

Public Water Policies: The Ultimate Weapons of Social Control

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Water is the common denominator for all life on earth no matter the culture, legal system, or location. Without fair, workable, and transparent public water policy any society is threatened with tyranny and even destruction, especially in the arid areas now living under severe drought and the continuing threat of a long term warming trend worldwide. Some nations, their states, or other political divisions use water policy as a weapon of social control. For example, anti-growth advocates subtly speak against development of new water infrastructure in the western United States. Government bodies that regulate land planning direct growth at their will by manipulating water infrastructure plans as is done regularly in places like Austin, Texas. Governments that want to control dissident behavior or force unwanted population away from any given area use water as the ultimate weapon of social control as Israel has done for many years. My paper and presentation will discuss the use of water policy internationally as a means of social control.