

COUNTERING THE CLIMATE TOME

NYTimes Goes AWOL on "Losing Earth"



Depiction of Jan. 30, 1607 storm surge, Bristol Channel. The flood was commemorated in a contemporary pamphlet entitled God's warning to the people of England by the great overflowing of the waters or floods.

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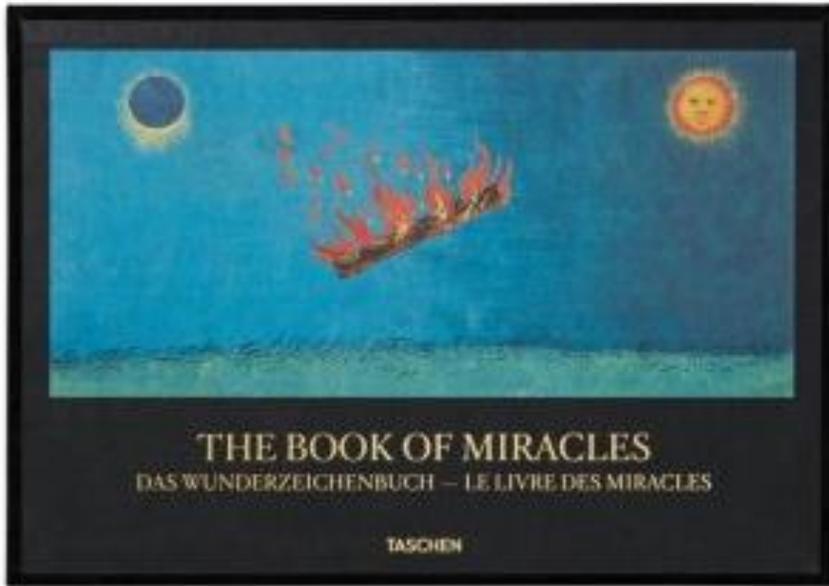


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THE BOOK OF MIRACLES



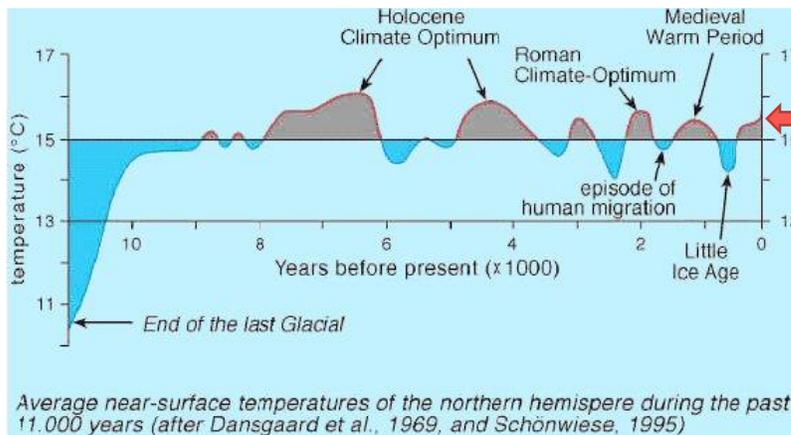
In about 1552, the Augsburg Book of Miraculous Signs was published. It was a beautifully illustrated book, attempting to make sense of the strange and wondrous signs and portents of climate change of the day. The horribly erratic climate of the Little Ice Age (1300-1860 AD) led to thousands of people being burned at the stake for the crime of “weather cooking with the help of Satan.”¹

As stated in the introduction to this beautiful Taschen reproduction, humans have always engaged in this practice of interpreting portents. From Homer to the Romans, *prodigy* (*prodigium*) became “elevated to an affair of state and presumed a predominantly negative character, foretelling calamity.”

¹ Dr. Sallie Baliunas, astrophysicist on “Weather Cooking” <https://youtu.be/wcAy4sOcS5M>

History repeats itself. The New York Times 30,000-word climate tome of Aug. 1, 2018 entitled "Losing Earth," is simply one more in a long line of mystical prognostications, illustrated with awe-inspiring weather catastrophe images, enhanced by volumes of text dappled with a thin veneer of science, following the progress of two principle climate pilgrims. We challenge the magical thinking of The New York Times.

TWO DEGREE DELUSION



You are here.
It's warmer than the Little Ice Age and about as warm as past 'optimums' when society flourished. No need to panic.

Environmentalists have defined the issue of environmentalism very narrowly. They're always coming up with these apocalyptic scenarios—*"If we don't fundamentally change the way we live, human civilization will end, and if you don't agree, you're a science denier."* And then there's all this hand waving about living harmoniously with nature.

-Ted Nordhaus²

Remarkably, the climate catastrophe screed of today follows the same pattern as that of Medieval texts with headline, eye-catching imagery,

² <https://washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/julyaugust-2013/the-monthly-interview-ted-nordhaus/>

"...description, interpretation (specific, vague or uncertain, known only to God), and a warning to the faithful to repent."³



Repentance in medieval times meant indulgences must be paid, prayer or sacrifice undertaken; today it means paying carbon taxes, obeisant submission to the climate priesthood's prognostications, and agreement to engage *your guilty self* in a sacrificial effort to cut emissions to meet the two-degree-Celsius target, which Ted Nordhaus says is a purely arbitrary figure his economist uncle proposed.⁴

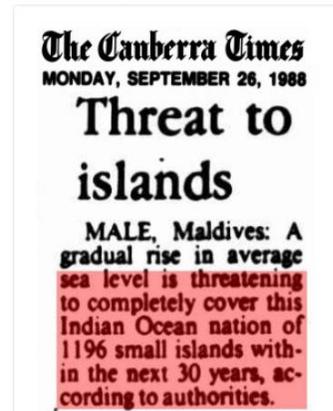
Imagining these efforts would control the complex climate of the earth is futile and delusional as explained by Dr. Judith Curry.⁵ As in the days of the Augsburg Book of Miracles, nature has its own surprises.

³ The Book of Miracles, Taschen

⁴ <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/world/2018-02-08/two-degree-delusion>

⁵ <https://curryja.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/curry-senatetestimony-2014-final.pdf>

YOU'RE MAKING THIS ISLAND DISAPPEAR



Since 1988, scientists have been forecasting that the Maldives would vanish due to sea level rise. As of March 15, 2018, the Maldives Independent reports that the new international airport will be done soon and "The 3,400-meter-long, 60-meter-wide runway will open the airport to the Airbus A380 jetliner, the world's largest passenger airline." ⁶

The New York Times "Losing Earth" story spends some ink on the island of Kiribati and its impending doom due to sea level rise, prognosticated to come from your use of fossil fuels. As The BBC explains, Kiribati, like many tiny islands, is over-populated and suffers

⁶ <https://maldivesindependent.com/business/new-runway-construction-begins-at-maldives-international-airport-136515>

tremendously from drought cycles.⁷ In fact, most of these tiny tropical island countries have few natural resources, many rise just a meter or so above existing sea level, but curiously they engage in building airport runways (that take up a lot of land) to bring in the world's largest planes that seat 853 passengers!

On June 6, 2018, Fiji announced the reopening of its renovated modern airport,⁸ pleased to announce it is "the first airport in the Pacific to receive Airport Carbon Accreditation as a result of more efficient energy systems."

"It is another sign of Fiji's commitment to reduce its carbon emission which, while we are only a tiny carbon emitter by global standards, reinforces the commitment we are making and that we are seeking from the rest of the world."

Voreqe Bainimarama, Fiji Prime Minister

Fiji is expecting 2.18 million passengers in 2018.

Fiji was the host country of the COP23 meeting, which was held in Bonn as the islands did not have the capacity to host such a vast confluence of climate change activists, flying in from around the world. According to Wikipedia, quoting the Fiji Times, more than 30,000 people attended.⁹

As the moral philosopher for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) notes: "During the three years I have worked for the IPCC, I have had many experiences that are not typical in the life of a philosopher. There is the travel, for one thing. To fight climate change,

⁷ <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-26017336>

⁸ <https://karryon.com.au/industry-news/airline/new-look-fijis-nadi-airport-reopens-with-a-sleek-contemporary-style/>

⁹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2017_United_Nations_Climate_Change_Conference

the IPCC finds it necessary to hold meetings in remote corners of the world. Its own resources are small, so it goes wherever a government offers to fund a meeting. I have been to IPCC meetings in Lima, Changwon in South Korea, Wellington and Addis Ababa. In Europe, the IPCC has taken me to Vigo, Geneva, Oslo, Utrecht, Berlin and Potsdam. Kuala Lumpur and Copenhagen are still to come. I hope the other authors offset the emissions caused by their travel to these meetings; I am pleased to say that the British government pays to offset mine.”¹⁰

Following

Replying to @kenwood @FriendsOScience and 12 others

For sale 🌹 : Large beachfront villa, biggest private residence at prestigious Soneva Fushi Resort in the Maldives, the oceanfront villa sits on 1.37 acres, with direct access to a private area of the 🏖️-Kunfunadhoo Island, Baa Atoll, Republic of #Maldives Price: \$15 million



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¹⁰ <https://enviroethics.org/2014/05/20/a-philosopher-at-the-ipcc/2/>

Touting the drowning of whole islands is an emotionally captivating way to get people who live on vast continents to feel guilty enough to support things like carbon taxes and a price on carbon.

Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Honorable Catherine McKenna, returned from the Paris COP-21 conference with a little coconut frond on her jacket, a gift from the people of the Marshall Islands who had successfully pressured Canada to support the more stringent 1.5°Celsius greenhouse gas reduction target.

Canadians were deeply moved when the minister told them in an interview with Rosie Barton on CBC *"..a lot of developing nations like the Marshall Islands, I mean they're sinking as the waters rise and so 1.5 degrees is something that they need to see and also I think it creates a sense of urgency, that we've all got to act and we've all got a lot of work to do."*

If these islands are at risk, why do they engage in building large airports and encouraging tourism by air – which increases emissions? Why is the Marshall Islands home to the world's third largest marine registry? With respect to large container ships, just 16 of them put out the equivalent emissions of all the cars in the world.¹¹

Calls for Climate Justice in the Courts Not Fact-Based

What would this mean for proposed "Climate Justice" lawsuits, like those in the United States between coastal cities and Big Oil? The plaintiffs are knowingly engaging in the encouragement of greenhouse gas emissions.

There is a proposal by Canada's West Coast Environmental Law Foundation and the Vanuatu Environmental Law Foundation which calls for a 'climate compensation act'¹² – but will there be burdensome legal

¹¹ One Ship Pollutes as much as 50 million cars <https://www.slideshare.net/Calion/dkgroup-environment-remake-cha-v14>

¹² https://www.wcel.org/sites/default/files/publications/cca_report_updated_web.pdf

costs to these tiny impoverished nations when the case is thrown out for lack of cause – or retaliatory penalties for filing a nuisance suit?

Especially if claims for climate justice are not supported by the evidence and the claims are deemed to be fraudulent?

In the case of the Marshall Islands, Dr. John D. Harper, FGSA, FGAC, PGeol., former director of the Geological Survey of Canada, stated that these islands may be experiencing **erosion by the sea**, which looks (to the casual observer) as if it is sea level rise, but it is not.¹³

Prof. Nils-Axel Mörner, former head of the international Inqua Commission on Sea Level Change, has done extensive study on sea level rise, coastal erosion, tectonic activity, coastal dynamics, and coral reef development/dissolution. He finds no support for the claims of impending doom of catastrophic sea level rise made by these small island nations. He writes in his open letter to the then President of the Maldives:¹⁴ (and similar letter to Fijian president¹⁵)

"For Heaven's sake lift the terrible psychological burden you have placed on the shoulders of all people in the Maldives", who have been made to live with "a wholly false notion that is nothing but an armchair fiction artificially constructed by mere computer modelling consistently proved wrong by meticulous real-world observation".¹⁶

Of course, the easiest way to dismiss his years of boots-on-the-ground observational study of sea level rise, or lack of it, in these island nations is to simply call him a 'denier.'

¹³ <https://youtu.be/Uf-0q5VSyyY>

¹⁴ http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/images/stories/papers/originals/maldives_letter.pdf

¹⁵ <https://wattsupwiththat.com/2017/11/13/fiji-flooding-is-fake-news-from-cop23/>

¹⁶ <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/christopherbooker/6426091/Maldives-underwater-cabinet-meeting-was-a-sorry-stunt.html>

CLIMATEWORKS

WIKILEAKS



While The New York Times story of "Losing Earth" makes much of the claim that successful 'stopping of climate change' was prevented due to the "Big Oil" funded deniers, curiously there is no mention of the ClimateWorks group and their massive, multi-million-dollar funded, global climate catastrophe hype to crusade for cap-and-trade and the implementation of \$12 trillion in wind/solar.

As Matthew Nisbet wrote: *"In 2006, several of the country's wealthiest foundations hired a consulting firm to comprehensively survey the available scientific literature and to consult more than 150 leading climate change and energy experts. The result of this intensive undertaking was the 2007 report **Design to Win: Philanthropy's Role in the Fight Against Global Warming.***

Leading the report was the recommendation that "tempering climate change" required a strong cap and trade policy in the U.S. and the

European Union, and a binding international agreement on greenhouse gas emissions.”¹⁷

The release of the Podesta Wikileaks resulted in an opportunity to review a ClimateWorks case study of how the “Design to Win” program had been implemented.¹⁸

While at first glance, this may appear to have been a dedicated effort by kind philanthropists, eager to save the world from catastrophic climate change, a further review suggests there were vested commercial interests at work.

Scope of the “Design to Win” program:

- ✚ *Some USD\$600 million was spent annually for 10 years funding local environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGOS) world-wide.*
- ✚ *Influential management firm McKinsey & Co was a key consultant and paid a reported \$42.4 million.*
- ✚ *Some USD\$750 million was dedicated to European press coverage and support for Carbon Brief.*
- ✚ *Several other strategy firms participated in planning how to implement the program.*
- ✚ *The world was split into divisions with specific programs and unique organizations for each.*
- ✚ *The objective was to develop one or more multi-trillion-dollar global cap and trade system(s) and to install put USD\$12 trillion of wind and solar.*
- ✚ *There was no apparent request or authorization by governments for this interference in markets and climate/energy policies.*
- ✚ *Grant documents from one ClimateWorks partner reveal substantial funding of blockade, investor de-marketing, and*

¹⁷ <http://climateshiftproject.org/nisbet-m-c-2014-engaging-in-science-policy-controversies-insights-from-the-u-s-debate-over-climate-change-handbook-of-the-public-communication-of-science-and-technology-2nd-edition-london-r/>

¹⁸ [ClimateWorks Foundation - WikiLeaks https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/fileid/57594/16165](https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/fileid/57594/16165)

global denigration efforts against 'deniers' and against Canada's oil sands.

- + The same ClimateWorks partner also funded the 10:10 group that produced a video in which people (including children) who disagreed to comply with climate change participation were blown up on camera.¹⁹*
- + Nisbet's most recent peer-reviewed paper reports "\$16.1 million was invested in activities mostly at the state or municipal level that promoted climate justice/fairness on behalf of minority, indigenous, urban, rural, and low-income communities." In other words, tax-subsized philanthropies have been funding racial and social division.*

Many of the groups that were funded by the ClimateWorks billionaires were also registered charities or advocacy arms of registered charities. These groups used extremely emotional messages to further draw on the public to fund their 'stop climate change' efforts and a terrified public supported them.

As Nisbet wrote in 2013:

"For the 2011 event, the Climate Reality Project temporarily took over the Twitter and Facebook accounts of almost 800,000 supporters who had signed over access, flooding their social media networks with messages in an effort to drive traffic to the event hosted by Gore. "[We] will focus the world's attention on the full truth, scope, scale and impact of the climate crisis. To remove the doubt. Reveal the deniers," Gore said of his echo chamber efforts (NBC News Bay Area 2011)."

Meantime, sea level rise remained constant, Pacific Islands still welcome millions of tourists, and the inherently natural surprises of climate change and global warming continued to confound this 'motivated advertising' campaign for a price on carbon, carbon taxes and cap and trade legislation.

¹⁹ <https://youtu.be/AsbgoytInTY>

Is Global Warming Evidence of Human-caused Climate Change?

If we look back in the temperature record, we find that there *was* correlation between temperature rise and carbon dioxide emissions from about 1970 to 1990. While correlation does not mean this is evidence of human causation, at the time, based on theories of Fourier, Arrhenius, Callendar and Hansen, there seemed to be some evidence and a valid reason for concern about global warming due to human industrial carbon dioxide emissions.

However, global warming stagnated in the late 1990's with no statistically significant warming since then. Claims of 'hottest year ever' have centered around changes in the order of two one-hundredths of a degree – falling well within a large margin of error. No accurate measurement can be made for anything less than 1 degree. The global mean temperatures are 'metrics' of averaged and adjusted temperature data are no longer a temperature measurement.

Science or Showmanship – What Captures the Public's Mind?

In 2005, a group of scientists met to discuss how the greenhouse gas/radiative forcing theory of climate change was inadequate as a metric to explain recent climate change.²⁰ Carbon dioxide emissions from human industry had increased dramatically, but temperatures had not. This attracted no public attention.

Whereas climate change/global warming had once been a matter for the science community, the 2006 release of Al Gore's film "*the most terrifying film you will ever see*" – "*An Inconvenient Truth*" – vaulted climate change to top of mind for most people. Whatever dissenting scientists' thought was no longer relevant.

²⁰ <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/11175/radiative-forcing-of-climate-change-expanding-the-concept-and-addressing>

As Nisbet notes, the ClimateWorks venture was formed at that time. It appears to be a resurrection of Enron's engagement in Kyoto, as reported by Lawrence Solomon.²¹

"Almost two decades before President Barack Obama made "cap-and-trade" for carbon dioxide emissions a household term, an obscure company called Enron — a natural-gas pipeline company that had become a big-time trader in energy commodities — had figured out how to make millions in a cap-and-trade program for sulphur dioxide emissions, thanks to changes in the U.S. government's Clean Air Act. To the delight of shareholders, Enron's stock price rose rapidly as it became the major trader in the U.S. government's \$20-billion a year emissions commodity market."

"Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay, keen to engineer an encore, saw his opportunity when Bill Clinton and Al Gore were inaugurated as president and vice-president in 1993. To capitalize on Al Gore's interest in global warming, Enron immediately embarked on a massive lobbying effort to develop a trading system for carbon dioxide, working both the Clinton administration and Congress. Political contributions and Enron-funded analyses flowed freely, all geared to demonstrating a looming global catastrophe if carbon dioxide emissions weren't curbed. An Enron-funded study that dismissed the notion that calamity could come of global warming, meanwhile, was quietly buried."

Exxon is denounced in "Losing Earth." The New York Times is the same newspaper where Exxon ran its mild-mannered climate change advertorials back around 2005 at the time when scientists noticed global warming was stagnating.

At the same time as the Exxon advertorials, Greenpeace ran a virulent campaign against Exxon. And indeed, one of the ClimateWorks partners has funded Greenpeace worldwide.

²¹ <https://ep.probeinternational.org/2009/05/30/enrons-other-secret/>

In the recent Resolute Forestry Products vs Greenpeace lawsuit, it was revealed that Greenpeace engages in alarmist tactics. How has this affected energy markets worldwide?

It's a greatest hits collection of green distortions. One paragraph reads: "In 2006, Greenpeace USA mistakenly issued a press release stating 'In the twenty years since the Chernobyl tragedy, the world's worst nuclear accident, there have been nearly [FILL IN ALARMIST AND ARMAGEDDONIST FACTOID HERE]'."

In Donna Laframboise's 2012 book "The Delinquent Teenager Who Was Mistaken for the World's Top Climate Scientist"²² – an expose of the IPCC - she noted that Greenpeace and World Wildlife Fund/World Wide Fund (WWF) personnel were very influential in the writing of IPCC reports, despite not being scientists.

Professional activists



Richard Moss
involved with the IPCC for 20 years
during part of that time he was employed
as a Vice-President of the World Wildlife
Fund

Bill Hare
considered a Greenpeace 'legend'
one of only 40 people on the IPCC's "core
writing team" for the 2007 *Synthesis
Report*



²² <https://www.amazon.ca/Delinquent-Teenager-Mistaken-Worlds-Climate-ebook/dp/B005UEVB8Q>

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Greenpeace International	Environment	Worldwide	2013	USD 290,250
Greenpeace Japan	Environment	Japan	2012	USD 399,610
Greenpeace International	Environment	Netherlands	2011	USD 1,000,000
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Greenpeace International	Environment	Netherlands	2010	USD 859,728
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Greenpeace Poland	Environment	Poland	2007	USD 157,256
Greenpeace International	Environment	Europe	2007	USD 933,324
Greenpeace International	Environment	Europe	2005	USD 453,086

Nisbet’s most recent paper “Strategic philanthropy in the post-Cap-and-Trade years: Reviewing U.S. climate and energy foundation funding reports” shows an astounding level of funding from the ClimateWorks billionaires to powerful ENGOs across the US.²³

It is hard to believe that The New York Times, one of the most influential newspapers in the world, was unaware of Nisbet’s earlier work, the “Design to Win” plan (which is posted on-line), or Nisbet’s March 27, 2018 paper detailing the millions of dollars used to push renewables, carbon pricing, and denigrate fossil fuels.

Surely this is an integral part of the story of “Losing Earth.”

²³ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/wcc.524>

Influencing Faith Groups and Labour Unions

Grant databases and Nisbet's 2018 paper show that these foundations and their ENGO tentacles have specifically reached out to engage large existing centers of influence such as faith groups and labour unions. Indeed, in Canada, the Canadian Union of Public Employees attended COP-21 and they are blocking Canadian pipeline development, demanding 'green jobs' instead.

One might wonder why union or faith leaders would be so involved, but their pension funds and institutional investors appear to have vested interests in wind and solar, and under present renewables subsidy guidelines, these funds are virtually guaranteed stable 20-40-year returns (from increasingly impoverished taxpayers). These guaranteed returns help prop up their unfunded pension liabilities²⁴ and provide additional earnings for investors.

But are these solutions 'saving the planet'? The Economist on biomass:

The dash for biomass, though, has many problems (see [article](#)). As with wind and solar power, investment in biomass does not happen without subsidy; current plans to convert half of Drax's 4,000 megawatt capacity from coal to biomass depend on getting an extra £45 per megawatt hour from the government on top of what the electricity sells for. It also takes a lot of land to produce power with biomass. Generating 2,000MW of electricity from wood in a sustainable way requires a forest of some 6,600 square kilometres—which is more or less, as it happens, the area of the whole West Riding.

²⁴ Example: CalPERS: "With the fund stuck at around \$300 billion for two years, it's about \$100 billion short of fully funding its pension obligations, and falling shorter each day. And that shortfall is based on its 7.5 percent discount rate, even though the average return has been under that mark for decades."
<https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/dan-walters/article90368532.html>

The example above is from The Economist,²⁵ which reports that the UK Drax power plants made more money from “Renewables Obligations” (green subsidies) for converting coal-fired power plants to use wood pellets, than from sales of generated electricity.

Climate Scientists as Purveyors of Renewables

In the opening narrative of “Losing Earth,” Robert Watson, a former director of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, is referred to as saying that a three-degree Celsius warming is the realistic minimum that we can expect. As we noted in the opening of this rebuttal, these 2 and 3-degree-C targets are a ‘delusion’ and arbitrarily set.

In one of the more influential documents co-authored by Watson entitled “Tackling the Challenge of Climate Change,” commissioned by the Republic of Nauru, then chair of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the document alternates images of natural disasters with wind turbines and solar panels.²⁶ The document claims that renewables reduce carbon dioxide emissions and can provide equivalent power to replace coal. But Google engineers did not find that to be true in their unlimited funded RE<C project. And the IPCC itself cannot provide us with any peer-reviewed study showing that wide-scale deployment of wind and solar are cost-efficient compared to coal.²⁷ Corresponding author of the “Tackling the Challenge...” document works for Earthjustice, a group funded by several the ClimateWorks foundations.

As Professor Emeritus Vaclav Smil of Canada points out in his lectures and many books, there is ‘no energy revolution underway.’ Math and physics preclude that. Wind and solar have very select geographical locations where they are useful. Dutch engineer, the late J.A.

²⁵ <https://www.economist.com/leaders/2013/04/06/bonfire-of-the-subsidies>

²⁶ <http://pure.iiasa.ac.at/id/eprint/11188/1/Tackling-Climate-Change-K.pdf>

²⁷ <http://blog.friendsofscience.org/2015/11/05/a-matter-of-public-interest-on-the-ipcc-does-it-recommend-or-not-recommend-that-is-the-question/>

Halkema laid out clearly that wind is a weather-dependent form of power generation with best applications off-grid. He called wind developers' pitches "half a truth is a whole lie."

Considering the vast influence of the ClimateWorks foundations and the vested interests who are intent on installing \$12 trillion worth of wind and solar worldwide to buttress the Renewable Energy Certificate generation for their global cap and trade scheme, employing power generation forms that *cannot support the basic needs of society*,²⁸ we believe it is time to evaluate the damage being done to the planet, the people, and the damage to profits of ordinary people, small and medium sized businesses, versus the multinational green crony corporations who may play the carbon markets and financially benefit.

Current climate science evidence and power generation realities do not support claims of an impending catastrophe, nor can any rise in carbon dioxide be prevented using wind and solar.

One must also question the fact that, according to Nisbet (2018) some \$94 million dollars has been spent on coal de-marketing campaigns (typically funding ENGOs like the Sierra Club who carried out the work in the "Beyond Coal" campaign) by parties with vested interests in wind and solar. According to Nisbet (2018) "The Bloomberg Foundation has prioritized the funding of litigation and advocacy to limit or shut down coal-fired power plants."

Notes from Nisbet (2018):

- ✚ *McKnight provided \$3.3 million to Re-AMP... more than 150 Midwest-based groups campaigning to close coal power plants and establish renewable energy standards."*

²⁸ <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/mrs-energy-and-sustainability/article/lessons-from-technology-development-for-energy-and-sustainability/2D40F35844FEFEC37FDC62499DDBD4DC/core-reader>

- ✚ *Table 8 -\$69.4 million in grants focused on promoting policy actions and regulations to limit fossil fuel production and development...\$42 million was devoted to opposing coal power.*
- ✚ *The major funders in this area were Bloomberg (\$20 million) and MacArthur (\$15 million) which supported the Sierra Club's work.*
- ✚ *\$10.4 million devoted to reducing dependence on coal, gas, oil, and fossil fuels..led by Rockefeller Brothers, Hewlett, and Oak gave a combined \$9.5 million to the New Venture Fund to redistribute to a network of groups.*
- ✚ *Philanthropists ...spent \$69.4 million to limit coal power, ban/restrict fracking, and hold the industry accountable.*
- ✚ *...to more effectively shape public opinion and influence voters, philanthropists devoted a combined \$151 million to climate-, fossil fuel industry- and renewable energy-related communications, media, and mobilization efforts (see Figure 1).*
- ✚ *...Bloomberg via his foundation and other donations is estimated since 2011 to have devoted \$164 million to political and legal campaigns to shut down coal-fired power plants in the United States... additional \$50 million in funding to expand such efforts to other countries (Carrington, 2017).⁴*
- ✚ *Trump administration withdrawal from Paris Agreement and changes to EPA Clean Power Plan,etc,...” funders will be called upon to provide support for legal challenges to these actions. Financial support for efforts restricting fossil fuel development and for turning public opinion against the industry is also likely to expand. **Examples include municipal lawsuits filed against fossil fuel companies to recover damages for climate change impacts; and decisions by states and cities to divest their pension plans of industry-related stocks.** To aid these efforts, some funders will also deepen their support for journalistic investigations of the fossil fuel industry.”*

It is hard to imagine that any of this can fall under the category of 'philanthropy' but rather 'trade war.'

Wind and solar are intermittent and weather-dependent and not at all cost-competitive with coal-fired power; wind and solar cannot operate on the power grid with coal because they require peaking natural gas plants to support their erratic supply of power. This multi-billion-dollar back-up infrastructure is never included in commentaries about the 'declining price of wind and solar' and thus is a form of deceptive marketing. Meantime, coal continues to be a price-stable form of power generation; with modern emissions management it makes countries and industries competitive and offers affordable, reliable power for the public.

Most people cognizant of the world's reliance on oil, natural gas and coal, and the lack of suitable alternatives see it as a crime against humanity to deny coal plant financing and insurance to developing nations, to push their mostly unsuitable wind and solar wares.²⁹

IN SUMMARY



The last 30 years have been spent terrifying ordinary people that their children would inherit an uninhabitable world, creating hatred and division between North and South hemispheres, destabilizing power grids, enriching green crony capitalists and impoverishing the middle

²⁹ <http://blog.friendsofscience.org/2017/10/21/saving-the-planet-on-the-backs-of-the-worlds-poor/>

class. The planet was not saved – if anything it was damaged by senseless ‘green’ and climate change policies that in most cases did more harm than good.

There has clearly been undue influence by vested interests, and apparently insufficient technical review and cost-benefit analysis of climate and energy policies.

It is shocking to find that philanthropies, which are provided with special tax status, the burden of which falls upon ordinary citizens, have funded divisive identity politics to further their commercial aims.

There is no evidence that a price on carbon or cap and trade will have any beneficial impact on climate change or the environment.

As noted in the Reece Committee of the 1950’s on the potential for these powerful ‘philanthropies’ to impact society:

*"Danger arises whenever any group with power in its hands, whether it be a state legislature, or the board of a university or of a foundation, believes it to be its business to use its power to direct opinion. Any such group is a dangerous group, regardless of the manner of its make-up, and regardless of whether its action is conscious or unconscious, and, if conscious, whether benign or sinister in its purpose."*³⁰

Carbon is a novel commodity:

*"...one whose value lies entirely in its absence."*³¹

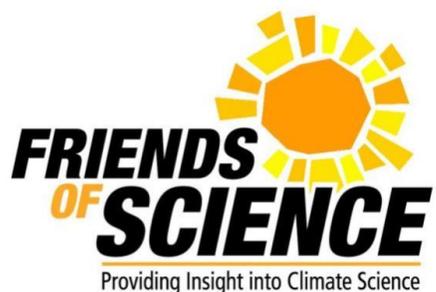
We must ask how much certain influential parties have been conning the climate, and how much have they in turn been conning the public.

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<sup>30</sup> <http://blog.friendsofscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/undue-influence-markets-skewed-april-5-2016-final-ic-bl.pdf>

<sup>31</sup> <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/files/Conning-the-Climate.pdf>



## About

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 16th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

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