

Yankee Steve's Column
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Congress Votes on Tax Increases Based on Gore's Global Warming

“House Democrats narrowly won an important test vote Friday on groundbreaking legislation to combat global warming . . . Republican opponents said it included the largest tax increase ever.

The vote was 217-205 to send the White House-backed legislation to the full House. Thirty Democrats defected, reflecting the deep divisions over the plan. Supporters and opponents agree it mean higher energy costs, but they disagree widely on the impact on consumers. The legislation would impose limits, for the first time, on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas pollution from power plants, factories and refineries.” [Associated Press, 6/26/09]

Need I tell my readers that America is at a crossroads? Now, and in the name of spurious science, we can be taxed beyond our limits! Socialism, which relies heavily on misinformation, is on the march.

The subject of greenhouse gases revolves around the tax code. Many in the government now believe that each time you use a fossil-based fuel you are leaving behind a carbon footprint. Therefore we are all in need of a catharsis of some kind because we have all been guilty of poisoning the atmosphere. To get us to stop doing this the government is going to hit us in the wallet, that most sensitive of places.

The ancient Greeks believed that each and every individual needed a catharsis also, and all because their ancestors had sinned. A catharsis was affected by going through some ceremony. Hucksters like the parents of Epicurus made a living from performing such ceremonies and that may explain why he became an atheist. One of the more enlightened philosophers laughed at this and said that having a need for a catharsis is like you taking medicine to cure your father! You laugh? I tell you that the new tax proposals put forward by Rep. Henry Waxman [D-CA] are no less idiotic.

To stop you from ruining the atmosphere and to force you to use alternative fuels that are not based on fossil remains, a number of Congressman (the Marxists and Neo-Marxists in government) have suggested that the government respond to this “crisis” by enacting changes in the tax code that are unprecedented.

There is one man to blame for this madness. It is former Vice President Al Gore whose corpulent frame can often be seen making its appearance on Capitol Hill.

Fool's Gold

One day when Al Gore was a Senator he rushed into a meeting all hot and bothered, like a kid running in from the playground whose mother had to quiet him down. Gore exclaimed at the top of his voice that the ozone layer over the northeastern U.S. was being eaten away at that very moment, and that emergency measures were needed or especially New Englanders would be

toast, quite literally. An investigation followed in which it was proven that Gore had relied on “junk science,” the kind of science that became the basis of his award-winning film: *An Inconvenient Truth*, which has now been fully discredited.

No one should be surprised to discover that Hollywood appreciated the film. Tinsel Town will buy into anything just so long as it supports some aspect of Marxism. **Gore’s documentary film should have been listed as a science fiction movie!**

If respected scientists have come out into the open and said that the global warming scare perpetrated by Gore is based on too little evidence, why has the Congress even considered taxing industries and individuals to prevent climate change? Follow the money! As long as climate change is a hot topic the government can use it as an excuse to raise taxes, control industry after the fashion of Karl Marx, and provide greedy researchers the grant money they want to carry on their experiments. Our Congress allotted no less than \$400 million to climate change research.

Someone says, “Let’s study the subject of climate change, and let’s get the government to fund the research.” And what does the government reply? “Here is the money, and by the way, if nothing turns up from this research, it’s OK.”

Objectivity

Whenever you consider an opponent’s perspective you are supposed to distinguish between the man and his viewpoint. This is not always easy to do, especially if you suspect that the man in question is a scoundrel, an Al Gore, or a Barack Obama, or a Harry Reid. In this case, a scoundrel is someone whose agenda is either self-serving or directed at establishing precedents not in keeping with the founding fathers understanding of freedom and capitalism.

It is no easy task to be objective. One of the ancients said that after all is said and done, no one is truly objective.

I must confess that when it comes to Gore, alias Chicken Little, who has for sometime now been telling us that the sky is falling, that I have a great deal of difficulty distinguishing between Gore the man and Gore the amateur scientist. Objectivity doesn’t come easy with this man. A feeling of disgust seizes me whenever his bloviated speeches are referenced by the media.

Why?

Is it because his personal fortune is estimated at \$50 million, and that he has grown fat and prosperous since leaving the White House? No not at all. I think if you can make money, you should do it. I am not a Socialist; I am not jealous of the rich.

I am struggling with objectivity because I am convinced that Gore is a scam artist, a snake oil salesman, a mountebank, a hypocrite. He has built his empire on a mistake or if you prefer an outright lie.

Blogger Stan T. wrote something that makes good sense. The problem with the Global Warming argument is a simple matter of biology. The claim is we need to get rid of CO² or the planet dies . . . BUT plants require CO², so if we get rid of CO², plants die, then everything else dies . . . seems the Global Warming people are trying to kill the planet, not save it.

I hold Gore in contempt because he refuses to debate those who know that his opinions are intentionally misleading.

And I am struggling with objectivity because Gore has a massive carbon footprint. Jetting around the world as he does and living in mansion the size of Rhode Island, makes him out to be in my eyes nothing but a hypocrite. **But what should you expect from a man who changed his stance on abortion just so that he could be Clinton's Vice President?**

I ask you - is it possible that we are going to use the tax code to abuse taxpayers because we have allowed Al Gore to fool us? It is possible.

What Can You Do?

Contact your U.S. House Representative and Senator NOW! This vote is still in the balance. Tell them that you know that the emperor is buck naked!

Let those who represent you in government know that the biggest tax hike in history, based as it is on bogus science, and contributing as it does to Socialism and the demise of the private sector, has no merit.

Let those in the Congress know that each time industry is taxed that that the cost is passed on to the consumer. And if this is passed with their vote, you will remember that the next time you enter the voting booth!

Ever yours,

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