

Why Americans Should Object to the Carbon Tax
Also Known as “Cap and Trade”

“A Carbon Tax is a Tax on Life in America”

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Thank you for coming to this rally. Thank you for taking the future of your children and your grandchildren seriously. I am here, just as each of you, to express my profound and honest beliefs on what I believe is best for our great country. Like yourselves, I am not a “mobster” or a “Rabble Rouser” as those in the media have reported grass roots events like this one today. I am here as a hard working productive citizen, just as each of you. I have checked the facts in what I am about to tell you and it is my intention to be respectful of all elected officials who are in office. Let me open by stating that on no uncertain terms ~ I value clean air and clean water. Truly, for my entire career I have been employed in the purpose of good stewardship of natural resources and doing my part to improve the quality of life through using energy wisely, cleanly and efficiently. Although not a common term, you could say my profession has been more of being an industrial ecologist. That is, a person who works in industry but is sensitive to the environment.

I would like to discuss the carbon tax and some reasons why it is a bad idea for America. A reminder: All living organisms, by definition, contain carbon. The study of organic chemistry is in fact the study of all chemicals that contain carbon. Truly, a carbon tax is a tax on life as you know it. There are at least 10 basic reasons why the carbon tax should be opposed, and I will cover some aspects of each one briefly:

**CAP AND TRADE is
really a stealth tax on
the American Way of
Life. The carbon tax is
Anti-American.**

1. Manmade global warming is based on flawed science.
2. The “War on Carbon” is hyped by the entertainment industry (if one considers entertainment an industry) and those who oppose the advanced American good life that we all enjoy. **The High Quality Human Development Index that America has earned runs on energy.**
3. The Carbon Tax is promoted by some well known politicians and non-science trained celebrities who are anti-capitalist, anti-American and individuals who are for Socialism. Hollywood stars are paid actors.
4. Being against “carbon” is now “politically correct” so the media and some large high profile companies – even large coal consuming utilities are publically promoting “Cap and Trade”. If a lie is repeated enough, it can be accepted by the public as being “truth” when in fact, it is just a lie, repeated again and again until it is accepted as truth. That is how “politically correctness” grows. These large companies that publically endorse carbon (“Cap and Trade”) may find favor of Congress and the Obama administration for the short term. **In the long term they will serve in the role of tax collectors for the government.** The industry leaders that support the carbon taxes are like the doctors that appeared at the White House to support Government Run Healthcare. Those industry leaders that support carbon taxes are rogues in our industry. The vast majority of engineers employed in the industry know, just as the doctors that you trust, that the carbon tax is bad for America and just as Government Run Healthcare is bad for productive citizens of America.
5. Many of those promoting the Carbon Tax are doing so for personal gain or short-term gain for their companies or organizations. Not for the long term benefit of America (i.e. engineers involved in renewable, G-E, Siemens).
6. Carbon is in all living things and the carbon tax will impact every living person in America. A carbon tax is a penalty on productive industries and punishes the very businesses and industries that built America to become the Industrial and “developed” country that we have grown to be over the last 100 years.
7. **About 85% of our energy comes from carbon based fuels. All “fossil fuels” contain carbon – including natural gas, gasoline, diesel fuel, propane and coal.**
8. A carbon tax will be a huge tax on everyone and it will be or could be the largest tax ever on Americans. Larger even than income taxes. \$5.00/gallon gasoline \$0.25/kwh electricity Job loses
9. A carbon tax will weaken America from a national security basis.
10. The carbon tax will damage America’s economy and our capability to generate manufactured products that are the foundation of America’s economic prosperity.

There is not time today to go over all ten of these reasons of why to vigorously oppose Cap and Trade. So let’s take three strong reasons:

- a. Flawed science is the basis for Carbon Restrictions for Climate Change. This is **Radical Environmental Extremism** that has gone too far.

- b. 85% of our energy comes from carbon based fuels. Now if we include nuclear power, then over 93% of our total energy comes from coal, oil, gas and nuclear. Taxing carbon is taxing your way of life.
- c. The economic impact of Cap and Trade and how it will damage our economy - in plain English – the carbon Tax will kill JOBS in America; passing the Carbon Tax will reduce America’s Productive Capacity; and in so doing harm Economic Growth which means fewer high skill level manufacturing jobs.

Three points:

Science

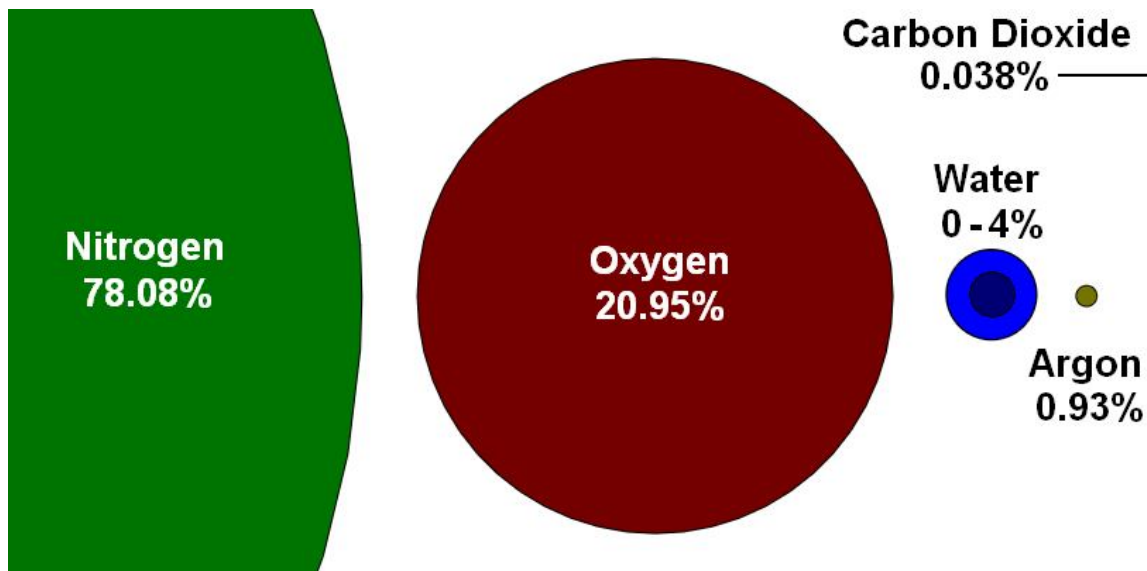
Your life depends on energy – where your energy comes from

Economic costs/jobs

The Science

There is about 388 ppm of carbon dioxide in the air. Did you ever think about what 388 ppm represents? Well, 388 ppm is about 0.038%. That’s right, well less than 1/10th of 1%. Compare the amount of CO₂ to the major constituents in air and you have:

- 78% Nitrogen
- 20.9% Oxygen
- 1% Argon and other Gases
- 0.0388% CO₂



So, how much of the so called greenhouse gases are man-made? About 4-5% of the GHG’s are man-made, including the total 0.0388% CO₂ in the atmosphere. When water vapor is added in, (and the effectiveness of the various gases prorated) then the “manmade” Green Houses Gases are more like 1-1.5%. This also includes natural

decay of organic materials (ie. Forest products when they decay, produce methane gas). which produce methane gas naturally and methane is 25 times more potent as a GHG than CO₂. **So, 95-99% of GHG's are natural.** One of the largest greenhouse gases is clouds or water vapor. Most of the computer models that have predicted “man influenced” global warming have disregarded or misrepresented water vapor. Perhaps that is why the earth's climate has actually been cooling for the last 10 years. Now the proponents of the Carbon Tax (who are opponents of our way of life) do not call it global warming anymore. They call it “climate change”. **There are a significant number of Climate Scientists that are actually worried about a coming Ice Age** (Harrison Schmidt, Chapman, Robinson). Also, easier to warm the planet than to cool it; such as injecting particles in commercial jet aircraft. But there is no means to cool it.

Let me give you some more examples of the flawed science. The data used to measure the earth's temperatures is done by both satellites and by ground based thermocouples or other sensors. Since temperatures have been recorded many of these ground-based weather stations have had urban sprawl of parking lots and buildings that have encroached on the places that the sensors are located. This has resulted in temperature readings that are higher because of the buildings and civilization that has grown to influence the sensors. This and more reasons are documented by Anthony Watts, a meteorologist, who has testified and written about this part of the flawed science. For example, did you ever notice how the outside temperature sensor on your car is influenced while the car is parked; and then if you drive from a concrete road in the shade, to an asphalt highway in the sun? The ground based weather stations have a similar flaw in their reliability of exacting temperatures to the nearest 1/10th of a degree.

More sinister than pure incompetence are temperature readings that are “Cherry Picked” and corrupted by selection of data that only supports the hypothesis of man-influenced global warming. An example of this is the Competitive Enterprise Institute's revealing the facts that some data from East Anglia was dumped and shredded. Dr. Patrick Michaels, a Climate Scientist has written about this in an editorial titled “The Dog Ate My Homework” and this is documented.

Another example is Alan Carlin, a 35-year veteran of the EPA, who left the organization because his findings were not allowed to be included for the findings of “endangerment to humanity” of carbon dioxide. That's right; the EPA's Administrator Lisa Jackson has declared that Carbon Dioxide is an “endangerment to humanity”. The colorless, harmless gas that is used to provide carbonation to Coca-Cola and other soft drinks, and is found in all of our lungs.

All mammals take in oxygen and exhale some carbon dioxide. This is the carbon cycle. Mammals take in oxygen and we give off CO₂. The CO₂ is taken in by plants and then the plants, trees and crops produce oxygen by absorbing the CO₂ to produce plant life

and also as a by-product – oxygen. This, we remember from high school science, is called photosynthesis and the carbon cycle.

Those trees and shrubs are absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. Each of you is absorbing oxygen and producing carbon dioxide. We each are exhaling carbon dioxide. Now tell me, are each of us by our very presence an “endangerment to humanity” by producing CO₂ from our own lungs? These are a few reasons why the science is flawed and many people and organizations are misguided due to political correctness. Actually, my friend Dr. Gaither sent me some information where some groups in Australia favor a carbon tax on children in the range of \$5,000/child for kids over 2/family.

I would go so far as to say much of the misleading has been malicious misguidance by Anti-American forces of the likes of the European socialists, those on the Nobel Prize Committee, moveon.org George Soros and a large group of developing world members of the United Nations. The president of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Klaus, has stated that the “greens are worse than the communists” and Mr. Klaus grew up under communism – he knows. According to Klaus, Freedom is more endangered than climate change.

Lord Monckton of the Science and Public Policy Institute concluded a speech at the Heartland Climate Change Conference held in New York earlier this year with his statement:

I am quoting Lord Monckton:

“...In the end, it will be here, in the United States, that truth will first emerge...Not in Europe, for we are no longer free...It is here, in this great nation founded upon liberty, that the battle for the world’s freedom will be won.”

Lord Monckton of England has also warned America about the coming treaty of Copenhagen, and how Obama may damage America’s sovereignty by caving to political pressure from the Europeans.

Some believe that this was the reasoning behind awarding President Obama the “Nobel Peace Prize” when nominated; he had done absolutely nothing for world peace. Remember, Al Gore was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for his work in perpetrating the Hoax of Man Made Global Warming, not for any Results in improving World Peace. Al Gore has done much to weaken America and to increase our dependence on energy from countries that harbor leaders and groups that are clearly aligned against America and against the values that “WE THE PEOPLE” stand for. Speaking of the Nobel “Peace Prize”, Mr. Nobel must be rolling over in his grave seeing a prize in his name given to individuals of frivolous causes or for the promotion of ideologies such as Yassar Arafat and Al Gore. Now, President Obama will be awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for what he did in the first weeks of his term as President?

Fossil fuels, that is, fuels that contain carbon will continue to be used for many decades. It is not science that is driving the Carbon Tax. it is Ideology and a lust for power over our lives; the opposite of Freedom.

What Fuels America

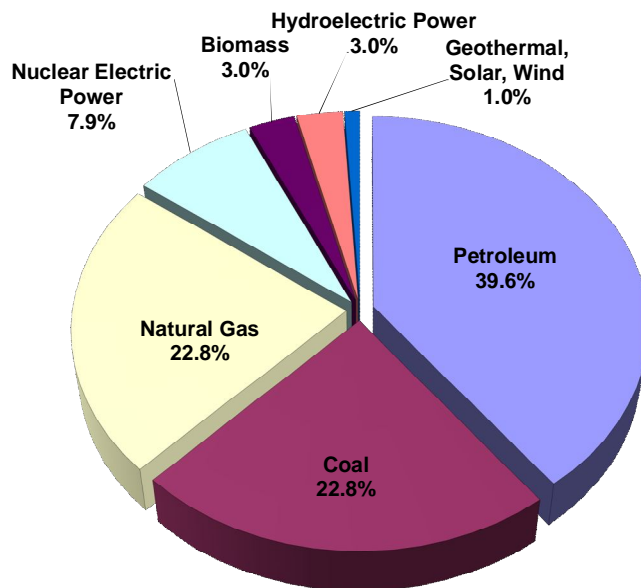
How many of you rode bicycles to come to this rally? How many walked? Have you travelled by air lately to visit a friend or relative in another city? Been on vacation and drove to the beach? Was your home cooled by air conditioning last summer? Warmed on a cool morning by a heat pump? Energy is what fuels our high quality of life. Let's take a look of where energy comes from and how we use it.

Where our Energy comes from:

Oil (about) 40%
Coal (about) 23%
Natural Gas 23%
Nuclear 8%
Old Hydroelectric 3%
All other Renewable and Alternative Fuels 3%

} 86% Fossil Fuels

Coal is Important to America !



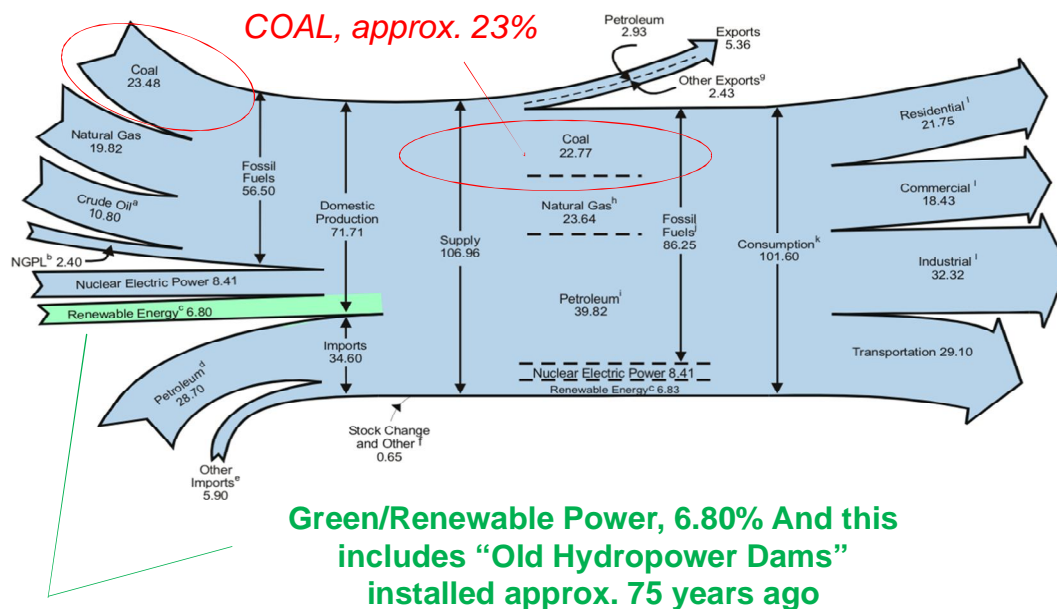
Coal is an important slice of America's domestic energy consumption

Energy Consumption by Source

Conservations and wise use of energy is always a good concept. My grandmother who lived through the depression of the 1930's would often use the expression: Waste Not, Want Not! **The problem is, we cannot conserve our way into Economic Prosperity.**
How we use our energy?

- 28% Transportation (approx %)
- 21% Residential
- 18% Commercial
- 32% Industrial which includes feedstock for plastics, etc.

Consider the Sources of all of America's Energy



Source: EIA

The use of energy is the basis for America's high quality of life. Allow me to get just a little bit technical. I am an engineer, and I have worked my entire 47 year career in the field of electric power generation. So it could be said that "I have an unfair advantage of understanding energy and the conversion of heat energy to useful work." Let me see if I can explain this in easy to understand terms:

Anyone old enough to remember Don Hebert on TV as Mr. Wizard? Your car, your motorcycle, a steam turbine that spins the generators at Catawba Nuclear Plant or Marshal Steam Plant on Lake Norman are "heat engines"; so are the engines of a USAir jet that transports you to business meetings out of town or to see family members. Those of you that are farmers can appreciate the enormous labor savings and productivity multiplier of carbon intensive fertilizers and the power of diesel tractors to plow and harvest crops. Now only about 1-3% of Americans are farmers who feed the other 97-99% of America, and then, there is some abundance of crops for export!

America is a very productive country! Diesel trucks that transport food and products are powered by diesel engines powered by heat engines. Our good lives, including our nutrition, are literally powered by “heat engines” and carbon based fuels.

The definition of a heat engine is a device that converts heat energy into useful work. Heat engines are what have replaced human labor, large animals and produced our industrialized nation. Examples of heat engines are gasoline engines (remember manual push lawnmowers and how we take for granted the power of a gasoline powered lawnmower, a chainsaw or your car?) How many of you can remember “push” lawnmowers?

Over 85% of everything that makes our high human development index possible is made possible by heat engines. This is a very important point and I want to make sure that I make this clear. All Americans depend on fuels that power heat engines. 85% of the fuel that powers America is fossil fuels – fossil fuels are coal, oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, propane and natural gas. Of course, gasoline, diesel fuel and propane come from crude oil. So, in short, fossil fuels are simply three forms of energy: (1) Coal, (2) Oil and (3) Gas.

Let’s compare human power to the energy we take for granted; whether from an electric plug or direct use of fossil fuels. The next time you visit the YMCA or a gym and work out on a stair climber or a treadmill let me suggest that you put the energy measurement units on “watts”. One watt is equal to about 3.4 kilo-calories. In this case, you are a heat engine exerting forces to drive a machine with your largest muscles. When I do this at the YMCA, I am amused that by working very hard I am only generating about 160 watts. If I work out for an entire hour, pedaling a stair climber or elliptical machine as hard as I can, the work that I will accomplish by my own human energy is just about 150 watts. That’s right, just about enough power to light two (2) 75 watt light bulbs for one hour. This is one example of how much we take energy for granted; whether it is gasoline, diesel, natural gas or nuclear.

We are blessed in Stanly County with many of us having large yards, some with ½ to a full acre. To illustrate what Heat Engines do for us, think about using an old hand lawnmower to cut an acre of grass. It is unthinkable today to even consider this, when a gallon of gasoline in a riding lawn mower can perform this work in about an hour. We owe our “good life” to Heat Engines!

My college chemistry book states that a 150 pound person doing heavy manual work will require 5,000 kilo-calories per day. A person doing average work, such as in a factory, may only do 2,500 kilo-calories of “work” per day. To put this into perspective, a pound of coal from West Virginia will contain about 3,250 kilo-calories or in US customary units, about 13,000 Btu’s per pound.

Now having put this in perspective let me try to put it into context just how much energy each American depends on each and every day. In America, we have about 300 million people. In America, the Energy Information Agency keeps up with the statistics on just how much energy we use each year. That amount of energy used in America each year is 101.6 quadrillion Btu's.

We have heard a lot on TV about spending of money in billions and trillions of dollars. A quadrillion is a billion times a million. When computing the total energy used in our country, it takes an expression in Quadrillion Btu's to make the whole number discussed somewhat manageable. A hundred quadrillion Btu's is 100 followed by 15 zeros. At the rate congress is going, the national debt may be expressed in quadrillions of dollars, so, keep this term in mind!

A Btu is a "British Thermal Unit", a measure of heat energy. In simple terms a Btu is about the amount of heat released by burning one match. If all of the heat from a burning match was recovered at 100% efficiency, it would be enough heat to raise one 16 oz pound of water, one degree Fahrenheit. One Btu, if converted to work, is enough energy to produce 778 ft pounds of useful work. That is, take a 100# weight and lift it almost 8 feet from the ground. One British thermal unit converted to Heat Energy at 100% conversion efficiency is that powerful. A pint is a pound the world around. Think of what a huge heat engine can do!

Ok, getting back to how much energy does each American use on a pro-rated basis? If we take 300 million citizens and divide into 101.6 Quadrillion Btu's total energy consumption in the USA, this equates to an average of about 334 million Btu's per person/per year. Ok, are you still with me – this is important for you to understand because after over 30 years of being in existence the US Dept of Energy has done little to lessen our dependence on imported oil, even having over 20,000 employees. So if you have trouble understanding the importance of heat energy and what it means to you, you can be comforted by the fact that few in Washington over the last 30+ years have understood it enough to influence Congress to do anything meaningful to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Now we import about 60% of our oil. In 1973-1974 when the Arab Oil Embargo caused so much disruption of our lives, we only imported about 25% of our oil.

RADICAL Environmental extremism is rampant in America

I just highlighted that the Dept of Energy has over 20,000 very smart technical people who are working on solutions for America's energy independence. In my view, they have been largely unsuccessful because counter-balancing the diligent and intelligent efforts of the Dept of Energy and the National Energy Technology Laboratories is the EPA – an agency that has well over 20,000 full time employees that have been waging a War on Coal for decades. In the last year, the EPA has focused their war on fossil

fuels and how to make Americans use less fossil fuels. The Carbon Tax is a war on our life styles, and literally an assault on life in America as we like it. 20+ thousand for domestic energy and 20,000+ fighting domestic energy.

The Radical Extremism of the public perceptions, corrupted science and the EPA can best be explained by the declaration that the very essence of life itself, “carbon” in the form of carbon dioxide is an “endangerment to humanity”. This is government policy makers having gone completely out of control, fueled by misguided science, a generation of misguided Science education indoctrination in our public schools and the promoting of leftist ideologies and fictional entertainment. All of which will work against our quality of life in America.

Getting back to our per capita energy use...Each American averages the consumption of 334 million Btu’s per year per person/per year. Ok, if a simple match is one Btu then what will represent 334 million Btu’s? Here is one way to look at this: 334 million Btu’s is the equivalent heat to power heat engines and provide comfort, conveniences, jobs, food production, freedom of movement by your choice of transportation, sewage treatment and clean water.

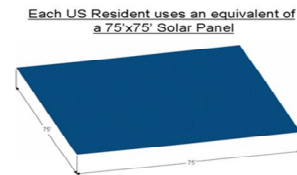
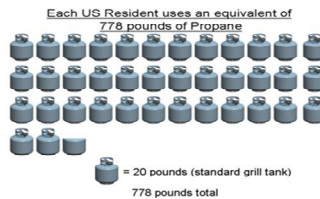
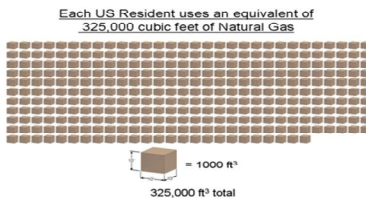
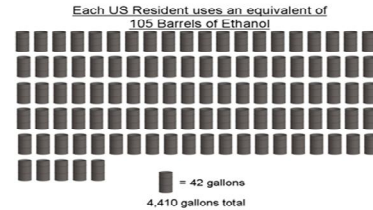
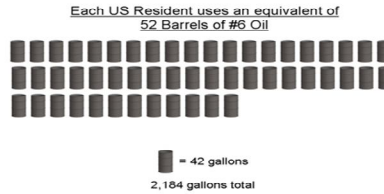
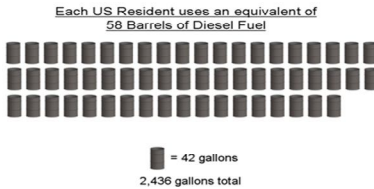
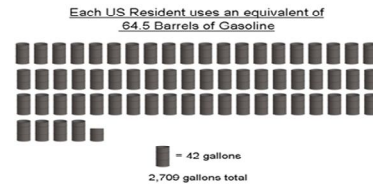
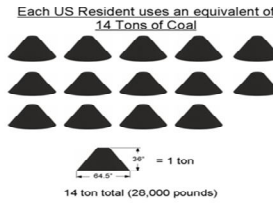
334 Million Btu’s (Each of these forms of Energy is equivalent to 334 Million Btu’s):

- 14 tons of coal*
- 52 barrels of oil*
- 64.5 barrels of gasoline*
- 105 barrels of ethanol*
- 58 barrels of diesel fuel*
- 778 pounds of propane*

These numbers are the average amount of Energy used by each American in one year.

Energy Equivalents of what American's use annually

- There are over 300 million residents in the United States
- In 2007, the U.S. consumed 101.605 quadrillion Btu's
- That is 334.4 MMBtu/yr per person
- The equivalent of this amount of energy from each resource is shown



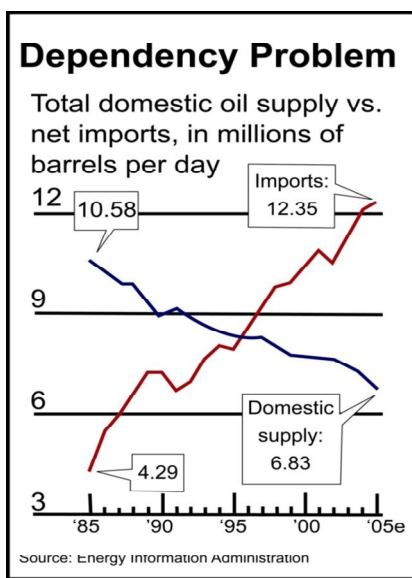
Here are some reasons why:

*I have talked for a long time on the flawed science of manmade global warming and on the importance of energy to preserve our way of life in America. Believe me, I am not exaggerating on the facts that I have presented. Speaking of facts, I wish the elected officials would do more research and be guided by the facts rather than "Green Ideology" and prejudices for a miracle solution of America's energy needs. This brings to mind Philosopher Bertrand Russell's statement which could aptly be applied to the Obama Administration and Congress. Russell stated **"You should not mistake wishes for facts."***

Expecting wind power, solar power or other solutions to replace 93% of what powers our quality of life is a wish that cannot be satisfied any time soon.

*There are presently about 250 million gasoline and diesel fueled light trucks and cars on the highways. Air travel (for example, a 225 ton Boeing 767) consumes about 9% of our total oil consumption and 50% of our electricity is provided by coal. Putting it into perspective, on replacing 250 million light trucks and cars at a 10 million/year production rate, would take us to 2025 and even then, many of those would need replacement after about 10 years. As the cover story of "Foreign Policy's" November 2009 issue on oil stated, **"It will be a long good bye"** to oil. I say, Explore-Drill-Produce more domestic energy from off the outer continental shelf and within America's borders. Drill Here, Drill Now! Stop buying oil from despots of the world like Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and produce our own oil. This would improve the value of the dollar and reduce our Trade Deficit by between 300 Billion dollars/year to 700 Billion dollars/year.*

Will Washington Ever Get it? Energy is what Powers the Economy!



All forms of energy are needed to sustain America's High Human Development Index!

America's Energy should be;

- Provided from domestic sources
- Should include all of the Traditional Forms of Energy, including; Coal, Oil, Nuclear and Natural Gas which remain about

92% of what we utilize now!

At Arab Oil Embargo in 1974 – USA imported 25% of total – now about 60%

Let's Talk About Economics, Manufacturing and Jobs

The topic that I was asked to discuss is "Cap and Trade". I have spent many minutes talking about the flawed science of manmade global warming and the importance of energy to power our way of life. The reason that I have emphasized energy and Radical Environmental Extremism is because these are linked to funding a much socialized agenda by converting energy providers into being "tax collectors" on a huge scale. The carbon tax is a stealth tax that will harm all of us! It is disguised as a necessary change in the way we live our lives so that we can all do our part to "save the planet." To this I say, NO - this is not right. The Carbon Tax will harm America greatly and do nothing to change the climate. The Carbon Tax will drive more American industry overseas, weaken our national security, lower our standard of living and kill American jobs.

In my opinion, the carbon tax is a cover so that Congress and Obama Administration can collect sufficient tax revenues without saying they raised your personal taxes.

These revenues will be used to finance the agenda of socialized medicine and to the spreading of wealth to non-productive citizens. By implementing "Cap and Trade" (which essentially is one of the largest taxes ever put on American's since income taxes were implemented) it is one way for misguided or maliciously misguided public officials to comfort their egos. This tax may pay for socialized medicine and other non-productive government programs and be proclaimed "net deficit neutral". The new tax

revenues will pay for more increased government involvement in our lives. This tax may end up being as much as 15% of America's Gross Domestic Product.

Why do I think Radical Environmental Extremism has harmed and will continue to ratchet up - continuing harm to America? Let's substitute some "facts for wishes". Sure, we all "wish" for a magical energy source that is cheap, abundant and reliable. So far, the only energy sources that fit that description are coal, oil, gas and nuclear. So the administration and Congress want to raise the prices of these. By the way, President Obama and Congress have killed Yucca Mountain, which literally puts all new nuclear plants on "hold" until this is settled – but that is another topic. Here are some facts of why you should contact Larry Kissell, Kay Hagan, Richard Burr, President Obama and all of our state elected officials to oppose "Cap and Trade".

Global Fortune 500 Companies in 1962 that were American owned: virtually all

Global Fortune 500 Companies in 2005 that were American owned: 176

Global Fortune 500 companies in 2008 that were American owned: 140

IBM, Caterpillar, Siemens (Siemens now owns the steam turbine divisions of Westinghouse and Allis-Chalmers), Toshiba (Toshiba bought the commercial nuclear division of Westinghouse Electric), Foster-Wheeler, Ingersoll-Rand, Alcoa are now multi-nationals and clearly are expanding overseas. Some of these companies openly favor moving jobs from America to overseas. A friend who is an executive of a Fortune 500 Steel company refers to members of the "National Association of Manufacturers" as the "National Association of Multinationals". Remember, IBM's laptop computer division was sold to the Chinese firm Lenovo not too many years ago.

In 1962, the year I started in my profession, virtually all of the world's leading companies were American owned and American controlled. **Do you remember great American companies such as Combustion-Engineering, Allis-Chalmers, Westinghouse Electric, Babcock & Wilcox? How about Wiscasset Mills and Cannon Mills?** Back in 1980, not that long ago, Cannon Mills produced over 80% of the cotton towels used in the world (300,000 towels/day in the 1920s-1940s). Consider good local jobs such as Alcoa, which was the world leader in aluminum production, and showed the world how to produce aluminum cleanly and efficiently.

Remember when Boeing built the world's greatest airliners and Boeing airplanes were one of America's leading exports. Now they are either No.2 in the world with Airbus or share the leadership. **Along with the slippage in airplanes, sold to the world so is the Aluminum Production and all of the other components of a commercial airplane that are now built overseas.** The last four flights I took on USAir were on Airbus Aircraft. Remember Captain Sullenberger and his landing in the Hudson River? That was an Airbus Aircraft, not Boeing. With the loss of industry in America so is the loss of our

wealth that built America and continuing economic prosperity that can keep America strong.

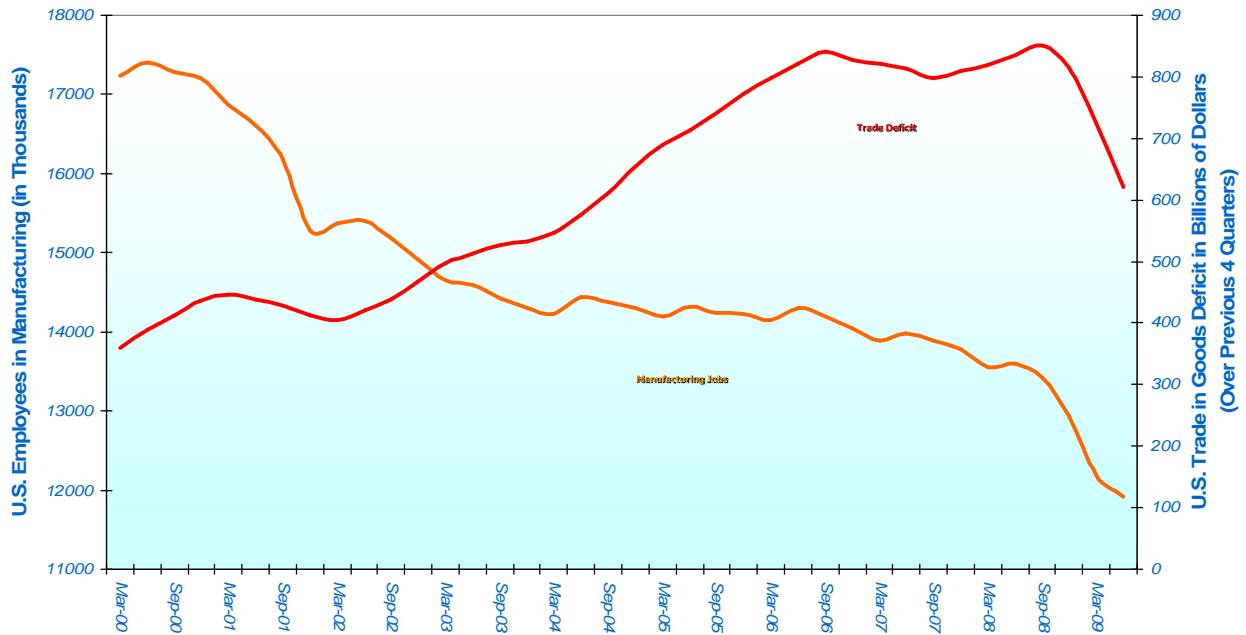
Do you remember the steel companies that have gone bankrupt in the last two decades? I will name just 15 of 40 that have declared bankruptcy just since 1998:

- Bethlehem Steel
- LTV
- National Steel
- Rouge Industries
- Weirton Steel
- Geneva Steel
- Birmingham Steel
- Trico Steel
- Northwestern Steel and Wire
- Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation
- Republic Steel
- GS Industries
- WCI Steel
- ACME Steel
- Gulf States Steel

Going back further and having lived in Ohio in the 1960's, I remember many other manufacturers that were the backbone of America's economy that are no longer in business. My neighbors worked for Firestone Tire, now part of a Japanese Company, Bridgestone and Youngstown Steel Company. Youngstown Steel is long gone and Firestone is now controlled by friends overseas. It has been estimated that for every single manufacturing job in a town, between 3 and 7 support jobs are provided. In other words, if Wiscasset Mills was operating today with 5,000 employees then this industry alone could and did support well more than 15,000 jobs in retail stores, auto repairs, auto sales, home building, banking, transportation, home improvements, recreation and services.

In the 1940s, Cannon Mills employed over 25,000 employees in Kannapolis alone, and another 5-6,000 in Albemarle. I moved to Albemarle in 1977 and I remember meeting many supervisory employees from local textile firms in downtown Albemarle businesses. Now, those businesses have vanished and the jobs gone overseas – not caused by a carbon tax, but by other poor policies - energy and monetary policy amongst them. More facts:

Manufacturing Jobs vs. Trade Deficit (2000-2009)



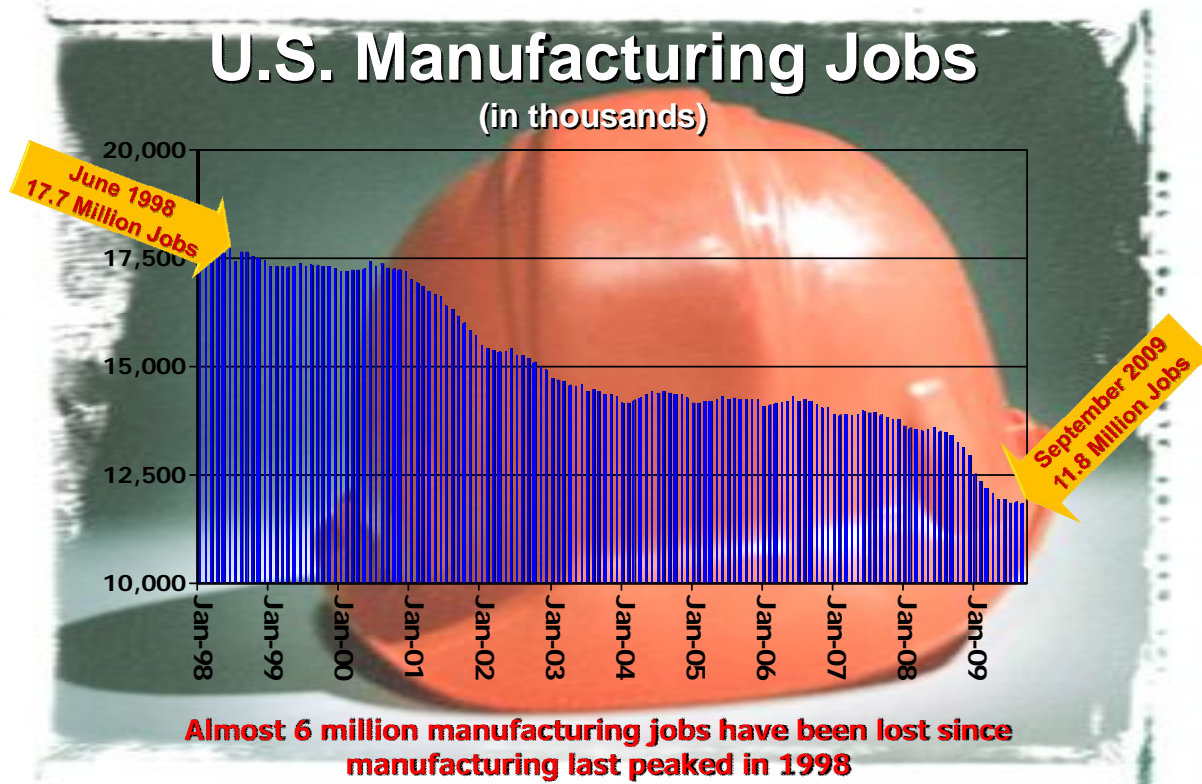
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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Americans employed in manufacturing in 1998: about 17.7 million

Americans employed in manufacturing as of September 2009: about 11.8 million

That is a drastic 33%. That is 1/3 of the manufacturing workforce being depleted in only one decade.



US Trade Deficit in 2000 about \$400 billion

US Trade Deficit in 2008 about \$850 billion

Imported oil contribution to the trade deficit in 2008: about \$700 billion

Imported oil contribution to the trade deficit in 2009: (at \$70/barrel) about \$300 billion

One suggestion: use traditional American domestic energy! Drill Here ~ Drill Now! Do you know which country is the largest producer of steel? In 1998, it was the U.S.A. In 2009, it is China. NUCOR Steel, a great American company based in Charlotte, is America's largest steel producer and employs over 22,000 employees. I have visited a NUCOR mill and I have witnessed the insertion of a carbon arc to melt scrap metal that uses 150MW of electricity. Now that is about the entire output of a medium sized power plant.

Will Cap and Trade change how many "new" mills are built in America? YES it will. NUCOR has plans to expand and build a new mill in Louisiana. This could be a \$3 billion investment and could, if built, will provide thousands of construction jobs to build it and hundreds of high paying manufacturing jobs when it is completed.

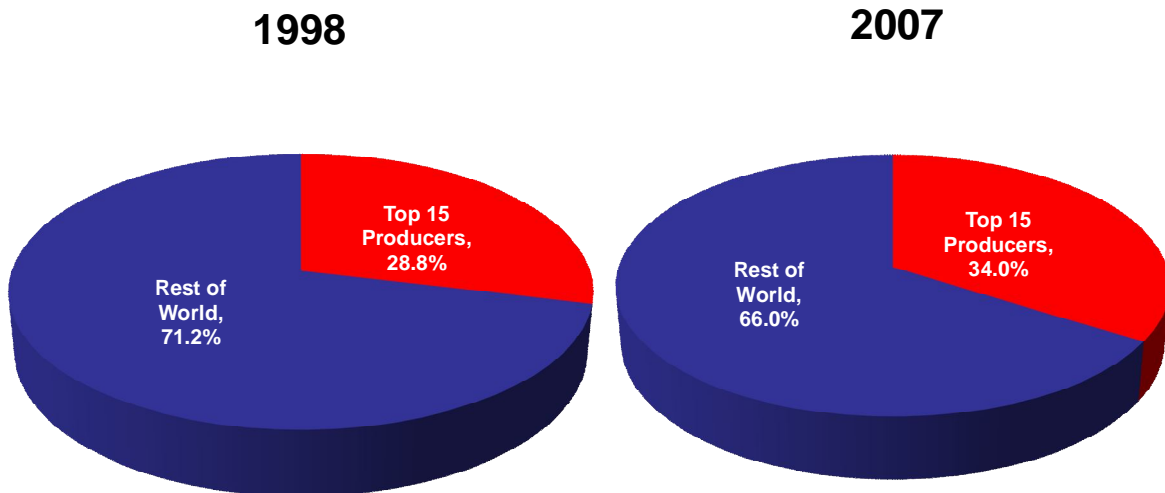
This mill is being held up (based from news releases and public information I have seen) due to at least three factors:

1. The recession
2. Radical Environmental extremism
3. The threat of carbon taxes

The erosion of jobs in America must be stopped.

The rampant Radical Environmental Extremism must be reigned in!

Top Steel Producers 1998 vs. 2007



Source: World Steel Association, million metric tons of crude steel output

More economic facts of expected harm to America's economy and our life styles: According to The Heritage Foundation, by 2035 (and estimated in constant 2009 dollars) the Waxman-Markey Climate Change Bill will cost America dearly, specifically:

- Electricity prices will rise 90%
- Gasoline prices will rise 58% or \$1.38 more per gallon
- Natural gas prices will rise 55% (yes, natural gas does contain carbon as its most heavy constituent)
- Heating oil prices will rise 56%
- A family of 4 can expect energy costs to rise by \$1,241.00/year
- Including taxes, a family of 4 will pay an additional \$4,609.00/year
- A family of 4 will replace its consumption of goods and services by up to \$3,000.00/year as the income is reduced and savings fall
- Aggregate GDP losses will be \$9.4 trillion

- *Aggregate Cap and Trade energy taxes will be \$5.7 trillion*
- *Job losses will be over 2.5 million more*
- *The national debt will rise an additional \$12,803/person or \$51,212/family of four*

President Obama is quoted as saying in his 2008 Presidential campaign that “Electricity prices would necessarily sky rocket.” This is a campaign promise that he, and democrat leaders Pelosi and Reid, appear to be dead set on imposing on you and me – sky rocketing energy costs! The most clever and deceitful way that this tax will be applied to your way of life is that it basically converts energy providers into being stealth tax collectors, while the elected officials can claim that they will increase government services (also called socialism) with no net deficit costs. Friends, this is serious and it is seriously going to impact the future of America as we know it.

Let me read what Lord Monckton stated in his speech about the UN Climate Treaty at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Who is Lord Monckton? Monckton was an advisor to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He repeatedly challenged Al Gore to debate the hypothesis of anthropogenic global warming (Gore runs in fear) and got a British court to acknowledge 9 of the many errors in Gore’s propaganda piece, “An Inconvenient Truth.” The UN Climate Change Treaty is a treaty that most world governments are expected to sign in Copenhagen next month, including the United States.

This treaty is a threat to our sovereignty, and Monckton tells us why in the excerpt of his speech. I will be reading an exact quote of Lord Monckton. These are not my words, but quoted directly:

“At Copenhagen, this December, weeks away, a treaty will be signed — your president will sign it. Most of the third-world countries will sign it because they think they’re going to get money out of it. Most of the left-wing regimes around the world, like the European Union, will rubber-stamp it. Virtually nobody won’t sign it.

I have read that treaty and what it says is this: That a world government is going to be created. The word, government, actually appears as the first of three purposes of the new entity.

The second purpose is the transfer of wealth from the countries of the West to third-world countries in satisfaction of what is called, coyly, a ‘climate debt,’ because we’ve been burning CO2 and they haven’t and we’ve been screwing up the climate. We haven’t been screwing up the climate, but that’s the line.

And the third purpose of this new entity, this government, is enforcement.

How many of you think that the word election or democracy or vote or ballot occurs anywhere in the 200 pages of that treaty? Quite right. It doesn't appear once.

So, at last, the communists who piled out of the Berlin Wall and into the environmental movement and took over Greenpeace so that my friends who founded it left within a year because they'd captured it. Now the apotheosis is at hand.

They are about to impose a communist world government on the world. You have a president who has very strong sympathies with that point of view. He's going to sign. He'll sign anything. He's a Nobel Peace Laureate. Of course, he'll sign it.

And the trouble is this: If that treaty is signed, your Constitution says that it takes precedence over your Constitution. And you can't resile from that treaty unless you get the agreement from all the other states, parties. And because you'll be the biggest paying country, they're not going to let you out."

So thank you America. You were the beacon of freedom to the world. It is a privilege merely to stand on this soil of freedom while it is still free. But, in the next few weeks, unless you stop it, your president will sign your freedom, your democracy and your prosperity away forever and neither you nor any subsequent government you may elect will have any power whatsoever to take it back again.

That is how serious it is. I have read the treaty. I have seen the stuff about government and climate debt and enforcement. They are going to do this to you whether you like it or no.

But I think it is here, here in your great nation which I so love and I so admire. It is here that, perhaps — at this 11th hour, at the 59th minute and 59th second — you will rise up and you will stop your president from signing that dreadful treaty. That purposeless treaty for there is no trouble with the climate — and even if there were, economically speaking, there's nothing we can do about it."

So I end by saying to you the words that Winston Churchill addressed to your president in the darkest hour before the dawn of freedom in the Second World War. He quoted from your great poet, Longfellow: "Sail on, oh Ship of State. Sail on, oh Union, strong and great. Humanity, with all its fears, with all the hopes of future years, is hanging, breathless, on thy fate." Thank you."

All of the above are the words of Lord Monckton, as I copied them. I have used quotes and warnings from two prominent Europeans who are concerned about the future of America, Lord Monckton from the United Kingdom and Vaclav Klaus from the Czech Republic. There are others, however, the news media, the TV networks and the

entertainment industries that are all aligned with anti-American forces and are against a strong and superior America.

We have strength in our numbers and the "We the People" group is growing. This is a loosely organized, truly grassroots organization. We are non-partisan, respectful and productive citizens. We are ladies and gentlemen that care about the future of America We are not a part of any political party. We the People are simply Americans that care about the future of America. In closing, I urge you to do four (5) things:

- 1. Write to your elected officials especially those likely to vote against the American way of life!*
- 2. Write to newspapers, TV and entertainment companies and tell them what you think.*
- 3. Write to your energy providers and tell them that you oppose the carbon tax and that you do not want them to become "stealth tax collectors." Write to your utility and tell them how much you appreciate your electricity at reasonable cost and that you object to increases in rates as more Renewable Power is forced on both the utilities and on all of America.*
- 4. Write to the North Carolina Utility Commission and the Governor. Tell them that you object to high electricity costs from a Radical shift to Expensive and Uncompetitive Renewable Power. Clean Coal that is abundant and inexpensive is the Best Bridge to the future until more Nuclear Plants can be built.*
- 5. Join us, "We the People", our common cause is to preserve America and our freedoms.*

*Thank you very much,
Richard F. Storm, P.E.*