

The Climate Racket

How Democrats Turned Weather Into a Totalitarian Cash Grab

The climate issue is the Democrat Party's masterpiece. It has everything: apocalyptic stakes that justify unlimited power, a villain (carbon) that is literally invisible, a victim class (everyone) that requires universal sacrifice, and a solution set that conveniently transfers wealth from ordinary people to the connected few.

No other issue gives Democrats as much moral leverage with as little accountability. You can't prove them wrong. You can't measure success. You can only submit — or be declared an enemy of the planet.

The Forecast Fraud

Let's start with the track record, because the track record is embarrassing.

Climate models have been predicting catastrophe for decades, and the catastrophes keep not arriving on schedule. The Maldives were supposed to be underwater by now. The Arctic was supposed to be ice-free by 2013, then 2016, then 2020. Manhattan was supposed to be flooded. Millions of climate refugees were supposed to be swarming across borders.

None of this has happened. The models keep being wrong, and the response to wrong models is never to question the modeling — it's to update the models and extend the timeline. The apocalypse is always ten years away. Always has been. Always will be.

This is not how science works. In actual science, when your predictions repeatedly fail, you reconsider your premises. In climate science, when your predictions fail, you demand more funding and more political power. The fact that this is called "settled science" while producing consistently wrong predictions tells you everything you need to know about who controls the narrative.

The climate is changing. It has always been changing. It changed before humans existed and it will change after we're gone. The question — the one you're not allowed to ask — is how much of the current change is anthropogenic, how much is natural variability, how sensitive the climate actually is to CO₂, and whether the proposed solutions would make any measurable difference even if implemented perfectly.

The Green Gravy Train

Follow the money. It's always the money.

The "green energy" transition is the largest wealth transfer in human history, and the people designing it are the same people who will profit from it. Every climate policy Democrats propose creates winners and losers — and the winners are always the same class of people who fund Democrat campaigns.

Solar and wind subsidies flow to massive corporations and wealthy landowners who can afford the upfront investment. Electric vehicle credits go to people who can afford \$60,000 cars. Carbon taxes raise prices on everything, hitting the poor hardest, while the revenues fund... what exactly? Green jobs programs that employ consultants and administrators? Research grants for universities that produce more alarming studies?

The consulting class has discovered that climate is an inexhaustible source of revenue. Every corporation needs a sustainability department. Every university needs a climate initiative. Every government agency needs a climate coordinator. These jobs produce nothing of material value — no energy, no food, no shelter — but they produce excellent salaries for the people who hold them.

Meanwhile, the actual producers — the farmers, the factory workers, the truck drivers — pay higher energy costs and comply with regulations written by people who have never produced anything in their lives.

The Energy Poverty They're Building

The most wicked aspect of Democrat climate policy is that it deliberately makes energy more expensive.

Energy is not a luxury. Energy is the foundation of modern civilization. Cheap energy means cheap food (fertilizer, transportation, refrigeration), cheap shelter (heating, cooling, construction materials), cheap transportation (getting to work, visiting family), and cheap everything else (because energy is an input to every product).

When you make energy more expensive, you make everything more expensive. And who does that hurt? The poor. Always the poor. The family choosing between heating and eating doesn't care about their carbon footprint. The single mother filling up her tank to get to work doesn't care about tailpipe emissions. The retiree on a fixed income watching their electricity bill climb doesn't care about the grid transition.

Democrats claim to be the party of the poor while pursuing policies that immiserate them. Then they offer subsidies to offset the costs — subsidies funded by taxes on the same people they're immiserating, administered by the same bureaucracy that caused the problem, creating a dependency loop that locks people into the system.

The Global Hypocrisy

The climate movement's relationship with the developing world reveals its true character.

The West industrialized on fossil fuels. Coal powered the Industrial Revolution. Oil built the American middle class. Natural gas heats European homes. The wealth of the developed world was built on carbon. Now that we're rich, we've decided that carbon is evil — and the poor countries that haven't industrialized yet need to stay poor, or industrialize using expensive alternatives that don't work at scale.

India and China are not playing this game, and good for them. China builds a new coal plant every week while lecturing the West about climate responsibility. India has explicitly said it will use whatever energy sources it needs to lift its population out of poverty. These countries are not going to sacrifice their development for Western guilt. They're going to industrialize, and they're going to use fossil fuels to do it.

The result is that whatever emissions reductions the West achieves will be swamped by developing-world growth. The entire project is futile on its own terms — unless the goal isn't actually to reduce global emissions, but to deindustrialize the West while China and India eat our lunch.

The Deindustrialization Agenda

This is where the climate movement reveals itself as something darker than environmental concern.

"Degrowth" is not a fringe concept. It's the logical endpoint of climate ideology. If carbon is evil and prosperity requires carbon, then prosperity is evil. The solution is to make everyone poorer — to shrink the economy, reduce consumption, lower expectations, and accept a diminished standard of living.

Democrats won't say this out loud, but their policies aim at it. Blocking pipelines. Banning natural gas in new construction. Making it impossible to build new housing (environmental review). Making it impossible to build new factories (emissions regulations). Making it impossible to build new energy infrastructure (endless permitting). Every regulation, every requirement, every review process adds cost and delay until projects simply don't happen.

America used to build things. We built the interstate highway system. We built the Hoover Dam. We built the Golden Gate Bridge. Now we can't build a transmission line without a decade of environmental review. This isn't an accident. It's the point.

The Intermittency Delusion

The technical reality that Democrats refuse to acknowledge is that wind and solar cannot power a modern industrial civilization.

The sun doesn't shine at night. The wind doesn't blow on calm days. Demand doesn't follow supply — people need electricity when they need it, not when the weather cooperates. This means you need either massive storage (which doesn't exist at scale and may never exist at economically viable cost) or reliable backup generation (which is fossil fuels or nuclear, the two things climate activists hate most).

Germany has spent over half a trillion dollars on its Energiewende — the "energy transition" — and its electricity is now among the most expensive in the world while its emissions reductions have been modest. On calm, cloudy days, Germany burns coal and imports nuclear power from France. This is the model Democrats want America to follow.

The people designing these policies either don't understand basic physics and economics, or they do understand and don't care because the pain will fall on people they don't represent.

The War on Rural America

Climate policy is an assault on the people who actually work the land.

Farmers in the Netherlands have been told to kill their livestock or lose their farms to meet nitrogen targets. Farmers in Sri Lanka were forced to go organic overnight — and the country starved. American farmers face ever-tighter regulations on everything from diesel emissions to methane from cattle.

The people who grow our food are being treated as environmental criminals. Meanwhile, the urban professionals who consume that food — who have never produced a calorie in their lives — lecture them about sustainability from air-conditioned offices in cities that consume more energy per square mile than anywhere else on Earth.

The disconnect is obscene. A farmer who has worked the same land for generations, who depends on that land for his livelihood, who knows more about the local ecology than any regulator ever will — that farmer is told by a bureaucrat with an environmental studies degree what he can and cannot do with his own property. And Democrats call this progress.

The Apocalyptic Theater

The climate movement has become a secular religion, complete with original sin (carbon emissions), prophets (climate scientists), indulgences (carbon offsets), heretics (deniers), and an apocalypse that is always imminent but never quite arrives.

Greta Thunberg, a mentally ill teenager with no scientific training, was treated as an oracle. "How dare you" became a moral command rather than an argument. Children were put on stages to cry about their stolen futures while adults applauded their trauma. This is not politics. This is theater. And it's deeply sinister.

The message to young people has been unrelentingly cruel: the world is ending, it's your fault (or at least your parents' fault), there's nothing you can do about it except feel terrible and vote for the right people. This is

producing a generation of young people with climate anxiety — a manufactured mental health crisis caused by political propaganda. Democrats have terrified children for political gain and called it conscience.

The Private Jet Progressives

Nothing exposes the climate grift like the behavior of climate activists themselves.

John Kerry flies private jets to climate conferences. Al Gore's mansion uses more electricity in a month than most families use in a year. The Davos crowd lectures about carbon footprints from the most carbon-intensive gathering on Earth. Celebrities who preach sustainability live lifestyles that would require several planets to sustain.

The message is clear: climate sacrifice is for you, not for them. They'll take your gas stove, your car, your affordable flights to visit family. They'll keep their private jets, their multiple homes, their yachts, their lifestyles that produce more emissions in a week than you produce in a year.

This isn't hypocrisy in the ordinary sense. It's a feudal arrangement dressed in green. The lords consume without limit while the peasants are told to tighten their belts for the good of the planet.

The Actual Environmentalism

If Democrats actually cared about the environment — as opposed to using environmentalism as a vehicle for power — they would do things very differently.

They would embrace nuclear power, which is the only carbon-free energy source that can power a modern civilization at scale. France gets 70% of its electricity from nuclear. It works. It's safe. It's clean. But Democrats have spent decades killing nuclear power because the environmental movement was founded on anti-nuclear activism and can't admit it was wrong.

They would embrace natural gas as a bridge fuel, which has done more to reduce American emissions than all the solar panels and wind turbines combined. The fracking revolution lowered emissions by displacing coal. Democrats should celebrate this. Instead, they want to ban fracking.

They would focus on actual pollution — the kind that poisons water and air in poor communities — rather than carbon dioxide, which is plant food. They would clean up the Superfund sites, the lead pipes, the industrial runoff that actually makes people sick. But that's not glamorous. That doesn't justify trillion-dollar spending packages. That doesn't create new bureaucracies.

They would invest in adaptation rather than pretending we can control the global thermostat. Build sea walls. Improve drainage. Develop drought-resistant crops. These are things that actually help people regardless of what the climate does. But adaptation doesn't require anyone to feel guilty or give up their car, so Democrats aren't interested.

The Honest Conversation

Here's what Democrats will never say:

The climate is changing. Human activity contributes to that change. But the magnitude, the sensitivity, the regional effects, and the optimal policy response are all genuinely uncertain. Reasonable people can disagree about how much warming we'll see, how bad it will be, and what we should do about it.

The idea that the science is "settled" on anything beyond the basic greenhouse effect is propaganda. The idea that anyone who questions the policy response is a "denier" is intimidation. The idea that we must destroy our economy to save the planet is a demand for power, not a scientific conclusion.

And the people making these demands are, almost uniformly, people whose wealth and status would survive the destruction of the economy they're demanding. They'll be fine. You won't be.

The climate grift is the most comprehensive power grab in Democrat history. It justifies control over every aspect of economic life. It can never be disproven. It can never be satisfied. It can never end. And that's exactly why they love it.