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The Economic Suicide Act...

These are hard times. Unemployment is high and getting worse, savings and home values have collapsed, and our government is spending money like a drunken sailor. 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

If that’s the goal, the best way to destroy a nation is to destroy its energy industries. “Cap and Trade,” the Waxman-Markley Climate Change Bill, is a massive energy tax. This 1,427 page “Economic Suicide Act” passed the house in July without anyone even being able to read it.

Economists agree that raising taxes in a recession is a proven job killer. Cutting off energy is a people killer. A nation in recession with a declining population will use less energy. Some say this is good.

Cap and Trade came from the UN, implemented as the Kyoto Treaty of 1997. A long-stated goal at the UN is to reduce world population and increase central control. (See *Blue Planet in Green Shackles* by Vaclav Klaus, which 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.)

Radical environmentalism, ecological central planning, surfaced in Paul Ehrlich’s 1968 book *The Population Bomb*. It’s the new socialism. Ehrlich’s protégé and frequent coauthor (e.g. *Ecoscience*, 1977) is Obama’s current Science Czar, John Holdren. The UN and other “postdemocratic” (not accountable to anyone) organizations embrace this.

Robert Ferguson wrote, “President Obama’s top science adviser, climate Czar, John Holdren, is a long-time globalist who has endorsed and advocated for ‘surrender of sovereignty’ to ‘a comprehensive Planetary Regime’ that would control the entire world’s resources, direct global redistribution of wealth, oversee the ‘de-development’ of the West, control a World Army and taxation regime, and enforce world population limits. He has castigated the United States as ‘the meanest of wealthy countries,’ advocated drastically lowering the U.S. standard of living, and left the door open to trying global warming ‘deniers’ for crimes against humanity.” (The Real Climate Agenda, *American Spectator*, August 7, 2009). This is the IPCC’s (the UN’s) agenda.

The bill’s promoters don’t talk about prosperity, population control, or freedom. Instead, a massive propaganda campaign has been mounted to make the public fearful of Global Warming. Al Gore’s movie of drowning polar bears started it, but biased Global Warming science has been financed

with our tax dollars: So far \$79 billion, about the cost of the Iraq War up until Saddam's capture. ("Climate Money", Science and Public Policy Institute, July 21, 2009.)

The Cap and Trade tax hits 100% of Americans. Heritage Foundation says \$3,000/year per family from 2012-2035. That doesn't count provisions that repeat the mistakes of the 2008 financial collapse: Buried in this bill were 150 pages that lower home values. To sell your home, the windows, appliances, heating, air conditioning, and insulation would have to be inspected and approved for compliance with not-yet-defined federal energy standards. Trading carbon credits, a colossal failure in the EU, is a **derivative scheme** designed by the notorious Enron Corporation. It's an invitation to fraud: Intangible, unregulated, and impossible to track.

Competitive Enterprise Institute filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request with the Department of the Treasury to see its cost estimates. The Obama Administration was told, "One advantage of auctioning allowances is the potential for raising large revenues (perhaps \$300 billion annually)" and that "Domestic policies...will involve significant costs and potential revenues, possibly up to several percentage points of annual GDP (i.e. equal in size to the corporate income tax)."

As to Global Warming: It's not happening. Though CO2 is slowly increasing, there has been no warming for the past ten years. For the past seven it's been getting cooler. Thousands of scientists all over the world are skeptical of Gore's theory.

In summary: Cap and Trade is economic suicide. It will severely damage the economic climate without improving the weather one bit. We should investigate why Congress spent \$79 Billion to prove Gore's theory, **failed**, and neglected to tell the public.

There is no dangerous Global Warming, nor is any likely. CO2, the gas of life, is helpful plant food (not a pollutant). Despite propaganda to the contrary, there is no evidence of any empirical link between global warming and man made CO2.

Here are some useful links, and more are on my webpage at <http://www.trudelgroup.com/HotNews.htm>

Climate Money: http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/originals/climate_money.html

A primer on Global Warming <http://www.heartland.org/books/SkepticsHandbook.html>

The full background on Obama's Science Czar http://www.trudelgroup.com/obamas_radical.pdf

Cascade Policy Institute did a short movie, "Climate Chains" -- www.climatechains.com

Chains You Can Believe In....

President Obama has made speeches about "transformational change," but few understand what it means for America. Like ObamaCare, Cap and Trade is a centerpiece of his agenda – a source of big-government funding and control of the energy sector. The methods will be rationing (= Cap), and global taxation and wealth redistribution (= Trade). This is massive taxation, but most of it comes in an unfamiliar form, one that extends far beyond the purview of Congress and US law.

The game is like musical chairs where children run around and chairs are removed. Each time the music stops, some players are eliminated. Under Cap and Trade, each year the “cap” (rationing) moves down. When you hit the “Cap” and still need energy to heat your home or run your car, you (or your supplier) can only purchase more energy by buying “carbon credits” from some entity, probably a third-world country like Kenya. These are derivatives. Gore gets a cut, as do various officials, financial institutions, and crony capitalists. It’s a negative sum game: most lose.

Europe is already using Cap and Trade and having problems, but America will be the big loser. Some in power say we deserve to be impoverished for the benefit of humanity and the planet.

Obama’s Chief of Staff, Rahm Emmanuel, has famously said, “Never waste a crisis.” This is key, and America is now in crisis on several fronts. Here’s how Administration officials are being trained in “Transformational Change.” Three things are needed to overturn a society:

1. A charismatic, inspirational leader.
2. A major financial or policy crisis. (Global Warming is one “crisis” being exploited, but there are several others, Health Care being the one most discussed at this writing.)
3. A collection of new Social Networks to replace the old (e.g., ACORN, SEIU, Apollo Group, the UN – to replace America’s unique Republic and entrepreneurial capitalism with a New Order).

The end objective is a collapse of all existing paradigms. This three-step method is proven to work. There is no dangerous Global Warming, but there is a political crisis and it’s being exploited to pass Cap and Trade legislation. Without prompt and intense opposition, this will pass and America will be forever changed. It will not look much like what we were used to.

The Transcript – <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,560681,00.html>

The End Game (Copenhagen Treaty): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fsAGJwQhoY> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stij8sUybx0>

Buried on page 18, paragraph 38, of the negotiating text of the Copenhagen Protocol to the Climate Change Treaty, are these words: ***"The scheme for the new institutional arrangement under the Convention will be based on three basic pillars: government; facilitative mechanism; and financial mechanism...."***

The text goes on to define the Conference of the Parties (COP) as the government to oversee the "facilitative and financial mechanisms." The facilitative mechanism includes five agencies, one of which specializes in international monitoring, reporting, and compliance. The financial mechanism also includes five agencies, one of which specializes in compensation for losses and damages caused by excessive emissions from developed nations.

If this language is adopted in Copenhagen, and the treaty ratified by the Senate, every American who uses energy will be subject to a United Nation’s agency empowered to monitor energy use, collect taxes, fines, and other revenues for redistribution to other nations. **See:** <http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pagelId=113848>

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“Cap-and-trade can only work by raising energy prices. Consumers who are forced to pay higher prices for energy will have less money to spend on other things. While the individual companies that provide the higher-priced "green" energy may do well, the net economic effect will be (substantially) negative.

It is necessary to look at the bigger picture. Profits can be made when energy is rationed or subsidized, but only within an economy operating at lower, or even negative, growth rates. This means that over the longer term, everyone will be competing for a piece of a pie that is smaller than it would have been without energy rationing.”

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