



Obama gives another \$3B to 'climate change' ... \$120B and counting

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After offering some \$6 billion for West Africa's Ebola relief and offering amnesty to 5 million illegal aliens that can end up costing untold billions, President Barack Obama is pulling out America's checkbook once again to the tune of \$3 billion to allegedly help impoverished nations deal with so-called "climate change" via clean — or green — energy.

Obama had the deepest pockets in the world at Australia's G20 Summit in Brisbane, writing a \$3-billion check that accounted for more than half of the total amount (\$5.4 billion) collected by the United Nations by all 20 attending nations combined. The United States provided about one-third of the U.N.'s total goal of \$10 billion.

The U.N. claims this money is going toward its "Green Climate Fund," which will help developing nations adjust to so-called "rising seas," "warmer temperatures" and "extreme weather." It also says that heat-trapping carbon dioxide emissions from gas, coal and oil will be reduced by the funding. This comes at a time when numerous scientific reports have asserted that the earth has been experiencing global cooling for about two decades.

Despite increasing contentions from within the scientific community that no "global warming" has taken place since the turn of the century, the Obama administration and the U.N. haven't skipped a beat in pressing for more funding to bolster green industries throughout the world.

Obama addressed the citizens of the world at the G20 Summit, calling them to go above and beyond what global governments are doing to battle "climate change."

"Citizens — especially young people like you — have to keep raising your voices, because you deserve to live your lives in a world that is cleaner and healthier," Obama proclaimed in his speech at a university in Brisbane in an attempt to rally more support for his global climate change agenda.

Long-time champion of the "global warming" agenda, former Vice President Al Gore commended Obama's assertive push to pledge an unprecedented amount of money to climate change this year. Gore joined several other environmental activist groups to proclaim that

Obama's large contribution is a display of "strong leadership" that is needed as intense climate negotiations continue in preparation for next year's new international treaty on climate change.

Showing the money

Obama's \$3 billion was the largest contribution to the U.N. fund to date this year, according to several international environmental groups. The next biggest spender was France, weighing in at about a third of the U.S. pledge at \$1 billion. Germany gave a little under a billion, while the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland gave a small fraction of what the big three contributed, donating a bit more than \$100 million a piece. According to Oxfam America officials, Norway, Luxembourg, Denmark, the Czech Republic, Indonesia and Mexico climbed on board with the climate change agenda and contributed less than \$100 million each.

Not limiting itself to government pledges, the Green Climate Fund - which is based in South Korea and developed by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change - announced that it will also accept contributions from private charities.

Amidst the struggling economic times in the U.S., many have questioned where Obama intends on coming up with such an exorbitant amount, which tripled the sum promised by the second biggest contributing nation.

United Nations Foundation Vice Chairman Sen. Timothy Wirth, who formerly served on the House and Senate budget committees, expressed that he has no idea where the Obama administration can come up with such a large sum without the Republican Congress' approval — which he says is very doubtful. However, Wirth also noted that the amount could become a reality, saying that "almost all of this is going to be done by the private sector." He also noted that approximately \$100 billion would be funneling into developing nations if the climate change agenda keeps moving forward.

Explaining away America's lopsided contribution, the White House insisted that its large \$3-billion U.S.-funded pledge was made as a means to make sure that other nations would pitch into the global effort. White House officials stressed that they had intended on drawing the line at \$3 billion, saying that it did not want to contribute more than 30 percent of all the pledges put together. They also excused the large amount by promising that the United States' share would lower down the road once a greater number of nations agreed to pledge money to the environmentalist agenda.

Even environmental experts in academia were surprised by the president's persistence in going forward with his green agenda — despite increasing resistance from conservatives and the scientific world.

"Symbolically, I think it shows bold action to keep advancing his climate agenda [despite a Republican Congress that may not even believe in global warming]," expressed American University professor of international relations and environmental politics Paul Wapner.

Money wrongly spent?

Conservative leaders from both the business and political spectrum aren't on board with many Democrats when it comes to the government using taxpayer money to fund a green agenda to which many Americans don't ascribe.

The Cato Institute's Chip Knappenberger argues that private money — not federal money — should be what funds greener energy sources.

Another conservative is a bit more vocal when it comes to denouncing Obama's willingness to break the nation's bank to fund programs of which many are skeptical — especially ones having to do with the highly debated climate change, which are increasingly regarded as questionable, at best.

"President Obama's pledge to give unelected bureaucrats at the U.N. \$3 billion for climate change initiatives is an unfortunate decision to not listen to voters in this most recent election cycle," contended Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.).

Even though former President George W. Bush pledged \$2 billion to another environmental U.N. fund back in 2008, Inhofe blasts the current president for consistently and flagrantly throwing an unprecedented amount of U.S. dollars at climate change programs, promising green activists and extremists billions every year since he took office.

Inhofe is next in line to become the next chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, and his criticism of the president's environmental policy ran deep after he brought to light the \$3 billion pledge as just the latest episode of his alleged frivolous spending on climate change, which he says now tips the scales to more than \$120 billion, dating back to Obama's first year in the White House back in 2009.