

Sustainability
Agenda 21 & ICLEI



CONNECTING THE DOTS

**Understanding the true nature of
"Sustainability"**

v **VTPP Series**

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A Critical Crossroads.

- v **Will we choose respect for our citizens freedoms or government overreach?**



*or
this...*

Agenda 21





Why so much debate? Sustainability has a double meaning...

- v **TO MOST CITIZENS- sustainability** with a **small “s” means:** wise use of resources
- v ***But it doesn't matter what you think it means. What matters is what government thinks it means....***



For Government, it is...

- ✓ **Sustainability with a Capital "S"**
 - ✓ A Socio-economic political movement
 - ✓ From UN Dept of Social & Economic Affairs

- ✓ **Focus: 3-E's**
 - ✓ Environment – Economy - Social Equity

Maurice Strong ("Godfather of the Sustainability Movement")



RIO+20
United Nations Conference
on Sustainable Development

- v *"Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the **affluent middle class** - involving high meat intake, the use of fossil fuels, electrical appliances, home and workplace air-conditioning, and suburban housing - are not sustainable."*
- v *... "Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring that about?"*

UN report- Habitat I conference:



- v *"Land ... cannot be treated as an ordinary asset, controlled by individuals and subject to the pressures and inefficiencies of the market. **Private land ownership is also a principle instrument of accumulation and concentration of wealth, therefore, contributes to social injustice."***



Sustainability in their own words...

- v Harvey Ruvlin, recent Vice Chair of the ICLEI, "*individual rights will have to take a back seat to the collective*" in the process of implementing Sustainable Development.



ICLEI / Agenda 21 dogma

- v **Elevates nature above man**
- v **40 chapters of socialist control mechanisms**
- v **Human settlements;**
- v **Educate with environment as central principle**
- v **Unsustainable- Ski Lodges, Golf courses, asphalt, fossil fuels, consumerism, irrigation, commercial farms, livestock grazing**



What is “Sustainability”?

**A euphemism for
“GOVERNMENT APPROVED”
Everything.**



Understanding the Bible of Sustainability- Agenda 21

- v Pay close attention to the **choice of words** and **emphasis on "Government"** in the Agenda 21 "Sustainability" document.
- v In particular watch for the following:
 - v **Gov't into production and consumption**
 - v **Gov't source for all solutions**
 - v ***"Identity Politics"*** as a means of dividing; conquering; and building consensus against capitalism and private property rights.
 - v **Transfer of wealth initiatives** and pro-Marxist "bent".
 - v Emphasis on **"the people"** rather than individuals



Agenda 21- Gov't Centric

- √ 14.41. **Governments** at the appropriate level, should:
- √ (b) **Select combinations of land uses and production systems** appropriate to land units through multiple goal optimization procedures, and strengthen delivery systems and local community participation;



Waste Disposal

- ✓ 21.4. Environmentally sound waste management must go beyond the mere safe disposal or recovery of wastes... by attempting to change unsustainable patterns of production and consumption.

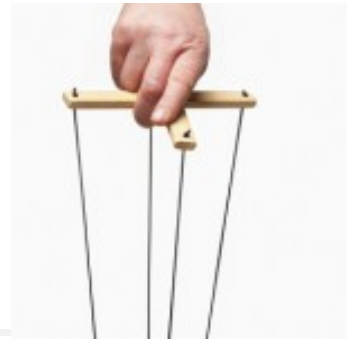
QUESTION- How will they do this?



Sustainability Agenda21 SECTION III STRENGTHENING ROLE OF MAJOR GROUPS (Identity Politics)

- v 24. Global action for women towards sustainable and equitable development
- v 25. Children and youth in sustainable development
- v 26. Recognizing and strengthening the role of indigenous people and their communities
- v 27. Strengthening the role of non-governmental organizations: partners for sustainable development
- v 29. Strengthening the role of workers and their trade unions

Agenda 21...



- v ***“Each country should, in consultation with its youth communities, establish a process to promote dialogue between the youth community and Government... ”***
- v **Government determines appropriate levels of production and consumption**
- v **Middle class = unsustainable**



Appeal to the proletariat

- v 29.4. For workers and their trade unions to play a full and informed role in support of sustainable development, Governments and employers should promote the rights of individual workers to freedom of association and the protection of the right to organize as laid down in ILO conventions...



What has Sustainability become?

- v *Unfortunately, the environmental movement has been hijacked as a convenient excuse to attack capitalism; blame America; transfer wealth; impinge on Constitutional rights; and install a government run socio-economic system.*
- v United Nations paradigm: ***Capitalism and private property rights are not sustainable, and pose the single greatest threat to the world's ecosystem and social equity.***



ICLEI implements Agenda 21

<http://www.icleiusa.org/about-iclei/faqs/faq-iclei-the-united-nations-and-agenda-21#what-does-iclei-do>

- v **ICLEI wrote Chapter 28 of Agenda 21:**
Each local authority should enter into a dialogue with its citizens, local organizations and private enterprises and “adopt a local Agenda 21”

- v ***“ICLEI acts as a bridge between local governments and UN processes.”***



Agenda 21 Adoption & Info

- v **Clinton Executive Order #12852** (6/29/1993) created the President's Council On Sustainable Development to translate recommendations of Agenda 21 into public policy administered by the federal government. They produced: **"Sustainable America - A New Consensus"**.

- v **ICLEI- Intern'l Council for Local Environmental Initiatives = delivery vehicle of UN Policies**
 - v **PROGRAMS (FROM THEIR WEBSITE)**
 - v Agenda 21 RIO 20
 - v UN Habitat Wildlands

How did we get here?

J Gary Lawrence

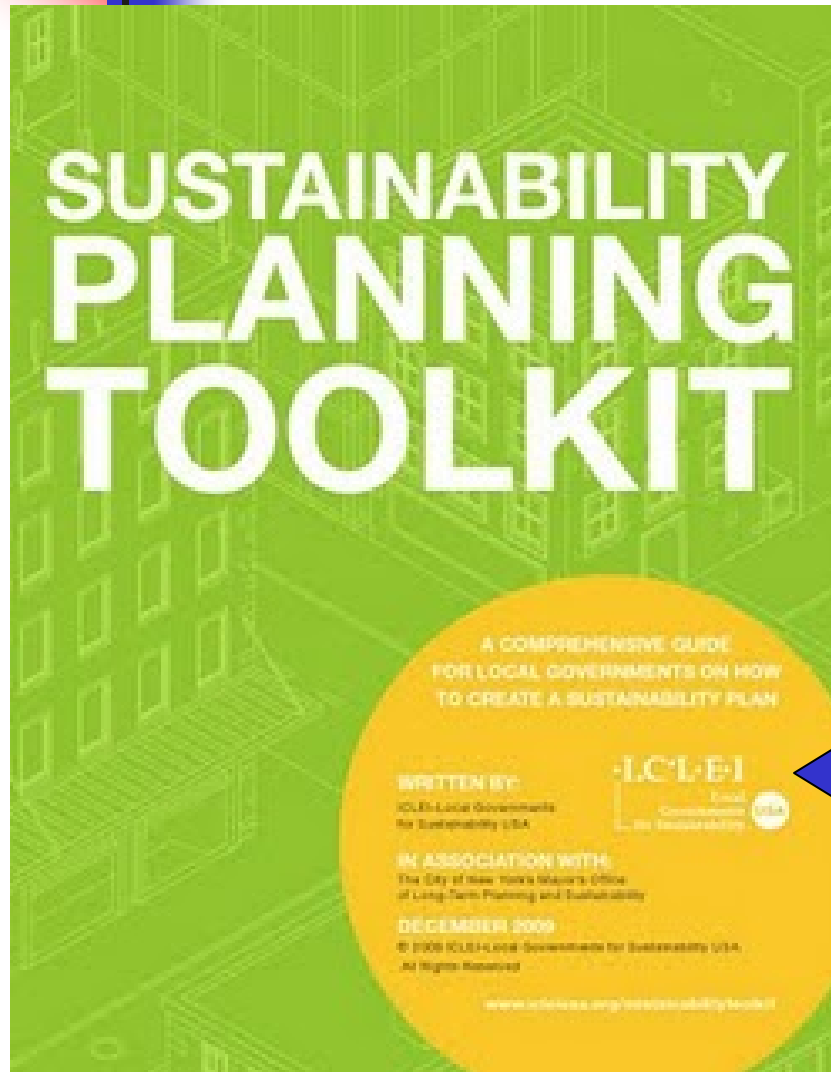
- v Clinton's advisor for Sustainable Development:

"Participating in a U.N. advocated planning process would very likely bring out many ...right wing conspiracy groups...who would actively work to defeat any elected official...undertaking Local Agenda 21. So we call our process something else, such as "comprehensive planning," "growth management," or "smart growth."

ICLEI

v Doesn't come with flashing lights that say "ICLEI".

v Comes wrapped in a plain green package labeled smartgrowth or sustainability.



“ICLEI”



Let's have some fun...

- ✓ *What if you wanted to eliminate candy manufacturers from the world? ...How would you do it?*
- ✓ Which would be easier... Banning candy or promoting healthy teeth?
- ✓ And if we were going to promote healthy teeth, shouldn't we also promote general health and avoidance of diabetes?



How would you do it?

- ✓ Get the ADA on your side (a NGO)
- ✓ Create a health sustainability coordinator who belongs to a U.N. organization that promotes benefits of a candy-free society
- ✓ Pass laws requiring schools to use healthy diet templates
- ✓ Explain how Candy consumption consumes too much of the world's sugar cane supplies.



How would you do it?

- ✓ Publish selective articles “proving” candy is harmful to your health
- ✓ Endorse organizations that promote healthy eating. Offer smart sugarfree growing awards
- ✓ Pass resolutions that state, “in the absence of positive proof”, we should err on the side of caution and avoid candy.
- ✓ Get non-candy companies to sell alternatives. How?



How would you do it?

- ✓ Offer grants to businesses, schools, and communities, that provide healthy desserts in lieu of candy
- ✓ Promote technology that monitors sugar intake
- ✓ Create gov't dietary commissions staffed with anti-sugar political appointees.



How would you do it?

- ✓ **Create false moral equivalencies...**
- ✓ Blame the poor health of children worldwide on wasteful capitalism; and sugar consumption of wealthy nations
- ✓ **Declare the debate is over. Sugar must go!**



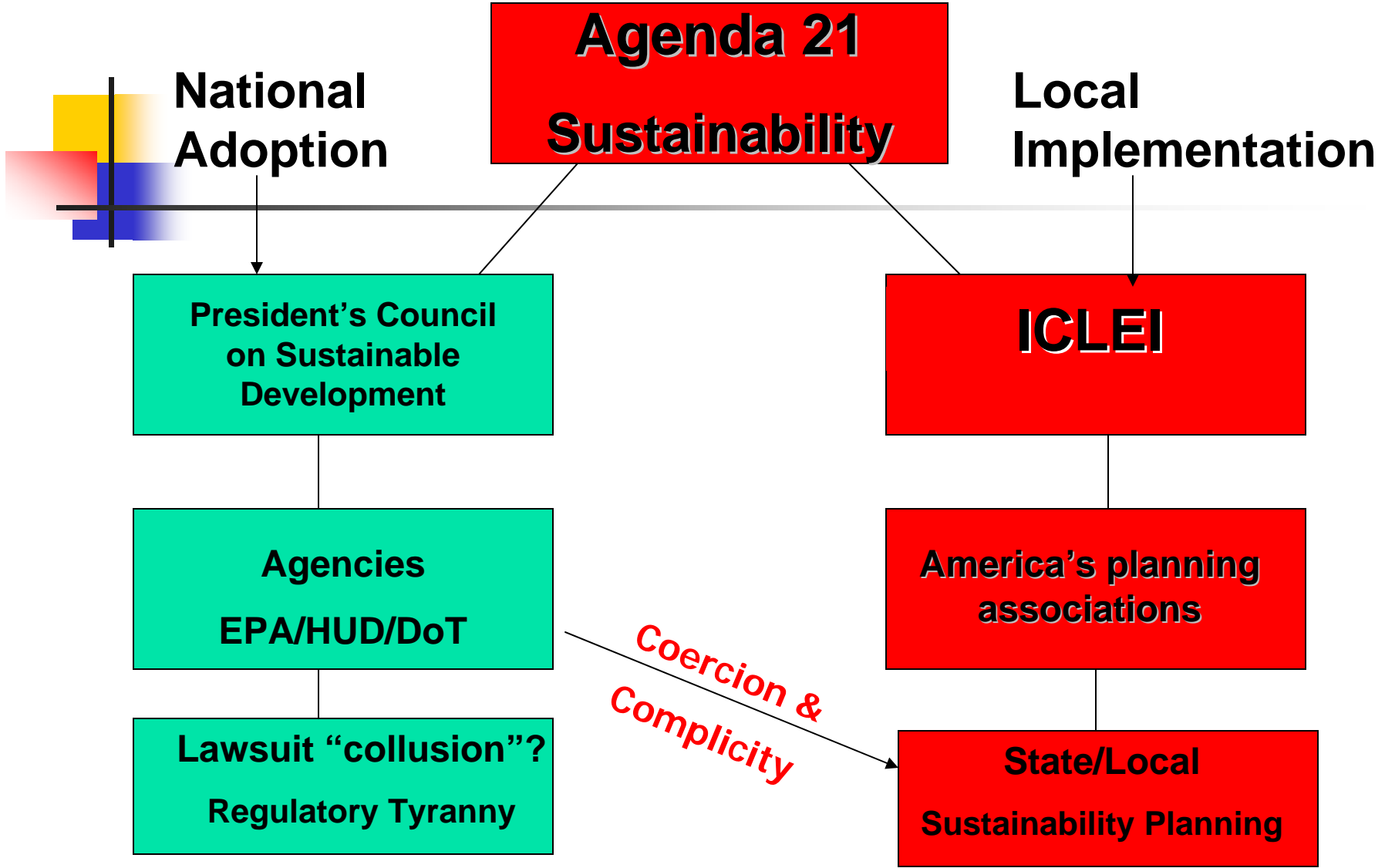
How would you do it?

- ✓ Require fund transfers to poor countries to wean them from sugar-based foods.
- ✓ Require all members of the dietary commission be trained in proper diets



How would Moore or Gore do it?

- ✓ Produce a movie about corruption at Hershey's Chocolate, **"Candy and Me"**
- ✓ Produce a movie denigrating the system that enables us to have chocolate in every household, **"Capitalism and Candy... How greed is killing America"**
- ✓ Produce a movie on the evils of cavities, **"An Inconvenient Tooth"**





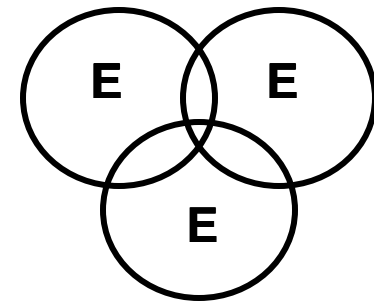
So What?

- v Where's the BEEF?

The “logo” of UN Agenda 21

...Three E's

- According to Agenda 21, the objective of Sustainable Development is to integrate:

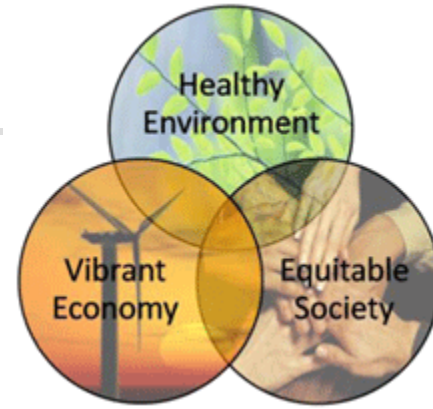


- Environmental policies
- Economy
- Equity (as in Social Equity)

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ACT OF 2010
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES TAX CREDIT

Environmental
 Social
 Economic
 Sustainable Development

January 2010



The "Three E's" appear in Master Plans and Education throughout the U.S.



**Sustainability premises are now
“Repackaged”. Why? Because new
data fails to support their claims**

- v **“Global Warming” is now
*“Climate Change”***
- v **“Sea Level Rise” is now
*“Storm Surge”***



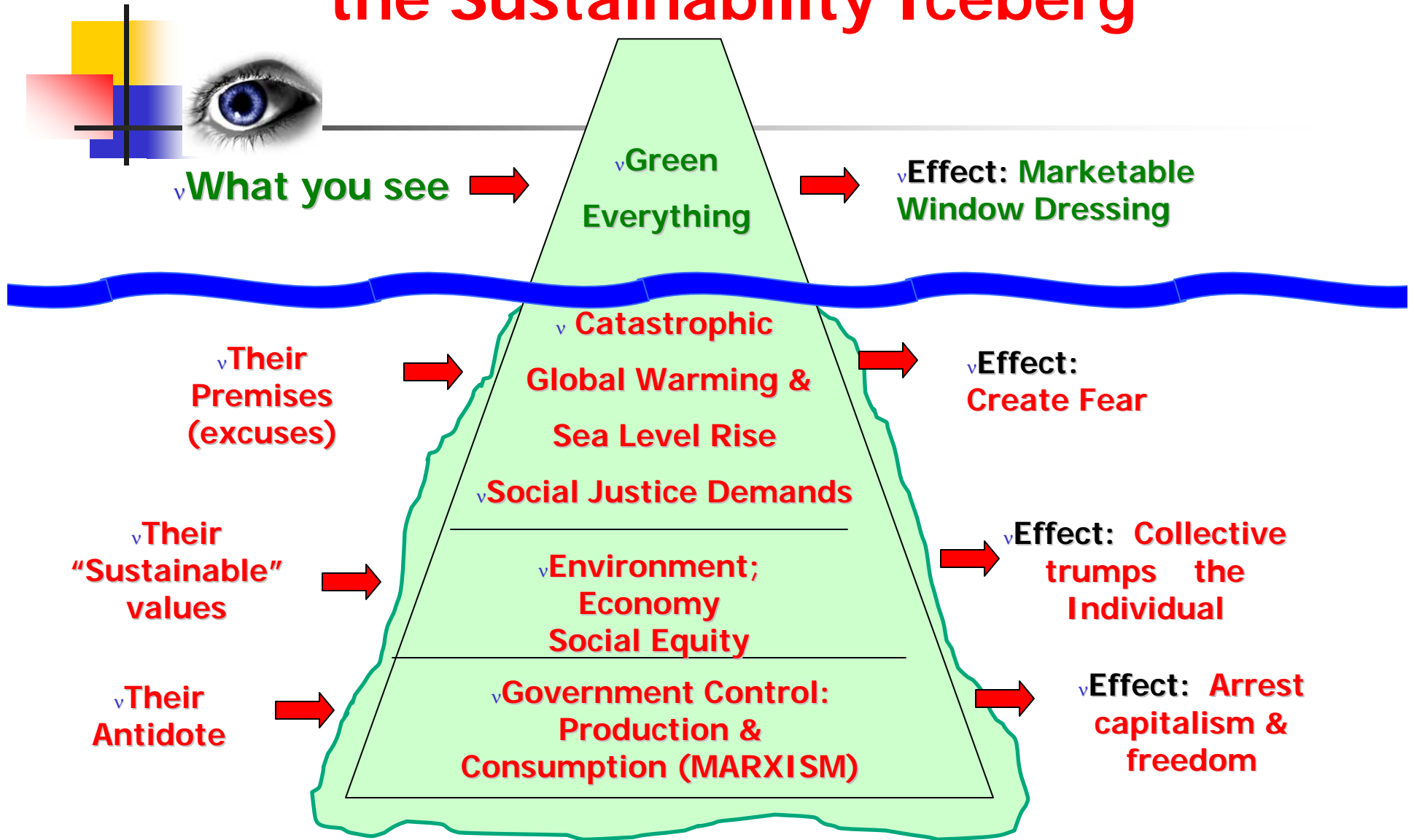
*Is "SUSTAINABILITY" really about
the environment?*

No!

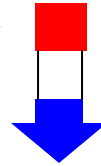
**Environmental concern is not the
cause...**

It is the vehicle.

Below the “water-line” of the Sustainability Iceberg



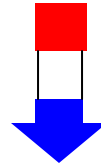
Understanding **Constitution** vs **Sustainability**



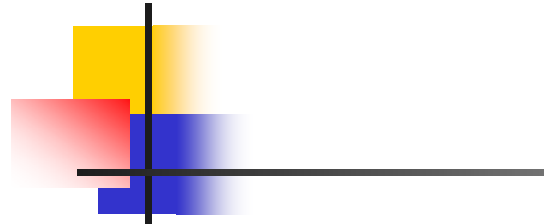
	Constitution	Sustainability
Focus	Protect Individual rights given by God	Global Warming & Collective rights
America's Middle Class	Single family homes; cars; prosperity	<u>UN</u> sustainable
Role of Suburbia	American Dream	<u>UN</u> sustainable
Meat-based diets	Medium or Rare?	Cattle grazing & fences UN sustainable

Understanding **Constitution** vs

Sustainability



	Constitution	Sustainability
Free Market Capitalism	Source of wealth & opportunity	Source of Social Injustice
Growth Template	Free Markets	Smartgrowth New Urbanization Regionalism



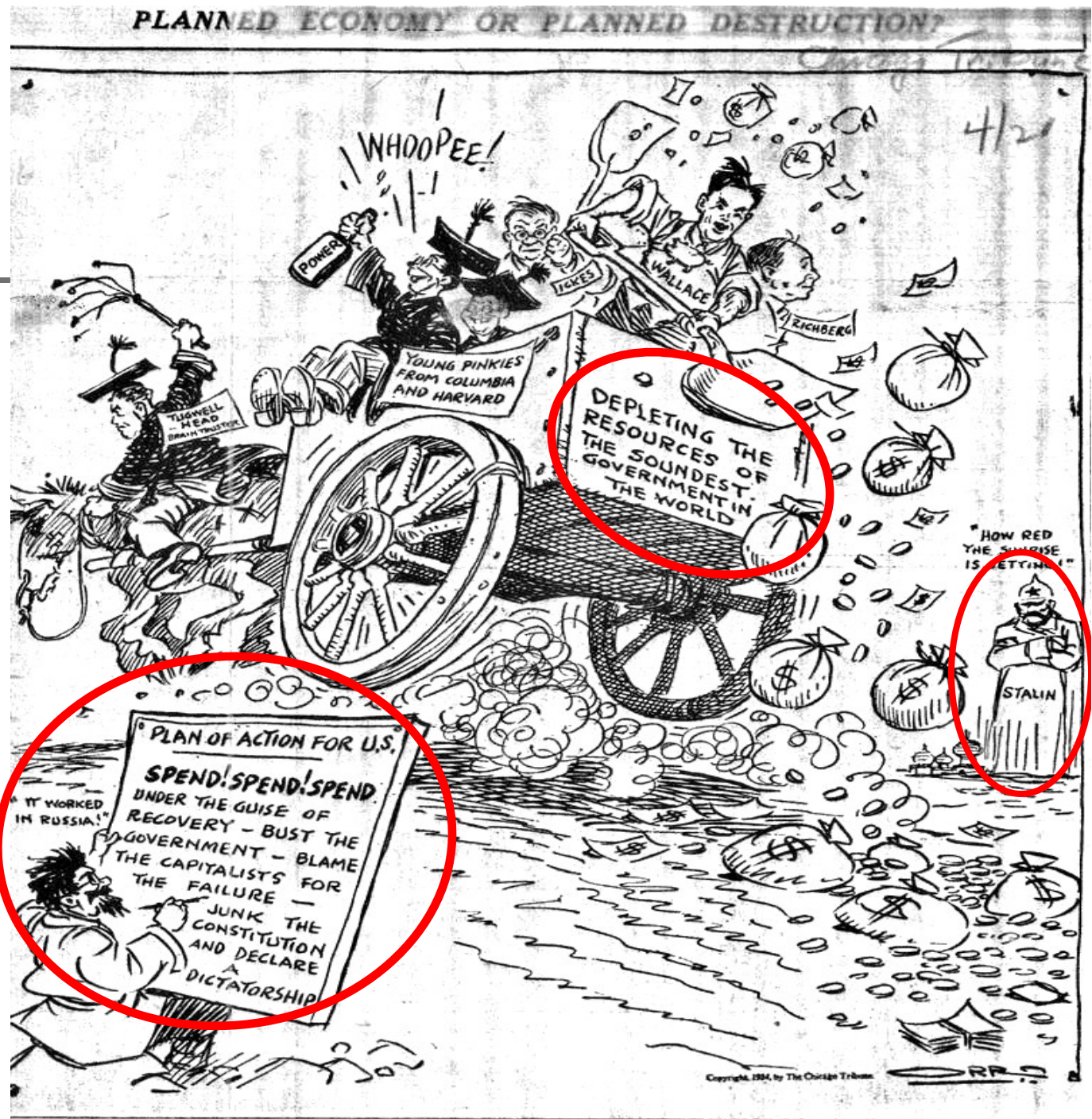
**CARTOON-
Publication ?**

Date ?

ANSWER:

1934

Chicago Tribune



Master Plans... are now

MANIFESTOS:

- v They are the SOFT UNDERBELLY of constitutional freedoms:
Life/Liberty/Pursuit of Happiness/Property
- v Master Plans place **Environment** first, and demand **Planned Economies & Social Equity**
- v Hijacked by Planning Departments to force top-down restructuring of our lives they deem **"sustainable"**.



So many things making **so little sense:**

- ✓ EPA drives industries overseas where **pollution increases**
- ✓ EPA embraces ethanol while **blaming farming** for pollution
- ✓ Master Plans across America **overtly ignore** property rights
- ✓ Environmental nooses rob property rights & individual freedoms based on **unsettled science, distorted statistics & exaggerated predictions.**
- ✓ Focus on **Social Equity** eclipsing life-liberty property (Why?)
- ✓ Municipal Master Plans have become **Manifestos**
- ✓ People **in tears** across America



A **red agenda** marketed with pretty green name: "**sustainability**"

- ✓ **Agenda 21 spread like an INFECTION:**
UN A21 ◊ ICLEI ◊ NGO's ◊ State Planners
- ✓ America's planning association(s) provide sample ordinances based on ICLEI doctrine that originated in UN Agenda 21
- ✓ Municipal Plans become Manifestos.



How they do it

- √ Tax dollars to fund “Sustainability” Departments
- √ Legislation & Regulations based on tortured science and reckless disregard for economic impact
- √ Grants to Coerce local governments



How they do it

- v Environmental nooses that strangle property rights
- v Junk science and manufactured crisis to justify unnecessary restrictions on Land Use, Transportation, & Food
- v Abuse of ICLEI/Sustainability
“Precautionary Principle”

Friendly lawsuits “against” EPA gain judicial fiat power



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAWSUIT

Kingman Park Civic Association, et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, et al, No. 1:98CV00758 (D.D.C.)

MARYLAND LAWSUIT

Sierra Club, et al. v. EPA, No. H97-3838 (D. Md.)

PENNSYLVANIA LAWSUIT

American Littoral Society, et al. v. EPA, No. 96-489 (E.D. Pa.)

VIRGINIA LAWSUIT

American Canoe Association, Inc. and the American Littoral Society v. EPA and EPA - Region III, No. 98-979-A.

In this case (filed July 9, 1998), plaintiffs and EPA signed a **consent decree** which the district court entered on June 11, 1999. The consent decree sets out a 11-year schedule for establishment of TMDLs for all water quality limited segments (WQLS) on Virginia's 1998 Section 303(d) list as amended by EPA on May 10, 1999



Democrats also concerned

v www.democratsagainstUNagenda21.com

(Actual Headline)
DEMOCRATS AGAINST
U. N. AGENDA 21
"Carroll County Maryland
kicks ICLEI out!"



The real choice?

- v **A ZERO-SUM world:** A pack-em and stack-em world, where production is capped by limited resources; and the only alternative is a redistribution by a nanny-state government of limited production among a growing population.

versus

- v **A WORLD of HOPE:** Based on Constitutional Principles where our economy continues to grow; personal choices expand; and standards of living improve for a healthier, happier lifestyle.



Q&A
