

## Love that Dirty Water

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Things are really getting strange out there. Here's how it all started. Last year the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that carbon dioxide is a dangerous pollutant. This was an amazingly stupid ruling. In doing so they gave the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) the legal power to control its emission into the atmosphere from cars, trucks and you name it probably lawn mowers, charcoal grills and cigarettes.

Now the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut Richard Blumenthal is suing the EPA to make them regulate the emission of carbon dioxide from Connecticut vehicles. Actually it's Connecticut and about 17 other states that are doing this, of course the movement started in Massachusetts where Michael Dukakis learned that dirty water can lose you a presidential election a few years back.

The crazy part of all of this is that the Supreme Court made such a terrible ruling about CO<sub>2</sub> in the first place. Carbon dioxide is NOT A POLLUTANT! Al Gore will tell you it is but he got a D and a C in the only intro science classes he took at Harvard so he is hardly the one to listen to. Besides he has a company in England, Generation Investment Management that makes money by scaring people about global warming. By the way do you know what a nursery will do to increase plant growth in their green houses? They pump it full of carbon dioxide, three times the levels that exist in the atmosphere. How can something that makes things grow be "a dangerous pollutant". The answer is it can't!

Carbon dioxide is essential for life on our planet. Carbon dioxide gives and makes life possible. If carbon dioxide levels drop below 200 parts per million things stop growing. Carbon dioxide is plant food not poison, unbelievable. So something that makes life possible on our planet is now pollution apparently because it comes out of an exhaust of a car or some other motor that burns fossil fuels.

Well guess what else comes out of the exhaust of a car, yup water vapor. Oh it's not very much, just a small amount but it's still there. So what are we to do, I know lets call that pollution too! After all it makes things grow just like carbon dioxide. It's at the root of all life on Earth just like carbon dioxide so what the hell let's get water on the pollution list as well. We can regulate water with government laws made by attorney "generals" that circumvent the legislature with lawsuits so they can make their own laws. This is how much sense the Supreme Courts ruling makes. If you're going to call carbon dioxide pollution apparently you must add water vapor to the list as well if not now then somewhere in the future.

This is the twisted logic the Supreme Court of the United States has given us. We are dealing with a brave new world of global warming hysteria that defies historical common sense. Is this what they warned us about when the stories years ago talked about the dumbing down of America? Love that dirty water. Remember the song from the 60s? It was written about the Charles River in Massachusetts where it all began.