

Comprehensive Plan...
Alarmist Underpinnings Fail

Skepticism is the first step to Truth – D. Diderot

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United Nations 1992 Agenda 21

Sustainable Development =

Comprehensive Plan Concept

The plan calls for governments to take control of all land use and not leave any of the decision making in the hands of private property owners. It is assumed that people are not good stewards of their land and the government will do a better job if they are in control.

Individual rights in general are to give way to the needs of communities as determined by the governing body and environmental activists

Sierra Club History: My Utopia Or Expulsion?

“Though Yosemite was a state park when Muir arrived, it was occupied by Miwok Indians growing crops, white settlers raising sheep, and miners seeking gold and other minerals. Not long after he built himself a cabin and a water-powered mill, Muir, as head of the Sierra Club, decided the other occupants had to go...when it came time to empty Yosemite of all except the naturalists and tourists, Muir vigorously backed the expulsion of the Miwok”*

*<http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/journal/past-issues/issue-2/conservation-in-the-anthropocene>, Peter Kareiva, Chief scientist *Nature Conservancy*

“Sue and Settle” Legal Tool Implemented By Environmental Activists

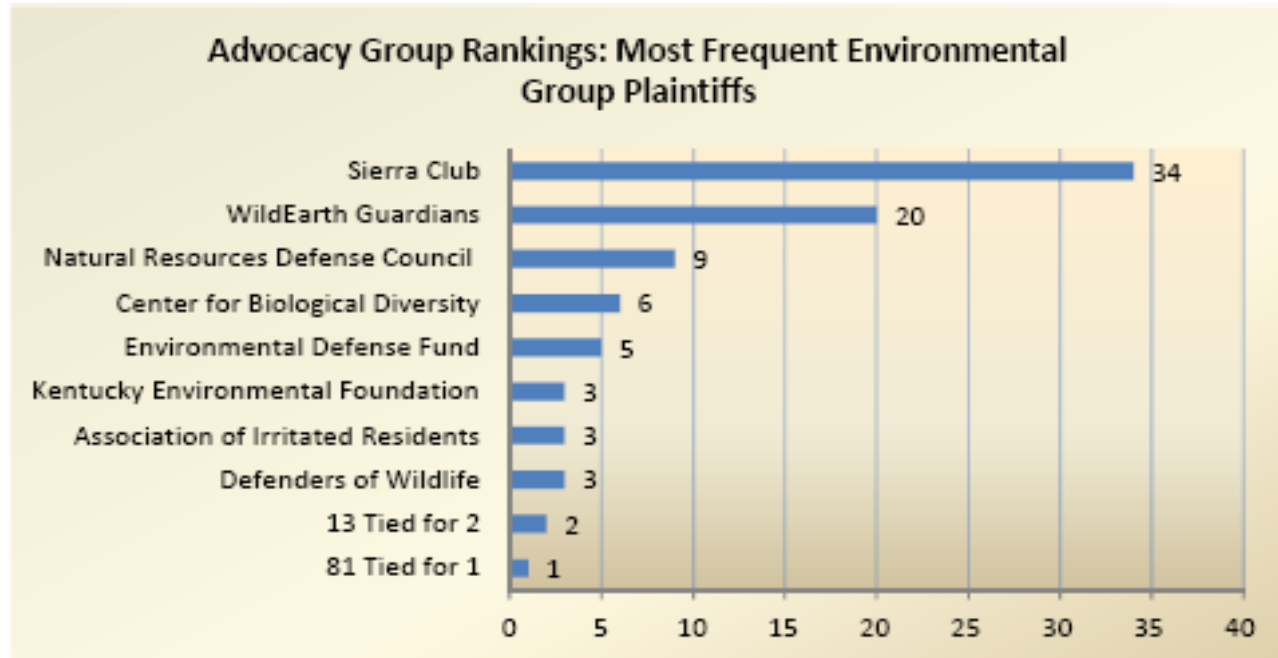
“Sue and settle occurs when an agency (such as the EPA) intentionally relinquishes its statutory discretion by accepting lawsuits from outside groups which effectively dictate the priorities and duties of the agency through legally binding, court-approved settlements negotiated behind closed doors—

with no participation by other affected parties or the public.”*

*<https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/documents/files/SUEANDSETTLEREPORT-Final.pdf>

“Sue And Settle”

Which Advocacy Groups Use the Sue and Settle Process the Most?



Several environmental advocacy groups have made the sue and settle process a significant part of their legal strategy. By filing lawsuits covering significant EPA rulemakings and regulatory initiatives, and then quickly settling, these groups have been able to circumvent the normal rulemaking process and effect immediate regulatory action with the consent of the agencies themselves.¹⁴

Beyond Affordable Energy

Sierra Club web sites:

“Beyond Coal”

“Beyond Oil “

“Beyond Natural Gas”

But not beyond fund raising: “TIME has learned that between 2007 and 2010 the Sierra Club accepted over \$25 million in donations from the gas industry, mostly from Aubrey McClendon, CEO of Chesapeake Energy—one of the biggest gas drilling companies in the U.S. and a firm heavily involved in fracking—to help fund the Club’s Beyond Coal campaign”

How the Sierra Club Took Millions From the Natural Gas Industry—and Why It Stopped | TIME.com <http://science.time.com/2012/02/02/exclusive-how-the-sierra-club-took-millions-from-the-natural-gas-industry-and-why-they-stopped/#ixzz2wKEorJhl>

“Environmental Groups Claim Renewable Energy Production Lowers Electricity Costs, But Federal Government Data Suggests It May Do Just The Opposite”*

“according to 2012 U.S. Energy Information Administration...states that produced the most coal also had much cheaper electricity costs. Wyoming, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Illinois were the five largest producers of coal that year. Average retail electricity prices in those states were among the lowest in the nation.”

“In Vermont, renewable energy accounts for more than 45 percent of the electricity supply. Vermont is one of only two states in the nation without coal-powered electricity production, and its electricity rates are nearly double those of coal-producing states.”

*<http://watchdog.org/134535/electric-costs/>

Reality: U.N. Now *Beyond Renewables*

March 23, 2014 U.N. report **condemns** the widespread use of biofuels

The Telegraph

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Biofuels do more harm than good, UN warns

Growing crops to make “green” biofuel harms the environment and drives up food prices, admits the United Nations



Spiegel: U.N. Report “IPCC Doubts Prognoses On Species Extinction”

March 23, 2014

“Thus far, the IPCC admits, there has been no evidence showing that climate change has led to the extinction of a single species.

Spiegel reports of an ‘acute lack of data’ and that ‘biological findings have increased doubt over the expected species extinction...’”

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http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/images/stories/papers/originals/va_climate_profile.pdf

The Normal State of Science Is “Un-Settled”

Annals Internal Medicine: “Current evidence does not clearly support cardiovascular guidelines that encourage high consumption of polyunsaturated fatty acids and low consumption of total saturated fats.”

<http://annals.org/article.aspx?articleid=1846638> March 18, 2014

Am J Clin Nutrition: Conclusion “A meta-analysis of prospective epidemiological studies showed that there is no significant evidence for concluding that dietary saturated fat is associated with an increased risk with CHD or CVD...” [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Siri-Tarino+Meta-](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Siri-Tarino+Meta-analysis+of+prospective+cohort+studiesJan)

[analysis+of+prospective+cohort+studiesJan](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/?term=Siri-Tarino+Meta-analysis+of+prospective+cohort+studiesJan). March 2010

Medical University Graz, Austria: “Vegetarians are more likely to suffer from allergies, cancer and mental problems including depression and phobias.” March 2014

http://austriantimes.at/news/General_News/2014-03-03/50548/Veggies_suffer_more_health_problems_say_Graz_researchers

P.S.: Manmade CO2 does not drive global climate