

# Flat earth economics evoke resource pillage

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Long before Ferdinand Magellan circumnavigated the world and proved that the earth is round, people speculated that the earth was flat. Much was written to *prove* that the world was a flat ever-expanded terrain with an infinite supply of resources. Beliefs that supported this conclusion created a flat earth dogma.

Adherents to any dogma become highly invested emotionally and will not let go no matter how much scientific fact is presented. Alas, the flat earth dogma lived on from its inception right into modern times. Today, the Flat Earth Society boasts a membership of over 500.<sup>1</sup>

## A flat Earth model depicting Antarctica as an ice wall surrounding a disk-shaped Earth

Unfortunately, ancient dogmas drag their feet into modern times and block the evolution of progress. Conjointly, they create enormous stress on the planet and its inhabitants.

The flat earth dogma, for instance, deeply affects the basic tenets of modern economic thinking. The core beliefs involve the unlimited concept of a flat earth.

In order for a flat earth economy to work, planet earth would need to supply infinite amounts of resources. The current corporate mandate of "increasing the rate of profits at any cost" requires infinite resources to maintain never-ending profits.

"More is never enough" fits a flat earth economic stratagem. With *infinite* resources, corporatists naturally are never satisfied. But on a limited planet, their insatiability seems so out of synchronism with reality as to be seen as lunacy. The ongoing damage and destruction to natural habitats around the world, which we all rely on for our survival, is inconsequential to corporations.

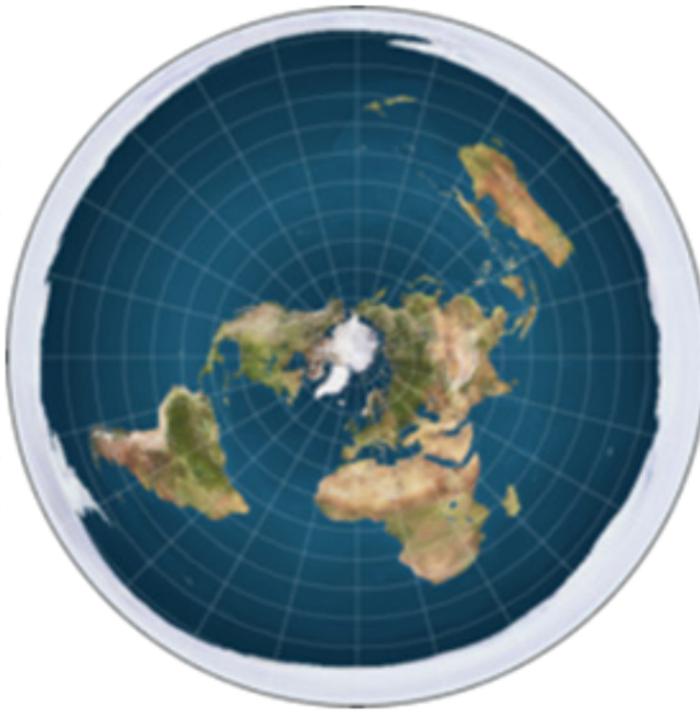
Unsurprisingly, greed is another feature and welcome partner in the flat earth paradigm. Greed does not truck limitation; it cannot abide by "a little more is finally enough". Global corporatists a.k.a. Rockefeller internationalists envision capturing profit from every micro-mineral on planet earth. If every country surrendered every ounce of their natural wealth to the internationalists, these same globalists would remain desperate to exploit some other form of resource.

Corporatists, like demagogues, are tethered to their dogma, and dogmas, in general, tend to cluster and overlap when beliefs ideologically support and serve more than one dogma. In this manner, the flat earth dogma bolsters the conservative dogma.

Conservative dogma, in part, adheres to unlimited self-industrialism. Follow their beliefs. The sky is the limit. Anyone failing to create their own fortune is weak and deserves to be kicked to the side. "Why should I work hard and be taxed to pay for these welfare freeloaders." If the poor work many jobs but fail to become rich, then they are believed to have done something wrong.

Conservatives chastise the poor for not picking up their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Why? — Because the poor are purportedly lazy and indolent. Therefore, ignore the poor. Suffering is a creature of their own making—end of story.

One complementary belief is that the poor have weak genes, whereas, the rich have superior genes. These tenets are not open to criticism. If wealth is acquired by crimi-



nal means, the dogma, the idealized image of the conservative, must not be smeared. Any discussion of criminal acquisition is forbidden, taboo in dogma lingo. Such dogma-driven censorship creates a safe haven or refuge for organized crime. Under this cloak of darkness, global corporations are free to collude in extorting natural resources from 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. If you believe that predatory capitalism does not exist then read John Perkin's book, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*.

The power of dogmas and their disciples' willingness to censor truth must be understood from a bigger long-term picture. Dogmas such as the flat earth cult grew up with the great apes and evolved from an increasing human brain size, which eventually bore the offspring of a fruitful imagination.

Some early hominids that heard voices were thought to be listening to deities. Superstition was born. Magic was born and so was religion. Dogmas of many stripes evolved 10s, 100s, perhaps 1000s of millennia before the birth of reason. Logic and early science was accredited to the Greeks around 650 B.C.E. with the critical thinking of a man named Socrates.

The machinations of dogmas have been with us since the beginning of consciousness. So dogmas have been able to imbue themselves into the entire mental matrix; whereas, the age of reason is only

a recent development. The ubiquitous nature of dogma is ascendant, willing to battle all threats to its power and privilege, including reason.<sup>2</sup> The new kid on the block seems to have little chance arrayed against ancient interlocking armies of dogma. Our predicament seems grim.

Flat earth economists cannot live a balanced life with other creatures of this planet. How can internationalists live in harmony if they demand the impossible—that our tiny finite earth provide them with infinite resources and infinite wealth? Globalists are trapped in their own dogma. They are psychologically out of control; they cannot stop themselves.

So how can we heal such life-threatening woes? Survival now hinges on cogent individuals correcting the most fundamental stumbling blocks that corrupt the foundation of a healthy future.

Dogmas have to go. Unfounded beliefs have to be replaced with facts. We have to move away from the subjectivity of dogmas to the objectivity of science, away from parroting dogmatists and demagogues to sharing well-reasoned research.

Reprogram the brain. Delete the age-old harmful software of dogmas. Install the new software of critical analysis. It's not that hard to learn. Without this revolution in consciousness, flat earth economics will continue to evoke resource pillage.

Endnotes:

1. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern\\_flat\\_Earth\\_societies](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Modern_flat_Earth_societies)
2. For a comprehensive review of dogma, read author's book: *The Cause of Wars and Aggression*.

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## Steelworkers Humanity Fund contributes \$166,000 to 73 food banks across Canada

TORONTO, 18 November 2015 – United Steelworkers' (USW) Canadian National Director Ken Neumann announced November 18 that the Steelworkers Humanity Fund is contributing \$166,000 to 73 different food banks and community food centres in communities across Canada where USW members live and work.

"In communities as diverse as Cranbrook, BC, Brandon, Man., Sherbrooke, Que., and Pictou, NS, the Steelworkers Humanity Fund is contributing to food banks because poor and vulnerable mem-

bers in our communities continue to rely on them to make ends meet," said Neumann. "The fact is that 850,000 Canadians, one-third of them children, turn to food banks every month.

"Food banks can't address the underlying causes of poverty – that is why the Steelworkers continue to call for a national anti-poverty strategy that sees the elimination of poverty as an issue of human rights, and supports federal and provincial campaigns on fair minimum wages."

In BC, food banks supported by USW

are located in Burnaby, Castlegar, Comox/Courtenay, Cranbrook, Duncan, Elkford, Kamloops, Ladysmith, Langley, Masett/Haida Gwai, North Island, Port Alberni, Powell River, Prince George, Sandspit/Haida Gwai, Sparwood, Surrey, Terrace, Trail, Tumbler Ridge, Vancouver and Williams Lake.

For a full list of food banks and community food centres receiving 2015 contributions from the steelworkers Humanity Fund go to [www.usw.ca/news/media-centre/releases/2015/document/food-bank-contributions-2015-public-list.pdf](http://www.usw.ca/news/media-centre/releases/2015/document/food-bank-contributions-2015-public-list.pdf)

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Founded in 1985, the Steelworkers Humanity Fund is a registered charitable organization which focuses primarily on development projects and emergency aid in developing countries, but is also supports Canadian communities in crisis. USW members contribute to the fund through clauses negotiated into collective agreements. In some cases matching contributions come from employers.

Food Banks Canada has released its Hunger Count 2015 Report, available at [www.foodbanksCanada.ca](http://www.foodbanksCanada.ca).

## Vancouver Island anti-coal mine champion honoured with environmental award

VANCOUVER – The Wilderness Committee has announced that the 2015 Eugene Rogers Environmental Award is being granted to John Snyder, a Comox Valley resident and president of CoalWatch Comox Valley Society.

Under Snyder's leadership, CoalWatch has worked with local citizens, business owners, municipal government leaders and environmental groups like the Wilderness Committee to successfully fight off the proposed Raven Underground Coal Mine.

"Working with people like John has been the best part about the fight to stop this short-sighted mine," said Torrance Coste, Vancouver Island campaigner with the Wilderness Committee. "I've learned a great deal from John's steady leadership and constant humour, and will always look up to him as a mentor."

The Raven Coal Mine would see the extraction of 30 million tonnes of coal and rock from a site just five kilometres uphill from Fanny Bay in the Comox Valley. Earlier this year, in the face of widespread public opposition, the proponent abruptly withdrew its application.

CoalWatch and the Wilderness Committee have worked together to host public meetings and other events to raise awareness about the mine since the proposal first surfaced six years ago.

For 23 years, the Wilderness Committee has presented the Eugene Rogers Award to citizens who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to protect the environment and advocate for a better society.

"Local campaigns need a strong local champion, and in the case of Raven Coal,

John has gone above and beyond," Coste said. "We've been lucky to work with him to stop this mine, and now we're honoured to present him with this award."

The application for the Raven Coal mine hasn't yet been terminated by the BC Environmental Assessment Office, but both the Wilderness Committee and CoalWatch are monitoring the situation and have vowed to keep up the pressure until the project is taken off the table for good.

"I'd like to thank the Wilderness Committee for its steadfast support on the Raven Coal Mine issue over the past six years," Snyder said. "The actions of thousands of concerned citizens have prevented this mine from becoming a reality, and on behalf of all of those who have raised their voices, I'm greatly honoured to receive this award." Snyder was presented with the Eugene

Rogers Award November 28 at the Wilderness Committee's Annual General Meeting, along with a \$1000 prize.

