

## **Climate of Hostility**

The U.N.'s plan to transform the global economy and loot humanity.

By Alex Newman

pproaching the cavernous entrance to the United Nations' 29th annual "climate change" summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, last November, attendees were greeted by a man with a big sign urging everyone to go vegan. Julian Bliss, founder of an outfit called World Guardians, passionately argued that people were starving around the world due to humanity's refusal to stop producing and consuming animal products. He claimed that vegetarianism and government by artificial intelligence could solve the problems.

Inside, tax-funded "climate" dignitaries supposedly saving the world from the gas of life (carbon dioxide) were busy feasting on animals, even as they worked fiendishly to rein in consumption by those who pay their salaries. Meanwhile, anti-oil and anti-energy activists funded by governments disembarked from CO2-spewing jets at the nearby airport. Their agenda: undermine the energy sources that liberated humanity from back-breaking manual labor and made modern civilization possible.

World Guardians' vegan leader at the

front door of the summit was merely the first of countless anti-meat, anti-rancher activists buzzing in and around the U.N. climate confab demanding government action against meat eaters—and especially meat producers. Another activist, German-born Joachim Pils with the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University—who converted to Hinduism and moved to India to live in a mud hut and meditate while eating veggies—also argued against oil, patriarchy and eating any animal.

"We have about 40 programs at the climate conference and we interact a lot with the interfaith pavilion and with the Green Food Hub," he said, explaining how his religious group considers eating animals to be in the same category as hurting people or the environment as they work to "inspire" others to think alike. "We are also there because we're vegetarian and vegan...we're compassionate with nature and we're compassionate also with the animals. We're all, for example, vegetarians."

Even more concerning were some clearly professional anti-meat campaigners. Many

were literally being paid by uber-wealthy meat eaters and governments to stir up hatred and animosity against those who feed the planet. Speaking on a panel at the climate summit, managing director Jeroom Remmers with True Animal Protein Price (TAPP) Coalition—yes, that is a real group—demanded punitive new taxes on farmers and ranchers to change behavior and fund various schemes.

"Producers of meat and dairy should pay for the damage they cause," Remmers argued without explaining how exactly food production or emissions were causing "damage" to the planet. "We also want to give some of the revenues of those taxes to consumers to reduce prices of healthy foods like vegetables, fruits and plant-based meat. On top of that, if there's money left, it's really important [that] we should also pay for the loss-and-damage fund."

The TAPP Coalition gathered a battery of more than 150 organizations and governments calling on the United Nations to restrict meat consumption and production. Among other demands, they asked for a U.N. deal starting "a transition away from animal protein overconsumption according to national or global dietary guidelines by implementing GHG [Greenhouse Gas]-Emission pricing mechanisms in agri-food systems." It urged the European Union, Western governments and Communist China to lead the way. And it called for 20 percent of the revenue raised to be used for "loss and damage" climate reparations for the Third World.

"When we eat meat and dairy this is causing 20 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions, so it's damaging a lot of things in the world," continued Remmers in his COP29 remarks. "Climate change is caused 20 percent by meat and dairy.... That's normal, when I damage the window of my neighbor, I have to repair this damage, but meat and dairy processors also have to repair the damage they cause others and in the future."

On its website, the TAPP Coalition—one of a dizzying array of AstroTurf groups working to drum up public contempt for those who produce food—offers insight into its

mission. "To safeguard future food security and protect our climate, we must reduce our intake of animal protein," it says. "Failing to make this shift could result in severe environmental damage, loss of biodiversity, public health challenges, animal-welfare issues, economic strain on farmers and potentially even food shortages."

The hysteria about the alleged role of ranchers in fueling alleged man-made "global warming" has become a dominant theme in what climate dignitaries affectionately refer to as "the process." All throughout the U.N. conference, well-fed self-proclaimed saviors of the planet huffed and puffed about how much greenhouse gas was supposedly being "emitted" by the flatulence of cows and supposed

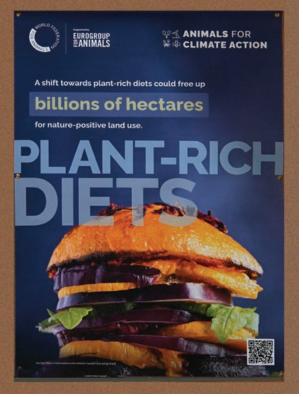
deforestation caused by animal agriculture.

But of course the war on farmers and ranchers is just one component of the broader war on liberty and civilization—one project among many by would-be saviors of the planet, who have determined that only telling everyone what to eat, wear, produce, consume

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and even think can save humanity from itself.

Global rules for U.N.-controlled "carbon markets" aimed at reducing CO2 and enriching the powerful represent perhaps the single most significant achievement of the summit. The threat to agricultural producers and landowners is enormous, though it also poses

It would be more impressive if the anti-meat eaters could spell. How much money are they personally setting aside for the United Nations' and big money's power grab? Will they change their minds when they are hungry and there is no heat, travel, light or smart phones? BELOW: Prof. John Robson's simple opinion.



an existential threat to other industries and even the middle class more broadly.

Under the scheme, as the CO2 "budget" of nations and individuals is steadily decreased in the years ahead, the pressure on farmers to stop producing food (and everyone else to stop producing anything) will grow. The United Nations calls this "ratcheting down emissions." And it is the core of the plan to transform the global economy and loot humanity.

Ultimately, it is a recipe for impoverishing most people on earth and centralizing control into the hands of a tiny group of powerful institutions and individuals. When it is understood that literally every human activity including breathing produces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the breathtaking scope of this power grab

becomes clear. And when the fact that human emissions of CO2 represent a fraction of a fraction of the greenhouse gases present naturally in the atmosphere, the audacity of the fraud that human CO2 is "pollution" becomes obvious.

With the election of Donald Trump, skeptics of man-made warming hysteria breathed a sigh of relief. Climate alarmists, by contrast, expressed everything from concern to hysteria about their future plans for the world going up in smoke. To allay those fears, a congressional delegation

including five Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives dropped in. Every single one embraced the notion that carbon dioxide emissions need to be reduced.

As if to add insult to injury, the leader, U.S. Rep. August Pfluger (R-Texas), even vowed that Republicans would preserve broad swaths of Biden's signature climate policy, the fraudulently named "Inflation Reduction Act." His comments were exactly what U.S. Sen. Chris Coons predicted would happen the year before when I asked him at the U.N. COP28 summit in Dubai about the prospect of Trump returning to the White House. "We will move forward regardless," Coons said, pointing to billions of American tax dollars for green projects in GOP-controlled states and districts under the IRA.

And while Trump has constantly ridiculed the "scam" and "hoax" of climate alarmism, and his former climate advisor Dr. Will Happer of Princeton has called for encouraging more CO2 emissions because they are good for the planet, several key figures in his new administration have embraced the U.N.-backed hypothesis. These include Department of Government Effi-

include Department of Government Efficiency co-chair Elon Musk, Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, EPA boss Lee Zeldin, and more. At the very least, there will be strong resistance to any serious efforts to rein in climate alarmism from within the administration.

Still, some lawmakers are speaking out against the attack on ranchers. "Allowing these anti-meat revolutionaries to get their way would not only upend the economics of our food supply, but it would deprive every-



FROM TOP: You have to be invited or have the correct point of view to enter. Azerbaijan's Islamo-Marxist 'President' Ilhan Aliyev was the star of the COP29. Marc Morano, definitely a climate skeptic, founded and runs the website ClimateDepot.com.





one of one of the most efficient sources of nutrition, and it would put at risk the way of life of millions of farmers and ranchers who earn a living by growing the food we need to feed the world," warned Congressman Mike Flood (R-Neb.), who did not attend the summit.

Just a few months before COP29, we traveled to U.N. headquarters in New York for the "Summit of the Future." And again, ranchers and farmers were in the crosshairs throughout the confab. In its final agreement, dubbed

the "Pact for the Future," the United Nations and its member governments pledged to bring about "equitable, resilient, inclusive and sustainable agri-food systems." Even the briefest study on the meaning of those terms in the U.N. lexicon proves this is an effort to destroy independent food producers or bring them under control.

In early December, governments including the Biden administration made presentations at the International Court of Justice asking this kangaroo body to offer its opinion on the

supposed "duties" and "obligations" of national governments with respect to alleged man-made climate change. As part of the Pact for the Future, every government agreed to be bound by the decisions of this illegitimate judicial body. The hearing was a response to a request by the U.N. General Assembly for the "court" to offer guidance.

In its comments before the court, Biden-envoy Margaret Taylor specifically fingered farmers and food producers as part of the problem. "The United States recognizes the climate crisis as one of the gravest challenges humanity has ever faced," she declared. "It is global in its causes, resulting from a wide variety of human activities worldwide that emit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.... Such activities include not only the burning of fossil fuels for energy production but also agriculture."

Farmers, ranchers, loggers, miners, and others who produce the goods needed for human survival and flourishing are all in the crosshairs—especially independent producers. Without concerted efforts to push back, the totalitarians will win. That means an

end to the independent agricultural producers, the middle class, liberty, free markets and civilization itself. As such, stopping it is imperative.

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