

Evaluating the Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations

A. Part 1: COMBATING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND PURSUING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

1. As a Christian, I believe we were created in God's image and likeness to "rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth" (Gen. 1:26). God created man in the image of God; "male and female He created them" (Gen. 1:27). "God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Gen. 1:28). Would Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders agree with these statements?
2. The document begins, "Climate change is a global emergency." Immediately I take issue with that statement. The environmentalists delight in re-defining terms for their own purposes. In the 70's they were worried about global cooling. Then they started worrying about global warming. Now they talk about "climate change," and whatever happens is always anthropogenic, "man's fault." So if it gets colder, humans are at fault. If it gets warmer, humans are at fault. If there are hurricanes, humans are at fault. Man is a parasite on this planet and the more we can restrict him the better off all of nature will be. So I reject the notion that there is a crisis or emergency, and I reject the notion that whatever changes are occurring are anthropogenic.
3. "Scientists inform us we must achieve net-zero carbon emissions across our economy as quickly as possible in order to avoid the worst consequences of the climate crisis." I don't believe there is a climate crisis, and I don't believe there is any need to achieve net-zero carbon emissions. This will have a disastrous effect upon our energy policies and upon taxes levied to implement this goal.
4. "We will take immediate action to reverse the Trump Administration's dangerous and destructive rollbacks of critical climate and environmental protections. We will rejoin the [Paris Climate Agreement](#) and, on Day One" I fully support the Trump Administration's rollbacks of "critical climate and environmental protections." I actually think protocols such as the Paris Climate Agreement are what are destructive to America, not Trump's rollbacks. America is far less of a polluter than either China or India, for example. Why should America be penalized when these two countries will receive special concessions because they are "developing?"
 - a. The [Paris Agreement](#) (PA) calls for "[Nationally Determined Contributions](#)" (NCDs), or policies accounting for their "anthropogenic emissions and removals." (Article 4, Sections 13, 14)

- b. The PA requires the U.S. to contribute [\\$3 billion annually](#) for expenses of the PA and contributions to the [Green Climate Fund](#). President Trump's withdrawal, once effected, will save our country \$3 billion annually of "foreign aid" to other countries. The Green Climate Fund amounts to a mechanism to put into effect Global Marxism, a scheme to redistribute wealth from rich to poor countries.
 - c. According to [Article 9.1, 3](#), "Developed country Parties shall provide financial resources to assist developing country Parties with respect to both mitigation and adaptation in continuation of their existing obligations under the Convention." This is another way to mandate America participate in global Marxism, siphoning off America's money to other countries who are not as developed.
 - d. According to [Article 12](#), participating countries are to "enhance climate change education," ensuring that children in the country shall be well-indoctrinated in the creed of "climate change."
 - e. By participating in the PA, [Section 13.7.a](#), America will give up its sovereignty, being forced to report "anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases" to the "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change."
5. "To reach net-zero emissions as rapidly as possible, Democrats commit to eliminating carbon pollution from power plants by 2035 through technology-neutral standards for clean energy and energy efficiency."
 - a. I have no doubt, if President Obama's actions are any indication, that the Biden-Sanders presidency will shut down many coal plants across our nation. This will put miners out of work, and will increase the cost of energy in our country. I have seen with my own eyes in both North Dakota and Wisconsin, that modern coal-fired power plants produce little to no visible particulates, other than water vapor.
 - b. I have also seen with my own eyes in North Dakota that efforts have been made by the mining company to return strip-mined ground to usable farm land with crops growing on them.
6. "Democrats will support the most historically far reaching public investments, in addition to private sector incentives, for research, development, demonstration, and deployment of next generation technologies, once again making the United States the world's leader in innovation." When politicians use the words "far reaching public investments," they mean "levy heavy taxes." American taxpayers will be burdened ever more greatly with paying for the Biden-Sanders utopian vision.

7. It seems that every year areas of California face devastating forest fires. Even as I write this, I have relatives who live in Salem, Oregon. They are concerned about forest fires from only 20 miles away in Oregon that are darkening the day-time skies. That is real pollution and real danger. And what responsibility do the authorities in California, Oregon, and Washington bear when, to protect “Mother Earth,” they are so concerned about protecting endangered animal species that they will, presumably, not alter habitat to serve as a forest-fire preventive for humans if it impinges on endangered species of animal life?
 - a. For example, “CAL FIRE is [required to consult](#) with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the [US Fish and Wildlife Service](#) (FWS), or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to ensure that any action it undertakes is not likely to jeopardize any candidate or listed species or result in destruction or adverse modification of essential habitat.”
 - b. Furthermore, “Because many threatened and endangered species are found primarily on private lands, landowners may be subject to regulations under state or federal laws.”
 - c. In California, there are a myriad of state and federal laws that must be observed before either public or private harvesting of timber can begin. These include the Z’berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act; California Forest Practice Rules; California Endangered Species Act; California Environmental Quality Act; Federal Endangered Species Act; and the Federal Clean Water Act.
 - d. Do animals exist to rule man, or does man exist to rule animals?
8. In summary, whereas both the Biden-Sanders goal and the Biblical Christian’s goal may appear to be quite similar on the surface, the perspective and the implementation of ecological practices for either side are miles apart from one another.
9. [The Paris Agreement](#).
10. [Wrong Again: Fifty Years of Failed Eco-pocalyptic Predictions](#).
11. [How should a Christian view environmentalism?](#)
12. [How should a Christian view global warming?](#)
13. [How should a Christian view climate change?](#)