



If Climate Change is an Existential threat...

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Key Points

- If Climate change is an existential threat, as Democrats say it is, and we are going to die in 12 years, we do not need any other Democratic program. We will be dead.
- And, if we are not dead and Climate Change is an existential threat, we cannot spare any resources or dollars to fix or provide anything else, like free college, free healthcare, etc.
- Scientist Paul Ehrlich told the world in 1968 that over population was an existential threat that would kill all humanity in 15 years. He is 87 today and still teaching at Stanford.
- Innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and capitalism have improved the world's ability to produce the food today to feed double the world's 1968 population.
- Innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and capitalism will again prevail.
- The world has gone from the Ice Age to the "Medieval Warm Period" (Global warming) to the "Little Ice Age" (Global Cold) to today; the climate has always changed and always will.
- The U.S. has known numerous existential threats and disasters and overcome them. It will again. American Exceptionalism will prevail.
- Progressives always see problems and outrage; conservatives see what is good in our society and know that through entrepreneurship, innovation, and capitalism we will create solutions to make things better for all.
- Today's Democratic Party priorities are a greater existential threat to America than Climate Change.
- Vote for American Exceptionalism; Vote for Donald Trump and Republican candidates.

An existential threat is defined "as something that is a **threat to existence**". Democrats are saying Climate Change is an Existential threat and we will all die when the world ends in twelve years. Then why the hell are we worrying/debating their "Socialistic" plans for free health care,

free college, free food, free housing, gender identity or anything, for that matter? It's all irrelevant.

And if they say we need to devote every resource in the economy, every minute of every day, every dollar available to "fix" the climate so we won't all die, how the hell are we going to provide (and how can people take advantage of) free health care, free college, free everything?

"Existential Threats" have happened before. The United States has faced many "existential" threats, from the Revolutionary War, through the Civil War, the great depressions of 1873 and 1893 (known as "The Panic of 1873" and "The Panic of 1893"), World War I ("The war to end all wars") and World War II, the "Great Depression" of 1929, the Civil Rights and Jim Crow eras, the "Cold War, and , arguably, The Bay of Pigs and the "great Recession of 2008".

Or, let's examine the last great existential threat. Over population.

In 1968 Stanford scientist (entomologist) and environmentalist Paul Ehrlich told us the world was going to end in fifteen years.

In his book, "The Population Bomb", the first sentence said it all: The battle to feed all of humanity is over". The book then predicted "hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death". He promised in a 1969 magazine article that "no matter what people do, nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate. Most of the people who are going to die have already been born." "Sometime in the next 15 years", he continued, "the end will come and by the end, I mean the utter breakdown of the capacity of the planet to support humanity".

Mr. Ehrlich is now eighty-seven and still teaching at Stanford. But his book and later statements had a drastic effect throughout the world. India, according to the Smithsonian Institute, adopted policies that required sterilization for men and women to obtain water, electricity, ration cards, medical care and pay increases; More than 8 million people were sterilized in 1975 alone. China adopted a one child policy, leading to more than 100 million forced abortions and a social crisis today.

But what has happened? As the population doubled, food production outraced its growth. In 1968 one in four people in the world was hungry, according to the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization; today the proportion is one in ten. Food production in 1968, according to the U.N. equaled 2000 calories per day per person; today, with more than double the population, food production is more than 2,700 calories per day per person.

People are surviving today because innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and capitalism intervened in a variety of the world's problems. Erlich did not foresee new agricultural techniques such as improved seeds, high yielding crop varieties, high-intensity fertilizers, improved pesticides, drip irrigation and other advances brought on by technology. Nor did he foresee the changes in trade patterns throughout the world.

Where Socialist/Progressives see problems and dire consequences, capitalists see opportunity, solutions and the growth of wealth. Where Progressives in the past saw the need for Utopian communities and societies to isolate themselves from existential disasters, today they see government dictatorial actions such as price controls, rent controls, entitlements, arbitrary reallocation of assets and forced work (using government solutions forty five million people died of starvation and brutal government force under Mao, twenty million under Stalin) fixing the problems; capitalists see the rewards of freedom, hard work, entrepreneurship, and innovation solving the problems at hand.

We, the Yavapai County Republican Party, agree that our climate is always in a state of flux and mankind may have a minor role in today's change, but we do not see a Climate Change problem as much as we see both an ignorance of history and a lack of vision and realistic optimism, especially in our younger citizens. The end of the world by overpopulation was predicted by a Stanford scientist and environmentalist; the "Green New Deal" to save the planet from climate change has been proposed by a bartender/freshman Congresswoman and her boyfriend. Maybe there is room for skepticism.

Progressives since the first utopian communities in the U.S. in the 1820s through Woodrow Wilson to Barak Obama have "seen" existential disasters that bought on such solutions as Eugenics (the aim to improve the human population by aborting inferior races; Margaret Sanger, for example, was the leader of the Eugenics movement in the U.S. and the primary founder of Planned Parenthood) and the temperance movement.

We know existential disasters and Climate Change is not an existential threat or disaster. We know the history of Climate Change and know we do not live in the Ice Age or "The Medieval Warm Period" (aka Medieval Optimum or Medieval Climateic Anomaly) where the earth warmed in the Middle ages (950 ad to 1250 ad) creating longer crop growing cycles, abundance, and prosperity throughout much of the world. Or during the following "Little Ice Age" (1500 ad to 1700 ad) where the earth temperatures were the coldest since the Ice Age. No, the climate of the earth is constantly changing and, once again, we are confident that vision, optimism, innovation, technology, and hard work will prevail.

We the Yavapai County Republican Party believe Climate Change is the greatest excuse government has ever had to over-tax, overregulate and control the U.S. population. Combined with the left's position on abortion, open borders, sanctuary cities, the second amendment, judicial activism, the administrative state, anti-Semitism and hatred of Israel, socialism, universal healthcare/Medicare-for-all, entitlements for illegal immigrants, equal outcomes verses equal opportunity, radical environmentalism, identity politics, gender identity ideology, intersectionality, cultural appropriation, toxic masculinity, diversity for the sake of diversity, white privilege, multiculturalism, and reparations we believe we do face an existential threat greater than climate change to our way of life.

So here, we propose, a solution to the problem of Climate Change: Vote for American Exceptionalism; Vote for Donald Trump and the full Republican ticket. Focus on freedom, equal opportunity for all, quality jobs, a robust economy for all, scientific and social progress and innovation, a better world that fixes the ills of the world described by Democrats.

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