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Happy Earth Day!

Never trust the prophets of doom

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NOT A SINGLE ENVIRONMENTAL PREDICTION OF THE LAST 53 YEARS HAS COME TRUE 

EARTH DAY 1970

THE GLOBAL TEMPERATURE WILL BE 4° COLDER BY 1990 AND 11° COLDER BY 2000

CIVILISATION WILL END WITHIN 15 or 30 YEARS

POPULATION WILL OUTSTRIP ANY SMALL INCREASES IN FOOD SUPPLIES

IN A DECADE URBAN DWELLERS WILL HAVE TO WEAR GAS MASKS TO SURVIVE AIR POLLUTION WHICH WILL BLOCK OUT HALF THE SUNLIGHT

CHILDBEARING WILL BE A CRIME

100-200 MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE STARVING TO DEATH DURING THE NEXT 10 YEARS

LIFE EXPECTANCY WILL BE 4-2 YEARS BY 1980

BY THE YEAR 2000 THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE CRUDE OIL

FISH WILL SUFFOCATE

EARTH DAY 2023

- CIVILISATION STILL EXISTS
- LIFE EXPECTANCY HAS INCREASED BY 30% TO 72
- EXTREME POVERTY HAS HALVED
- INFANT MORTALITY HAS DECREASED BY 72%
- AIR POLLUTION HAS SHARPLY DECLINED
- FOOD HAS INCREASED FROM 2,300 CAL. PER PERSON A DAY TO 2,800 DESPITE POPULATION INCREASE
- CHINA ENDED ITS ONE CHILD POLICY
- US OIL + GAS ARE AT THEIR HIGHEST LEVELS SINCE 1972
- AND THE US CONTROLS THE WORLD'S LARGEST UNTAPPED RESERVES
- WORLD DEMOCRACY HAS RISEN 536%
- AVERAGE SCHOOLING HAS INCREASED FROM 3.9 TO 8.4 YEARS, A 115% INCREASE



Earth Day at 53

None of the eco-doomsday predictions have come true

From predicting ecological collapse and the end of civilisation to warnings that the world is running out of oil, all environmental doomsday predictions of the first Earth Day in 1970 have turned out to be flat out wrong.

More than three decades before Greta Thunberg was born — the Swedish environmental activist on climate change —

more than 20 million Americans participated in the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1970

Millions Join Earth Day Observances Across the Nation



We now look back at quotes from **Earth Day, Then and Now,** by **Ronald Bailey** of the spectacularly wrong apocalyptic predictions from Earth Day 1970.

Considering the current doomsday predictions scaremonger activists are verbalising about global warming that will result in the demise of civilisation within the next decade, many of those unscientific 1970 predictions are being reincarnated on today's social and news media outlets.

Many of the same are being regurgitated today, but the best prediction from the first earth day five decades ago, yes 50 years ago, was that the "the pending ice age as earth had been cooling since 1950 and that the temperature would be 11 degrees cooler by the year 2000".

The 1970's were a lousy decade. **Embarrassing movies** and **dreadful music** reflected the national doomsday mood following an unpopular war, endless political scandals, and a faltering economy.

The first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970 — okay, "celebrated" doesn't capture the funereal tone of the event. The events (organized in part by then hippie and now convicted murderer **Ira Einhorn**) predicted death, destruction and disease unless we did exactly as

progressives commanded.data.

Behold the coming apocalypse as predicted on and around Earth Day, 1970:

1. "Civilization will end within 15 or 30 years unless immediate action is taken against problems facing mankind." — *Harvard biologist George Wald*
2. "We are in an environmental crisis which threatens the survival of this nation, and of the world as a suitable place of human habitation." — *Washington University biologist Barry Commoner*
3. "Man must stop pollution and conserve his resources, not merely to enhance existence but to save the race from intolerable deterioration and possible extinction." — *New York Times editorial*
4. "Population will inevitably and completely outstrip whatever small increases in food supplies we make. The death rate will increase until at least 100-200 million people per year will be starving to death during the next ten years." — *Stanford University biologist Paul Ehrlich*
5. "Most of the people who are going to die in the greatest cataclysm in the history of man have already been born... [By 1975] some experts feel that food shortages will have escalated the present level of world hunger and starvation into famines of unbelievable proportions. Other experts, more optimistic, think the ultimate food-population collision will not occur until the decade of the 1980s." — *Paul Ehrlich*
6. "It is already too late to avoid mass starvation," — *Denis Hayes, Chief organizer for Earth Day*
7. "Demographers agree almost unanimously on the following grim timetable: by 1975 widespread famines will begin in India; these will spread by 1990 to include all of India, Pakistan, China and the Near East, Africa. By the year 2000, or conceivably sooner, South and Central America will exist under famine conditions.... By the year 2000, thirty years from now, the entire world, with the exception of

Western Europe, North America, and Australia, will be in famine." — *North Texas State University professor Peter Gunter*

8. "In a decade, urban dwellers will have to wear gas masks to survive air pollution... by 1985 air pollution will have reduced the amount of sunlight reaching earth by one half." — *Life magazine*

9. "At the present rate of nitrogen buildup, it's only a matter of time before light will be filtered out of the atmosphere and none of our land will be usable." — *Ecologist Kenneth Watt*

10. "Air pollution...is certainly going to take hundreds of thousands of lives in the next few years alone." — *Paul Ehrlich*

11. "By the year 2000, if present trends continue, we will be using up crude oil at such a rate... that there won't be any more crude oil. You'll drive up to the pump and say, 'Fill 'er up, buddy,' and he'll say, 'I am very sorry, there isn't any.'" — *Ecologist Kenneth Watt*

12. "[One] theory assumes that the earth's cloud cover will continue to thicken as more dust, fumes, and water vapor are belched into the atmosphere by industrial smokestacks and jet planes. Screened from the sun's heat, the planet will cool, the water vapor will fall and freeze, and a new Ice Age will be born." — *Newsweek magazine*

13. "The world has been chilling sharply for about twenty years. If present trends continue, the world will be about four degrees colder for the global mean temperature in 1990, but eleven degrees colder in the year 2000. This is about twice what it would take to put us into an ice age." — *Kenneth Watt*

History seems to repeat itself as there will be a disproportionately influential group of doomsters predicting that the future—and the present—never looked so bleak. I guess we'll need to critique the 2020 doomsday predictions in the year 2050 and see if they were any better than those from the first Earth Day 50 years ago.

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