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Sustainable Freedom Lab (SFL)... Protecting Man's Rights in a Changing World

By Tom DeWeese

Every American knows something is very wrong in our nation. Daily, government grows more powerful and intrusive at every level. Many have begun to feel they have no say over their private property or even their own lives.

It started on the international level as various plans, ideas and treaties thoroughly outlined an agenda to completely change and curtail human activity. Most prominent in these plans is one written and delivered by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to the UN-sponsored Earth Summit in 1992. It was called Agenda 21. Proponents of the ideas outlined in Agenda 21 say it is just a suggestion with no teeth for enforcement in the United States.

However, since 1992, there has been a definite correlation between the ideas set forth in Agenda 21 and a massive growth of American government under the policy of Sustainable Development – the exact policy outlined in Agenda 21. According to its authors, the objective of sustainable development is to integrate economic, social, and environmental policies in order to achieve reduced consumption, social equity, and the preservation and restoration of biodiversity. The danger is in how that is to be accomplished in the United States.

Specifically, the Federal government is on a seemingly endless march toward federal rule over farms and local development. A blizzard of Obama-signed Executive Orders has created, among other things, the White House Rural Council, through which some 25 federal agencies are forcing farmers

to toe the line in farming and live stock practices. Using a flood of federal grants, the EPA and HUD are succeeding in bypassing state legislatures to control land use and water policy. Industry is banned and permits for oil and gas drilling are refused. The Western part of the nation is now reeling from Federal takeover of precious local water supplies. In nearly every case the excuse is environmental protection. As a result, today, government controls over 50% of all the land in America under the excuse of restoring biodiversity. As these policies are implemented the term Sustainable Development is used prominently.

On the local level, county commissioners and city councils are teaming up with national planning groups that are usually funded and directed by those same federal and state grants. Mandatory Comprehensive Development Plans are forced on communities as a means to control development and reduce energy use under the excuse of global warming. Non-elected boards, councils, and regional governments are put in place, making it more difficult to deal with elected representatives of the people, rendering citizens to feel helpless in trying to deal with the changes. As a result, rules and regulations dictate how much energy you can use for air conditioning and heating. Still more restrictions affect water use and property owners face stiff restrictions on the use of their own land.

However, trying to oppose these policies and implementation practices, simply to protect ones own private property rights has become a daunting task.

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Those who have tried have found themselves under attack; marginalized; called conspiracy theorists; some even bodily removed from public meetings.

For too long, activists have fought a lonely battle to defend their liberties. It's time to make the people who are stealing those liberties defend their theft. The battle is about to change.

Introducing the Sustainable Freedom Lab (SFL)

I have been fighting this battle against the growing aggression by government against property owners for more than twenty years. We've lost over and over again. But through those defeats I've been learning how to win.

Today I am announcing a new partnership with my close associate and fellow activist John Anthony as we present the Sustainable Freedom Lab (SFL). It's a totally new way to fight Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development. We are creating new approaches, new tools, and a new attitude.

Sustainable Freedom Lab is a pro-property rights association. SFL will teach ordinary citizens how to understand national, regional, and local planning programs and the accompanying zoning laws that can rob our personal property rights. We will conduct Internet training programs to teach people to understand regulations and to work with one another and with public officials to arrive at solutions that protect individual property rights.

To begin this new fight to stop Agenda 21 and Sustainable Development, SFL will host a series of monthly Internet television shows which will teach new methods and supply new tools for activists across the nation.

On these monthly two hour programs

activists will learn new approaches like these:

- Quick ways to get the attention of your local officials and help set up a meeting with them for further talks.
- A 3-step Introduction to Agenda 21 to present your case in a sensible manner that makes people want to learn more.
- A new easy-to-do 10 minute Agenda 21 presentation that appeals to public officials.
- Receive original documents specifically created for you to present to your local officials that will help win the support of your neighbors.
- Specific training to fight back against such sustainable programs as Smart Growth, Green Climate Cities, and Sustainable Farming, to name a few.
- Effective ways to deal with the news media.
- Learn from some of the most prominent experts across the country, including County Commissioners, State Representatives and International experts on issues like Global Warming, Smart Growth and public education curriculum – all who have been on the front lines, ready to share their expertise.

These monthly Internet programs are designed to help activists from across the nation learn new winnable tactics in shutting down Sustainable Development in your town.

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Our approach to elected officials will change. Our full frontal assault on Agenda 21 will be revamped into an effective, quick way to approach the subject while avoiding some glaring pitfalls that are causing activists to turn off elected officials before the battle has even begun.

But Sustainable Freedom Lab (SFL) is much more than a webinar. It is a total process that trains and organizes activist and works directly with elected officials and planners to recognize and stop the threat of sustainable development.

SFL will help elected officials answer their most burning questions as they struggle to deal with their legitimate duties while trying to prevent the enforcement of Agenda 21. How do they know the difference and how do they write legislation to prevent Sustainable Development? SFL will provide sample legislation and training.

Above all, SFL will provide training for planners – leading to SFL certification so that local residents can be assured that those planners can be trusted to protect your property rights in their plans.

Further, our plans call for part of the proceeds from registration fees gathered from the Internet training broadcasts to be used by SFL to:

- Organize a **network of elected officials** to help them interface, share, and assist one another as they face identical threats from those working to use them to enforce Sustainable Development. This will help our opposition to grow in an effective and rapid way.
- Establish a **legal defense fund** that will provide urgent help to those under threat from government agents and their regulations over private property, farms, and ranches.
- Create “**SFL Response Teams**” that can rush into an area that finds itself in the thick of battle and in need of immediate help and guidance in organizing to fight back.

- Create a network of trained **field coordinators** to travel the nation to help local activists organize their efforts and provide expert training.

Nothing like SFL has ever been possible before because we lacked the funds and the expert manpower to accomplish these goals. It was a great frustration to me during my 20 years of fighting Agenda 21 as I heard the pleas for help, along with the growing frustration and despair. For too long I could do nothing to help.

Now, with the creation of SFL, that’s all about to change. We finally have the answers, the tools and the cards of activists we’ve so desperately needs. The SFL plan will turn the tables on the Sustainablists and electrify our movement.

Most exciting will be the new tools and documents that are being created to literally turn the tables on the planners and give the upper hand to those opposing Agenda 21. We have actually field tested some of these ideas with amazing results. The activists presenting the SFL document to the county commissioners said, for the first time she “felt empowered” as she was making her presentation. The reaction from the Commissioners, who had always been hostile and dismissive to her, was a look of “being caught like deer in the headlights.” That’s a new power for our side! The very first SFL Internet television production will feature that activist and video of her actions before the county commission. We will then teach thousands of activists how to use the method she tested for us.

To sign up to view the monthly programs and to get copies of the new documents SFL is producing, simply go to the SFL website at www.sustainablefreedomlab.com. Activists should not plan to view the programs alone. Rather, we urge you to invite 5 or 10 friends and fellow activists to view the airing as a group, perhaps as a program for your regular meetings.

Our world is changing. It has become a dangerous place for the ideals of our Founding Fathers. The enemies of freedom change their tactics but never their goals. It’s time those of us who are fighting to put government back in its place do the same. To that end, the Sustainable Freedom Lab is about to electrify the freedom movement. ●

Private Property Rights Defined

As the battle to stop Sustainable Development grows, it is important that activists have clear definitions of their points as they deal with elected officials and planners who are making policy in their community. Below is a start in defining private property rights.

In a “Fifth Amendment” treatise by State Supreme Court Justice Richard B. Sanders (12/10/97), he writes: Our state, and most other states, define property in an extremely broad sense.” That definition is as follows:

“Property in a thing consists not merely in its ownership and possession, but in the unrestricted right of use, enjoyment, and disposal. Anything which destroys any of the elements of property, to that extent, destroys the property itself. The substantial value of property lies in its use. If the right of use be denied, the value of the property is annihilated and ownership is rendered a barren right.”

As a Founding Father, John Adams said:

“The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the law of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence.”

President Calvin Coolidge said:

“Ultimately, property rights and personal rights are the same thing.”

Rancher and Property Rights Activist Wayne Hage said:

“If you don’t have the right to own and control property then you are property.”

Private Property Rights mean:

1. The owner’s exclusive authority to determine how private property is used;
2. The owner’s peaceful possession, control, and enjoyment of his/her legally purchased, deeded private property;
3. The owner’s ability to make contracts to sell, rent, or give away all or part of the legally purchased/deeded private property;
4. That local, city, county, state, and federal governments are prohibited from exercising eminent domain for the sole purpose of acquiring legally purchased/deeded private property so as to resell to a private interest or generate revenues;
5. That no local, city, county, state, or federal government has the authority to impose directives, ordinances, fees, or fines regarding aesthetic landscaping, color selections, tree and plant preservation, or open spaces on legally purchased/deeded private property;
6. That no local, city, county, state or federal government shall implement a land use plan that requires any part of legally purchased/deeded private property be set aside for public use or for a Natural Resource Protection Area directing that no construction or disturbance may occur;
7. That no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall implement a law or ordinance restricting the number of dwellings that may be placed on legally purchased/deeded private property;
8. That no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall alter or impose zoning restrictions or regulations that will devalue or limit the ability to sell legally purchased/deeded private property;
9. That no local, city, county, state, or federal government shall limit profitable or productive agriculture activities by mandating and controlling what crops and livestock are grown on legally purchased/deeded private property;
10. That no local, city, county, state, or federal government representatives or their assigned agents may enter private property without the written permission of the property owner or is in possession of a lawful warrant from a legitimate court of law. This includes invasion of property rights and privacy by government use of unmanned drone flights. ●

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Regionalization: Local Officials are High Priority Targets

By John Anthony

If Agenda 21 represents the war against property rights, regionalization is the aerial bomber that pummels key targets for an easy victory.

Let me explain. Agenda 21, sustainable development and climate change are all avenues to pursue global wealth redistribution. The UN's own Climate Commission Co-chair, Ottmar Edenhofer said it best: "But one must say clearly that we redistribute de facto the world's wealth by climate policy. One has to free oneself from the illusion that international climate policy is environmental policy."

President Obama believes cities are full of poor blacks because the rich moved into the wealthy suburbs leaving the less well-off behind. He is obsessed with transferring middle class wealth to the underprivileged while, 'nudging' the privileged back into the cities.

Building One America is the vehicle President Obama uses to transfer wealth out of the suburbs and into the inner cities. Unofficially it falls under his Sustainable Communities Initiative. One of the key players in BOA, is Mike Kruglik, who helped Obama establish the Gamaliel Foundation in Chicago in 1986. Their main objective, then as today, was to eliminate the suburbs. Now, Kruglik, in concert with the White House, is using BOA to accomplish this by directing local activist organizations to promote the regionalist movement.

Here's how it works. BOA groups organize local activists to support proposals to regionalize local communities. Once successful, a regional council is formed that staffs up with activist progressives. Their job is to assure that the grant money sent into a region goes for the 'right' purposes. Namely, to fund Smart Growth, open spaces, walkable communities, and more.

Another reason for staffing with activists is to dodge the attempts of local public officials to keep a check on regional councils by mandating they serve strictly in an 'advisory' capacity. One way regional councils sell their geography-swallowing programs without alarming local officials is to agree to serve only in an advisory capacity. However, just as Obama ignored court orders to issue drilling permits, so too these activist council members ignore the 'advisory' definition as soon as they obtain power. In the war for regionalism, uncooperative local public officials are high priority targets.

One example is the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission of Madison WI and Dane County, which received \$2M in federal grants to create a regional plan. A complete report on this project by progressive assistant

professor, Lisa Alexander is quite revealing. As per the BOA formula, Lisa has a strong commitment to social equity, sustainable development and other progressive causes. She admits in her report, "The Promises and Perils of New Regionalist Approaches" that the money was obtained, partly by advancing the interests of "traditionally marginalized" groups in order to advance regional equity. Her definition of "marginalized" is suspect.

Most people are "traditionally marginalized" in the planning process. Rarely do more than 1-3 percent of local citizens ever participate in the planning process. In fact, the entire BOA process is structured to intentionally marginalize those groups opposing the regionalization.

In Lisa's relentless drive to advance engineered social equity, the only marginalized group she concerns herself with is the poor.

The summary of the Madison Capital Region Sustainable Communities Initiative notes the "Six Liveability Principles" are a major part of the plan. Unfortunately, the friendly-sounding definitions in the six principles all result in a top down control program of social engineering that marginalizes local officials who may object to the plan's consequences.

Lisa's report suggests that HUD requirements are too soft. She advocates stricter mandates on local officials to remove the barrier they present to the goals of regionalization. This is a common theme in the White House.

A July 18, 2011 slide presentation entitled "Changing the Rules of the Game: White House Forum on First Suburbs, Sustainability, Inclusion and Economic Growth" emphasizes that it is "State Law that determines How and Where local Government are Organized and What Revenue Sources and Power They Have." The presentation, by David Rusk of Building One America, makes it clear that state and federal authorities must rein in local public officials if regionalism is to advance smoothly.

President Obama is secondarily concerned with Agenda 21. He has his own objectives, which dovetail perfectly with the goals of Agenda 21, allowing the two to operate seamlessly. With his expansion of public land control, increased government say over local planning and the marginalization of uncooperative local officials, Obama's regionalist path to wealth transfer must leave the UN in awe!

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Obama's Communist Mentor

By Alan Caruba

I have been reading about Frank Marshall Davis since Dr. Jerome Corsi tried to warn Americans about Barack Obama in his 2008 book, "The Obama Nation: Leftist Politics and the Cult of Personality."

Dr. Corsi noted that "On December 5, 1956, Frank Marshall Davis appeared in executive session before the U.S. Senate subcommittee investigating 'the scope of Soviet activity in the United States. It was one of the McCarthy-era committees seeking to expose communist considered to be a security threat. A year earlier, in 1955, the Commission on Subversive Activities organized by the government of the territory of Hawaii identified Davis as a member of the Communist Party USA."

In the 1970s, when Obama was an adolescent growing up in the care of his grandparents in Hawaii, among their circle of friends was Davis. His grandparents wanted to provide a black man as a role model for the young mixed-race child, the result of a short marriage between their daughter and Barack Obama Sr., a Kenyan she had met while both were studying Russian at the University of Hawaii.

Obama came of age in a household devoted to leftist ideologies so it was no surprise that Davis was among their circle of friends. He had moved to Hawaii from Chicago in the late 1940s, continuing a lifetime of work as a journalist editing and writing for newspapers advocating the communist ideology and the party line set forth by the Soviet Comintern, short for the Communist International whose aim was to extend communism worldwide. It directed the work of the Communist Party USA whose members were devoted to the Soviet Union. Most members like Davis, when questioned, denied membership, taking the Fifth Amendment.

While today's leftists have successfully smeared Sen. Joseph McCarthy and the work of the congressional committees to expose Soviet infiltration of the U.S. government as "McCarthyite" historians have since revealed the depth of penetration by Soviet spies in the administrations of FDR and Truman. Later declassified intercepts of messages to them, known as the Venona Papers,

reveal how vast the Soviet espionage program was.

Presently the leading historian on communism in America is Dr. Paul Kengor, the author of "Dupes: How America's Adversaries have Manipulated Progressive for a Century." His latest book is "The Communist: Frank Marshall Davis—The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mentor."

"There were hundreds of thousands of American communists like Frank," writes Dr. Kengor, "who agitated throughout the twentieth century. They chose the wrong side of history, a horrendously bloody side that left a wake of over 100 million corpses from the streets of the Bolshevik Revolution to the base of the Berlin Wall—double the combined dead of the century's two world wars."

Davis' influence over Obama is carefully documented by Dr. Kengor who says, "The people who influence our presidents matter."

Americans have learned this truth, starting with Obama's 2008 campaign and over the course of his term in office. In his memoir, "Dreams from my Father", written before his rise to fame, Obama provides a trail of hints as to his long history of association with leftists. Primary among them was Frank Marshall Davis who came into his life in the 1970s.

Not once in his memoir does Obama identify him, referring to him only as Frank, neglecting to mention that Davis was "a pro-Soviet, pro-Red China, card-carrying member of Communist Party USA" whose card number as 47544. It should come as no surprise that Davis found Chicago a favorable place to live. It was where he founded and edited the Chicago Star, "known among the locals as the 'Red Star.'" He would repeat this later in Honolulu.

"Frank Marshall Davis's political antics were so radical," writes Dr. Kengor, "that the FBI placed him on the federal government's Security Index, which meant that he could be immediately detained or arrested in the event of a national emergency, such as a war breaking out between the United States and the USSR."

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I grew up during the early years of the Cold War that commenced following the end of World War Two and I vividly recall the fear that the Soviet Union would wage war, particularly after it had acquired the atomic bomb, the result in part from Soviet spies that provided vital information about our bomb.

Americans have lived through nearly four years of what can only be described as an attempt to take over our government and “fundamentally transform” it away from the limits of the Constitution to a nation in which the government, under Obama, seized General Motors to nationalize it, imposed Obamacare to take control of our healthcare system, and attacked “millionaires and billionaires” as greedy capitalists. His slogans have been “change” and “forward”, longtime favorites of communists.

On November 6, 2012, Americans will have just one chance to rid the nation of Barack Obama, an acolyte of Frank Marshall Davis and a friend of many who scorn America.

If he is reelected, he will do what communists have always done when the opportunity arose. He will seize complete control of the machinery of government to enslave Americans who were duped into voting for a man whose true past was and continues to be carefully hidden by the mainstream media, a man mentored by a notorious communist.

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warming – even rape and murder!

By making fossil fuels scarcer and more expensive, while spending billions of taxpayer dollars to subsidize wind, solar and biofuel energy, EPA’s war on fossil fuels is designed to force Americans to abandon the energy sources that power our economy. The goal is to force Americans to turn to inefficient, unreliable, impractical, expensive, job-killing energy sources that emit less CO₂.

At a mere 0.0395% of Earth’s atmosphere (395 ppm), carbon dioxide is truly a “trace gas.” Yet it is the “gas of life.” Without it all life on earth would cease to exist. Many scientists nevertheless insist that plant-fertilizing has supplanted the many complex and interconnected solar, cosmic, oceanic, planetary, atmospheric and other forces that have always driven climate change – and that a further increase to 0.0450% (from 0.280% or 280 ppm prior to the industrial revolution) would somehow push life and civilization past a “tipping point.”

Many other scientists vigorously dissent from that view. As natural scientist Dr. Willie Soon, meteorological

statistician William Briggs and others have pointed out, changes in solar radiation caused by sunspots have changed Earth’s temperature and climate for centuries. Referring to data collected by the University of California-Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature (BEST) project, Soon and Briggs note:

“These peer-reviewed results make it difficult to maintain that changes in solar activity play no or an insignificant role in climate change.... The evidence in BEST’s own data and in other data we have analyzed is consistent with the hypothesis that the sun causes climate change, especially in the Arctic, China and the United States. BEST’s data also clearly invalidate the hypothesis that carbon dioxide is the most important cause of observed temperature changes across the United States.”

Still other analysts have shown that neither average global temperatures, nor tornado and hurricane frequency and severity, nor droughts, rainfall, sea level rise or Arctic climate and weather patterns and events in recent decades differ measurably or significantly from historic norms, cycles or variations.

The hysterical and spectacularly wrong predictions would be hysterically funny, except for one thing. Too many global cooling/warming/weird weather scientists, activists and politicians are using the issue to justify policies that are trashing our economy. Congress and the Obama administration are already implementing draconian laws and regulations that make energy less reliable and affordable, destroy jobs, weaken our national security, make us more dependent on foreign energy supplies, raise consumer prices, and slow America’s economic growth.

The needless regulations are prolonging the recession, keeping unemployment high, impairing civil rights progress, and hurting poor, minority and elderly families most of all. Any conflicts and refugees will result far less from future weather and climate events, than from ill-advised US, EU, UN and other policies that make energy, minerals, food, water, healthcare, and opportunities out of reach for millions or even billions of people.

Our weather has hardly become any “weirder” than what Earth and humanity have faced countless times before. However, the “new normal” in political discourse, scientific research, democratic institutions, laws, regulations and sanity has definitely gotten both weirder and more pernicious.

Contrary to President Obama’s intent, we don’t need to “fundamentally transform” our energy, economy or society. We need to fundamentally transform the system that diverts our attention and resources from *real* challenges, analyses and solutions.

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Climate Alarmism: Our sanity and wallets need a break

Billions of taxpayer dollars are disrupting our politics, science, energy policies and economy

Paul Driessen

Pick up any 40-year-old science textbook – on chemistry, biology, geology, physics, astronomy or medicine – and you’ll find a slew of “facts” and theories that have been proven wrong or are no longer the “consensus” view. Climatology is no exception.

Back in the 1970s, many scientists warned of global *cooling* – and fretted that a new ice age brought on by fossil fuel use would cause glaciers to expand, wreaking havoc. They predicted every conceivable disaster, short of roving herds of woolly mammoths stampeding through ice-covered streets. (The possibility of cloning a well-preserved mammoth could buttress the next scary ice age scenario.)

Newsweek’s 1975 cover story “The Cooling World” breathlessly reported that, “after three quarters of a century of extraordinarily mild conditions, the earth’s climate seems to be cooling down.” Meteorologists are “almost unanimous” that the trend will “reduce agricultural productivity for the rest of the century,” it intoned, and “the resulting famines could be catastrophic.”

The CIA, NASA, National Academy of Sciences and many news organizations issued similar alarms. Dr. John Holdren, now President Obama’s science adviser, joined *Population Bomb* author Paul Ehrlich in penning an essay that warned: “The effects of a new ice age on agriculture and the supportability of large human populations scarcely need elaboration here. Even more dramatic results are possible, however; for instance, a sudden outward slumping in the Antarctic ice cap, induced by added weight, could generate a tidal wave of proportions unprecedented in recorded history.”

The Chicken Little ice age never arrived. Instead, the new “consensus” view is that our planet now faces fossil-fuel-induced catastrophic global *warming*. A 2006 *Newsweek* story conceded that its ice age theme had been “spectacularly wrong.” But the admission came amid decades of *Newsweek*, *Time* and even *BusinessWeek* and *National Geographic* stories about an imminent global warming “apocalypse.”

The tales of doom remain standard media fare, even as the science continues to evolve – and even as Climategate and other revelations of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change shenanigans and duplicity

join the dissection of Michael Mann’s hockey stick in reducing climate alarmism and public anxiety over it. New theories about solar cycles, cosmic rays and the dominant role of solar activity in determining Earth’s climate are becoming far more common in books and peer-reviewed research compendia of science-based climate realism.

Cataclysmic cooling? Dangerous warming? Is there something in between that can help initiate real debate, improve our understanding of how our climate works, and let us get on with our lives?

Manmade global warming, climate change and “weird” weather remain the foundation of environmentalist and leftist political agendas for ending our “addiction” to oil, ushering in a new era of “eco-friendly” renewable energy, and “fundamentally transforming” our economy and society. Their power, prestige, control and access to billions of dollars a year for biased research and crony-corporatist energy schemes super-glue their dependency to this issue. With fracking and other new petroleum discovery and extraction technologies proving beyond doubt that we will not run out of oil or gas anytime soon, climate change is really all they are left with. Those realities are driving an extreme policy agenda.

The Democratic Party platform stated: “We know global climate change is one of the biggest threats of this generation – an economic, environmental, and national security catastrophe in the making ... The change wrought by a warming planet will lead to new conflicts over refugees and resources; new suffering from drought and famine; catastrophic natural disasters; and the degradation of vital ecosystems across the globe.”

Congressman [Ed Markey](#) (D-MA) recently told Politico that Democrats would again seek cap-tax-and-trade legislation if they ever control both Congress and the White House. Because Congress rejected regressive climate legislation, the Obama Environmental Protection Agency, under Lisa Jackson, has issued thousands of pages of regulations designed to shut down coal-based electricity generation and impose a true-believer view that carbon dioxide controls the climate and must be drastically reduced to prevent a global warming Armageddon. Meanwhile, legions of subsidized researchers are trying desperately to tie [every conceivable phenomenon](#) and event to global

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