



In the Crosshairs

The recent U.N. “climate” summit and its elites and protesters in Dubai declared a war on ranching and farming.

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The war on farming and ranching was on display at the recent United Nations “climate” summit in the United Arab Emirates. While most of the headlines were about the U.N. 28th Conference of the Parties (COP28) targeting the use of fossil fuels, if the U.N.’s agenda is not stopped, independent food producers will be destroyed as Big Business and Big Government partner to take over the entire food supply.

The narrative that agriculture is bad for the planet was ubiquitous. The United Nations member governments, tax-funded nongovernment organizations (NGOs), and even self-styled journalists were all peddling it

throughout the summit. All over the conference, protesters shrieked about addressing “food system emissions” as part of saving the climate, but in talking to the protesters, it was obvious that few had any knowledge or even real interest in the issue. No doubt big money was at work.

Next to energy, food and agriculture were among the primary topics. In fact, there was a pavilion dedicated to it. And the U.N. summit had a day dedicated to the subject. Almost anywhere one turned at the conference there was whining from stages and podiums about how “food systems”—rice, cattle, tractors, and so on—supposedly produce a third of global emissions allegedly driving climate change.

Unsurprisingly, no mention was made of the fact that food systems also produce 100 percent of the nutrition that eight billion people rely on to survive.

Right at the start of the summit, governments and the U.N. representatives made the claim that traditional farming and ranching by independent producers is no longer sustainable. “Transformation” was the buzzword on everybody’s lips, with giant signs throughout the conference telling attendees that the “transformation is unstoppable.” In an international agreement dubbed the “COP28 Declaration on Sustainable Agriculture, Resilient Food Systems, and Climate Action” virtually every national government and dictatorship

in the world (including the U.S. government) announced a global jihad against those who produce the food that feeds the world under the guise of saving the climate. “We stress that any path to fully achieving the long-term goals of the Paris Agreement must include agriculture and food systems,” the nearly 160 U.N. member governments said in the declaration. “We affirm that agriculture and food systems must urgently adapt and transform in order to respond to the imperatives of climate change.”

Much of the document discusses what governments intend to force on farmers, either with carrots or sticks. For instance, the agreement commits signatories to “reducing harmful impacts associated with agriculture and food systems by conserving, protecting and restoring land.” In other words, prepare for farmers and ranchers to be squeezed for more lands and more “conservation easements,” not to mention more crushing regulations on how existing land in production can be used.

One provision of the U.N. agreement called for “shifting from higher greenhouse gas-emitting practices to more sustainable production and consumption approaches.” That means different crops, different animals, and different methods, with small- and medium-sized operations set to be crushed by compliance costs and “emissions” monitoring schemes. This will include, the agreement said, offering “public support” (subsidies) to reorient farmers toward activities that “reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

Writer and colleague Debbie Bacigalupi covered the summit for *The New American* magazine and discussed the idea of “public support” with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack. When Bacigalupi, a California cattle rancher, asked about efforts to target ranchers and cattle, Secretary Vilsack insisted that the federal government (i.e., taxpayers) would be providing the funding to make everything more “sustainable.” He also said cattle ranchers could use new “food additives” and technologies to “reduce emissions” from their herds. U.S. senators in attendance gave us similar comments. How federal bureaucrats who have never set foot on farms will be able to help micromanage farms was never explained.

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key part of “climate” policy, which is rapidly becoming the pretext animating virtually every policy area from transportation and energy to “family planning” and taxes. “To achieve these aims—according to our own national circumstances—we commit to expe-

their climate ambitions,” and added that governments must focus on “addressing global emissions” of carbon dioxide and methane, which the U.N. and its allies claim is warming the planet. “Today’s commitment from countries around the world will help to build a

“There is no path to achieving the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and keeping 1.5 degrees centigrade within reach that does not urgently address the interactions between food systems, agriculture, and climate.”

Almheiri also said, “Countries must put food systems and agriculture at the heart of



With the prospect of Donald Trump returning to office and polls showing most Americans reject the man-made global-warming hypothesis, the U.N. told attendees that nothing could stop its agenda for the world. OPPOSITE: The most recent United Nations climate conference was held in Dubai, an opulent and autocratic city-state in the United Arab Emirates fueled by “fossil fuel” wealth, even as western governments vowed to wage war on traditional energy sources.

dite the integration of agriculture and food systems into our climate action and, simultaneously, to mainstream climate action across our policy agendas and actions related to agriculture and food systems,” the government leaders said in the agreement.

The Arab official who led the scheme, United Arab Emirates “Minister of Climate Change and Environment” and “COP28 Food Systems Lead” Mariam bint Mohammed Almheiri, emphasized the establishment view that agriculture is one of the key “problems” that must be tackled. She said,

global food system fit for the future.”

The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, one of several specialized U.N. agencies run by a member of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), laid out a global road map for what that transformation would look like. According to the FAO report, “methane emissions” from livestock must be slashed by over 25 percent over the next five years. Among other changes, that means people must consume less meat and the broader industry must be transformed.

FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu, who



International journalist Alex Newman, seen here in the U.N. summit's media section, has been covering the climate agenda for magazines and newspapers throughout his entire career. BELOW: The U.N. COP28 climate summit brought together more than 80,000 government officials, journalists, activists, lobbyists, and others from around the world to plot against liberty, traditional energy sources, and the independent agricultural producers who feed the world.

loyally serves the CCP which is currently removing hundreds of millions of peasants from their land, was blunt in his comments. “Global agrifood systems are the climate solution,” he told the World Climate Action Summit at COP28, which was held at the start of the U.N. summit. The FAO repeatedly targeted livestock for special attack, saying “climate goals” could not be met without “addressing” the issue.

The parallels between the CCP and FAO agendas are obvious. For instance, Dongyu touted the “four betters” as the answer to transforming agriculture to save the climate. Those are: better production, better nutrition, better environment, and better life. Each one will require more government power, more government spending, more control of agriculture, and less freedom for those in agriculture.

Of course, during CCP Chairman Mao Zedong’s Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), the CCP targeted the “four olds”: old ideas, old culture, old customs, and old habits. Millions perished to bring in supposedly better ideas, better culture, better customs, and better habits, as the ancient Chinese nation was obliterated, people were enslaved, and resisters were ruthlessly exterminated.

The Chinese Communists, who have murdered more people than any other gaggle of criminals in history, boasted that they played a “crucial role” in creating the U.N. 2030 Agenda “Sustainable Development Goals” (SDGs) underpinning the climate



summit and much more. The 17 goals, described as the “master plan for humanity” by the head of the U.N. General Assembly when the scheme was adopted, outline a planetary war on liberty that would totally restructure everything from agriculture and business to government and culture.

Former NATO boss Javier Solana celebrated the U.N. goals as the “next great leap forward.” The last great leap forward, orchestrated by the CCP as part of its “modernization” campaign, resulted in tens of millions of deaths from starvation. Already U.N. leaders, including Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, are warning of coming hunger. “We face the risk of multiple famines this year,” he warned last year, adding that the number of people who are “severely food insecure” had doubled. If it gets worse—and it will if the apparent war on farming is not stopped—the U.N. pet policies will be a major culprit.

Ironically, as the forces assembled at the

U.N. summit make more and more progress decimating agriculture, they are already pointing to alleged man-made climate change as the reason for food shortages. At the same time, bureaucrats from the World Bank, the U.N., and other international organizations are ramping up their war on rice farming, which more than half of the planet depends on for food.

Some are calling for a global ban on meat. A number of celebrities including Moby, a major contemporary musician, endorsed the so-called “Plant Based Treaty.” Paul Wesley, actor and star of “Star Trek” and “The Vampire Diaries,” backed a move toward a “transition to a sustainable plant-based food system.” He said, “We need to address animal agriculture to stop the destruction of the

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The establishment press made a lot of hay about the fact that swarms of lobbyists for Big Agriculture were at the summit—three times as many as at the last one. However, the lobbyists seemed thrilled with the prospect of more regulation, seemingly designed to shut down their small competitors. “We welcome clear rules or standards for reducing agricultural emissions at these moments, and industry is prepared to support

these efforts while retaining a place in the value chain,” the industry-backed “Global Meat Alliance” said in a statement to the press.

It is clear to this writer that the global food system that is being designed is a technocratic “public-private partnership” in which Big Ag (using patented genetically engineered organisms) will partner with Big Government to dominate. Small, medium, and independent producers will be bought out and regulated to death while giant government-backed corporations will centralize total control. And with total control of food comes total control of people.

For humanity, this is a do-or-die problem—literally. ■

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