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## Are kids pawns in climate change debate? (CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHILD ABUSE)

Children are our greatest asset and must be provided with a secure, non-threatening, caring, and loving environment if they are to achieve their full potential. This is a widely accepted axiom of life.

However, students are now being indoctrinated by prophets of doom who threaten them with the false message that the world will end in 12 years unless they address climate change. Furthermore, children are being used as pawns in promoting climate alarmism (e.g. CBC Kids news website).

Would it be unreasonable to conclude that such fearmongering is a form of psychological child abuse? Could it also contribute to childhood anxiety disorders, including increasing suicide rates?

Instead of embracing the futile "fight" against climate change, it is imperative that we "fight", with utmost urgency, the lies that have the potential to harm our children, and destroy our society and economy. As part of their false narrative, the climate alarmists would have us wrongly believe that carbon dioxide ("CO2") is a "carbon emission"; that is, black soot rather than a non-polluting, colourless gas.

We must all play a role in refuting the fake-news lies starting with the basic truth that coal, oil, and natural gas are the true sources of "green" energy. These fossil fuels are "green" because they augment the planet's store of CO2, without which the planet would be a desert devoid of plant and animal life.

Our atmosphere/ocean store of life-giving CO2 has never been as low as it is today, almost solely as a result of the ongoing, natural sequestration of CO2 to form carbonate rocks. Unfortunately, our atmosphere will remain CO2 starved even after the consumption of all known reserves of hydrocarbon (aka "fossil") fuels.

Contrary to the nonsensical, global-warming orthodoxy, our CO2 emissions do not give us the power to stabilize the planet's everchanging climate. Nevertheless, they will significantly extend the planet's Green Period.

A societal crisis is inevitable unless we denounce, without delay, the insane vilification of CO2, the false prophets of doom, and the scientific fraud underpinning the climate-change hysteria.

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