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Rockefeller and IKEA for “human-centered” climate solutions

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Swedish researcher and author Jacob Nordangård, in his work entitled “Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors opens the door to IKEA's 'people-centered' climate solutions”, has analyzed how Rockefeller-affiliated structures, through the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA) organization, are further advancing climate policy towards technocratic control – this time with IKEA as a practical example.

Jacob Nordangård observes: “ *The IKEA stores are perhaps one of the best examples of the technocratic future that is currently being implemented at a rapid pace.”* The IKEA Foundation’s “human-centered” climate solutions – officially aimed at combating global warming “with and for the many people” – appear in his interpretation as a continuation of the agenda he has been documenting for years: climate as an instrument for comprehensive social control.

The continuity of the Rockefeller strategy

This analysis seamlessly integrates with Nordangård's earlier work, which he presented, among other venues, at the Omniwar 4 symposium in October 2026. There, under the title "The Capture of Academia – The Case of Climate Change," he demonstrated how the Rockefeller foundations systematically steered academic climate research since the 1950s. Those who confirmed the anthropogenic hypothesis received resources; skeptics were marginalized.

The transition from the Cold War to the “Warm War” in 1988, with the founding of the IPCC, marked a breakthrough. The 2005 annual report of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund stated unequivocally: Climate warming is a global problem affecting every aspect of human society – “Therein lies our opportunity” (TKP: Jacob Nordangård on climate change as a steering instrument for universities , Omniwar 4 Overview).

Founded in 2002 as a spin-off from the Rockefeller family office, RPA is now one of the world's largest philanthropic service providers. The organization advises on and manages hundreds of millions of dollars in donations annually, acts as a fiscal sponsor for over 100 projects, and has facilitated more than $4 billion in grantmaking in over 70 countries (Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors , Inside Philanthropy).

Valerie Rockefeller is the Board Chair. RPA provides substantial funding for climate-related initiatives, environmental groups, and financial capital causes – from Climate Leadership Initiative and Oil Change International to Tides networks and open society-related structures (Daily Signal , InfluenceWatch).

IKEA and the “people-centered” transformation

The connection to IKEA is no coincidence. Back in 2021, the IKEA Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation launched a joint $1 billion platform for distributed renewable energy, which was later expanded into the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet.

The goal is to reduce emissions and improve energy access in developing countries – packaged as a fight against poverty and climate change (IKEA Foundation). The IKEA Foundation has now explicitly aligned its strategy with "people-centered solutions" and focuses on the energy, land/food/forest, and building and transport systems, according to Inside Philanthropy on the IKEA Foundation .

Nordangård sees this as the practical expression of a technocratic vision: IKEA stores as models of a fully digitized, resource-driven, and behavior-controlled future. Meanwhile, the world is preparing for COP31 in Antalya , accompanied by alarmist UNEP reports such as the Emissions Gap Report 2026 , which calls for urgent emissions reductions to still achieve the 1.5-degree target.

Philanthropy as a tool of power

What is sold as charitable climate aid turns out, in Nordangård's analysis, to be a continuation of the Rockefeller tradition: Private foundations and their offshoots such as RPA create the financial and institutional conditions for global governance structures.

The academy provides the scientific legitimacy, philanthropy the means, corporations like IKEA the implementation in everyday life – and politics the coercion. The result is not a free market or genuine sustainability, but a system in which resources, behavior, and lives are increasingly centrally controlled.

Nordangård has documented these connections in detail in books such as **Rockefeller – Controlling the Game** . His recent publications, as well as his Omniwar lectures, urge the examination of primary sources instead of accepted narratives. The question remains: Whose "people-centered" future is actually being built here – and who will bear the costs?