

How do you:

- Refute biased teaching?
- Upgrade course syllabi?
- Improve future textbooks?

## **Break extremists' grip on Environmental "Science" courses ...**

### **conservation**

Use of more natural resources creates new technology, which: turns useless raw materials into usable resources; obtains and utilizes resources more efficiently; helps develop substitutes; discovers more known reserves; and expands natural resource production in response to price changes.

Known reserves of natural resources usually increase as their rising prices justify searching for more of them. Ultimately recoverable reserves are much greater, and increase further as extractive technologies improve. If resources are getting scarcer, why are they getting cheaper?

Long-run prices trend downward, due to greater resource availability. Speculators discount future scarcities in current prices, encouraging conservation. Most important is not how scarce a natural resource is, but the cost of obtaining it — not its quantity, but how useful each unit can be made through expanding technology.

### **population**

Population growth: expands markets; improves transportation and communication among them, reducing famines; encourages economies of scale; diversifies production; enlarges the pool of human ingenuity; provides more workers to support retirees; and raises per capita income when "baby boomers" reach maturity.

Low taxes spur investment, increase employment, reward productive consumption, boost real wages, and expand the tax base. This plus legal equality, open opportunity, and private property rights in capitalist economies most efficiently lifts the working poor into the middle class.

Quality of life depends on economic productivity, not population density. Dense populations have rising living standards where free market policies foster economic growth. Underproductive socialist systems are "overpopulated," with too few workers and too many mouths to feed.

## **... by insisting on these pro-free enterprise perspectives.**

**Textbooks speak of lumber companies clear-cutting public land. They never tell of them clear-cutting their own land. Private ownership best conserves resources through superior management practices.**