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Responding to Bellotti

I have silently endured the parade of poorly reasoned, bad-faith diatribes against immigrants the Journal Inquirer apparently feels compelled to publish, but the opinion piece by William R. Bellotti on Dec. 7 is so bad it demands a response.

Bellotti's argument, except for a lone reference to a 30-year-old study by the Urban Institute, relies entirely on "data" assembled by the Center for Immigration Studies, a "think tank" founded in 1985 by the anti-immigrant publicist John Tanton.

The CIS "studies" cited by Bellotti have been debunked time and again by a variety of organizations, including the libertarian Cato Institute, which is hardly a bastion of left-wing sentiment. Indeed, specifically to Bellotti's points, a Cato report published on May 10 concluded that, "Overall, immigrants are less likely to consume welfare benefits and, when they do, they generally consume a lower dollar value of benefits than native-born Americans."

The problems with CIS go deeper than shoddy research methodology, though. In 2016, the Southern Poverty Law Center designated the CIS a hate group, finding that, among other things, the group had circulated more than 2,000 articles by racists, anti-Semites, and at least one Holocaust denier in weekly emails to supporters over the last decade.

I urge Bellotti to read the voluminous material on CIS found on the websites of both the Cato Institute and the SPLC and decide how credible he finds the group. And, if he's not able to make his case without relying on discredited "studies" by a hate group, what does that say about the case he's trying to make?

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The rabble is getting wise

Merchants of carbon taxes ought to adhere to that science of which they claim to have a monopoly, descend from their white privileged Mount Olympus, and mingle with the deplorables to sound what support their Marxist schemes have among the hoi polloi.

None other than Apostle John Kerry of the Obama Church of Mother Gaia stated that were mankind to stop the burning of all fossil fuels, there would be no reduction in global temperatures in the foreseeable future.

Scientists concur, affirming that were all the ploys of the wealth redistributive Paris Climate Contract on America enacted, temperatures might be reduced to between 0.0025 and 0.017 of a degree in the next 50 to 100 years.

When enacted in Australia and British Columbia, carbon taxes were soon abandoned like leprosy. Besides proving to be but a Holy Grail, consumers recoiled in horror when presented with the electric bills.

The French have been uprising violently because of proposed taxes on diesel fuel to, you guessed it, combat “climate change,” which is defined as “unprecedented” heat or cold; drought or rain; or Californian forest fires caused by arson or poor management.

Like his predecessor Louis XVI — who thought the unrest among his subjects was a revolt, not the revolution which brought to an end his reign as well his head and that of his wife Marie Antoinette — Monsieur Macron still hasn’t heard that the ignorant rustics don’t “acheté” his socialist mantra of L’Eta reimbursing them for all the surfeit “fees.”

Of course, just like his elitist counterpart Hillary Pinocchio, Monsieur Macron will continue to fly in private jets that burn 275 gallons of fuel an hour; or live in a \$10 million, 10,000-square-foot grotesque Gore Taj Mahal which guzzles more electricity in one year than the average American family uses in 21 years; or hang with fellow carbon merchant, jet-setter Hollywood Leonardo Dicaprio aboard his 450-foot-long yacht, one that burns a gallon of diesel per mile.

Fortunately, the rabble is getting wise to the elitists’ conspiracy.

In California, The Two Hundred, a coalition of civil rights groups, filed a 102-page lawsuit against the California Air Resources Board, seeking an injunction against the proposed state’s carbon taxes. As one of The Two Hundred members said: “Every time they pass new regulations, the burden falls on the people who can least afford it. That’s the history of the environmental movement: They care more about spotted owls than brown babies.”

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