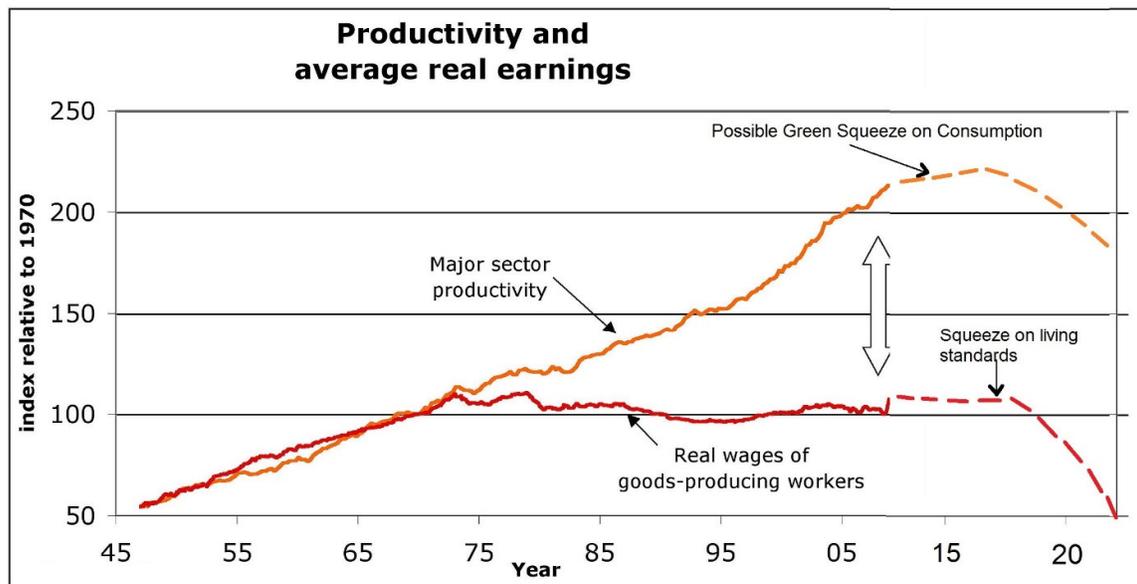


The Green Squeeze

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There is a new kind of populism being engendered largely in the younger generation. The green agenda, whether it be global warming, climate change, environmental campaigns for wildlife and fauna or veganism is touted as being a principled approach to caring about people and our planet. Whichever side of this debate you are on we must prioritise our humanity and the values that govern our relations and consensus. We are being told to sacrifice our aspiration for the general good, but the green agenda is being hijacked by the Establishment who may use it to subtly or overtly drive the masses into impoverishment whilst the elites continue to garner wealth and live free of restrictions.

We would all accept that there is a limit to the planet's population (currently 7bn) which is predicted to reach 10bn by the end of the century. This unprecedented population growth is largely a product of a debt driven fiat system where growth has been borrowed from the future by issuing unprecedented amounts of IOUs. This will inevitably reset through a depression or serious stagflation and there will be conflict both within and between nations. The danger is that the Establishment will blame the baby boomer generation for all the ills and impose evermore direct and indirect taxes that bleed wealth from the masses whilst they maintain their own living standards. The graph below shows how wages fall behind the fiat debt fuelled growth and may get worse as the 'green squeeze' is applied.



The green squeeze has already started in France as the state controlled EDF is forcing energy prices up by an average 6%. There have already been major hikes in diesel and petrol prices. This has been done in the name of being environment friendly but in reality it is putting a greater burden on those struggling with the cost of living. I expect we will see yet more 'gilets jaunes' protests as the state use the environment issues as cover to raise more tax revenue. In the UK we have seen the green squeeze on transport, energy, refuse collection, water charges etc. This is only the beginning and

expect to see many more green squeeze taxes – both direct and indirect. It is by no coincidence that Prince Charles on behalf of the Royal Family has demanded RPI - not the lower CPI - indexed rent for each windmill placed in UK waters.

It is quite possible that we could see living standards fall to pre-war levels in the West as younger generations are brainwashed through fear of climate change and mass extinction of animal species. The irony is that they could be encouraging the demise of the analogue human species as a new elite society of homodeus ('God like' humans) takes control. In our recent history we have evidence of how revolution has allowed the masses to force change on a ruling elite. However, with modern technology it is possible to subjugate the masses through control of our money, communications and automation of key tasks. We are building our own prison (<http://www.money-liberty.com/gallery/greenroadtoserfdom.pdf>) and allowing the elites to manipulate through virtue signalling a green agenda.

There is a green view of the future where each member of society is given a carbon footprint and can sell or buy carbon credits in much the same way as large companies and others buy permits to burn fossil fuels. This would be much more preferable than allowing the elites to price the rest of us into poverty through control of a fiat money system. This may however be impractical whilst we have free movement and many other nations that wish to consume more to gain power and satisfy their own political needs. More likely we will see evermore authoritarian regimes – even in the West – as those in control seek to protect their wealth and privileges.

The first step to settling the green issues and protecting democracy is a return to sound money so that work and thrift are fairly rewarded rather than unfettered consumption through debt driven consumerism. Our politicians would then be much more wary of promising the earth without true wealth creation and representation through clearly hypothecated taxation. Without sound money it will be an uphill struggle to fight the central banks and the global banking cabal that benefits from the growing debt mountain that is gradually drawing the ordinary citizen into serfdom.



It is unlikely that there could be global agreement on measures to protect ordinary citizens therefore a strengthening of nation states with respect for borders and capital controls will allow Govts to restrict nationals from hoarding wealth in tax havens. It is the free movement of capital that is allowing the wealth to be drained from society whilst Govts make up the shortfall with evermore debt. To service this debt there is pressure to drain what wealth remains within their jurisdictions.

There could be a greener future but with green growth rather than a green squeeze. If we are to build a more environmentally sound future we need to value work and thrift and fairly reward true entrepreneurs rather than crony capitalists and elites that seek to drain wealth through rent.

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