

Legislation and Environment

As I took a look at the numerous issues of climatology and environmental science I could not motivate myself to pick apart any of the logical fallacies abounding in the opinionated news. One thinks of environment in terms of man's interaction with the Biosphere, Hydrosphere; Atmosphere and Geosphere.

Most casual news-article viewpoints can be classified within two general categories. Those which stick with the facts, and those which wander afield. That is, importantly, what defines or exemplifies the contemporary state of environmental logic/science is the level of incorporate meaningful fact defining anthropogenic climate change.

So after reaching a stalemate, my mind was captured by a seemingly innocuous news article/video bearing upon the more tactile and immediate environment. *The purity and safety surrounding those substances put within the human body.*

Food composition and human nutrient balance is compromised when short-term agri-interests dominate land plantings. (See: The Land Institute 2440 E Water Well Road Salina, Kansas 67401) Their "vision of a new agriculture means . . .

- Soil conservation: Perennial crops protect soil from erosion by wind and water year after year—instead of just the few months that annual crops cover and protect the soil.
- Water conservation: Perennial crops, with deeper root systems, will not require irrigation to produce a harvest.
- Resource conservation: Perennial crops, when grown in mixtures, will reduce or eliminate the necessity for petroleum-based fertilizers.
- Pollution reduction: Mixtures of perennial crops, with greater natural resistance to pests and disease, will require fewer pesticides and herbicides.
- Climate change hardiness: Perennial crops, with their deep roots, will be more resilient to climate change across the agricultural regions of the world.
- Conservation of wild spaces: Conservation is a byproduct of perennial crops, reducing the expansion of agriculture into natural habitats and protecting and preserving nature."

The major failings with agriculture have been the single-minded logic controlling fertilization and parasite control. One has only to look at Rachel Carson's seminal book on this matter to see how small observations can affect the world for the better.

No one would dispute the toxicity of drugs in the water supply; when and how that comes about. What is oft glossed over regarding pharmaceuticals and their movement in the environment is the quality of legislation used to define that very movement. Specifically, the use of an absolute prohibition without deft consideration of the laws surrounding that prohibition. The most elementary, yet far reaching effect comes from the rudimentary field of economics. The Law of Supply and Demand. History has shown prohibitions have never cut off supply when demand is great. The chronology of U.S. drug law has been defined by rather simple actors. *Those who see a market and those instrumental in defining price structure.*

Yes it's true, upon the surface we have our elected representatives charged with providing for the public's safety. But what gets lost in the shuffle is the reality brought about by the theory. *Adulteration and greed* which results in a harm to user's bodies, and to the outlying populous which funds the resulting war machine. (See general media under drug war. The list of articles are endless.)

In this particular article/video one sees a rather blatant trend. The forces in place rally the news media to expose a distraught citizen; which then catalyzes the implied solution. Make a law which bans the substance. History then repeats. The black market ensues and a tumultuous drug 'discovery' mechanism is foisted upon a new generation of children teenagers and adults while someone(s) in the shadows get extremely rich.

This is clearly a most logical profit scheme for those having a limited skill-set. When you can't make money the honest way (with a high demand skill-set) you invoke meaningless bureaucracies and then fill those positions with 'paper shuffling'. This model can be traced back to the routines in grade school. (see U.S. Drug Statutes) Some may call my statement opinion without considering the fact every intoxicant substance and its legal history replicates this basic fact.

Just as a person beating his head 'against a brick wall' will eventually grow tired and rest, so too will humanity tire inadvertently employing these 'vile' solutions developed by a selfish few.

The lessons learned from pollution legislation are in many respects applicable to drug legislation. With waste regulations, initial 'demand' for waste riddance, without a sane economically based disposal mechanism placed tremendous burdens upon the natural ecosystem. Yet a non-stagnant policy allowed for market forces to then structure a price to waste and then develop a business model for compliance. The primary mechanism getting out from under this problem being Internet communications and sane industrial zoning.

If the analogy isn't absolutely clear then I'll repeat. Policy makers have an absolute burden to objectively measure the results of their structural craft. What is often disregarded in government is the nature of deadlines. If a policy is to be valid it must fruit in an allotted time period. Otherwise a different method must be devised. All other areas of commerce adhere to this general rule and government is no exception.