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Subject: Cooler Heads Coalition: Rupert Darwall on the World Bank's anti-energy policies

Pasted below is Rupert Darwall's op-ed on the World Bank's anti-energy policies, which is based on the presentation he made at Cooler Heads on 9th April. The World Bank's spring meeting is this week in DC.

Pasted below that are the items I sent last week on two NAS events tomorrow and Marlo's joint comment letter on the "Clean Power" Plan repeal. I forgot to mention the competing event that AEI is having tomorrow: <http://www.aei.org/events/what-did-they-know-and-when-did-they-know-it-the-municipal-climate-litigation-the-fossil-fuel-industry-and-the-municipal-bond-market/>.

Finally, here is an amusing article: <https://www.technologyreview.com/s/610719/how-the-science-of-persuasion-could-change-the-politics-of-climate-change/>.

(Reminder: The Cooler Heads Coalition will hold its May strategy meeting on Monday, 14th May, beginning at 12 noon at CEI, 1310 L Street, N. W., Seventh Floor. Please e-mail or ring me at Ex. 6 with questions or agenda items.)

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/the-world-banks-anti-energy-policy-betrays-its-core-development-mission>

The World Bank's anti-energy policy betrays its core development mission

by Rupert Darwall | April 16, 2018 12:00 AM

What is the best form of defense? There is a reason why the Climate Industrial Complex is targeting EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

It recognizes that the return to energy sanity is the Trump administration's greatest accomplishment. It ended the previous administration's war on coal. President Trump has freed the United States from the unilateral decarbonization ratchet of the Paris Agreement. Administrator Pruitt is rolling back the Clean Power Plan.

That explains the motive behind the coordinated attempt to force Pruitt out.

In responding to this attack, the administration would do well to take a leaf out of the environmental establishment's playbook. Just 500 yards from the White House, Obama-era energy policies reign supreme at the World Bank. Its president, Dr. Jim Yong Kim, is an Obama appointee. The bank uses American taxpayers' money to wage war on American coal and has become a willing tool of European Union climate policy, foisting its anti-hydrocarbon and pro-renewable agenda on the world's most vulnerable countries.

One year after Dr. Kim was appointed, the World Bank adopted a blanket ban on financing new coal-fired power stations. For many developing nations, coal is the cheapest and most reliable generating capacity. Last December, the bank announced it was extending the ban to the financing of oil and gas exploration, which will deny poor countries the ability to develop their natural resources. Europe has Dr. Kim and the World Bank in its pocket, with American taxpayers writing the checks.

The World Bank, conceived as the world's premier development bank, has turned itself into a progressive think tank with a \$406 billion balance sheet. In the name of saving the planet from global warming, the World Bank has adopted anti-development energy policies that betray its core mission. The problem of the poor is that they consume very little energy. As the World Bank recognized before its complete capitulation to green ideology, the incremental greenhouse gas emissions from extending energy access to the world's poor will not make a "material difference" to global greenhouse gas emissions.

Of world electricity production in 2014, only 19 percent was consumed in the Asia-Pacific region excluding China, and only 3 percent in Africa. The bulk of this was generated from coal and gas, with wind and solar making negligible contributions (less than 1 percent in Africa). Even so, annual consumption of coal in many of these countries is miniscule and can be measured in pounds of coal per person and, in the case of Bangladesh, ounces. Their problem is they consume too little coal, not too much, and wind and solar are never going to make up the shortfall.

According to the UN, it would cost only \$50 billion a year to provide the world with universal energy access. But it would cost ten times that with renewable energy and another \$500 billion for energy efficiency schemes. The staggering scaling up of investment flows for a world of renewables simply isn't going to happen. So that means that the World Bank's decision to back wind and solar capacity and ban investment in new coal is an abandonment of the goal of providing electricity to the 1.2 billion people who currently don't have it.

Even if the investment in renewables were forthcoming (and again, it isn't), it would still be bad for the world's poor. Already in the developed world, the countries and states with the biggest commitment to renewables – notably California, Germany, Denmark and South Australia - have some of the world's most expensive electricity, and none of them have solved the curse of intermittency inherent in weather-dependent generation.

Last year at Davos, a priceless confrontation between former Vice President Al Gore and Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina highlighted the contradiction between the dictates of

Western environmentalism and poor countries' development aspirations. Bangladesh had the fastest deployment of solar panels anywhere in the world – two per minute, night and day, Gore said, before noting with disgust that now Bangladesh wants to build a new coal fired power station to provide low cost, on-demand power that solar cannot.

Responding to Gore's attempt at green-shaming her, Sheikh Hasina pointed out that the plant will use the latest clean-burning coal technology. "We have to think about human beings," she said, putting Gore out of sorts. "We have to provide energy to our people. We have to develop our country."

Of all the World Bank's donor countries, America's interests are most aligned with those countries wanting to develop faster, whereas the World Bank's pro-renewable policies most benefit China, a country with less than one third the World Bank voting rights of the US. Of those solar panels crowding up the scene every two minutes in Bangladesh, you can be sure that not one produces any power after nightfall and that the vast majority were made in China. So in addition to waging war on American coal, the World Bank is using American taxpayers' money to finance energy infrastructure that retards development and makes poor people poorer.

That's why energy secretary Rick Perry is absolutely right when he talks of the United States leading a fossil fuel alliance of countries promoting energy realism. The interests of the world's poor, huddled, energy-starved masses and those of the United States, as the world's hydrocarbon superpower, are completely aligned in over-turning the World Bank's immoral energy policies.

This week, the World Bank spring meeting is being held in Washington, D.C. At the previous World Bank meeting six months ago, there was virtually no public support for overturning the coal financing ban. The result was the ban being extended to upstream oil and gas. This time, Republicans should take a leaf out of the Climate Industrial Complex playbook and force it to defend the World Bank's anti-development energy policies that subsidize Chinese jobs and hurt American jobs. Attack is the best form of defense.

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Subject: Cooler Heads Coalition invitations to two events and to sign a comment on the 'Clean Power' Plan

Invitation to sign joint comment on “Clean Power” Plan repeal

Marlo Lewis, my CEI colleague, has written an outstanding comment letter to the EPA on its proposed rule to repeal the “Clean Power” Plan. CEI invites non-profit free market and conservative groups to join us in signing the comment letter. It is lengthy, but clear and well-organized. If you are interested in signing on, please e-mail me and I'll send you a pdf of the

draft comment. Comments are due by 26th April. Note that this comment letter is not for industry-affiliated groups.

Invitation to two events on the Irreproducibility Crisis of Modern Science

The National Association of Scholars will release an important new study on *The Irreproducibility Crisis of Modern Science* on Tuesday, 17th April. You are invited to either of two launch events.

2 PM The NAS study will be formally launched at 2 PM in the House Science Committee hearing room, 2318 Rayburn, at 2 PM on Tuesday, 17th April. Chairman Lamar Smith will make opening remarks and authors David Randall and Christopher Welser will give a presentation of their analysis and recommendations for reform. Here is the link to Rsvp: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/launch-event-the-irreproducibility-crisis-of-modern-science-tickets-44647901074>.

4:30 PM Please join us at CEI for a discussion by the authors, David Randall and Christopher Welser, at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, 17th April. We will have an informal reception with drinks and snacks after their presentation beginning at about 5:15 or so. If you can't make it at 4:30, you're still welcome to join us from 5:15 till 6:30. Please respond to this e-mail if you would like to attend. I'll send a reminder to those who Rsvp. Here are the details:

Location: CEI, 1310 L Street, N. W., Seventh Floor

Date: Tuesday, April 17th

Time: 4:30 PM—presentation by the authors and discussion

Time: 5:15-ish to 6:30—informal reception

Printed copies of the study will be available at both events. NAS President Peter Wood will also make brief remarks at both events. You will be interested to learn that junk science is prevalent in many more fields than climate science.

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