



With Pope's Help, U.N. Bypasses Congress on Global Socialism

TN Note: Patrick Wood was interviewed by writer Cliff Kincaid for this article. Sustainable Development is often seen as 'global socialism' because there are many similarities between the two. Wood contends that Sustainable Development is a reincarnation of historic Technocracy from the 1930s. However, Kincaid's conclusion that Sustainable Development will only lead to "more poverty, suffering, and death" is absolutely correct!

Pope Francis didn't make [the list of "Eminent Persons"](#) assembled by the U.N. Secretary General to plan the "global development framework" for the world beyond 2015 and culminating in 2030. But the pope didn't need to be on the list. After all, the Vatican has [endorsed](#) the anti-capitalist "sustainable development" agenda that is being voted on by the nations of the world at the U.N.

However, the American people, through their elected representatives,

have had absolutely no input in developing this new global agenda which President Obama will implement without the input or approval of Congress.

John Podesta, the chairman of the 2016 Hillary Clinton presidential campaign who previously served as counselor to Obama, was picked by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to be a member of the “high-level panel” of “eminent persons” planning the future of the globe.

The world body’s [sustainable development goals](#) promise the end of poverty, education, clean water, justice, good health and well-being, jobs for all, decent shelter, and a life of personal dignity. “These are lofty goals,” [says](#) Patrick Wood, a commentator on global issues, “but are they for real? Or do they sound like a bait-and-switch scheme that contains a potentially dangerous payload?”

Wood, who has covered global institutions for decades, argues that Pope Francis, the most visible religious figure in the world, has been called upon by the global community to deliver a U.N. address on September 25 “to minimize any possible resistance” to a plan that constitutes nothing less than the overthrow of global capitalism and the destruction of the American way of life.

Wood’s new book, [Technocracy Rising: The Trojan Horse of Global Transformation](#), argues that an elaborate scheme of social engineering will be used to bring into being an anticipated new worldwide utopian system.

In his speech to Congress on Thursday, Pope Francis once again demonstrated his pro-Marxist tendencies, hailing the work of Dorothy Day, an American convert to Catholicism who never renounced her pro-Marxist views but has been described by the media as just an activist for “social justice.” She was a founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and was the subject of a 581-page FBI file for her connections to communists and communist groups.

Carol Byrne, author of [The Catholic Worker Movement \(1933-1980\): A Critical Analysis](#), documents how Day made common cause with communist-led movements during the Cold War.

Virginia State Senator Richard H. “Dick” Black (R), a Vietnam veteran, has opposed efforts by the American branch of the Catholic Church to make Day a saint, [saying](#) that “Vatican archives are filled with reports of Christians martyred under the regimes that Dorothy Day supported.”

While the media pay great attention to the pope, little if any coverage has been given to the involvement of the Vatican in the U.N. “sustainable development” agenda that could radically affect the individual lives of ordinary Americans. The [stated purpose](#) of the Podesta panel’s report is to “transform economies through sustainable development.”

It would be nice if the media asked Hillary about the involvement of her campaign chairman in developing this global socialist scheme.

In addition to destroying the American system, the recommendations of this so-called high-level body, especially on the matter of “climate action,” could also have a dramatic impact on the lives of people around the world, including the poor, who need access to energy and real economic development to escape poverty.

Wood [notes](#) that Podesta, founder of the George Soros-funded Center for American Progress and member of the elitist Trilateral Commission, went to work for President Obama as a senior policy consultant on climate change. A liberal Catholic, he has [an affiliation](#) with Georgetown Law School.

The work of the so-called “high-level panel” was delivered to a “High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development” that met this summer from June 26 through July 8 and produced the final document that nations will endorse.

“In simplest terms,” Wood explains, “Sustainable Development is a replacement economic system for capitalism and free enterprise. It is a system based on resource allocation and usage rather than on supply and demand and free economic market forces.”

The U.N. has been quite open about replacing global capitalism.

Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of the UN Framework

Convention on Climate Change, [said](#) last March that “This is the first time in the history of mankind that we are setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, to change the economic development model that has been reigning for at least 150 years, since the industrial revolution.” She added, “This is probably the most difficult task we have ever given ourselves, which is to intentionally transform the economic development model, for the first time in human history.”

Wood said the proposed “transformation” of the world’s current economic system “for a completely untried and untested one” is “dangerously absurd” and could make life worse for the people in the world that the U.N. and the Roman Catholic Church are supposed to help.

He adds, “Any honest economist would instantly balk at such Pollyannaish promises of utopia, and the American public should do so as well. The fact is that these wild promises of prosperity for all are merely the candy coating to deceive the world into going along with its own economic destruction.”

Nevertheless, at the White House on Wednesday and appearing with President Obama, Pope Francis [specifically reaffirmed](#) his support for the U.N.’s “sustainable and integral development” model from his “Laudato Si” encyclical.

In a pitch for global socialism, masked in flowery language, Francis, who insisted on his way to the U.S. that he was not a liberal, said, “I would like all men and women of good will in this great nation to support the efforts of the international community to protect the vulnerable in our world and to stimulate integral and inclusive models of development, so that our brothers and sisters everywhere may know the blessings of peace and prosperity which God wills for all his children.”

The pope says nice things about the poor, but the practical result of ditching capitalism for socialism will be more poverty, suffering, and death.