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Winning

Tom Bethell, writing in the American Spectator, once quoted me as saying “It is fine to complain about those who would do evil. It is better to take some noticeable action to interfere with them. It is self-satisfying to take action strong enough to elicit praise. An enemy is not beaten, however, unless he is, in fact, beaten. It is best to win, even if this requires action outside one’s field of specialization.”

When the stakes are hundreds of millions of human lives and the prosperity and freedom of the entire world, it is not just “best” to win. It is an absolute moral requirement to win.

Yes, gradually, through the expenditure of essentially unlimited funds on propaganda, those who are promoting the evils of global rationing, taxation, and regulation of energy through the false claim of “human-caused global warming” are gaining the upper hand for their evil and dishonest plans.

This has finally attracted the serious attention of most people and groups within the “conservative” community, so there are lots of articles and statements being published against the enviros. These efforts are, however, mostly directed at the conservative faithful. They are being overwhelmed by the enormous sums being spent by the unprincipled enviro-media-antitechnology-political-academic-business alliance that is railroading a perceived reality of human-caused global warming into the brains of American voters.

The most effective single action that has been taken against these people was the Petition Project in which a review article and petition were circulated among some of America’s scientists. Funded by non-tax deductible donations and subscription income from Access to Energy readers and assembled and mailed by volunteers, this petition demonstrated that the claimed “consensus” of American scientists in favor of the CO₂-caused environmental catastrophe hypothesis does not exist. If anything, scientists are, in the majority, opposed to this hypothesis – which is both unproved and also invalidated by the experimental evidence.

Surely, the enviros have lied about every aspect of the Petition Project and filled the Internet with false statements about it and its organizers, but that has not prevented it from becoming the most referenced information against them in the world and an effective tool in marshaling political opposition to their program. For example, in March 2007, on the Sean Hannity radio program, Senator Inhofe of Oklahoma read this petition on the air and stated that it was the Petition Project that initiated his work against the hoax. Senator Inhofe’s has been the most effective work of this kind in Washington. Other United States Senators have made similar statements.

However, this project is old. We wrote the review article and circulated the petition 9 years ago. This review article needs to be updated, since the evidence against the human-caused global warming hypothesis is even stronger today than it was 9 years ago. Had we possessed enough money for stamps and printing, we could have obtained 50,000 signatures then. This needs to be done now!

Expanding the Petition Project from 18,000 to 50,000 signers with university degrees in science would be more difficult and expensive today, but also far more effective.

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The enviros would fight every step of the way – providing the project with wonderful publicity. If done properly, I am certain that it would succeed.

I estimate that, even with volunteers doing the work, this project would cost at least \$1 million and possibly as much as \$2 million. While little in comparison with the cost of an energy-rationed future, this is still far beyond the means and resources of *Access to Energy*.

This project would need to have one or several large initial contributors who provide the greater part of the funds and thereby assure smaller donors that the project can be completed.

Some years ago, I was talking with an outstanding Caltech engineer and physicist whom I have known for almost 50 years, but had not seen for a long time. In sharing experiences with him, I mentioned that I had inherited *Access to Energy* from Petr Beckmann, who had started the newsletter to defend nuclear power from the many lies directed against it. I said the Petr had been a very effective voice against the enemies of nuclear power. Said he, “He could not have been very effective. Nuclear power lost!”

Petr’s legacy of leadership and work for nuclear power is still having a very significant effect in a battle that is not yet won.

I suggest that each reader of *Access to Energy* think about the unthinkable effects of a loss to the human-caused global warmers and about the question of finding the resources to beat them through a clear and unequivocal demonstration to the American people that science and scientists are not on their side.

Then write to at least one affluent individual who might be willing and able to help. If you cannot think of such an individual, write to Lee R. Raymond, American Enterprise Institute, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington DC 20036. Lee Raymond is retired Chairman and CEO of Exxon Mobile Corporation.

We do not know Mr. Raymond and have never communicated with him or Exxon. However, from many news reports, we conclude that he was a most principled voice against the global energy rationing enviros while he was at Exxon. It is men of this sort who have access to the economical power to stop the enviros. Some of that power should be utilized to expand the Petition Project.

If the necessary capital can be found, we and our colleagues would happily do our part in updating the review article and executing the petition campaign on an entirely unpaid, volunteer basis.

We are making good progress with the biomedical research that the readers of *Access to Energy* and other donors have made possible by their generosity in funding our work. We could not solve this global warming political problem by ourselves even if we sacrificed all of this work and the serious obligations that it entails.

Outside this window waves, however, an American flag. That flag represents many things. One of the things it demonstrates is that we are not alone. For more than two centuries, whenever America has been threatened by evil, her people have risen up and saved her.