

More people are taking notice of the U.N.'s Agenda 21

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I have noticed lately that more people are taking notice of the United Nations Agenda 21 program, in part because more cities are including sustainability in their urban planning and even hiring sustainability directors to help implement sustainable development practices.

But others are rejecting Agenda 21 out of hand.

Last May, the Legislature of the State of Alabama passed Senate Bill 477, which was written to prevent the state from taking private property without due process and was intended to protect its citizens from adverse effects of Agenda 21.

The bill stated, "The State of Alabama and all political subdivisions may not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable to 'Agenda 21'."

Last week in Kansas, Sumner County Commissioners voted not to participate in five-county regional planning effort for which a \$1.5 million grant had been issued by the US Department of Health and Urban Development to the Regional Economic Area Partnership of South Central Kansas.

One of the commissioners stated that he thought that the grant was "the nose under the tent for federal intrusion into local government," while another claimed that the grant was "too broad and vague."

Another opponent to the grant was a commissioner for Sedgewick County, who stated that "I hope it will create a domino effect. My intent is to kill it altogether." He believes that regional planning is a means for the federal government to have more control of local government decision-making.

There is no shortage of ridicule for those who oppose the idea that Agenda 21 and the U.S. Constitution are compatible. Recently an article on the Atlantic Cities website entitled Why Planners Need to Take Agenda 21 Criticism More Seriously, the author began the article with "It'd be easy to wholly dismiss the Agenda 21ers, the nickname that's stuck here in Texas for those who believe that a non-binding 1992 United Nations action plan aimed at aiding world governments in pursuing sustainability is the source of a vast urban planning conspiracy. These individuals have interpreted the U.N.'s Agenda 21 as an international plot, implemented by a town hall near you, to herd humanity into habitation zones and save the rest for animals at the behest of enviro fascists and their bicycle advocate shock troops."

First of all, whenever something is defended with ridicule, it simply means that one must convince another with peer pressure, not with real evidence.

Second of all, the definition of “sustainability” means different things to different people, and as such it is used to build consensus for one concept when another concept is really at play.

Who among us – conservatives, liberals, Republicans or Democrats, Christian or atheists – really doesn’t care about the planet? Of course, we all do. But why does this mean that we must accept an extensively complicated and vague document like Agenda 21, that can be conveniently interpreted for expedience?

Certainly some of the ideas in it might be worthy, but others clearly aren’t, yet we seem to be expected to accept it in its entirety and at today’s face value regardless of the face value a decade from now.

In May of this year, an article appeared on the Lincoln News Messenger website entitled 21 Signs Agenda 21 Is In Your Town that outlined much of what is happening in many American cities.

It included the bullet points that we see routinely ridiculed by those who don’t see the goals of Agenda 21 to be in conflict with the rights guaranteed to us in our Constitution.

Our Constitution is what makes America exceptional. There is no other country on this planet that believes that our rights are given to us by God, not by government, and as such they can never be taken away from us by our government. When you grasp that concept, it is very easy to spot the obvious and even subtle flaws in what would otherwise look like a very noble document, and to see that its outcome will be incompatible with our way of life.

America should not be about conforming to the ideas of those who don’t understand God-given rights, especially property rights, it should be about leading the rest of the world to a system that leads to real prosperity, peace, and security.

So if Agenda 21 can’t be sold without ridicule, it’s not worth buying.

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