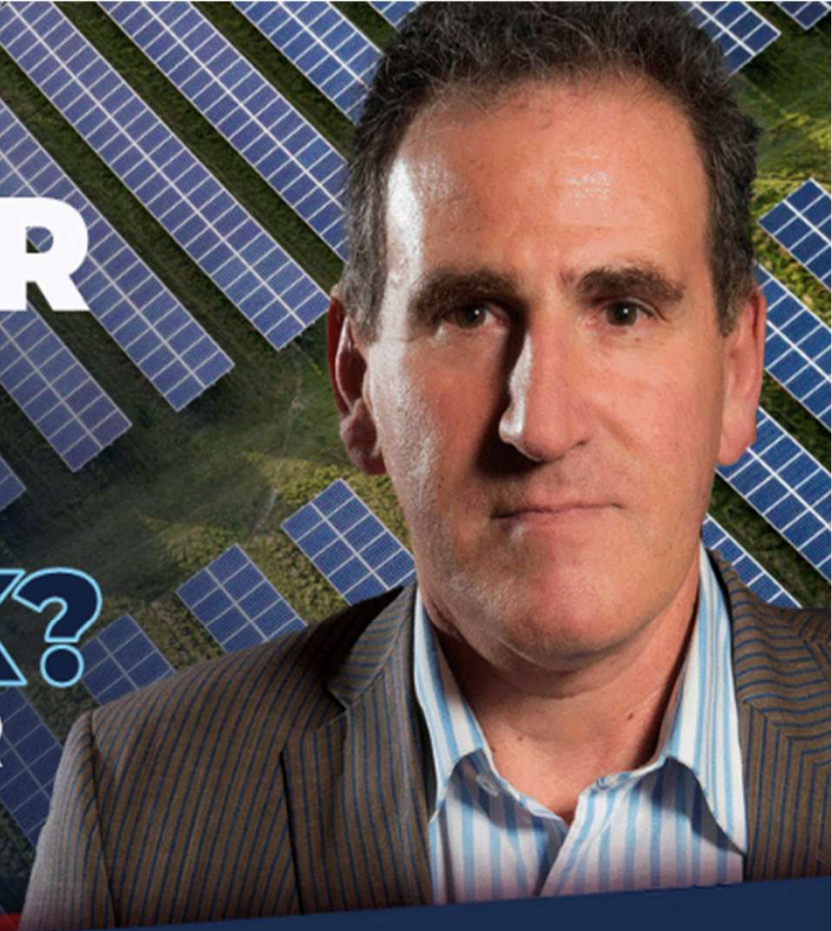


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HOW CAN EAGER GOVERNMENTS GET OFF THE NET ZERO HOOK?

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December 2021 ICSE/Clintel lecture

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The 5 stage of the Issue Attention cycle

- 1 The Pre-Problem Stage
- 2 Alarmed discovery and euphoric enthusiasm
- 3 Realising the cost of policies
- 4 Gradual decline of intense public interest
- 5 The post-problem stage

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- Looking back to GWPF foundation in 2009
- 15 year later: Europe's Net Zero Disaster
- End of the Net Zero consensus
- Trump's 2nd victory
- EU attempts rollback of Green Deal
- Labour government split on 'Growth vs Net Zero'
- China: the Elephant in the Room
- How to get off the Net Zero hook?



HOW TO GET OFF THE NET ZERO HOOK?

- **Trump-style:** Drill, Baby, Drill, withdraw from UN climate agreement and challenge '*CO2 is a dangerous pollutant*' (Endangerment Finding) in court
- **Milei-style:** Drill, Baby, Drill, roll back green blob and exit the Paris Agreement
- **G7-style:** Make climate policies conditional on China giving up its 'developing nation' status
- **EU-style:** Ignore European Parliament, let EU Commission roll back Net Zero plans
- **UK-style:** Water down and delay Net Zero plans, claim all is going to be OK
- **Canadian-style:** Keep stum until you win the election, then decide how to do it by how much
- **Australian-style:** We're liberals and we're sticking to our all-party Net Zero consensus ... ;-)



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Copenhagen and the demise of Green Utopia

By [Benny Peiser](#) - posted Wednesday, 20 January 2010

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The failure of the UN climate summit in Copenhagen is a historical watershed that marks the beginning of the end of climate hysteria. Not only does it epitomise the failure of the EU's environmental policy, it also symbolises the loss of Western dominance.

The failure of the climate summit was not only predictable - it was inevitable. There was no way out from the cul-de-sac into which the international community had manoeuvred itself. The global deadlock simply reflects the contrasting, and in the final analysis irreconcilable, interests of the West and the rest of the world. The result is likely to be an indefinite moratorium on international climate legislation. After Copenhagen, the chances for a binding successor of the Kyoto Protocol are as good as zero.

The extent of the debacle and the shift in the balance of geopolitical power was demonstrated by the fact that the final accord was made without the participation of the European Union. The exclusion of Europe is a remarkable symbol of the EU's growing loss of influence, a green bureaucracy that was not even asked whether they agreed with the non-binding declaration of China, India and the USA. Although the Copenhagen conference was held in a European capital, the negotiations and the final result of the conference were totally outside European involvement.

2009: COPENHAGEN AND THE ORIGINS OF THE 'BRICS' ALLIANCE

True-blooded advocates of Realpolitik who hardly exist in the climate policy debate, had warned for a long time that Copenhagen would fail to bridge the divergent interests of the West and the developing countries. For political realists, it is no surprise whatever that all key decisions were postponed indefinitely. What is more, there is little doubt that China and India are the big winners of the Copenhagen climate poker. The two emerging superpowers managed to win new strategic allies, even among Western nations. China's and India's strategy to align themselves with other developing countries in opposition to protectionist threats by the US and the EU proved itself as very successful. In the end, their persistent "No" even forced the Obama administration to join the anti-green alliance.



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Ed Miliband clashes with Lord Lawson

Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband has clashed with former chancellor Lord Lawson over global warming, ahead of the Copenhagen summit.

They appeared on the BBC's Politics Show, where Lord Lawson, chairman of the Global Warming Policy Foundation, repeated his long-held doubts.



Lord Lawson is a long-standing sceptic of climate change

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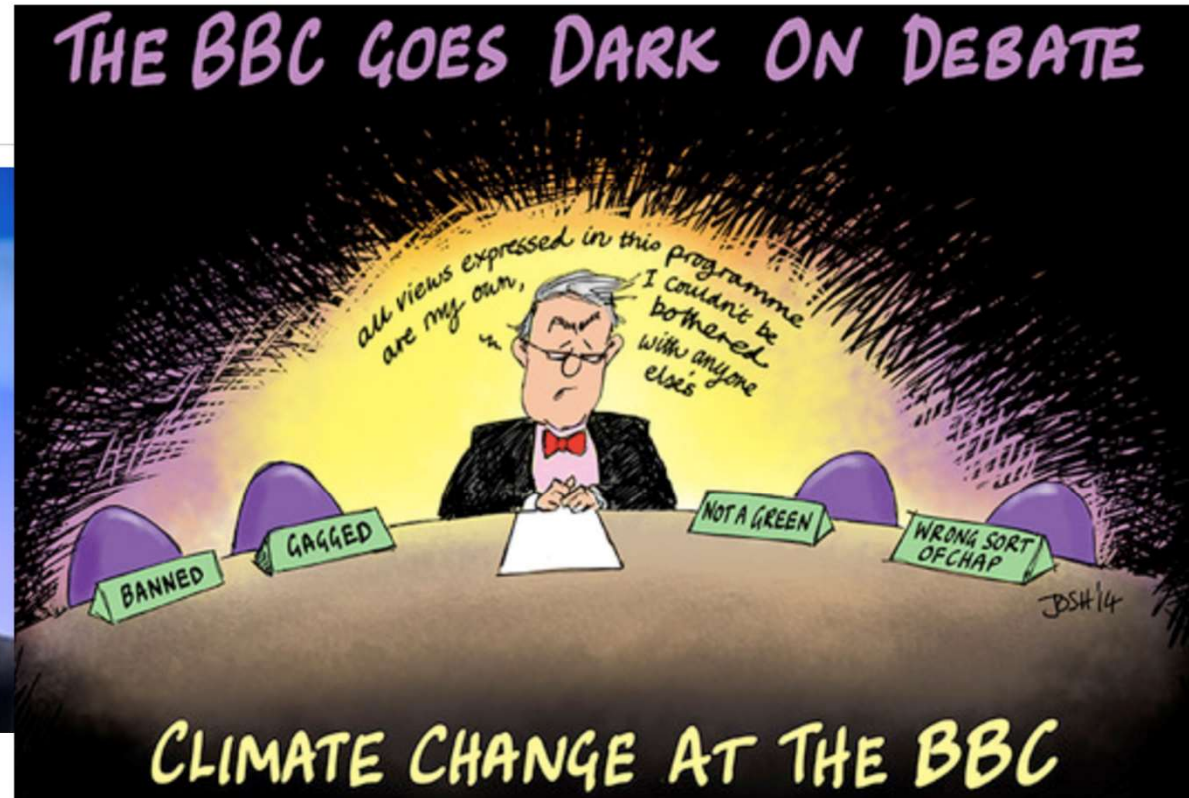
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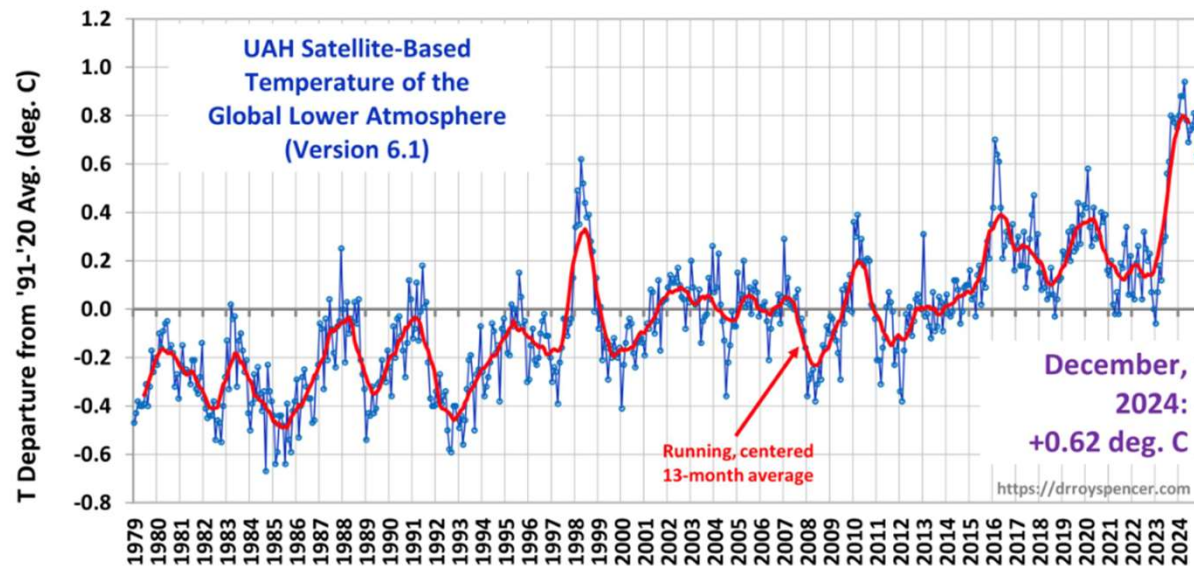
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Europe's Net Zero Disaster

Northvolt chief warns of faltering green transition after battery maker's bankruptcy

Europe's best-funded start-up raised \$15bn but was left with just \$30mn in cash



Germany's EV Disaster



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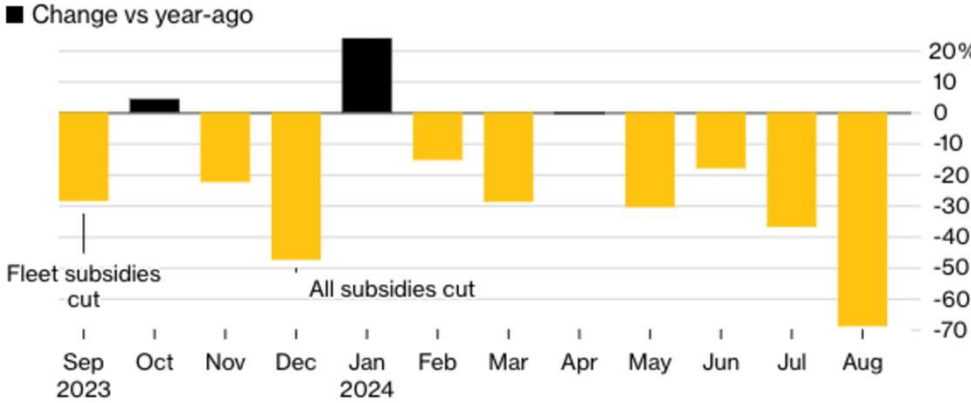
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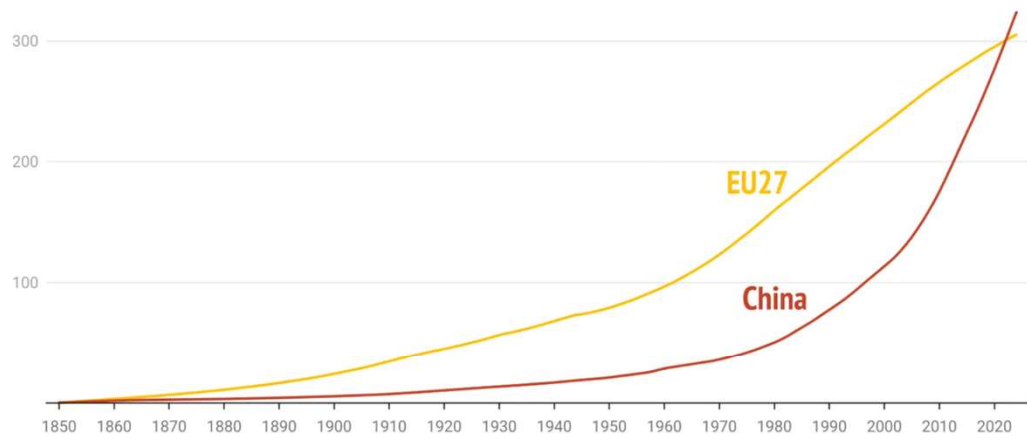


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China - The elephant in the room

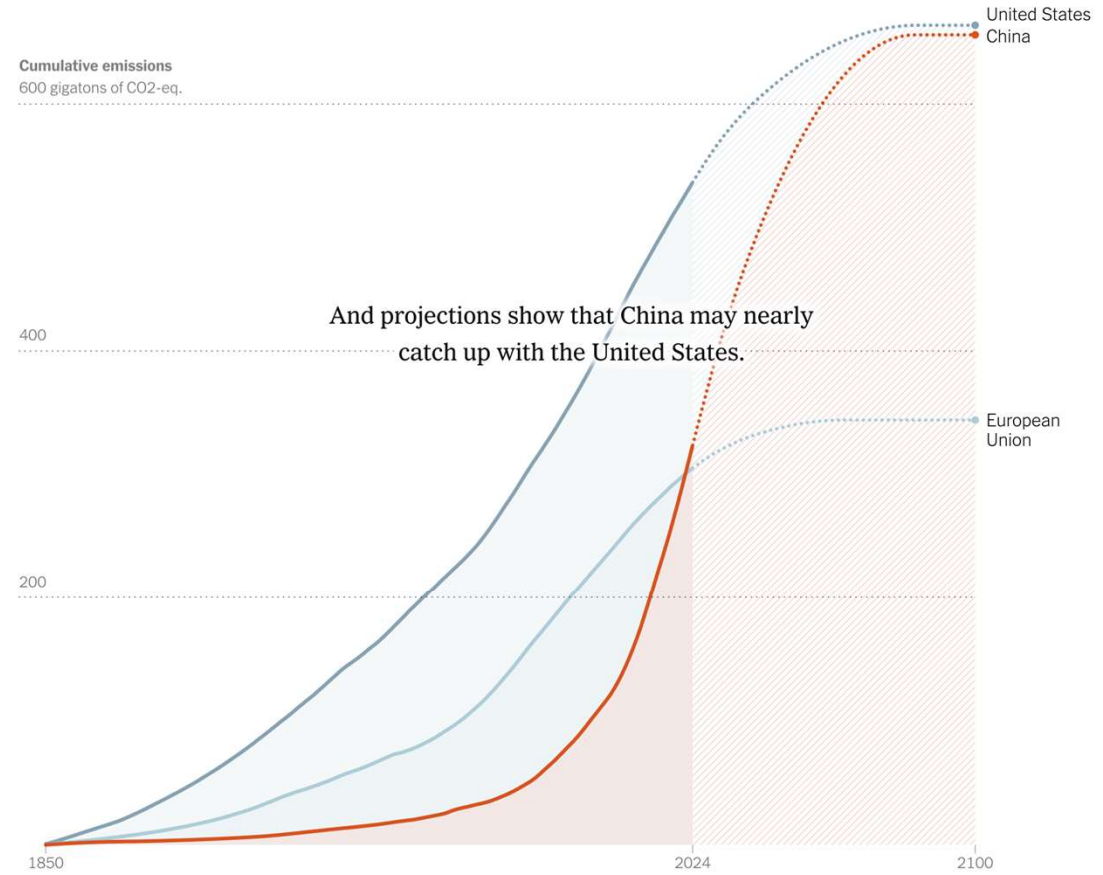
China's contribution to global warming has just overtaken the EU

Cumulative historical CO2 emissions, 1850-2024, billion tonnes



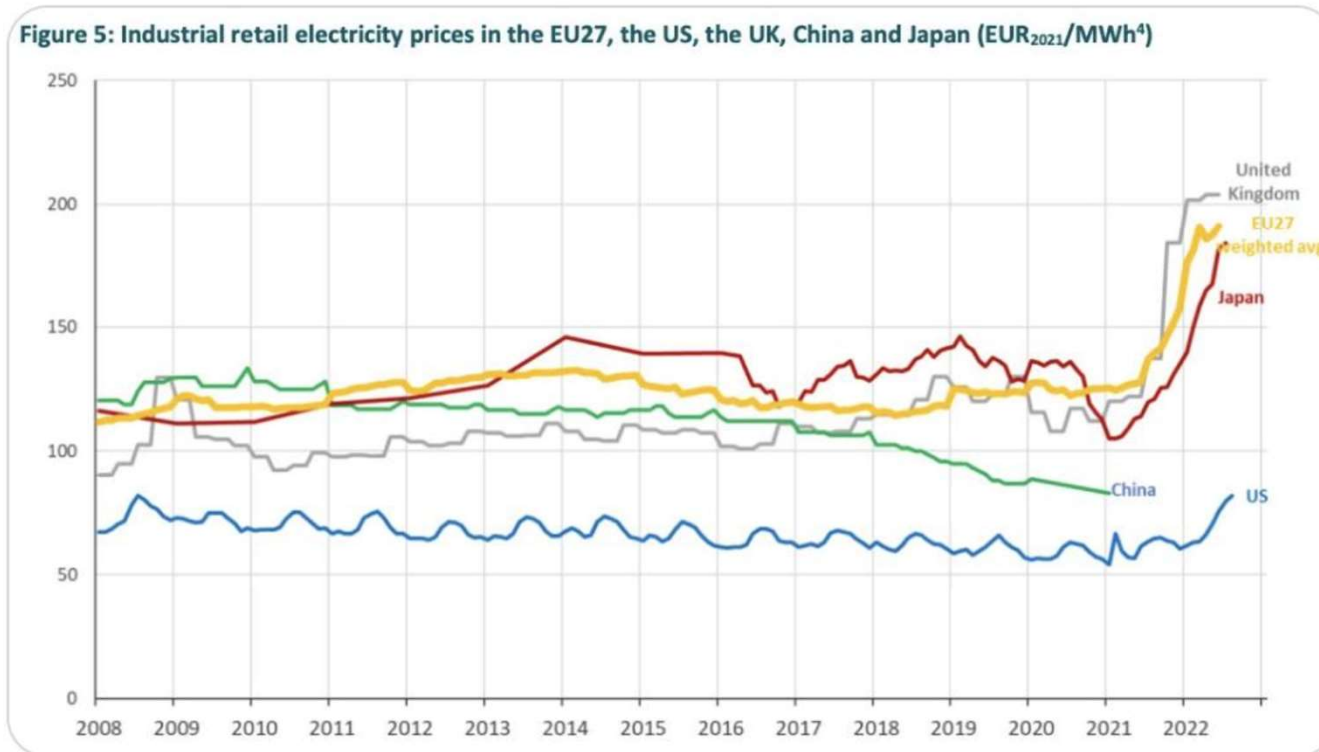
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Sources: Jones et al. (2024), Carbon Brief and I.E.A.

Cheap coal & cheap gas vs unilateral Net Zero policy



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Barbara Tasch

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BY: JACOB FISCHLER - NOVEMBER 18, 2024 11:00 AM



Trump Aims a 'Wrecking Ball' at Climate Policy

The president-elect has said he'll exit the Paris climate accord and ramp up oil and gas production.



Trump planning to withdraw from Paris climate agreement

Leaving the treaty is one of the first signs of how the president-elect plans to undo the legacy of Joe Biden

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Argentina mulls Paris climate agreement exit with Trump

President Javier Milei met with Trump overnight as both countries explore leaving the landmark 2015 accord.

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The group want to hark back to an era before the 2019 'green wave'.

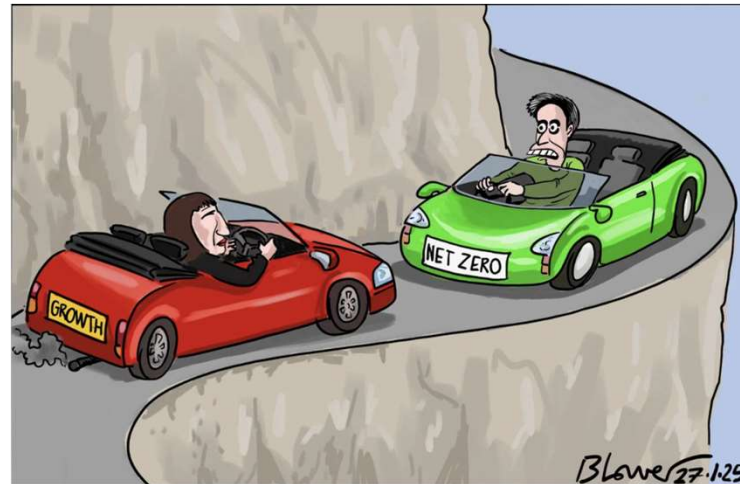


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Economic growth must 'trump' net zero, signals Reeves in split with Miliband

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Rachel Reeves set for huge clash with Ed Miliband as he snubs Heathrow expansion

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Trump EPA took eleventh-hour look at endangerment finding

By Kevin Bogardus | 05/20/2021 01:16 PM EDT

With just days remaining for the Trump administration, EPA reviewed the agency's foundational ruling underpinning its climate change rules. But in a surprising turn for an administration known for dismissing climate fears, the agency declined to overturn the ruling, records show.



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Legal pitfalls could trouble Trump's executive actions

By Pamela King, Niina H. Farah, Lestey Clark | 01/21/2025 01:59 PM EST

The courts will ultimately have their say on the new administration's "energy emergency" and planned environmental rollbacks.



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US President vs climate lawfare



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Supreme Court Skips Challenge to EPA Air Endangerment Finding

Trump win puts endangerment finding in the crosshairs

Conservatives hope the president-elect will topple a pillar of U.S. climate policy, but environmental attorneys say the science underpinning the finding is secure.



BY: LESLEY CLARK | 12/02/2024 06:19 AM EST



How To Rescind The Endangerment Finding In A Way That Will Stick

January 26, 2025 / Francis Menton

- As discussed in my previous post, one of President Trump's first-day Executive Orders — the one entitled “Unleashing American Energy” — directed a reconsideration of EPA's so-called “Endangerment Finding” (EF) of 2009. The EF is the EPA regulatory action where it claimed to determine that CO₂ and other “greenhouse gases” qualify as “pollutants” under the Clean Air Act because they are a “danger to public health and welfare.” President Trump's January 20 EO directs that EPA, within 30 days, submit *“recommendations to the Director of OMB on the legality and continuing applicability of the Administrator's findings.”*
- Since the EF is the foundation underlying all the Biden-era regulations restricting and suppressing fossil fuels, you can be sure that any attempt to eliminate it will be met with a full-bore litigation attack from the forces of the crazy left.
- Can the EF really be rescinded in a way that will stand up to these attacks?
- Absolutely, it can.



Can EPA overturn the CO2 'Endangerment Finding' this time?

take on more than needs to be taken on. To rescind the EF, EPA does not need to contend that GHGs will not or cannot cause any global warming. Rather, they can put the burden of proof on the other side to show that GHGs emitted under EPA's regulatory jurisdiction will inevitably cause *dangerous* warming. EPA need only conclude that there is no sufficient proof of that.

Framed in that way, this is not a complicated or difficult task. There are hundreds of scientific papers in the peer reviewed literature since 2009 accumulating empirical evidence that the dangers predicted 15 years ago have not happened. For example:

- There have been no upward trends in hurricanes, droughts, floods, tornadoes, wild fires, or other dangerous weather events.
- Sea level has not risen beyond the slow rate of rise over the prior century.
- Sea ice has not declined as predicted. The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have not meaningfully changed.



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Javier Milei eyes exit from Paris climate deal

Argentine government explores proposal to follow US in quitting landmark agreement



Buenos Aires Times



Environmental NGOs in Argentina warn of Milei's 'Omnibus Law' threats



G7: Climate finance conditional on China & emerging nations

G7 to demand wealthy developing nations pay up on climate change

Move by leaders of rich nations puts them on collision course with China, India and Saudi Arabia after UN talks end in failure



A G7 draft communique, seen by the Financial Times, indicates the world's largest economies will agree they need to provide financing for poorer nations, but will also call on states that are classed as developing but are more advanced economically to pay up.

“We emphasise that the G7 countries intend to be leading contributors to a fit-for-purpose [climate finance] goal, underlining the importance of including those countries that are capable of contributing in any international public finance mobilisation,” the draft says.

The existing \$100bn annual goal was set more than a decade ago but was [finally reached two years late in 2022](#), according to the OECD, only after including reclassified loans.

European Exit Strategy? A China Ultimatum

Climate finance: EU mulls how to make China step up

Ahead of the upcoming world climate conference, the EU will continue to insist that China and other large emitting countries pay their fair share of climate finance – but how remains subject to discussion.



- Make EU and national GHG targets and climate finance conditional on China ending its free-riding '*developing nation*' status.
- Will EU amend climate laws accordingly?

