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Lies and Doublespeak of American Planning Association And How to Fight Back.

By Tom DeWeese

I don't know about you, but when I take on a cause or a project I'm proud of what I do. I support it against all detractors and nay-sayers because I believe in it. So, when proponents of a cause suddenly start to hide what they are doing, or deny they are even doing it – that should set off alarm bells and raise questions about the honesty and legitimacy of that cause. Case in point, when evidence emerged that the Earth was actually cooling instead of heating, the alarmists didn't miss a beat as they changed the predicted disaster from Global Warming to Climate Change. These are clever guys.

Such is the case now with the enforcers of Agenda 21 and its policy called Sustainable Development. For the past several years, those imposing this policy have denied its United Nations origins, ignoring the many documents that clearly prove that the very term “sustainable development” can easily be traced back to the 1987 UN report titled, “Our Common Future.” That radical report has been used by the UN as a virtual springboard for a “wrenching transformation” (Al Gore's words) of human society. The words “sustainable development” are used in nearly every federal, state, and local development plan; on nearly every federal, state, and local government web site; and in nearly every public statement on new development policies. We even had a President's Council on Sustainable Development, created by an Executive Order of Bill Clinton, with the stated purpose to impose the policies of Agenda 21 into United States law. Many serving on the Council helped write Agenda 21, including John Sawhill of the Nature Conservancy, Jay Hair of the National Wildlife Federation and Michele Perrault, international Vice President of the Sierra Club.

So, the exact words “Sustainable Development” come from UN documents and its exact policies are imposed at the local level – yet, we are told by its proponents, none of these development plans have anything to do with UN policy. It's an amazing tap dance. As local residents question their county commissioners, city councilmen, mayors, state legislators, and governors about the origins of their policies, it has become routine for these “representatives of the people” to get a puzzled look on their faces and a wrinkle in their brows, as they say, “I've never heard of Agenda 21.” “That's just a conspiracy theory.”

Yes, we've heard it for years now. But as more and more citizens begin to learn the truth and opposition builds, what is the response of the Sustainablists? Do they now stand up and proudly defend their policies? Do they attempt to open debate and allow other voices to be heard in a legitimate discussion about our “Common Future?” Do they try to find reasonable solutions for citizens who have become victims of such policies? None of the above.

First they have ignored those protests with the usual, “don't know what they are talking about.” Then they have tried to ridicule those of us who have led the charge against the policy, calling it a conspiracy theory. As our anti-Agenda 21 movement has picked up steam, they have enlisted the big guns to attack our credibility, including front page articles in the *New York Times*, and in the pages of the *Washington Post*. Each of those articles took the position that protestors at public meetings are simply wasting the valuable time of legitimate

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professional planners who are just trying to do their jobs. How dare we question their motives or the origins of their schemes? There's serious business going on here. Will the peasants please get out of the way of progress?

But such arrogant, strong armed tactics which used to confuse and disperse opposition has ceased to work. Too much information is out there and too many citizens have become victims of the policies of Sustainable Development. Opposition has become fierce and organized in the face of this wrenching transformation of our lives.

So, since they can't beat us with strong arms, the Sustainablists are rushing to change the entire playing field, changing tactics, re-educating their storm troopers to employ non-confrontational new-speak, and rewriting the dictionary to "avoid polarizing jargon." In an attempt to neutralize their opposition they seek to lull us all into believing the policies they continue to enforce aren't Agenda 21/Sustainable Development. There is no hidden agenda, they now promise. It's just local planning by local officials, so they claim with a straight face.

Hiding their agenda in "new speak"

The worst of the worst of the Sustainablists is the American Planning Association (APA). So panicked is this American Trojan Horse over growing opposition to its policies that APA has organized a "Boot Camp" to teach its operatives how to counter our opposition. Recently APA released a memo entitled "Glossary for the Public." It is quite telling on how an organization that is supposed to be one of the most

respected planning groups in the nation, operating in nearly every city, will teach its people to lie at all costs in order to maintain their power and influence in our communities.

Say's the introduction to this memo, "*Given the heightened scrutiny of planners by some members of the public, what is said – or not said – is especially important in building support for planning.*" Here is a list of words the APA warns planners not to use – because they cause "*critics to see red,*" as they have become "*highly politicized and generate suspicion among some citizens.*"

Affordable; Agenda 21; Collaboration; Consensus; Delphi technique; Density; Livable; Localized planning; Long-term; region-wide planning; Organize and facilitate; Public visioning; Public-Private Partnerships; Regional, regionalism, regional planning; Smart growth; Stakeholders; Sustainability; Walkable.

So, the very policy they are implementing, the policy they have invoked time and again – Sustainability – is no longer to be used. So, what instead? Say's the APA memo, "*Some may find the words 'district' or 'central' to be an indication of a 'top down' or 'Big Brother' process. Using the common word 'downtown' or 'business area' may be more neutral and preferable.*"

More words not to use: "*Code enforcement, design review, design review standards.*" Why? Explains the APA memo, "*Avoid talking about or linking plans and planning with regulatory matters.*" It is apparently necessary to point out to these stealth controllers of our lives that their planning process has everything to do with regulatory matters and *that* is precisely *why* we are objecting to and fighting their policies in the first place!

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It's the "regulatory matters" that are taking our private property rights and creating victims.

More words to be eliminated: Councils of governments; metropolitan planning organizations; regional planning; Density; clusters; Eminent domain; police powers; Green infrastructure; Mixed-use development; Urban growth boundary; Zoning; and many more. The entire language of Sustainable Development is to be eliminated. And yet, says the memo to the planners – "stay on message."

What will the message now be? Some examples of the new speak now provided by the APA: "*We have a responsibility to think through the long term consequences of our decisions. Planning enables us to do that.*" "*We need to understand together how to make sure our local community and our local economy are strong enough for our children to grow up and have a good life here. Planning helps us do that.*" "*We need to make decisions that are careful, cost effective, efficient, and fair to everybody. That is the purpose of this meeting. There is no hidden agenda.*"

In every one of those canned descriptions of the "planning process" you will find the tenets of Agenda 21. The use of the word we is the standard "Delphi technique" of the consensus process they are trying to hide. The reference to the future for the children is right out of the UN Agenda 21 definition: "*Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*" Of course, as we have learned, that to accomplish such an innocent-sounding goal, means locked away lands and resources. Agenda 21.

The APA intends to dazzle citizens with meaningless statements designed to appeal to their personal interests, appeal to their local patriotism, and crush them with the results when they aren't watching.

As Henry Lamb, of Freedom 21 describes the true American tradition of planning, "*The process is truly similar to a sausage-making machine. At open meetings, ordinary citizens are free to suggest new ideas about community needs, for consideration by the governing authority. Other citizens are free to oppose those ideas. Ultimately the elected officials discuss and*

debate the suggestions then vote." Now is that so hard? But none of those easy and established practices of honest and open government are used by the APA and their ilk. In fact, they are adamantly opposed and crushed every step of the way.

The American Planning Association and their allies have chosen to counter the anti-Agenda 21 movement with lies, double speak and stealth. Why? Aren't they proud of their policies? I guess Seattle planner J.Gary Lawrence said it best when he admitted several years ago that "*participating in a U.N. advocated planning process would very likely bring out many...who would actively work to defeat any elected official...undertaking Local Agenda 21. So we will call our process something else, such as comprehensive planning, growth management or smart growth.*" Now, even those words have caught up with their secret agenda. Soon they will have to start inventing their own words.

How to fight back

However, those citizens who want to end this deception and take back their communities don't have to wait for the next round of lies and secret tactics. They can begin to fight back right now.

As many know, I have been working to create a "Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit." It's now ready and it is the most comprehensive tool ever created to provide a complete education on Agenda 21 and the tools necessary to combat it. With this specially designed Action Kit you and I can begin to turn the tables on those who are working at every level of government to destroy our unique system of freedom. You will be fully armed to stand up to any challenge presented; any planner trained by the APA to lie; and to any elected official who still proclaims ignorance of Agenda 21.

Included in the Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit are four DVD presentations; an overview presentation of Agenda 22 by me; connecting the dots to other issues by Dr. Michael Coffman; connecting the dots to the public education curriculum by Mike Chapman; and connecting the dots to rural areas and farming by Don Casey. In addition, there are two workshops; one presented by Beverly Eakman on tactics to stop the group manipulation tactics (consensus); and a workshop presented by Dan Byfield of American Stewards of Liberty on "Coordination." The Kit also includes

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CBO: Taxes Will 'Shoot Up by More Than 30 Percent' Over Next 2 Years

By Terence P Jeffrey

The amount of money the federal government takes out of the U.S. economy in taxes will increase by more than 30 percent between 2012 and 2014, according to the [Budget and Economic Outlook](#) published today by the CBO.

At the same time, according to CBO, the economy will remain sluggish, partly because of higher taxes.

"In particular, between 2012 and 2014, revenues in CBO's baseline shoot up by more than 30 percent," said CBO, "mostly because of the recent or scheduled expirations of tax provisions, such as those that lower income tax rates and limit the reach of the alternative minimum tax (AMT), and the imposition of new taxes, fees, and penalties that are scheduled to go into effect."

The U.S. economy, CBO projects, will perform "below its potential" for another six years and unemployment will remain above 7 percent for another three.

"The pace of the economic recovery has been slow since the recession ended in June 2009, and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) expects that, under current laws governing taxes and spending, the economy will continue to grow at a sluggish pace over the next two years," said CBO. "That pace of growth partly reflects the dampening effect on economic activity from the higher tax rates and curbs on spending scheduled to occur this year and especially next. Although CBO projects that growth will pick up after 2013, the agency expects that the economy's output will remain below its potential until 2018 and that the unemployment rate will remain above 7 percent until 2015."

According to the CBO report, federal tax revenues equaled \$2.302 trillion in fiscal 2011, and will increase to \$2,523 trillion in fiscal 2012, \$2,988 trillion in fiscal in 2013, and \$3,313 trillion in 2014.

As a percentage of GDP, according to CBO, federal tax revenues were 15.4 percent in fiscal 2011, and will be 16.3 percent in 2012, 18.8 percent in 2013, and 20.0 percent in fiscal 2014.

In dollar terms, the anticipated increase in federal tax revenue from fiscal 2011 (\$2.302 trillion) to fiscal 2014 (\$3.313 trillion) is \$1.011 trillion. That is an increase of 43.9 percent. From just 2012 to 2014, the increase in federal tax revenues from \$2.523 trillion to \$3.313 trillion equals \$790 billion—or 31.3 percent.

The anticipated percentage increase in federal tax revenue is not only large when calculated in dollar terms but also when calculated as a share of GDP. The jump from 15.4 percent of GDP in fiscal 2011 to 20.0 percent of GDP in fiscal 2014 equals an increase of 29.8 percent. The jump from 16.3 percent in fiscal 2012 to 20.0 percent in fiscal 2014 equals an increase over two years of 22.7 percent.

Federal tax revenues have averaged "about 18 percent of GDP for the past 40 years," according to CBO. So, in the next two years federal tax revenues will rise from a level that is below the modern historical average to a level that is above it.

CNS News

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/cbo-taxes-will-shoot-more-30-percent-over-next-2-years>

Senator Rand Paul steps up to protect property owners from outlaw federal agencies

By Tom DeWeese

U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) has just introduced legislation designed to reign in out-of-control federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers. The bill, if enacted, will be a vital blow to the enforcement of radical environmental/Agenda 21-inspired regulations. The bill is called the Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2012 (S.2122).

A little history: in 1972, as the environmental movement was getting its start through popular efforts to stop pollution in our rivers and air, Congress passed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (later called the Clean Water Act). The law prohibited the discharge of pollutants into “navigable waters” without a federal permit. The problems began when the EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers made a power grab by enforcing the act over ponds, occasional mud puddles, and even dry lands by labeling them as wet lands. The result has been disastrous to property owners and businesses, sometimes even leading to jail sentences to “violators.”

The result of such outrageous interpretations of the Clean Water Act has led Senator Paul to introduce his bill to do the following:

- Redefine “navigable waters” to explicitly clarify that waters must actually be navigable in fact, or “permanent, standing, or continuously flowing bodies of water that form geographical features commonly known as streams, oceans, rivers and lakes that are connected to waters that are navigable-in-fact.”
- Excludes ephemeral or intermittent streams – the streams that sometimes form when rain falls – from federal jurisdiction.
- Restrains the EPA and Army Corps from regulating or “interpreting” the definition of a navigable water without Congressional authorization.
- Protects the rights of states to have primary authority over the land and water within their borders.
- Prohibits federal agents from entering private property without the express consent of the landowner
- Requires the government to pay double the

value of the land to any landowner whose property value is diminished by a wetlands designation.

Why is it necessary to write such juvenile-sounding legislation to define what any reasonable person should already understand? Who doesn’t know what a river is? Apparently the EPA and Army Corps have little regard for such details as they zealously attack private property in the name of environmental protection. American citizens have been literally terrorized by these agencies and the consequences have been dire.

Some examples:

- Florida resident Ocie Mills planned to build a dream house for his son. He brought in 19 loads of clean building sand, cleared a dry ditch and began filling the ditch with sand to level the ground for the foundation. The Army Corps of Engineers sent him a notice demanding he immediately stop the fill because they considered the property to be a wet land. The Florida Department of Environmental Regulations (DER) sent out an agent who determined that the land was not a wetlands. Ocie resumed dumping fill on the foundation site. The Army Corps disagreed and sent US Marshalls to arrest Ocie and his son. In a trial with no legal representation Ocie was not allowed to submit evidence that the DER did *NOT* consider his land a wetland. As a result a panel of three federal judges sentenced both Ocie and his son to 21 months in jail with no parole and a fine of \$5,250 each. Six years later in a retrial a judge ruled that the land was not a wetlands.

- John Pozgai served a three year prison term for violating the Clean Water Act on his property in Pennsylvania. His crime? Pozgai, a first generation immigrant who escaped communist Eastern Europe, bought property that was being used as an illegal dump. The dump contained a storm water drainage system and a storm water drainage ditch dating back to 1936. The township was responsible for maintaining the drainage ditch but failed to do so, and that failure caused flooding on the adjacent road and in the Pozgai home. It had done so for 20 years. When Pozgai bought the land he began to clean out thousands of dumped tires,

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manuals from each of these experts. In addition, there is a 14 minute power point presentation created by John Anthony specifically designed for showing to busy elected officials.

But, that's not all in the Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit. Included is a detailed manual, with a complete history of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development, from the back rooms of the UN to local government. In addition, it details policies such as regionalism; sustainable farming, conservation easements, sustainable medicine; the lies of global warming; smart growth; the Agenda 21 links to the education curriculum and to Christian churches; and more details about ICLEI than you have probably ever seen. In addition, the manual details the top planning groups, their histories and their planning goals.

And more: The heart of the Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit is the Work Book. Here you will find details on how to fight back; a primer on creating a Property Rights Council; copies of actual legislation being used successfully to protect rights and repeal regulations; how to begin researching these policies in your town; links to Agenda 21 and the Presidents Council on Sustainable Development; analysis of actual development plans, showing their direct links to Agenda 21; actual documents from the Federal Register showing direct links between the Environmental Protection Agency and Agenda 21; and a speaker's bureau featuring some of the top experts in the nation that you can bring to your community. Above all, the workbook includes reprintable handouts that you can use at public meetings. There is even a CD containing those handouts that you can load into your computer and copy from there.

And finally, there is a manual with stories of the victims of Sustainable Development – people who have lost their homes; seen their livelihoods destroyed; even gone to jail for offences as silly as filling in a ditch. These stories are important because the Sustainablists like the American Planning Association will again get that puzzled look on their faces and that wrinkle in their brow as they say, “why, I've never heard of anyone being victimized by these policies.” After reading these horror stories you'll never again question if you are right or not. The drive for justice will keep you in the fight.

I've worked on this project for months trying to be certain that it contains everything possible to help activists fight back. I have consulted activists about what tools they need and I have worked with the top experts to

provide them. The full Stop Agenda 21 Action Kit can be ordered from the American Policy Center Web site at <http://www.americanpolicy.org>.

For over 20 years, Agenda 21 has made a steady, unchecked advance across America, eradicating property rights in the name of Sustainable Development, while cloaked in environmentally friendly terms like open space, smart growth and climate change. It is changing our style of government, our way of life, and our hope for a happy, peaceful future.

The latest tactics by the American Planning Association reveals the dark intent of the Sustainablists and the lengths they will go to hide their goals. Honest intent doesn't have to hide in lies and double speak. Those are the tactics of tyranny.

Arm yourselves well, my fellow freedom fighters. Arm yourselves with the truth of the tyranny of Agenda 21. Get the knowledge. Learn their tactics -- and let's take these liars down as we take America back. ●

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many of which were blocking the storm water drainage ditch. The Army Corps of Engineers declared the standing water caused by the plugged drainage ditch to be a wetlands. John Pozgai, who survived the tyranny of communism, couldn't beat the outrages of environmental zealots empowered with the force of government, which refuses to recognize private property rights.

- Charlie Johnson's family has been growing cranberries on his small farm near Carver, Massachusetts since the 1920s. The federal government prepared to take Johnson to court, claiming that many of the cranberry bogs were created in violation of the 1972 Clean Water Act. The EPA asked for permission to enter Johnson's property to collect data. Johnson gave his approval, believing he had nothing to hide. He later discovered that the EPA wanted to return his land to wetlands under the assumption that wetland conditions existed on the property before Johnson's cranberry bogs were constructed. He explained the bogs were originally constructed on dry sandy land that formerly contained a variety of forested uplands. The EPA based its theory on a number of small aerial photos taken during spring thaws when much of the land is underwater because of melting snow. If Johnson loses his case he will be force to destroy his cranberry bogs and convert his property to artificial wetlands.

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The truth is that oil production on federal lands declined last year by eleven percent on lands controlled by the Obama administration and six percent for natural gas in 2011. Oil and natural gas production on federal lands is down by more than forty percent (40%) compared to ten years ago. The Obama administration, in 2010, issued the lowest number of onshore leases since 1984. In 2011, it held exactly one offshore lease sale.

On February 24, one day after the Obama speech, the U.S. Geological Survey released a report on the amount of oil estimated to exist in the North Slope of Alaska. "The amount of oil that is technically recoverable in the United States is more than 1.4 trillion barrels, with the largest deposits located offshore, in portions of Alaska, and in shale in the Rocky Mountain West. When combined with resources from Canada and Mexico, total recoverable oil in North America exceeds 1.7 trillion barrels.

In a 2008 Wall Street Journal interview, Obama's Energy Secretary, Dr. Steven Chu, famously said, "Somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels of Europe." Anyone who does not believe this administration has a deliberate policy of achieving this goal is just not paying attention. Remember that the next time you fill your car's gas tank.

This is the same President who stopped the building of the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada that would provide more oil for our refineries and not cost the American taxpayer one penny to build. This is the same President who imposed a moratorium on oil from the Gulf of Mexico even after the courts told him to remove it. It caused the loss of an estimated 12,000 jobs while rigs departed for Cuba, Brazil and Mexico.

Between now and November, the President will be out campaigning and telling the same lies. The rise in the cost of oil isn't just a seasonal thing though prices have usually gone up in the summertime when people travel more for vacations. It's up because the Iranians are closing in on making their own nuclear weapons and their own missiles to hit, not just Israel, but the U.S. It's up because it is essential to ensure that the tankers oil-producing nations around the Persian Gulf can enter and exist it via the Strait of Hormuz.

The world isn't running out of oil and is not about to run out. The Earth floats on an ocean of oil despite the rising demand from Asia and other developing nations. To replace foreign oil with algae-based fuel would require a chemically-controlled tank the size of the

State of Colorado, about 69.3 million acres.

In 2010, Obama's mandated biofuel production was less than ten percent of foreign oil imports. It is impossible for biofuel of any description to replace foreign oil imports; just as it is idiotic to pay \$41,000 for an electric car when you can have a gasoline-fueled car for around \$16,000.

Pond scum is not a rational substitute for oil and spending \$14 million on its production as a fuel is beyond absurd. It is the same confidence game as selling "carbon credits" to avoid the hoax of "global warming."

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These are just a very few examples of the tyranny raining down on honest Americans who are simply trying to use their land and live in peace. When confronted by government officials they went to the "proper" authorities to assure they did the right thing. Many times they were misdirected by those very government agents and then trapped by it. Then they were fined, harassed and some went to jail for their "crimes."

There is no room in a free society for such power-mad zealots in our government. Senator Paul's bill is designed to bring a semblance of sanity and reason back to environmental regulations.

The EPA, Army Corps and other agencies of the government have been using the intimidation of government power to enforce the policies of Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development. These policies do not recognize private property rights and they have made a sham out of the rule of law and the court system, replacing it with rule by edict. Until now these outlaw agencies have terrorized American citizens without interference or control by their rightful masters – Congress.

However, little by little, in state legislatures and now in Congress, new legislation is being proposed to return sanity and control. Senator Paul's Defense of Environment and Property Act is a start. It must be supported by everyone who professes allegiance to the Constitution and to the Republic for which it stands. With such action, step by step, we can restore that Republic of our Founders. Call your Senators and demand they support S.2122. ●

Lower Than Pond Scum

By Alan Caruba

Between 1955 and 1959 I was a student at the University of Miami. It was perhaps the best four years of my life and remembered fondly for its combination of fun and learning. On Thursday, February 23, President Barack Obama was on the UM campus to tell the biggest bunch of lies about energy in America I have heard compressed into a single speech.

This President has already set records wasting taxpayer's money on a range of so-called clean energy and renewable energy "investments". Solyndra, the solar panel company that went bust and stuck taxpayers with a half-billion in loan guarantees is just one of those "investments" and I keep waiting for someone to ask why public funds are being flushed down the toilet when, if the companies involved were viable, they could not raise private venture capital?

"And we're making investments in the development of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel that's actually made from a plant-like substance known as algae," said the President. "Believe it or not, we could replace up to 17% of the oil we important for transportation with this fuel that we can grow right here in America."

All politicians put the best face on their pet projects, but to flat-out lie about one of the most idiotic ideas to replace oil when this nation has enough oil, domestically and offshore, known and estimated to exist, defies the imagination. It is an insult to every one of us. And Obama wants to pump \$14 billion into algae, otherwise known as pond scum.

It is very likely that, like the solar panel and other "clean energy" scandals that we know about and will learn about as time goes along, the average American is unaware that, by 2008, there were fifteen (15) algae startup companies. When I heard Obama talk about algae, I could practically hear the campaign fund-raising bundlers scurrying like rats from company to company.

To those of you not intimately and well informed about algae, it is that organic stuff that gathers in ponds and swamps and, in

aggregate, is politely called "plant-like organisms that are usually photosynthetic and aquatic." It is scum. It has no roots, stems, or leaves. It is scum.

In a marine environment it is called seaweed. Algae have chlorophyll and can manufacture their own food through photosynthesis. Algae, the scientists tell us, produces more oxygen than all the plants in the world in addition to being an important food source for marine creatures as diverse in size as shrimp and whales.

The notion that millions would be "invested" to turn algae into fuel ranks just above the idiocy of converting thousands of acres of corn into ethanol instead of food.

Barack Obama has been lying about so many things for so long I doubt he even knows when he is lying or even cares. It's not enough to dismiss this saying that all politicians lie because many do not. Some in Congress right now are desperately trying to get the public in general and voters in particular to understand that America has more debt per capita than Greece. We are on the precipice of financial collapse and Barack Obama just wants to spend more and more and more; some of it on pond scum.

During his UM speech, he derided those who have for decades been saying that America has to allow oil companies access to its vast reserves in order to reduce our dependence on imported oil. "We've heard the same thing for thirty years," he said. He's right. And administrations and Congress have blocked access for just as long. It's our oil!

He went further, though. "It means that anyone who tells you we can drill our way out of this problem doesn't know what they're talking about—or isn't telling you the truth." That's rich, coming from someone who lies almost as often as he exhales. Oil is a global commodity. The more that's available to the market, the lower its cost. Domestic oil always costs consumers less than imported oil!

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