

Multnomah County Oregon: Fat Asses vs. Big Oil

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Multnomah County is seeking nearly \$52 billion in damages and future costs for climate adaptation in a lawsuit that filed Thursday against more than a dozen fossil fuel companies to hold them accountable for the unprecedented heat dome event in 2021.

- Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)

I wonder: Where were these people when the United States destroyed a civilization at the behest of ExxonMobil and Shell in Iraq and Afghanistan?

-Editor

In yet another case of *Fat Asses vs. Fat Cats*, Multnomah County (greater Portland), where Oregon's current population trends from 65% to 70% *Overweight or Obese*, citizens react to Climate aberrations. I understand that *Fat Shaming* is not a popular approach, but I cannot think of another way to pursue this. It all seems so ironic and contradictory, and frivolous: it's *misplaced Liberalism* that does nothing to address the issues we face other than rake muck among their narrow-brained, unread, and emotionally-driven followers, which, as I think of it, pretty much summarizes Western Oregon's population. (How else may one explain *Man-Buns*.)

Multnomah County, backed by a few of its more cretinous citizens has filed a suit against major US oil companies citing that they *rapaciously sell fossil fuel products and deceptively promote them as harmless to the environment* (OPB). In other words, no one involved with this group had, until recently, understood that the consumption of Fossil Fuels was detrimental to the delicate balance of our world's climate and eco-systems.

It must have come as quite a shock to them, much like one of the last Japanese

soldiers exiting the jungle in 1949 and finding that the War had ended four years prior.

I am fairly certain that Electric Vehicles (EVs) are sold in Oregon, and have been for many years, *because I have reported on Oregon-based EV startups*. I feel sure that there is Public Transportation by which the consumption of Fossil Fuels may be mitigated. I know that there have been carpooling efforts and incentives in Oregon for many years, by which, once again fuel use might be mitigated. There are tax credits for the purchase of EVs. And, there are abundant bicycles in Portland, but apparently not used by those advancing this litigatory strategy as evidenced by the image accompanying the article.

Multnomah County, Oregon, is tackling obesity throughout the community. Approximately 26% of adults in the county are obese and 30.2% are overweight.

Jeff Cogen, (2013) Former Multnomah County Chair and CPPW Leadership Team Chair (more about Jeff Cogen below)

(Editor Note: 2013 to 2023 National Obesity rate increase (+) 6%, rendering 32% Obese and 36% Overweight, for a combined percent of population in Multnomah County of a staggering 68% Overweight or more up to that classified as *Morbidly Obese*.)

I am not being overly critical when I point out that I can see many of those in the accompanying photograph who need to drop a few *or, for some, many pounds* by exercising their God-given right to not eat so much, or to walk more, or to not put so much fuel in their vehicle and find alternative means of getting to their daily destinations by which they may eliminate their body fat that is causing them to convulse on high-heat days:

*Temperatures are hitting record highs all around the world, which not only put a strain on the body but can be life-threatening too. Every year, thousands of people lose their lives during heatwaves. Very young people, older people and those with chronic illnesses are particularly at risk. There is, however, another factor that has a major impact on heat intolerance – **obesity**.*

SECA (Medical and Health Devices)
Emphasis added.

The above SECA observation seems pretty heuristic to me: Fat people can't handle the heat. Anyone who's been out on a hot day with a fat friend knows this.

Defaulting to Victimhood is a natural tendency, I know, but Multnomah County's action is a foolish distraction casting our changing climate as some easily-addressed issue that money can cure. In fact, it cannot on its own: it requires behavioral change, too. (See below, *The Plug-In EV Charging Station, Killing Fields of Tomorrow?*)

It requires people to abandon their fossil fuel vehicles in favor of less resource-demanding systems of transportation. It stresses that people learn to travel wisely and not runoff to the donut shop whenever the overwhelming feeling strikes (only mentioned as an illustration; many of those pictured may prefer pastries). It requires that people realize that their 20-40-60-80 (or more) pounds of extra weight may only be sustained by *in-taking food proportionate to their weight* to maintain their homeostasis, and, of course, the related production, transport, sales, and other related energy costs of that food where it is purchased and at home. As well, every extra pound packed into a *Save the Earth-stickered Honda* requires more fuel to propel it down the road, or don't they understand that?

I'm certain those involved in laying blame for our Climate tragedy at the feet of Big Oil feel good about themselves. Smugness always transcends intellect. But to do this correctly, they ought to sue everyone, everywhere who drives a car, and *not only those powered by Internal Combustion*, either: Electricity does not grow on Pot Plants, *Oregon*. But that's another story for another time.

Let's hope this suit is tossed quickly otherwise the cost of protracted litigation will be passed on at the pump and to Multnomah County's taxpayers, while its oblivious residents sip a glass of Oregon's finest(?) Chablis as nearby a herd of flatulent dairy cows blow vast quantities of methane into the atmosphere,

lending a romantic *New Age*, audial backdrop to their libations.

Ah! The life of an Oregon Climate Activist. *Comme c'est gratifiant! No?*