

Dear Sir:

From the White House to Congress our government has fundamentally become a science denier. While intellectually some of our Congress members and members of government may subscribe to a belief in science in reality money from the corporate oligarchy "bribery as free speech funds" keep the majority of them firmly tethered in the science denial camp.

The Republican Party in particular is firmly entrenched in science denial even more so that their Democratic Party colleagues. To acknowledge science would be to acknowledge the critical imperative of changing our economy to a green economy not based upon fossil fuel consumption and nuclear power. To change would mean corporation barons would lose massive amounts of money. We certainly can't have CEOs losing massive amounts of money so we must deny science and march the country into extinction followed by the almost equally compliant Democrats.

President Obama speaks of preserving the environment and of the perils of global warming while his letters responding to inquiries about global warming and the crisis at Fukushima tout the opening of millions of acres of federal land to coal, oil and gas leases and speak of a nuclear power renaissance. Take note of the fact that currently eighty percent of the Japanese population wants nothing further to do with nuclear power in Japan. I guess it will take a lethal catastrophe such as Fukushima to eliminate nuclear power in the United States. Never let it be said that Congress and our government is proactive rather than reactive!

The Republican Party is now vilifying assistance to the disenfranchised poor in our society in order to manipulate votes from the working poor and the religious fundamentalists. The Republican Party is using the political power obtained from the foolish poor who vote for them to further enhance the wealth of the obscenely wealthy, eliminate a livable wage for workers, eliminate pensions, eliminate workplace safety, unemployment benefits, Social Security and Medicare, the forty hour work week, and environmental protection of our food, water and soil. Wage busting is certainly the motive for importing ten million Asians to a country that has an eight percent unemployment rate that is unlikely to change significantly.

I refer you to the book "Fukushima the Story of Nuclear Disaster" writtern by Lockbaum, Lyman and Stranahan. This book was published in 2014 and is endorsed and supported by the Union of Concerned Scientist. The following is a quote from this book "the story of Fukushima Daiichi is a larger tale, however, it is the saga of a technology promoted through the careful nurturing of a myth: the myth of safety. Nuclear energy is an energy source that gambles with disaster. Fukushima Daiichi unmasked the weakness of nuclear power plant design and the longstanding flaws in operations and regulatory oversight although Japan must share the blame, this was not a Japanese nuclear accident; it was a nuclear accident that just happened to occur in Japan. The problems that led to the disaster at Fukushima exist wherever reactors operate".

I close with a few quotes from "Duh! The Stupid History of the Human Race" written by Bob Fenster. Chernobyl – "Operators ignored safety regulations under the theory that the reactor wouldn't explode because it hadn't exploded before." "Scientists set up systems, like atomic reactors, that are far more

intricate and unclear than operators can handle. We are clever enough to devise technology we're not intelligent enough to use. We think we're as smart as our systems. We're not. Chernobyl wasn't an accident. It was an inevitability." "Take the chain reaction set off by mistake in a Japanese nuclear fuel plant in 1999. Human error again." "Investigators accused company execs of encouraging workers to ignore correct procedures in order to speed up production. It was Japan's sixth nuclear-handling accident in three years."

Bob Fenster published Duh in the year 2000. The handwriting was clearly on the wall eleven years before the nuclear disaster at Fukushima. It is also well known that regulatory standards for nuclear power in the United States are much weaker and much more carelessly enforced than in Japan. It is also known there have been radiation releases in the United States concealed from the public by the NRC at the behest of the nuclear industry CEOs. In the United States just as in Japan the handwriting is on the wall. The question is will anyone read it? My answer would be no until we have a horrific disaster such as Fukushima. I am perpetually amazed by the shortsightedness, stupidity and corruption of a significant number of our representatives in Congress!

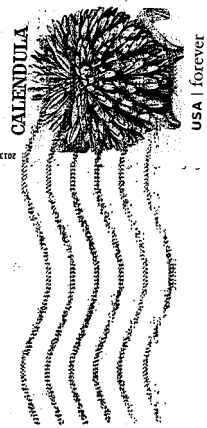

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