

CHAPTER TWELVE: I DON'T CATCH THE SUSTAINABILITY OF YOUR DRIFT PARDNER – Part Three, You Can Position Those Solar Mandates Where the Sun Don't Shine

FOSSIL FUELS MORALITY: There is a powerful historical link between increased fossil-fuel use and rising living standards, increased life expectancy, decreased infant and child mortality, and so forth, as well as drastic drops in climate-related misfortunes, including deaths from droughts and storms, with no cessation of those benefits through 2015.

GERMANY'S COAL RENAISSANCE: Failed green energy programs in Germany have resulted in subsidy cuts with the consequence of skyrocketing electricity bills and the inevitable return to coal power as they have now built nine new coal powered plants. None of this is what environmentalists promise voters when they plug the virtues of a low-carbon future. Germany's coal renaissance is a cautionary tale in what happens when you try to substitute unsustainable green dreams for economic realities. Renewable energy subsidies have also been slashed in Britain, Spain, Netherlands, Denmark, Italy, Australia and Canada with the same chilling consequence.

ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE: Politically correct for a slush fund tax. Did you know you pay a four percent tax on your Gallup utilities bill for 'environmental endeavors'? That's \$6.00 on a \$150.00 bill. Hopefully 'environmental endeavors' means 'finding ways to reduce our utility bills', but don't hold your breath.

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS RPS: PC for 'energy taxes'. RPS is a government boondoggle benefiting corporate cronies at the expense of the fuel impoverished. RPS requires increased production from renewable energy sources. This distorts the energy market and ultimately makes electricity more expensive and less reliable for energy producers and consumers. RPS taxes create or prop-up a false market for renewable energy companies that cannot compete on their own.

RENEWABLE MANDATES COST: Many states such as California and Oregon are

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experiencing the harsh reality of soaring electricity rates due to the implementation of RPS mandates requiring certain percentages of energy produced by renewable sources. Electricity rates are 38% higher in the 29 states with mandates. The obvious consequence is a departure of industries with resultant loss of jobs and economy. Regions without mandates benefit which is why New Mexico had a bill to revise our own RPS. Ohio, West Virginia, Texas, Colorado, North Carolina and Kansas have taken recent action to curtail or eliminate their wind and solar mandates. Even Arizona has considered repealing their RPS mandates.

NATURAL GAS: An abundant affordable fossil fuel allowing the US to reduce its carbon dioxide emissions as well as electricity and heating bills. Considering the extensive hidden footprint of wind and solar energy, natural gas and nuclear are indeed the cleanest energy sources. Natural gas is ideal for fuel impoverished regions such as McKinley County yet it is vilified by privileged green activists thru media propaganda campaigns as well as the Sustainable Gallup Board, political activists posing as a citizen advisory council.

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FRACKING: Hydraulic fracturing, a drilling technique for natural gas used since the 1940s. Modern technology allows the prospect of US energy independence with low oil and gas prices. Fracking is the trigger for our reduced CO2 emissions. Lack of it is responsible for renewable Europe's increase in emissions.

SOLAR AND FRACKING WATER USAGE PERSPECTIVE: You may have heard of California's annual 70 million gallons water usage for fracking however you likely haven't heard of the typical annual water usage of just one solar farm, 500 to 700 million gallons.

FRACKING SAFETY: After extensive studies the highly politicized EPA was forced to admit there was no evidence of fracking impacting drinking water. Minor and rare earthquake activity is only associated with wastewater disposal.

ALARMIST: Someone who is considered to be exaggerating a danger or prophesying calamities, often with a profit motive, and so causing needless worry or panic. Alarmism is the mechanism of survival for the climate crisis industry, EPA bureaucracy and 'big green' activism.

THE 97% CONSENSUS MYTH: A bogus study by green alarmists supported by yellow journalists and democrats which claims overwhelming support by scientists of global warming theory.

THE ONE OR TWO PERCENT CONSENSUS: An analysis by Friends of Science of the four main studies to document alleged warming consensus revealed only 1.2% or 13 scientists out of 1,117 agreed with the IPCC view that human activity is the primary cause of global warming since 1950.

IPCC: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a 'scientific' body under the auspices of the United Nations established in 1988 to promote the theory of man-made global warming by way of \$billions of bureaucratic funding, enabling big government statisticians to expand power and control over mankind.

MODERN RECYCLING: An invention of big industry without any prodding from the government. On the other hand, government imposed recycling has proven to waste resources, use more energy, do more environmental harm than good and be very costly. Yet, how can it be wrong, when it feels so right?

ORGANIC FOOTPRINT: Numerous studies prove no consistent differences in nutritional content between organic and conventionally grown crops. Organic farming methods require considerably more land though, and that makes its environmental footprint considerably larger. Organic foods offer an effective placebo to some.

TRAGEDY OF THE COMMONS: Public lands and waters are overgrazed and overfished. The simple time-tested solution is to convert the public resource into private property. Overgrazing on the public owned Navajo Nation is a prime example.

OVERGRAZING SNUB: For decades desertification from overgrazing on the Navajo Nation was considered America's worst environmental disaster yet green activists turned a blind eye in the name of political correctness.

LAND STEWARDSHIP: Natural cycles of wildfires are one thing however mismanagement of federally owned forests and rangelands has created environmental devastation and economic hardships. Property rights make the environment an asset rather than a liability by giving owners an incentive for stewardship.

FREE MARKET ENVIRONMENTALISM: An approach to environmental problems focusing on improving environmental quality using property rights and markets. In practice, capitalist economies have enjoyed steady improvement in environmental quality, while totalitarian governments have been the worst desecrators of the planet.

DOOMSDAY PREDICTIONS: Media, academic, political, bureaucratic, corporate and evangelical activist prophets rake in \$billions frightening the gullible with contemporary Chicken Little fables of ozone depletion, acid rain, radiation hazards and the grandest whopper of all, global warming - or cooling - or climate change- or chaos - whatever.

AL GORE 2016 DOOMSDAY PREDICTION: In 2006 “Ten years to save the planet from a scorching”. World CO2 emissions have not decreased and that means we will all be toast in 2016. Mankind will cease to exist. “The science is settled, the debate is over.” Kiss your butt goodbye..... Until then, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year’s Day and bundle up, the climate is cold out there.

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