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Nelson Nash's live seminars for the next two months (The seminar sponsor or contact person is listed with phone and e-mail address in case you want to attend)

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5-6 August Semi-annual *Becoming Your Own Banker - Infinite Banking Concepts* Think Tank Symposium in Birmingham, AL.

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Registration fee is \$550. Spouses are welcome for an additional \$100. IBC Think Tank Members (you know who you are!) receive a \$200 discount off the registration fee.

If you wish to attend the symposium but have never attended a live Nelson Nash-led *Becoming Your Own Banker* seminar, you are required to attend one prior to this event. To fulfill this requirement, Nelson will conduct a seminar immediately preceding the Think Tank in the same location. The seminar starts at 6PM the evening of 3 August, and finishes at 4PM on 4 August. IBC Think Tank Members can attend this seminar free of charge; others will be charged an additional \$200 seminar registration fee.

We will start the symposium at 10AM on 5 August, 2009 (Wednesday) to conclude no later than 8PM; we continue the morning of 6 August (Thursday) with a 7:30AM breakfast, to finish around 1PM.

First day lunch, reception and dinner will be provided; second day breakfast will be provided. Other meals, accommodations, and travel expenses are your responsibility. No registration at the door, you must pre-register online.

Check our website for a detailed agenda, to include speakers, on-line conference registration and payment links, and hotel registration link.

Seats are limited and will be filled on a first come basis - so please register as soon as possible.

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Here is a listing of Nelson's newly added Book Recommendations

Death by Government by R.J. Rummel

The New Dealers' War by Thomas Fleming

Man, Economy and State by Murray N. Rothbard

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Nelson's Favorite Quotes of the Month

Taxation, in reality, is life. If you know the position a person takes on taxes, you can tell their whole philosophy. The tax code, once you get to know it, embodies all the essence of life: greed, politics, power, goodness, charity. - Sheldon S. Cohen

"The best things in life are free, but sooner or later the government will find a way to tax them."

- Anonymous

"I'm putting all my money in taxes -- it's the only thing sure to go up." - Anonymous

The following articles are Nelson's favorite finds from the last month's reading

Global Warming Petition Signed by 31,478 Scientists

by Ron Paul

Statement before the US House of Representatives, June 4, 2009

Madam Speaker, before voting on the "cap-and-trade" legislation, my colleagues should consider the views expressed in the following petition that has been signed by 31,478 American scientists:

"We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan in December, 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.

There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

Circulated through the mail by a distinguished group of American physical scientists and supported by a definitive review of the peer-reviewed scientific literature, this may be the strongest and most widely supported statement on this subject that has been made by the scientific community. A state-by-state listing of the signers, which include 9,029 men and women with PhD degrees, a listing of their academic specialties, and a peer-reviewed summary of the science on this subject are available at www.petitionproject.org.

The peer-reviewed summary, "Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide" by A. B. Robinson, N. E. Robinson, and W. Soon includes 132 references to the scientific literature and was circulated with the petition.

Signers of this petition include 3,803 with specific training in atmospheric, earth, and environmental sciences. All 31,478 of the signers have the necessary training in physics, chemistry, and mathematics to understand and evaluate the scientific data relevant to the human-caused global warming hypothesis and to the effects of human activities upon environmental quality.

In a letter circulated with this petition, Frederick Seitz – past President of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, President Emeritus of Rockefeller University, and recipient of honorary doctorate degrees from 32 universities throughout the world – wrote:

"The United States is very close to adopting an international agreement that would ration the use of energy and of technologies that depend upon coal, oil, and natural gas and some other organic compounds.

This treaty is, in our opinion, based upon flawed ideas. Research data on climate change do not show that human use of hydrocarbons is harmful. To the contrary, there is good evidence that increased atmospheric carbon dioxide is environmentally helpful.

The proposed agreement we have very negative effects upon the technology of nations throughout the world; especially those that are currently attempting to lift from poverty and provide opportunities to the over

4 billion people in technologically underdeveloped countries.

It is especially important for America to hear from its citizens who have the training necessary to evaluate the relevant data and offer sound advice.

We urge you to sign and return the enclosed petition card. If you would like more cards for use by your colleagues, these will be sent.”

Madam Speaker, at a time when our nation is faced with a severe shortage of domestically produced energy and a serious economic contraction; we should be reducing the taxation and regulation that plagues our energy-producing industries.

Yet, we will soon be considering so-called “cap and trade” legislation that would increase the taxation and regulation of our energy industries. “Cap-and-trade” will do at least as much, if not more, damage to the economy as the treaty referred by Professor Seitz! This legislation is being supported by the claims of “global warming” and “climate change” advocates – claims that, as demonstrated by the 31,478 signatures to Professor Seitz’ petition, many American scientists believe is disproved by extensive experimental and observational work.

It is time that we look beyond those few who seek increased taxation and increased regulation and control of the American people. Our energy policies must be based upon scientific truth – not fictional movies or self-interested international agendas. They should be based upon the accomplishments of technological free enterprise that have provided our modern civilization, including our energy industries. That free enterprise must not be hindered by bogus claims about imaginary disasters.

Above all, we must never forget our contract with the American people – the Constitution that provides the sole source of legitimacy of our government. That Constitution requires that we preserve the basic human rights of our people – including the right to freely manufacture, use, and sell energy produced by any means they devise – including nuclear, hydrocarbon, solar, wind, or even bicycle generators.

While it is evident that the human right to produce and use energy does not extend to activities that actually endanger the climate of the Earth upon which we all depend, bogus claims about climate dangers should not be used as a justification to further limit the American people’s freedom.

In conclusion, I once again urge my colleagues to carefully consider the arguments made by the 31,478 American scientists who have signed this petition before voting on any legislation imposing new regulations or taxes on the American people in the name of halting climate change.

Two Ways to Deleverage an Economy

by Bill Bonner

The dumb money is fairly easy to spot. It’s the money that always shows up late to the party, wearing yesterday’s fashions. It watches TV and thinks the reality shows show reality...it thinks Ben Bernanke is a great economist...that the SEC protects investors from fraud and misrepresentation...and that Tim Geithner makes sure the economy keeps running smoothly.

It’s the dumb money that thinks you can correct a generation-long period of credit growth in 24 months...with less than 10% unemployment...

Stocks have now been in a rally for three months. The longer this goes on, of course, the dumber money gets. People come to think the bounce is a permanent bull market.

Yesterday, not much happened. Stocks held steady. Oil too. Gold fell \$8...closing at \$952. And the dollar rose to \$1.39 per euro.

But while the dumb money has its eyes on the stock market, the smart money is watching the economy.

Unemployment has risen to 9.4 million in the United States. Experts think the rate of job losses is slowing. But month after month, more and more people are not collecting wages. Instead, they’re coming to rely on handouts from the government. The press reports that one in every six Americans is now on some form of

government life-support.

Same thing in the housing sector. Robert Shiller says the housing slump has already knocked prices down 32%...and has a long way to go. This alone guarantees a long period of adjustment. Bad decisions – usually those with huge debt bombs attached – will blow up...then they need to be cleaned up...and then, after the destruction, comes the constructive rebuilding. All that takes time...years.

People whose houses are going down in price...and whose incomes are falling...do not buy more stuff. Sales go down...profits go down...and dividends go down. Why would investors buy stocks when earnings and dividends are falling? Good question. Pull your shorts up, dear reader...pull your shorts up.

House prices are still going down – but not as fast. Still, big resets, defaults and foreclosures are still on the way – in prime and Alt-A mortgages.

Meanwhile, when companies don't sell...they don't ship either.

The trucking industry says traffic is off 13% from a year before – the biggest drop in 13 years.

Airplanes are carrying 21% less cargo. And the commercial airline industry says it is losing \$9 billion this year.

As for shipping...well, don't even bring it up. Shipping has been in a catastrophic slump since last year – with cargo rates down 90%.

Obvious conclusion:

“Every smart trader I know is massively short the stock market,” says Jeff Clark.

The blogs are chattering about poor Lee Mozilo. He's no Angelo, they say. The SEC claims he told investors that all was well in his company, Countrywide, while he was dumping shares.

We don't know the details, so we wouldn't rush to judgment. But our guess is that the SEC is trying to recover its reputation by putting on a few show trials. The SEC has a pack of watchdogs on the payroll. But somehow thieves stole every decent part in the junkyard without a single one of these mutts bothering

to bark. Now, they're indignant...and out for justice!

Did Mozilo do something wrong? We don't know. But the question would never have come up if it hadn't been for the crisis in housing debt. As long as housing was going up, everyone was happy with Countrywide's business model. Yet didn't everyone know that the mortgage finance business was a dangerous place to be at the end of a housing bubble? Didn't the SEC know it, too? If we recall correctly, Mozilo said so himself...

But the SEC watchdogs slept through the biggest heist in history. And now the people who lost face and lost fortunes are eager to pin the blame on someone other than themselves.

But that's just part of the whole process of deleveraging. That's how capitalism works. People lose money... then they lose jobs...and houses...and businesses go into chapter 11 and a few of their CEOs go to jail.

All that takes time. And betting against deleveraging is probably not a smart thing to do. Not until it's over...which is not until the leverage built up in the bubble era has been removed. And with total debt levels at 370% of GDP...and the government adding even more debt...we're a long way from there.

But what do you do, dear reader? Buy Treasuries in anticipation of another crash in stocks? Or mortgage your house, long-term fixed-rate, in anticipation of fed-caused inflation?

Ah, there's the tough question. We know where the dumb money is...but where's the smart money? Jeff Clark says it's short stocks. But there's some very smart money that is betting that the government will turn this around. They're putting their money on inflation...or even hyperinflation. Our old friend, Marc Faber, for example, says he is sure the United States is headed for hyperinflation. If so, shorting stocks may not be such a shrewd move. Stocks could soar too – as investors try to buy anything and everything that didn't have dollar signs on it.

You see, there are two ways to deleverage an economy.

The obvious way is the traditional, honest way – in which people actually try to pay their debts. This

causes the problems we see as falling asset prices, bankruptcies, joblessness and the other hallmarks of a Great Depression.

But the feds have their hearts set on preventing a depression. And they're doing it the only way they can...by the old "hair of the dog" technique. The economy suffers from too much debt – so they're going to give it more! Much more. The whole pooch! The whole kennel! Then, they round up every stray mongrel in town. What happens when they run out of dogs? Well...that's a discussion for another day.

We have had many laughs following the feds and their war against capitalism. They're gambling an amount nearly equal to the entire U.S. GDP to try to prevent people from getting what they have coming. In the process, they're almost certain to make a mess of things.

The smart money is betting that they fail to stop deleveraging. But the very smart money is betting that they create a new, worse problem – inflation, maybe hyperinflation. Inflation reduces the real value of debt...but in a perverse and unpredictable way. Debtors don't pay their bills; savers pay them. Inflation – like bailouts – rewards the least responsible players...those who have gotten themselves heavily in debt...and punishes those who have done the "right" thing. As Germany saw in the '20s, it de-stabilizes the whole society...leading to extremely unwelcome outcomes.

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Fascialism: The New American System

by Thomas J. DiLorenzo

"If classical liberalism spells individualism, fascism spells government."

~ Benito Mussolini, *Fascism: Doctrines and Institutions*, p. 10

The two worst scourges of humanity in the twentieth century were socialism and fascism. Together, they wrecked much of the world economy because of their shared "fatal conceit" (F.A. Hayek's term) that government central planners were superior to private property and free markets. Fascist and socialist governments (not that there's much difference between them) murdered over 100 million of their own citizens, as the sociologist R.J. Rummel has documented (See his book, *Death by Government*), and instigated wars that caused the deaths of millions more.

Incredibly, the two-party duopoly that has long ruled America has adopted both fascism and socialism as the defining characteristics of our economic system. Call it Fascialism. It is a recipe for national economic suicide.

Economic Fascism

Economic fascism as practiced by Italy and Germany in the 1920s and '30s allowed private property and private enterprise to exist, but only if it was strictly controlled and regimented by the state so that it would serve "the public interest" and not private interests. The philosophy of German fascism was expressed in the slogan *Gemeinnutz geht vor Eigennutz*, which means "the common good comes before the private good." "The Aryan," Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf*, "willingly subordinates his own ego to the community and, if the hour demands, even sacrifices it." This sounds a lot like John McCain's campaign theme of "Country First" (before self-interest), doesn't it?

Of course, it is the government that decides what constitutes "the common good." Is there any doubt that government will now define what constitutes

“the common good” in the banking and automobile industries – and in health care once it is fully nationalized?

The philosophy behind Italian fascism was virtually identical. “The fascist conception of life,” Mussolini wrote in *Fascism: Doctrines and Institutions*, “stresses the importance of the State and accepts the individual only in so far as his interests coincide with the State.”

It is remarkable how contemporary economic policy pronouncements are so often identical to those made by early twentieth-century European fascists. Mussolini complained in 1935, for example, that government intervention in the Italian economy was “too diverse, varied contrasting. There has been . . . intervention, case by case, as the need arises.” His advisor, Fausto Pitigliani, explained that under fascism government regulation would achieve a certain “unity of aim” instead.

This is exactly how the powers that be in Washington, D.C. have diagnosed the current financial crisis: There’s been too little financial market regulation, they tell us, and it has been too, well, diverse and contrasting. Thus, they have recommended a Super Regulatory Authority that will supposedly regulate, regiment, and control all “systemic risk taking” in the entire economy. The only debate is whether an entirely new agency should be created to achieve this “unity of aim,” or if the Fed – which caused the current economic crisis in the first place – should be given the responsibility.

Government-business “partnerships” were a hallmark of both Italian and German fascism. As Ayn Rand once noted, however, in such “partnerships” government is always the “senior partner. “ Government-business “collaboration” was supposedly needed in fascist Italy, explained Fausto Pitigliani in his 1934 book, *The Italian Corporatist State*, because “the principle of private initiative could only be useful in the service of the national interest.” It is this “service of the national interest” that is the intended work of the newly appointed “Car Czar” in the Obama administration (along with twenty or so other “czars” so far). It is inevitable that the end product will be the world’s worst cars, endless subsidies and bailouts,

and mind-boggling debt piled onto the backs of the taxpayers. All to pay off a campaign debt to the United Autoworkers Union, which bears most of the responsibility for the destruction of General Motors and Chrysler in the first place.

The hallmark of the Obama administration’s economic policy thus far is a forced “partnerships” with dozens of large banks along with General Motors and Chrysler. It is threatening hundreds of other “partnerships” in the name of environmental regulation. And that’s just in the first five months. Mussolini would be envious.

Italian fascism created one gigantic bailout economy. Italian social critic Gaetano Salvemini wrote in his 1936 book, *Under the Axe of Fascism*, that “It is the state, i.e., the taxpayer, who has become responsible to private enterprise. In Fascist Italy the state pays for the blunders of private enterprise.” “Profit remained to private initiative,” Salvemini wrote, but “the government added the losses to the taxpayers’ burden. Profit is private and individual. Loss is public and social.” Sound familiar?

Mussolini himself boasted in 1934 that “three quarters of the Italian economic system had been subsidized by government,” Salvemini wrote. The Obama administration (with a jump start by the Bush administration) is on a path to exceed this level of plunder.

Socialism

In the preface to the 1976 edition of his famous book, *The Road to Serfdom*, F.A. Hayek wrote (p. xxiii) that when the book was first published in 1944, socialism meant “unambiguously the nationalization of the means of production and the central economic planning which made this necessary.” But by the 1970s “socialism has come to mean chiefly the extensive redistribution of incomes through taxation and the institutions of the welfare state.” Thus, ever since the 1930s the Democratic Party in America has been the party of socialism, with the Republican Party either providing little or no effective opposition or, as with the administration of President George W. Bush, serving as accomplices. The Bush administration vastly expanded the welfare state, while Obama

intends to expand it much faster, especially if he succeeds in implementing health care socialism and imposing even more punitive levels of income taxation on the most productive citizens.

Obama promises the worst of all economic worlds: A vast expansion of the welfare state form of socialism, as defined by Hayek, along with a heavy dose of old-fashioned, early twentieth-century, Stalinist socialism with the nationalization of banks, automobile companies, the health care industries, and whatever else he can get away with. The Mussolini-like cult of personality that has developed around him will facilitate this disastrous path to national economic suicide.

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Voluntary Serfdom Captured on C-Span Live

by Floy Lilley

Recently by Floy Lilley: *Out With Windmills – In With Nuclear*

Pelosi, with raised fist, squawked, “Jobs. Jobs. Jobs. Jobs.”

The shamefulness of the spectacle of the passage of the Climate Bill did not spring from the squeaked two votes “win” (217 would have denied passage; 219 was secured) nor Pelosi’s embarrassing squawks.

No. It oozed from the now predictable spectacle of Democans and Republicrats birthing yet another monstrosity of oppression.

Powerful parasites teamed with clever-thinking thugs, clueless confidence men and large numbers of brainwashed bellies to disgorge the latest bread and circus baby that would have made Machiavelli proud. Machiavelli knew all the ways to get people to voluntarily consent to their own enslavement.

We witnessed it live on C-Span. It was an ugly sight. The very nature of the State apparatus itself was on display. Clearly, the tyranny ruling our land hasn’t been established by force or by inheritance; it has been elected. Those elected have obviously worked feverishly to convert a short-term shot in the driver’s seat into a near-hereditary entitlement for themselves and their friends, with the single exception, known to me, being a humble doctor from Texas who has even refused pension.

The men and women who comprise Congress may not be evil, but they are aggressively designing our economic and cultural prisons. Many of us are as convinced as they are that the common good is their goal. It is untrue, but how has this palatable corruption and deceit come about? Two strategies – one material and one ideological – were implemented.

First, elected representatives got as many as they wanted in on the take. This is the raw purchase of consent. That tactic attracted a hard core of powerful people benefitting from the pillage. Waxman, Markey, Pelosi and Obama are busy this minute distributing promised loot to big business special interests. The other side of the aisle will get theirs also. It is equal-opportunity plunder.

Second, an intellectual propaganda network bamboozled us with tales of a large planetary cause, a looming crisis that they would avert. Such perception management permitted the despots to appear wise and protective. Some participant-props had been awarded Nobel prizes. Most garnered authority credentials. Anthropogenic global warming was, this time, the crisis-opiate that girded our loins and softened our forthcoming sacrifice. We are duped into believing that we, or the planet, will benefit by the micro-regulation and macro-taxation of our behaviors. Prostituted scientists and “climatologists” in black robes had christened natural, life-sustaining carbon

dioxide a “poisonous pollutant.” The over-reaching Environmental Protection Agency teamed with the pathetic Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to steamroller legislation before their gig was up. (Way too many inquiring minds had been exposing the AGW urgency, as presented, to be fraud. The Australian Senate is rejecting its own version of Cap-and-Trade. The EPA has been caught red-handed censoring a global-warming study that was inconvenient. New EU Parliament Group includes climate skeptics. The Polish Academy of Science is challenging man-made global warming. The earth’s temperatures have flat-lined since 2001, despite growing concentrations of CO2. Green jobs are found to be a cost not a benefit to our national economy.)

Thus, in two subtle strategies, we have strengthened the chains that will keep us bound to tyranny. The bad-seed baby – H.R. 2454: the American Clean Energy and Security Act – sets in place a gargantuan government army of bureaucrats to fleece trillions from an already burdened and sinking middle-class sheeple. Rationing energy will give this mob the power over who literally lives and who dies. There is no part of this inflicted pain that will gain any significant reduction of global warming. There is every piece of this inflicted pain that will be impoverishing Americans through its economy-killing mandates and, very likely, be precipitating a trade war by taxing our large trade partner, China.

Having created this new monstrosity, some members of the House may be feeling the shame. There had been, after all, a refreshing crack in the serious work of plunder and obfuscation when Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) began to read from page after page of the 300 additional pages that dropped onto the already massive 1200 page bill at 3:09 just that same morning. Mind-numbing details gave mere glimpses of the newly unleashed tyranny to come. Guffaws were a rational and healthy response as many members realized the absurdity of pretense that any of them had had time to read and comprehend what he was being asked to vote on. So much for transparency.

This awful bill passes now to the Senate. Perhaps Senators will actually read it. Having read it, perhaps

there are enough Senators with integrity to defeat it.

House members have opportunities to redeem themselves. They can repeal laws. Begin now. And, they hold the most important power. The House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States of America constitutionally holds the power of the purse. House Representatives can, in fact, strangle oppressive activities by withdrawing financial support. Just cut off funds and wars will wither from the Executive vine. Just deny money and plunderers will have to turn to production. Tough love could find a home in the House.

And, individually, tough wills could find a way out from under this tyranny. We can just say no. We can withdraw consent. The Prince had his Machiavelli to show him the way to rule. We have our Gandhi and our Étienne de La Boétie (the first libertarian political philosopher in the Western world) to show us how to undo the seemingly overwhelming power of the ruling State. Murray Rothbard uncovered those liberty-saving strategies in *The Political Thought of Étienne de La Boétie*. Listen carefully to his sage and stirring words.

Tea Parties, secession movements, bailout protests, and plummeting approval ratings of both elected and unelected “leaders” show that thoughtful citizens are restless. When our monopoly cartel central bank is transparently audited, the statist’s failed experiments and unhealthy entanglements will be exposed. Unexamined faith in government will face fresh and critical examination. If it withdraws its consent to servitude, free society will flourish.

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Global Warming Is a Fraud

by David Deming

Recently by David Deming: Death of a Civilization

As the years pass and data accumulate, it is becoming evident that global warming is a fraud. Climate change is natural and ongoing, but the Earth has not warmed significantly over the last thirty years. Nor has there been a single negative effect of any type that can be unambiguously attributed to global warming.

As I write, satellite data show that the mean global temperature is the same that it was in 1979. The extent of global sea ice is also unchanged from 1979. Since the end of the last Ice Age, sea level has risen more than a hundred meters. But for the last three years, there has been no rise in sea level. If the polar ice sheets are melting, why isn't sea level rising? Global warming is supposed to increase the severity and frequency of tropical storms. But hurricane and typhoon activity is at a record low.

Every year in the US, more than forty thousand people are killed in traffic accidents. But not one single person has ever been killed by global warming. The number of species that have gone extinct from global warming is exactly zero. Both the Antarctic and Greenland Ice Sheets are stable. The polar bear population is increasing. There has been no increase in infectious disease that can be attributed to climate change. We are not currently experiencing more floods, droughts, or forest fires.

In short, there is no evidence of any type to support the idea that we are entering an era when significant climate change is occurring and will cause the deterioration of either the natural environment or the human standard of living.

Why do people think the planet is warming? One reason is that the temperature data from weather stations appear to be hopelessly contaminated by urban heat effects. A survey of the 1221 temperature stations in the US by meteorologist Anthony Watts and his colleagues is now more than 80 percent complete. The magnitude of putative global warming over the last 150 years is about 0.7 °C. But only 9 percent of

meteorological stations in the US are likely to have temperature errors lower than 1 °C. More than two-thirds of temperature sensors used to estimate global warming are located near artificial heating sources such as air conditioning vents, asphalt paving, or buildings. These sources are likely to introduce artifacts greater than 2 °C into the temperature record.

Another cause of global warming hysteria is the infiltration of science by ideological zealots who place politics above truth. Earlier this month, the Obama administration issued a report that concluded global warming would have a number of deleterious effects on the US. In 1995, one of the lead authors of this report told me that we had to alter the historical temperature record by "getting rid" of the Medieval Warm Period.

The Obama report refers to – six times – the work of a climate scientist named Stephen H. Schneider. In 1989, Schneider told Discover magazine that "we have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements, and make little mention of any doubts we might have." Schneider concluded "each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective and being honest." Schneider's position is not unusual. In 2007, Mike Hulme, the founding director of the Tyndall Center for Climate Change Research in Britain, told the Guardian newspaper that "scientists and politicians must trade truth for influence."

While releasing a politicized report that prostitutes science to politics, the Obama administration simultaneously suppressed an internal EPA report that concluded there were "glaring inconsistencies" between the scientific data and the hypothesis that carbon dioxide emissions were changing the climate.

If we had an appreciation for history, we would not be fooled so easily. It has all happened before, albeit on a smaller scale in an age where people had more common sense. On May 19, 1912, the Washington Post posed these questions: "Is the climate of the world changing? Is it becoming warmer in the polar regions?" On November 2, 1922, the Associated Press reported that "the Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the

seals are finding the waters too hot." On February 25, 1923, the New York Times concluded that "the Arctic appears to be warming up." On December 21, 1930, the Times noted that "Alpine glaciers are in full retreat." A few months later the New York Times concluded that there was "a radical change in climatic conditions and hitherto unheard of warmth" in Greenland. About the only thing that has changed at the Times since 1930 is that no one working there today is literate enough to use the word "hitherto."

After the warm weather of the 1930s gave way to a cooling trend beginning in 1940, the media began speculating on the imminent arrival of a new Ice Age. We have now come full circle, mired in a hopeless cycle of reincarnated ignorance. H. L. Mencken understood this process when he explained "the whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed by an endless series of hobgoblins, most of them imaginary."

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Joe was also taught that qualified plans such as a 401K, IRA, etc. were an ideal place to save money for retirement without any regard to the ravishing effects of taxation. It wasn't until he read and studied *Becoming Your Own Banker*® that he became convinced that one's need for financing is greater than the need for protection and that becoming financially successful was not a matter of investment yields as much as it was the power of controlling the flow of

money, by recapturing loan principle and loan interest payments while eliminating the destructive effects of taxation.

Joe owns an insurance and financial services school, Larry Larsen's Eagle Education Systems, LLC which is approved by the Divisions of Insurance and the CFP Board to teach continuing education and pre-licensing courses to the financial services industry, with the mission to help educate the financial services professionals in the core principles of *Becoming Your Own Banker* so that ultimately the consumer will benefit.