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# New York Urgently Needs To Confront the Contradiction of Trying To Electrify Everything While Also Eliminating Fossil Fuels

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The following post was written jointly by Jane Menton and Francis Menton:

In New York, politicians are selling the public a narrative that electricity is going to be the

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solution to climate change. We will eliminate all CO2 emissions by banning gasoline-powered cars, banning natural gas infrastructure, banning gas heat in buildings, and banning gas for cooking. All of these are to be replaced with supposedly “green,” emissions-free, alternatives – which in practice consist of only one thing, electricity. We’ve been told that this is how we are going to protect the planet for future generations.

But there is nothing emissions-free about the way electricity is currently generated in New York. About half of our electricity comes now, as it traditionally has, from burning fossil fuels. New York has announced plans to eliminate those from electricity generation by 2030, but as of now has no realistic plan to replace them. Meanwhile, it is forcing its citizens to convert essential systems like heating to electricity, with no basis to believe that the electricity will be available to prevent people from freezing in the winter only a few years from now. This is a glaring contradiction, that needs urgently to be addressed before we suffer a self-inflicted catastrophe.

At present, fossil fuels are critical to our generation of electricity. According to the [most recent data from the federal government’s Energy Information](#)

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Daughter Jane Menton has become a regular contributor. Watch for her byline. I hope you enjoy her posts.

Comments are welcome and encouraged on this website. However, I reserve the right to delete any comment that I deem inappropriate for any reason.

### **Podcast of interest:**

Jane Menton recently appeared on Robert Bryce’s Power Hungry podcast. The topic was New York City’s Local Law 97, which mandates conversion of New York apartment buildings of 25,000 square feet or more to electric heat. Go to this link to listen.

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Administration, in 2021 New York got some 46% of its electricity from burning natural gas and another 1% from fuel oil, and almost all of the rest from either nuclear (25%) or hydropower (23%, most of which comes from Niagara Falls). Non-hydro “renewables” (wood, wind and solar) provided only about 6% in total, and about 2% of that was from wood. After decades of hype about their wondrous future, wind and solar provided only about 4%. And in 2021, the state closed the Indian Point nuclear plant, replacing its output almost entirely with natural gas generation, meaning that the percent of our electricity supply coming from fossil fuels is now up near 50% today.

If more electricity is needed, the options are few. New nuclear plants face vociferous opposition from environmentalists, with almost no prospect that that can be overcome. A completely finished nuclear plant called Shoreham sits idle on Long Island, having never been approved for commercial operation in the face of vigorous environmental opposition. As to hydropower, we do not have another Niagara Falls. Wind and solar produce remarkably small amounts after decades of hype and massive subsidies; and what they do produce is intermittent and often unavailable when most needed on the hottest and coldest days. The last option,

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natural gas – the one that is available, scalable, and actually works – is the one our politicians are pledging to eliminate without anything to replace it.

In the face of this generation picture, the State and New York City are proceeding with proposed electricity mandates that will have the effect of greatly increasing demand for the power. This will either require scaling up our electric grid to match that need or else leaving people without functioning infrastructure.

Policies already in place in New York City require electrification of cars, heat, and cooking, aiming for widespread conversion by 2035, and continuing thereafter. A piece in the Daily News on June 3 includes a projection from National Grid (one of our utilities) that the State will need to increase the capacity of the grid by 57% by 2035, and 100% by 2050.

In scenarios where people's cars, heat, cooking and more are all entirely dependent on reliable electricity, ensuring that our electricity sources are adequate and reliable is critical to the functioning of everyday life. Yet, even as our government is rapidly rolling out electrification mandates, it is simultaneously closing the biggest piece of our reliable generation.

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New York is Exhibit A of a current crisis-in-waiting. At the State level, Governor Hochul has committed to closing all of the State's fossil fuel electricity plants by 2030. Current New York State summer installed capacity is 37,520 MW, or 37.5 GW. Of that, about 60%, or more than 22 GW, consists of natural gas facilities, which are capable of running nearly all the time and ramping up to maximum output when most needed. Based on National Grid's projection of 57% increased demand by 2035, New York should be planning to have 37.5 GW x 1.57, or almost 59 GW of always-available capacity on hand by that year. Yet the only significant plans for additional capacity by 2035 consist of about 9 GW of offshore wind, and another 1.25 GW to come from a transmission line to bring hydropower from Quebec. (In recent weeks, all of the offshore wind developers have demanded major contract price increases of 50% and up, failing which they threaten to walk off the job.)

Something here does not remotely add up. If New York state succeeds by 2030 in closing its natural gas plants -- the plants that account for 60% of the State's generation capacity -- that would bring our total installed capacity down from 37.5 GW to as little as 15 GW. But we need almost 60 GW to meet projected demand. And that's 60 GW that can be called

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on any time as needed to meet peak usage.

The 9 GW of projected offshore wind turbines wouldn't make much of a dent even if they operated all the time and could be dispatched to meet peak demand, which they can't.

Instead, they will operate only about a third of the time, and at their own whim. At best they will provide about 3 GW on average, when what we need for this full electrification project is more like 45 GW of dispatchable power to add to our existing hydro and nuclear.

The New York Independent System Operator, which is well aware of this gigantic contradiction, talks vaguely of something they call a "dispatchable emissions-free resource" to fill the enormous gap. Other than nuclear, which is blocked, that is something that is a pure fantasy and does not exist.


Our State's and City's proposed plans are putting New Yorkers on a path to catastrophe, with greatly increased dependence on electricity, but without nearly enough of the stuff to function at even the current usage level. New York City got a huge lesson on dependence on electricity from Hurricane Sandy a decade ago, when a week-long blackout left people in high-rises without elevator service and without water. Now they plan to add all heat, cooking, and


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transportation to the things that absolutely require electricity. In that world, insufficient electricity becomes a humanitarian crisis.


It is high time for the politicians writing electricity mandates to demonstrate that it is even possible to build and scale an emission-free grid, one that is dispatchable (meaning it will work when we need it), reliable, and resilient. In today's world, no demonstration of such a grid exists anywhere in the world.

If these mandates are allowed to go forward unabated, the real cost of will be the impoverishment of communities and destruction of quality of life. It's up to us to realize we're being sold a false narrative and to stop playing along.

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John Tyler gets it.



Diogenes

4 months ago

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Here we go:



(NPR) California sues oil giants, saying they downplayed climate change.

<https://www.npr.org/2023/09/16/1199974919/california-oil-lawsuit-climate-change>



**Kevin Kilty**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

Dear Mentons,

The two of you do an excellent job of demolishing the magical thinking involved here and I have little to add. However, let me amplify two points.

Point 1

"Instead, they will operate only about a third of the time, and at their own whim. At best they will provide about 3 GW on average..."

All true and the annual or seasonal average is sometimes a pertinent measure, but such averages don't capture really important aspects of the problem. None of us live "on average". We live moment to moment. And what really matters is what the system can deliver moment to moment. The February 2021 disaster in Texas was nearly an equivalent disaster across the

middle one-half of the country forestalled only by "all coal plants on deck" and burning stunning amounts of natural gas. It was unforeseen because of counting seasonal averages of wind/solar generation in reserve calculations.

For non-dispatchable sources the 100% guarantee is zero energy delivered. Or, if we are willing to let our moment to moment lives run with only a 95% guarantee then wind/solar without backup energy (storage or thermal plant reserve) is worth more like 7-10% of the nameplate rather than one-third. It's a lot of cost for little capability.

## Point 2

When nations are destroyed or civilizations disappear, it is always due to cult-capture or magical thinking by the elites. Examples are legion. There is no reason to presume that things will be different this time.

Thanks for your persistent focus on this issue.



**Leslie  
MacMillan**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

That's a good way of looking at it, KK. Wind and solar can guarantee only 7-10% of nameplate if the terms of the guarantee are that they must meet demand 95% of the time. (And close to zero if you insist on close to 100%.)

And of course 95% reliability of that modest power output is third-world level. That would mean every hour the power goes off for 3 minutes, or every day it's off for 1 h 12 min, all unpredictably. Imagine if the airlines lost 5 pieces of luggage out of every 100 checked, or if 5 financial transactions out of every 100 were logged as debits instead of credits. Actually if electricity was as unreliable as 5%, those other functions would likely quickly deteriorate from their current (or striven for) six-sigma reliability.



**Leslie  
MacMillan**

4 months ago · 0

Likes

- Second sentence should say "deliver that output" not "meet demand". Weather dependent generation meets demand only by coincidence.



**Lhfry** 4 months ago · 0

Likes

RFK jr was instrumental in closing the Indian Point nuke through his Riverkeeper organization. Keep that in mind if you are inclined to support him.



**JohnTyler** 4 months ago

· 2 Likes

".....This is a glaring contradiction, that needs urgently to be addressed before we suffer a self-inflicted catastrophe....."

Uh, sorry, there is no contradiction that needs to be addressed.

Why?

Because the climate change Stalinistas have no intention of supplying sufficient or reliable power. Their intention is to compel the citizenry to live (or perhaps not live at all) with energy rationing or simply do without if need be.

The real goal is total control of the masses.

A good analogy is Stalin's forced collectivization of farms in the 1930s USSR, and the horrible consequences of that policy. Stalin and his "willing executioners" - those that willingly and voluntarily implemented this disastrous policy - did not care one iota about the terrible reality of this policy.

All that mattered was implementing their policy of total control.

I do not understand why anybody believes that Stalinist climatistas actually give a flying F about the reality of their policies and the harm it will cause the citizenry as a result of unreliable and insufficient electricity and natural gas.

We have to get over the notion that there are just differing opinions about achieving a stated goal and differ only

in the method of reaching that goal.

For the climatistas the goal is imposing their will, their world view - by any and all means - upon the masses, come hell or high water. And if people have to die, so be it.



**E Olson**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

"The real goal is total control of the masses."

Yes, but its for out own good, because without such control most of us would vote for the wrong candidates, buy the wrong kind of vehicle, eat the wrong kinds of foods, decide we are heterosexual and born in the right body, and just generally makes lots of bad choices.



**Richard  
Robertson**

4 months ago · 1 Like

Innovative engineering projects always have a pilot plant test to verify the reliability and safety of the proposal.

The Habitat project in Arizona is a good example. Define and isolate an appropriate zone in New York City and supply it with renewable energy only and eliminate all amenities produced from fossil fuels. Surround it with barbed wire and watchtowers. Rinse and repeat.



**Robert Hargraves**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

Unfortunately, the Shoreham nuclear power plant has been decommissioned.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shoreham\\_Nuclear\\_Power\\_Plant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shoreham_Nuclear_Power_Plant)



**dm** 4 months ago · 1 Like

PART TIME electricity coming very soon to NY state, and states connected to NY's grid;-(

So, prepare for PART TIME jobs, health care, schools, shopping, stock trading, public transportation services ....

Also prepare for FULL TIME CHAOS and misery;-(



**GeorgeH** 4 months ago ·

0 Likes

Contradiction?

Since when did the industrial scale slaughter of Birds and Bats, by the million, become 'Clean Green' energy?

Every year in Spain alone — according to research by the conservation group SEO/Birdlife — between 6 and 18 million, yes million, birds and bats are killed by wind farms. They kill roughly twice as many bats as birds.

The Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle is at the point of extinction due to wind farms. Recent research from around the world indicates horrific bird mortality rates:-

Spain - 330 Birds per turbine per year

Germany - 309 Birds per turbine per year

Sweden - 895 Birds per turbine per year

When will the wind industry be forced tell us the appalling truth?

And before the absurd is mentioned, I've never seen an eagle, gannet or



fulmar killed by a cat, car windscreen,  
or kitchen window!



## Kevin Kilty

4 months ago · 0 Likes

I am going to assume this bit of local promotion is okay by MC, but the focus on bats and birds is an important issue just as is the impact to whales of offshore wind. The number of wind plants operating, permitted, and under construction in southeastern Wyoming is estimated by FWS/BLM people to kill at a minimum 28% of the local Bald Eagle population per year including eagles that migrate from Canada to Mexico, and a species under even greater threat is Golden Eagles.

I have no idea how FWS can issue incidental take permits allowing such a devastating harvest except by the magical technique of ignoring cumulative impacts; and, the worrisome thing is that FWS will likely promulgate new rules soon for take permits that are

watered down from current rules.

Moreover a number of Federal agencies use various tactics at present to skirt the sort of rules meant to encourage public input and transparent discussions of hazards to wildlife required by, say, the NEPA.

If the local developers decide to bypass take permits and decide to go naked on damage to listed species, then it will be apparent that our local boards of commissioners like the county and state industrial siting councils were misled into relying on developers and ultimate owners (like Rocky Mountain Power) representations about wildlife issues, being able to obtain take permits among others, and so forth.

The major "environmental" organizations are missing in action in this area. The only entity making any headway against BLM at this point is a very small organization named the Albany County Conservancy, and if someone is concerned about

wildlife issues for onshore wind they might have a look at ACC's webpage and ponder making a donation to them.



## Greg Stallings

4 months ago · 0 Likes

How Many Mosquitoes Do Bats Eat? One study in 1960 suggested that bats could eat 1,000 mosquitoes an hour, but this study's findings have been questioned. Small bat species like the little brown bat eat mosquitoes more often than larger bats. It has been estimated that bats eat at least one-third of their weight in insects a night, which comes to 500 to 3,000 bugs a night.

Many people are terrified of bats. However, a creature that is far more frightening is the mosquito. It is the deadliest creature in the world because it can transmit potentially lethal diseases like yellow fever, West Nile virus, and malaria.

Masks won't work. Stalinist climatistas is the appropriate characterization.



**Not Sure** 4 months ago ·

1 Like

"In scenarios where people's cars, heat, cooking and more are all entirely dependent on reliable electricity..."

Progressives hate cars (for others, BTW) with a white-hot passion. Guess what'll happen when there's not enough electricity to go around.



**Cissy Boyle**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

I live in Texas where we're only kinda of stupid about allowing our grid to go green, but we're not in this league. I'm getting the popcorn.....



**Steven Finder**

4 months ago · 2 Likes

I use to be ambivalent about whether senior politicians really believed what

they were trying to do with energy policy or whether they were just bending in the wind to whatever desires they thought their constituents wanted. Recently I've started to believe they really are just playing up to the people they think will elect them. In other words, they don't really believe much of this or if they do they still realize that their bread is buttered by the people who are voting for them.

As long as the majority of people either agree with them on policy or don't argue much against it, their approach is to virtue signal. That means, follow leftist energy policy, and the future be damned because they have an election to win.

I do think at some level, they don't think it will be as bad as we believe it will because they have people telling them that everything is going to be alright.

The important thing to understand is that they follow the crowd, sometimes slowly. As we get closer and closer to the cutoffs and deadlines and it becomes more and more obvious that we can't get there, they will begin to

change their tune and try to pitch the change as something they always believed in.

They will also look to blame anyone or anything they can because accepting blame would suggest that they were only following the whims of the people, which is exactly what they are doing but not something they can actually admit.

What's the solution. If we truly believe that this energy policy can not happen like they believe it will, then we can just wait them out. Of course that will cause a lot of heartache for people who only want to live. But eventually things will change and they will also immediately sing a different tune.

Another option is to push them to move faster so this transition occurs quicker and the failure occurs sooner and the politicians respond before too much damage occurs. The song they will sing will imply that they knew none of this would work but that they were roped into it by some evil person.

The alternative response will be, "what my fault? I'm retired."

Hard to know what the future will bring. But it will be interesting.



**E Olson**

4 months ago · 1 Like

The problem with your scenario SF is that increasingly normal voters don't matter to governments. If the people elect a "free-market" government president/congress which acts to cut fat, waste, corruption, and unworkable policies from the unelected bureaucrats who actually make and implement policy, they will be mercilessly plagued by impeachable "scandals" cooked up the bureaucracy and big government proponents to protect their jobs and status (see Donald Trump as an example). On the other hand, large blocks of voters today are from the bureaucracies themselves, as teachers, social workers, nurses, etc. who are represented by public sector unions, benefit from big government, and are largely immune from the negative effects

of stupid government policies make up growing portions of voters and vote counters, not to mention keys sources of campaign funding and lobbying. Yes such stupidity and unworkable self-interest will eventually come crashing down, but before it does there will be lots of suffering among the rational minority of citizens whose votes increasingly don't count or aren't counted.



**Terry Oldberg**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

Though an irrational New York energy policy is detrimental to New Yorkers it is advantageous to their enemies and it is the latter energy policy that has been adopted by the Democrat-controlled government of New York.



**GeorgeH** 4 months ago ·

1 Like

With the UK National Grid in a state of collapse, here's a startling fact for the gullible:

Wind turbines do NOT produce any



energy at all, FULL STOP.

The First law of Thermodynamics states that energy cannot be created or destroyed; it can only be converted from one form to another.

So called 'renewables' should more accurately be called energy collectors.

They collect energy that already exists, in the form of wind or sunlight, and convert what little there is into electricity.

Therein lies the perpetual problem. If it is dark, still and cold, typical midwinter conditions, there is no energy to collect, thereby literally leaving us in the dark!

As we frequently discover wind 'energy' is a technological dead-end.

The intrinsically better sources have what is known as greater Energy Density.

For example, water is 800 times denser than air, so hydro is always going to give a much greater conversion capture than wind. Coal is intrinsically denser than wood, so much more thermodynamically efficient. A coal fire burns much hotter than wood.

Nuclear, working at atomic level wins the energy density stakes hands down.

The other hugely-damaging problem with parasitic 'unreliables' is their truly

voracious material, maintenance, repair, replacement and land requirements.

At present, all the world's energy plants occupy around 0.5% of the Earth's surface. Trying to capture all our energy from solar and wind would require an astonishing 50% of the Earth's surface!

This will leave virtually nowhere for farming, food production, forests, fishing, nature, wildlife habitats, recreation or us.

Before the planet is completely carpeted, and wrecked with 'renewables' it is high time the collective density of our deluded, ever-so-green, politicians realised this!



**Fred Burr** 4 months ago

· 0 Likes

One could almost guarantee NY will follow something in the works in CA; relying on private electrical vehicles being charged overnight as a 'resource' to level out stress on the grid. Meaning, at times owners of EVs will wind up paying for the same power twice (or more). When they think their batteries are being topped off, the juice is actually going the other way.

**GP** 4 months ago · 0 Likes

All of the long-term storage analyses are incredibly sensitive to the assumption of how much storage is required, in hours or days. I've seen reports that use 4 hrsr, 10 hrs, and then there are others like Simon Michaux who caution that it's probably more like weeks (to be ready for disasters, let's say).

I watched a recent video of his, in which he continues to rebut critics of his September 2022 report, and he looks at wind and solar generation over time to highlight how a few hours is a small fraction of the electricity supply that needs to be made up. He points out, also, that all of our energy grids are mutually balancing networks that demand on, mostly, gas, to establish those dynamic balances. We have no other way to do this. Therefore, extending his logic, it's preposterous to conclude that society can sustain itself on a few hours of battery back-up, and hope other technologies appear.

For instance, California's battery storage needs could be a manageable (napkin math) \$25B or it could be in the trillions.

Have you found any reports or analyses that focus exclusively on the question of buffer? Thanks.



**Leslie  
MacMillan**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

MC has reviewed this several times, both for battery storage and hydrogen production.



**GP**

4 months ago · 0

Likes

Not the buffer, specifically, that I have seen. And that is the key variable.



**Paul Dworian**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

Between Shoham and Indian point, two fully constructed nuclear power plants, you could, within a year of so for refurbishment, cut your usage of fossil fuels for generating electricity by 50%.

That would put you at 85% or so clean energy.

So, the goal of cutting emissions by a substantial margin are easily achievable, at a relatively low cost. In fact, it might even make your electricity cheaper. You could back fill that last 15% with offshore wind, solar panels, or hamsters on little wheels.

Remember that next time they talk about taking your gas stove.



## Beta Blocker

4 months ago · 0 Likes

Shoram is fully decommissioned. It is not recoverable as a nuclear plant. The decommissioning process at Indian Point is now far enough along that it too is beyond recovery.

The only prospect for new-build nuclear which might support New York State would come from plants built in surrounding states or in Canada -- assuming enough new-build transmission capacity could be supplied. A possibility

which is itself very much an open question.



**Ralph** 4 months ago · 1

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"New York Urgently Needs To Confront the Contradiction of Trying To Electrify Everything While Also Eliminating Fossil Fuels"

That would be nice, but when did Leftists ever confront the contradiction between their policies and reality? They are utterly immune to logic and cannot be convinced that they're on the wrong path. Even complete failure of the electric grid will not chasten them. Besides, it's only the little people who will suffer.



**SteveD** 4 months ago · 2

Likes

They will not deviate from their sincere belief in Green Magic because part of what they feel makes Progress happen is urgency born of desperation (necessity is the mother of invention). If unavoidable at the very last minute

many years from now they will  
“regrettably delay implementation”  
while squealing to the great Parent in  
DC for a bail out.

I expect this Green Gaia-worship  
paganism will be pursued regardless of  
the FUTURE risk/pain — until it arrives  
and then they will panic and go to  
power rationing etc.

That’s the problem with democracy—  
“the people” get the government they  
deserve. People who believe in magic  
instead of political economy fact will  
suffer for their foolishness. The wise  
should sell off property & leave  
dysfunctional states like NY,CA,MA —  
while they can.



**Ralph**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

"The wise should sell off property  
& leave dysfunctional states like  
NY,CA,MA — while they can."

Add to those states: NJ, Illinois,  
Washington, Oregon, CT,  
Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona,  
Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode  
Island, Wisconsin, Nevada, and  
PA.



## Richard Ilfeld

4 months ago · 2 Likes

For harsh reality look west - be green by importing power. The schism that finally leads to a level of assertion of state's rights that may threaten the union is the basic truth that "greener" states are basking in virtue while importing energy from their neighbors. Soon enough, the neighbors will have no surplus. FERC will say " we all must share to save the planet". And several governors, facing the choice of having enough power or sharing the misery of self-inflicted wounds with their neighbors, will say "pound sand". In several areas, finally, the joys of progressive virtue are being felt primarily by progressively governed populations. The old aphorism has changed -- the last to leave New York won't need to turn off the lights, they won't be on anyhow.



## Cornfed

4 months ago ·

2 Likes

When politicians pay a price for their idiocy, this nonsense will stop. Until



then, the citizenry of NY will get the  
govt they deserve.

**Ed Reid**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

...from the government they  
elected.

**Ed Reid** 4 months ago · 3

Likes

It appears that New York State has  
scheduled the first demonstration of a  
fossil fuel free grid. I would like the  
popcorn concession for that show.

**Fred Burr**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

But where would you get the  
power to actually pop the corn?

**Ed Reid**

4 months ago · 0

Likes

New Jersey? ;-)



## Leslie MacMillan

4 months ago · 1 Like

As someone else here said  
previously, It would be wise to  
notify the police and the National  
Guard ahead of the event.



## Ed Reid

4 months ago · 0

Likes

...if there are any police to  
notify in blue and green NY.



## exfed 4 months ago

· 0 Likes

"I would like the popcorn  
concession for that show."

As long as it is popped over  
wood / charcoal.....



## Leslie MacMillan

4 months ago · 1

Like

Nothing like the taste of  
popcorn popped in a wire  
basket over a fire of authentic  
camel or water-buffalo dung.



**Diogenes** 4 months ago

· 1 Like

This is what happens when you have a  
country full of innumerate economic  
and scientific illiterates.

...and I guaran-damn-tee you that when  
it hits the fan, nobody will be held  
accountable. They are all well-versed in  
the "Potomac two-step" of blame-  
shifting and finger-pointing.



**jhc** 4 months ago · 1

Like

"...when it hits the fan, nobody will  
be held accountable."

To the contrary, Jane Menton  
mentioned in one of her posts here  
that she'd been to a community

meeting about this electrification topic. Jane had heard a woman at the meeting claim that power outages/curtailments would all be the fault of the Republicans. 🙄

So I think we already know whom the Democrats will blame. People who don't get the basic issue aren't going to understand who painted them into a corner.



**Ralph**

4 months ago · 0

Likes

And the media will go along with blaming Republicans. Look at the Democrat woman who posted herself and her husband having sex on the Internet. She is claiming the Republicans are posting "revenge porn." In fact, she posted her own revenge porn, but the media is happy to blame the Republicans just for telling people about the postings. This woman and her

husband have some serious problems.

This reminds me of Harry and Meghan complaining about not having any privacy —of course, they complain about the lack of privacy while baring their souls on Oprah's TV show and any other TV show who will have them.



## Randall Sikes

4 months

ago

· 0 Likes

" ... reminds me of Harry and Meghan complaining ..."

News story headline:

"Royal Yacht Plans Revealed"

Followup headline:

"Harry & Meghan Unveil Huge Iceberg"

... from The Telegraph

**Bill Toland**

4 months ago · 4 Likes

This is the equivalent of proclaiming that we will all ride unicorns in the future. To facilitate the transition to unicorns, all horses will be shot immediately. What could possibly go wrong?

**exfed** 4 months ago

· 0 Likes

"What could possibly go wrong?"

You are forgetting the creation of many high paying union jobs that will be needed to produce the pseudohorns that will be attached to horses, mules, and donkeys to convert them to unicorns.

The asses? Those are the ones who devised the program.

**E Olson**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

This solution would only work if the unicorns fart and belch less than horses. Has the EPA done a study on this yet?

**exfed**

4 months ago · 0

Likes

"This solution would only work if the unicorns fart and belch less than horses."

Those gases could be recaptured and purified for use as fuel.

The clean hot air that remains could be used to augment wind turbines or sold to politicians to enhance their pursuit of their G\_d given avocations, reducing the dependence on hot air bathroom hand dryers.

**Bill Toland**

4 months ago · 1

Like

I recommend Scottish unicorns. I haven't actually seen one, but they must exist since the Scottish government makes extensive use of them in its proposals to achieve its net zero targets. If you think that New York has an unrealistic view of future energy supply, you should come to Scotland. Solar power plants have actually been built in Scotland which must be one of the stupidest decisions ever made in the field of energy supply. The capacity utilisation of solar power in Scotland in winter is just 1%.



**Leslie  
MacMillan**

4 months

ago

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Classic weather report  
parody for England and  
Scotland by the Master  
Singers.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z2jwDcb9wI&list=PLRs3nFoLv48jsHkn5Jr8-y90ekJS2IcHg>



**jhc**

4 months

ago

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Solar power in  
Scotland? Lol! I've been  
there, and I can  
appreciate that joke.

People in Scotland  
should be looking into  
fracking in their  
Midland Valley.



**exfed**

4 months

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"I recommend Scottish  
unicorns."

The Loch Ness monster  
concurs!

**E Olson** 4 months ago · 2

Likes

MC - I believe you are overlooking the most obvious solution to this so-called crisis, which is that NY tax and regulatory policies (including net-zero mandates), together with the 'go soft on crime that doesn't involve Trump' criminal 'justice' system will drive enough people out of NY by 2030 that the state's electricity needs will greatly be reduced. And if we get a 2024 election special version of Covid to help continue the voting fraud of 2020, then I'm sure that Hochul can reinstate the Cuomo policies of shipping Covid patients into nursing homes to further speed the reduction in NY residents in need of electricity. The only flaw in this plan is the sanctuary policies of the state in light of the Biden open border policy, but fortunately the lack of shelter means the new 'undocumented' population will mostly be living on sidewalks and in parks and hence won't need much electricity.

**Chad King**

4 months ago · 2 Likes

Math is hard! The MC regularly uses sixth grade arithmetic to illustrate the incompetence of the government's policy "experts," but it seems like the voters aren't paying attention. Unfortunately, I suspect we'll have to wait until a crisis emerges to get competent leadership. The only thing Americans hate more than critical thinking is being in the dark without power or an internet connection. Ought to be an interesting 20 years—that's about how long it took for Venezuela to evolve from the first world to the third world!

**Ralph**

4 months ago · 0 Likes

"Unfortunately, I suspect we'll have to wait until a crisis emerges to get competent leadership."

I don't know, Chad. It seems like the crisis is already here, but I don't see any competent leadership emerging. And it's not just energy policies. Look at what is happening in NY City with the illegal aliens, and look at how the city's leaders have responded to

that. Then there is crime, inflation,  
drugs, public health...crises out the  
wazoo and nary a solution to be  
found.

Government has no solution. In  
fact, government is causing the  
problems in the first place.

