

Figures Don't Lie, But Liars Certainly Can Figure

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While the humans inhabiting the earth are currently facing two major threats to their lives and wellbeing, a killer pandemic and a collapsed economy, there is another overarching threat that in the long run makes the others insignificant; the ongoing destruction of climate conditions that makes life possible on earth.

All sectors of society have brought climate change in focus and front and center now that warnings from the past have started to become a destructive reality. All but one sector -- the class that has inserted its love of creative destruction from the social world into the natural world. There is profit in the shredding of our surroundings -- that which is constituted as our artificial social and economic environment, and the natural world which simultaneously houses and interacts with it.

Capitalists until recently have denied the existence of a climate change risk. But now that climate changes, which would normally occur over millenia have come to the fore in recent decades, they have been forced to wrap themselves in the spirit of humanity while profiting from the damage they have caused -- 'throw away those gas guzzlers for electric vehicles; engage the sun directly rather than burning its derivatives'. They are on top of the problem. No worries.

One who has worked diligently over recent decades to undermine the application of reason on the realities of our world, and for which capitalism has made him a Nobel laureate in economics, is William Nordhaus. See how this fool (or unskilled liar) and his acolytes managed to deceive by providing nonsensical fodder for media talking heads by checking out Steve Keen's [paper](#) explicating Nordhaus' errors.

See how the Nobel economist managed to hermetically seal, as he serially read published papers written by natural scientists, in such a way as to mistake the forest for the trees. Reductionism is the norm among physical scientists, but reductionism in its pliantly stupid form is the hallmark of bourgeois social scientists. See how Nordhaus' sleight of mind manages to translate 87% of our GDP into safe passage through the climate catastrophe.

See how Nordhaus' tendency to convert assumption into fact is undeterred when he asks a panel of mostly economists, but also some

natural scientists, how much damage a 3 degree centigrade rise by 2090 would affect the GDP, and the economists say 0.4% while the natural scientists estimate is 12.3%. Those scientists just don't understand humanities capacity to adapt to any holocaust inflict upon them. See how Larry Summers, a prominent member of the American economists hall of fame, succinctly expresses the mindset of the capitalist in relation to the environment -- "...the existence value [of species] is irrelevant -- I don't care about ants except for drugs." He could have just as well excluded brain power.

China's Private Property Collapse

It's true by definition that no nation claiming to be communist can have private property. One may own artificial objects placed on the earth but not the earth itself which is the communal home of all terrestrial creatures.

As many as 1.25 million homes have been foreclosed in China as of September 16. That compares to only 300,000 over the same period 2019 and only 180,000 in 2017. The cause is the same that occurs in all capitalist countries. Because of inadequate income home buyers must use loans and leverage to finance purchases. Then when the inevitable crisis causes loss of income ones debts become unpayable. Homeowners will usually default on other debt obligations rather than risk losing their homes. An estimated 80 million service sector jobs, and 20 million in manufacturing were lost in the pandemic. In addition, 70 million self employed have been placed in a difficult position.

The Chinese people now have a kind of conventional prosperity for which they sacrificed the relative stability of the iron rice bowl.

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