of the power on the grid. Obama's goal is to replace this cheap reliable energy with expensive unreliable "Green" energy to "Slow the rise of the seas and heal the planet."

**Note:** The notion of "Green" saving any significant amount of oil is politically distorted. Less than 1% of the power on the grid comes from oil. The transportation sector uses most of the oil, but you are unlikely to put a windmill on your Prius. Corn-based ethanol does not save oil, and the batteries for electric cars need to be charged somehow.

"Energy prices will necessarily skyrocket," but it's worth it, so we're told. Sure it is.

## **Summary**

We seem to be reenacting the 1930s, with socialism ascendant and the horrors of that era forgotten. CO2 is slowly increasing, but our air and water is cleaner than 50 years ago. There has been no warming for the past ten years.

http://www.thegwpf.org/the-observatory/4230-best-confirms-global-temperature-standstill.html

It is time to urgently revisit our energy policy and allow open, honest scientific debate. Present policy will severely damage the economic climate without improving the weather one bit.