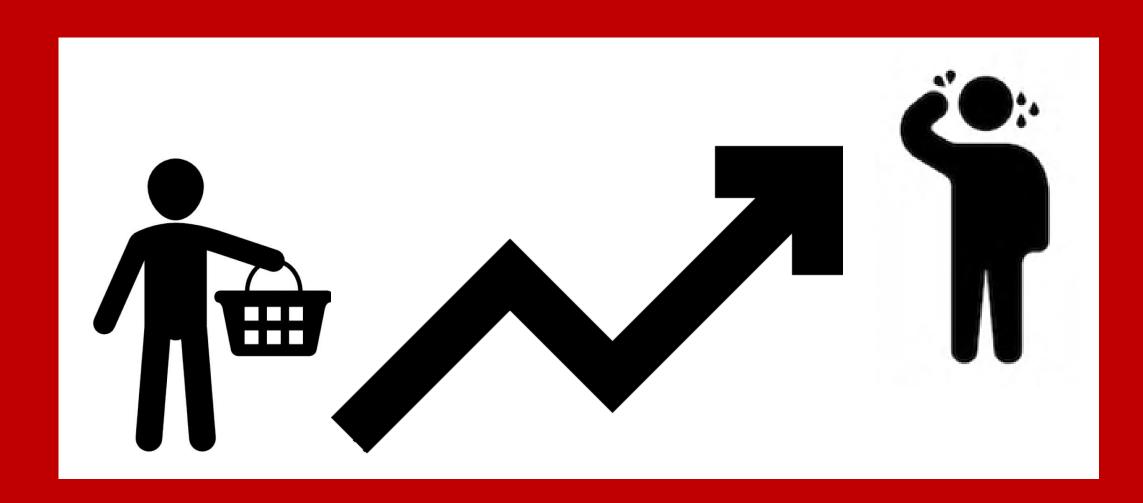


# Celebrating Christmas Will Result in Extinction

changes that must be adopted in order to preclude this from happening

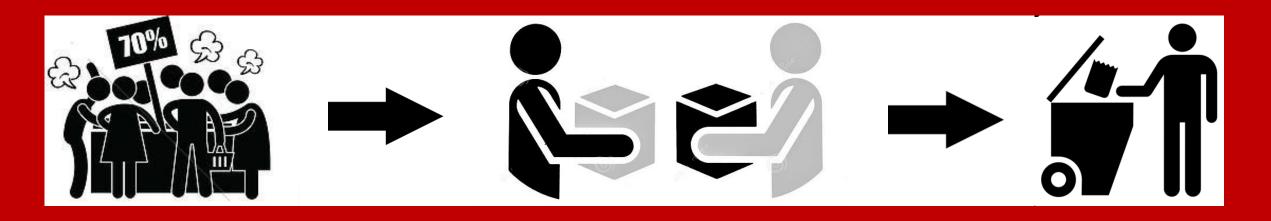
By Charles Paidock

### Increased Celebrating of Christmas Parallels Exactly the Onset of Climate Change



## Basic Activities Attendant to the Holiday Are Anti-Ecological





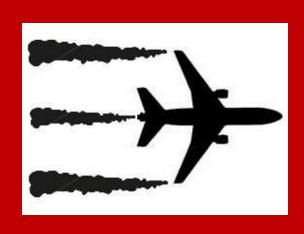






## Maximum Use of Fossil Fuel Based Transportation Modes









This Thanksgiving, 54.3 million people will travel 50 miles or more away from home, a 5% increase over last year.

Travel times could be four times longer than a normal trip.



That will be the highest volume of Thanksgiving travelers since 2005.

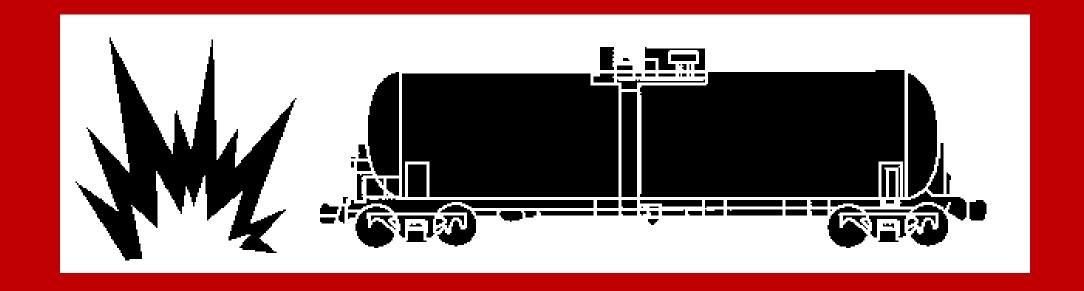
Drivers will be paying the highest Thanksgiving weekend gas prices in three years.





Petroleum
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Across
Entire Nation

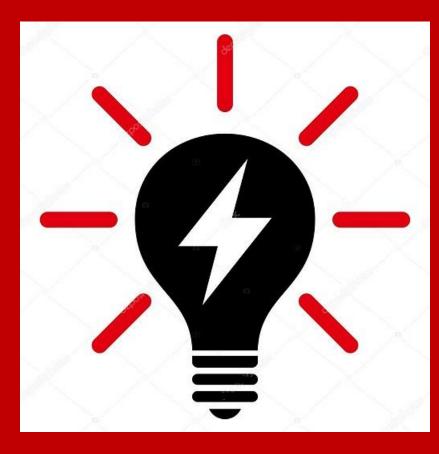




## Total Disregard for Any of Energy Conservation Practices











A comprehensive new U.N. study predicts that global warming, with catastrophic drought, flooding and heat waves - is expected even faster than previously predicted - as soon as 2040

February 2040						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 •
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29				

## How much of the natural resources are left?



Oil – 50.2 years, with measured oil reserves at 1696.6 billion barrels. Oil is not only used to power cars and vehicles, but is also used to make different plastics and synthetic materials

Natural Gas -52.6 years, reserves are being depleted with production continuing to increase annually in response to global demand.

The real source of our planetary self-destruction? It's growth-dependent capitalism. The root cause of climate change is the economic system, namely one that prioritizes profit and continuous increases in production and consumption **Source:** 

United Nations's Global Sustainable Development Report

## Why do something if the apparent purpose is to create waste?





## Temporary Employment at Low Pay with Long Hours, No Benefits



## How is **\$15** billion

stolen from workers every year?

Pay Stub



#### and Illegal Deductions

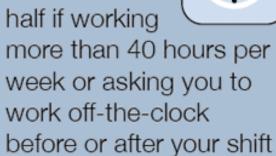
Taking illegal deductions from wages or not distributing pay stubs



Wage theft is the failure to pay workers the full wages to which they are legally entitled.

Overtime and Off-the-Clock Violations

Failing to pay time-and-ahalf if working



#### **Meal Break Violations**



Denying you your legal meal breaks

#WageTheftDOA

Tipped Minimum
Wage Violations
Confiscating
tips or failing to
pay the difference
between your tips and
the minimum wage

### Misclassification Violations

Misclassifying workers as independent

contractors to pay a wage lower than legal minimum

**#StopWageTheft** 

### **Seasonal Employment**





## "You Better Be Good" children who answer to authority are rewarded



## Do we really need a celebration encouraging the use of intoxicants?





# Did you ever wonder why is the snow on Christmas is dirty?





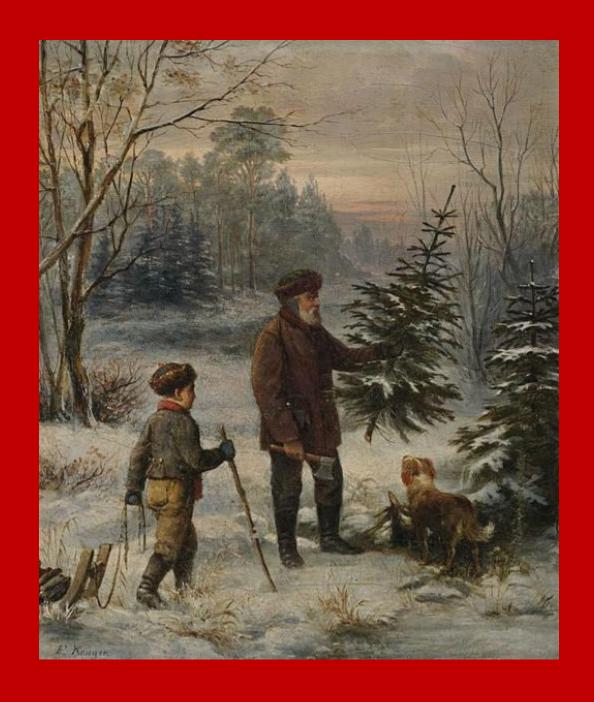






# Customs and Culture That Went in the Wrong Direction

















Santa Was
Appropriated
And Given a
Commercial
Transformation

He now lives in a department store and drinks soda





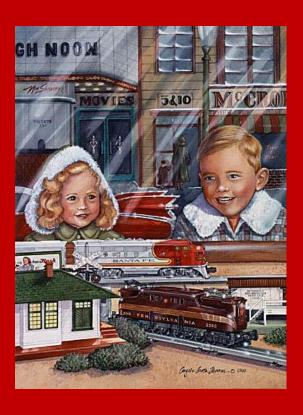


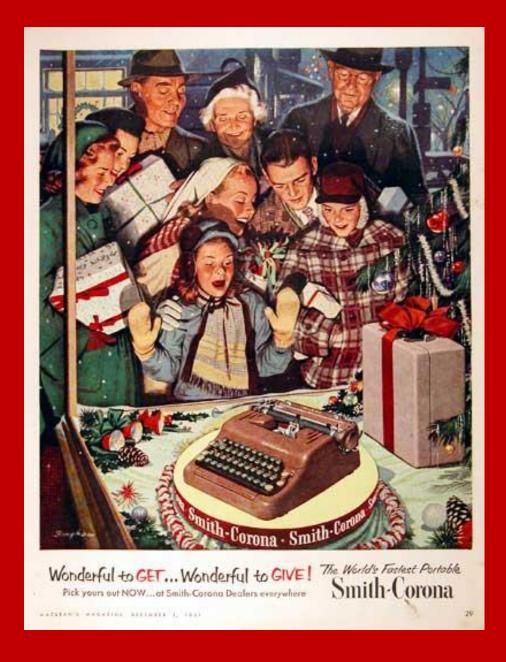




## Children were Transformed into Customers







## Soon the holiday season will start after Labor Day in September





#### Shoppers get set to spend \$1 Trillion

On a UK parenting forum one mum has revealed she'll be spending £1,000 (\$1,279) on each of her kids - plus they've asked for a pony

Americans are expected to shop a lot, especially with Thanksgiving falling on Nov. 22, the earliest date the fourth Thursday of November holiday can be New **Commercial Activities** Replaced the Older Humanistic Ones





DOC McSTUFFINS Doctor's Bag Set Ages 3-up. 785066 Limit 2 per guest. Offer available in store only.



Game, portal, 3 figures, poster, stickers, codes and trading cards Available on 3DS, PS3, PS4, Wii, Wii U, Xbox 360 and Xbox One. 184249 Limit 2 per guest. Offer available in store only.



LEAPFROG LeapPad 2 Explorer



**3999 SALE** 

50% OFF

Library of 325+

cartridges and apps Ages 3-up.

Limit 1 per guest Offer available in store only.









THURSDAY 5PM - 9PM ONLY!









KOHĽS

FOR EVERY \$50 SPEN









The average holiday shopper will spend a total of \$737.95 on gifts, decorations, greeting cards and more.

#### Spending breaks down as follows:

\$415.50 Parents and other loved ones

\$72.14 Friends

\$23.59 Co-workers

\$25.63 Pets, community members and others.



Consumers will spend about \$100 on food and candy, \$28 on greeting cards, and \$21 on flowers.

Christmas purchases account for 1/6 of all retail sales in the U.S.

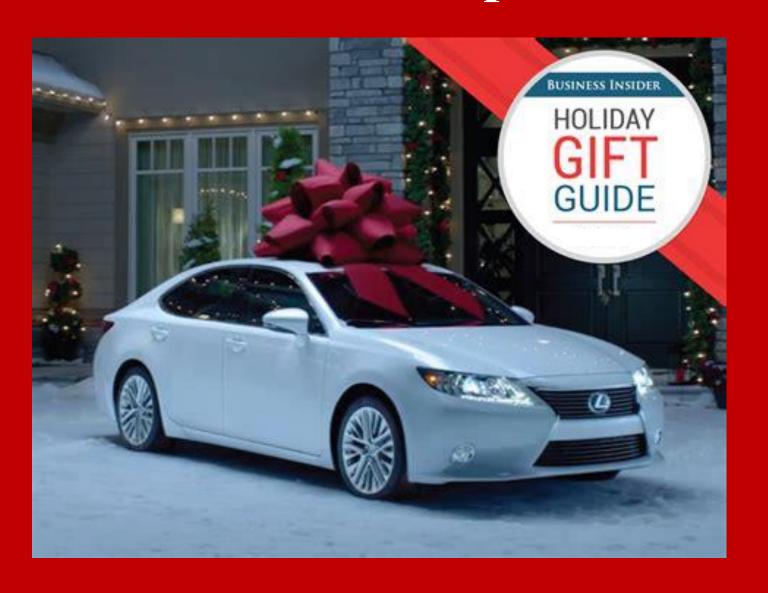


Materialism
Became the
Central
Focus and
Intangible
Values were
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### Shopper's Guide to the Top 15 Cars as Gifts

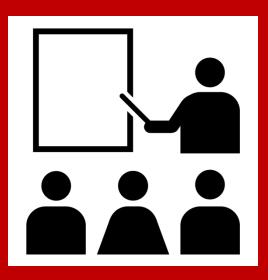




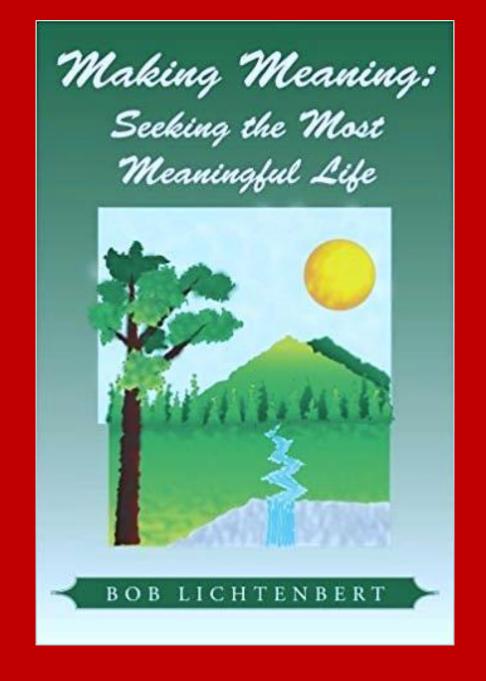








The choice is yours, either celebrate
Christmas, or have a meaningful life?



## What Are the Real Costs of Celebrating Christmas?





Employer provides time off between shifts





Working Week: a 13-hour to 15-hour day with 1 day off a week during the peak season (Sept to May) 1 day off a month with mandatory all-night shifts of 16 to 19 hours



Minimum Wage of 41 cents an hour to achieve that, a worker had to paint 8,920 small toy pieces a day or one every 3.23 seconds - workers who failed to meet their quota had their wages reduced to \$1.48 a day, or 18 cents per hour

Fines - 1 minute late, 18 cents 10 minutes late, \$3.70, which is more than a full day's wage



## **Plastics**





We are never more than 3 feet away from something plastic.

The process by which fossil fuels are transformed into an iPhone case, Legos, or a Barbie consumes 244 million tons of toxic chemicals.

There really are no inherently "safe" raw plastics. Many of the additives that give items certain properties the marketplace demands are the very chemicals most likely to off-gas or leach out.

The main types of raw materials used to make plastic are fossil products, such as crude oil and natural gas, though it can also be made from other things like soy, corn and hemp. These contain compounds called hydrocarbons that can be processed to make plastic, usually done by cracking or using chemicals.























## **Electronics**

Around 5,000 workers live and work in one laptop factory. It never stops, day or night. Workers rotate in shifts to keep laptops rolling in a constant stream.



The assembly electronic devices is still done primarily by hand, due to the high cost and difficulty of automation.





## E-Waste







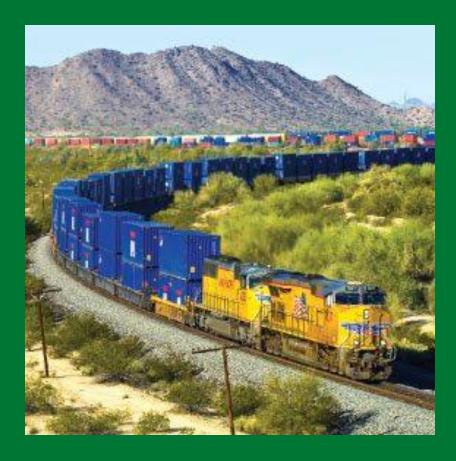
Cost of a High Consumption Lifestyle Each person in the U.S. requires the movement of approximately 40 tons of freight every year.





What utilitarian purpose does something like the serve?

Is this the best use of the US transportation infrastructure?







1 Wal-Mart	4,779
2 Kroger	3,519
3 Costco	447
4 Target	1,793
5 Home Depot	1,965
6 Walgreen	7,998
7 CVS Caremark	7,621
8 Lowe's	1,717
9 Amazon.com	N/A
10 Safeway	1,335
11 McDonald's	14,267
12 Best Buy	1,492
13 Publix	1,273
14 Macy's	837
15 Apple/iTunes	254





In 2017, 27.4 million real Christmas trees were cut, purchased and then discarded





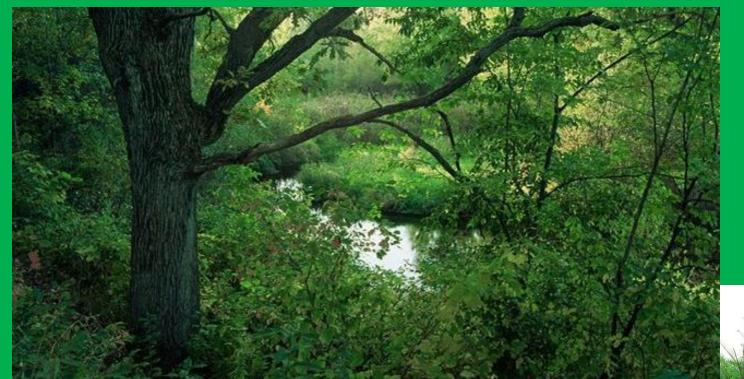
Artificial trees contain non-biodegradable contain plastics and possible metal toxins such as lead.

21.1 million fake trees were purchased in 2017.

It can take as many as 15 years to grow a tree of typical height (6 - 7 feet).









# A Tree Farm is Not a Forest





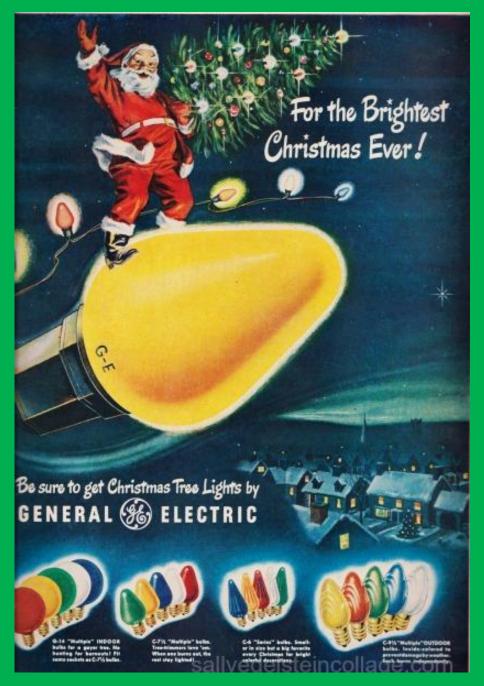
# Woodsman, Spare that Tree, Touch Not a Single Bough



Simple, Natural Decorations were Replaced with Ones Using the Latest Technology







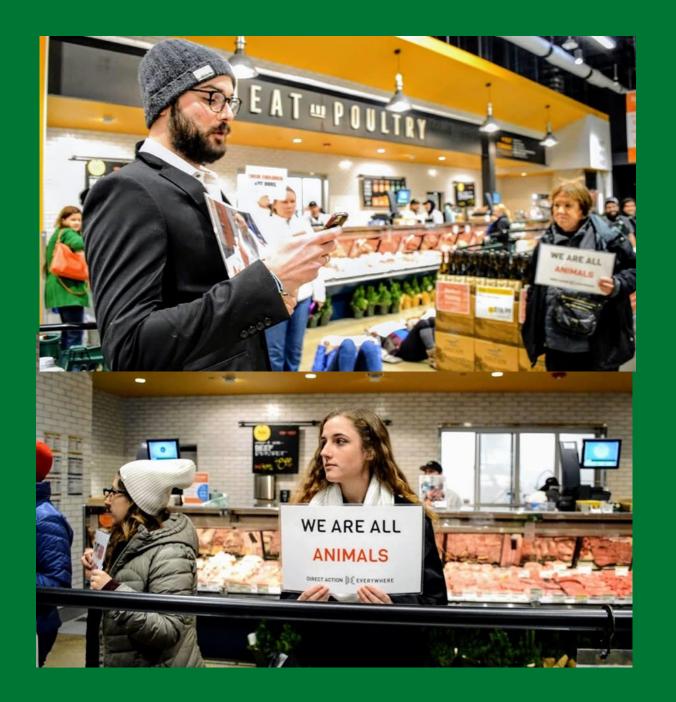
















Gift
Wrapping
And
Packing
Waste

















## How much of what you give will end up as garbage?

The best way to reduce our garbage this holiday season is not to create it in the first place. Take a moment to consider what you buy and don't be so quick to throw stuff away.







## Is This the World that You Want?



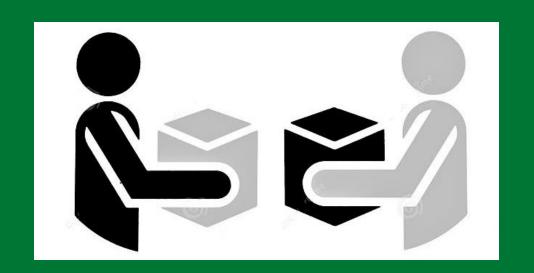
Christmas doesn't have to be a burden on the environment. With a little effort and imagination, we can reduce the environmental impact of the holiday season. Here are some ideas to help celebrate the season while caring for the earth.

#### **Buy Less**

- Not all gifts have to be store-bought.
- Simplify the 'gift-go-round'.

### Buy Smart - think 'green'

- look for locally made gifts
- choose gifts made from recycled sources
- give 'battery-free' gifts
- avoid children's toys that promote violence
- 're-gifting' is OK



#### **Connect with Nature**

- Annual Christmas Day Bird Count
- Family nature hike
- Nature restoration activity
- Decorate a tree for the birds

## Lower the impact of holiday lighting

- Reduce the size of outdoor lighting displays
- Use LED lights for house and Christmas tree lighting
- Outdoor Mini-lights will also save energy
- Turn tree lights and outdoor house decorative lighting at bedtime



#### Choose a live tree

- live potted trees can be used for years
- re-pot the tree for longer use
- replant the tree when it becomes too large for your
- chip and mulch the tree

#### **Alternatives to Wrapping Paper**

- Use environmentally friendly wrapping paper
- Avoid buying glossy foil or metallic wrapping paper
- Reuse gift wrap where possible
- Use tape sparingly, or not at all
- Choose alternatives to commercial gift wrap



#### Reuse/Recycle

- Reuse or recycle gift packing materials
- Save any special gift wrap, ribbons and bows
- Recycle old electronics
- Christmas trees can be recycled too



## Celebrate Earth Friendly Holidays Instead







