COPENHAGEN CLIMATE CONCERNS

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As representatives of the nations of the world meet in Copenhagen to attempt to restrict the use of energy produced from coal, gas and oil in the guise of fighting global warming, many scientists and scholars are expressing grave concerns about what they are trying to do, as shown in the video vignettes posted in the categorized-links below.

**BACKGROUND**

**Bureaucratic Beginnings**: The powers that be have always envisioned a global energy regulatory system.

**The Annual Meeting of the Conference of Parties**: Yearly mega-conferences have kept nations on track to achieve the ultimate objective.

**What happens at a COP meeting?**: While the public is distracted by an outward circus-like atmosphere, "stewards of the planet" make policy behind closed doors.

**From Kyoto to Copenhagen**: One step at a time, earth's nations are being led to surrender their right to determine their own destinies.

**The IPCC**

**Who is behind the IPCC movement?**: Trans-nationalist "citizens of the planet" comprise the primary force that enervates the IPCC.

**The IPCC Assessment Report Process**: Hundreds of researchers produce a massive scientific document that ultimately becomes a political statement by the time its summary is produced.

**The Bias of the IPCC**: The IPCC was created to promote a specific policy; and it works in such a way as to comply with that directive.

**The IPCC and its "Correct" Conclusions**: Money and political clout determine the organization's objectives and conclusions.

**The IPCC Assessments: Statements of Faith**: In lieu of adequate facts, and actually ignoring some contrary ones, a predetermined faith guides all aspects of the IPCC's operations.
Vulnerability to the IPCC Message: It's difficult for the "man on the street" to stand up to scientific intimidation.

**CO₂ Regulation**

What is Cap and Trade?: It is a means of transferring wealth from "you" to "them."

Cap and Trade: Gaming the System: The possibilities are limitless.

Gaming the System: Private and Public Companies: They're already lining up at the subsidy watering trough.

California: Not the Model for Our Nation to Follow: Unless, of course, we have an economic death wish!

What is the regulation of CO₂ all about?: It is about the taking of power from the people and vesting it in the enlightened few.

Waxman/Markey Amendments Reveal True Cost of CO₂ regulation: Five-dollar-a-gallon gas, doubled electric rates, and 15% unemployment may be only the beginning of the cost of Cap and Trade.

What happens if the US signs a COP treaty to regulate CO₂?: Whereas other countries will have "wiggle room" to preclude strict adherence to stated objectives, we will have none; and we will suffer the economic consequences.

Once enacted, how difficult is it to remove regulation policies?: It's like trying to put the genie back in the bottle.

Is the "cure" worse than the "disease"?: When the magnitude of the undertaking is fully appreciated, the odds are that it is.

Bureaucratic Accountability to No One: It's essentially already here; and it's only going to get worse if the Copenhagen Crowd gets its way.

No Copenhagen Agreement Without Support of LDCs: Anything less would be an exercise in futility.

A global enforcement mechanism at COP 15?: Let's all insure our economic destruction!

**Economics of CO₂ Regulation**

What effect will CO₂ regulation have on the average American?: It will be "through the roof," and unbelievably devastating.
False Economic Assumptions of Currently Proposed CO2 Regulation Legislation: They make required economic sacrifices seem much less onerous than they truly are.

CO2 Regulation = Global Economic Recession: History indicates that the only way to significantly reduce CO2 emission is to orchestrate a contraction of the economy.

**MORALITY**

CO2 Regulation: The Essence of Immorality: Climate alarmists turn morality on its head by coming down on the wrong side of truth.

Taking from the Poor of Today and Giving to the Rich of Tomorrow: It's not only illogical; it's immoral.

The Morality of Climate Change: One has to know all the facts to determine the morality of an issue.

**REAL REASONS FOR COPENHAGEN**

Wealth Transfer: An Ulterior Motive of COP 15: Are country-to-country transfers of wealth more important than reductions of CO2 emissions?

The Transfer of Wealth from Developed to Developing Countries: It's a good means for reducing the entire world to undeveloped status.

**SCIENCE**

"Settled" Science: The only parts that are settled are those the world's climate alarmists would rather you didn't know.

The Science is Not Settled: If you forgive our hyperbole, a greater truth was never spoken.

Missing Science at Copenhagen: Why is the good news not shouted from the rooftops?

Assessing model projections: Real-world data suggest their projections of warming are much too high.

Could all the models be wrong?: Of course they could, as a single common error would seal the deal.

Did the rise in CO2 cause the modern increase in temperature?: There is no compelling reason to believe it did.
Is a warm climate good?: It is not only good, it is actually better than its opposite.

Negative Feedbacks Dominate the Climate System: If it were not so, we would not be here.

No warming of the past decade?: That is correct; and it is disturbing to the world's climate alarmists.

Climate Change in Copenhagen: Doom and gloom pervade an international meeting of climate alarmists earlier this year in this famed city.

Man’s Carbon Footprints on the Big Blue Marble: Are they fueling a climate catastrophe?

Copenhagen in a Nutshell: Great pain, but no gain.

The Essence of Copenhagen: A setback for science.

Is CO2 a pollutant?: By no means. In fact, it is the breath of life.

Carbon Dioxide: The Breath of Life: Hear the testimony and see the results of the man who breathed life into plants.

Additional Considerations

Bias in the Media: Claims of climatic catastrophe excite the media; good news draws little attention.

In Academia, Climate Hysteria Rules: To obtain tenure, junior staff must not denigrate the dogma of the powers that be.

The Influence of Federal Dollars: Many there are who compromise their integrity to drink at the great money trough.

The Orwellian Movement of Global Warming: The powers that be can even change the past!

Intimidation Tactics: They seem to be standard procedure for silencing those skeptical of climate-alarmist claims.

Renewable Energy in Place of Fossil Fuels?: Some day, perhaps, but not yet.

Renewable Energy Problems: The energy's not always there when it's needed.
Policies to Stabilize Climate are at Odds with Nature: They always have been, and they always will be.

Skepticism Lives: Scientists, scholars and the general public are beginning to disavow climate-alarmist claims of human-induced global warming and resist their curative prescriptions.

Copenhagen Predictions: The meeting will be called a great success, no matter what occurs. And, of course, the struggle will go on.