



## *Invasion of the Property Snatchers* ©

*New ITSSD Article Outlines How U.S. Politicians Abducted By 'Aliens' Are Silently Replacing Your Private Property With Public Goods As You Sleep*

**Princeton NJ** – October 31, 2006 - Although American citizens cannot readily see it as they go about their daily lives, they oddly sense that their exclusive tangible and intangible private property, and by extension, their guaranteed constitutional rights, are slowly being eroded, controlled, diminished in value, restricted in use and converted into public property. This is being done *without* their consent *and without* payment of 'just' compensation. And, it is being justified by the need to exercise broad governmental 'police power' in order to protect the 'Common good' from alleged individual excesses that potentially give rise to ill-defined and largely hypothetical future environmental and health hazards.

Tragically, Americans who are suspicious of such opaque initiatives, which are actually being imported into to the U.S. under our very noses, from foreign countries known for their socialist solutions to deemed 'market failures', populist wealth re-distribution policies, significantly higher regulatory burdens, ideological aversion to scientific and economic protocols and the deployment of novel technologies, and slower economic growth rates, are being readily disparaged and intellectually dismissed. They are being told by progressive American politicians and the liberal think-tank and media elite that they are paranoid and delusional - i.e., haunted by ghouls, phantoms and inner demons - and that they should just relax and leave public policymaking to the government 'pros' or 'experts'.

These so-called pros are indeed a sordid lot – a witch's brew of personalities. They include the inventor of the internet and the climate science truth and fortune-teller extraordinaire, the former vice-President, who was just yesterday hired to advise the British Government about climate change; the fashionably 'clean and green' fraternal 'twin' governors from California and New York; a New York-led group of cape crusading, anti- (environmental and economic) 'blight', environmental justice'-seeking States Attorney General; the environmentally and ethically 'enlightened', 'in-touch-with-their-inner-selves' representatives from California's mystical 8<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> congressional districts; and an idyllic band of otherwise ignored publicity-seeking ephemeral harpers (U.S. mayors) hailing from the cloud city of Seattle.

What these experts have only begun to speak of, since they recently emerged from the shroud of political secrecy, is that they and many other U.S. politicians have long been part of a silent *international* United Nations-centralized governmental movement that has been quietly gestating and importing into the vast American heartland top-down, globally-focused environmental and health regulatory governance rules ('pods') intended to replace America's unique legal and economic identity.

Unfortunately, should Americans fully let their guard down and fall comfortably 'asleep' amid these nontransparent changes, they (or rather, their likenesses) will awaken to a 'safe and happy place' – a pleasant, fair, equitable, risk-averse, economically and technologically sterile and politically-correct government subsidized communal America. This will be a utopian America that has been 'stripped' of its mojo – i.e., cleansed of its hard-fought historical memory,



scientific and technological know-how, economic **C**ompetitiveness and fundamental constitutional strengths. Consequently, we will live in an America that suppresses individual-based achievements, discoveries, creativity and inventions, in favor of issuing **C**ompulsory licenses on privately owned patents and trade secrets and endorsing open source copyrights, all for the public good; an America that severely curtails free enterprise, and narrows the scope of exclusive private property rights as it overburdens them with costly non-science-based public obligations. In other words, we will live in an America that has forgotten about the inalienable rights and opportunities anticipated and protected by the unique U.S. Constitution bequeathed to us by our founding fathers, which was once deemed indispensable to securing America's economic and political freedom and which continues to set us apart from all other nations.

The lukewarm reaction of regulation-prone politicians to last year's precedent-distorting prominent domain holding in the Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision is quite telling, considering the widespread and growing American public outrage that has followed. In fact, it is just the tip of the proverbial melting iceberg. A number of politicians leery of encroaching foreign law influences in a quickly **C**onverging world have supported U.S. state constitutional and legislative limitations on government in an effort to prevent the emergence of a new genre of indirect governmental 'takings' of private property for an ostensible 'public use' which also benefit new private owners. These are takings specially designed to dispense with the need to pay 'just compensation', and thus, to **C**ircumvent the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights. The citizen-based initiatives they support include California's Proposition 90, Oregon's Measure 37, and other similar proposals that will soon be placed on the ballots for voters to consider in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Washington. However, the political elites, who are enamored of evolving foreign and international law, are opposed to such initiatives. And, they have enlisted Hollywood celebrities, such as hermit-warrior Jeremiah Johnson, to publicly advocate for more onerous and costly regulations *that aim to* further restrict exclusive U.S. private property rights!

In a speech recently delivered at the Tenth Annual National Conference on Property Rights of the Property Rights Foundation of America, international trade and regulatory law expert Lawrence Kogan of the ITSSD describes the sources of these influences and discusses how misguided American internationalist politicians are actually helping foreign governments and environmental and health extremists to weaken the U.S. Constitution and the exclusive private property rights guaranteed by the U.S. Bill of Rights. According to Mr. Kogan, "Perhaps the simplest way to appreciate the enormity of the problem before us is to conceive of the private property 'takings' theories now being promoted in the U.S. and abroad, using the letter 'C'."

The speech is entitled *U.S. Private Property Rights Under International Assault*, and it is accessible online at: (<http://www.itssd.org/pdf/LAK-PrivatePropertyRightsUnderInternationalAssault.pdf>).

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