

## The Green(back) New Deal -

We as a country and a civilization have faced dangerous and vexing issues for centuries. We have fought and conquered diseases, wars, outer space, safety issues in industry, slavery, the depression, etc. We have invented the light bulb, telephone, vaccines, air travel, transistors and much more when the people with the knowledge and ingenuity of the day were challenged to find a solution to a particular problem. Why do we think we have to throw good money down a sinkhole to solve a problem that may occur in a hundred years? There are no good solutions today to avert a problem even my grandchildren won't experience. It does not mean that people should not invest time and effort to accurately define the possible causes of environmental impacts due to global weather changes. But to ask the US taxpayers to foot a bill for something that may or may not happen 100 years from now is out and out thievery. When China and India bring their environment improvements on par with the US then let's talk about our next step. The scientific community has not proven their hypotheses as to why the climate is changing in various locales. I would rather spend our resources on improving the quality of our water and managing the distribution of water across our country. How can we capture rain falling east of the Mississippi River into cisterns to pump to the western states? How about flood waters in Houston? Let's think about what we can do to improve our country with the technology we have to day. The amount of money invested in wind mills and solar farms is a waste as there is not an efficient way to store the electricity they generate, let alone the real estate they require to operate. I do not want us to stop investing in new technologies, but let's be practical in how we use our dollars.