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EXTINCTION REBELLION TRAINING, OR HOW TO CONTROL RADICAL RESISTANCE FROM THE 'OBSTRUCTIVE LEFT'

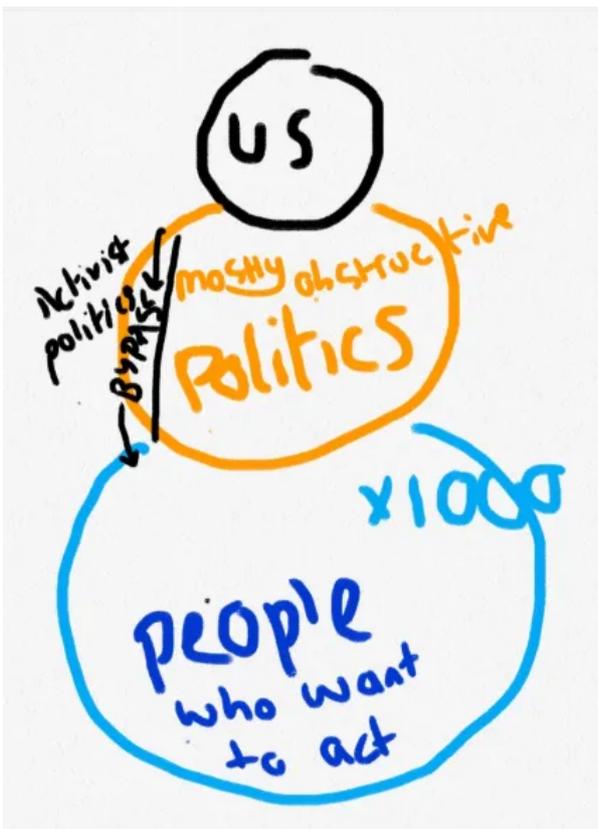
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By Cory Morningstar

"NEW POWER" – "THE ABILITY TO HARNESS THE CONNECTED CROWD TO GET WHAT YOU WANT"

– JEREMY HEIMANS, CO-FOUNDER PURPOSE/AVAAZ, B TEAM EXPERT



Above: XR local coordinator training document. Diagram: The "US" circle on the top signifies Extinction Rebellion. The middle circle identifies "mostly obstructive" political activists ("hard left") that must be bypassed in order to reach the bottom circle. The bottom circle represents the non-political citizens, the target audience of XR.

Background

Extinction Rebellion (XR) officially launched on October 31, 2018. On November 2, 2018, a video was uploaded to the [Extinction Rebellion](#) YouTube account. The video documents the training session held by XR co-founder Roger Hallam: "This was filmed at the Extinction Rebellion Local Coordinator training in Bristol. Roger Hallam explains some the key dynamics of building a mass movement from the level of personal resilience to creating system change."

Here, it is critical to remind oneself, that this is the XR mass organizing model for the mobilization of a global citizenry. Consider between the official [launch on October 31, 2018](#), in the UK, to December 6, 2018, it grew to over 130 groups, across 22 countries. By January 29, 2019, the Extinction Rebellion groups spanned across 50 countries. On April 27, 2019 XR reported they were nearing 400 branches globally.

The global expansion is being led by Margaret Klein Salamon [[Source](#)], founder of The Climate Mobilization, who launched the Extinction Rebellion US Twitter account on October 31, 2018 – the same day as the launch of Extinction Rebellion in the UK. The Extinction Rebellion demands are not only complementary to The Climate Mobilization's emergency strategy now in motion; they are a mirror image of it with the slogan, "Tell the Truth". [Further reading: The Manufacturing of Greta Thunberg – for Consent: The House is On Fire! & the 100 Trillion Dollar Rescue, [ACT IV](#)]

Training the XR Local Coordinators



Above: Extinction Rebellion co-founder Roger Hallam

During the training session, Hallam draws a chart with three circles. The small circle on the top signifies Extinction Rebellion – people that want to get things done. The middle circle is quickly identified as the contentious one. This circle identifies the "mostly obstructive", highly political, a "hard left", which must be bypassed in order to reach the bottom circle. The bottom circle, the largest in size, represents the non-political citizens, the target audience of XR: "The people who're shitting themselves and want something to be done but aren't highly political." [[Source](#): XR Local Coordinator Training]

Hallam:

"I'm just going to finish on something that's a bit of a taboo subject, okay? But it's another major issue you're going to find when you organize, which is difficult, political people.

Okay, so I'm going to do a little chart here.

You usually find, like most of us people in this room, that are really political, but we're really practical because we want to get some things done. Okay?

And then below us, in inverted commas, there's another group of people that are really political and don't want to get things done, because they're so political. (lots of laughter). I will separate those people out in a minute.

And then below that, this is like a thousand times bigger, they really want to do something well there actually not political, you see what I mean.

These people really want to get things done. Then they go down here and try to involve these people, and these people basically grind it to death."

Hallam speaks of the dangers posed by the "extreme hard left" viewpoints, "extreme [intersectionalism](#)" ("we need to be all perfect and that sort of stuff"), extreme desire for diversity, "extreme veganism", etc. His examples are deliberately misleading and ridiculous. His mention of anarchism provokes more laughter.

Hallam concedes "and often they're right" yet has zero interest in empowering this group to further empower the bottom "non-political" masses targeted by XR. Rather, his aim is to recruit the ones that can be persuaded into adopting pragmatism, while silencing those that refuse to conform.

In the Rebellion business, ethics isn't a driving force, rather it is a detriment:

"Look, all the most effective movements have a central concept and that concept is balance. Balance the pragmatic need and the ethical imperative to change society versus the need to be eternally ethical."

The message is clear – target the practical and pragmatic. Distance yourself from the self-centered "purists".

"They're [the 20%] not actually interested in political effectiveness. They're interested in a political approach that makes them feel good."

Although XR [claims](#), "We are working to build a movement that is participatory, decentralised, and inclusive" – this runs in stark contrast to XR's own conduct:

"The name of the game is to bypass these people, or at least recruit the little bit of them that get it ... and go down here. And that's how we've managed to mobilize thousands of people in three months. By having a public meeting. And if the public meeting is constructed around participative principles, you won't have the SWP [Socialist Workers Party] guy standing up at the end. Everyone's feeling good and he does a rant about how it has to be socialist, otherwise it's rubbish. Which brings everybody down. It happens over and over again. And how we do that, we don't have a Q & A. Q&A's encourage nerdy people and absolutists, (laughter), we all know this, right? I mean you can have a Q&A if you're super confident and you're in a group of people that are generally like, in the real world, but if you have a public meeting 80% of the people will be normal people, who are basically interested in the issue, and 20% of the people will be political absolutists. And they will there to appropriate your energy."

And this ideology upheld by Hallam is the very foundational ideology being taught, encouraged and nurtured by Extinction Rebellion. Hallam: "This is how you mobilize lots of people."

This, in essence, forms the key strategy of Extinction Rebellion. To isolate radical voices and to dominate the narrative. While targeting the non-practical and pragmatic. A narrative and an orchestrated campaign that serves the ruling class. To give a faux sense of inclusion, while mocking those who have, first and foremost, an allegiance to the Earth. Framing those who recognize that the very capitalist system destroying all life on our finite planet, will not and cannot be magically reformed to save us, as "political absolutists". As Hallam effectively frames those identified in the middle circle as not "normal", he seeks assurances from his students by ending sentences with a pleasant "yeah?" and "okay?", at which point – largely due to the power of conformity in a group setting – they agree. Laughter ensues. There is no challenge to Hallam's diatribe. The deliberate framing of those that do not conform as "obstructive" is effective social engineering.

Although Extinction Rebellion takes no position against capitalism, Hallam has no issue with taking a swipe at socialism. Using the [Mondragon experiment in Spain](#) as an example, Hallam explains that the central concept must be balance, "not

socialism or anything”.

These are the main points [captured](#) by/for the [XR Local Coordinators](#):

“They’re [the middle group] not interested in political effectiveness, they’re interested in things being perfect and good. This is not a personal judgment, but it won’t help.”

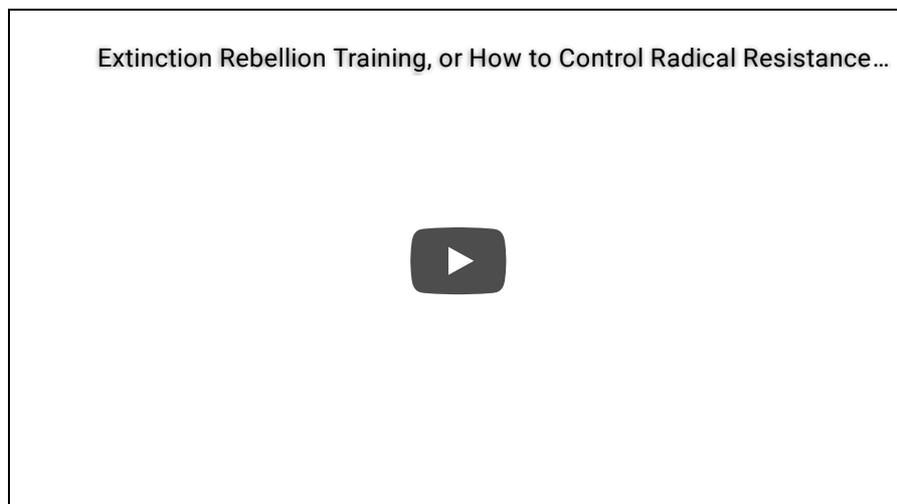
The majority, to be herded like cats (GCCA/TckTckTck – Global Call for Climate Action) are “[T]he people who’re shitting themselves and want something to be done but aren’t highly political.”

“Don’t have a Q & A. This allows the extreme people who want it to be one way to bring everyone else down.”

“80% are normal people [and] 20% political absolutists. There to appropriate your energy.”

“It’s not about climate change information, it’s about the emotional way that we say it – needs to create that emotional response, personal reactions are incredibly powerful.”

For XR leadership, the enemy of Rebellion is not corporate dominance such as Unilever or Volans (as recently [confirmed](#) by XR Business). The enemy of Rebellion is not the capitalist economic system devouring everything in its path. The enemy of the Rebellion is the radical activist, prepared to defend the Earth “by any means necessary”.



Pacifism as Pathology

“In certain situations, preaching nonviolence can be a kind of violence. Also, it is the kind of terminology that dovetails beautifully with the ‘human rights’ discourse in which, from an exalted position of faux neutrality, politics, morality, and justice can be airbrushed out of the picture, all parties can be declared human rights offenders, and the status quo can be maintained.” — *Arundhati Roy, [How to Think About Empire](#)*

Hallam recommends to his students that they study: “[The Psychology of Persuasion](#)”, “The Radical Think Tank” (“[How to Win](#)”), and “[This is an Uprising](#)” by Mark Engler (with glowing forewords by 350.org’s [Bill McKibben](#) and [Naomi Klein](#)).

Here, is another orchestrated and ongoing effort to further pacify the working class in servitude to the state. One would be wise to toss “This is an Uprising” and instead read “[Bloodless Lies: Book Review of This is an Uprising](#)” (November 7, 2016). This is an excellent example of what those enmeshed in the non-profit industrial complex do not want you to read.

Rather than educating citizens why it is paramount that we become revolutionaries in order to protect the last vestiges of the natural world, Hallam encourages his newly-minted coordinators to embrace the role of “generalists”. [XR Generalists:

“run meetings, be good with people, know how society changes, etc.; Revolutionary theorists – hard work is already done!; Books to read – This is an Uprising (Mark Engler)” [Source]

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The Elites in Service to Capital

As touched upon in the conclusion of the Manufacturing Greta Thunberg for Consent series, ACT VI, Extinction Rebellion ties to some of the world’s most powerful NGOs at the helm of the non-profit industrial complex (Avaaz, 350.org, Greenpeace et al.). A largely white-led movement serving white power.

XR co-founder Gail Bradbrook, is also highly influential with decade-long ties to the [tech industry](#). In his workshop, Hallam chuckles when he laments, “Like Gail, she’s got these connections with the elites. She’s on the phone with George [Monbiot]”. Bradbrook’s “connections with the elites” is no exaggeration. Featured in “The Financial Times”, the prestigious publication [writes of Bradbrook](#): “Clad in a crimson coat and matching hat as she dashes between fundraising discussions with a London hedge-fund owner and meetings to rally Extinction Rebellion volunteers...” Indeed, “activism” has never been so en vogue, and a £50,000 donation by a hedge-fund owner to Extinction Rebellion [Source], raises no eyebrows whatsoever. It is safe to say that the hallowed out remnants of Western environmentalism have reached a new stage of commodification and normalization of such. This is not rebellion. This is business. Of course Bradbrook is not the only elite at the helm.



Above: Farhana Yamin at the [prestigious Extinction Rebellion headquarters](#) [Photo: [Vice](#)]

Farhana Yamin is “one of the movement’s leading voices” in Extinction Rebellion (Financial Times). Yamin who “spent 27 years in UN climate negotiations” and “helped midwife the 2015 Paris Agreement to curb greenhouse gas emissions” serves as a board member/trustee to Greenpeace. [Source: The rise of Extinction Rebellion, The Financial Times, [April 12, 2019](#)]

“Yamin, the international lawyer, who is also a trustee of Greenpeace UK and will soon take up an advisory role at the World Wildlife Fund, wants to build a bridge with existing organisations to forge a much bigger “movement of movements”. “We need to tap into the new form of leadership that’s being asked of us now,” she says. [Source: “Extinction Rebellion, inside the new climate resistance”, The Financial Times, [April 10, 2019](#)]

Former Vogue “climate warrior” (2015), Yamin is the founder and CEO of Track 0: “Track 0 is an independent, not-for-profit organization serving as a hub to support all those transitioning to a clean, fair and bright future for future generations around the world compatible with the goals set out in the Paris Agreement. We convene leaders and provide strategic research, training, advice, communications and networking support to governments, businesses, investors, philanthropies,

communities and campaigns run by civil society.”



Partners of Track 0 include GCCA (TckTckTck), CAN (Climate Action Network), Avaaz, ClimateWorks (The Climate Group, We Mean Business), The Rockefeller Foundation, E3G (founder of GCCA), The Prince of Wales Corporate Leaders Group, European Climate Foundation and Chatham House. [\[Full list\]](#)

Advisory members of Track 0 include Sharon Johnson, “CEO Havas Media Re:Purpose”. This is incredible yet not surprising as Havas created the 2009 TckTckTck campaign a decade ago. Other advisory members include Betsy Taylor (served on boards of One Sky which merged with 350.org, Ceres, The Climate Mobilization, etc.), and Bernice Lee, Director, Climate

Change at World Economic Forum.

One can glance through the Track 0 "[Individuals & Organizations on Track](#)" section to understand who is considered "on track" for "net zero" by Yamin et al. Certainly not those obstructionists found in Hallam's middle circle.

In addition to founding Track 0, Yamin is an associate fellow at Chatham House and a member of the Global Agenda Council on Climate Change at the World Economic Forum.



Above: Track 0, Twitter

Yamin served as an adviser to the European Commission on the emissions trading directive from 1998-2002, later serving as special adviser to Connie Hedegaard, EU Commissioner for Climate Action. "She is lead author of three assessment reports for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on adaptation and mitigation issues. She continues to provide legal, strategy and policy advice to NGOs, foundations and developing nations on international climate change negotiations under the UNFCCC." [\[Source\]](#)

As discussed in "A Decade of Strategic and Methodical Social Engineering", while the International Policies and Politics Initiative and GCCA controlled the "movement" at COP15, the same forces also controlled the message via the [Carbon Briefing Service](#) (CBS). The news service was launched by Jennifer Morgan (WWF, WRI, Greenpeace, etc.) and Liz Gallagher (E3G) in late 2014 with additional funding by the ClimateWorks Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, the Oak Foundation, the Villum Foundation and Avaaz. [\[Source\]](#) Yamin was a participant of the invitation only group. [\[Source\]](#)



In 2015 Yamin attended a week-long retreat hosted by Avaaz. [\[Source\]](#)

Those who have read my past work as well as the Greta series, will know Greenpeace and World Wildlife Fund are both founders of GCCA (TckTckTck) – and are both at the helm of this faux movement. These NGOs and others at the helm of the non-profit industrial complex are tasked with creating another “Paris moment” momentum needed for the coming financialization of nature to be implemented in 2020 (#NewDealForNature) – as well as the unlocking of monies needed for the fourth industrial revolution (to save capitalism itself).



Above: Track 0, Twitter

"Avaaz has been fundamental to mobilizing broad support for climate action. Thank you Avaaz, you are music!"

— **Christiana Figueres**, Former head of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change



Above: Avaaz endorsement by Christiana Figueres [Source: Avaaz website]



Above: Track 0 highlights, September 24, 2014

Here we witness the social-organizational psychology experts grooming tomorrows "new champions", "global shapers" and "new power" "thought-leaders" as determined and ultimately dictated by the world's most powerful elites. In the 21st century, psychology is not only an extremely important tool in influencing public opinion, it is now considered to be perhaps the single and most important tool. The necessity to comprehend

the mental processes, desires and social patterns of the populace at large cannot be understated. Working in lock-step with controlled media and the best marketing executives foundation money can buy, today's faux activists, thought-leaders and media lapdogs are the very mechanisms of modern-day perception. - [The Pygmalion Virus in Three Acts](#) [2017 AVAAZ SERIES | PART II]

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[Further reading: The Manufacturing of Greta Thunberg – A Decade of Social Manipulation for the Corporate Capture of Nature, ACT VI – Crescendo]

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In 1966, Stokely Carmichael stated: "And that's the real question facing the white activists today. Can they tear down the institutions that have put us all in the trick bag we've been into for the last hundreds of years?"

This is the real question facing legitimate activists today. Are we tearing down the institutions, or keeping them propped up? Extinction Rebellion has been tasked with the propping up of the very institutions we must dismantle. There is a reason manufactured "environmentalists" and celebrities are recognized as key influencers. It is a deliberate undertaking that Hallam recommends "Rules for Revolutionaries" (based on US Senator Bernie Sanders's presidential run), rather than highlighting true revolutionaries such as Marilyn Buck, Malcolm X, or the land defenders on the frontlines today. The ones who often receive no press (until they are murdered). The ones that would belong to Hallam's middle circle. It is a burying of radical political resistance. A reframing of resistance – into an obedient compliance. Note that Rules for Revolutionaries is written by [Zach Exley](#), current advisor to US congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. It is notable that [praise for the book](#), from a bevy of authors includes Robert B. Reich, author of *Saving Capitalism*.

The influencers for the ruling classes are worth their weight in gold.

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Top 10 climate change influencers on twitter
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 Bill Mckibben @billmckibben Author, Educator, Environmentalist and Founder of 350.org	 Al Gore @algore Former Vice President, chairman of The Climate Reality Project	 Christiana Figueres @CFigueres UN Framework Convention on Climate	 Andy Revkin @Revkin AI @dotearth and Pace.edu/environment	 Svein Tveitdal @tveitdal IPCC, former UN Director
 Alexander Verbeek @Alex_Verbeek Yale World Fellow, NL Diplomat	 Michael E. Mann @MichaelEMann Climate Scientist, Penn State Professor	 Jim Harris @JimHarris Author and speaker.	 Kate Sheppard @kate_sheppard Reporter/enrivo editor at HuffPostPot	 Naomi Klein @NaomiAKlein Award-Winning journalist and author.

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We Mean Business – Top Ten Climate Change Influencers, Twitter



British actress/celebrity Emma Thompson, Extinction Rebellion festivities, April 19, 2019



Emma Thompson for Global Optimist. The [Climate Optimist campaign](#) was launched in 2017 by The Climate Group in partnership with Futerra

Emotion – Not Information

Another critical imperative Hallam highlights for mass mobilization is “emotion – not information”. Hallam laments that the people who will lead the “rebellion” will be young people:

“The last thing to reiterate is the emotion – not the information ... so the people that are going to lead this rebellion are going to be young people, 14 & 15 year olds ...omg – a 14 year-old is in tears, right?, on television, about what's happening...”

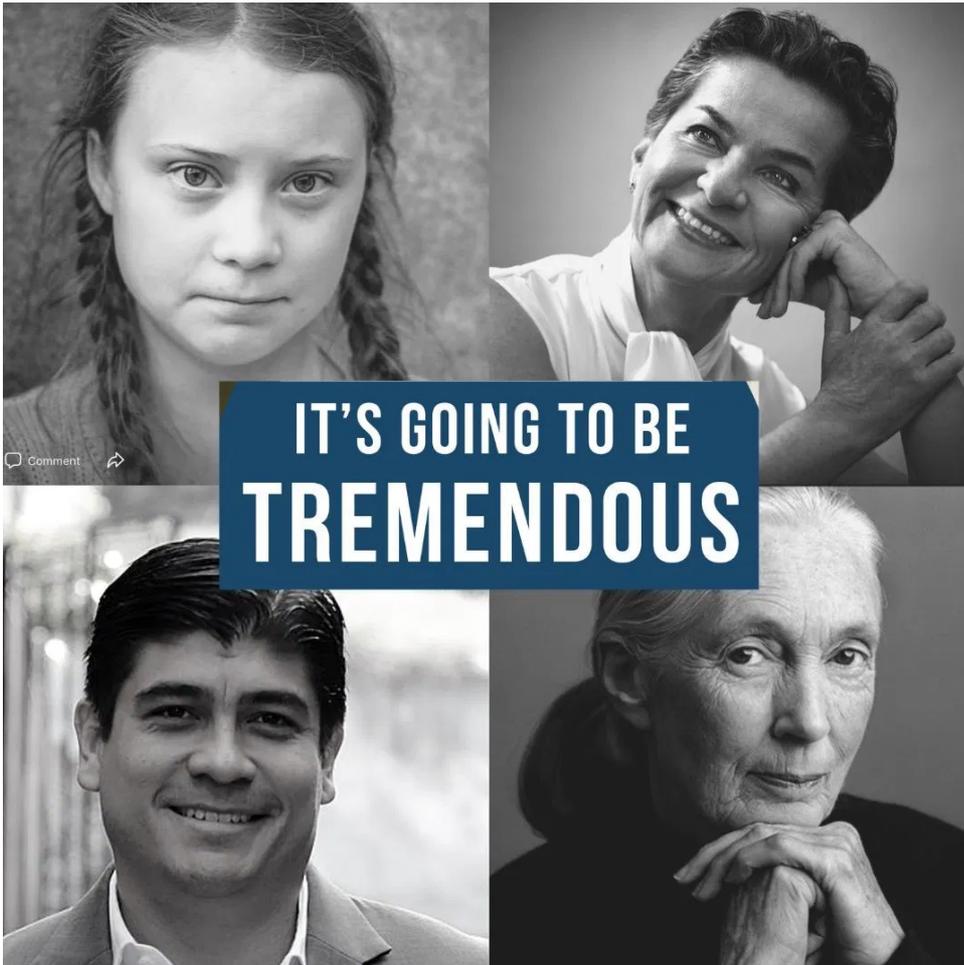
Thus, a key strategy for XR was (and continues to be) “How to engage with younger people – youth mobilisation, talks in schools/colleges, figuring out how to engage on ‘youth’ social media.” [[Source](#)]

We Mean Business is ecstatic over the climate strikes. As is Christiana Figueres.

Figueres, an anthropologist, economist and analyst having studied at London School of Economics and Georgetown University presided over the negotiations that led to the 2015 Paris Agreement. For this achievement Ms. Figueres has been recognized as “forging a new brand of collaborative diplomacy”. With almost four decades of experience in

multilateral negotiations, high-level national and international policy, coupled with extensive involvement in the corporate/private sector, in 2016, TIME magazine named Figueres one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Today, Figueres serves as vice-chair of the [Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy](#); member of the board of directors of ClimateWorks; [World Bank Climate Leader](#); B Team leader, leader of [Mission2020](#) ("exponential transformation" focusing on [six sectors](#) that will play a key role in municipal governments and "Green New Deals"); and board member of the [World Resources Institute](#).



Christiana Figueres (top right corner) podcast series: It's Going To Be Tremendous

When the oppressor and the oppressed find themselves [cheering as one](#), this is indeed "tremendous" for the elites. Yet, as the designs of the ruling elites take hold, which is already well under way, we will soon recognize that the citizenry themselves were grossly manipulated to usher in a nightmare that would only further their own demise.

[[Further reading](#): So who exactly is Christiana Figueres?]

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It is still not too late to act. It will take a far-reaching vision, it will take courage.”

Greta Thunberg

Photo: Peg Hunter

Above: The We Mean Business newsletter, April 30, 2019

April 30, 2019: “Welcome to the April edition of the We Mean Business coalition newsletter...Amid fresh waves of protests demanding accelerated climate action, more and more businesses and policy makers are stepping up and delivering the level of systemic change required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.”

We Mean Business – “a coalition of organizations working with thousands of the world’s most influential businesses and investors.” The founding partners of We Mean Business are: Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) ([full membership and associate members list](#)), CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project), Ceres, The B Team, The Climate Group, The Prince of Wales’s Corporate Leaders Group (CLG) and World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

The Climate Group was incubated by Rockefeller Brothers Fund as an in-house project that later evolved into a free-standing institution.

Together, these groups represent the most powerful – and ruthless – corporations on the planet, salivating to unleash trillions of dollars for the fourth industrial revolution. This, coupled with the financialization of nature, will create new markets, reboot global economic growth, and most importantly, rescue the global economic capitalist system that is destroying our biosphere.

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We Mean Business, February 20, 2019: "People are desperate for something to happen." Twitter



Christiana Figueres, B Team Leader [Source]. The B Team is a founder of We Mean Business

Emotion To Mask Information: BioEnergy Carbon Capture Storage

"The Institute has a unique and unrivalled membership including governments, global corporations, private

industry and academia. Amongst its representation, are the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, China, Japan and Australia, and multinationals such as Shell, ExxonMobil, Toshiba, Kawasaki and BHP.” — *The Global CCS Institute*, [website](#)

In the May 3, 2019 Extinction Rebellion newsletter (#20), the subject line reads “Parliament meets our first demand!” In the body of text: “There’s plenty of more obvious good news, though – most prominently Parliament’s declaration of climate and environment emergency.” What XR does not share with the public is that the [UK CCC climate legislation](#) was a victory for the carbon capture and storage (CCS) industry. In similar fashion to the financialization of nature, carbon capture legislation and projects are making huge strides behind closed doors – with [zero opposition](#).

Global CCS Institute, [May 2, 2019](#), Twitter:

“The Institute welcomes @theCCCuK report, which recommends that the UK commits to cutting its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to net-zero by 2050 and highlights the crucial role #carboncapture and storage needs to play to achieve this goal. #NetZeroUK #climateaction”

A zero emissions industrial civilization is not possible. For the continuance of industrial civilization, CCS is a necessity. This is the promise of unabated business as usual. The future of energy will be dominated by the burning of our remaining forests, coupled with CCS. Akin to the depleted uranium left for future generations to contend with, CCS will inject the increasing CO2 into the ravaged Earth. This is the gift to be left to Greta Thunberg and the youth she inspires. A gift to span generations.

More than this, “net zero” does not mean zero emissions. And it never did. Yet another inconvenient truth is that The terms ‘net zero emissions’ and ‘carbon neutrality’ are interchangeable. This is the beauty of language and framing.

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"Carbon Neutral is a term used to describe the state of an entity (such as a company, service, product or event), where the carbon emissions caused by them have been balanced out by funding an equivalent amount of carbon savings elsewhere in the world." Carbon neutrality is most often sought/achieved through carbon offsetting (purchasing offsets, trading and projects).

Question by Richard Branson's The Elders NGO to Farhana Yamin (2014): How is carbon neutrality different to 'net zero emissions'?

Answer by Yamin: "The terms 'net zero emissions' and 'carbon neutrality' are interchangeable."

Q: Global News, Dec 3, 2018: What is net-zero emissions?

A: Catherine Abreau, executive director of the Climate Action Network: "In short, it means the amount of emissions being put into the atmosphere is equal to the amount being captured."

Militarism – as one of the key drivers of climate change, ecological devastation, and death of millions, remains a non-issue. The global "green new deals" guarantee further imperialism and an escalation in wars. These realities have been deliberately and successfully removed from the conversation. They are buried in the 20% circle with the purists.

"The evidence makes it clear. CO₂ needs to be removed from the atmosphere, known as carbon dioxide removal (CDR), using negative emissions technologies (NETs) to meet global warming targets. Bioenergy with carbon capture and storage (BECCS) is emerging as the best solution to decarbonise emission-intensive industries and sectors and enable negative emissions." — *March 14, 2019, Bioenergy and Carbon Capture and Storage, The Global CCS Institute*

"[F]or BECCS technology to be truly effective in reducing CO₂ emissions, massive tracts of arable land need to be cultivated and these are not always available, or easily utilised." — *The Global CCS Institute*

Emotion to Mask Information: The Financialization of Nature



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The next phase for the implementation of the financialization of nature commenced April 29, 2019 with the IPBES Global Assessment gathering (the IPCC for Biodiversity).

The "first global biodiversity assessment in 14 years", will be released on May 6, 2019, with the expected "summary for policymakers" section. We can expect a top "scientific endorsement" for a full package of financialization of nature policy tools, including global metrics for valuation, commodification and offset schemes.

The five-day gathering was held last week at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, ending on May 4, 2019.

There were no protests.



Above: [John Elkington](#): Co-founder of Volans, [B Team expert](#) (founded by Richard Branson, *The B Team* is a co-founder of *We Mean Business*), member of the WWF Council of Ambassadors, and [Extinction Rebellion Business](#) signatory (along with Gail Bradbrook, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion)

Together, these deals read like the biggest land grab since Britannia ruled the waves. This is the big deployment of measurement and financial instruments that the corporate sector, finance and ruling classes have developed. Every little bit of sequestration will be used to further satisfy natural capital ambitions under the guise of climate protection.

The public face of this grotesque undertaking are the campaigns "New Deal For Nature" and "Voice For The Planet". These are being led by WWF – co-founder of GCCA. The NGOs comprising the GCCA have played the lead role in orchestrating the global mobilizations for climate change over the past decade, in full servitude to their funders.

The "Voice For the Planet" is [especially egregious](#), as it is presented by the World Economic Forum "Global Shapers" youth group.

The gross exploitation of youth for capital expansion rivals only the gross exploitation of Indigenous peoples. The appropriation and utilization of Indigenous imagery to promote market solutions is [long documented](#).

The world's most powerful corporations and NGO partners appropriate Indigenous culture imagery for emotive branding as they unleash and uphold market "solutions" which further displace Indigenous peoples. They [undermined](#) the 2010 Indigenous led [People's Agreement](#) and then buried it. They speak of Indigenous protection – while they actively promote "green" marketing schemes and "green new deals" that will further displace Indigenous peoples. That will further accelerate the ongoing genocide of Indigenous Peoples.



Natural Capital Coalition @NatCapCoalition · 19 Sep 2018

"People value the natural world in different ways. This is reflected in the 'ecosystem services' concept developed through the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and in the 'nature's contributions to people' approach developed through @IPBES".
go.nature.com/2DblyFz



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Weaving Knowledge Systems in @IPBES, @CBDNews & Beyond – Lessons Learned for Sustainability bit.ly/2A3lumB #NatCapHub #Communities #IndigenousPeoples #Biodiversity #Anthropocene



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Promotional illustrations/video for Green New Deal by [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#), [Naomi Klein](#) and [Avi Lewis](#) for support of the New Green Deal

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They exploit the global youth to steal the natural world the beneath their feet.

They exploit the love for nature – to further enslave nature.

As GCCA co-founder WWF aids and abets [Indigenous displacement](#), beatings and deaths, under the guise of conservation, GCCA partners are silent. This is the normalizing of a [continued colonization](#) repackaged under the guise of conservation and “green”.

Industrial civilization – is the enemy of the natural world. We defend industrial civilization – or we defend the planet. This is the choice. The question is, which side are we on?

And the answer to that question is perhaps the most terrifying thing of all.



"No One Believed in Capitalist Schemes and Promises Any More" part of the new "Scenes from the Revolution" series. Acrylic on canvas, 30"x30", Artist: [Stephanie McMillan](#)

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