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I watched the Conservative Leadership Conference on Nov. 25th '91. I was shocked to hear the irresponsible insults that group made against environmentalists. Fred Smith the president of the Competitive Enterprise Institute stated that "Greens are a greater threat than reds." The people in this country who want ecological balance are NOT communists. He called them "Anti-American." Is unconscious waste and abuse of resources patriotic? He accused environmentalists of "cutting off vital elements" meaning oil and chemicals. Our real vital elements are air, water, and natural resources which the oil and chemical companies

have repeatedly damaged and refuse to take responsibility for. Julian Simon, professor University of Maryland spoke against population control saying our planet can support 5 billion "living more healthily than ever before" What planet has he been observing? The majority of people on this one don't even have the basics of food and shelter secured much less health.

Then he states our natural resources are not diminishing because the price of copper is lower than previously. The prices of our raw materials are NOT an indicator of their abundance or scarcity. Economics has ignored natural limits and environmentalists have tried to correct this for years.

These people need to do some study.

on our ecological condition.

And I ask C-span to do the same
We need some in-depth programs
on facts not insults and opinions
and rhetoric. Take a look at the
book 'State of the World.' Show the
current use and projected needs of
our raw materials. Visit the thousands
of polluted sites on the EPA superfund
list. Show the waste being poured
into landfills, all the paper (trees),
plastic (petroleum products) metals, minerals,
misdirected and thrown away.

Environmentalists are NOT anti-business.
We want BALANCE. We have studied
the whole picture and realize that
our garden earth has limits that we
~~must~~ respect. We can no longer use

our natural elements as if they are not affected by our behavior. This planet is a living organism. all elements work together. Only humans act as if this is not so. Fred Smith said environmentalists don't like people, because of such observations. If we don't protect all species, humans won't survive either. As Chief Seattle said "We did not weave the web of life. We are but strands within it." ~~And~~ taking no responsibility for all vital elements, air, water, "little beasties" and the unified organism we share he is not only against humans but life itself. Without the natural resources we are trying to protect, the "Competitive Enterprise Institute" will have no businesses to promote. It all depends on this garden Earth.

Thank You



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