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Spring Season - Tall Tales

“Never make predictions, especially about the future.” Casey Stengel, Hall of Fame Baseball Manager

Spring is here and the A’s and Giants are playing for real, flowers are blooming, pollen is in the air and The Masters produced a budding star! Another Spring passage is Earth Day (today) that has been celebrated since 1970.

Earth Day started in San Francisco in 1970 when peace activist John McConnell thought it was a good idea to honor the Earth and world peace. The City of San Francisco issued the first Earth Day Proclamation and the environmental movement was born.

Contrary to the Left’s belief, Republicans want clean air and water as well as being good stewards of the land. It would seem that reasonable people could find solutions to satisfy the economic needs of a growing population while preserving our habitat. Unfortunately, little accommodation can be reached with radical environmentalists.

Global warming and/or climate change is not a high priority amongst Americans. However, I suggest you check with your grandchildren to learn what indoctrination has occurred from the educational establishment. The Left is patient and they understand the old adage “get em while they’re young.”

For historical purposes it is worth a review of some of the prognostications of prominent environmentalists from the first Earth Day:

- There will be a major food shortage in the US and “in the 1970’s...hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death.” Professor Paul Ehrlich (Vice President Al Gore’s hero and mentor)
- “The world has been chilling sharply for about 20 years. If present trends continue, the world will be about 4 degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990, but 11 degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age.” Kenneth Watt, Ecologist
- It is already too late to avoid mass starvation.” Denis Hayes, Chief Organizer for Earth Day
- “Air pollution...is certainly going to take hundreds of thousands of lives in the next few years alone.” He also thought 200,000 Americans would die in 1973 during “smog disasters” in New York City and Los Angeles. Professor Paul Ehrlich

Have you noticed that individuals that do not subscribe to the current climate change thesis are viewed as infidels that must be punished? A 34-year UCLA science researcher was fired in 2011 because he became the lone critic of air pollution research. James Enstrom had challenged the validity of a California Air Resources Board study on diesel particulate matter and mortality in the state and the regulations that followed. He denounced the research as a faulty reading of data. UCLA settled last month with Mr. Enstrom and is paying the expert \$140,000, reinstating his title as "Retired Researcher," and restoring his access to UCLA resources, "effectively" rescinding his termination, according to the American Center for Law & Justice, which represented Enstrom.

Here are some other examples:

- The gawker.com website said: "Those denialists should face jail. They should face fines. They should face lawsuits from the classes of people whose lives and livelihoods are most threatened by denialist tactics." FYI - Gawker bills itself as a one-stop guide to media and pop-culture.
- The host of MSNBC's The Ed Show promoted Soviet-style re-education for climate skeptic politicians by conducting an on-air poll on the question "Should climate-denying Republicans be forced to take a basic earth science course?"
- Katie Herzog at Grist.com wrote: "If this planet is to survive the scourge that is humanity, we all have to stop reproducing. Yes, all of us. In that spirit, I propose we ... sterilize every human male on his 10th birthday." FYI - Grist is a website for environmental issues. I'll let you decide if her views are extreme.
- The Los Angeles Times has the protocol of not publishing letters skeptical of climate change.

This writing is to provide a Republican Perspective on what is drummed to us daily as "settled science". Intolerant views from extreme environmentalists should not be accepted. Until 1982 "settled science" said that stomach ulcers were a result of bad diet, too much gastric acid or stress. Then scientists discovered that most of these ulcers were a result of the bacterium *H. pylori*, a common but sometimes dangerous agent in the gut that could be treated with antibiotics. The practice of gastroenterology was turned upside down.

We now learn from a large randomized study that mammograms have no affect on breast cancer deaths. Settled science?

As stated earlier, Republicans wish to be good stewards of our habitat. However, we do not want the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Air Resources Board mandating policies that promote unemployment and a lower standard of living under the guise of "settled science".