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Marc Ash

Founder, Reader Supported News



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Yes, this is all good news. We knew the price of renewable energy would eventually drop below the price of fossil fuel. Things will get better as the volume of solar and wind generators increases. There will come a tipping point at which the switch to renewables will be dramatic and swift.

We can't count on people to do the right thing but we can count on them to make economic decisions.

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What is really important is to get off fossil fuel. IT is happening and the more we publicize it, the more complete it will be.

We will live with the effects of over use of fossil fuel for another century. Nothing can be done about that.



Making America Scared Again Won't Make Us Safer

Sally Yates, The Washington Post
25 June 2017



Al Franken Had To Explain The Scientific Method To Rick Perry

Manola Secaira, Grist
26 June 2017



Midsummer Party, The Norwegian Way
Garrison Keillor, The Washington Post and Press Herald

27 June 2017



FOCUS: Nancy Pelosi Is Not The Problem

Scott Galindez, Reader Supported News
26 June 2017



Trump's Red Line
Seymour M. Hersh, Die Welt
28 June 2017



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Yes, good news, and I would agree that positive stories are better overall than fearful ones - but I would still argue that we need both a carrot (economic benefits) AND a stick (fear of climate consequences) to get to a sustainable energy future, especially in the US.

There's the basic, though perhaps not obvious, point that we don't have (and have never had) an actual free market in energy production and distribution in this country. And while in other parts of the world it will likely become blazingly obvious that renewables are cheaper than fossil fuels (and don't forget nuclear), the US is plagued by economic and political rigging of the system that seems to confuse a whole lot of people.

And then there's the fact that more people respond to fear (witness the otherwise inexplicable rise of Trump) - and in the case of climate, there is well-grounded reasons to be VERY fearful of the likely consequences of present trends in carbon emissions.

The renewables trends are good, but need to be much faster if we are to avoid catastrophe. And if that acceleration requires putting the fear of God/nature in some people, so be it.



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Don't miss Josh Fox's new documentary <http://www.howtoletgomovie.com/index.html> about climate. He did Gasland. It may be on HBO again. He is going on a tour with it to different cities, but the new dates haven't posted yet. It's 2 hours long and shows people around the world already impacted by climate change. All deniers should see this; it's devastating.

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