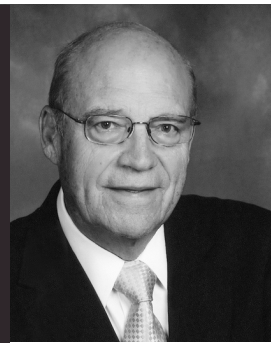




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Appeasing the gods of Climate Change

by William Sullivan

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“At their Monday night poker game in hell,” writes Mark Steyn, “I’ll bet Stalin, Hitler, and Mao are kicking themselves. ‘It’s about leaving a better planet for our children?’ Why didn’t we think of that?”

These three evil socialists of yesteryear would certainly be green with envy at the way today’s green socialists have convinced millions of citizens to willingly surrender their liberty to the State.

“The ruling classes of the fading West are determined to save the planet by immiserating their fellow citizens,” writes Joel Kotkin. He continues:

Their program calls not only for fewer people and fewer families, but also for lower consumption among the masses. They expect us to live in ever smaller dwelling units, to have less mobility, and to endure more costly home heating and air-conditioning. These priorities are reflected in a regulatory bureaucracy that, if it does not claim justification from God, acts as the right hand of Gaia and of sanctified science.

This apparent religiosity highlights an interesting sort of logical somersault for modern progressives. On the one hand, they believe it to be primitive “Christian Nationalism” to assert, as all documents associated with America’s Founding do, that our natural rights were endowed to us by God, rather than some government edict written by a government official somewhere. On the other hand, high priestesses like Nancy Pelosi assure the faithful that hurricanes on the Gulf Coast and wildfires on the West Coast are signs that “Mother Earth is angry,” and is visiting her vengeance upon us.

Quite literally, today’s party of The Science™ is an apocalyptic doomsday cult which fears the wrath of deities that are personified by nature, complete with the sacrifice of countless children.

“Access to safe abortion is a right, a moral imperative,” says Gabby Bess in her article at *Vice*. This article is wisely silent on the question as to who or what bestows this “right” among women to voluntarily kill their unwanted babies, but we can safely assume it’s not the Christian God that was recognized by the Founders as having bestowed upon us a right to life.

On a global scale, 73 million babies are killed in the womb every year, or roughly 200,000 killed per day. In America alone, 1-in-5 women who become pregnant kill their babies, at a rate ranging between 1,500 and 2,500 per day.

But that’s not enough to satiate Mother Earth’s bloodlust, suggest Robert N. Proctor and Londa Schiebinger at the Yale School of the Environment.

“Voluntary family planning is too often ignored as a means to lower carbon emissions,” they offer. The killing of 73 million babies resulting from unintended pregnancies might be a good start, but those are rookie numbers, I guess, given that “as many as 121 million pregnancies each year are unintended.” Ostensibly, every “unintended” pregnancy results in a child who should be killed before he or she has the opportunity to add “4.5 tons of carbon into the air annually” by simply living on Earth.

This is all packaged as new and scientific revelation, of course, but political leadership and their propaganda surrogates suggesting that the totemic mass sacrifice of human beings will change the weather isn’t exactly new.

The Aztecs, for example, followed a very strict cycle of 52 years which they believed related to their five primary deities. Human sacrifice, performed at a massive scale, helped prevent the end of the world at the end of each cycle, Aztec priests argued.

One particular god, Tlaloc, was the god of rain, water, and earthly fertility. The human sacrifices to this god were, incidentally, children. “The Aztecs believed that if the god didn’t get them, he’d wreak havoc—ruining crops, withholding precious rainwater, and sending bouts of diseases throughout the land.”

The problem for the Aztecs and other Mesoamerican cultures wasn’t that they lacked scientific clout or sophistication in their day. They ran into a more familiar problem—they made defined promises and predictions, only to have unexpected things happen.

One of the reasons that the Mayan civilization collapsed, it is argued, is that the Mayan leaders left themselves accountable for the unpredictable nature of planet Earth. “Several severe—multi-year—droughts struck between [A.D.]

800 and 930,” says Lisa Lucero of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. But the fact that the rulers tied themselves to the deities linked to natural events like droughts was their downfall. When the drought came, it didn’t just create doubt in the deity, it created doubt in the political leadership.

Though some on the left might be surprised to hear it, longstanding droughts, destructive floods, massive hurricanes, and much else managed to exist prior to the Industrial Revolution which has been, by far, the fastest and greatest improvement to the standard of living for humankind that has ever taken place in history. But those peddling green energy and the sacrifice of children to appease Mother Earth today have found immunity that previous tyrants were unable to find, it seems.

Bad crop season due to drought? That’s climate change.

Plenty of rain and a great crop season? Well, climate change is still occurring. The inevitable drought is coming, and when it does, it’ll be because of climate change, mark their words.

Heat wave? Climate change. *Blizzards?* Also climate change. *Tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires?* It’s climate change all the way down.

In any event, the world’s mothers are still meant to sacrifice their babies on the altar of the climate gods, and everyone else must pay their tribute, today in the form of increased energy costs and taxpayer-financed subsidies, to companies favorable to the ruling class.

Returning to Mark Steyn, perhaps it’s not that Stalin, Hitler, and Mao are marveling from hell about the brilliance of modern green socialists, after all. Perhaps they’re marveling at just how stupid and pliant we human beings have become. As Steyn comments about then-President Obama’s proposed cow-flatulence tax:

If you went to an 11th century medieval peasant and said, “So, peasant, I come from the king. You have to pay a bovine flatulence tax.” “e would say, “ah get out of here.” A medieval peasant would know that was nonsense. Now we take it seriously.

What progressives are pitching with the green agenda today is anything but progress, and their prescriptions to maintain political power are sillier and deadlier than ever. But that doesn’t stop young people, being tutored in the modern-day temples that we call universities, from offering their absolute devotion to this green doomsday cult.

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US Military Goes WOKE

by Richard Kline

Our military recruiting programs are abysmal failures. Similarly, the retention of our best and brightest military officers, NCOs, and enlisted personnel is a sad commentary on the military force structure. Our warrior class is not wanted, so it is abandoning military service.

The woke and weakened military is no accident, nor is Biden the principal cause of this problem. Biden cannot craft any strategy that would transform an institution like the military into a socialistic morass.

For that, we must look to Obama. He crafted the strategy and set the wheels in motion. Over five years, Obama fired 197 senior military officers who did not agree with his foreign policy nor his vision of the role to be played by the military. The coup of our country’s warrior class leadership had begun.

This coup created a void in the ranks of our nation’s senior generals and admirals, and Obama began filling that void with sycophants who saw the opportunity for promotion. Over the ensuing 12 years, each promotion cycle focused upon more like-minded generals and admirals who, coincidentally, had been groomed and selected by those Obama initially chose to replace the “fired 197.” The message became crystal clear: **Go woke or go home.** Biden’s inner circle has simply followed the Obama recipe.

And so, we got the likes of Secretary Lloyd Austin and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley, who was followed by the new Joint Chiefs Chairman Charles Q. Brown, Jr. The superintendents of our woke military academies (see, i.e., the DEI minor at West Point) are also products of this philosophical screening.

Under these new woke leaders, we have CRT and DEI infecting our current and future soldiers, sailors, marines, and guardians. Woke seminars, drag queen shows, and racial quotas are the orders of the day. Worst of all, this system replenishes itself with each successive generation of woke generals and admirals. These woke senior officers now select and promote the next generation. . . and so on.

It will take a concentrated effort to stop this generational decline in our military’s poor focus upon combat readiness and effectiveness. The loss of warrior-class recruits is no accident. The departure of warrior-class service men and women is a tragedy. The military is a shallow and uninviting shadow of its former self. Our military must return to its former lethal greatness.

But for now, Obama is smiling, Biden remains clueless, and the American people are vulnerable.

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Multiple Sclerosis Society Goes WOKE

by Andrea Widburg

It was a deservedly big deal last week when Chaya Raichik (Libs of TikTok) revealed that the National MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Society had ejected a 90-year-old volunteer who'd been with the organization for over 60 years because she expressed bewilderment about pronouns. The society found itself trapped in the glare of the humiliation spotlight and, after first trying to defend its actions, it finally issued an apology. The only problem is that the apology isn't an apology at all; instead, it's a gentle but obvious threat to double down on indoctrination.

American Thinker covered the National MS Society scandal when it first hit, including its defensiveness about the decision to eject Fran Itkoff as a volunteer. If you're unfamiliar with the facts, the post offers a decent overview.

The same post notes that, thanks to Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch, all American employers are being forced to grapple with just how much bending over needs to be done for the so-called "transgender" crowd. (Hint: It's never enough.) That's because Gorsuch, ignoring all long-established rules for statutory and constitutional analysis, concluded that the word "sex" in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 included the then-nonexistent concept of "gender identity."

Given what Gorsuch did, one could theoretically say that the MS Society, faced with a legal obligation that the Supreme Court made up out of thin air and then imposed by judicial fiat, felt it had no choice regarding its policy. However, now that the MS Society has—ahem!—apologized, it's clear that the MS Society was not reluctantly following yet another divisive piece of judge-made law. Instead, it's bought completely into gender madness.

Like the Borg, the MS Society policy on gender wokism (and all the other -isms under the D.E.I. umbrella) holds that resistance is futile. You will be assimilated.

Here's the February 21 "apology" in its entirety. I've emphasized certain key phrases.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society apologizes to our longtime, dedicated volunteer Fran Itkoff. Recently, we asked Fran to step down from her role as a group leader because of statements made that we viewed as not aligning with our recently implemented diversity, equity and inclusion policy. We realize now that we made a mistake, and ***we should have had more conversations with Fran before making this decision.***

Over her 60 years of volunteer service, Fran has been a committed champion for our cause. We had an opportunity ***to work with her and support her*** as a self-help group volunteer leader, but as an organization, we fell short.

While we acted at the time with the best intentions, ***we did not have clear protocols in place. We should have spent more time with Fran to help her understand why, as an organization, we are dedicated to building a diverse and inclusive movement where everyone has equitable access to the care, connections, and support they need to live their best lives.***

We apologized to Fran directly and reached out to her to find a way to continue to work together. In the spirit of continuous learning, we are focused on evaluating our processes and ***fortifying our learning to ensure our team members are equipped on the best ways to implement all of our policies.*** We want everyone to feel confident and supported in their roles. This work is a journey requiring commitment, accountability, transparency, and courage.

The National MS Society is a nonpartisan organization committed to one bold vision—a world free of MS. The support of our volunteers is essential to achieving our mission and ensuring people affected by MS can live their best lives. MS does not discriminate, and everyone who shares our vision of a world free of MS is welcome here.

We invite all to join the movement to create a world free of MS. Together we are stronger.

If ever there was a non-apology apology, this was it. The organization isn't apologizing for cruelly kicking out Mrs. Itkoff because she refused to accept an ideology created in the last five years. Instead, its leadership is apologizing that the society didn't keep her around long enough to indoctrinate her properly. Or, as the statement puts it, "We should have spent more time with Fran to help her understand why, as an organization, we are dedicated to building a diverse and inclusive movement where everyone has equitable access to the care, connections, and support they need to live their best lives." Resistance is futile. You will be assimilated.

If you were thinking of donating to the MS Society but were only waiting for an apology, hang onto your money. This is not the apology you've been waiting for. Instead, these are the weasel words of a totalitarian mindset that is still trying to hide its iron hand in a velvet glove. Consistent with John O'Sullivan's law, the institution has been "lefticized" and is now corrupt to its very core. If you want to fund support for those afflicted with multiple sclerosis, go elsewhere.

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American Agriculture Goes WOKE

by R.W. Trewyn

Having spent the first two of my eight decades on our family's small dairy farm in Wisconsin, it was ingrained early and often that hard work and common sense were keys to survival in the agriculture realm.

My follow-on decades were all embedded in higher education—student first, then faculty and administrator—and, there, hard work is significantly less tangible and common sense is non-existent. Nonetheless, I remained confident that American agriculture had stayed true to its roots—hard work and common sense.

Can you imagine my surprise, then, when I read the woke headline from an agricultural trade publication, titled, “Feed industry must build own ESG journey”?

ESG? You've got to be kidding!

And, shockingly, the first sentence of the article was even worse: “Too often companies limit their view of environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) to carbon footprint and diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).”

Have these people been living under a rock? Are they totally unaware of how bogus both ESG and DEI are in a functioning—hard work and common sense—world? Don't they know they're eating woke garbage?

Apparently not. The article was based on talks at the International Production and Processing Expo (IPPE) in Atlanta, Georgia in late January. Not only that, it came out of a specific conference session entitled, “Feed Your ESG: How Feed Will Help Hit Sustainability Targets.”

Unbelievable! Evidently, these folks are unaware of the droves of investors running away from Wall Street firms focused on ESG. Have they not heard about billions being pulled from ESG funds last year? If they had, they might have a clue that there are *huge* problems with the concept of ESG they're still advocating.

And who in their right mind would link ESG with DEI after all the abominable DEI news of late? The Harvard president was but one of innumerable examples of the destructive nature of that hiring practice—i.e., employment disaster—and that was in the national news repeatedly.

Back in December when I wrote my *American Thinker* blog about “today's Critical Race pandemic,” I hadn't thought about that “grotesque, anatomically disfiguring disease” attacking individuals in American agriculture, but that was an obvious oversight. Clearly, they too can be blinded by cranial rectitus, thus “fail to ever see the light.”

Nevertheless, it's disappointing to find the CR affliction in agriculture. Unquestionably, common sense has been lost along the way, but maybe that began when

“industry” got tacked on after “agriculture.” The small family farms went by the wayside long ago and, sadly, intelligence disappeared with them.

Hopefully, hard work is still part of American agriculture, but air-conditioned cabs on tractors with stereo systems makes that questionable. And I can't remember the last time I saw anyone slinging bales of hay or straw when we've been driving in the country. Stacking bales on wagons all day wasn't fun, so I guess progress helped in that regard.

However, losing common sense in agriculture is certainly *not* progress. And it might help explain the ongoing decline of rural America. *Wake up, folks!* Plow the woke nonsense under and grow common sense again. *Agriculture's alarm is blaring!*

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South Africa's War on White

by Andrea Widburg

For decades, Westerners were deeply concerned about South African apartheid. The pressure the West put on that nation finally led to apartheid's end in the early 1990s. However, a new and very ugly apartheid movement is emerging in South Africa, and no one in the West seems interested in talking about it. This time, it's whites who are in the crosshairs, and genocide is on the menu, with a radical black communist party poised to become the majority in South Africa's Parliament.

While the end of apartheid was ripe with promise, the fly in the ointment was always going to be communism. Thanks to the non-stop communist rule of South Africa's ANC party, the country, which is rich in natural resources, is an economic basket case. The result, especially when focused through climate change madness, has led to the electric grid's collapse across vast swaths of the country, bringing with it water and food shortages.

Naturally, as systems collapse, finding a scapegoat becomes a matter of extreme urgency. In South Africa, the collective scapegoat is the country's roughly 4,600,000 white people out of a nation of around 59,600,000 people, slightly over 48,000,000 of whom are black.

South African white farmers, who live in fairly isolated conditions, are increasingly the victims of murderous racial attacks. And egging them on is Julius Malema, the head of the radical Economic Freedom Fighters movement. We last saw Malema leading 90,000 people in singing “Kill the Boer (white people). Kill the white farmer.”

This was not an aberrant moment in Malema's career. He's been very open in the past about his desire for a revolution that could lead to white slaughter. This 2018 interview bears witness to that attitude. I've included a partial transcript below (emphasis mine):

Malema: I can't tell you what's going to happen in the future. I'm saying to you, we're not called for the killing of white people, *at least for now*. I can't guarantee the future.

Interviewer: You'd understand somebody watching that, especially as it gets shared on Twitter, they freak out. It sounds like a genocidal call.

Malema: Crybabies. Crybabies. *I'm not calling for the slaughter of white people, at least for now*. I can't give a guarantee of the future, especially when things are going the way they are.

Malema wraps up by saying that, if there's an "unled revolution," anything can happen.

If the skin colors were reversed, and Malema were a white man saying this about blacks, the uproar from the West would be so loud it would echo off the moon. As it is, though, the Western media are mostly silent. They report on politics in South Africa as if the whole thing is some sort of anodyne story, along the lines of reporting about wheat harvests or a change in traffic laws.

But as the Jews can tell you, when someone is open about desiring your slaughter, it's never an anodyne story. It wasn't anodyne in the 1930s and early 1940s in Germany, nor is it anodyne in Gaza and the West Bank today.

Wise people understand that, when Malema sits there casual as you please and discusses the mass slaughter of his country's more than 4 million white citizens, that's a big, important, red flag of an issue.

And today, it's more of an issue than ever because there's a distinct possibility that Malema's party will take control of South Africa's parliament. After all, when a country's on the skids, he who scapegoats best wins. Malema, eyeing total power, already has plans to seize white-owned property:

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) leader Julius Malema revealed ambitious plans for land expropriation without compensation.

Malema was addressing the party's supporters during the EFF manifesto event at Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban.

He said the party is targeting 50% of South Africa's land by the end of 2025 if they secure a majority vote in the 2024 elections, reported *SABCNews*.

Even the blacks who support Malema might want to view that policy with suspicion. For a long time, Zimbabwe was one of the great food producers in Africa. Then, in 2000, its president, Robert Mugabe, embarked upon a policy of land seizures. Not only was the process violent, destructive, and (as with all communist policies) unfair, but it also plunged the country into deep economic distress and a manmade famine. This is what Malema is promising for South Africa.

Should Malema win, I have two predictions: First, life in South Africa is going to get immeasurably worse, and very quickly, for all South Africans, especially those whites who survive. Second, if there is a Democrat in the White House, whether Biden or someone else, when whites flee the openly demanded genocide in South Africa, America will not open her doors. For leftists, refugee crises are only for minorities fleeing poor economies.

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Florida and the WOKE Revolution

by Scott S. Powell

I was twelve years old when the Cuban missile crisis took place, and from that time I became interested in communism and how its mercurial power works. When I learned that Castro, a dedicated communist with a band of less than 200 followers, took power over 7.2 million Cuban people, I knew that communist ideology and its strategies of deception were important to study and understand.

In 1981, in the summer of my freshman year at the University of Chicago, I began a sponsored research project on "communism in America." That research grew into a book titled *Covert Cadre*, which was published in 1988. Upon publication, *Covert Cadre* was acclaimed by *National Review* as the "most important book of the presidential election year 1988"—a year in which Jesse Jackson, supported by communists, became a US presidential candidate.

Years later, in the Clinton administration, documented research in *Covert Cadre* resulted in invitations to provide expert witness testimony before the US Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. In 1994, as a result of irrefutable evidence, the presidential nominee for US Assistant Secretary of Defense withdrew his candidacy. In 1996, the presidential nominee for CIA director withdrew his candidacy a day before my scheduled testimony. The nominees in both cases had extensive connections with America-hating radicals and communists.

Communism and communist revolutions are all different in nuances of execution, but they have common characteristics:

- 1) Without exception communists seek to *sever the target society or country from its past*, by rewriting history and destroying historic monuments.
- 2) Communists seek to *divide the target society, and pit the people against each other* in as many ways as possible: by class, race, gender, and more—all

for the purpose of facilitating their power and control over the target people.

3) Communists seek to *destroy the family* and have the state take over child health, education, and welfare.

4) Communists seek to *destroy Christianity, Christian morality, and the church*, by infiltration and creating false fronts of secular humanism of all varieties. Today, environmentalism and climate change are number one false fronts being used to destroy America and western civilization.

With the declining state of understanding and appreciating American history because of decades of failing schools, it is increasingly important to maintain historic sites, statues, and art to remind and elevate peoples' consciousness of the importance of heroic figures and the connection of the present with the past.

Last year I became involved in the citizen initiative to oppose the removal of the Reconciliation Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery. That monument embodied the meaning of America better than any other single monument in the country. You know we are in a communist revolution when reconciliation gets cancelled, as it was when that monument was removed from Arlington, following a ruling by a weak federal judge. God sent his Son to bring about reconciliation between God and sinful, fallen man. In prior generations, America was often referred to as the "Redeemer Nation," because it was understood that America was the only model redeemer for the other corrupt nations of the world.

What strikes me about the advanced state of the communist cultural revolution progressing in America in the wave of monument removals after the unfortunate George Floyd death and then the recent removal of the Reconciliation Memorial is that most Americans are bystanders to this destruction of America. The truth may be a step further: By allowing the destruction of our historic sites, memorials and monuments, Americans are acquiescing in their own suicide.

Our Judeo-Christian orientation requires us to honor our parents, grandparents, and forebears and to cherish, retain, and protect the memorials and landmarks that they have left behind. Atheists and Communists who reject this foundational view of our civilization have infiltrated our governments at all levels, and are using their power against the American people and their general belief that history, good, bad, and ugly, should be preserved, passed onto future generations, and used as a learning tool.

A memorial that one family or group venerates may not be understood by another group, but therein lies its essential importance, which is to provide a catalyst for learning from the past and recognizing the importance of respecting each other's cultures and differences.

America has been a successful melting pot and catalyst for creativity and innovation—lifting our country up to being recognized as the greatest place in the world. We used to say that diversity was our strength, that we learn from different views and cultures. The communist woke revolution has almost succeeded in destroying this foundational virtuous strength of our country. It must be stopped.

Today, Marxism, its front groups, and apologists, such as the Southern Poverty Law Center and its derivatives such as CRT and DEI, have hijacked much of our culture and introduced class warfare and declining standards to so many of our institutions. DEI, imposed on all branches of the military by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin (who also mandated the Removal of Reconciliation Monument from Arlington) has so demoralized the military that we have serious recruiting shortfalls in every branch—a development that helps our enemies—notably Communist China.

While adding few if any new virtuous monuments, memorials, or historic markers, we have allowed BLM and Antifa to tear down past virtue under the tacit legal authority of government entities. This is dangerously wrong, and the State of Florida can stop this.

In the case of the Arlington Reconciliation Memorial, the Naming Commission, created by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass), required the US Military to discard any and all memorabilia or commemorations of the service of the Southern forces in what was America's most bloody war, as some morbid offering on the altar of the new American god of "woke." This new god is supplanting our Judeo-Christian God and the political foundation that was created from those beliefs, and causing America to waver and become demoralized and prone to collapse from within. In Arlington Cemetery and in many cities, we have seen cranes being used not to build, but to destroy and remove historic monuments.

I hope and pray that Florida can set a precedent and stop this wrecking ball of destruction of both our heritage and the proper functioning of our governing authorities. I call on all people of faith to reach out to their state elected officials and to Governor DeSantis and ask them to support Senate Bill 1122 and House Bill 395 and make it law this session. Everyone should recognize that when the pro-Marxist Southern Poverty Law Center boasts that they have removed more historic sites in Florida than any other state but one—Virginia—that you are over the target. Thus, making law to stop this is our patriotic duty, and for our elected congresspeople, it is an implied obligation of their oath of office.

Florida Republicans under Gov. DeSantis' leadership, can return to the God of our fathers and reject the god of "woke." Let's hope they have the courage to step up.

With the 2024 Florida legislative session being at its mid-point, Tallahassee still has a shot at passing solid

historic preservation legislation that stops a key part of the Marxist cultural revolution in its tracks. Doing so will demonstrate real leadership by Florida and provide a role model for other states to follow. Doing nothing facilitates the continuation of the slow suicide of America.

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Wind and Solar and Birds

by Vijay Jayaraj

By commissioning expensive and inefficient wind and solar electric-generating facilities, India may have dug the grave of its own efforts to save its beloved and critically endangered bird, known as Great Indian bustard, which is distantly related to the crane.

Erected to avert a faux climate crisis, the so-called renewable machines and their attendant transmission lines are helping to drive one of Earth's largest flying birds to the brink of extinction.

Avian aficionados such as myself have long bemoaned prioritizing wind and solar technologies at the expense of endangered flora and fauna. In India, this bird is special, and almost became the national bird, losing out to the more spectacular peacock. Yet, the relentless push for needless climate solutions seems to ignore this as “green energy” installations and avian fatalities increase in tandem.

Though well documented, the issue of bird fatalities worldwide is frequently downplayed and, at times, even deemed a regrettable but essential consequence of the quasi-religious war against global warming.

As a master's student at the University of East Anglia, U.K., I did a specialized research thesis on the collision-mortality of endangered bird species in southern Portugal, which included kestrels, eagles, falcons, harriers and the European great bustard, which is a relative of the Indian bird. Numerous other species were affected as well.

Listed as Critically Endangered on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, the great Indian bustard stands more than 3 feet high and weighs more than 30 pounds.

The bird is endemic to the Thar desert region of western India. It has now become conclusive that wind and solar transmission lines in this region are driving their numbers very close to extinction in the wild.

In 2008, a survey estimated that there were only around 250 Great Indian bustards in existence, limited to the states of Rajasthan and Gujarat. Fast forward to 2018, the count had dropped to 150, with 25 of these magnificent birds housed in the government's captive breeding centers. The main culprits: wind and solar.

Perna Singh Bindra, a wildlife conservationist and former member of the National Board for Wildlife, says, “In recent years, the death blow to the Great Indian bustard has come from unexpected quarters—the expanse of wind farms and power transmission lines that crisscross its last remaining habitats ... The question that needs to be asked is, how green is renewable energy when it leads to the extinction of a critically endangered species?”

If timely action is not taken, these grassland birds could be soon declared extinct, according to Indian biologists. The bustard's habitat was greatly restricted by transmission lines belonging to wind turbines. This is a common problem worldwide. Collision mortality, loss of breeding and forage habitats, and impedance of migratory pathways are some of the main impacts of wind turbines.

It is not just the bustards. Over 100,000 birds of diverse species die as a result of electrocution from transmission lines connecting wind and solar to the grid, according to a Wildlife Institute of India report.

The Supreme Court of India, in a 2021 order, asked utility companies to install underground transmission lines and install markers to lessen hazards to birds. However, the companies continue to violate this order. Government interest in the case seems to be lacking, with insignificant funds allocated toward the issue and no proactive measures to assess bird populations or document changes in habitat.

While the country is very clear about ensuring continued use of fossil fuels to meet energy needs, the government's delay in dismantling useless renewable energy projects is especially disappointing in light of their devastating effect on birds.

The arguments of “green” advocates that equate green energy infrastructure with house cats that also kill birds trivialize the issue. The feline at home is more likely a target than a predator of raptors and would rarely encounter aquatic species.

In this instance, the color of the climate alarmists' favored machines is blood red, not green.

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UN's Agenda 2030

by E. Jeffrey Ludwig

Section 52 of the 91 sections of the UN's Agenda 2030 global takeover plan begins, “‘We the Peoples’ are the celebrated opening words of the UN Charter. It is ‘We the Peoples’ who are embarking today on the road to 2030.”

However, Americans know that those opening words appeared well before the UN Charter, as they are (sort of) the opening words of the US Constitution. When the

UN was founded, the endearing word “rights”—so important in our republican form of government—was used repeatedly in its first documents. In the present lead document, the word “rights” is used only once, and here the opening phrase of our Constitution is blithely claimed as belonging to the UN. Perhaps these egotists believe that their Charter is to be considered the beacon of light for the world’s nation-states.

The UN through its present Agenda hopes to implement a worldwide power-grab for itself over every sector of planetary life as it expressly takes it upon itself to provide for the meeting of worldwide “needs” and “sustainability.” Our Constitution, based on a profound study of the history of government by many of the founding fathers of the USA, wanted to build a longstanding viable system based on rationality, biblical moral values, the need for stability, and the proper balance between local and federal needs and concerns. They sought to learn from the mistakes of the past, and they believed that power should be shared between private entities and the government. The idea of a federal monolith such as we have today was far from their minds, and even farther was the idea of an international monolith superseding even the monolith we have now.

The UN, with its megalomaniacal vision claiming international authority over sovereign nation-states, then writes in the same Section 52, “Our journey will involve Governments as well as Parliaments, the UN system and other international institutions, local authorities, indigenous peoples, civil society, business and the private sector, the scientific and academic community—and [you the reader will not be surprised by the last item] all people.” Business? The private sector? Indigenous people—yes, friends, that means even the decisions of tribes in remote jungles. Local authorities? Could it be that even the placement of stop signs is on the horizon line of the UN vision? And why do they bother capitalizing the words “Governments” and “Parliaments”? This writer would suggest that this is their pea-brained attempt to show respect to the nation-states they are now ready to supersede in authority.

Cooperating with this vision of international governance, the Biden administration is now trying to manipulate the US into signing onto a treaty that will expand the authority of the World Health Organization thereby to some degree encroach on our health policy rights. Further, there is the fundamental question of whether or not we can participate in such a “treaty” without a two-thirds vote of the US Senate whereas the Biden administration position is that we can treat a sign-on as an agreement by piggy-backing the agreement onto previous treaties that were already ratified by the

Senate. This is not unlike the Iran Agreement, signed in 2015 during the Obama administration. It actually should have gone to the Senate for a treaty vote of two thirds, but through the efforts of Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), who downplayed the dangers of the deal, it was treated as an agreement and never came to a vote. This writer will forever wonder what kind of “deal” the Obama administration made with Corker to dilute Republican voting to require a two-thirds vote in order for the “deal” to pass.

In the next to last sentence of Section 52, the writers suddenly and unaccountably make an appeal to popular support as justifying the envisioned power-grab over the world. They state, “Millions have already engaged with, and will own, this Agenda.” “Millions have engaged with”? Has anyone in the world voted for this Agenda? How have they “engaged”? And millions “will own this Agenda”? This incredible rhetoric comes out of the blue and is not written elsewhere in the document. It is an injection of sophomoric fantasy—baseless, in fact, and useless in a policy paper that claims ultimate governmental authority. What if I suddenly said, “I am going to take control of the government of my city, and when I do, I will improve every lawn and garden in the city”? And then what if somebody said, “What if you are not elected to do this?,” and I in turn said, “I did not say ‘I am asking to be elected,’ but said ‘I am going to take control’”? In effect, that is what Agenda 2030 is retorting to any who might object to its positions and premises.

The last sentence of Section 52 must leave any American reader shaking his head. It reads, “It is an Agenda of the people, by the people, and for the people—and this, we believe, will ensure its success.” Here, the writers quote from the last sentence of Pres. Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address. They are likening Agenda 2030 to the fight engaged in during our Civil War or the exalted vision on which the USA is based. No one has fought and died for Agenda 2030. Or perhaps they are remotely hinting that many will die if Agenda 2030 is not implemented? Or perhaps it is nonsense that was composed by someone at the UN who was high on some substance and just liked the sound of the words? At the risk of being accused of hyperbole, Lincoln’s quoted phrase has more substance to it than this entire 2030 document.

Section 52 in so many ways reflects the bizarre and useless mindset behind Agenda 2030. It takes timeless phrases out of context. It shares a vision of authority and power the UN does not legitimately possess, and by its distortions and stupidity positions Agenda 2030 as one of the most repulsive documents of all time.

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