

## **Opting out of a new world order helmed by an EU-China alliance**

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In late April, the European Union declared its alliance with China. EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini identified China as a key ally in “guarantee[ing] the world order”. Never before has the European world order shared a common destiny with the values enshrined in communist statehood. Mogherini laid out the agreements underpinning the shared EU-China world order: the Paris climate accord and UN’s Sustainable Development goals.

The US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement is an affirmation of freedom and the values that distinguish the West from the rest. The socialist-green EU bloc has surrendered Europe to a different destiny.

As the doomsday clock struck midnight and the world kept turning, the liberal media denied the rising sun. It was doom and gloom as the grim weepers of the populist left lamented the US withdrawal from the watermelon world order. It is hard to pick a favourite from the weeper reel, but the prize must go to Channel 9 for leading with “Climate change fury” featuring a grab from Arnold Schwarzenegger followed by jihad poster girl Kathy Griffin crying victim after apparently glorifying the decapitation of the US President. The PC left’s rage against liberty knows no bounds and as leader of the free world, the US remains the primary target of the illiberal world order.

According to President Trump, the US stood to lose up to 2.7 million jobs by 2025 under the Paris Agreement, including 440,000 fewer manufacturing jobs. Once, the left might have defended the working class. Today it represents the bureaucratic elite of a sclerotic world order led by careerists.

Socialist and communist leaders vented fury at the US President for upholding his promise to the American people. On the day the US announced its exit from the Paris Agreement, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang stood with EU leaders to declare a global consensus on climate change and an international responsibility to address it. Such trivial matters as a president honouring the sovereign will of his citizens apparently pale in comparison to the lofty political goals contained in global agreements on sustainable development and - environmentalism.

One such goal — “global sovereignty” — was announced in the G77 (plus China) declaration, “For a new world order for living well”, which typifies the ideology underlying agreements on climate change. In it, the G77 delivered the United Nations a 242-point vision of the new world order. Highlighted values include sustainable development and environmentalism as well as the worship of a pagan queen called “Mother Earth”. Through the lens of realism, the declaration looks like a massive push for wealth redistribution from the West to the rest dressed up in postcolonial rhetoric. After laying collective guilt on the developed world (aka the West), the G77 states that advanced nations should transfer their money and intellectual property to developing nations while strengthening the UN as “as an emblem of global sovereignty”.

The Paris Agreement reflects the belief that Western countries are to blame for what ails the world, including climate change. As such, they should pay for the sin of advanced development. The West should pay by pledging to comparatively high energy restrictions while doling out taxpayer funds to supranational bureaucrats and illiberal states through the Green Climate Fund.

The Green Climate Fund puts the politics of the Paris Agreement in plain sight. Among the 43 countries committing funds, only nine are developing nations. China isn't on the donor list. Qatar, the world's wealthiest country, isn't a donor. Saudi Arabia isn't a donor. Despite their soaring debt levels, it is Western countries funnelling billions into the fund.

The recipients of green finance include highly corrupt states. Like foreign aid funding, much green finance is transferred from hardworking Western taxpayers into the pockets of corrupt regimes. The biggest donor to the fund is the US. It signed off on a \$1 billion transfer of wealth despite having a \$20 trillion debt. The Australian government has committed more than \$200 million to the green fund from 2015-18 despite our nation being \$490bn in debt. In a December statement on Australia's leadership of the Green Climate Fund board, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop welcomed incoming co-chair Saudi Arabia.

While Trump clarified the poor economic conditions that the climate accord offered America, he declared the exit a reassertion of America's sovereignty, saying: "Foreign leaders in Europe, Asia and across the world should not have more to say with respect to the US economy than our own citizens and their elected representatives ... our withdrawal from the agreement represents a reassertion of America's sovereignty."

The political response to the US withdrawal from the Paris Agreement indicates Trump had cause for concern. The EU framed the exit as a "unilateral decision by the Trump administration". That is pure disinformation. It is a neat rhetorical trick that enables the EU to isolate Trump for attack while portraying the assertion of American sovereignty as unilateral. In reality, the US exit from the Paris Agreement honours a key campaign promise and 61 million Americans signed off on it when they voted Trump into office.

The assertion of US sovereignty is invaluable to the West at a time when the EU is tilting to totalitarian states under communist and Islamist rule. It is notable the European politicians leading the charge against Trump are key porous border backers. Mogherini not only celebrates the EU-China world order but has declared "political Islam" part of Europe's future. The sooner Australia joins the US in defending the West from the rest, the safer our future as a free world nation will be.