# The World Can't Survive Without Natural Gas

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### A quiet scenario reset is now underway...



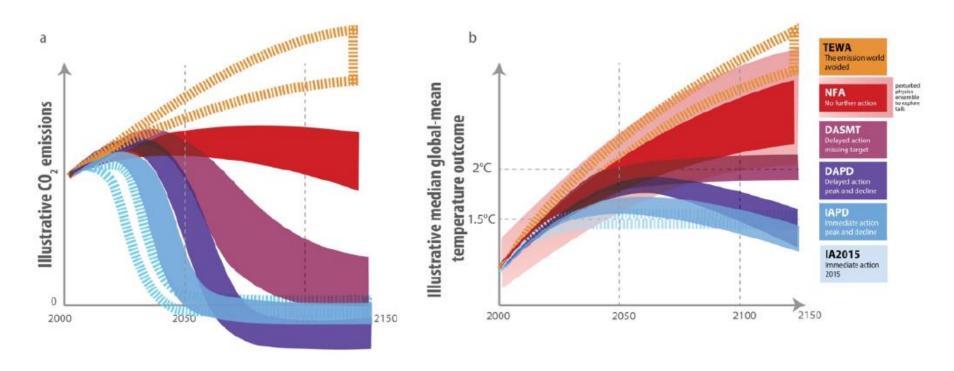
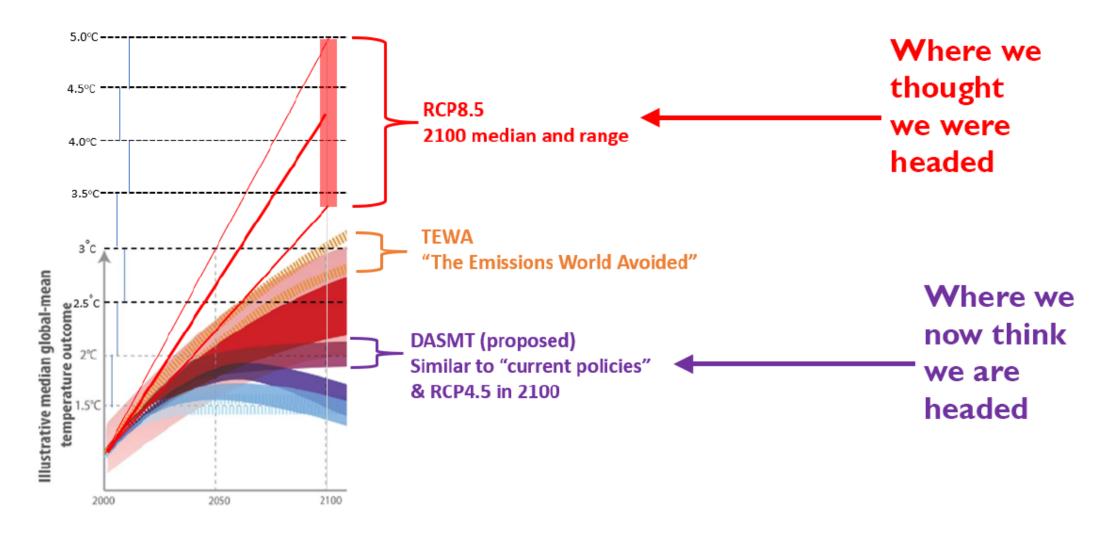


Figure 2 - Sketch overview of framing pathway categories for ESM runs. Illustrative CO<sub>2</sub> emission trajectory ranges and corresponding global-mean temperature outcomes are shown in panel a and b, respectively. Shown temperature outcomes are approximate median outcomes under IPCC AR6 assessed climate characteristics. In predominantly emission-driven runs, the range of temperature outcomes would vary even further across models, because pathways are defined by their carbon emissions in conjunction to forcing series for non-CO<sub>2</sub> driving forcers and because different models exhibit different responses. Categories that represent hypothetical edge pathways ("the worlds that could have been") are possibly of lower priority (illustrated by dashed lines), but frame the pathway space at both the higher emission end and lower emission end. The NFA category pathway should ideally also be run by perturbed physics ensembles and other approaches to capture the full uncertainty and its tails of warming so that a higher warming outcome representation of that REP could serve as a proxy for a high-impact, low-likelihood scenarios ('see background red range' for NFA category). This would be particularly important for adaptation and risk assessment. If a perturbed physics ensemble high-end warming outcome of the NFA scenario is not able to be investigated, the high 'the emission world avoided' TEWA category could also provide a proxy for a high-end/worst-case warming outcome under lower emission futures.

# The New Reality - Not much of a "catastrophe"



# Buckle up ...



# **Hypertrophied Rhetoric – July 27, 2023**



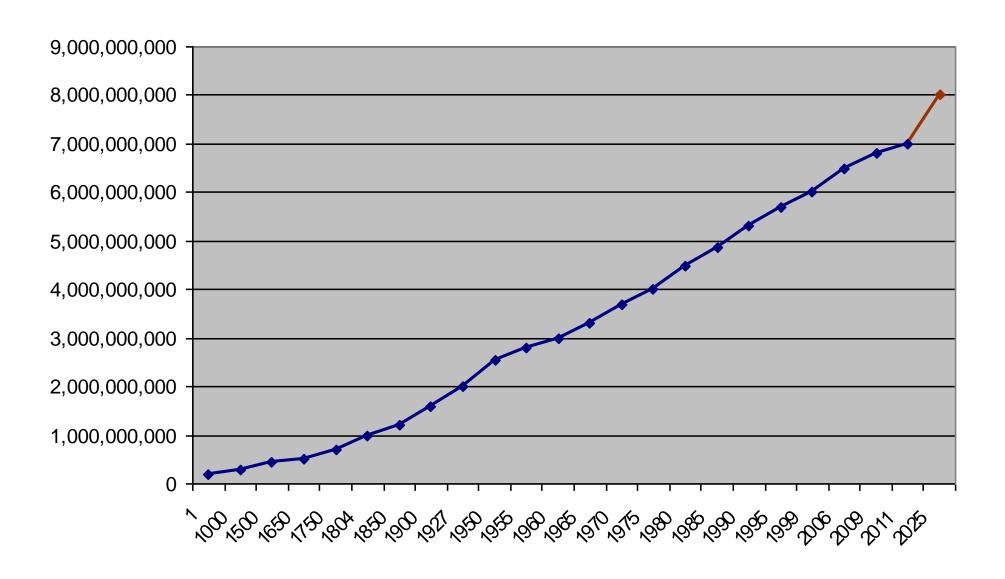


U.N. Chief Antonio Guterres

"Humanity has opened the gates to hell' by heating the planet, U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres told a one-day climate summit held alongside the general assembly, where he lamented the 'naked greed' of fossil fuel interests."

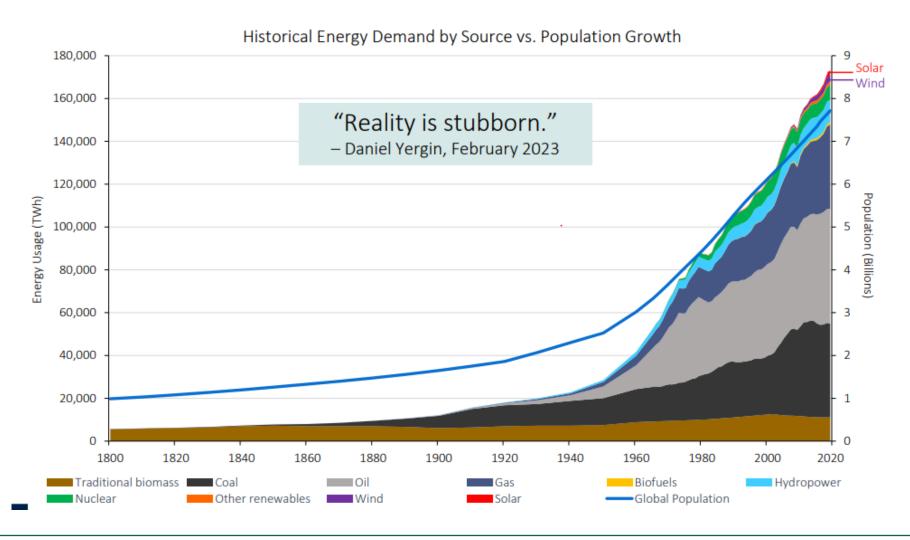
## **World Population Growth**





# Global Population Growth Drives Energy "Addition"

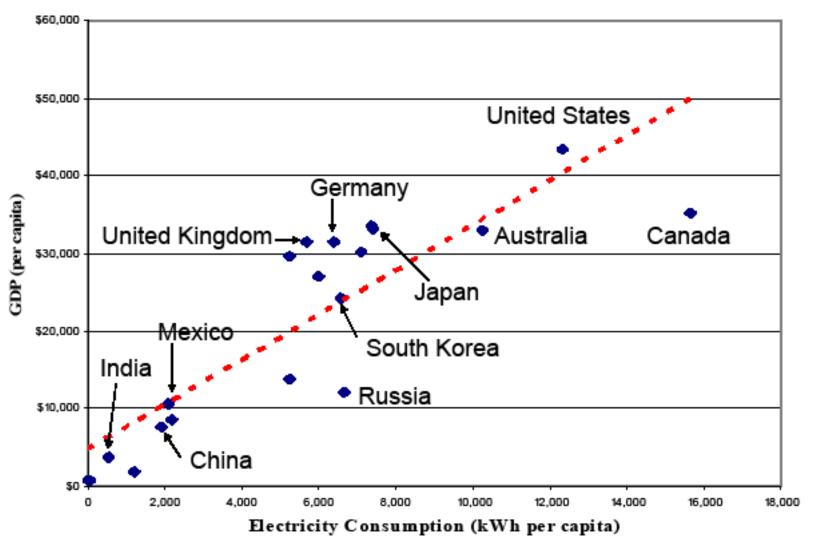
Over the past century, global energy usage increased rapidly in connection with industrialization and rising global population. Further, from 1965 to 2021, per capita energy consumption grew 61%.



Antero Resources (NYSE: AR)

### **Quality of Life is Strongly Correlated with Electricity Consumption**





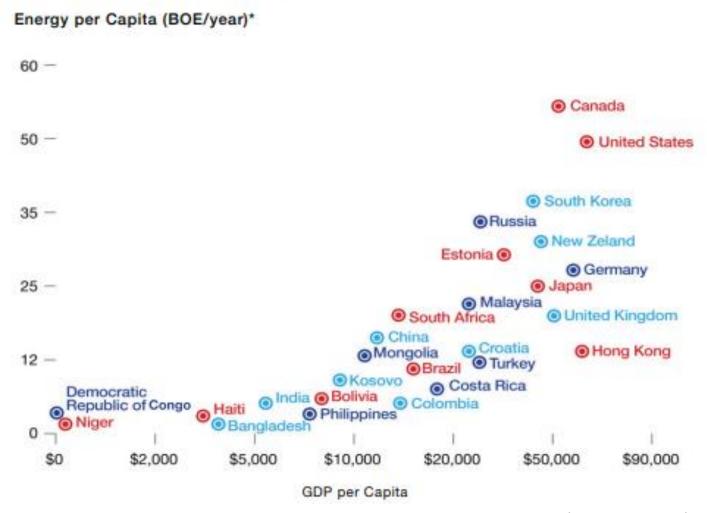
Source: CIA World Factbook, 2007

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### **Economic Growth Creates Demand for More Energy**



#### Per Capita Wealth vs. per Capita Energy Use



Note: Total energy measured as barrels-of-oil-equivalent (BOE). Thus, the average person in Japan, where GDP/capita is about \$50,000 uses about 25 BOE per year vs. about 5 BOE in India, where GDP per capita is around \$5,000

# **Worldwide Electricity Use in Context**



3 Billion people in the world currently use less electricity than a typical American refrigerator



# The essentiality of electricity to modernity



Over 1.2 billion people – 20% of the world's population – are still without access to electricity worldwide, almost all of whom live in developing countries. This includes about 550 million in Africa, and over 400 million in India.

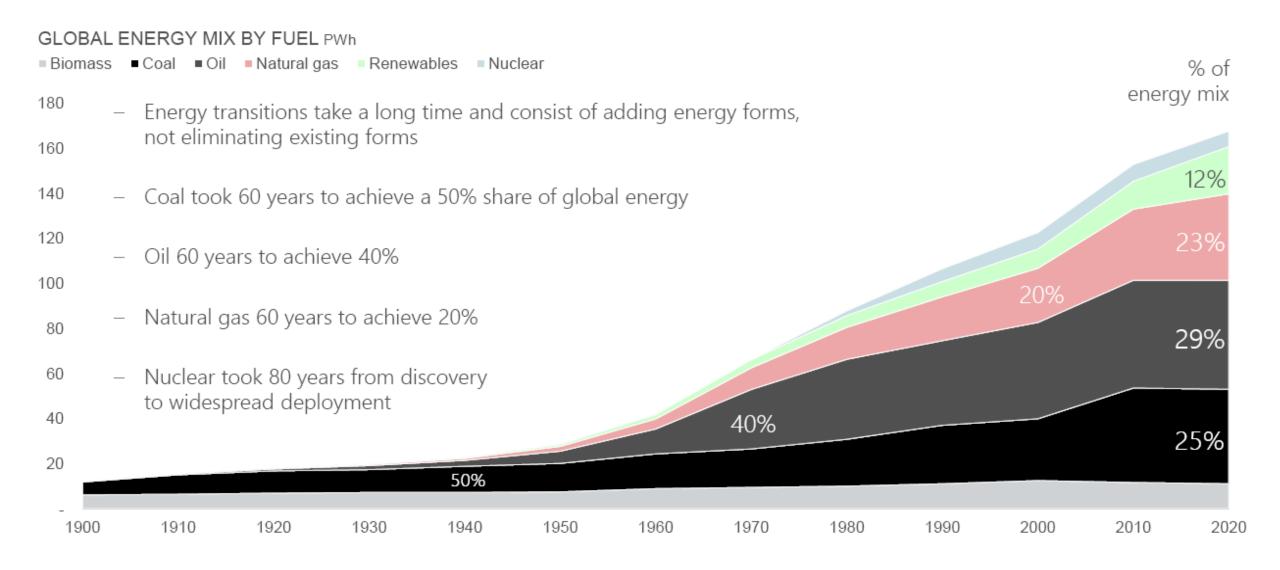


Source: The World Bank, *Energy – The Facts* 

### **Energy Transitions Take Time**

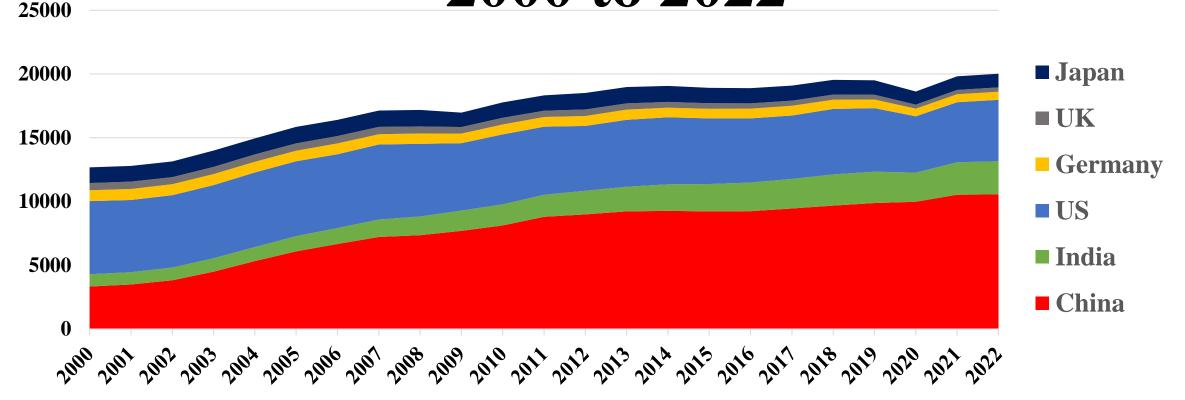


Our assets and services will be needed for a very long time



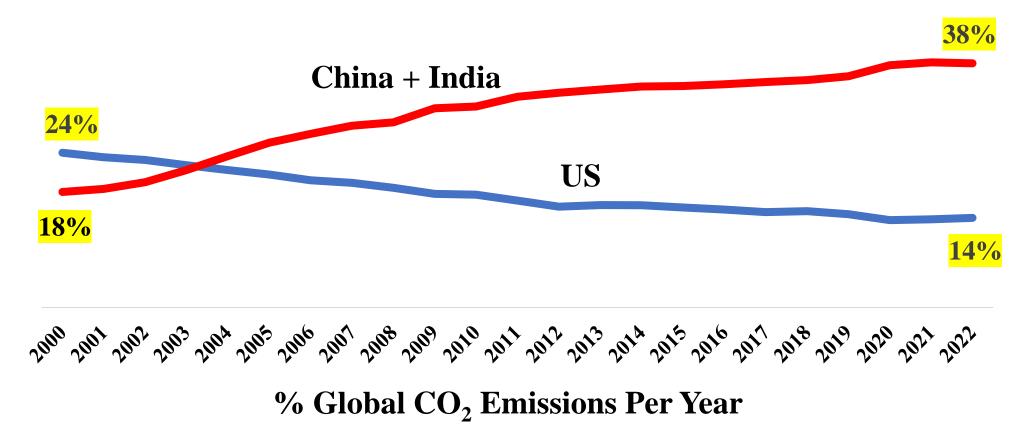
Source: Pre-1965 from Energy Transitions: Global and National Perspectives; 1965 and beyond from BP's Statistical Review of World Energy.

# What Energy Transition? CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions In Six Largest Economies, 2000 to 2022



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# Share Of Global CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions, US Versus China + India, 2000 to 2022



Source: Statistical Review of World Energy, 2023

# In 2021, US Hydrocarbon Use Grew **5.7x** Faster Than Wind + Solar Combined

Wind + Solar



Net W+S:



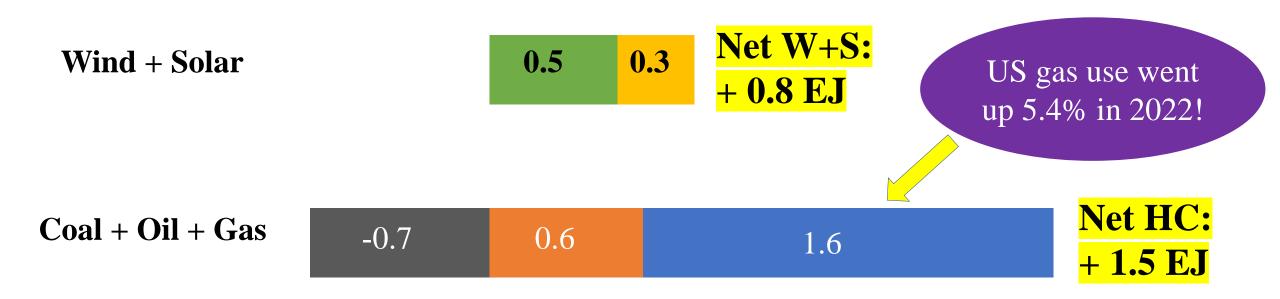
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1.4



Change, EJ per year

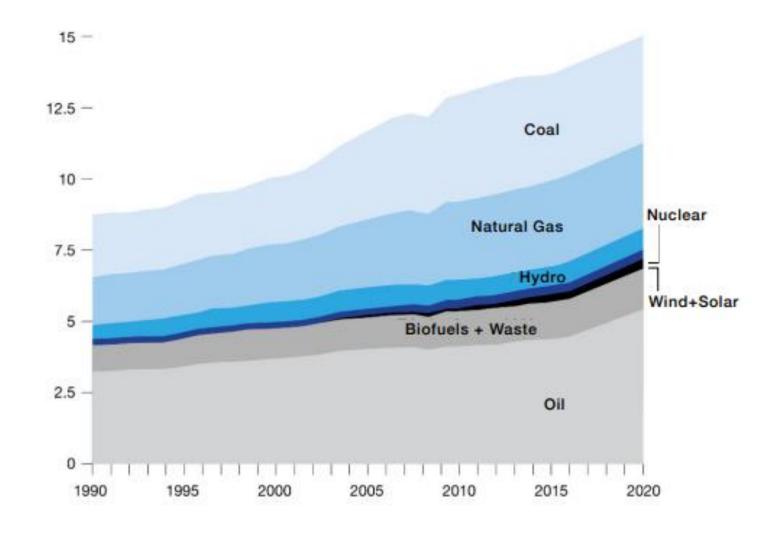
# In 2022, US Natural Gas Use Grew 2x Faster Than W + S Combined



Change In Energy Use, 2021 to 2022, EJ Per Year

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Note: 1 billion tons oil/year = 20 million barrels/day.

Source: BP, Statistical Review of World Energy 2022

# A Case Study: Germany and Europe



# Are there lessons to be learned by what happened in Germany/Europe?



# **Energy Security?**

- By the year 2020, Gazprom will supply nearly 70% of the European Union's natural gas.
- Would you pursue a conflict with a country that you depend on for the majority of your energy needs?





#### **Closing** Bell

# LNG Diplomacy: Keystone XL Pipeline, Part 2?

October 2012

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# The Glacial Pace Of LNG Exports

By John Harpole

September 2014

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# The Putin Vortex

April 2014

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# Time To 'Out' Russia?

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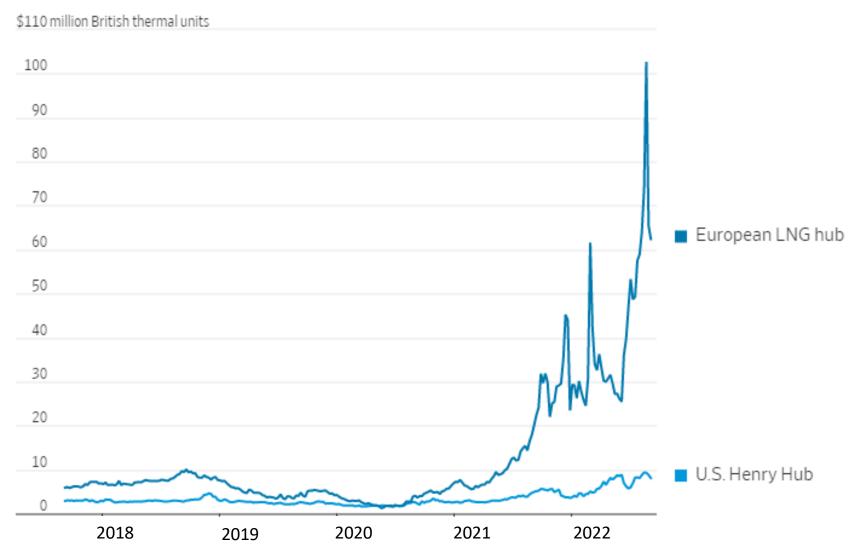
January 2015



- Over reliance on renewables
- Retired coal plants too early
- Retired nuclear plants too early
- Under reliance on fossil fuels



#### Natural gas price



Source: FactSet

# **Comparative Forward Strips as of August 26, 2022**



#### One-Year Forward Strip

NYMEX Henry Hub	\$ 7.725
LNG Delivered Price to Europe	\$97.993

### Comparative Forward Natural Gas Price Strips as of 9/27/2023



#### One-Year Forward Strip

NYMEX Henry Hub	\$ 3.22
LNG Delivered Price to Asia	\$15.27
LNG Delivered Price to Europe	\$14.50

#### Three-Year Forward Strip

NYMEX Henry Hub	\$ 4.02
LNG Delivered Price to Asia	\$14.52
LNG Delivered Price to Europe	\$14.00

<sup>\*</sup> Settled price as of September 27, 2023, prices in \$/MMBtu

## The Former Chancellor Who Became Putin's Man in Germany





Gerhard Schroeder, Chancellor of Germany from 1998 to 2005

# Merkel's Major Mistake – Trusting Putin





Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany from 2005 to 2021

# The Former Chancellor Who Became Putin's Man in Germany



"Germany's reliance on Russian gas surged to 55 percent before Russia's attack on Ukraine began in February, from 39 percent in 2011, amounting to 200 million euros, or about \$220 million, in energy payments every day to Russia."



#### The Russia-Ukrainian Conflict Greatly Affecting the Global Natural Gas & Greater Energy Market

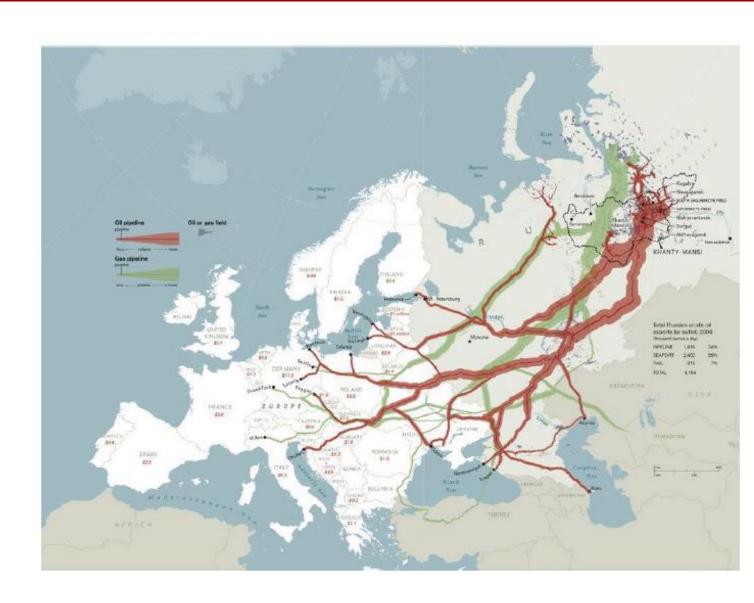


#### **Russian Energy Figures**

- Natural gas production: 70 Bcf/d (2<sup>nd</sup> largest)
- Natural gas pipe exports: 19 Bcf/d (1st largest)
- Oil production: 10.6 MMBpd (3<sup>rd</sup> largest)
- Oil exports: 7.5 MMBpd (2<sup>nd</sup> largest)

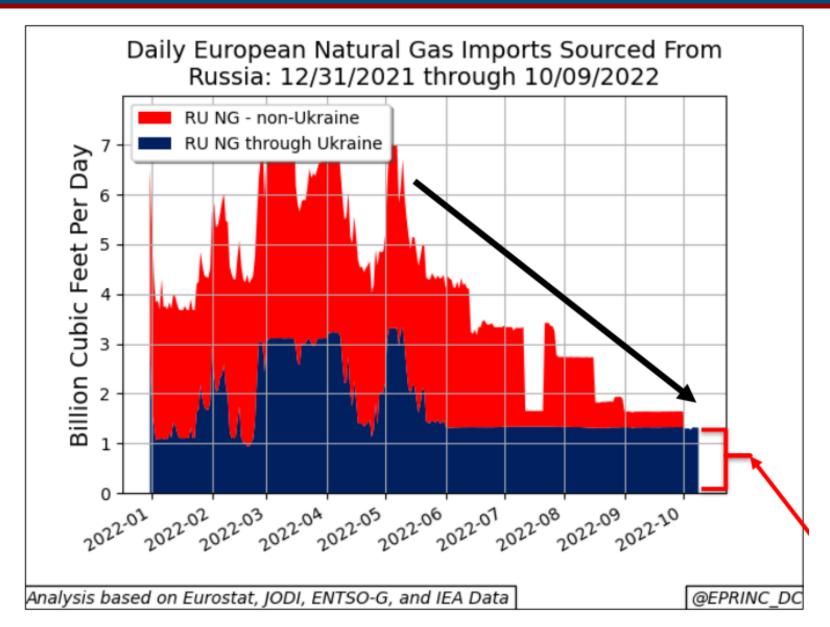
#### Europe's Reliance on Russian Energy

- ~40% of EU's gas demand met by Russia
- ~45% of EU's coal imports from Russia
- ~30% of EU's oil imports met by Russia



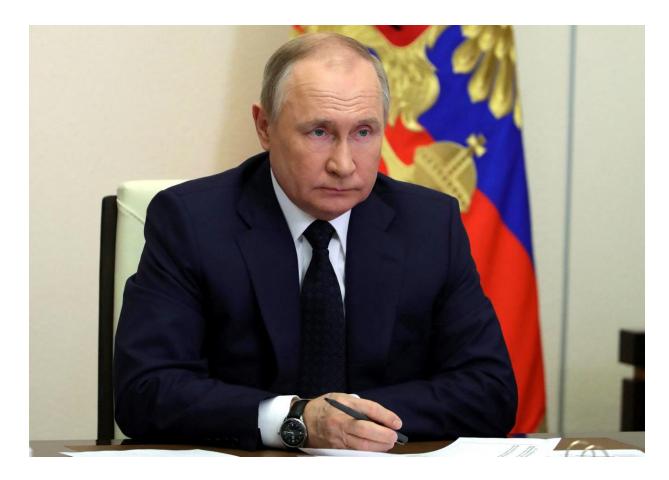
# **Europe – Daily Natural Gas Receipts During 2022**





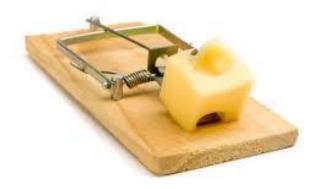


# European supply diversification away from Russia takes 17 BCF/d out of 50 BCF/d market





# This was a trap laid by Vladimir Putin 20 years in the making.



# Putin spends \$95 million on fracking disinformation campaign



Former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen backs up the Romanian claim. He said in London recently,

"Russia, as part of their sophisticated information and disinformation operations, engaged actively with so-called nongovernmental organizations — environmental organizations working against shale gas — to maintain [Europe's] dependence on imported Russian gas."

- Former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen

### **EU Fracking Bans/Moratoriums Still in Place**



- 1. France
- 2. Bulgaria
- 3. Netherlands
- 4. Germany
- 5. Ireland
- 6. United Kingdom
- 7. Spain

The total population of these countries exceeds 350 million



# Goldman Sees \$2 Trillion Surge in European Household Energy Bills by 2023

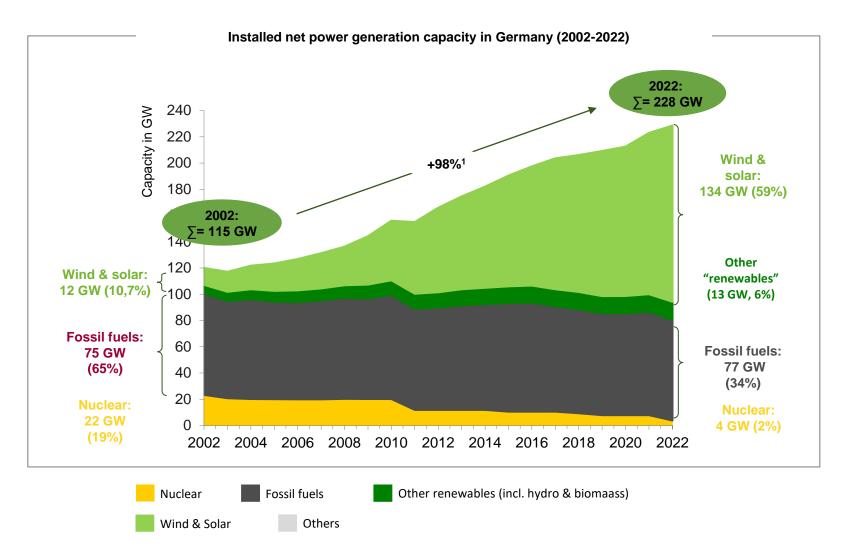
- September 6, 2022, Bloomberg.com

3,500 energy intensive industries are surveyed, only half have hedges in place for energy requirements

- July 25, 2022, Oilprice.com

#### Germany 2022: Renewable Installed Capacity vs. Power Generation and Primary Energy





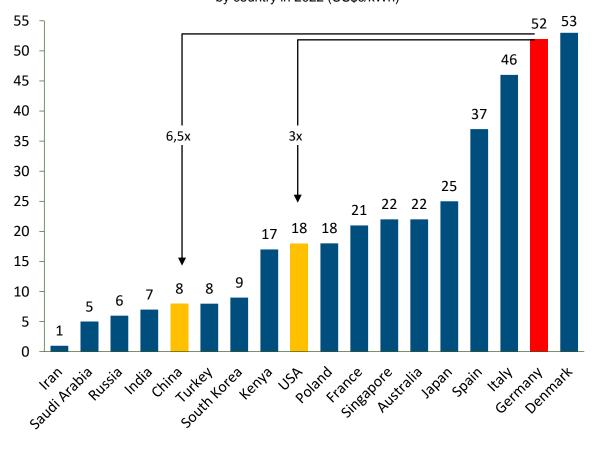
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#### **Germa Industrial Electricity Prices:**

2002: 7 ct / kWh 2023: 40 ct / kWh

#### Consumer electricity prices by country in 2022 (US\$c/kWh)

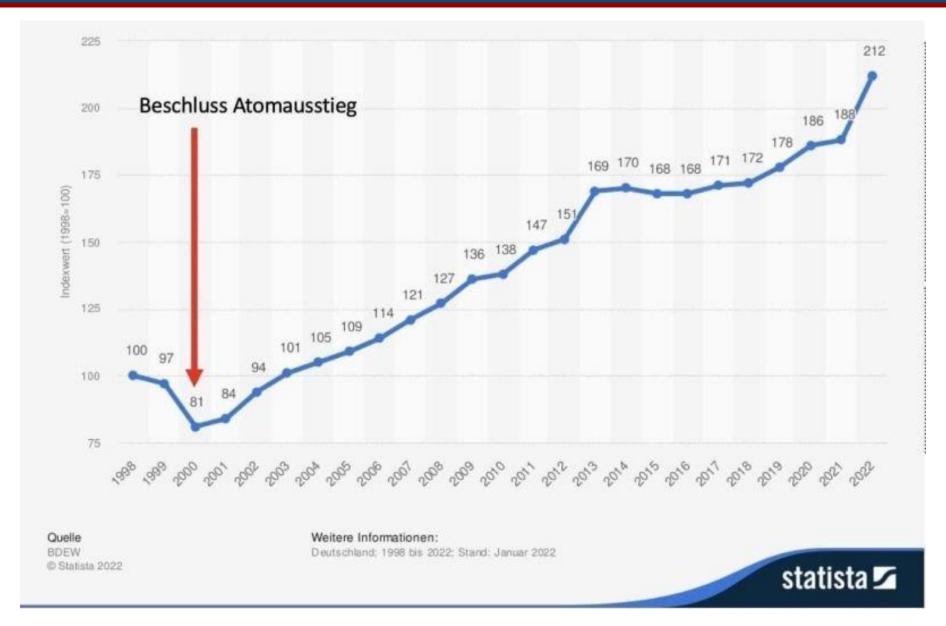


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## **Electricity price index in Germany from 1998 to 2022.**



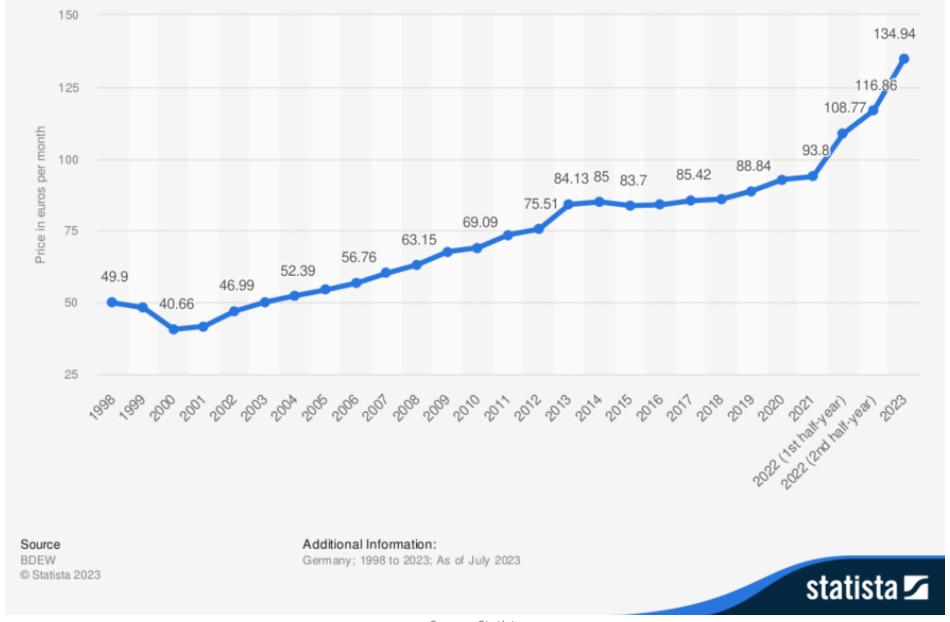
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Source: Statista

### Average electricity bill for a 3-person household in Germany from 1998 to 2023 (in euros per month)





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#### Germany drove their car into a ditch and then took the wheels off\*





#### "Over and out: Germany switches off its last nuclear plants"

Apr 15, 2023 – Germany has switched off its three remaining nuclear power plants as part of a long-planned transition toward renewable energy.

- AP News

#### **Germany Headlines**



#### **Germany's Shrinking Economy Sparks a Struggle for Solutions**

- WSJ, August 29, 2023

#### Russian Gas Cuts Threaten World's Largest Chemical Hubs

- WSJ, June 27, 2022

#### Germany faces a looming threat of deindustrialization

- Economist, September 11, 2022

#### Rust Belt on the Rhine: The Deindustrialization of Germany

- Politico, July 13, 2023

## Germany went from envy of the world to the worst-performing major developed economy. What happened?

- ABC News, September 19, 2023

#### Gas crisis forces Germany to flatten wind farm for coal mine





#### **U.S. LNG to the Rescue**





#### **The Berlin Gas Lift**





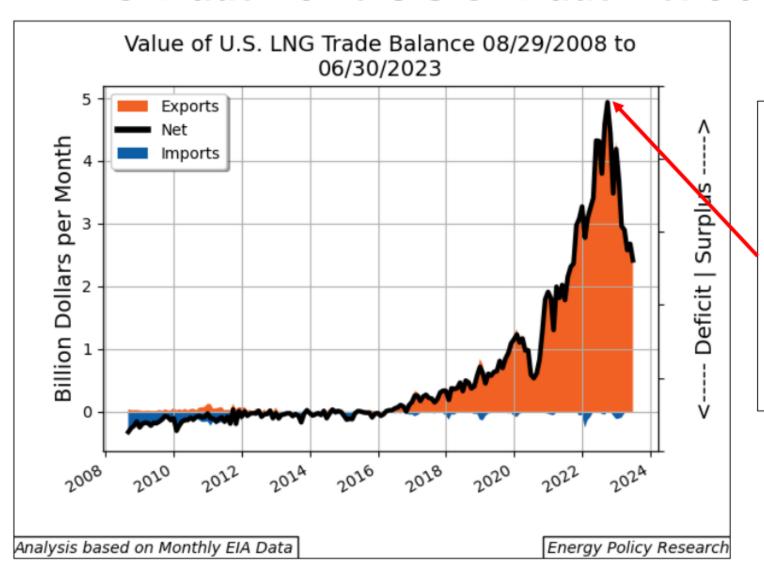
Source: Clayton Nash

#### The Upside of U.S. LNG Exports



#### **LNG Trade Lowers U.S. Trade Deficit**





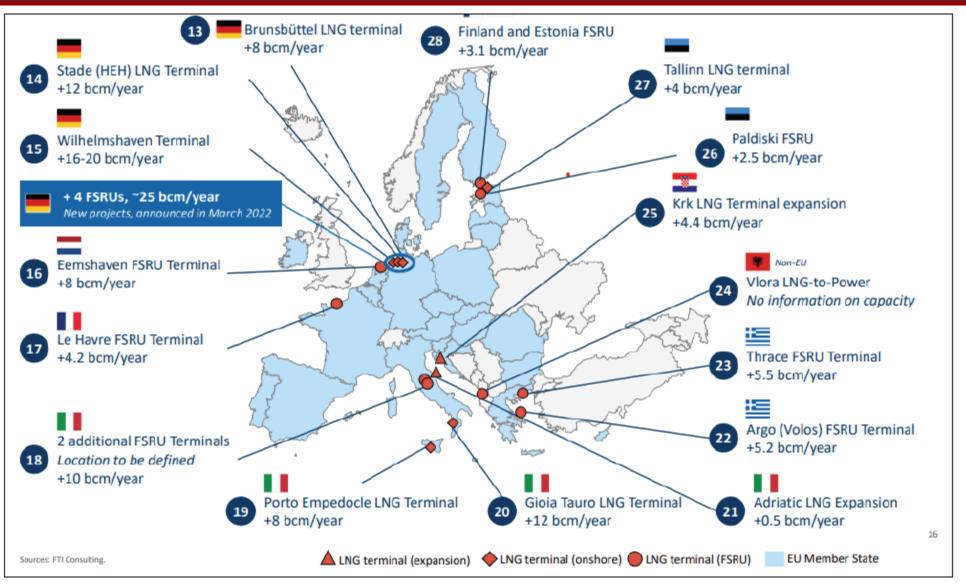
At this peak, the August 2022 trade deficit was \$67B (\$261B exports, \$328B imports).

U.S. LNG exports in that month was \$4.95B.

Without LNG trade, the August 2022 deficit would have been \$72B, or 7.5% higher.

#### **Europe has authorized 21 new LNG projects**

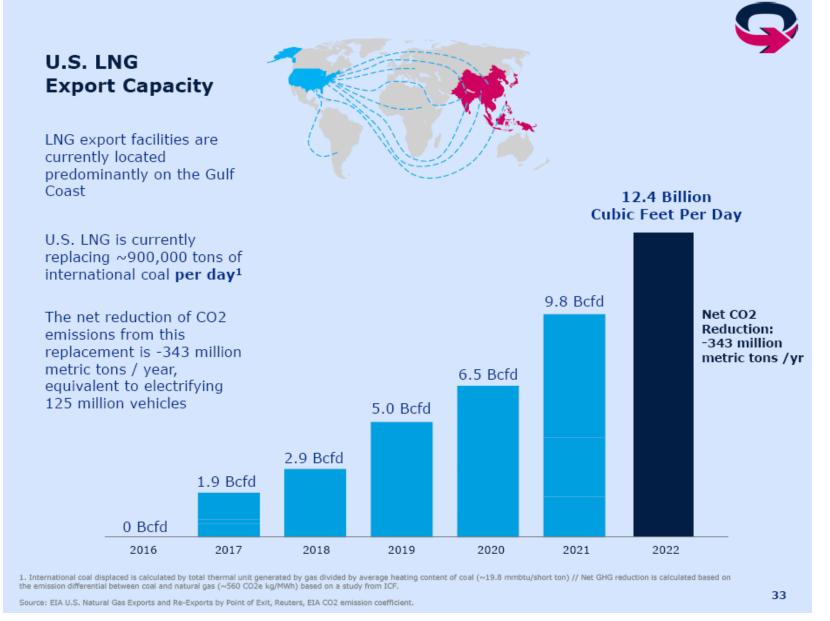




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#### **U.S. LNG Export Capacity**





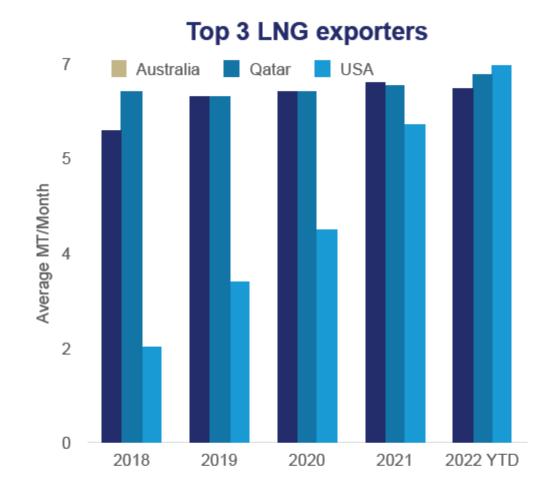
#### The United States has been the key driver of global natural supply growth







 Since 2007, 42% of global natural gas supply growth has come from the United States



 US natural gas supply growth has supported LNG exports, with the US overtaking Qatar this year

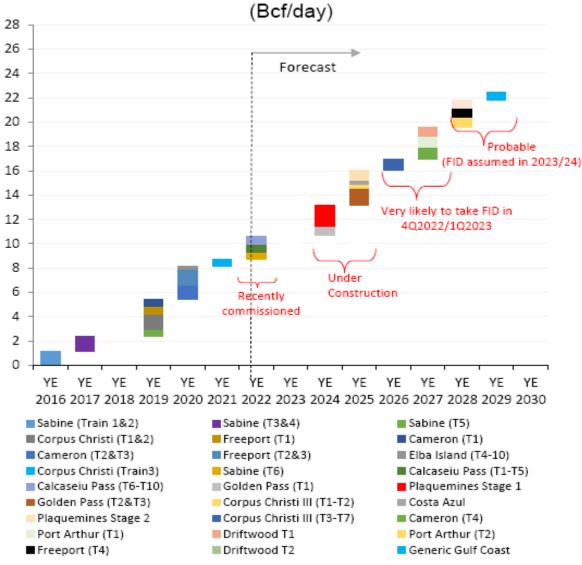


Source: Wood Mackenzie, IHS Markit Note: 2022 YTD = January 1 to June 15, 2022

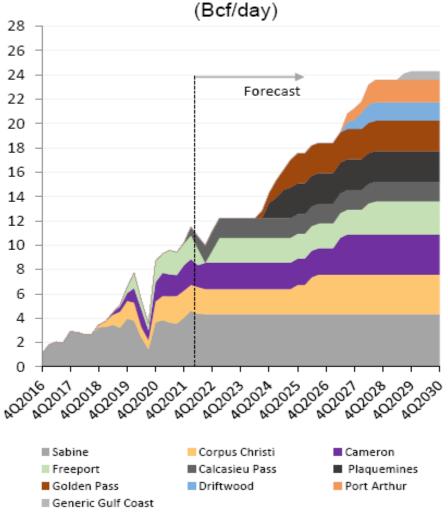
### USGC LNG feed gas is expected to reach ~24 Bcf/d by 2030, adding ~14 Bcf/d to regional demand (from 2021 average of ~10 Bcf/d)



#### USGC LNG Export Nameplate Capacity Forecast

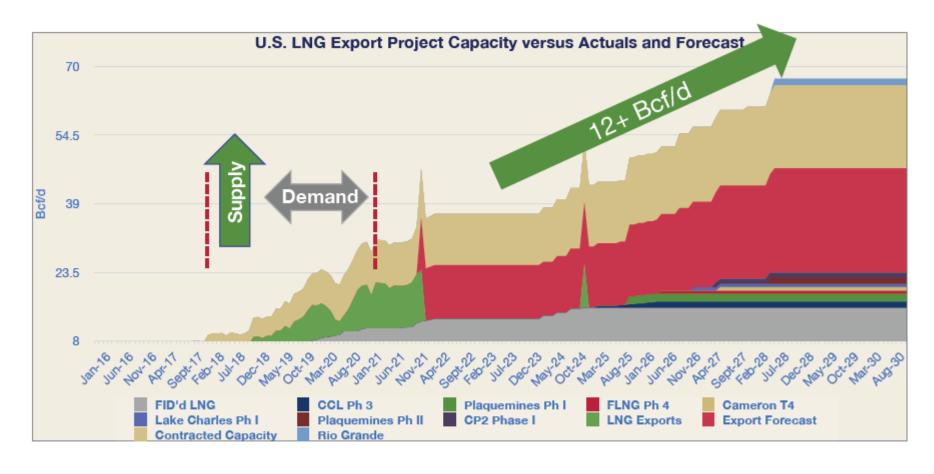


#### USGC LNG Feed Gas Volume Forecast





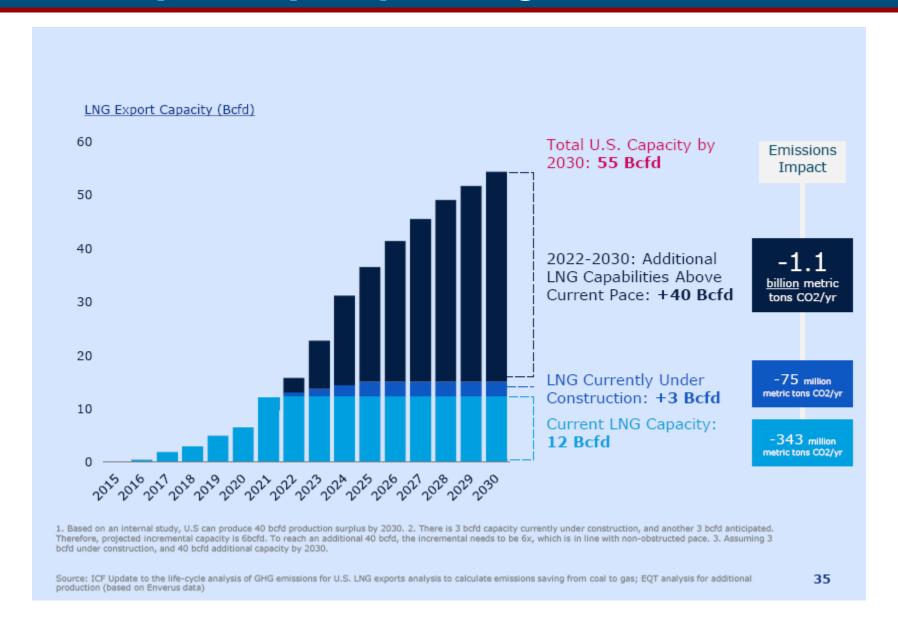
#### 2024 to 2030



Where will all the gas come from to meet this massive increase in Demand?

#### **Projected LNG Export Capacity Through 2030<sup>1</sup>**





#### Can we live without Fossil Fuels?... Food Facts



The goal of fertilizing grains is to increase the yield



#### There are only four types of grain.



65-70% of the world caloric food intake is related to 4 grains:

- Wheat
- Rice
- Corn
- Soybeans

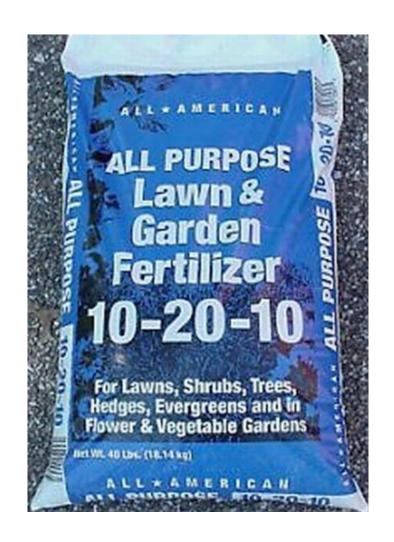


All require intense use of nitrogen fertilizers

#### There are only three types of fertilizers:

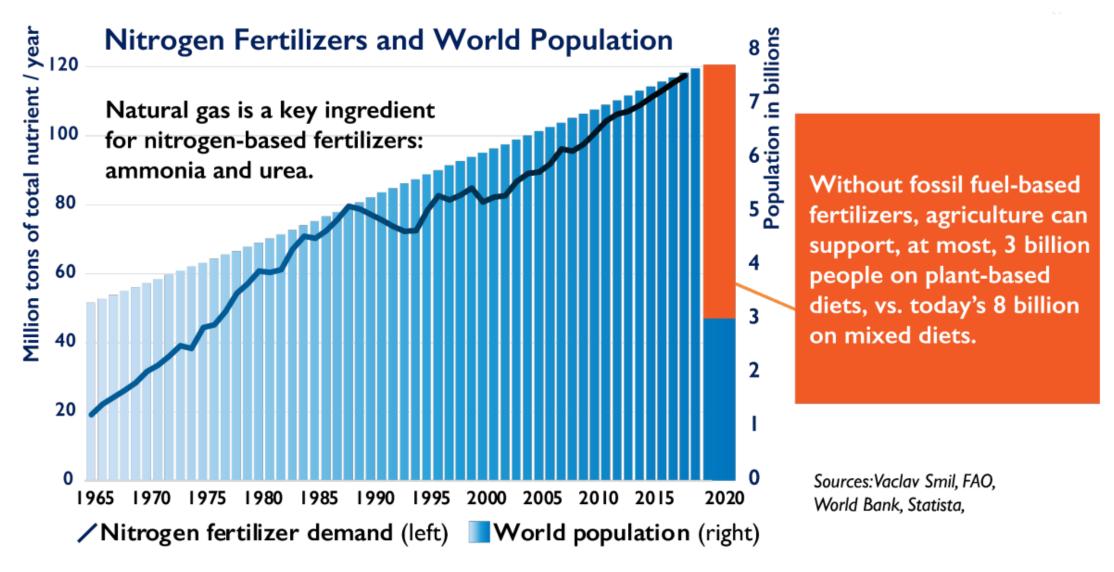


- Potash (K) mined
- Phosphate (P) mined
- Nitrogen (N) man-made



#### Food for Thought: Natural Gas is Critical for Global Food Production





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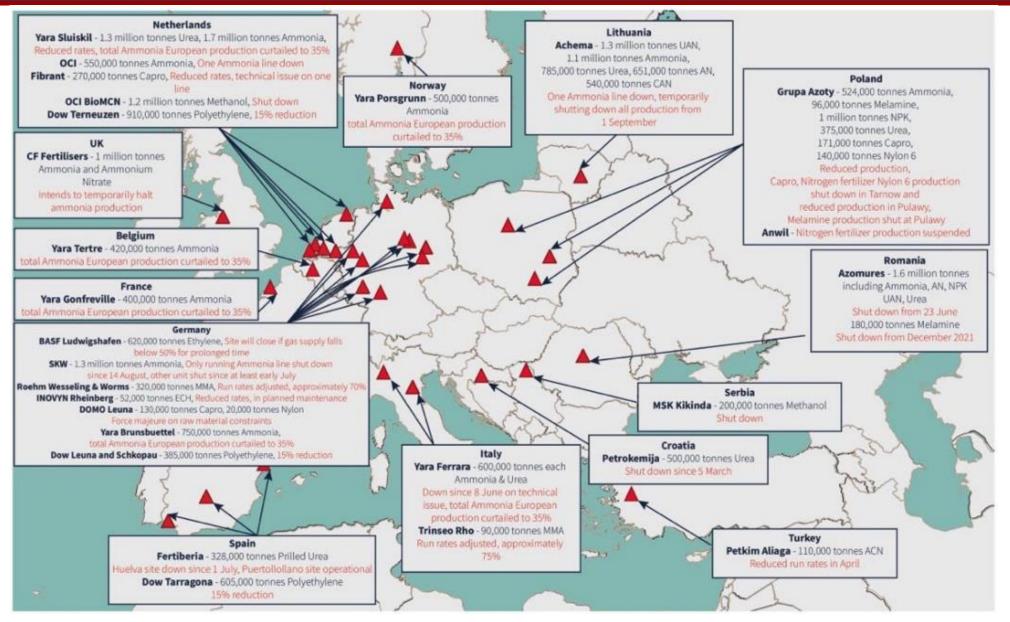
#### Fertilizer Demand Scale: 11 Bcf/d



If you aggregate the world's daily demand for natural gas (11 Bcf/day) that is converted into fertilizer (through the Haber Bosch process) into one country, that country would rank 10th in the world for daily natural gas demand

#### Soaring gas prices hit Europe fertilizers, chemicals

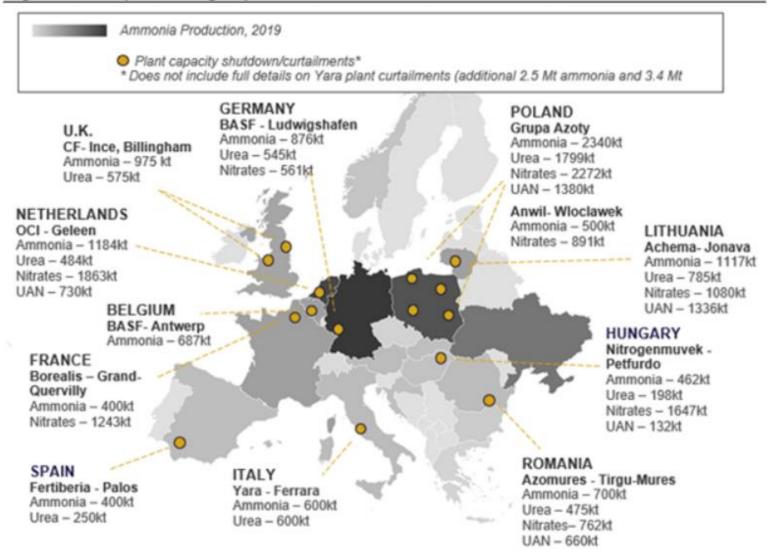




#### 70% of Europe's nitrogen fertilizer plants closed during 2022



Figure 1: European nitrogen production shutdowns and curtailments

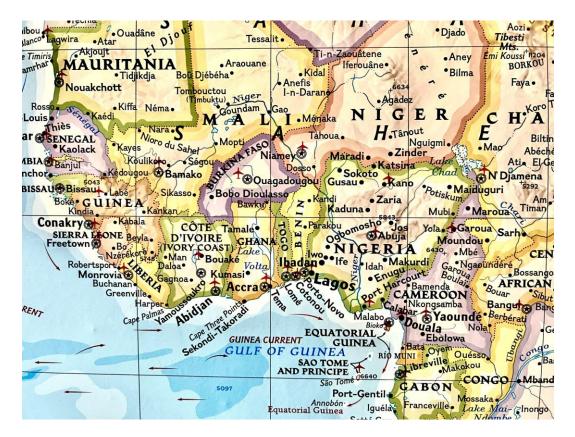


DATA: CRU, IFA

#### Surging Fertilizer Prices Set to Exacerbate African and Mid-East Food Crisis



- Use of nutrients may shrink by a third in sub-Saharan Africa
- Import-dependent region may face increasing food shortages



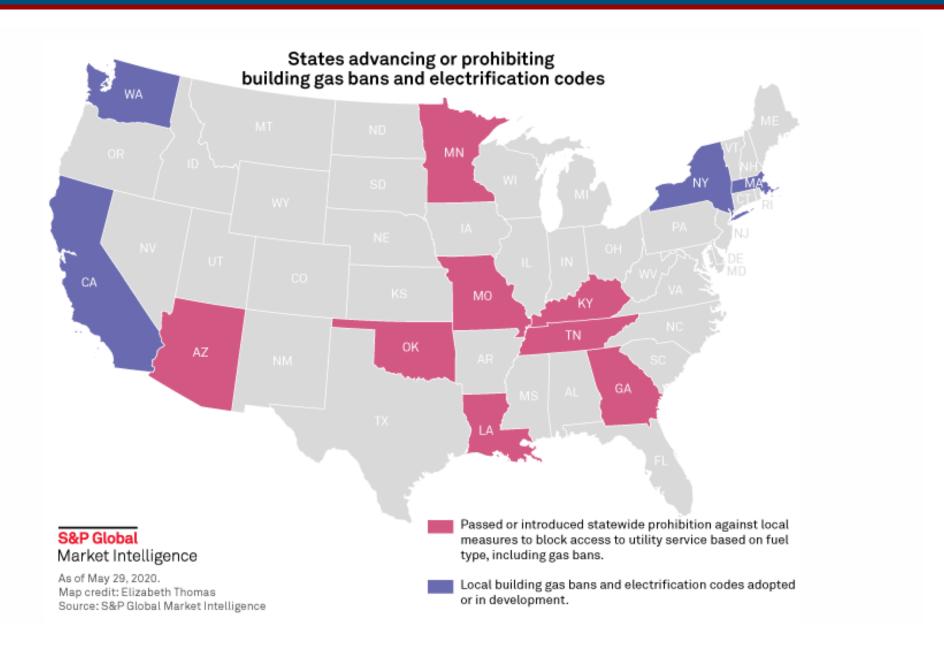
"That could potentially curb cereals output by 30 million tons, enough to feed 100 million people."

Sebastian Nduva, Program Manager at AfricaFertilizer.Org

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#### The Regulatory Playing Field





#### **Truth and Scale**



- Approximately 33 ammonia plants in the U.S.
- Natural gas usage at 2 of those plants is equal to all U.S. cooktop stove usage
  - Approximately 240,000 MMBtu/day





#### Is the natural gas industry a sunset business?

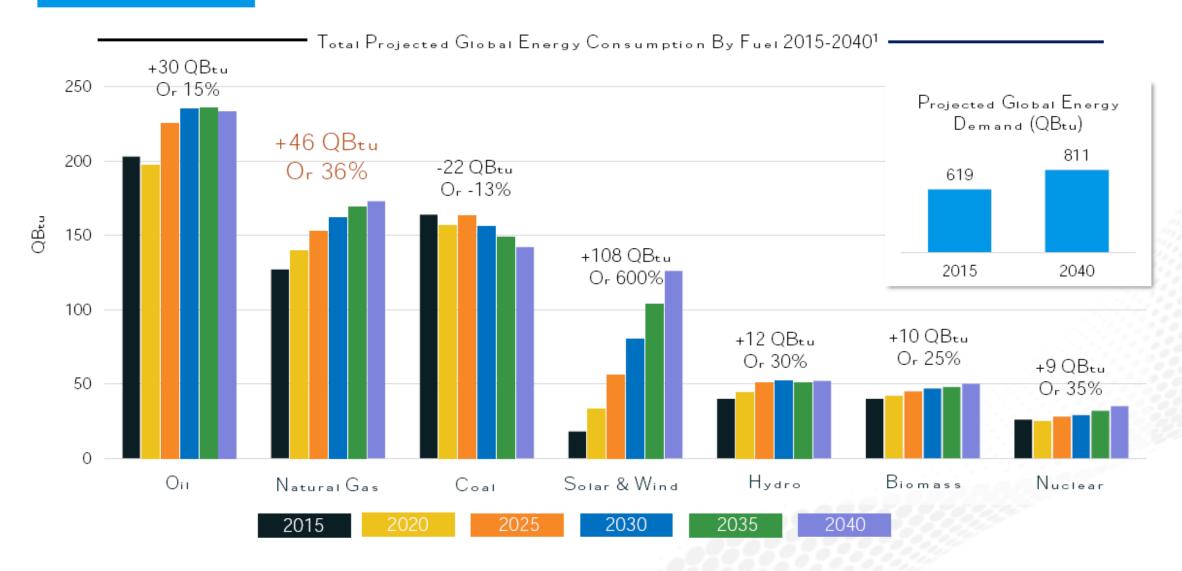


A leading indicator of a sunset business is the inability to attract capital investments into expensive, long-term projects. This is not happening in natural gas.



- Over the past year and a half, nearly 50binding contracts have been signed for LNG offtake from facilities on the U.S. Gulf Coast
- Of these contracts, about 75% contemplate a start date in 2026 or 2027
- Of these contracts, over 70% run for 20 years and about 25% run for 15 years
- Conclusion: Sophisticated investors are betting material capital that this will remain a good business through at lest 2045

### Nearly one-quarter of global energy demand growth through 2040 projected to be filled by natural gas

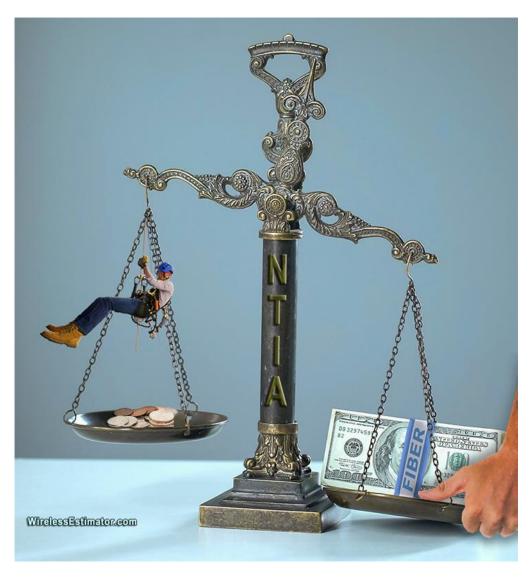


1Source: S&P Global Commodity Insights ©2023 May 2023 Reference Case

#### **Thumb on the Scale for Renewables**

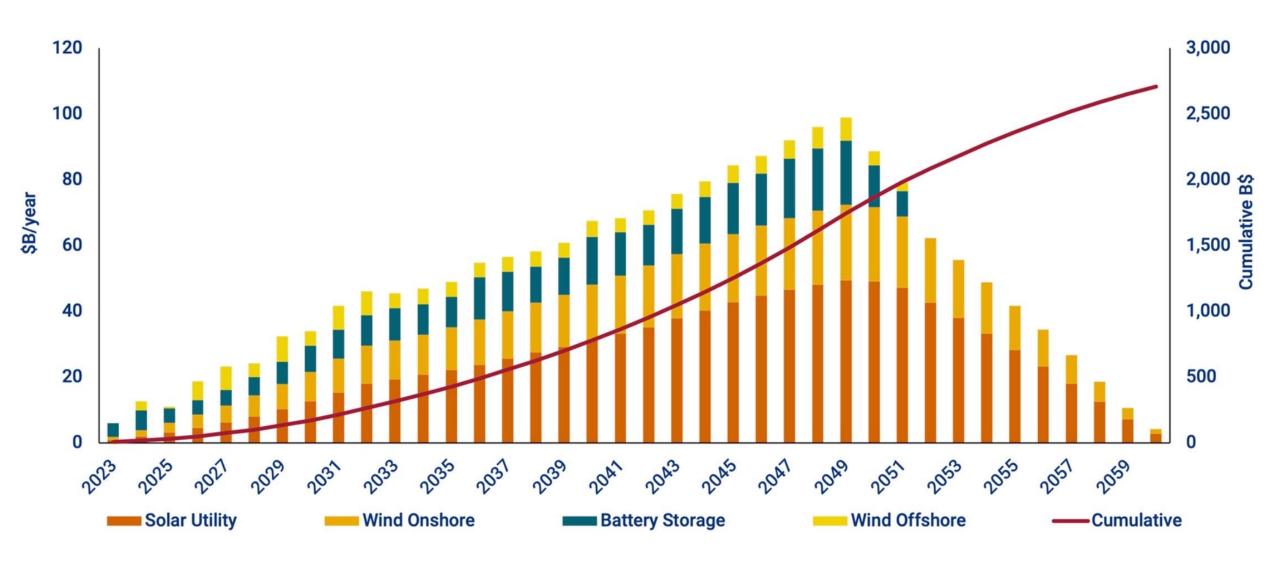


#### The Inflation Reduction Act



#### **Cost of the Inflation Reduction Act**

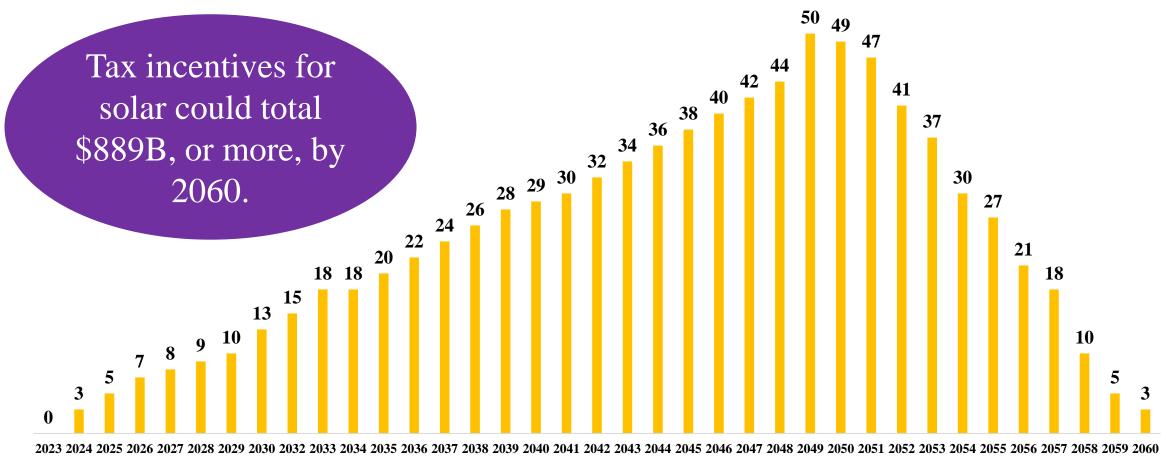




Final Cost = \$3 Trillion

Source: Robert Bryce, Substack

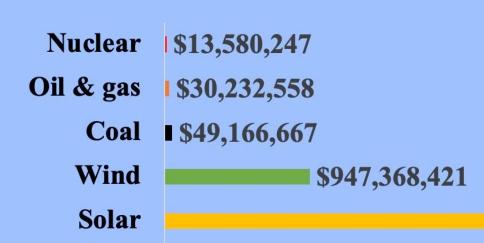
## Solar Subsidies Under Inflation Reduction Act Could Total \$900B



Tax incentives, \$Billion per year



# EIA Data: Tax Incentives For Solar, Wind, Coal, Oil & Gas, & Nuclear, Per Unit of Energy Produced, 2022



Solar got 302x more in tax incentives than nuclear & 136x more than oil and gas.

\$4,111,111,111

\$ Per Quadrillion Btu

 $Source: EIA, \ \underline{https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/subsidy/pdf/subsidy.pdf\#page=31}, \ \underline{https://www.eia.gov/analysis/requests/subsidy/pdf/subsidy.pdf\#page=22}, \ \underline{author\ calculations}$ 

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#### **China is the OPEC of Green Energy Minerals**



"The International Energy Agency's (IEA) 'sustainable development scenario' results in a

- 42-fold increase in lithium demand,
- 25-fold increase in graphite demand,
- 21-fold increase in cobalt demand,
- 19-fold increase in nickel demand,
- 7-fold increase in rare earth demand by 2040"









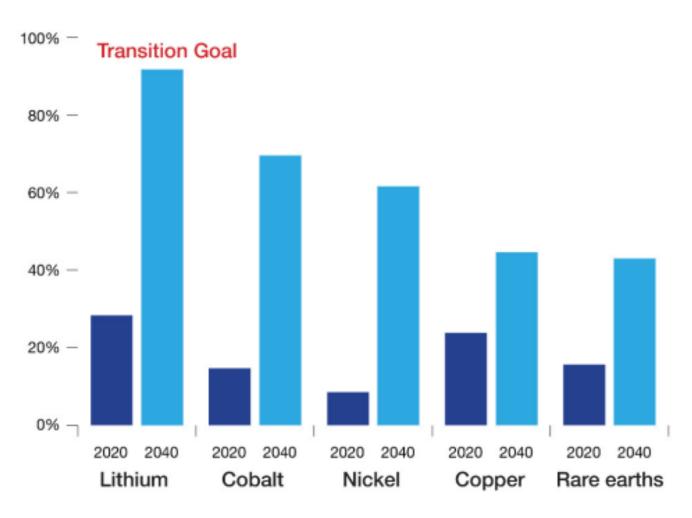


#### **Energy Transition Policies are Inflationary**



#### **Energy Sector Share of Mineral Demands for All Purposes**

#### Share of All Uses



#### **China is the OPEC of Green Energy Minerals**



#### Sources of Key Energy Transition Minerals



#### **Not Enough Minerals in the Pipeline**



"There are simply not enough minerals in the pipeline to meet this kind of demand. One example of this is shown by research done by EV Expert Steve LeVine. Using major metals production forecasts, LeVine found that by 2030, there will only be enough metals for 15.6 million EVs, while automakers claim they want to produce over 40 million."



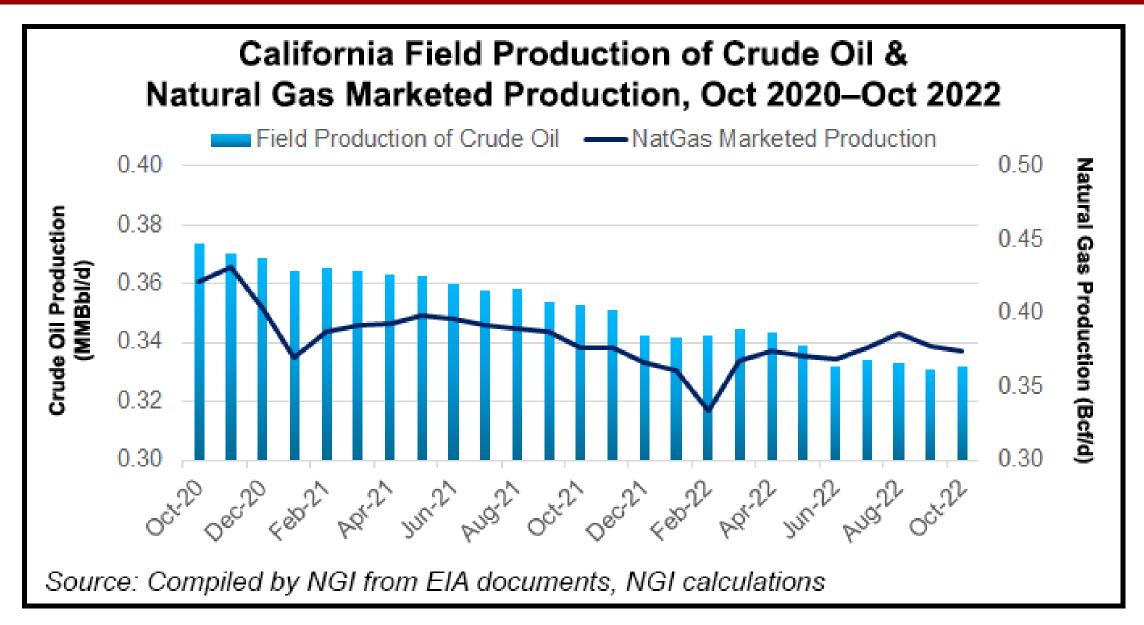
#### Is California Repeating Germany's Mistake?



## YES

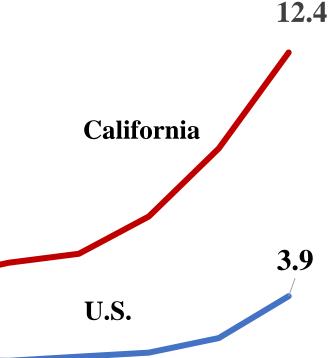
#### Los Angeles County to Ban New Natural Gas and Oil Wells





## Change In California Residential Electricity Prices, 2008 to 2022

Since 2008 when Gov.
Schwarzenegger mandated renewables, CA's electric rates grew 3.2x faster than the rest of the U.S.



2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

**US cents per kilowatt-hour** 

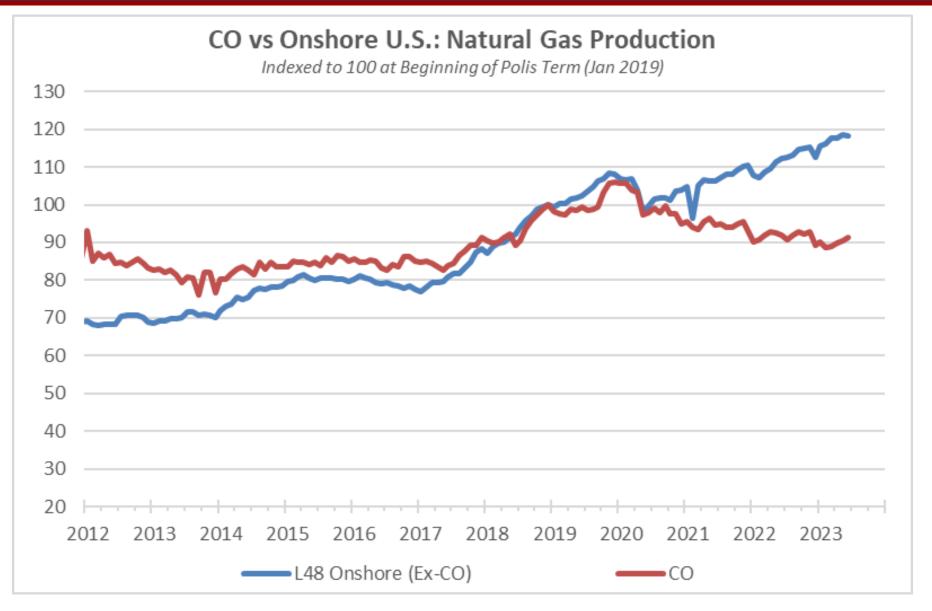
#### Is Colorado Following California and Germany?



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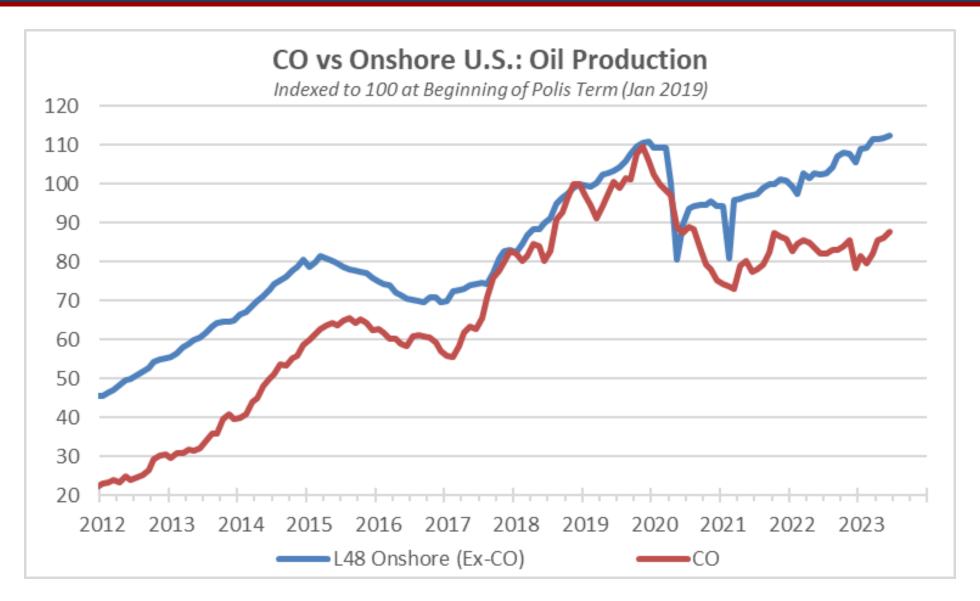
#### Colorado Natural Gas Production Down 9% Since Polis Took Office\*





#### Colorado Oil Production Down 12% Since Polis Took Office\*





#### Is Colorado Following California and Germany?



Colorado Governor Jared Polis's goal of 100% renewable (wind, solar, and batteries) electric grid by 2040 (hereafter, the "Polis Plan") would cost the state \$318.8 billion through 2050



#### Colorado as a Laboratory... Remember When?... 2004?



#### The Renewable Energy Standard Promise:



# What Does the Polis Plan Involve for Wind by 2040?



- 74,000 MW of new wind projects
- That will require a footprint of 4.4 million acres
- 4.4 million acres is roughly the size of the following counties:
  - Denver
  - Boulder
  - Larimer
  - Broomfield
  - Adams
  - Arapahoe
  - Douglas
  - Gilpin
  - Clear Creek



#### What Does the Polis Plan Involve for Electrified Home Heating?



- By 2040, wind, solar and battery capacity would need to increase by 226,390 MW
- That would represent a 12-fold increase in the size of the State's current electric grid in terms of generation capacity over the next 17 years



# Xcel Colorado in Lock-step with Gov. Polis, Plans to Double Renewables Mercator Energy



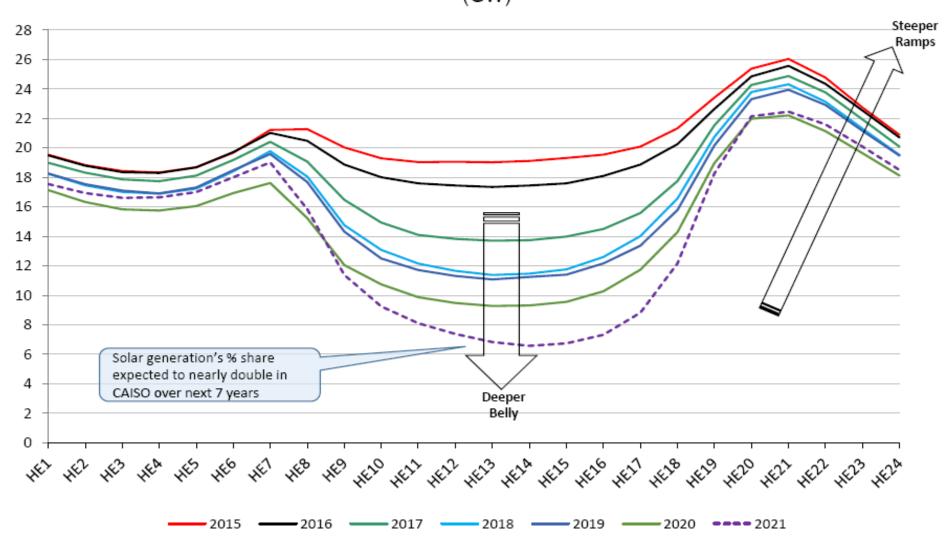
#### Xcel announced on September 26, 2023 that they plan to:

- Close all coal-fired electric generation plants by 2030
- Add 3,400 MW of wind resources
- Add 2,000 MW of solar resources
- Add 19 MW of biomass capacity at the Hayden Generating Station
- Add 628 MW of highly flexible natural gas combustion turbines
- Retire a total of 1,800 MW of dispatchable resources





# Average Hourly Net Load Profile (April) (GW)



#### **Questions to Ponder**



- When it comes to human freedom and human nature, does banning certain options for energy sound like democracy or authoritarianism and compulsory communism?
- There are some who want to change the way you eat, drive, cook and heat your house in defiance of the laws of physics and thermodynamics.
- Does that sound like freedom, does that sound like democracy?
- Why does every solution to climate change require another step down into the basement of socialism?

# Closing



# Progressives don't understand scale.

Daniel Yergin: "... this is a \$90 trillion world economy that gets 80% of its energy from hydrocarbons. It's not going to change overnight."



# **Bryce Advice**



Be skeptical

# **Selected Reading and Podcasts**



RobertBryce.substack.com

Unreportedstorysociety.com

AlexEpstein.substack.com

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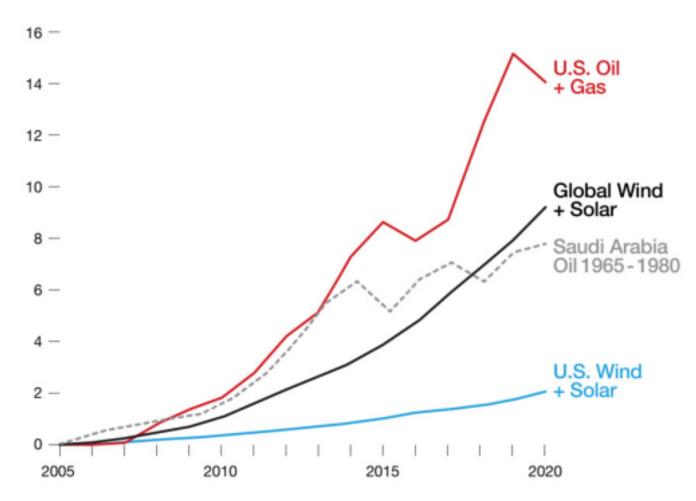


#### Shale Technology is History's Biggest Energy Revolution



Growth of Shale Energy vs. Wind+Solar 2005–20, Compared with Saudi Arabia Oil 1965–80

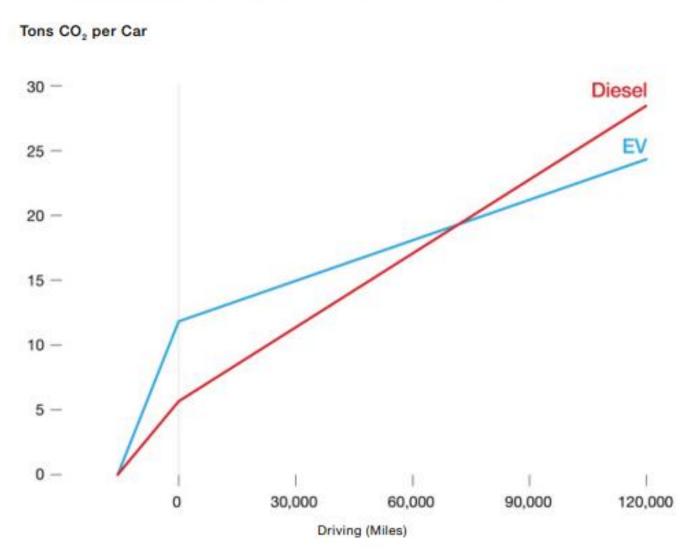
Increased Production (Million BOE/Day)



# **Green Energy Isn't Carbon-Free**



#### Miles Driven Before an EV Emits Less CO2 than a Diesel Car

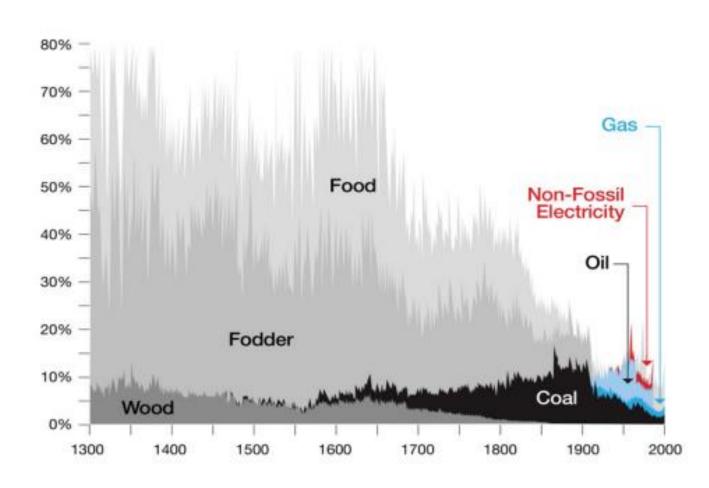


#### **Markets and Consumers Want Reliably Cheap Energy**



#### Share of Economies Consumed by Acquiring Fuel and Food

#### Share GDP Spent on Energy



Source: John W. Day et al., "The Energy Pillars of Society: Perverse Interactions of Human Resource Use, the Economy, and the Environmental Degradation," *BioPhysical Economics and Resource Quality 3, no. 2* (February 2018)

# Scale



Average U.S. Daily Production and Demand 100 BCF Russian Daily Production **70 BCF** European Union average daily usage **50 BCF** Russian export volume to Europe (2021) **18 BCF** U.S average daily LNG Export volume (2022) **12 BCF** Expected growth in U.S. LNG export capacity **12 BCF** next 4 years Worldwide daily volume of natural gas that is 11 BCF converted to fertilizer Anticipated 24-hour swing in natural gas **11 BCF** demand in California by 2035

# Scale



- 7-8 BCF California peak day natural gas usage (2022)
- 4 BCF Colorado peak day natural gas usage
- 3 BCF Volume contained in the average LNG tanker
- 2.5 BCF Daily volume of natural gas managed by Mercator
  - Energy
- 2 BCF Xcel Energy peak day natural gas usage (CO)
- 84 Dth Typical annual average use per U.S household
- 1 Dekatherm (Dth) = 1 MMBtu = 1 MCF (approx.)
- 10 Therms = 1 Dekatherm
- 4/10 of 1%: Percentage of total U.S. gas stove usage vs.
  - total U.S. gas usage

# Strong gas-fired power generation driving demand

Total demand including exports averaged 116 Bcf/d in 1Q 2023 compared to 119 Bcf/d in 1Q 2022, driven by declines in the Res/Com sector due to a mild winter season



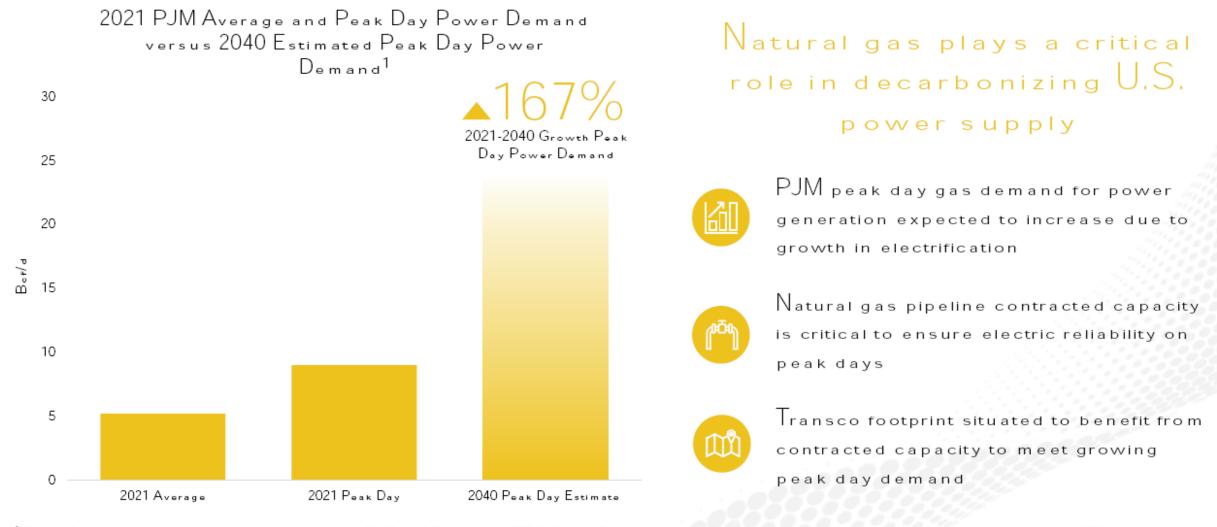
-LOWER-48 NATURAL GAS DEMAND + EXPORTS 1Q 2022 √. 1Q 2023 COMPARISON—

Source: S&P Global Commodity Insights ©2023. Note: Pipeloss/Fuel demand is excluded from the charts and that HDD is U.S. population-weighted Heating Degree Days.

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# Access to natural gas pipeline capacity critical to ensure reliability



<sup>18</sup>The role of gas in the transition to a cleaner, more reliable power supply," McKinsey & Company, June 2023. McKinsey & Company deep power decarbonization assumes all public commitments are met, resulting in 85% renewable power generation by 2040 and growth of electricity demand to 7.3 TWn by 2040 (from 4.3 TWn in 2022).

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# **Jordan Peterson on Social Justice and Sustainability**



#### Personality predicters of left-wing authoritarianism:

- Coherent set of beliefs statistically associated with progressive causes
- Allied with the willingness to impose them with fear of force and compulsion
- Manipulativeness
- Predatory parasitism
- Narcissism

"It takes a particular kind of evil snake to mask your psychopathic power-mongering in the guise of compassion."

#### **Dogma, not Science**



#### Judith Curry interview on Robert Bryce's Power Hungry podcast

**Deniers** – That's religion and not science

- The belief that all recent climate change is exclusively man-made.
- The belief that it's catastrophic.
- The belief that it's so serious that science and preferred policy solution can't be questioned.

This is dogma, not science. That's where Denier comes from.

"We need more objectivity and an understanding of the critical nature of the scientific process."



"People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but, they will always remember how you made them feel."

"Fear" and "compulsion to act to avoid a catastrophe" is used to motivate



"Emotions neither prove nor disprove facts. There was a time when any rational adult understood this. But years of dumbed-down education and emphasis on 'how people feel' have left too many people unable to see through this media gimmick."

#### Media and Politicians continue to Mislead (or be mislead)?





Source: Schernikau on Energy Policy and Die Zeit Apr 2023

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