

Brief Report on the Climate Change Committee (CCC) Activity to the NCC 08-02-12

1. Brief review since 4/14/2012.
2. Next Mass Educational Meeting on August 23, 2012.
3. Documents being updated.
4. Policy Questions Submitted.
5. Links.
6. Readings Suggested.

1. **Review:** The Reactivated CCC met on-line 6 times starting 4/14/12. On 5/15/12 the committee sent questions on climate change for consideration to the NEC/NCC.

On 6/28/12 David Schwartzman presented a brief version of his updated eco-socialism presentation to the CCC, including a report on the Green New Deal. The committee discussed the need for ongoing education and on 7/19/12 decided to schedule another larger educational on-line meeting featuring David's presentation with Ted Glick as a resource person for discussion on August 23rd, 8:30 PM, EST

2. Next Mass Educational Meeting on Climate Change August 23, 8:30 PM EST

Meanwhile, the committee is updating the science and politics of the two most current CCDS climate change papers; the 3 fold brochure and the longer background information paper.

Listed below are links to members' suggested readings and reports on the fast developing climate change issue. These issues include the growing body of scientific evidence, the politics of the different public and governmental responses, the electoral season and candidate and party stances on climate change and the relevance to global political issues.

It is hoped that the various bodies and members of CCDS will review these matters and contribute to the resources.

3. Current versions of the two recent documents and revisions are at:

- A. 3 fold: Current: <http://tinyurl.com/2eb2lox> Edits [Edit by David](#)
B. 13 Page: Current: <http://tinyurl.com/y64zqvp> Edits [Edit by David](#)
[Edits also at page <http://www.redandgreen.org/CCC/> number 24 and 25.]

4. **Policy:** On 5/7/12 Zachary Robinson presented a Draft proposal to the NCC. It began as follows:

DRAFT Notes: Proposed Discussion at June NCC

The CCDS Climate Change Committee suggests that there be ample time budgeted for it to lead a discussion of the threat of Catastrophic Climate Change (CCC) at the June NCC meeting. The outcomes are expected to be an increased understanding of climate change on the part of the organization, and an increased awareness on the

Committee of differing views present within CCDS. The Committee plans to produce more educational materials before the NCC discussion.

The Discussion Outline should include:

1. Reading of Committee Charge
 - a) Based on the best and latest available science, formulate CCDS positions on issues related to climate change and the environment
 - b) Work to get CCDS more involved in the environmental movement
 - c) Foster educational efforts around the issue, both internally and outside CCDS, clarifying the issue and its relationship to the struggle for socialism
2. Basic science of climate change (see draft presentation attached)
3. Current impacts of climate change
 - a) issues of climate (in)justice
 - b) severe and changing weather patterns
4. What is being done now to confront climate change (e.g., results of COP17)
5. Key proposals to respond to climate change
 - a) adaptation
 - b) prevention
6. Difficulties of bringing different social forces together in the struggle against CCC
7. Relation between socialism and prevention of CCC

On 5/15/12 , the CCC suggested the following issues be considered by the NEC/NCC:

1. That CCDS sees an environmental, climate change position is an important and necessary part of CCDS's work.
2. That effective organizing about and to address climate change requires a global and socialist approach.
3. That prevention is an important focus of addressing the increasing possibility of Catastrophic Climate Changes.
4. That organizing and education be based on the best, latest science available.
5. Recognition that the best response to environmental needs is global, just and socialist.
6. That meaningful environmental work should include both individual and larger social actions.
7. That realistically addressing the seriousness of potential catastrophic climate changes must include both prevention as possible and better sustainability.
8. Recognizes that the best and most likely to succeed approach to climate change is local, coordinated, social, and global.
9. That prevention and adaptation need not be incomparable.
10. That the science of both climate change threats and their prevention are accelerating.

5. Links:

- a. **2009 CCDS Resolution: "[On the need for an Eco-socialist perspective and leadership to prevent Catastrophic Climate Change.](http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/Proposal_on_leadership.htm)"**
This resolution on the Crisis of Climate Change was passed at the CCDS 2009 convention.
http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/Proposal_on_leadership.htm
- b. **CCDS 3 fold Leaflet on Climate Change: "[Prevent Catastrophic Climate Change, A Green Future for All will require mass support for a worldwide plan.](http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/trifold_C3_brochure.pdf)"**
This 3 fold, 2 sided leaflet on preventing climate change was produced by the CCDS climate change committee on 6/10/2010 and distributed at the US Social Forum June 22-25, 2010. It is being edited.
http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/trifold_C3_brochure.pdf

- c. **Detailed 13 page update: "Climate Change: An Unprecedented Challenge and Opportunity."** 13 pages. This too is being edited and updated.
 - d. **History of relevant documents on Climate Change and CCDS including Eco-Socialism.**
http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/index.htm
 - e. **Work of the Climate Change Committee**
<http://www.redandgreen.org/CCC/>
 - f. **David Schwartzman's Presentation**
This is his a June 25, 2010 version of his slide presentation, titled [Rapid Solarization can drive Sustainable Economic Growth while Preventing Catastrophic Climate Change](#) I will get a more recent version and send it shortly.
[http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/Schwartzman USSF Ecosocialism.pdf](http://www.redandgreen.org/Climate_Change/Schwartzman_USSF_Ecosocialism.pdf)
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6. Readings:

- a) **Quadrennial Defense Review Report of February 2010**
Military interest in climate science, suggested by Zqach. <http://www.defense.gov/qdr/>
- b) **"Living in the End Times."** By Slavoj Zizek
- c) **We Need a Green New Deal Now!** By Ted Glick
David Schwartzman on Bill McKibben's "Global Warming's Terrifying New Math" (url provided)
- d) **The Reckoning - Global Warming's Terrifying New Math** (long) – Bill McKibben Three simple numbers that add up to global catastrophe – and that make clear who the real enemy is
- e) **Get ready for more weather disasters, climate panel says.**
<http://converge2convert.org>
- f) Retooling of Detroit discussed on Larua Flnaders GRITty.
<http://tinyurl.com/d3tqr96>
- g) **Slavoj Zizek in Examined Life:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGCfiv1xtoU>
- h) **Climate Change Affecting Africa**--Africa is the continent most affected by climate change, yet it produces the least greenhouse gas.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNbMWB730zA>
2011 Arctic Ice Minimum:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRc_9nNTZg0
- i) **"Capitalism vs. the Climate,"** Naomi Klein: The Nation, November 9, 2011
<http://www.thenation.com/article/164497/capitalism-vs-climate>
- j) **The Precautionary Principle**--an important environmental principle mentioned by David during the last meeting. It is a basic statutory part of EU environmental law:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precautionary_principle

- k) **Video:** High school physics teacher Greg Craven's lively application of the 'precautionary principle'.
<http://www.gregcraven.org/>
- l) **Game over for the climate** – NY Times.com
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/10/opinion/game-over-for-the-climate.html?_r=3&emc=eta1
- m) **Time For Outrage On Behalf of the Planet, It's Time to Fight the Status Quo** by Bill McKibben
<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2012/06/07-2>

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