

**SIRC  
Board of Directors**

Tom Baldacci  
Gary Bocard  
Mark Forssell  
Devon Hope  
Jack Kaster  
Jerry Loupee  
Carolyn Luck  
Dick Miller  
(Chairman)  
Tom Osborn  
Marolyn Overton  
Russ Peterson  
Jeanne Seaver  
Tom Sharp  
(Treasurer)  
Ray Suelflow  
(Secretary)  
Mike Walters

**SIRC Newsletter  
Editor:**

Mike Walters

**Contributing  
Editor:**

Dick Miller

**Website  
Manager:**

Angie Stewart

LOCAL NEWS

January 2011

**Presidents' Day Annual Banquet - Monday Night, February 21, 2011**

Our featured speaker Kimberley Strassel will furnish an insightful analysis of the Washington political scene. She is also enthusiastic about responding to an expanded Q & A session to allow attendees to focus on a wide range of topics surrounding the next two crucial years of politics in the U.S. Kim Strassel is on the distinguished Wall Street Journal Editorial Board and has a weekly column Potomac Watch, as well as frequent op ed articles in the Wall Street Journal.

This Plantation Club banquet will begin with a member bar at 6:00pm followed by a 7:00pm gourmet dinner including wine. Dress is semi-formal (jacket & tie). You may reserve a table of ten or single seats. Ticket prices are:

- Presidential Tables are \$1500 (limit of three tables). This includes a private pre-dinner cocktail reception with Kim Strassel.
- Regular Tables are \$1000 or \$100 per person. Individual registrants will be assigned to a table if you do not have a host already.

Make checks out to SIRC and mail/tube to Tom Sharp, 6 Sedgewater Retreat, Savannah, GA 31411. For reservations or questions, call Gary Bocard (598-1038) or email him at [g.bocard45@comcast.net](mailto:g.bocard45@comcast.net).

**Membership News Alert**

Statements for 2011 dues have been mailed. Our membership options are:

- Regular family memberships: \$40 per calendar year.
- Sustaining memberships: \$100 per year. In recognition of their added contribution to the work of the club, Sustaining members have their names listed in each issue of the SIRC Newsletter. They also receive personalized Republican logo badges to wear at SIRC functions. (35% of our members choose this option.)
- New Life memberships are no longer available.
- Current Life members may elect to up-grade to Life Sustaining with a \$60 annual fee. Nearly half of all current Life members choose this option.

So decide which category is best for you:

- Mail a check (payable to SIRC) to SIRC, PO Box 15165, Savannah, GA 31416, or
- Tube the check to Jack Kaster, 2 Foxglove Lane (in Oakridge), or
- Pay on line at our website: [skidawayrepublicanclub.com](http://skidawayrepublicanclub.com).

**SIRC Website**

At [skidawayrepublicanclub.com](http://skidawayrepublicanclub.com), our new website was launched in 2010. Members can check the website regularly for upcoming local GOP events and news about SIRC's upcoming Presidents' Day event February 21, 2011.

Also members can offer political editorials/views/news or articles for web posting.

**Key Future Dates**

February 21 - Presidents' Day Banquet, 6:00pm, Plantation Club

*In this issue...*

Pg 2 - Foreign Policy and Defense

Pg 3 - ObamaCare Must Go

Pg 4 - Greece Today. California Tomorrow

Pg 6 - Liberals Lost in 2010

Pg 7 - Global Warming Hoax

## **Weakening Defense Hurts Foreign Policy**

Our military has been engaged in combat for nearly a decade. Unpredictable threats from rogue nations like Iran and North Korea seem to be intensifying. China's prominence on the world stage is swelling. What is our evolving role in the world? What are our interests and how should we pursue them?

Our government attempts many jobs which do not belong in their purview. However, our defense is one job that belongs uniquely to our national government. It is government's most important function. Our very lives depend on proficiency in accomplishing it.

## **There Are Real Enemies**

History has reflected continuously the battle between good and evil. And, in general terms, even most liberals will agree that we Americans are the "good guys" in today's contests. Those who do not agree with that perhaps should seek residence elsewhere.

The "bad guys" seek to take advantage by nefarious means, for example, our friends in North Korea with their continual threats and treaty violations. The philosophy that there cannot be peace except through victory is real. Recall here the statement by one of our past great Presidents, Ronald Reagan: "trust but verify."

And that statement should be the basis for our military strategy and indeed our foreign policy. We need to have the strength to command our enemies to follow our will, and the cleverness to ensure via treaty that they do so. A rational government would assess their anticipated revenues, set aside that portion needed for a sufficient defense, then apportion the rest to other needs.

It often seems that we do just the opposite. In times of need, defense is the first expenditure cut. We have paid dearly for this tendency with the lives of our troops, inadequately prepared or ill-equipped.

We have fought wars in three formats for the last nine years. We proved ourselves very adept at guerilla conflict early in the Afghanistan conflict. We proved ourselves very adept at "high intensity conflict" warfare during the march to Baghdad early in the Iraq war. We have expended our limited resources on nation building for the past several years.

Hopefully we have not lost our proficiency at normal warfare in the interim. It seems we may have to prove that skill again in Korea.

## **Importance of Allies**

We have many allies throughout the world. They are our allies because there is mutual advantage in the alliance. We owe them a share in their security. They owe us the same. Unfortunately, lately it seems that our alliances work only one way. This is a huge problem since

it often is in our interest to protect an ally. There must be some provision in our agreements to enforce our allies helping us in a time of need.

## **Key Question: Is It in Our National Interest?**

Having said all that, we are not and cannot be the world's policemen. We must approach international relations from a very strict national interest basis. For example, there is ongoing conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan. Some call it genocide, and it is a humanitarian disaster.

However, our national interest is not impacted, so we have wisely elected no involvement except on a diplomatic basis. If there is indeed any place in our world for the United Nations, this could be one of them. On the other hand, terrorists enjoyed a secure home under the Taliban in Afghanistan and planned the horrific attack on September 11. We rightly ousted the Taliban government and eliminated the terrorist camps, and incidentally renewed the inherent rights of women in a normal society.

## **What About the Major Powers?**

China is becoming a huge problem. They are aggressively modernizing their forces. We must keep our forces in the lead technically. Their ability to wage war by waves of humanity is fearsome. The adage "never get into a land war in Asia" is appropriate. Our goal should be to eliminate humans from the leading edge of our war fighting capability.

The Russians too, under the leadership of Vladimir Putin, former KGB czar, are in a period of resurgence. They are causing us trouble around the world, so far mainly from a diplomatic sense.

## **Missile Defense a Priority**

One area that our current administration has effectively ignored is a shield to protect our citizens from a rogue missile attack, either conventional or nuclear. We have the technology, specifically in our Aegis system, but seem to lack the will to implement it. Now that conservatives have the majority in the House of Representatives once again, we should hold the administration's collective feet to the fire until they satisfy this need.

The latest version of the START treaty now being forced to Congress is worse than useless. It pretends a level of security, but does not cover "want-to-be-nuclear" nations, nor does it provide adequate verification. Remember, "trust but verify." And have a missile defense system ready to protect.

In short, those who would cut military readiness first, ahead of non-crucial services, have their priorities all wrong. Without a secure America, broader civil rights and plentiful amenities don't mean much.



## **Congress's Monstrous Legal Legacy**

Put together like Frankenstein, ObamaCare risks coming apart at the seams.

By Kimberley A. Strassel, 12/24/10, wsj.com

The historians will long be fighting over the legislative legacy of the 111th Congress. As to its legal legacy, the only real question is whether this just-finished Democratic Congress was the most unserious in decades, or the most unserious in history.

That much is clear from the recent ObamaCare court proceedings. Federal Judge Henry Hudson, responding to a lawsuit by the state of Virginia, last week struck down the core of the law, the individual mandate. His decision came the same week that a coalition of 20 states presented oral arguments against the health law in front of Florida federal Judge Roger Vinson. In October, Judge Vinson ruled against the Obama Justice Department's motion to dismiss the states' lawsuit.

The law professors and think-tankers and media folk who initially ridiculed these lawsuits have now had to dream up sinister reasons for why they are succeeding. Judges Hudson and Vinson, we are told, were both appointed by Republicans and obviously can't be trusted to fairly interpret the law. Some commentators have gone further, suggesting that we are witnessing a cabal of right-wing activists, lawyers and judges conspiring to kill not just ObamaCare, but the entire New Deal. If only.

What the observers seem not to have done is read the briefs, arguments or rulings. Had they done so, they'd see a far simpler explanation for what's going on: Congress earlier this year punched through audacious yet unvetted health legislation, a slapdash political product that is now proving to be an historic embarrassment in its legal shoddiness. The Justice Department is in fact having to play games to defend it, which has only further provoked the courts.

And really, is that such a surprise? The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is one of the bigger, more complex pieces of legislation in U.S. history. Yet Democrats never gave it the respect it deserved.

Look at any other consequential piece of legislation, and the record is brimming with sober congressional investigations into its legal merits and ramifications. ObamaCare? It was a largely unread, 2,700-page fiend—crafted in secret, fed on deal-making, birthed on late-night votes. The Senate and House judiciary committees didn't hold hearings. The record is bereft of letters from congressional chairmen requesting Justice Department legal analyses of the bill. Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus actually ruled out of order an amendment that would have required expedited judicial review of the individual mandate. Asked about the bill's constitutionality, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's only retort was: "Are you serious?"

The result is a bill that is "in its design, the most profoundly unconstitutional statute in American history; in its execution, one of the most incompetent ones," says

David Rivkin, the lawyer who represents the 20 state plaintiffs in the Florida suit. The best example is the individual mandate, the requirement that all Americans buy insurance or pay a penalty.

Democrats' first drafts of ObamaCare all decisively called this penalty a "tax." Legally, that made sense; few dispute Congress's authority to tax. But as the unpopularity of the bill grew, fewer Democrats wanted to vote for a "tax," and President Obama didn't want to own one.

So Democrats went to plan B. That was to make up an entirely new legal theory—to wit, that the federal government is allowed, under the Commerce Clause, to penalize Americans who do not take part in a specific economic activity (buying insurance).

Put another way, in order to avoid the political inconvenience of a "tax," Democrats based the very core of their bill on a new and untested legal premise—one that is a far bigger affront to the Constitution than New Deal legislation. That's why Judge Hudson struck it down. And since Congress adopted this theory sloppily, in response to political pressure, it has left a record that is killing the Justice Department in court.

Knowing how audacious the commerce-clause theory is, Justice has been trying to argue that the penalty is, in fact . . . a tax. This has only annoyed Judge Vinson, who is well aware of the history, and in fact rapped the Justice Department for the bait-and-switch.

"Congress should not be permitted to secure and cast politically difficult votes on controversial legislation by deliberately calling something one thing," Judge Vinson wrote in October, "after which the defenders of that legislation take an 'Alice-in-Wonderland' tack and argue in court that Congress really meant something else entirely." Ouch.

And yet the Justice Department has continued to put forward wild theories in court—about the Commerce Clause, about the Necessary and Proper Clause—that have no basis in the statutory language of ObamaCare. And it is now playing games with the appeal of Judge Hudson's ruling, arguing against having it go straight to the Supreme Court, where the nation could get some quick clarity. The administration believes its best shot is to drag out the litigation, and hope that time pressures the courts to leave the law alone.

But what else can the Justice Department do? It's stuck defending a steaming pile of a statute. This is the 111th Congress's legacy, one that will last long after its 535 members finish their term.



Kimberley Strassel is a member of the Wall Street Journal editorial board and writes Potomac Watch every Friday. She joined the Wall Street Journal in 1994 and has worked as a reporter in Europe. She will be the featured speaker at the SIRC Presidents' Day Banquet on February 21, 2011.

## Raging Against “Them”

by Victor Davis Hanson, January 2, 2011, RCP.com

### It's All Greek to Us

In very un-Icelandic fashion, last week protestors in Athens tried to blow up a downtown courthouse. Over a year after the Hellenic meltdown, the Greek newspapers still reflect the popular fury—protests, strikes, senseless violence—at the mandatory cutbacks, the public sector layoffs, and the high-interest needed to attract investors to shaky Greek bonds. And yet amid the furor, 60% of the public still polls in favor of the European Union. How are we to diagnose the drowning non-swimmer who eagerly grasps—and yet hates—the life preserver?

A bit of story-telling: When I lived in Greece in the 1970s, it was a relatively poor country. The road system was deplorable; the airport at Athens was little more than an insulated warehouse. I usually stayed in hotels with bathrooms down the hall. A bus trip of about 200 miles translated into about a six hour marathon. The buses were often of eastern European make and spewed black smoke into the Athenian air whose toxic bite could devour marble. Rail travel was nightmarish (biking was quicker). There was no bridge across the Gulf of Corinth. The Athens “subway” was little more than a 19th century electric carriage.

Greeks' second homes were one bedroom village affairs. It was rare to see a Mercedes in Athens. I knew one Greek who had a swimming pool. Getting off an island ferry boat usually meant meeting a swarm of older ladies trying to hawk you their extra bedroom for rent.

You get the picture: 1970s Greece reflected a small southern Balkan population wedded to a siesta lifestyle, on a rocky peninsula in which there was little wealth other than tourism, a poorly developed agriculture, some shipping, and remittances from Greek expatriates in the United States and Germany.

Fast forward to the post-Olympics Greece: five star hotels, 20,000 plus private swimming pools (most of them unreported for tax purposes), half the work force ensconced in cushy government or government-related jobs, Attica dotted with Riviera-like second homes, BMWs more common than Mercedeses, billions of euros worth of new highways, and a new airport and subway system.

In other words, somehow a country without a manufacturing base and with poor productivity, a small population, an inefficient statist economy, and bloated public sector suddenly went from near third world status to a standard of living not that much different from a Munich or Amsterdam. How? Did Greek socialism produce all that wealth?

Well, we know the answer: northern European cash—borrowed, given, or swindled. The radical new affluence in part was justified by the fact that Germans and Scandinavians wanted good infrastructure and facilities when they went on their annual summer Greek vacations—along with pan-EU pipe dreams and fraudulent Greek book keeping that disguised massive debt.

Now? Oz is over with and the Greeks are furious at “them.” Furious in the sense that everyone must be blamed except themselves. So they protest and demonstrate that they do not wish to stop borrowing money to sustain a lifestyle that they have not earned—but do not wish to cut ties either with their EU beneficiaries and go it alone as in the 1970s. So they rage against reality.

### California Got What It Wanted

The same is true of California. Our elites liked the idea of stopping new gas and oil extraction, shutting down the nuclear power industry, freezing state east-west freeways, strangling the mining and timber industries, cutting off water to agriculture in the Central Valley, diverting revenues from fixing roads and bridges to redistributive entitlements, and praising the new multicultural state that would welcome in half the nation's 11-15 million illegal aliens. Better yet, the red-state-minded “they” (the nasty upper one-percent who stole from the rest of us due to their grasping but superfluous businesses) began to leave at the rate of 3,000 a week, ensuring the state a Senator Barbara Boxer into her nineties.

Yes, we are proud that we have changed the attitude, lifestyle, and demography of the state, made it “green,” and have the highest paid public employees and the most generous welfare system—and do not have to soil our hands with nasty things like farming, oil production, or nuclear power. And now we are broke. Our infrastructure is crumbling and an embarrassment. My environs is known as “Zimbabwe” or “Appalachia” for its new third-world look that followed from about the highest unemployment and lowest per capita income in the nation. Again, thanks to the deep South, our schools are not quite last in reading and math. So of course, like the Greeks, we are mad at somebody other than ourselves. Californians are desperate for a “them” fix. But who is them? “Them” either left, is leaving, or has been shut down.

Consumers are furious at spiking gas and food prices, and the collapse of state revenues. The illegal alien cadre is furious that there are cutbacks in their entitlements. The Latino community says that it cannot support anyone who wants to close the border and opposes amnesty. The public employees are furious in Greek-like fashion at the thought of cuts to pensions and lay-offs.

continued on page 5

## PERSPECTIVE on the Economy (continued from page 4)

The professors and UC administrators are either suing the state or turning on each other. Where are a few hundred Bill Gates and Warren Buffetts who would gladly pay more in taxes for the rest of us from their ill-gotten gains?

### The Statist Religion

What strikes me is not that leftism does not work, but that when it is indulged and doesn't work, its beneficiaries scream at the unfairness of it all—in the fashion that a theorist who claimed  $2 + 2 = 5$  blames the construct of mathematics because his equation is not true. Why don't Germans just give Greeks the hundreds of billions of euros that they "owe" them?

The green lobby got all it wanted—subsidies, insider dealers, fame, money, influence. And then came Climategate, the multimillionaire Al Gore's personal and professional meltdown, the coldest, iciest, and snowiest winters in memory, all the false warnings about record hurricanes and tsunamis becoming the new norm, the Orwellian metamorphosing nomenclature (global warming begat climate change that is now begetting "climate chaos").

Gorism is becoming a permanent fixture of late night comedians. When the New York Times keeps publishing op-eds about how record cold proves record global warming, the world wonders: what would record heat prove?

But whom to blame? The bad earth that is not boiling this winter? Right-wing zealots who cannot comprehend that very cold proves very hot. Red-state yahoos that don't understand the brilliance of cap and trade? Broke governments that did not subsidize enough green power, green farming, and green energy?

### The New Liberal Age

By January 2009, I was reading brilliant new books promising an end to conservatism, a new 50-year-old liberal ascendancy, the final triumph of John Maynard Keynes, and of course the apotheosis of the omnipresent "god" Barack Obama. By May 2009 we were lectured that the nascent tea party was an Astroturf fake movement, then a racist dangerous movement with Nazi undertones, and then a splinter nihilist know-nothing movement without political consequences.

By November 2010, all the above vanished in a blink. Furor followed from the Left that Obama was not a Great Stone Face savior, that the tea party was all too real, that the conservatives were back, and that liberalism had suffered its worst electoral defeat since 1938. How can all this be? Whom to blame?

### Inconvenient Truths

Yet why not carry on with the progressive agenda? Would not the Greeks be happier if the Germans said,

"Sorry, we won't loan you anything at any interest rate, so please by all means riot all you wish"?

Would Californians be happier if we let in, say, 10 million more illegal aliens, and shut down east-side San Joaquin Valley water deliveries as well to save far more fishlets than just the smelt? Are not we still discriminating against transsexual and transgendered in the military? Why is there not diversity/affirmative action redress for underrepresented gay officers? Why are not these legitimate questions?

Cannot liberals press on with their dream and insist on amnesty, go for single-payer health care, lobby for a 50% income tax rate on higher incomes? If spring is delayed by frost and snow this year into June or July, would that even more so prove the case for global warming? Will Al Gore make another film, *A Really Really Inconvenient Truth*?

In short, there is no "them" who wrecked Greece, ruined California, subverted the climate change movement, sidetracked a half century of liberalism to come, or discredited mega-deficit spending.

"Them" you see is simply a shorthand for "I got what I wanted, and I am mad at someone or something for not allowing the world to become what I think it should have been."



Victor Davis Hanson is a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution. An expert on the history of war, he is a regular contributor to National Review Online. He has written a number of books, including the New York Times bestseller *Carnage and Culture: Landmark Battles in the Rise of Western Power*. His most recent book is *A War Like No Other: How the Athenians and Spartans Fought the Peloponnesian War*. He was awarded a National Humanities Medal by President Bush in 2007.

# Perspective On Last Democratic Congress

## The Liberal Reckoning of 2010

Review And Outlook, January 3, 2011, WSJ.com

The year voters saw the left's unvarnished agenda and said no.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid sent out a press release last week headlined "111th Congress Accomplishments." It quoted a couple of Democratic Party cheerleaders calling this the greatest Congress since 1965-66 (Norm Ornstein) or even the New Deal (David Leonhardt), and listed in capital letters no fewer than 30 legislative triumphs: Health Care Reform, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a Jobs Package (HIRE Act), the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, Food Safety, the Travel Promotion Act, Student Loan Reform, Hate Crimes Prevention, and so much more.

What the release did not mention is the loss of 63 House and six Senate seats, and a mid-December Gallup poll approval rating of 13%. Never has a Congress done so much and been so despised for it.

While this may appear to be a contradiction, it is no accident or even much of a surprise. The liberal wing of the Democratic Party had been waiting since the 1960s for its next great political opening, as we warned in an October 17, 2008 editorial, "A Liberal Supermajority." Critics and some of our readers scored us at the time for exaggerating, but in retrospect we understated the willful nature of that majority.

Democrats achieved 60 Senate votes by an historical accident of prosecutorial abuse (Ted Stevens), a stolen election (Al Franken) and a betrayal (Arlen Specter). They then attempted to do nearly everything we expected, regardless of public opinion, and they only stopped because the clock ran out.

The real story of 2010 is that the voters were finally able to see and judge this liberal agenda in its unvarnished form. For once, there was no Republican President to muddle the message or divide the accountability. The public was able to compare the promise of 8% unemployment if the government spent \$812 billion on "stimulus" with the 9.8% jobless result. They stood athwart liberal history in the making and said, "Stop."

Note well, however, that the Democrats still standing on Capitol Hill remain unchastened. In her exit interviews, Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said she would do it all the same way again, and her colleagues have seconded her lack of remorse by keeping her as their leader despite their November thumping. Her consolation to defeated Democrats was not to invite them to the House caucus meeting when she denounced President Obama's tax deal with Republicans.

Note, too, that the organized left and its media allies are also beginning to rewrite the story of the 111th Congress as an historical triumph. The same people who claimed that ObamaCare was a defeat because it lacked a public option are suddenly noting it will put 32 million more Americans on the government health-care

dole. It won't be long before liberals and the press are defending the 111th Congress's every achievement as historic.

There is a lesson here both about modern liberalism and for Republicans who will soon have more power in Congress. For today's left, the main goal of politics is not to respond to public opinion. The goal is to impose the dream of an egalitarian entitlement state whether the public likes it or not. Sooner or later, they figure, the anger will subside and Americans will come to like the cozy confines of the cradle-to-grave welfare state.

This is the great Democratic bet with ObamaCare. The assumption is that once the benefits start to flow in 2013 the constituency for "free" health care will grow. As spending and deficits climb, the pressure for higher taxes will become inexorable and the GOP will splinter into its balanced budget and anti-tax wings. A value-added tax or some other money-machine will pass and guarantee that the government will control 40% to 50% of all economic resources.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said she would do it all the same way again.

If the price of this bet was losing control of the House for a moment in time in 2010, Mrs. Pelosi's view is so be it. You have to break a few Blue Dog careers to build a European welfare state. Liberals figure that as long as President Obama can be re-elected in 2012, their gamble will pay off and the legacy of the 111th Congress will be secure. The cheerleaders will write books about it.

The lesson for Republicans is to understand the nature of their political opponents and this long-term bet. The GOP can achieve all kinds of victories in the next two years, and some of them will be important for economic growth. But the main chance is ObamaCare, which will fundamentally change the balance of power between government and individuals if it is not repealed or replaced.

While repeal will no doubt founder in the Senate in the next two years, Republicans can still use their House platform to frame the debate for 2012. They can hold hearings to educate the public about rising insurance costs and other nasty ObamaCare consequences. And they can use the power of the purse to undermine its implementation.

\*\*\*

The difference between the work of the 111th Congress and that of either the Great Society or New Deal is that the latter were bipartisan and in the main popular. This Congress's handiwork is profoundly unpopular and should become more so as its effects become manifest. In 2010, Americans saw liberalism in the raw and rejected it. The challenge for Republicans is to repair the damage before it becomes permanent.

### ***Climate of Corruption: Politics and Power Behind the Global Warming Hoax***

Listed below is the publisher's summary of the content of the above new book by Larry Bell on Global Warming.

Melting glaciers, suffering polar bears, rising oceans—these are just a few of the climate change crisis myths debunked by noted aerospace expert Larry Bell in this explosive new book. With meticulous research, Bell deflates these and other climate misconceptions with perceptive analysis, humor, and the most recent scientific data.

Written for the layman, yet in-depth enough for the specialist, this book digs deep into the natural and political aspects of the climate change debate, answering fundamental questions that reveal the all-too-human origins of "scientific" inquiry. Why and how are some of the world's most prestigious scientific institutions cashing in on the debate? Who stands to benefit most by promoting public climate change alarmism? What true political and financial purposes are served by the vilification of carbon dioxide? How do climate deceptions promote grossly exaggerated claims for non-fossil alternative energy capacities and advance blatant global wealth redistribution goals?

With its devastating portrayal of scientific and government establishments run amok, this book is an invaluable addition to the tremendously popular literature attacking the scientific status quo. *Climate of Corruption* will bring welcome relief to all those who are fed up with climate crisis insanity.

#### **In Bell's own words about his book:**

I've encountered some folks who appear offended by the title of my new book *Climate of Corruption: Politics and Power Behind the Global Warming Hoax*. Why do you call it a "hoax"? they ask. Why not refer to the matter as a debate? The reason is quite simple: A debate describes a discussion in which participants competitively argue opposing points of view that are assumed to be based upon honest positions.

A hoax is a deceptive act intended to hoodwink people through deliberate misinformation, including factual omissions. My book is about the latter.

The central lie is that we are experiencing a known human-caused climate crisis, a claim based on speculative theories, contrived data and totally unproven modeling predictions. And the evidence? Much is revealed by politically corrupted processes and agenda-driven report conclusions rendered by the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which are trumpeted in the media as authoritative gospel.

#### **The following is from the Foreword to Larry Bell's book written by S. Fred Singer:**

What a timely book! Larry Bell's insightful overview of global warming hysteria will open the eyes of many who still believe in the science as propagated by the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and in the promises of politicians to save them from climate disasters. After two decades of corrupt sci-

ence, we are finally able to learn the truth about the politics behind the conspiracy among a small group of influential scientists to manufacture a global warming scare from data that showed none.

Many would place the beginning of the global warming hoax on the Senate testimony delivered by James Hansen of NASA during the summer of 1988. More than anything else, this exhibition of hyped alarm triggered my active skepticism about the man-made warming scare. This skepticism was further amplified when I acted as a reviewer of the first three IPCC reports, in 1990, 1996, and 2001. Increasingly, claims were made for which there was no evidence; in some cases the "evidence" was clearly manufactured. For example, the 1996 report used selective data and doctored graphs. It also featured changes in the text that were made after the scientists had approved it and before it was printed. It caused Dr. Frederick Seitz, a world famous physicist and former president of the US National Academy of Sciences, the American Physical Society, and the Rockefeller University, to write in the *Wall Street Journal*: "I have never witnessed a more disturbing corruption of the peer review process than events that led to this IPCC report."

All throughout, politicians loudly proclaimed that "the science is settled" and proceeded to construct regulatory schemes to limit the emission of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and—in the process—to control energy. The capstone to all this fraudulent behavior must surely be the "cap-and-trade" legislation passed by the US House of Representatives in 2009. It has nothing to do with climate; instead, it is a giant tax scheme that redistributes income from citizens who use energy, whether electricity heat or motor fuel, to the favored few. It has been estimated that this legislation has provided a livelihood to some two thousand or more lobbyists and has placed a corresponding burden on the rest of the population.

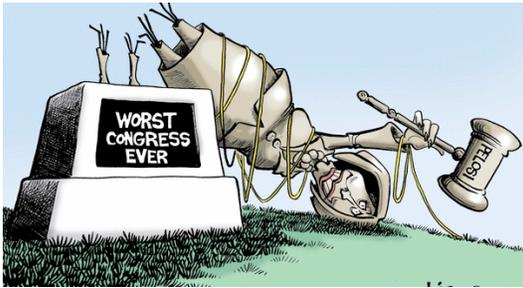
By now, the international climate business has degenerated into a scheme to transfer resources from developed to developing nations. Or as cynics put it, "from the poor in rich countries to the rich in poor countries."

The truth is that there is no evidence for any significant human impact on global climate, and that there is nothing in a practical sense we can do to affect global climate. And, as Larry Bell points out, a somewhat warmer climate with increased levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere would be beneficial overall to Earth's inhabitants, especially to those in developing nations who depend on agriculture for a living. *Climate of Corruption* brings a breath of fresh, cool air to the overheated climate debate.



Larry Bell has written extensively on climate and energy policy. Dr. Bell is a Professor of Architecture and holds an Endowed Professorship in Space Architecture at the University of Houston.

Fred Singer is former Director of the US National Weather Satellite Service, Professor Emeritus at the University of Virginia and co-author of the New York Times bestseller *Unstoppable Global Warming*.




---

**SIRC MEMBERSHIP - SUSTAINING MEMBERS (LIFETIME MEMBERS in BOLD)**

---

Aiken, Bob & Christine	Hanlon, Dan & Donna	Mueller, Ron & MaryJane	Setter, Tara
Aufderheide, John & Elizabeth	Hansen, Helm & Ann	Murphy, Matt & Terry	<b>Shantz, Tom &amp; Helen</b>
Baldacci, Tom & Judy	Hartson, Verne & Lynnetta	Myers, Dick & Rhea	<b>Sharp, Tom &amp; Mary</b>
Barrow, David & Elaine	Hope, Charles & Devon	Nangle, Jane	Shea, Brendan & Pat
Baumgardner, Gerry	Huber III, John & Mary	Neises, Jack	<b>Sherrill, Jack &amp; Ann</b>
Bocard, Gary & Sandy	Innes, John & Marianne	Nelson, Dick & Kris	Shipp, Bob & Sandi
Boggs, Patty & Phil	Jarman, Bob & Kathy	Nicholson, Chris & Kim	<b>Shomaker, Richard &amp; Jean</b>
<b>Cartledge, Gene &amp; Gale</b>	Johnston, Tom & Jettie	<b>Nickels, Robert &amp; Carol</b>	Simons, David & Rachel
Christian, Sue	<b>Kane, John &amp; Frances</b>	Noyes, Jim & Susan	Solomons, Phillip
Carini, Paul & Judy	<b>Karrh, Bruce &amp; Janice</b>	Oberdank, Larry & Arlene	Springthorpe, Bryan & Mary Ann
Cohen, Irvin	Kaster, Jack & Joan	O'Brien, Obie & Mari	Staimer, George & Carole
Cole, Barry & Rebecca	Klahr, C. Dean & Carroll	O'Connor, Tim & Margie	<b>Stephens, Jerry &amp; Helen</b>
Consodine, John, Jr & Tiffany	Koeller, Harriette	Osborn, Robert & Valerie	Stewart, Jeff & Angie
Cote', Dick & Marian	Kurtz, Joe & Bambi	Osborn, Tom & Kay	Stewart, Will & Judith
Coulter, Denny & Julie	<b>Larsen, Ken &amp; Nancy</b>	Otto, Martin & Doris	Strickland, Bill
Daggett, Allen & Judy	Lasker, Mark & Sybil	Overton, Scott & Marolyn	Stryker, Howard & Audrey
Davis, Jerry and Sandy	Lavish, Ed & Johanna	Parrott, Dave & Carol	<b>Stuhldreier, Eileen</b>
Dawson, Patricia	Laughinghouse, Gary & Sandy	<b>Paul, John &amp; Barbara</b>	Suellflow, Ray & Marcia
<b>Dobransky, Joe &amp; Mary</b>	<b>Lindholm, Cliff &amp; Karen</b>	Peer, George	Sweat, Kay
Dolson, Tom & Judie	<b>Loupee, Jerry &amp; Bonnie</b>	Persons, Will & Chris	<b>Sweers, Jack &amp; Judy</b>
Duffie, Ed & Onnie	<b>Luck, Carolyn</b>	Peterson, Russ & Louise	Trice, Bill & Sandy
Duncan, Max & Trilby	Lutton, James D.	Pierce, Joan	<b>Ulmer, Bill &amp; Patty</b>
<b>Duren, John &amp; Carol</b>	Marley, David & Sara	Platte, John & Louise	Vestal, Joseph
Eckels, Jim	McEachern, John & Lisa	Powell, Donald & Phyllis	Walker, W.R. & Judy
<b>Emery, Jim &amp; Melissa</b>	<b>McKenzie, Herb &amp; Joan</b>	Protz, Jane	Walters, Mike & MaryAnne
Faircloth, Bob & Jean	McCain, Bill & Susan	Reinhard, Robert	Weber, Robert & Bobbie
Forsell, Mark & Shirley	<b>McLaughlin, Sam &amp; Barbara</b>	Rhea, Bud & Dorothy	Wentworth, Will & Priss
Friday, Marc & Laura	Meeker, Jack & Jean	Robey, Lee & Betty	<b>Wettengel, Phillip &amp; Sue</b>
Guira, Alex & Anne	Meng, Bob & Beverly	Robinson, Mack & Lois	White, Don & Beverly
Gilliam, Joe & Laura	Methfessel, Herm & Joan	<b>Rosefield, Sara</b>	White, Tom & Hazel
Glass, Curt & Sandy	Meyer, Darby & Renee	Sapp, Greg & Theresa	Witsell, Edward & Ethel
Goldman, Jerry & Suzy	Miller, Dick & Ann	Schirmacher, Paul & Gerri	Wiebe, John & Linda
<b>Goldsmith, Bill &amp; Barbara</b>	<b>Moore, Mark &amp; Inge</b>	Schoenecker, John & Kathy	Wilson, Frederick
Haase, Tom & Kate	Moore, Robert & Joan	Scott, John & Yvonne	<b>Winnert, Ken &amp; Mary Lee</b>
Hamlet, Joe & Barbara		Seaver, Jeanne	<b>Wisnabaker, Gary &amp; Jeannie</b>