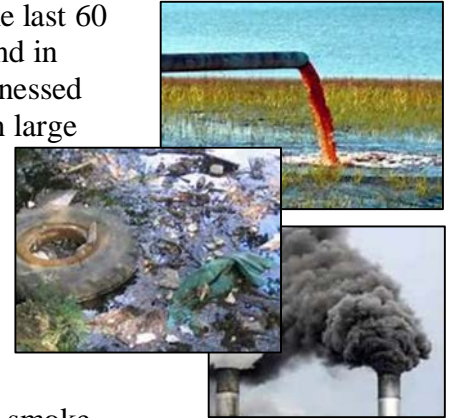


Where Are You On The Environmentalist Scale? Rev 2016

Environmentalism or environmental activism has greatly expanded over the last 60 yrs and exponentially expanded its influence on business activity, in law and in politics over the last 20 years. Looking back, many of us older citizens witnessed what we describe as original environmentalism that was wholly focused on large scale pollution that was actually taking place in those days. Back then we didn't find it hard to unite with the environmental advocate who helped make us aware of big companies dumping thousands of gallons of hazardous chemicals directly into lakes and streams or industrial type businesses who were found to have buried barrels of hazardous waste into the ground.



During the 50's, 60's, and 70's it wasn't that uncommon to see thick black smoke billowing out of factory chimneys. The Clean Air Act of 1963 was perhaps the beginning of Federal involvement into industrial pollution activities and when many citizens became environmentally aware. The industrial age could also be described as the industrial age of pollution as little thought was given to hazardous waste. In those mid to late 1900's days of awakened of environmental damage, nearly everyone welcomed the Federal involvement and the Federal muscle to limit or prohibit what could be pumped and dumped into our water, air and lands.

However, the new or modern environmentalism is now more focused on "what might occur or let's protect just in case." As a result the "what might occur" possibilities are endless, so the push for new environmentally based regulations has become endless. Radical environmentalists now employ all kinds of Hollywood style drama and scare tactics to "force" their views and earth worship religion upon the masses. Remember Al Gore and his [docudrama "Inconvenient Truth"](#) that contained so much deception it was bared in some places? Sadly there are now hundreds of radicalized organizations and thousands of radicalized followers pushing for tons of new environmental regulations all bent on "forcing" (*using laws*) you and I to change "our behavior" (*which they see as very bad*) to their way of thinking.



An example of how far left and "out there" the modern environmental movement has gone, we can review the comments of someone who was decidedly in the inner circle of early environmental activism. One of the early directors and [President of Greenpeace, Patrick Moore](#), a PhD Degreed ecology scientist, left the organization because in his words, the environmental movement "*abandoned science and logic in favor of emotion and sensationalism.*" Moore contends that for the environmental movement "*most of the really serious problems have been dealt with*", and they (*radical environmentalists*) now seek to "*invent doom and gloom scenarios.*"

In 2014, Moore testified to the U.S. congress on the subject of Global Warming. "*There is no scientific proof that human emissions of carbon dioxide (CO2) are the dominant cause of the minor warming of the Earth's atmosphere over the past 100 years,*" according to Moore's testimony. "*Today, we live in an unusually cold period in the history of life on earth and there is no reason to believe that a warmer climate would be anything but beneficial for humans and the majority of other species.*" Moore continued, "*The fact that we had both higher temperatures and an ice age at a time when CO2 emissions were 10 times higher than they are today fundamentally contradicts the certainty that human-caused CO2 emissions are the main cause of global warming. When modern life evolved over 500 million years ago, CO2 was more than 10 times higher than today, yet life flourished at this time,*" he added. "*Then an Ice Age occurred 450 million years ago when CO2 was 10 times higher than today... Humans just aren't capable of predicting global temperature changes.*"

While radicalized environmentalists would like to have us all believe that its all about science, its really far more about money and power just like every other regulative activity. The **U.N. Paris Global Climate Change Treaty** is about wealth transfer, behavior modification, centralizing power, money and control, all under the guise of “science”. Before we examine the various aspects of modern environmentalism, we would like to begin this perspective with three points.

Point 1 – You are likely an environmentalist, (*little “e”, you’ll learn about that shortly*) and I am one, and I’d venture that 98% of property owners are also environmentalists. We have a genuine concern for our land, water, and air. We loathe people or businesses that significantly and willingly pollute it. We might not be too concerned about our neighbor, rather more or less concerned with the larger commercial and industrial polluters. Thus, we can assuredly say, NWPOA members are little “e” environmentalists. We embrace the original intent and definition of environmentalism, while rejecting much of the modern environmental dogma that seeks to handcuff every property owner and business owner with endless regulations over every facet of our life and property.

Frankly, many of us are now repulsed at the term and not happy that it has been stolen, redefined and now implies a new more radical and dogmatic view of how man interfaces with our planet. Not happy with the fact that we might be associated to one of these dogmatic radicals by describing ourselves as environmentalists, we now shy away from the term because of the unbalanced modern redefinition of it. We embrace improvements in our productivity and efficiency, but always balance those interests with preservation of our freedom, liberty and our property.

Point 2 – In the new religion of environmentalism, property owners now seem to be the new focus and what we “might” do on our lands day-in and day-out has become their new activist target. Modern environmentalism has decided to focus on not only industrial activity but now increasingly private property owner activity and further to circumvent or minimize property owner involvement and voices in new regulations that are being drafted and put into place. As property owners we now have to mobilize and fight this modern unbalanced environmental activism to make sure our voice is heard thus we must address the “root of the regulatory nightmare problem”. We as a group wouldn’t have chosen this fight with environmentalism because we aligned with the old school environmentalism. However because modern environmentalism has reinvented itself to the point of becoming a



dogmatic oppressive cult and an unbalanced and unchecked political movement, we must now fight its evil influences. While we will focus our effort on the governmental regulatory process that is being used to constrain property owners, we cannot ignore the fact that the root for all these new regulations based in unchecked dogmatic environmentalism activism. Every government agency now has herds of environmental activists on our taxpayer funded payroll and they are looking at our land, as their land. Unfortunately small businesses have also come under the new scrutiny along with all the other burdens of government activity.

We think that modernizing the county land use codes will be one of the most significant environmental achievements for Kootenai County in many years.	
From the website of KEA the local environmental organization	

Point 3 – Environmentalism has become a very large industry and just like Detroit produces and produces automobiles; environmentalism survives and grows by promoting its ideological products all over the world. There are whole educational degrees and businesses that now focus on nothing more than how people, businesses, and government interfaces with our surroundings. Environmentalism and the various aspects around it are perhaps the fastest growing professional occupations of all occupations including the legal area. Environmentalism has become the new



economy and that is a title they wear proudly. You would be hard pressed to find a business entity of any kind in any sector that does not have one of the following words, “*sustainability, green, conservation, environment*” written into its principles or mission statements. Environmentalists claim there is room for everyone to make money in this new economy, however in every economy, some must “pay” and others benefit from that payment. In this case, it’s the little guy or property owner who pays. The new economy requires growth and growth requires that products be pushed upon people to get them to buy more of their products. And when people won’t willingly buy it, the best way to make lots of money is to create new laws forcing everyone to buy your product.

By increasing the fears over hyped-up environmental issues of all kinds, environmentalism grows itself. At its current rate of growth, environmentalism will literally become the driving factor in every single industry, activity and decision making process and indeed that is the goal of the new environmentalism. Environmentalism is not going away; it is expanding, chewing up and consuming the rights and actions of people, businesses and everyone it can touch. So the 3rd point you need to understand about environmentalism is its big business. Follow the money; many of those pushing this stuff are getting rich and the rest of us are paying for it. Al Gore still fly’s around in private jets, still owns big homes with huge power bills and he is making lots of money while telling the rest of us to stop producing carbon dioxide.



Forget the noble environmental activity of the past; today’s environmentalism is big money, big power and just like the early railroad tycoons, the elite powerful of the environmental movement will plow through everyone in their way. And the people paying for radical environmentalism are you and I. Ultimately every consumer is paying for all these new requirements. When the environmentalists said stricter gasoline and diesel fuel requirements were needed and big profit oil companies would be paying for it; you and I saw the cost for such passed right down to us. But when citizens have to pay more for gas, the environmentalists rejoice because there is a proven link between the cost of gasoline and how much gasoline is consumed. When gas or electricity costs more, it is consumed less and less energy consumption is one of the environmental goals. In Washington State they To these modern environmentalists, it does not matter that the poor are hurting more from new environmental regulations, it does not matter that businesses close and jobs are lost, indeed, it is not about the poor or economics, it’s about furthering the success of their dogmatic (*forced worship*) religion.

Modern environmentalism is indeed an industry and it can only survive and growing by creating new issues as the bigger issues fall away, thus it must always reinvent small concerns into big concerns. It does this using various techniques such as; assimilation, regulation, misinformation, and exaggeration mixed in with what the rest of us would define as legitimate environmental concerns.

Question – So why do so many citizens now view what used to be a noble activity so negatively?

Answer – It has been taken over by power hungry well-funded radical interests. To be sure, the minions still congregate under the flag of traditional environmentalism, but they are merely pawns in this ever growing religion in which everyone is welcome as long as you are willing to swear your allegiance to the earth and receive the preaching and teaching from the many anointed environmentalist evangelists.

Defining Where Are You On The Environmentalist Scale

Because of the contrasts in early and modern environmentalism, we feel the need to define the current mix of environmental participants. Review the following descriptions to see where you might fit. As you read through each, remember that there must enviably be exceptions and rarely will someone fit any description completely. The scale is designed so that it not only captures the various degrees of environmental ideology but also so that we as we as freedom loving Americans can once again embrace our environmental side in a manner that is purposeful and relative to the preservation of our principles of independence and liberty.

environmental hater – this person or business entity makes a conscious effort to pollute the environment especially if it might cost significant amounts of profits or money to treat or capture waste but this type could also be a no thought polluter. This type may give no thought to overseeing or participating in, the large scale dumping of; toxins, trash, oil, into the ground or waterways. Fortunately this group is very small and hardly exists any more inside the borders America.

non-environmentalist – this person is not active in practicing any environmental actions nor seeking to harm the environment. This type is just going along doing life and not concerned about this aspect of our social and natural interactions. This person bases no day to day decisions with regards to any environmental concerns.

environmentalist (little “e”) – **most of us fit into this category, we are the majority category.** We have an appreciation for nature, we are in-awe of creation, its diversity, colors, textures, but we do not spend a lot of time worrying about nature’s ability to survive for we’ve seen it not only survive but flourish all of our lives. For those of us who are older, we’ve seen the planet recover on it’s own from many natural and man-made disasters. We view the planet as a very, very large and resilient place. We fully support stopping all large scale polluting, of our air, water, or lands. We may recycle various waste products, re-use various items, we typically give some thought about the mileage of our own vehicles and may have sought out something better than our 13mpg truck, for something closer to 20-25mpg. If we do our own oil changes, we’ll return the oil to a collection point or give it to a neighbor heating his shop with it. We may hunt, fish, and ride a horse, quad, motorcycle or snowmobile. As farmers, ranchers, and forest owners, we are environmentalists by convenience, because it is in our nature to take care of our lands. We’ll perhaps select some florescent bulbs when they are on sale, but otherwise buying the cheaper incandescent bulbs. The words sustainability and conservation are not part of our daily vocabulary.

Environmentalist (big “E”) – This group has a few **ENVIRONMENTALIST** friends and their new friends are having an impact on their thoughts. They have a foot in both sides at this point perhaps embracing some weekly/monthly active participation in environmental topics while not fully engaged in changing every aspect of their life to save the planet. This group represents those in transition, this is where indoctrination occurs. They still feel choice is an option but also feel some regulations are required to “help” people comply. They fully support all recycling programs, reducing waste, planting trees, protecting water resources and talk with some regularity about these topics. When they hear a story of record heat, they start to think it is likely related to global warming. These folks may subscribe to Mother Earth magazine and are starting to lean more liberally. At this point, they may still be open minded to hearing the other side of any nature based debate. They are not yet willing to embrace environmental terrorism. They have started to buy some organic items at the grocery store. At this level, these prospective new converts are being taught new terms related to conservation to “open their eyes” to the planets exploitation. The words; sustainability, conservation, global warming, chemicals, deforestation, organic, vegan, biodiversity, preservation, sprawl and eco-system are being regularly introduced to the new converts. In their new peer group of friends, they might be a little humiliated if they are not active in protecting the environment.

ENVIRONMENTALIST (all caps, standing up) – This group is an active group, they are initiating discussions about the environment. This group has proceeded along the path of indoctrination to such a point where they are receiving updates by email, joined up with one or more environmental groups and getting involved with nature walks, diet changes, and perhaps bought a hybrid car. Their group of friends is starting to gravitate towards like-minded people, replacing the old group of friends. Subscriptions to several publications like Nature & National Geographic magazines are occurring. If they had doubts about evolution, they are more fully embracing it, if they used to attend a Christian church, they have either quit or going less frequently or changed to a “Unitarian” type church. They are learning about the Rio Summit, and beginning to support some world based environmental rule because of a new awareness of global environmental

damage and climate change. Several days never go by where some discussion about nature or the environment occurs. They are concerned about many aspects of nature and how people interact with nature and starting to more seriously consider that forcing people to comply is required. They have begun to embrace the concept that nature is fragile and needs a lot of help. Nearly every catastrophic weather event of nature is now man-made global warming caused. They support voluntary compliance verbally, but feel that only with new regulations will anything worthwhile be accomplished. They are beginning to close their minds to the other side of any environmental discussion. They are now sympathetic when environmental terrorism occurs, feeling that something has to be done. If they did prior, they are hunting and fishing much less than they use to if at all, and they now think quads and snowmobiles are bad for the environment and that mud or NASCAR races are pretty bad for the environment too. They're now buying a lot of organic products, looking at labels pretty closely, and becoming fearful of the environments ability to survive. All processed foods are starting to become scary. They have made at least some financial contributions towards environmental causes and perhaps to political groups supporting such causes. These folks are involved with related blogs and starting to strut. They are willing participants in any protest or public forum and actively evangelizing for new prospects.

ENVIRONMENTALIST (All bold caps – pushy – radical) – This type has progressed to the point of near worship of the earth. Similarly to church attendance, they will be involved with monthly if not weekly gatherings of like-minded people. They rarely relate with the average citizen at this point, but seek to supplant individual rights for the good of the Mother Earth. Nearly every thought is based on not only their own interaction with nature, but everyone else's. This group has been through indoctrination to such a degree they see the earth and all its creatures (*other than human*) as very fragile, extremely sensitive, and on the verge of extinction. They live in a state of fear for the environment. To get to this level, they have been under several years of indoctrination from meetings, pamphlets, and grooming. Forced compliance with environmental goals is the only way; it's no longer about choice. For nearly every person they meet in daily life they will have the goal of converting them into the flock. They actively report to their peer group and authorities any activity they feel might be detrimental to nature and begin maligning people who espouse a different opinion. Their group of friends is nearly 100% **ENVIRONMENTALIST** if not fully liberally/progressive minded people. The thought of people driving a Hummer is indeed repulsive and they may act out by scratching the side of one with their key in a parking lot. This group now sees themselves and intellectually "above" the average citizen and anyone with a gas guzzling pick-up is ignorant. If you do not agree with these folks, you are wrong, end of story, they are enlightened and you must not be or you would be in agreement. This group wants the planet's population reduced by any means necessary and supports every form of birth control. Personal beliefs and lifestyles are now founded in variations of socialism which they may or may not fully understand. Capitalism and corporations is the root of all of evil against nature. This group knows what the Rio Summit is and supports a world government and world court to force all developed nations and modern people to follow global environmental policies which they believe is the only way to save the planet. Saul Alinsky is well known or at least the principles he espoused in his book, "Rules for Radicals". Al Gore is respected as a modern hero, while John Denver and Robert Redford were early pioneering heroes. While perhaps verbally condemning environmental terrorism, they inwardly support it. This group wants everyone walking 80% of the time, eating 80% less meat, reducing their carbon footprint by at least 80%. They are actively giving money and time to support environmental causes. They are also now aligned with nearly every liberal or progressive activity such as: animal rights, gay causes, unlimited immigration, abortion, planned-parenthood, and complete sexual freedom any way a person wants it. While ignorant to their own conversion to the environmental religion, they may have a pretty intense hatred for anyone calling themselves a Christian or affiliated to any Christian faith.

ENVIRONMENTALIST (All bold caps, underlined, a max'd out radical) – An absolute take-over domineering radical. They will be thinking about, perhaps talking about and collectively or separately planning or to do injury to other persons or property, actively maligning anyone or any entity opposed or not

cooperating with the movement. They have become fully absorbed in the movement and because of the frustration in waiting for change, they begin thinking about the use of force to accomplish their goals. In their mind the aspects of social, environmental, & climate justice requires acts of rebellion. At best these folks are part of the radical progressive left, but may have moved over to the [Green party](#). These folks are on the verge if not already supporting and fueling environmental terrorism. Even if they wouldn't burn down a new home or drive spikes into trees to break the chainsaws of loggers, they are hoping someone else does. This group is into justified hatred and the use of any means to help the cause. There is no longer wrong activity when it comes to these causes, everything justifies the means including tampering with voting ballots to accomplish goals.

The ebb and flow of our BIG planet

One premise is that nearly all of us are environmentalists to one degree or another. Why? Because we all depend on the ability to obtain good water, good food and to live inside our earth based environment. However we also quite reasonably expect we can make a living, enjoy economic benefits, and enjoy the great outdoors as well. In contrast to the fear promoted by the modern day environmental crusaders, we are not terribly concerned that this planet is going to die off anytime soon due to much of anything our neighbor does on his/her land. Quite understandably, many of us have long since been into taking care of our environment with respect to our houses, our property and our work space.

One tenant of evolution is that all living things will either adapt or they go extinct. Indeed according to evolution theory all life and the planet itself is in a constant state of change. Prior evolutionary models dictated slow change over millions of years, newer models call for some frequency of rapid evolutionary change bursts. Thus if we were to somehow destroy this habitat called earth, other plant and animal critters would survive and then flourish to become the new dominate species. According to evolution our earth has for millions of years went through periods of ice ages and hot periods. Continents have moved, entire species have died by the tens of millions long before humans showed up. Thousands of species have and will always go extinct, this is nothing new to the evolutionary model. Perhaps nothing so ecologically damaging has ever occurred so dramatically as the mass extinction of dinosaurs which in no manner can be blamed upon the activity of man. All these dramatic changes occurred without man, so why all the hype and concern now? Do we suppose we can stop the normal ebb and flow of life? Should we try to stop any of it or learn to adapt with such changes? If evolution is true, should not man continue on the path of ultimate rule and domination until man is conquered or gone extinct? Isn't that our role no different than the role of some bacteria which can completely destroy our species or some other? Humans did not cause the various ice ages to come or go, we did not cause the extinction of dinosaurs, but all of a sudden, the whole earth is going to end because we drive cars? Who was raising hell when the dinosaurs all died off or when the glaciers retreated from the northern parts of America and parts of the west were flooded with ocean sea? So we reason; is the planet massively large, constantly changing and quite able to care for itself for millions of more years, or is it fragile and ready to fall apart next week like the radical environmentalists claim?

How environmentalism has changed

The focus use to be how we were hurting "ourselves" by polluting the environment and back then it was big business hurting the poorest amongst us and stopping big business from polluting was the goal. During the industrial age up to the dawning of the technical age, big business used the land and waterways as dumping grounds for every waste product imaginable. It was wrong and they needed to be called out and their wrong deeds corrected.

However today's environmentalism is more about how "we" as individual people are hurting the sensitive planet and the more sensitive wild life. Since animals and the earth have no voice, the righteous crusaders are out and about fighting for and converting the masses into the fold. Much of modern environmentalism has to with taking what might normally be not an issue at all and putting it under the microscope to blow it into the

biggest possible concern facing all of human history. It's akin to showing someone the organisms that abide in aged cheese which are not really a health concern. But once this is blown up under the microscope into something bigger than it really is, what you use to not be concerned about, now has you thinking that eating cheese is bad for you. While espousing terms such as science, scientific, data and research, nearly every single environmental issue today rather promotes funny science, exaggerations and refuses to embrace open discussion, basically shutting down any objectivity from what they want to believe.

Some environmental groups are calling for the [termination of news station meteorologists](#) who do not tell their viewing audience that all weird weather patterns are the result of man-made global warming. Other scientists have [claimed they were terminated](#) for [not agreeing with the politically correct](#) view that all weird weather is generated by man-made global warming. Anyone with a different opinion or even questioning the data is attacked. Anyone not caring about what man-made global warming radicals care about is labeled heartless or ignorant, and our opinions are excluded. Does any of this sound like a radicalized religious sect? Since when does any branch of science stop critique and review? Radicalized environmentalists shut out the everyday public and take over our legal and regulatory processes to force us to embrace and participate in their new dogmatic religion.

Unfortunately this marginalization is the present state of property owners. Hence the need for an organization such as NWPOA and others to work for the interests of property owners. NWPOA promotes "reasonable" environmentalism, while we work to expose the radical activity of the progressive environmentalist left.

Radical environmentalism took over the Unified Land Use Code and the Comprehensive Plan process in Kootenai County and they were quite successful in marginalizing property owner's rights. Radical environmental ideology is perhaps the most severe threat to freedom and liberty that property owners have ever faced since the birth of our great nation.

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