

increase the human population, but we elevate the possible moral condition of mankind—if we don't have oligarchs to ruin the process—usurers, Venetian bankers, and the like.

Then we begin to discover what is the Good. What is the Good? The Good is the power of mind, to recognize a principle of reason, as the lawful ordering of the entire universe; to recognize that a process of development is associated with this; and to recognize that the continuation, and acceleration of the takeover of the personality by elaborated reason, is the Good. The elevation of the moral condition of mankind, in correspondence with this principle, and in actions congruent with that principle, is the Good.

Such was the principle of Solon, at Athens. Such was the principle of the Platonic Academy, the concept

of the republic. And such were the principles of the founding of the modern European republic, by the writings of St. Augustine. That is the Good.

The republic is the only natural condition of mankind. This was proven by Dante and his followers, that the only natural form of republic, is a totally sovereign nation-state—not subject to the IMF, or the World Bank, or UNO [United Nations Organization]; a sovereign nation-state, a republic, which is based upon the employment of a literate form of common language by its citizens—a literate form of language which imparts to those citizens, in the words of Shelley, “the power of imparting and receiving profound and impassioned conceptions respecting man and nature”; conceptions organized in the form of reason, the form of reason as exemplified by the Socrates of Plato's dialogues.

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Stop Blaming Climate Change for Your Failures

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I am Guus Berkhout, and it is a great pleasure for me to tell you what we have learned from the recent flood disaster in Europe, and in my country, the Netherlands. This is the message of Frans Timmermans.

We are already seeing the effects of climate change across Europe. Prolonged droughts and



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declining harvests, extreme heat waves, increasing diseases among livestock and crops, 400,000 deaths a year from pollution, and more. We urgently need to increase the investments in climate mitigation by CO₂ reduction.

He is the Vice President of the European Union and is responsible for the climate policy in Europe. As you see, he blames all misery [on] climate change, and he concludes, “We urgently need to increase the

investments in climate mitigation by CO₂-reduction.” Timmermans and his allies tell us that by simply turning the global CO₂-knob, we can control the temperature of our planet, and they repeat that, over and over again.

Now the question is: Is this “thermostat-knob narrative” far-going ignorance, or excessive arrogance, or is it part of an ideological master plan? Let us have a look.

Flooding in Europe

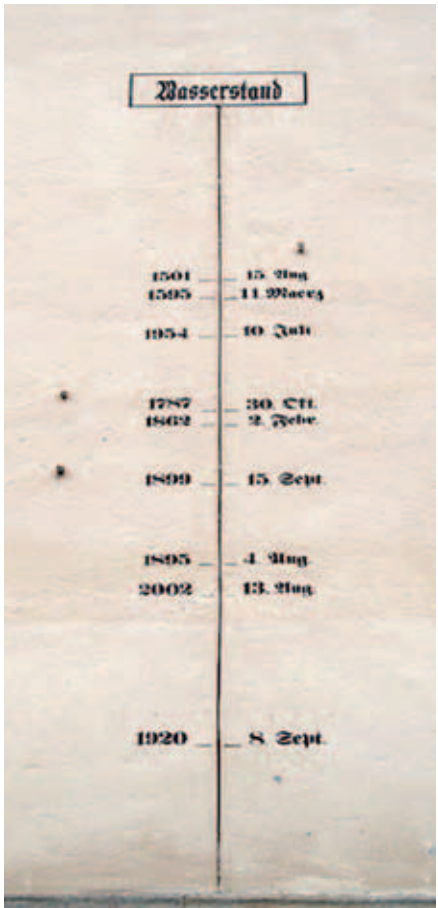
Europe's modern water management infrastructure is still inadequate. The serious July-2021 floods were a



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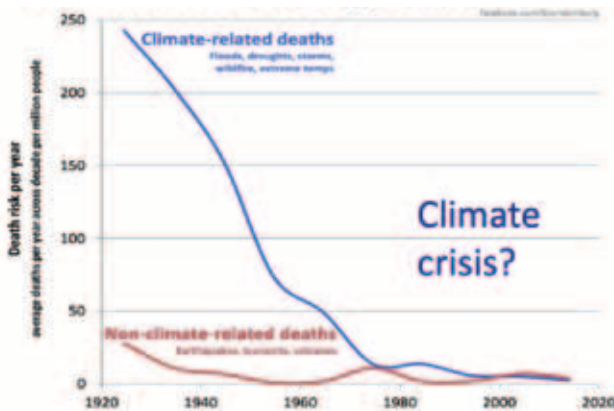


Flood high-water marks over centuries in a German village.



1954

Global Death Risk from Climate and Non-Climate Catastrophes, 1920-2018



very painful reminder. But this is not new. We already found that out during the major floods in the early 1990s. Just like then, today the green politicians blamed CO₂-emissions. However, instead of blaming themselves, the “Greens” blame the headstrong citizens and entrepreneurs who just do not want to be climate neutered. They are just trying to cover up for their own failures, and I will show you that. This message was extensively explained in a one-page article in the largest Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf*...

Now, an important question is: Are Europe’s July-2021 floods unique? Let me give you a short historical review, and then make use of my German neighbors, because they were always very *gründlich* (thorough) in registering the flood levels.

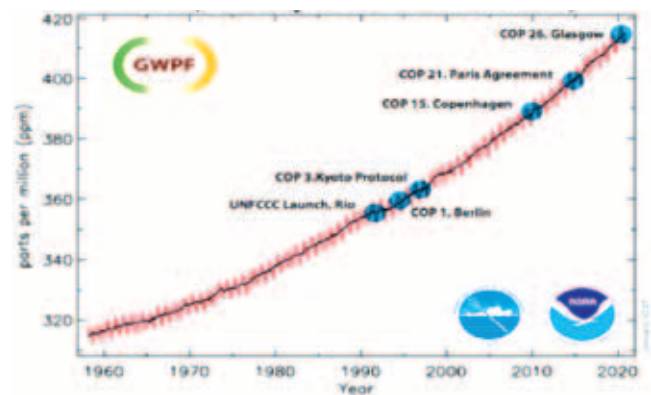
In **Picture 1** you see the very notorious picture of the “Christmas flood” in Germany and the Netherlands, as early as 1770. It was a very famous flood with a lot of casualties.

And when we go to 1784, you see the picture of high water in Würzburg (**Picture 2**); it looks like a very big disaster.

[In] 1888, [there were] the *Darchau Hochwasser* (Darchau high water marks). A very nice overview [in] a timeline of the Town Hall of Passau. [There was a] high flood level in 1500 and 450 years later, 1954, and also very large variability in flood levels in the past 500 years.

And here is another small town in Germany (**Picture 3**). Again, history shows that high water levels and flooding have occurred many times over the centuries;

Atmospheric CO₂ at Mauna Loa Observatory



look again at the big differences! Now, to attribute past and current flooding to CO₂-emissions is most questionable. I’ll come back to that.

Keep in mind that all this historical information is known by authorities. So, they are not ignorant at all! However, instead of acting, they are just concerned with investing in CO₂-reduction.

Let’s go to France: [There was] the Paris Flood in early 1900. What’s interesting is that around the same time there were big [droughts] in the western part of the United States. So, at the same time in the world, you have big floods in Europe, and you have big droughts in the United States; and we have seen that over and over again.

Here’s a picture of the 1954-flood in the Netherlands (**Picture 4**), with a lot of casualties. It initiated the well-known Dutch Delta Works, [a massive chain of flood protection structures—ed]; they were particularly for the Dutch coast.

Now, I’ll show you the situation in Southeast Netherlands a couple of weeks ago:

The situation along the Dutch coast and major rivers is in order, because of the Delta Works. However, a lot of work is still to be done on the canals, tributaries and local streams (a plan is already available for many years.) So, why do green politicians pour billions of tax revenues into biomass plants and wind turbines, instead of investing in badly needed locks, pumping stations, and inland dikes? I can tell you, the Dutch are so shocked about the floods, because they know how to prevent them!

Now, keep in mind, there were many different causes of all these flood disasters I’ve shown you, but it

is very unlikely that even one of them was caused by CO₂. Keep also in mind that the periods of flood alternated with periods of drought (we've shown that already during the Paris flood in the early 1900s.)

[There is a stone called] the Hunger Stein; it's in Germany. It says, "Wenn du mich siehst, dann weine" ("When you see me, then cry"), because it means that the water level is very low, and we are in the midst of a drought; and at that time, a drought meant hunger.

Adaption, not Mitigation, Saves Lives

Let us look at two pictures: The left-hand side shows that the climate-related deaths decreased dramatically during the past 100 years, and that was due to adaptation. Many facts show that it is not climate *mitigation* (CO₂-reduction), but climate *adaptation* (timely adaptation) that has resulted in a spectacular decline of climate casualties in recent decades.

Now, it is shown that CO₂ levels are increasing, increasing and increasing. And you see, also, that many conferences were arranged by the United Nations to try to stop this increasing CO₂ level; but you can also see,

after 25 of these extensive, extensive conferences, nothing happened.

But, we also know that all these extensive and expensive measures against increasing CO₂ have never saved one life. So, why have political leaders not learned anything from this knowledge? All they seem to be doing now is holding meetings about reducing CO₂ and forgetting to take the measures we are sure will work.

Now, of course we cannot say: "The *more* CO₂, the less climate-related deaths"; because more CO₂ has a completely different cause than the decreasing climate-related deaths. So, you cannot just say that more CO₂ causes less climate-related deaths, only [the] other way around! It's actually ridiculous. But, keep in mind, a similar fundamental cause-effect mistake initiated the founding of IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)!

Conclusion

Let's go to our conclusion: Climate adaptation provides high benefits at low cost. That is a fact. So, why is this not done? Why are green politicians still talking and talking about high-cost CO₂-mitigation projects? Why do they still pour billions of tax revenues into biomass plants and wind turbines, instead of investing in badly needed locks, pumping stations, and inland dikes?

Dear Citizens, please wake up! We understand the problem. We know the solution. We have the technology. We also have the money. So, what are we waiting for? And keep in mind, when I say "problem," it's not only a fight against flooding, but it's also our fight for a safer living environment in general, and a better education, and more independent scientific research, etc., etc.

So, what is the next logical step? My urgent advice is: Don't allow green politicians to spend our money on ideological CO₂ projects; they actually have the least priority. And, be aware, if we do nothing, the flooding in Europe is a 'harbinger of the future' for the entire world if the Great Reset comes into force.

Ladies and gentlemen, I sincerely hope that the July flood in Europe will open up the eyes of the Green politicians and will have a major effect on their priorities and]on our future, because, we talk about not their future, but our future.

Thank you very much for listening to me.



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