

T. CUKIERNIK – Sabotaż klimatyczny. Jak transformacja energetyczna rujnuje nasze życie (in Polish).
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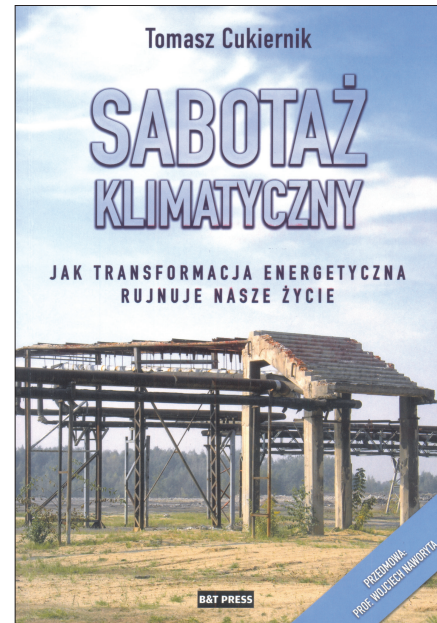
In October 2024 B&T Press published an item titled *Sabotaż klimatyczny. Jak transformacja energetyczna rujnuje nasze życie*. The author of the book is Tomasz Cukiernik, a lawyer and economist, as well as a publicist and publisher. The author of such titles as: *Dwadzieścia lat w Unii. Bilans członkostwa, Wolnorynkowa koncepcja państwa, Na antypodach wolności* and others.

The main message of the book is the view that the actions imposed by the European Union aimed at counteracting climate change are not only ineffective, but also have the opposite effect, and their main effect is a destructive impact on the economies of the Member States and on the lives of their citizens.

The author demonstrates his thesis on climatic, economic, environmental and social levels. In the I chapter entitled *Europejski Zielony Ład (European Green Deal)* Cukiernik critically raises such issues as the European Emissions Trading System (ETS), the effects of the introduction of the Building Directive, the ban on the sale of combustion vehicles and the effects of the introduction of the so-called Green Deal in agriculture. In chapter II – *Problemy z OZE (Problems with renewable energy)* refers to the expansion of energy sources, i.e. photovoltaic and wind power plants. The author enumerates the negative economic and environmental consequences of such action and the resulting threats to the energy security of EU Member States. In chapter III – *Transformacja energetyczna, czyli sabotaż gospodarczy (Energy transformation, or economic sabotage)* the author tries to prove the thesis that the energy transformation pushed by the EU is not about climate protection, but about protecting the economic goals of some EU countries. In the last chapter IV entitled *Rozwiązania dla energetyki (Solutions for the energy industry)* the author presented proposals on how to counteract the negative effects of the energy transformation.

Climate sabotage is a systematic analysis. The subsequent chapters form a coherent and logical whole. The author freely raises technical, economic and natural issues, and where he does not feel competent, he quotes experts. In addition to the author's narrative, the book also includes entire interviews. Particularly noteworthy is the interview with prof. Władysław Mielczarski from the Institute of Electrical Power Engineering of the Łódź University of Technology, who deals with ecological myths in the energy industry at the level of physics. In turn, prof. Ryszard Bartnik from the Faculty of Production Engineering and Logistics of the Opole University of Technology points to unjustified excessive social costs resulting from promoting energy production based on renewable energy sources.

The book is not an easy read. On the contrary: the reader is exposed to cognitive dissonance, because the theses presented by the author turn the narrative propagated by the mainstream media upside down. At the same time, the conclusions drawn from the book are understandable, even obvious. Logical and coherent theses are supported by evidence in the form of official and available data published by scientific institutions, administrative bodies and non-governmental organizations. Interestingly, among the organizations supporting the publication of the book



were the Polish Ecological Club 80 (Polski Klub Ekologiczny 80) and Ecoprobono – the Constructive Ecology Foundation (Ecoprobono – Fundacja Konstrukttywnej Ekologii).

While reading, a question arises – are the actions dictated by several leading EU countries really aimed at protecting the planet, or are they aimed at achieving particular economic and political goals? Further restrictions on fuels used to heat homes, types of cars that can be driven, methods of home insulation, and farming increasingly limit the civil and economic freedom of EU residents. These actions resemble a brutal experiment by boiling a frog, which does not notice the danger because the temperature of the bath water increases slowly but systematically, which must end tragically. Changes are imposed authoritatively by EU bodies which, like the pigs in Orwell's *Animal Farm*, seem to know better what is good for citizens. The author brutally exposes this truth. Changes do not occur in an evolutionary way – a better solution replaces a worse one, but in a prohibitive-prescriptive manner. The author, based on data analysis and expert knowledge, shows that the solutions imposed by the EU are not better than the current ones, nor will they bring the expected ecological effect, to the contrary.

Why do I think this position is important? Because the author dares to go against the grain, contrary to the prevailing narrative. It presents facts, debunks myths, and points out paradoxes and absurdities of energy transformation. This is not a propaganda book, nor is it a collection of conspiracy theories. Cukiernik is not afraid of being unpopular, but at the same time he says something that seems obvious. Green Deal policies are leading nowhere! It will not make the world greener by reducing emissions; on the contrary, as a result of the restrictions introduced, industrial production in united Europe due to rising energy costs and various ecological taxes will no longer be profitable, and Europe will no longer be the leading continent. Instead, it will become soon dependent on non-democratic states.

I recommend the book by Tomasz Cukiernik. It's a powerful and thorough analysis. It opens eyes to many important and current issues.

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