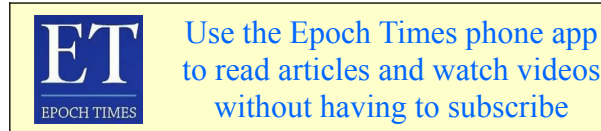




MONTHLY UPDATES



NET-ZERO EXPOSÉ (February 2024)



- ★ **“Mr. Bean Was Right—and So Was Toyota”**
“When auto (even EV driving) enthusiast Rowan Atkinson—Mr. Bean to his fans—last June wrote in The Guardian that there are “sound environmental reasons” why “keeping your old petrol car may be better than buying an EV,” he was vilified as a eco-traitor. Mr. Atkinson had said, “We’re realizing that a wider range of options need to be explored if we’re going to properly address the very serious environmental problems that our use of the motor car has created.” These include, he said, hydrogen fuel cells and synthetic fuels that would extend the lives of older vehicles long after governments are demanding they be scrapped. Mr. Atkinson, who has a bachelor’s in electrical and electronic engineering and a master’s in control systems, urged Britons to “look at a bigger picture” to include greenhouse gas emissions during the manufacture of electric vehicles (EVs) and to evaluate the whole life cycle of motor vehicles.”
* www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/mr-bean-was-right-and-so-was-toyota-5590470
TOYOTA REPORT: fortune.com/2022/10/02/toyota-ceo-electric-vehicles-hype-department-store-of-powertrains
- **“Prof Stephen Wilson on energy security, markets & freedom”** (IPA Academy 2024)
“Australia is rapidly moving towards the edge of an energy cliff with intermittent wind and solar farms unable to fill the gap left by affordable and reliable power stations set to be destroyed in the name of net zero. At IPA Academy 2024, Institute of Public Affairs’ Visiting Fellow Professor Stephen Wilson looks at the scope for nuclear, the role of markets and governments and the intersection of energy security, affordability and sustainability. The Australian Energy Market Operator has warned of rolling blackouts and increasing costs but continues to advocate for unreliable renewable energy generation to achieve net zero by 2050. But is there an alternative that can satisfy net zero advocates while keeping the cost of electricity affordable for hardworking Australians?”
* youtu.be/5OATfg-UQDk
TRASCRIPT: youtu.be/5OATfg-UQDk
- **“Soft plastic recycling is back after the REDcycle collapse, but only in 12 supermarkets. Will it work this time?”**
“After the memorable collapse of Australia’s largest soft plastic recycling program REDcycle in late 2022, a new scheme is emerging. It’s remarkably similar, albeit on a much smaller scale. The trial underway in 12 Melbourne supermarkets intends, once again, to provide customers with an in-store option for recycling “scrunchable” food packaging. It’s estimated Australia uses more than 70 billion pieces of soft plastic a year. Most of it still ends up in landfill or blows into streets and waterways, polluting our rivers and oceans. So 12 stores won’t cut it in the long term.”
* www.abc.net.au/news/2024-02-15/soft-plastic-recycling-redcycle-collapse-new-scheme/103471606
REPORT: www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2024/feb/09/woolworths-coles-and-aldi-to-roll-out-soft-plastics-collection-bins-in-12-melbourne-stores

- “The Secret ‘Backdoor’ Implementation of the ‘Green Agenda’ in the US”**
“Farmers across the western world are protesting against the “Green Policies” that their respective governments are implementing—policies that the farmers claim are completely handcuffing their ability to grow food. And while the farmers in Europe are getting a lot of attention, the farmers right here in America are also getting tied up by ‘Green Policies’ which threaten their livelihoods. What’s perhaps shocking to a lot of people regarding this situation, is that even though (on the surface) these all appear to be very different battles, they’re actually not. Even though in Germany they’re fighting against diesel subsidies, in the Netherlands they’re fighting against forced appropriations, in Ireland they’re fighting against the culling of cattle, and here in the US farmers are fighting against endless red-tape from the Bureau of Land Management—even though the details in every nation are different—when you look beneath the surface, you actually find that what’s happening is that directives from international organizations (like the UN) are trickling down, and becoming concrete policies at the ground level.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/the-secret-backdoor-implementation-of-the-green-agenda-in-the-us-facts-matter-5588871
- “Queensland Introduces Bill to Set 75 Percent Emissions Reduction Target Into Law: what's the impact”**
“Queensland Premier Steven Miles has introduced legislation into the state’s Parliament to cut climate change emissions by 75 percent. The bill sets out emissions reduction targets in Queensland and also commits the minister to making 2040 and 2045 targets in the future... The premier said ... “Now, as the state’s premier, I think it is important to protect not just my children’s future but the future of all Queenslanders,” he said. “Queensland is already the most disaster-affected state. We have experienced more than 100 disasters since 2011. They are the kinds of disasters that we know will be more regular and more intense as average temperatures increase.””
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/queensland-introduces-bill-to-set-75-percent-emissions-target-into-law-5587733
LEGISLATION: www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/bill.first/bill-2023-076
- “World’s Largest ‘Carbon Capture’ Facility Set for Construction In the United States”**
“The world’s largest “carbon capture” facility is now being built in the United States. The construction in Wyoming, known as “Project Bison,” is set to be completed and running by 2030, and it is claimed that it will remove five million tons of carbon from the atmosphere every year through so-called direct air capture technology. The project is part of a larger push now taking place with similar programs.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/epochtv/worlds-largest-carbon-capture-facility-set-for-construction-in-the-united-states-5588314
- “Global Climate Club Takes Hit as JPMorgan Chase, BlackRock, State Street Quit”**
“The environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) movement has just suffered a major setback, with the withdrawal on Feb. 15 of three of Wall Street’s largest firms from one of the most prominent climate activism clubs. BlackRock, the world’s largest asset manager, JPMorgan Chase, America’s largest bank, and State Street, the world’s third-largest asset manager, announced their withdrawal from Climate Action 100+, an investment club that pledges “to ensure the world’s largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters take necessary action on climate change.””
 * www.theepochtimes.com/article/global-climate-club-takes-hit-as-jpmorgan-chase-blackrock-state-street-quit-5588367
Climate Action 100+: www.climateaction100.org
- “Climate Agenda Set to Push Food Prices Even Higher, Analysts Say”**
“The net zero climate agenda is pushing regulations and costs onto farmers, which translate to costlier food items for Americans.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/article/in-depth-climate-agenda-will-spark-another-round-of-food-price-hikes-analysts-say-5587639
REPORT: www.buckeyeinstitute.org/library/docLib/2024-02-07-Net-Zero-Climate-Control-Policies-Will-Fail-the-Farm-policy-report.pdf

- **“Solar Panel Vulnerabilities and CCP Ties: Climate Change Department Faces Questions on Grid Security”**
“Australia’s Climate Change and Energy Department has been questioned about the security risks of solar panels to the national electricity grid amid the federal Labor government’s push to achieve net zero emissions via renewable energy. During a Senate Estimates hearing on Feb. 12, Hollie Hughes, a Liberal senator for New South Wales, raised the issue that overseas malicious actors could manipulate Australia’s power system via the smart inverters used in many solar panels in the country. “We have a significant number, a vast proportion of solar inverters that can be controlled by an outside player and are being provided and manufactured by companies with very strong ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP),” she said. “This is a matter of national security.””
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/departments-of-climate-change-questioned-on-security-risks-of-solar-panels-5585373
REPORT: www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ILAB/images/storyboards/solar/Solar.pdf
- **“Net-Zero Is Pulling the Plug on America's Electrical 'Life Support System'”**
“Electricity is among the most essential sources of America’s unparalleled prosperity and productivity; it is also the greatest vulnerability. The United States has become so utterly dependent upon an uninterrupted supply of affordable electricity that, as our grid becomes ever more fragile, American society has become fragile along with it.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/business/net-zero-is-pulling-the-plug-on-americas-electrical-life-support-system-new-documentary-says-5584489
EXPERT OPINION: www.powermag.com/expect-death-if-pulse-event-hits-power-grid/
- **“Farmers in Eastern, Southern Europe Protest Against EU Agricultural and Climate Policies”**
“Farmers in Poland, Spain, Italy, and Hungary demonstrated on Feb. 9 as part of continuing protests against European Union farming policies and demanded measures to combat production cost increases, reduced profits, and unfair competition from non-EU countries. Farmers complain that the 27-nation bloc’s environmental and agriculture policies related to the European Green Deal are a financial burden and make their products more expensive than non-EU imports.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/world/farmers-in-eastern-and-southern-europe-protest-against-eu-agricultural-and-climate-policies-5584566
REPORT: www.theepochtimes.com/world/polish-farmers-plan-general-strike-blockade-of-ukraine-border-5580317
- **“Scientific Alarmism Drives DOD Climate Policy [in the US]”**
“Executive Order 14057 justifies the Department of Defense’s (DOD) Plan to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions as necessary to counteract the existential threat of climate change. The program’s comprehensive and prohibitively expensive initiative proposes to transform the operational military by achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2045, purportedly on firmly established “science-based” targets that are validated by computer models and consensus within the scientific community.”
 * www.theepochtimes.com/opinion/scientific-alarmism-drives-dod-climate-policy-5578354

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