

The Big Cure

One hundred ninety nations accepted the new United Nations climate agreement, but it's mostly toothless.

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The long-awaited 21st Conference of the Parties (COP21) of the United Nations opened its doors to an estimated 30,000 attendees on Nov. 30, 2015. It was held at the Paris-Le Bourget Airport and Conference Center, which claims the most private jet terminals of any airport in the world. All were needed to handle the hundreds of emission-spewing private jets landing and taking off during the conference, which ended on December 10.

While a majority of the less-important attendees had to fly commercially, which reduces individual emissions, the total emissions from thousands of flyers add up to a huge carbon footprint. As with all previous climate extravaganzas, however, the mind-boggling hypocrisy went unnoticed. It seems that their mission to tell the rest of us to severely limit our carbon footprint excuses them from following their own mandates.

While terrorists attack on our own soil and ISIS sets global domination as its goal,

President Obama continues his mantra that climate change is the biggest global threat. He opened the meeting with a long speech blathering about how we are at a turning

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point in our ability to save the world and ourselves. He had personally seen in Alaska how the “sea is already swallowing villages and eroding shorelines; where permafrost thaws and the tundra burns; where glaciers

are melting at a pace unprecedented in modern times.” He then ratcheted up his hyperbole by claiming that it will lead to “submerged cities,” “abandoned cities,” and more. This is no more than fear-mongering and raw deception.

All-Out Attack on Skeptics

As detailed in several *RANGE* articles over the last few years (which won a Freedom of the Press Award for our coverage), the powerful man-caused global-warming club has put extreme pressure on potential holdouts and has attacked credible scientists who are skeptical of the man-caused warming theory. After numerous attempts, time for getting the treaty passed was running out. Too many scientists and investigators were realizing the entire global-warming theory was a fraud of unbelievable magnitude. Supporters of the U.N. treaty had to shut down this growing dissent long enough to get the treaty accepted by the world’s governments so the United

Nations could heavily influence the economies of the world and institute a massive redistribution program called the “Green Climate Fund.”

One of the most egregious recent attacks was made on a world-renowned, unsalaried astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics (aka Center). In early 2015, several mainstream newspapers and magazines, such as the *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post*, the *Guardian*, *Nature* and *Scientific American*, mounted what appeared “to be a costly, malevolent and carefully coordinated campaign of assaults on the reputation of astrophysicist Dr. Willie Soon, falsely alleging that in several of his published scientific

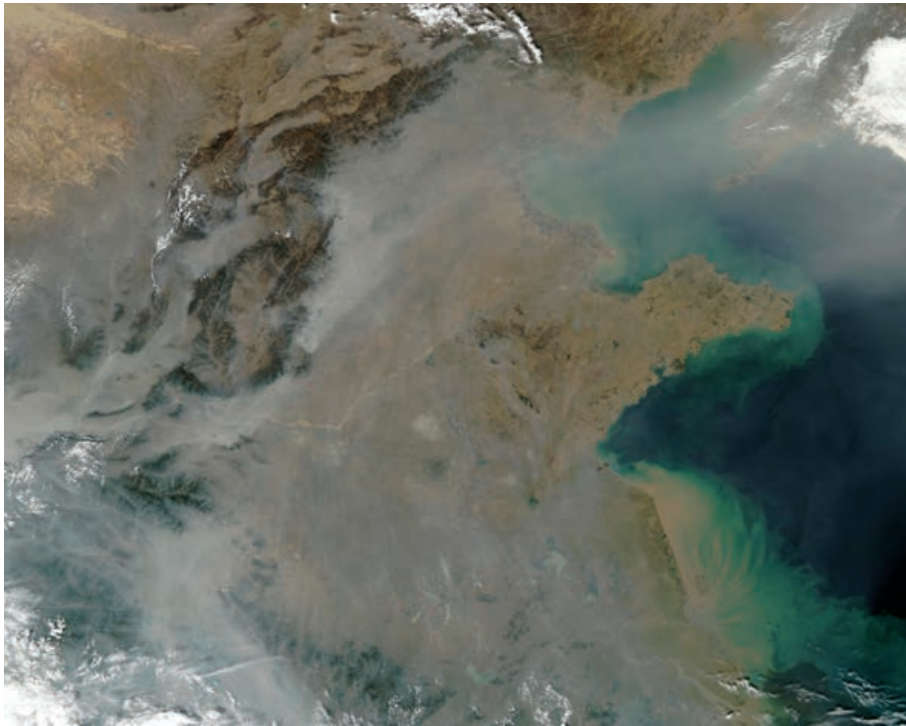


President Obama claims the most important global crisis is climate change (aka global warming) in his long-winded address to the heads of state at COP21. The heart of his message was nothing more than fear-mongering distortions and absolute lies. (MANY SOURCES)

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PHILIPPE VERDIER, FRANCE’S NATIONAL METEOROLOGIST

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China’s massive construction of coal-fired generators is causing what is now called the “brown cloud” of eastern Asia. SOURCE: Wikipedia. BELOW: Opening day at COP21.

papers he had failed to disclose that some of the funding for his research came from fossil-fuel interests,” according to Christopher Monckton, third Viscount Monckton of Brenchley. Monckton was a scientific advisor to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

In his lengthy defense of Soon, Monckton decimated the lesser accusations and then said this about Soon’s failure to disclose funding by the fossil-fuel industry: “At the Center, the rule—which Doctor Soon has always scrupulously followed—is that all grant applications for proposed scientific research must be approved in advance both by the director’s office and by his department, the Center’s Solar, Stellar and Planetary Sciences Division. For this reason, all grants awarded are automatically and instantly known to the Center. Dr. Soon has no power to accept any grant unless and until the office of the director has approved not only the amount and source of the grant, but also the research purpose for which it was awarded.” Soon’s salary comes from these grants.

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of Values and Code of Ethics, which applies to the Center, specifies that his superiors themselves provide the oversight to prevent any undue influence by donors, sponsors or other outside parties on any scholarship or publications that stem from externally donated funds. Yet, the Center implied Soon was hiding the source of his funding, when it was the Center that approved these grants in the first place.⁽¹⁾

It’s getting harder for the global-warming mafia to shut down dissent, but they are doing it, no matter who is hurt. In France—which has the motto “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity”—anyone can say anything they

want with impunity, except that man-caused global warming is false. “We must have a consensus,” French President François Hollande declared last May at the Business & Climate Preparatory Summit in Paris. “If within our own country that’s difficult, imagine what it’s like with 196 countries. A miracle!” Hollande, however, may not be waiting for a miracle. He apparently tried to stifle all criticism.

Philippe Verdier, France’s national meteorologist, had the audacity to challenge President Hollande last October when he published his book “Climate Investigation.” Using hard science, the book details why man-caused global warming is a fraud and why green energy cannot be cost effective using current technology. Much of this damning science is not news to RANGE readers.

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then the politics, which serves nothing but their image and their thirst for power.” Verdier worked for Channel 2, France’s state-controlled TV station. Approximately five million French citizens watched his weather roundup nightly.

On Oct. 12, 2015, mere days after his book was released, Verdier was told not to come

into work. Hollande has been a big promoter of the December Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s COP21 meeting in Paris. That’s one way of shutting down dissent. Even the promotional video has been taken down.

These are but two examples of numerous instances of attacks on climate-change skeptics. Yet, the truth is being discovered by more and more people and institutions.

It was a bit harder to shut down the voice of France’s prestigious Society for Mathematical Calculation. Again using hard science, the society published a 195-page White Paper in September 2015 that point by point

Global-Warming Facts

- There has been no warming for 19 years. Recent warming since 1979 only lasted 18 years.
- There is no evidence that the number or severity of hurricanes and tornadoes is increasing. In fact, they are at historical lows—including the crazy weather of 2015 due to a massive El Niño, not global warming.
- There is no statistical evidence of an increase in severe flooding or drought.
- The rate of rising sea levels since the Little Ice Age in the 1800s has not changed in recent decades or years.
- There is no evidence of ocean warming except when there is a strong El Niño in progress, as is occurring in 2015-2016.
- The Great Barrier Reef and other South Pacific coral formations quickly recovered from the coral bleaching resulting from the 1998 super El Niño.
- While mountain glaciers have shrunk or disappeared as the earth warmed since 1850, the Antarctic ice sheet is rapidly growing, setting new records every few years.
- Global food production has increased by 14 to 15 percent since the early 1980s due to increased CO₂ in the atmosphere.

Even if Obama succeeds in reducing CO₂ emissions by 28 percent (his long-term goal is actually 80 percent), it would only reduce earth's temperature by 0.02°C (0.36°F). That isn't worth the panic or the money.

decimated the man-caused theory. “The battle against global warming: an absurd, costly and pointless crusade” emphasizes: “There is not a single fact, figure or observation that leads us to conclude that the world’s climate is in any way ‘disturbed.’ It is variable, as it has always been.”

The society’s report then condemned the IPCC’s work: “The IPCC’s conclusions go against observed facts; the figures used are deliberately chosen to support its conclusions (with no regard for the most basic scientific honesty), and the natural variability of phenomena is passed over without comment.... The IPCC’s report fails to respect the fundamental rules of scientific research and could not be published in any review with a reading panel.”

Global Politics

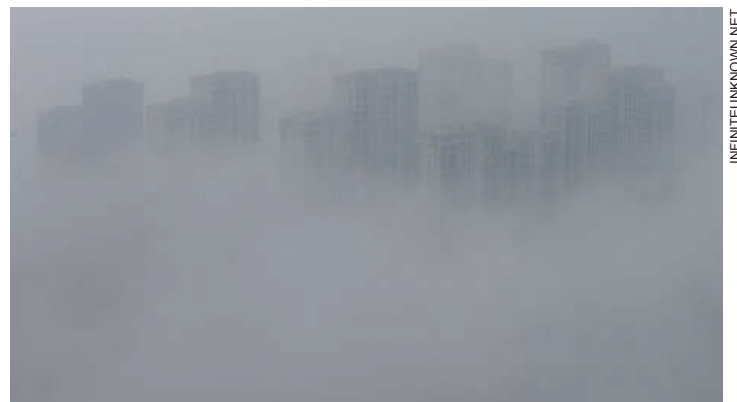
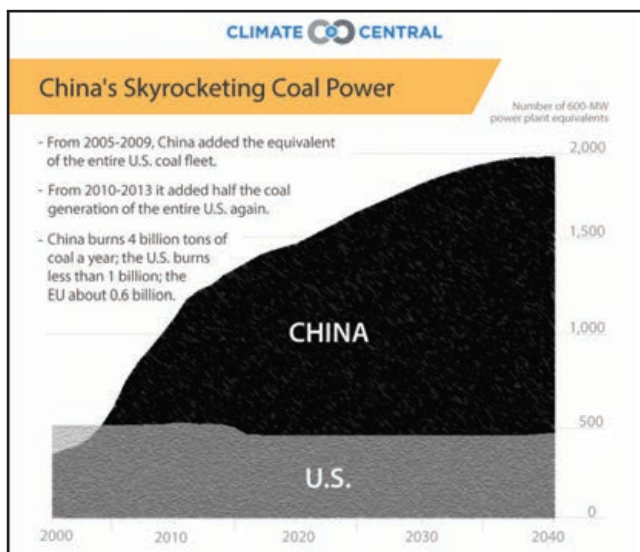
Of all the nations that could cause the new treaty or agreement to fail, China is the most important. China, along with India to a lesser degree, has always been the Goliath in derailing past climate agreements. To get it onboard, President Obama made a very bad deal—another in a long line of bad deals. (See “News from Alice’s Wonderland,” *RANGE*, Spring 2015.) The deal committed the United States to reducing CO₂ emissions by 26 to 28 percent from 2005 levels by 2025. At the same time, China gets to continue increasing its emissions until 2030, and commits to nothing. China is already the biggest greenhouse-gas emitter in the world and gets bigger monthly as it adds a 600 megawatt coal-fired power plant every 10 days, and plans to

continue doing so for another decade.

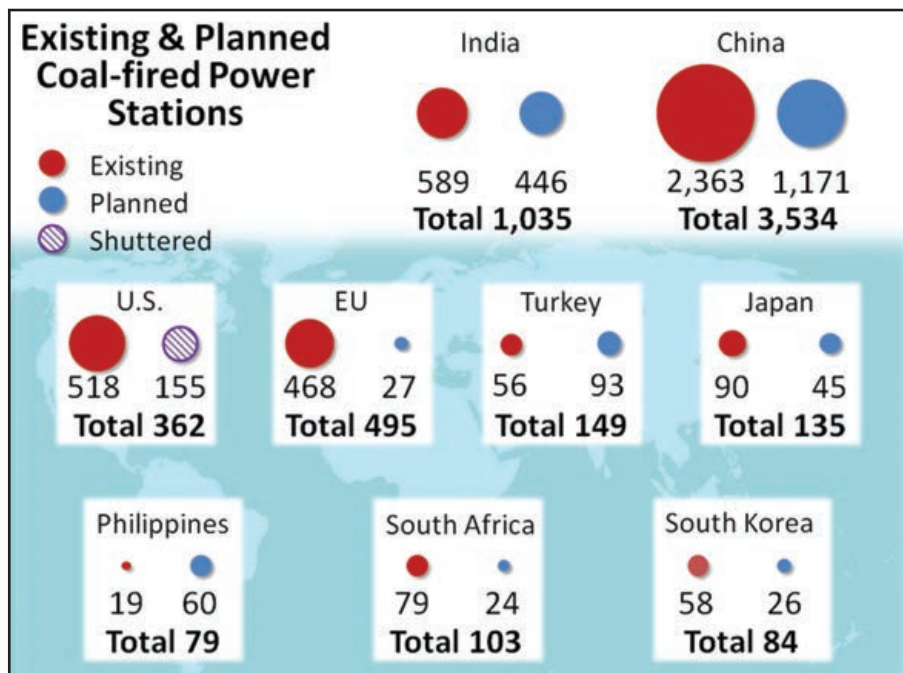
The United States is implementing regulations that will shut down as much as a third of its coal-fired plants during the same period. This will increase the cost of electricity by an average of 10 to 20 percent annually. The United States currently consumes one billion tons of coal annually, which is declining, while China already burns four billion tons annually, which is rapidly climbing. China is on track to double its CO₂ emissions compared to the United States by 2017. So, while Obama claims to help the lower- and middle-class families he is supposed to serve, the truth is he is actively harming them. The exponential increase in energy costs as a direct result of his crusade will bring financial difficulties to millions of Americans.

Analysts were stunned over Obama’s capitulation to China. Although the new coal-fired generators are much more efficient and have reduced emissions compared to old ones that are being shuttered, the sheer volume of so many new generating facilities coming online has caused a permanent brown cloud over Southeast Asia. How can Obama be serious about reducing CO₂ emissions when he gave China *carte blanche* permission for it to wildly increase its emissions for 15 years, dwarfing any costly emissions reductions made by America? It seems he and the United Nations decided they had to get China’s support regardless of the cost. It is absurd.

That’s not all. The *London Times* reported that a new study found that more than 2,400 coal-fired power stations are under construction or are being planned around the world. These new plants will emit 6.5 bil-



China leads the world in existing and planned coal-fired generators, but it is not alone. Together, over 2,400 new coal-fired plants are in the construction or planning phase adding 6.5 billion tons of CO₂ annually, dwarfing the estimated shuttering of 155 existing coal-fired plants in the U.S. due to Obama’s punitive regulations. These new coal-fired plants will make the Paris agreement meaningless. In China, heavy smog makes it tough to breathe and many people now wear masks outdoors.



A sample of the new coal-fired generation plants coming online or planned for the near future. SOURCE: BASED ON DATA FROM THE LONDON TIMES.

lion tons of carbon dioxide a year, which would likely undermine the efforts of the Paris climate conference to limit global warming to 2°C. The developing nations, which include China (yes, China is considered a developing nation) and India, are committed to building coal-fired generators to improve the economic conditions of their citizens. The United Nations and President Obama know this, but blindly ignore this reality because their goal is not to protect the environment but to control the economy and redistribute income.

Hope

Prior to December's meeting in Paris, skeptics hoped that this agreement would go down in flames like all the previous ones. India continued to balk and "developing" nations would likely bail on the agreement if they lose the \$100 billion Green Climate Fund—something Obama has pushed hard. The fund was established to transfer wealth from the rich countries (read, the United States) to the developing nations under the guise of helping them fight climate change. That is a red herring. Writing in CFACT, Craig Rucker warns: "This would be great news for carbon profiteers. We expect a substantial portion would 'fall off the table,' which would be great news as well for corrupt dictators and their tax-haven bankers."

Obama was chomping at the bit to get the Green Climate Fund. After all, income

redistribution is what makes this community organizer tick. Paul Bodnar, senior energy and climate-change director for the National Security Council, said during a telephone press briefing that "transferring an initial payment of three billion dollars to the U.N. fund is a priority for President Obama." He would not rule out a veto of the entire U.S. budget if the president does not get the three billion. It seemed unlikely he would get it from the Republican Congress. That hope was shattered when the Republicans gave the president everything he wanted to avoid controversy.

From Chaos to Acceptance

After days of meetings and haggling, the negotiations devolved into a raucous standoff on the last day. Developing nations (led by China and India) demanded that developed nations be legally bound to give them \$100 billion a year and developed nations demanded that it be voluntary. Secretary of State Kerry even got up and threatened to pull the United States out of the negotiations if the agreement became a binding treaty. Kerry knew a treaty would never be ratified in the U.S. Senate.

The conference was extended by two days, and after several rewrites removing offending language to individual nations from the agreement, it was introduced with a standing ovation, cheers and hallelujahs from the floor. Laurent Fabius, the president

of COP21, called the final draft text "differentiated, fair, dynamic, durable, balanced and legally binding." That statement is misleading. It is only legally binding if the individual nations want it to be. President Hollande urged leaders to accept the text, calling it "an historic day for mankind," and adding, "This would be a major leap for mankind." The agreement was accepted by the delegates later in the day.

Is this alarming? Not so much. The agreement is nonbinding and has an opt-out clause, allowing any nation to dump it after a one-year notification. James Hansen, oft called the father of man-caused global warming since his testimony before Congress in 1988, angrily proclaimed, "It's a fraud, really, a fake." He's right. It's nothing but a placebo to make people think something has been done, when in fact little will come of it. It does, however, allow them to have endless and expensive meetings.

On the other hand, it allows President Obama to donate to the Green Climate Fund and issue executive orders to implement his Climate Action Plan before he leaves office. Fortunately, the next president can revoke these orders and the Republican Congress has vowed it will not give the president the money. Unfortunately, the EPA has already issued economy-busting regulations in its Clean Power Plan. Twenty-seven states and a host of industries and others have filed suit to strike down the regulations as unconstitutional. Let's hope that happens. The lawsuit includes a "stay" provision to prevent implementation until the court decides the case.

Meanwhile the Republican Congress has given Obama funding to implement the draconian regulation. We seem to have entered the "Twilight Zone" where up is really down, right is really left, and insanity is the norm. Does the truth matter anymore? ■

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