



Climate council's plot will thicken environmental myths

By Jim Waters

The 1973 science fiction movie “Soylent Green” sets its plot in 2022. Charlton Heston plays New York City detective Robert Thorn who investigates the murder of a director of Soylent Corp., a processed food manufacturer. He ends up discovering shocking truths about “Soylent” that don’t jibe with the Utopia promised by politicians and media talking heads.

The movie depicts New York City with a population of 40 million. Residents cannot go beyond the city limits. Electricity has become so unreliable that bicycles run generators to keep flickering lights from going out.

Government controls everything and chaos reigns. Everyone depended on government — even for food, “Soylent” and water. The very rich could get real food at a price, like a jar of strawberry jam for \$150.

A network news anchor at the film’s outset drones on that “Soylent Green” is “high-energy food . . . gathered from the oceans of the world. Because of its popularity, Soylent Green is in short supply.”

However, by the end of the movie, Thorn discovers Soylent’s main ingredient: recycled protein from dead humans.

Rewind to 2010. Out of nowhere — and without legislative approval — comes the Kentucky Climate Action Plan Council, called [KCAPC](#).

It sounds harmless enough. At worst, just another government agency. At best, misguided zealots wanting to save the environment.

After all, what was wrong with “Soylent Green?” It did good things. The governor said so — in the movie.

Caring for the environment is — and should be — embraced. But the consequences of the climate council recommendations due in December likely will threaten the liberty of Kentuckians who want to control their own lives, businesses and futures.

While they may not know what the 1973 version of “Soylent Green” is, folks definitely won’t like the 2010 Kentucky version.

Somehow, I just can’t “warm up” to the ideas the council likely will support: everyone in Kentucky riding bikes as they hand over their gas-guzzling SUVs to the Chinese; and promoting policies that insist on

wind and solar power — even when the wind doesn't blow and the sun won't shine. And could the council ever enthusiastically support the coal industry, a bulwark of Kentucky's economy?

I just can't picture that. Can you?

Especially when the group's existence is based on phony global warming claims for which there is not *scientific* consensus. (Again, just because a politician or media-type *claims* it exists, doesn't make it so. "Soylent" anyone?)

Just because a politician or TV talking head claims this council can improve Kentucky's "quality of life" through "smart growth" and "encouragement" (read "coercion") to buy a certain kind of house or restrict our driving only to a certain number of miles in exchange for government's "Green" doesn't mean we should acquiesce to its demands.

Just because the climate council — created at the behest and with the approval of the Beshear administration without legislative review — includes "Kentucky" and "climate" in its name doesn't make it harmless.

Clear-thinking Kentuckians who attended the council's latest meeting on June 2 of the newly formed Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet confirmed that they worry about the horror flick the council is writing. And that script is being supported by tax dollars and by radical leftist groups, including foundations funded by agenda-driven extremists such as George Soros and Ted Turner.

"They want to take away our freedoms and enslave us," said Lisa Ablor of Georgetown. "They want to take away our freedom to explore, to be entrepreneurs. They claim this will create jobs, but they're not specific about what jobs they are, and they don't talk about what jobs will be lost. It's bogus."

That's *NON*-fiction.

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