

# ANWR'S RELEVANCY TO AMERICA'S SUPREMACY

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We are the only couple in American history to get an entire generic wildlife act - The National Fish And Wildlife Foundation Act - through a divided Congress, in a few months, to UNANIMOUS passage with 60 co-sponsors including 22 chairmen and the leadership of both parties, because we personified it!

America's supremacy in the world began in 1942. Until the Pearl Harbor attack in December of 1941, the old world order of European supremacy was still the dominant force in the world, albeit fragmented and at war. America's formal entry into World War Two transformed the

United States, in a few short decades, into the unprecedented supreme world power that it has been for the past twenty years astride two centuries and two millennia.

Ironically, my wife Françoise was born in 1942 in France, one of the old world powers and I was born that same year in America, the new world power. For the first two decades of our lives while we were growing up on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean we were both completely ignorant of the significance of the world dominance transformation that was taking place around us. We came together on a Normandy beach in 1962 and for the next 40 years still did not appreciate the extent of America's supremacy.

It is only during the last decade since we have been Alaskans and deeply involved in trying to open ANWR to oil and gas production with the creation of the National Endowment for wildlife, that we have realized the connections among America's unique supremacy in the world, oil, Alaska, ANWR, wildlife and wilderness, environmentalism and global warming/climate change, and foreign envy.

Since the dawn of mankind there have always been dominant groups because man is by nature ambitious, aggressive, acquisitive, and violent. Women are as well, although because of their nurturing nature they are somewhat less so than men except when it comes to women's defense of their children that they have carried, born, and nurtured, then hell hath no fury like that of a woman whose children are threatened!

Throughout history various nations, empires, kingdoms, and alliances have been supreme in specific areas of the world. In the past few centuries those powers have been European. But even in the day when "the sun never set on the British Empire", Britannia only ruled the waves metaphorically. Britain could only project limited force from the seas. Any inland projection took a long time. It was impossible at that time to apply catastrophic destructive force relatively instantly to any target in the world.

In contrast to any of the powers of the past, America has in the last decades of the twentieth century and the second millennium come to a unique and unprecedented position as the supremely dominant power in the world. America rules both the waves and the skies in actuality.

America can project and apply catastrophic destructive force to any city in the world in a matter of hours. It also dominates the world monetarily, economically, linguistically, technologically, and culturally. Amazingly, it does so with less than 5% of the world's population and barely more than 5% of world's land surface area. Most importantly, it does so without the need to be a territorial empire.

How this came to be is moot. American supremacy is a fact of current life. Along with supremacy comes dominance - always has, always will until the earth is invaded by extra-terrestrials when all of the world's people will come together singing kumbaya to save our collective butts!

As far as we are concerned, Françoise and I are quite happy with American world dominance especially as it coincides with our own lifetimes. We far prefer American dominance to Russian, Chinese or Islamic, the three leading contenders. Obviously Russians, Chinese, and Moslems do not share our preference, but many other countries may well agree with us because America's dominance has been largely benevolent and liberating to the world.

Since 1942, America's rise to supremacy and current dominance has been and is now fueled by oil which also happens to be the worldwide fuel of choice. That status quo is likely to continue for at least several more decades. Indeed it is in America's national security and supremacy interest not to rapidly change to another non-oil fuel source. Too rapid of a change from oil destabilizes America and threatens American supremacy.

America has been blessed geologically, especially in Alaska, with an abundance of oil, gas, and coal. Alaska also symbolizes wildlife and wilderness. Nowhere else in America do oil and wildlife come together in such abundance as they do in Alaska and in ANWR where we should produce the oil while conserving the wildlife!

Coincident with our births in 1942 the wildlife conservation movement in America was undergoing a slow transformation to environmentalism which came to its full flowering in the sixties, and we came together as young adults in our twenties. Environmentalism was itself transformed over the next two decades into global warming/climate change extremism. We have been wildlife conservationists and environmentalists all of our lives but we are not greenie extremists. We simply do not believe the global warming/climate change extremist hype.

Wildlife conservation is good and so is environmentalism especially when it comes to cleaning up urban air pollution and the water pollution of those rivers having heavy human populations living along their banks. Throughout nearly 50 years of married life we have always put our money where our mouths are, especially for wildlife conservation with our founding of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Indeed, in proportion to our means few people in America have done as much as we have. Nevertheless we have become disenchanted with many main line wildlife conservation/environmental organizations, including those of which we are life members, because of their fundraising-driven efforts to block American and Alaskan oil production that so greatly benefits our country and fuels our freedom.

While wildlife conservation and environmentalism are in their essence good, in our opinion global warming/climate change is a hoax bent on reducing America's power and position in the world. Foreign greenies envious of America's supremacy use global warming extremism to destabilize America.

They pretend that man is responsible for heating the planet and changing the climate. They "en-Nobel" prominent Americans like ex-vice president Al Gore and current President Obama to help them spread the green gospel to susceptible Americans. They pretend that so-called

greenhouse gases are harmful pollutants. Worse, they want to monetize greenhouse gases and turn them in derivatives in a green Ponzi scheme that far surpasses anything that Madoff or the mortgage bankers and brokers could ever conceive. The foreign greenies "cap-and-trade" green Ponzi scheme is extreme alright - it is extremely bad for America.

Fortunately, the greenies have gone too far and there is a strong backlash to global warming/climate change extremism that is building in America. The majority of Americans are as supportive of wildlife conservation and environmentalism as we are, and are becoming more and more skeptical of green extremist claims that defy common sense.

Most Americans also understand America's logical need to produce as much of its own oil as it responsibly can. The majority of Americans will support oil and gas production on a small segment of ANWR coastal plain if it is done responsibly with respect to the environment, and especially if it creates a multi-billion dollar National Endowment for Wildlife.

Today's reality is that America has become a uniquely dominant power in the world whose supremacy is fueled by oil that America has in abundance especially in Alaska and especially in ANWR - America's largest wildlife refuge. ANWR's oil is the fossilized remains of ancient wildlife. Producing that oil to fuel America while conserving the wildlife that symbolizes Alaska is elegantly symbiotic.

ANWR is more than just relevant to America's supremacy. ANWR's oil is crucial to that supremacy because if the oil and gas in ANWR can be produced in the midst of America's largest wildlife refuge, as it has for 30 years just a few miles west in Prudhoe Bay, it will conclusively demonstrate that America's oil and gas can be produced responsibly anywhere in Alaska and America both onshore and offshore. And that indeed will be very beneficial to both America and wildlife!

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