

Germany: Poster-Child For the Club of Rome?

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April 22—With the events at the Fukushima nuclear plant in Japan, it has become clear that the German Republic responded fundamentally differently than the rest of the world. The news coverage exhausted itself in a lockstep panic-mongering, and within a few days, the large parties following this pattern of behavior, also fell into line, and immediately lost their minds. In other parts of the world, people were not a little surprised by this, and spoke of “German *Angst*.” If one goes to the core of these things, one comes to the conclusion that what’s inherent in this phenomenon is less *Angst* than an ideological smokescreen, for which there have previously been plenty of signals.

We will report onevents here, which convey a graphic picture of the roots of this irrationality and its origin:

1. “The Energy Concept for an Environmentally Friendly, Reliable and Affordable Energy Supply” of Sept. 28, 2010.

2. The draft of a Commission of Inquiry on the theme “Prosperity Without Growth.”

3. The WBGU paper: “Articles of Incorporation for a Great Transformation.” (The WBGU is the Federal Scientific Advisory Board for Global Environmental Changes.)

The Energy Concept

You can’t really assess the so-called Energy Concept of the German government if you haven’t previously considered what path we might have taken, had there not been the dangerous revival of the Malthusian ideology called “limits to growth.” We would have long ago employed much

less coal, oil, and gas; we would have had modern forms of nuclear technology instead; and we would have also been much further along in the development of nuclear fusion.

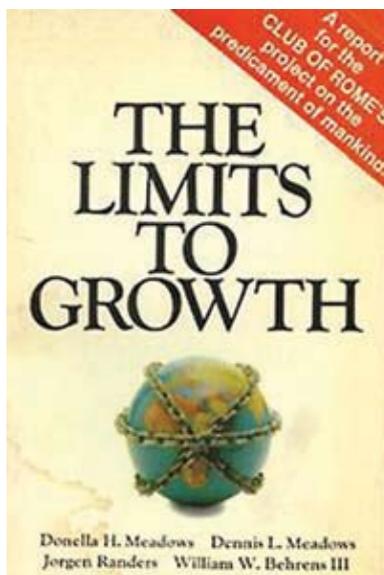
That’s why the government’s Energy Concept is so reprehensible—because it will force us to march backwards; because it commits us to commence an industrial shrinkage process, whose results are not only destroying us, but also the rest of the world. The concept presented in September 2010 means both the exit from nuclear energy, and the end of the use of power plants that create electricity with fossil-fuel energy sources. The buzzword of the whole program is “decarbonization of industry,” under the pretense of something devised specifically for this goal, the so-called man-made climate catastrophe.

The report reads: “According to the coalition’s agreement, greenhouse gas emissions are supposed to be reduced by 40% by 2020, and according to the goals set by the industrial states, by at least 80% by 2050—each measured against usage in 1990. This means a development path through reduction of greenhouse gas emissions up to 2050: –55% by 2030, –70% by 2040, –80-95% by 2050.”

At the outset, that means an assault on our whole economic life, because the normal functioning of society

always and everywhere produces CO₂: For example, wherever we have to heat or cool something, wherever we use means of transportation, and naturally, wherever something is produced. The federal government wants us in the future to use *neither* effective nuclear energy, *nor* fossil fuels like coal or gas.

As this Energy Concept describes it, our economic life should function, starting in 2050, with 80% of its energy from so-called alternative energy sources, which are neither available around the clock, nor are they reliable. We are not going into the many unsolved questions involved with this here, but one thing is clear: Experts who are familiar with energy questions, have provided sufficient evidence that the phenomenal expense of this undertaking has not the slightest rational relation to the result. Thus

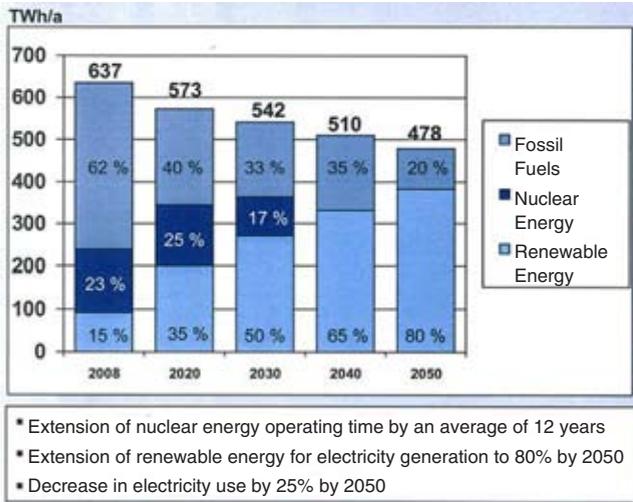


The Club of Rome’s genocidal, fraudulent argument in this 1972 book lies at the heart of current economic policy in Germany—portending total destruction of that former industrial giant.

it is clear that electricity in Germany will become so hugely expensive that it will pull down productive industry.

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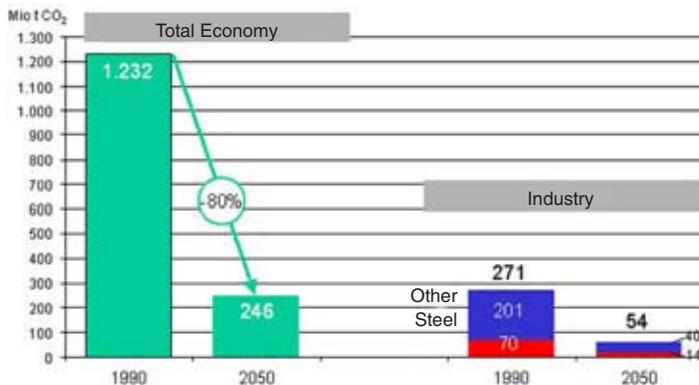
FIGURE 1
The Federal Government's Energy Concept:
Radical 'Energy Change'



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According to the government's plans, nuclear energy should be totally eliminated over the next 40 years, electricity production from fossil fuels should be massively reduced, and energy production from renewables quadrupled.

FIGURE 2
Planned Reduction of CO2 Emissions
 (Millions of Tons)



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The reduction of CO₂ emissions by 80% would mean the corresponding shutdown of industrial capacity—practically a new edition of the postwar Morgenthau Plan, which called for the total deindustrialization of Germany.

culated that the steel industry, under these circumstances, would, in 2050, be only a quarter (!) of what it is today (Figures 1-2). It wouldn't be much different with other energy-intensive industries, such as glass, ceramics, paper, metal production, chemicals, wood-working, and more.

In the program headlined "Key Question, Energy Efficiency," one comes to the astounding realization that the federal government welcomes this rise in prices: "Rising energy prices are, for the user, an important incentive to save energy and use efficiently." This is an unambiguous declaration that electricity consumption in Germany should fall by 25% by 2050, compared to 2008. Because under current conditions you can't speak of higher efficiency, the increase in prices will be a welcome means for regimentation and scarcity. Immediately on the next page, comes a further astounding insight, namely that already, long ago, significant imports of power (up to 30%) had been planned:

"Thus the scenario assumes that for reasons of cost-efficiency, Germany in the year 2050 will import a huge percentage of its energy needs." This shows that the authors believe that the importing of power will still be lower-priced (more advantageous) than the whole fuss about wind and solar power, and non-existent storage capacity.

We should mention the planned increase in the percentage of the biological components of fuel—also for rail, inland water transportation, and air travel—which means, plain and simple, in the face of the worldwide shortage of food production, a worsening of the hunger crisis, which is expected, or at least tolerated, by the federal government.

Who Benefits?

Looking at this state of affairs, one cannot avoid posing a couple of questions: What is the intention? Who wants the takedown of industry? Who or what is dreaming this up? Whence comes this insanity, which has been discussed for ten years in certain executive suites? Already in the opinion of the Advisory Council on the Environment in 2001, the goal of a 40% reduction in CO₂ was mentioned: "The Advisory Council on the Environment considers that a structural change away from energy-intensive old industries, if its social impact is cushioned and it is

introduced in a timely way, would be totally reasonable over the long term.”

Very obviously, therefore, hand in hand with the introduction of the euro, a structural change was put in place, which, as can be gathered from the quotation above, had already been planned. Nine years later, in September 2010, the federal government presented a concept whereby the established goal was nonchalantly doubled: CO₂ reduction at least by 80% by 2050.

The constantly quoted experts on the environment who were at work here, were naturally not sought among the energy experts of the engineering departments, but elsewhere: They are the academic flunkies of the international investor interests, assigned by the European Commission. In October 2009, the very same Commission decided that the CO₂ emissions of the developed European states (with reference to 1990) should fall by 2050 by 80-95%. The program was managed and paid for by the European Climate Foundation, and became known as “Roadmap 2050”; it was uncritically adopted in its essential features by the German government, as demanded.

The text says explicitly: “The European Climate Foundation is the sole author of the report Roadmap 2050, is alone responsible for its content, and will act as a guardian of the content.”

According to its own statements, the European Climate Foundation was supported by foundations that are tied in with mostly notorious hedge funds. The funds of the ECF originated from six big foundations of hedge funds and the super-rich, such as London’s Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF). This foundation was financed by an aggressive British hedge fund, The Children’s Investment Fund. Its first big actions were in 2008, the demonstration at the Staudinger power plant in Hesse, and at Jaenschwalde in Brandenburg. That year, the World Wildlife Fund in Frankfurt was supported by the ECF “for the filing of a legal objection” against the coal-fired power plant in Lublin.

The shocking thing is not that some international foundations are writing studies. The shocking thing is that the EU is demanding that the recommendations of these studies be carried out, and that the federal government actually understand itself as the trailblazer in terms of implementation. It is therefore in no way an exaggeration to point out that policy in this country, especially the all-decisive energy policy, has been made

by investors whose registered office is not even in Brussels, but in London or in the Bahamas or some such place. Especially obliging academic flunkies therefore also gain appropriate honors, as in the case of Hans Joachim Schellnhuber of the Potsdam Institute, who is a Commander of the British Empire.

Commission of Inquiry Against Growth

Once the overall direction had been determined, the next leap down into the abyss was taken head-first. In November 2010, all parties of the German Bundestag, with the exception of the Linke [the Left party], applied to have a commission of inquiry set up, titled “Growth, Prosperity, Quality of Life—Ways to Sustained Economics and Progress Within a Social Market Economy.”

Don’t be fooled when reading proclamations in the headlines that sound good, as has become general practice: There is no intention whatsoever to make good on any such declared purposes. It’s not about growth, and also not about the social market economy [the term is associated with Germany’s second post-war Chancellor Ludwig Erhard—ed.]; what they mean is the exact opposite. They talk about uncertainties on the job market, troubling indebtedness and widening social imbalances; but instead of thinking about how to change this trend, the Commission is tasked with the opposite: How can the population, under conditions of acute national and international crisis, be taught to forgo growth and to start preparing for the scarcity that awaits us through the Energy Concept?

Apparently they are not ashamed to heap praise upon the infamous and politically motivated zero growth policy of the Club of Rome: “Already in 1972, the Club of Rome made the limits to growth and the decoupling of economic growth from raw materials consumption an issue. In view of the current challenges, increasing scarcity of raw materials and the necessities of climate policy, this debate had become more relevant than ever before. . . .”

As soon as the Commission of Inquiry went to work, old and new fans of the Club of Rome came out of hiding. Kurt Biedenkopf [former governor of Saxony, of the Christian Democratic Union party, the CDU], of course, had to be part of everything, and the Konrad Adenauer Institute even went so far as to abuse the name of Ludwig Erhard for this issue. “Prosperity Without Growth” has suddenly become everyone’s favorite slogan, and the “C” in CDU now stands for Cap-

ital—a situation which has been developing for some time, but is now a fact.

Who in the world would gain from seeing Germany give up its best traditions? Was it not once the nation of engineers, and also of poets and thinkers? After all, we used to know that human beings are different from cows, by virtue of their creativity; that we use this ability to overcome any limits to growth, and create new degrees of freedom. To accept the ideology of limits to growth also means to carry out the bestiality of the Club of Rome, denying billions of human beings the right to life.



The so-called Kalkar Wonderland, shown here, demonstrates just how crazy the environmentalists are. This amusement park was built on the remains of the former Kalkar fast-breeder nuclear reactor, which the German government never completed in the face of anti-nuclear hysteria, in 1991.

The Great Transformation

On March 10, the Swiss financial daily *Neue Zürcher Zeitung* quoted EU Commissioner Günther Oettinger, that because EU member states had not done enough to reduce energy consumption, the Union would therefore assess the situation and, if deemed necessary, would proclaim mandatory energy-saving targets. It was to be expected, that the same people that came up with the absurd Energy Concept already knew quite well, that it could not be pushed through on a voluntary basis. Therefore, the Federal Scientific Advisory Board for Global Environmental Changes (WBGU) published a tract entitled “Social Contract for a Great Transformation,” comprised of recommendations for establishing a worldwide ecological dictatorship under the pretext of a fictitious, man-made climate catastrophe—invented for just this purpose.

Here we must first ask ourselves: Why does Minister of Education and Research Dr. Annette Schavan, who ostensibly is still ashamed of the dishonesty of Mr. Guttenberg,¹ now heap praise on her website upon this eco-tract, the which is comparable with Maoist fantasies of world dictatorship?

We must ask whether the Members of Parliament and the Ministers even read these documents, and, if they do, whether they are capable of weighing the con-

sequences. On page 3, it states: “The necessary decarbonization of energy systems means higher pressure to act not only in industrialized nations, but also in dynamically growing emerging nations and developing countries. Poor developing countries must also orient towards low-emission development in the mid-term. The era of economic growth based on the use of fossil fuels must be ended.”

Notwithstanding this strategy of depopulation, the next page reads: “In order to cover the food demands of a growing world population, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) projects that worldwide food production would need to be increased by 70% by 2050.” Back when Germany still counted as an educated nation, and in contrast to these ridiculous academic flunkeys, every high school student could clearly explain that a 70% increase in food production cannot be achieved with a 30% reduction in energy consumption. The climate conferences of Copenhagen and Cancun have shown that much of the rest of the world is distancing itself from such bald-faced lies.

Where ideology reigns, dictatorship becomes necessary. The Great Transformation paper calls for, first, the dirigist state; then, a few pages later, the strong state; and then, later still, the strong eco-state. “The WBGU recommends that these goals be pursued on

1. Karl-Theodor Guttenberg resigned as defense minister on March 1, 2011, under pressure resulting from the scandal over his plagiarism of large parts of his doctoral thesis.

four interconnected levels: the material and legal level, by setting aims for climate protection by law; the constitutional level, through determination of state aims for climate protection; the procedural level, by expanded possibilities for informing, incorporating, and legally protecting citizens and non-governmental organizations; and the institutional level, by mainstreaming the state institutions along climate policy lines (for example, setting up a Ministry for the Environment, Climate, and Energy).” Identical demands are made for the European Union, and all the way up to the UN Security Council—in short, for world government.

The ill-named scientific advisors have no qualms in stating that the aim of decarbonization can best be achieved by the greatest fraud of all time, namely, the intended trading of CO₂.

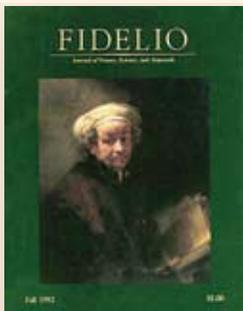
“The WBGU is of the opinion,” the report states, “that putting a price on CO₂ is the most important political measure towards achieving decarbonization, and is a necessary part of a regulatory framework for transformation into a climate-friendly society. The price of CO₂ must therefore be high enough to have the required

transformative impact, i.e., it must be several times higher than the current price level for emissions trading in Europe.”

Such a regulatory framework will lead to such a cost increase in the productive process, that it will strangle itself. What is meant to grow, on the other hand, is the financial sector—the gamblers in the financial casino—whose overlords fantasize about a world that will never exist.

The German government is then called upon to use its trailblazing role in the Renewable Energies Act and to emphasize at all international conferences, the importance Deutsche Bank’s mechanism for insuring investors.

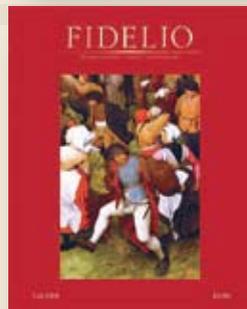
The policy, which the federal government and the parties represented in parliament are so obviously ready to follow, is eco-fascism in service of the imperial Club of Rome and its British-controlled financial lobby. There is much talk these days of debt burdens and the coming generations. Debt is definitely not the biggest problem. Are we really willing, once again, to leave to our children a nation destroyed by political failure and zero growth?



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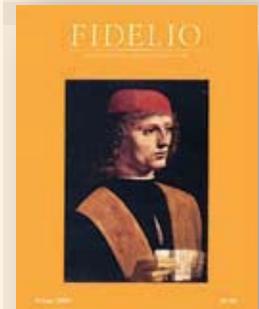
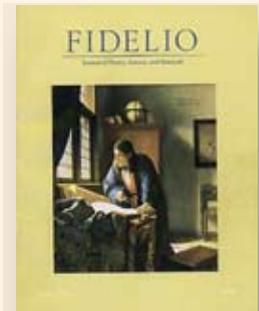
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