

Dems' agenda more about control than climate

In 2019, under President Trump's administration, the United States led the rest of the



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world in clean air. The World Health Organization reported that fine particle pollution in the United States was six times lower than the world average and seven times lower than China.

In addition, they were far lower than in other industrialized nations, including France, Germany, and Russia. This is fantastic news for Americans. So, what gives with the radical climate change agenda of President Biden and the Democrats?

It's all about control — from their political and economic control over the destiny of African Americans, to COVID-19 mandates and lockdowns and the type of information Americans consume on social media — Democrats promote themselves as the ultimate authority. However, they've outdone themselves with their climate change agenda, which is less about saving the environment and more about controlling how Americans live their

lives.

California got the ball rolling when Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order mandating that all new cars and passenger trucks sold in the state must be zero-emission electric vehicles by 2035. So much for freedom of choice; Californians are being maneuvered into driving electric vehicles, as the alternative is being artificially phased out.

Due to blackouts caused by what Newsom called “unreliable solar and wind power,” California, which used to be a major producer of oil, had to import oil from neighboring states. This was not a wakeup call: California continues to close nuclear and fossil fuel plants in favor of “renewables.” Californians pay the second highest energy rates in the nation, yet they are hostage to a grid which can't keep up with demand.

And it's not just consumers: the agriculture sector, which generates \$47.1 billion annually in California, is also in the crosshairs of the electric-or-bust movement. California is a prime example of controlling citizens through an agenda. Expect more blue states to follow. Massachusetts did, enacting a bill that will

outlaw the sale of gas-powered vehicles by the year 2035. Practical? Sensitive to the real-world needs of Americans? That means little to those who wave the green flag.

Democrats utilize climate change as another wasteful expenditure outlet. The Inflation Reduction Act, enacted this August, allots about \$370 billion for climate and energy-related action. John Podesta, a seasoned Washington insider and chairman of Hillary Clinton's unsuccessful 2016 presidential campaign, oversees funding management. Much of the spending would go to new or expanded tax credits to promote clean energy generation, electrification, energy efficiency and wider adoption of electric vehicles.

Who does this benefit the most? Not Americans. Democrat climate change policies benefit China significantly. China already controls more than 80% of all manufacturing crucial to solar panel production and could soon produce more than 95% of the world's polysilicon and wafers. Seven of the top ten wind turbine manufacturers are Chinese. Furthermore, China is the world leader in electric vehicle production and produces 80% of all lith-



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An electric vehicle is plugged into a charger in Los Angeles, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022. California plans to require all new cars, trucks and SUVs to run on electricity or hydrogen by 2035 under a policy approved by regulators that seeks a dramatic cut in carbon emissions and an eventual end to gasoline-powered vehicles.

ium-ion batteries. And Chinese energy companies are the fastest growing customers of American natural gas exports, purchasing nearly half the gas that U.S. companies agreed to ship in the last year, according to Politico.

We're turning off the spigot for Americans, while helping China literally fuel its economy. .

Democrats are dealing Americans a bad hand with their Green New Deal agenda.

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