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Crush Malthusianism In All Its Evil Formulations

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May 23—When you hear that leaders of the U.S. and the U.K. would be willing to risk nuclear war, even knowing that their own countries would be decimated and civilization could be destroyed, do you doubt that it were possible, that one would have to be insane to think in that way?

When you are told that the Green New Deal plans to eliminate all fossil fuels and nuclear power, and rely only on “renewables” like solar and wind, which would be capable of sustaining only a small fraction of the current human population, is your response that those promoting it could not possibly intend such a genocidal result?

If your answer to either question is yes, then you have rejected the evidence in plain sight that those leaders are open, proud supporters of the ideas of Pastor Thomas Malthus, that population growth must be stopped, or the human race will destroy itself.

The argument has taken many forms over the centuries—Pastor Malthus himself argued that human population growth is geometric, while food production is arithmetic, leading inevitably to famine, depression, and depopulation. In the heyday of the British Empire’s colonial expansion, eugenics—race science—was preached by the good pastors of the day, showing “scientifically” that the white race was superior to the “lesser races,” justifying both the enforced backwardness and ill treatment of their colonial subjects, with an occasional famine or unrestrained pandemic to “cull the herd.” Eugenics became unmentionable when the Nazis used it to eliminate Jews and others in gas ovens.

After the war, Lord Bertrand Russell (whom Lyndon LaRouche described as the most evil man of his time), wrote, regarding the need to deal with the “overpopulation problem”:

War ... has hitherto been disappointing in this respect ... but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could spread throughout the world once in every generation, survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full.... The state of affairs might be somewhat unpleasant, but what of it?

The term “eugenics” was simply replaced with “conservation” and “environmentalism.” Problem solved.

Now, Pastor Malthus has pretended to be a climate scientist, terrifying the children and the child-like with computer printouts which claim that carbon—the food of plants, the food of life—is actually a pollutant which is heating the planet to a boiling point, which will kill us all if we don’t shut down industries, stop eating meat, and, at all costs, prevent under-developed countries from developing into modern industrial nations.

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To be certain of that, Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of England and now the UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance, told a climate conference with African leaders that they must promise that they will not develop their resources nor cut down

their trees, nor build any “carbon polluting” industries or infrastructure, in order to get “carbon offsets” from industries in industrialized countries. Those industries will continue emitting carbon, while keeping developing countries backward, and their raw materials cheap, by paying a small “carbon tax.” Carney even told the Africans that “green police” will have to occupy their countries to enforce non-development and to earn their carbon offsets.

And why do the U.S. and U.K. governments hate Russia and China so much, deploying nuclear armed missiles, planes, and submarines to all of their borders, in Europe, in Asia, and now even in the Arctic? Is it because of their “aggression,” when, unlike the U.S. and NATO, they keep their military forces within their own borders and their immediate neighborhood? Is it because of human rights violations, as claimed to be occurring in Xinjiang, China, which in fact is prospering, while U.S. wars and sanctions on Syria, Yemen, and dozens of other countries are causing mass famine and misery?

The answer is that the Green New Deal will not work if China is building infrastructure, power plants and industries all over the developing sector with the Belt and Road program, while Russia is building both coal-fired plants and nuclear power plants in Africa. Russia and China are doing what Franklin Roosevelt intended to do after the war—put an end to European colonial enforced backwardness once and for all with American System methods, Hamiltonian methods.

America itself has given up on the American System and has instead succumbed to the British System of free markets, free trade, deregulation, deindustrialization, and economic policy run not by elected governments but by private banks, which are cutting credit to the productive economy to “save the planet.”

Will they go to war to get their way?

Perhaps they believe Russia and China will back down and give up on development. Perhaps they think the developing countries of Africa, Ibero-America and Asia will also agree to be “bought off,” and so will remain backward.

They are wrong. The LaRouche Organization, the Schiller Institute, and the Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites know that unless the path to war and depopulation is rejected by the citizens and the nations of the world, and these nations come together—including especially Russia, China and the U.S.—to end the coronavirus pandemic with modern health systems in every country; to stop the famine with a mobilization of nations globally to double food production; to stop the war buildup and divert the military-industrial sector into high-technology energy, infrastructure and space exploration; and put the bloated gambling casino of Wall Street and the City of London through bankruptcy reorganization in a New Bretton Woods—without all of this, the world and the population faces disintegration.

We are human, we are a cognitive species, which can create the future needed by mankind as a whole. Act like it.