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News With Views | Policy Expert Sounds The Alarm On Growing Assault On Private Property

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Tom DeWeese, recognized expert on private property rights, has released a new book entitled *Sustainable: The WAR on Free Enterprise, Private Property and Individuals*. DeWeese's book describes in detail the process being used at every level of government to reorganize our society through the destruction of private property.

According to DeWeese, the American system of free enterprise, private property ownership and individual liberty is under attack by a political force that, while plainly out in the open for all to see, is little understood and mostly ignored. Yet private non-governmental organizations (NGOs), city planners and federal agencies have teamed up specifically to change human society under the banner of **Sustainable Development**. It is gaining power in every state, county, and community under the false threat of Environmental Armageddon,

demanding that we completely reorganize our economic system, our representative form of government, and our individual lifestyle.

While termed in positive sounding lingo, in reality Sustainable policy imposes massive government regulations enforced through state and local governments. These policies place severe restrictions on energy and water use. Development schemes seek to ban the use of cars, instead forcing ridership on massively expensive and inconvenient public transportation systems. Meanwhile, so-called “Visioning” programs follow enforcement of international policies to reorganize communities into a one-size-fits-all straightjacket.

In Sustainable, author Tom DeWeese clearly makes the case that such policies are a war on free enterprise, private property ownership, and individual choice.

- Why private property matters
- The only real solution to eradicating poverty
- The lost definition of property rights
- Who’s behind the transformation?
- 10 real questions city planners should be asking the public
- 10 vital questions to ask before signing a conservation easement
- 10 facts every community needs to know about regional plans
- Who takes the “Walk of Shame” in the destruction of property rights?

- How to restore private property rights

...And much more

The assault on the inner cities – destroying hope

Low income and ethnic neighborhoods have traditions, history and family ties. Yet city Smart Growth programs, funded by federal grants, attack with bulldozers, destroying small local businesses and private property. Massive high-rise condos and corporate businesses replace the original residents who are now unable to afford to live in their old neighborhood.

Their fate is to be forced into government housing and welfare programs, from which there is little ability to leave or plan lives of their own.

Tools to move people off rural lands

How do you remove people from the rural areas and herd them into the cities? Make it impossible to live there. Control water and energy use as the land is locked away from human activity.

Selling an international agenda as “local”

The agenda is being sold to the public as a “comprehensive blueprint for the reorganization of human society.” And it is exactly that. Yet, the public is being conned to believe it is being created locally. But all of the policies enforce international building, electrical and plumbing codes.

Is 2018 turning into 1984?

Who really owns and controls your private property...you or Big Brother? Rules, regulations, taxes, licensing... It's all governments at every level talk about. Rarely does one hear a word about protecting an individual's property, or encouraging building the economy with free enterprise, or individual creativity. Such concepts have become a threat to well-laid government plans and projects. Those who propose such ideas of freedom are labeled as radicals. Meanwhile government invades every aspect of our lives — unabated.

Tom DeWeese argues that private property ownership is the single most effective tool to eradicate poverty, yet it is being systematically eliminated under these programs. For homeowners across the nation, property rights have been reduced to the obligation to pay taxes and the mortgage, while nearly every other decision about the use of the property is made by a government agency. Says DeWeese, "Without the right of use, property ownership becomes a barren right. Individual choice is eliminated by the dictates of the collective and free enterprise is replaced by partnerships between government and huge corporations. Those private corporations then use their collusion with government to help eliminate competition, all under the innocent sounding excuse of Sustainable Development."

Tom DeWeese, President of the American Policy Center suburban Washington, DC, passionately believes in the rights of the individual over a powerful, tyrannical, collective society.

He is also the author of the policy book *Now Tell Me I Was Wrong*, and the fiction political thriller, *ERASE*. To promote his strongly held philosophy of free enterprise, national sovereignty, and limited government, he travels extensively across the nation speaking out as an advocate of private property rights and personal privacy protections. Recognized internationally as an expert in these fields, Tom DeWeese has been quoted in such national publications as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*, while making regular appearances on a large list of national and local radio and television news programs.

Sustainable: The WAR on Free Enterprise, Private Property and Individuals, reached #1 Best Seller status in its category on Amazon. Tom DeWeese is available for interviews.

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