

Racing to Tyranny

Climate change is the Trojan Horse in the war to destroy capitalism and private property.

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“Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the U.N.’s Framework Convention on Climate Change, admitted in a Brussels’ speech that the goal of environmental activists is not to save the world from ecological calamity but to destroy capitalism.”—INVESTOR’S BUSINESS DAILY, FEB. 10, 2015

This stunning admission by Christiana Figueres is not at all surprising to skeptics of man-caused global warming, who have long believed that there never has been compelling science to support the idea man is causing the warming. Now over the past 18 years there has been no significant warming at all and global temperature records actually show a slight decline.

To drive home her point, Figueres proclaimed: “This is the first time in the history of mankind that we are setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, changing the economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years, since the Industrial Revolution.”

Whoa. Is she really saying the destruction of capitalism is a good thing?

Yes. That is exactly what she, the entire United Nations, current U.S. federal leadership, socialists and progressives lust after. And they hope to set the foundation for its destruction in December 2015 during the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) in Paris. Members of the IPCC claim capitalism is the worst economic system ever devised by man. What they seem to forget is that prior to the Industrial Revolution, feudalism reigned in Europe as a two-class culture where only the royalty and the Church could own property, which allowed them to literally control the lives of everyone else. It was one of the most oppressive periods for the common man in modern history. And though we are not suffering feudalism, we *are* experiencing the spiraling plunge into



Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), spoke during the September 2014 Climate Summit leading the discussion with the medical community to divest from fossil fuels.

socialism that will result in a two-class system with an anemic, or nonexistent, middle class.

It was the Magna Carta that eventually gave English commoners private property rights in the early 1600s which stimulated all kinds of innovation and a stream of inven-

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tions, and eventually the Industrial Revolution in the 1800s. (See “The Magna Carta,” *RANGE*, Summer 2015.) Over time, property rights gave birth to capitalism, and effec-

tively lifted the common man out of poverty, first in England and then in other nations. True, there were men who perverted capitalism to their own ends resulting in monopolies, cartels, syndicates, robber barons, and other forms of abuse that oppressed the poor and powerless. Eventually, those abuses were brought under control through new laws, although there will always be individuals who continue to bend laws to their advantage.

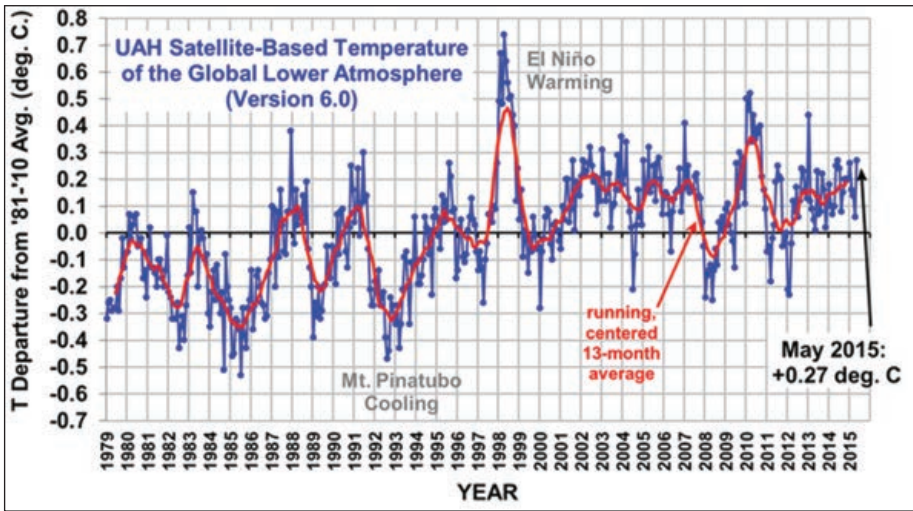
The abuse of capitalism did not negate the good that it did through the centuries. Robert Hessen, a specialist in business and economic history and a senior research fellow at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution, defines capitalism in the Library of Economics and Liberty: “*Economic individualism’s basic*

premise is that the pursuit of self-interest and the right to own private property are morally defensible and legally legitimate. Its major corollary is that the state exists to protect individual rights. Subject to certain restrictions, individuals (alone or with others) are free to decide where to invest, what to produce or sell, and what prices to charge.”

Individual liberty including property rights and capitalism go hand in hand. You can’t have one without the other. Yet, Figueres and other socialists/progressives arrogantly seem to believe they can create economic prosperity and individual freedom through their vision of an authoritarian world government. By using global warming/climate change to create fear, they have been planning for decades to create a global treaty that stops emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) through heavy taxation and direct control.

This is a *big* effort. In addition to supplying 84 percent of our energy—in the form of coal, natural gas, gasoline, heating oil, diesel fuel, and jet fuel—petroleum is the base

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Real-time satellite-based temperature data since the program was started in 1979. It is easy to see the earth's temperature has not increased statistically since 1998. Other data sets show earth has not warmed statistically since 1997. It is easy to see the cooling impact of Mt. Pinatubo's eruption and the 1998 El Niño. The blue line is the monthly data and the red line is the annual combined data. SOURCE: Dr. Roy Spencer, principal research scientist at the University of Alabama <http://www.drroyspencer.com/latest-global-temperatures/>

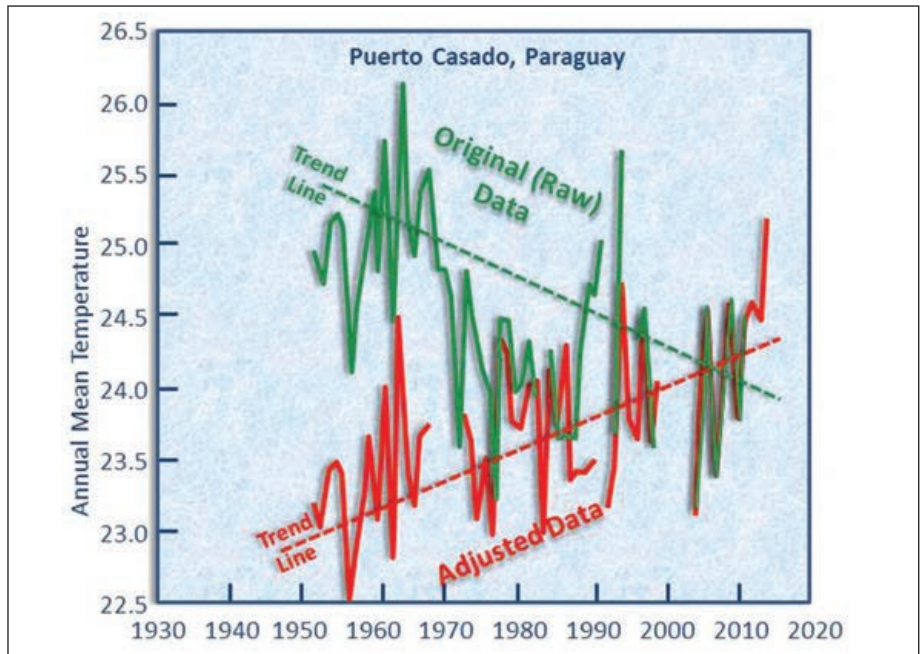
ingredient for soapless detergents for clothes and dishes, all plastics (except bioplastics), agricultural fertilizers and pesticides, paint, photographic film, food additives, makeup, medicine, and even most candles. It is the key ingredient in almost everything we use on a daily basis. How are they going to replace those petroleum-based items?

In spite of their loud proclamations, these socialists and progressives are disconnected from reality and have no evidence to support their plan of greatly reducing CO2 emissions. According to Figueres, the United Nations and other alarmists have known there was no credible science to back their plans, yet viciously attacked anyone who would say otherwise. Other nations are mocking President Obama for claiming climate change is the world's greatest threat, and yet they could vote for a treaty that will damage the United States just because they don't like us. America is possibly entering the most dangerous time of economic hemorrhage in our history. Capitalism, property rights, and individual freedom are all being systematically destroyed.

The Worst Fraud of All

In 2007, statistician Dr. Steve McIntyre stumbled onto a 1940 list of raw global temperatures published by NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Prior to this, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) refused to release raw data. Amazingly, the 1940 list showed that the 1930s were warmer than the

1990s and 2000s. (See "Climate Fraud and the Decline of America," *RANGE*, Winter 2013.) As you may recall, headlines in the early 2000s proclaimed that earth's temperatures were supposedly the warmest in recorded history. It turns out these record years were a complete fabrication allegedly designed to support the belief that man-caused global warming is a scientific fact. It's

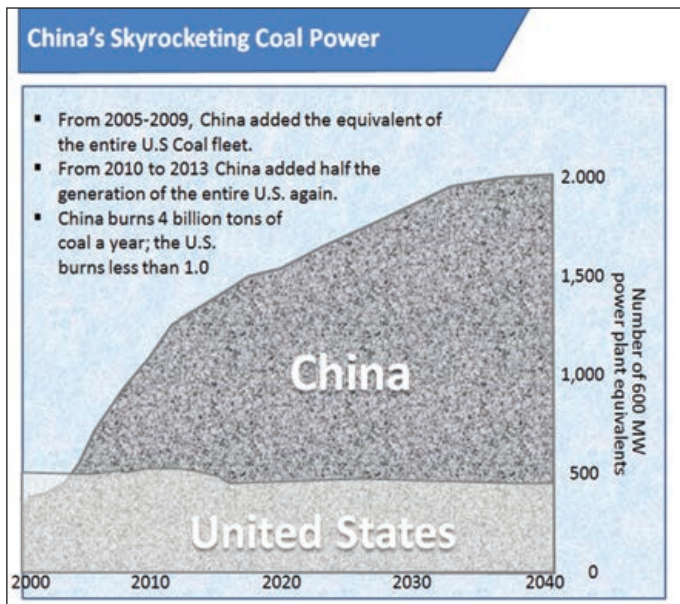


Author Christopher Booker reports thousands of temperature stations around the world like the one in Puerto Casado, have raw data that have been "adjusted" upward. The original raw data clearly show a decline in temperature while adjusted data show global warming. Government agencies have been creating a problem that doesn't exist. SOURCE: Christopher Booker citing Paul Homewood in *The Telegraph*, "How we are STILL being tricked with flawed data on global warming," Jan. 25, 2015. SOURCE: Adapted from: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/11367272/Climategate-the-sequel-How-we-are-STILL-being-tricked-with-flawed-data-on-global-warming.html>

not. It's a trillion-dollar lie designed to destroy capitalism.

In our "Climate Fraud" story we include a validated analysis of NASA's 2011 data and found that the original early raw data were much warmer than the published adjusted data. In other words, NASA manipulated the raw data to make the 1900s colder and the 2000s about 1°C warmer than the raw data actually showed. Is it any wonder that skeptics don't believe Obama's claim that since 2000, 14 out of 15 years were at record levels. With government scientists "cooking the books," it was guaranteed that the 2000s would set records.

More and more evidence that data manipulation was the norm at government centers and not the exception has been exposed since 2010. On Feb. 7, 2015, well-known author and columnist Christopher Booker wrote in *The Telegraph* that these data manipulations are so well documented that "[w]hen future generations look back on the global-warming scare of the past 30 years, nothing will shock them more than the extent to which the official temperature records—on which the entire panic ultimately rested—were systematically 'adjusted' to show the earth as having warmed much more than the actual data justified." That understanding destroys the proclamation by



China's phenomenal growth in coal-fired power plants is now dominating the world and will grow even worse. Even if we reduced our coal usage to zero, China's use will soon overwhelm anything the United States can do to reduce CO2 emissions. SOURCE: Climate Central. By Permission. <http://www.climatecentral.org/blogs/chinas-growing-coal-use-is-worlds-growing-problem-16999>

NOAA and the president that 2014 was the warmest on record.

Warming alarmists realize that if the truth of this fraud ever gets out to the general population, their reputations will go up in flames and they can no longer attack skeptical sciences on the basis of bad science, so they resort to character assassination.

This is necessary to destroy the reputations and still the voices of skeptical scientists from the debate on climate leading up to the Annual Meeting of the United Nations in September, and the COP21 meeting in December in Paris. It is imperative for them to approve a draconian climate treaty at that meeting if they are ever to meet their goal to control the world's economy.

A History of Fraud and Attacks

After more than 18 years of no global warming, there can be no doubt that warming has stopped. In spite of proclamations to the contrary, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other climate extremes have *greatly* diminished or leveled off recently, yet prognosticators of doom and gloom continue to increase the hype. (See "Hot Air," RANGE, Fall 2014.) They use stories like the disastrous tornadoes and flooding in May 2015 as examples. Their problem, in case any of them would care to look, is that these kinds of weather events are nothing new. There

were plenty of other extreme weather events in the past with frequencies typically greater than those today.

President Obama has made numerous proclamations that 2014 was the warmest year on record based on NOAA's Global Analysis 2014 Report. Despite the existence of serious scientific doubt about this report, Obama continues to trumpet the false claims that there is no doubt of man-caused global warming and that extreme weather is increasing when

there are numerous studies refuting that claim.

However, Obama told the biggest whopper during his U.S. Coast Guard Academy 2015 commencement address on May 20 when he took a flying leap from reality by claiming that man-caused global warming is one of our biggest national security issues. "The science is indisputable," he proclaimed sternly. "I'm here today to say that climate change constitutes a serious threat to global security, an immediate risk to our national security.... Denying it or refusing to deal with it endangers our national security."

How can the president compare the distant and highly questionable threat of global warming as more important than the utter foreign policy disaster he has created in the Mideast, Russia and Crimea? Tens of thousands have been slaughtered in the Mideast. ISIS (aka Islamic State in Iraq and Syria) is even publicly threatening Americans at home. More and more analysts believe Obama is running away from his foreign

policy failures by hiding behind a totally trumped-up fearmongering campaign about global warming. Maybe, but there is a large agenda in play—that of controlling the U.S. economy at the global level.

Full Steam Ahead—You Pay the Bill

Just weeks earlier, and in spite of a lack of any evidence, the G7 (leaders of the industrial nations) proclaimed at its Berlin meeting: "Climate change is one of the biggest global security threats of the 21st century, and world leaders should put it at the forefront of foreign policy, according to a major new report commissioned by the G7 group, presented at the Meeting of G7 Foreign Ministers in Berlin on 15 April."

That these words were eerily similar to what Obama proclaimed to U.S. Coast Guard cadets should not go unnoticed. There is every indication that our president and other socialist leaders in the world are in lockstep in their efforts to force a climate treaty in Paris. And they are pushing hard to achieve this diabolical goal.

According to the CATO Institute, and in spite of a lack of citizen support, the United States has already submitted a plan to the United Nations which "commits the U.S. to 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025—

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a promise [Obama] made last year to secure a pledge from China to reduce its own emissions." It is based on the *entirely* fallacious Obama Climate Action Plan discussed in the Fall 2014 issue of RANGE entitled "Hot Air."

At the same time, Obama's spin machine claims it would only cost the United States a mere \$8.8 billion a year for global-warming reg-

ulations. Hmmmm. In our "Hot Air" article we've already proven the sharp reduction in extreme weather while Obama and the Greens show their absolute ignorance by claiming otherwise.

On the other hand, according to an in-depth analysis by NERA Economic Consulting, a more accurate regulatory cost figure is likely \$41 billion per year—\$410 billion by 2025. However, even this is probably a low-ball number considering that the cost of existing EPA regulations is in the hundreds

of billions or even trillions of dollars.

A case in point is the new ozone regulations proposed by the EPA and the Obama administration in their Clean Power Plan, which is a key component of their Climate Change Action Plan.

The National Association of Manufacturers has analyzed its impact and found this plan could cost \$3.4 trillion in economic loss, 2.9 million jobs lost by 2040, and “cost the U.S. household \$1,570 per year in lost consumption.” The high cost is attributable to the fact that we don’t even have the technology to do what the regulation demands. The EPA denies this, claiming the costs in 2025 would be a mere \$16.6 billion while providing \$21.2–\$42.1 billion in benefits. Of course, no one outside the EPA—which plays well with the United Nations—can review its calculations.

Final Countdown to Global Control?

The United Nations already has the negotiating text to present at the critical December meeting. Perhaps the most alarming goal comes from its Feb. 15, 2015, report, “Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action Second Session, Part Eight.” Besides being mostly blather—which can be interpreted any way a U.N. (also U.S.) bureaucrat wants—the U.N.’s negotiating document’s major objective is in Objective 3.1, Option (d): “Ensuring significant and rapid global greenhouse gas emission reductions of at least 70-95 percent below 2010 levels by 2050 and negative emissions of CO₂ and other long-lived greenhouse gases before 2080.”

Worse, China was given a free pass by the Obama administration during the president’s November 2014 Asian trip. (See “News from Alice’s Wonderland,” *RANGE*, Spring 2015.) In this agreement China will continue to raise its wildly growing emissions until 2030 and is building one new coal-fired plant every 10 days. China won’t even submit a plan until just before the December IPCC’s COP21. Expect China and India (another major emitter) to throw a wrench in the U.N.’s treaty negotiations this coming December in Paris.

Just how does the United Nations think countries of the world, especially the United States, are going to reduce emissions by 70 to 95 percent below 2005 levels by 2050? Europe has already demonstrated that green energy like wind and solar are failures. (See “The Disconnect,” *RANGE*, Fall 2013.)

Green Energy Does Not Work—Period

The highly respected Institute for Energy Research (IER) published “Hard Facts—An Energy Primer” in early 2015 which revealed the stunning fact that only 1.6 percent of the energy used in the United States is produced by wind and an even-more-patetic 0.3 percent by solar. That’s *after* the expenditures of hundreds of billions of dollars in subsidies. The Department of Energy’s 2014 Annual Energy Outlook shows that wind and solar power are finally competing economically

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| EIA Direct Subsidies Continue to Roll in for Wind and Solar | | |
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| Type Power Plant | Direct* 2013 Subsidies (Millions of \$) | Increase/Decrease Last 3 yrs. (Percent) |
| Coal | 61 | ↓ 3% |
| Nat. Gas & Petroleum | 18 | ↓ 20% |
| Nuclear | 37 | ↓ 12% |
| Hydro | 194 | ↑ 27% |
| Wind | 4,274 | ↑ 9% |
| Ave. Solar | 2,448 | ↑ 500% |

**Direct* represent direct subsidies and do not include tax subsidies which have been law for decades to stimulate capital investment. Source: Energy Information Administration, Direct Federal Financial Interventions and Subsidies in Energy in Fiscal Year 2013. Published 2015, pp xix. <http://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/subsidy/pdf/subsidy.pdf>

with coal and natural gas (see chart). This would be great if a huge cost component wasn’t left out—subsidies.

For instance, the IER’s “Hard Facts” reports that in 2007 the Bush-administration subsidies to renewable energy were “\$24.34 per megawatt hour for solar-generated electricity and \$23.37 for wind. This compared with \$1.59 for nuclear, \$0.67 for hydroelectric, \$0.44 for conventional coal and \$0.28 for natural gas and petroleum liquids.”

Starting in 2010 the Obama administration raised subsidies sky-high. For solar power, they were \$775.64 per megawatt hour; for wind, \$56.29; for nuclear, \$3.14; for hydroelectric power, \$0.82; and for coal, natural gas and petroleum liquids, \$0.64. In

short, taxpayers are eating these astronomical green energy subsidies and if added to the true cost, green energy costs don’t appear to be even close to that of fossil fuel.

By 2013, renewables took more than 72 percent of all subsidies, or \$7,408, while petroleum (including natural gas), coal and nuclear only totaled \$116.

All the happy talk about green energy is just that: happy talk. Green energy will bankrupt the nation, just like it is doing in Europe. Yet, Obama, progressives and socialists—in both parties—still emphatically insist that green energy will lower America’s energy costs. In my book “Plundered,” I provide dozens of examples of how they never admit they are wrong, so they will never change their minds and admit green energy is an absolute failure with today’s technology.

Hundreds of billions of dollars, if not trillions, are being sucked out of the economy because of junk science that is *still being used* to meet wildly increasing EPA and other agency regulations. In short, the EPA’s constraining regulations are nothing more than a magical self-perpetuating black box that keeps spewing out the fraudulent justification to harm its citizens. With the EPA’s issuing of new wetlands’ rules in May, it now technically controls every drop of water in the United States. (See “The EPA Wants It All,” *RANGE*, Winter 2015.)

It is finally becoming obvious to an increasing number of analysts on both sides of the aisle that Obama and his passionate followers are systematically destroying capitalism and, along with it, the U.S. economy.

The U.S. Supreme Court seems to agree. In its ruling, the Court said: “The EPA had no authority to issue regulations that differed so radically from the Clean Air Act’s plain language.” While definitive, the ruling is under attack by ecoactivists. If the IPCC is able to force a climate treaty on the nations, especially the United States, we will have effectively turned over our economy to the global elite and eventually into tyranny using the U.N. as its front. Contact your members of Congress. There is no time to lose. ■

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