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IT'S GREAT TO SEE AMERICA TAKE ENERGY PRODUCTION SERIOUSLY AGAIN. COAL, FRACKING AND PIPELINES ARE BACK -- THERE IS A LOT LESS TALK ABOUT WIND AND SOLAR.

SOMEBODY ONCE TOLD ME: YOU CAN'T SAVE THE WORLD IF YOU CAN'T PAY THE RENT. FOSSIL FUELS POWER THE WORLD. WE CANNOT IMPROVE TO BETTER SOURCES OF ENERGY THROUGH WISHFUL THINKING, GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND VIRTUE-SIGNALING. THE ONLY HOPE IS INNOVATION, AND FOR BEST RESULTS--INNOVATION REQUIRES FREE MARKETS AND THE COMPETITION THAT COMES WITH IT.

NOT ALL SOURCES OF ENERGY ARE CREATED EQUAL. WIND AND SOLAR ARE MORE OF A DISTRACTION THAN A REMEDY WHAT'S WORSE, TAX CREDITS AND SUBSIDIES THAT ENCOURAGE WIND AND SOLAR MIGHT SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA, BUT IN REALITY THEY ROB OUR WORLD OF POTENTIAL INNOVATION, AS JUNK SCIENCE GETS THE DOLLARS.

ON THE CFACT WEBSITE, THATS A REALLY SMART THINK TANK CALLED Committee For A Constructive Tomorrow, THE GROUP PROVIDES STRONG EVIDENCE THAT OUR WIND AND SOLAR DOLLARS ARE GOING OFF TRACK. PROGRESSIVE NATIONS IN EUROPE ARE FACING THE SAME PROBLEMS. CFACT POINTS OUT THAT LAST YEAR DENMARKS GOVERNMENT ABANDONED PLANS TO BUILD FIVE OFFSHORE WIND POWER FARMS, BECAUSE OF FEARS THAT ELECTRICITY PRODUCED WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR DANISH CONSUMERS.

EVEN THIS YEAR, WE ARE STILL SEEING DISASTROUS AMOUNTS OF RESOURCES DEVOTED TO SOLAR POWER. LAST MONTH A PROTOTYPE SOLAR ROADWAY IN IDAHO WAS UNVEILED, BUT SO FAR IT'S A MESS. KEEP IN MIND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS MEANT TO BE DRIVEN ON. THE PROBLEM IS IT KEEPS BREAKING. Despite massive internet hype, 75 PERCENT OF THE ROADS' PANELS WERE BROKEN BEFORE THEY WERE EVEN INSTALLED. IN ONE CASE A FIRE ERUPTED, AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD TO BE CALLED TO THE SCENE.

IT'S KIND OF LIKE WHEN THE EAST TO WEST RAILROADS WERE BEING BUILT IN AMERICA. THE PUBLICLY PAID RAIL LINES WERE A DISASTER, WHILE THE PRIVATELY OPERATED NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILROADS UNDER JAMES J HILL BECAME A TECHNOLOGICAL MARVEL IN ENGINES AND LOGISTICS. I AM NOT SAYING THAT WIND AND SOLAR ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE, BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IF GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO PICK THE WINNERS AND LOSERS.

PRESIDENT TRUMP SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR RESTORING THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE AND SAVING THE COAL INDUSTRY, BUT HE SHOULD TARGET THE "FAKE ENERGY" MOVEMENT AND UNTANGLE THE SUBSIDY-RIDDEN MESS.

I AM ALL FOR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, A BETTER POWER GRID AND GETTING IT CHEAP. AN AMERICA THAT FULLY INVESTS IN CREDIBLE ENERGY SOLUTIONS WILL HAVE LOTS OF JOBS, WILL WEAKEN THE OPEC NATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF US, AND WILL LIKELY GIVE OUR COUNTRY A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN EVERY FIELD. THE ONLY THING HOLDING BACK INNOVATION ARE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND THE VOTING BLOC OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS THAT HAVE TAKEN OVER THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO LEAVE FOSSIL FUELS BEHIND, BUT NOBODY HAS FIGURED OUT A REPLACEMENT. IRONICALLY, THE BEST WAY TO PROMOTE THAT REPLACEMENT, IS TO DROP RESTRICTIONS AND FULLY UTILIZE THE FOSSIL FUEL OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXIST. THE MORE WE LEARN, THE CLOSER WE CAN GET TO ALTERNATIVES. THE LEFT THINKS THAT RESTRICTING ACCESS TO FOSSIL FUELS AND FUNDING POLITICAL ENTREPRENEURS IN THE SOLAR MOVEMENT IS THE SOLUTION. SO FAR, THAT HAS BEEN A VERY EXPENSIVE MISTAKE!

BETTER STANDARDS OF LIVING LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES. A SIMILAR IRONY EXISTS WITH POPULATION CONTROL. IN 1968 A BOOK CALLED THE POPULATION BOMB WAS PUBLISHED, AND IT SCARED PEOPLE WITH IMAGES OF A PLANET WITH TOO MANY MOUTHS TO FEED, WITH IMMINENT STARVATION IF SOMETHING WASN'T DONE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON PLANET EARTH. THE BOOK OF COURSE WAS WRONG, BECAUSE IT DID NOT FACTOR IN THE CORRELATION BETWEEN BETTER LIVING STANDARDS AND SMALLER FAMILIES. THE IRONY BEING, THAT THE MORE YOU IMPROVE OVERALL CONDITIONS, THE MORE YOU ACHIEVE A BETTER BALANCED RESULT. WHILE THERE ARE A FEW CULTURES THAT MIGHT HAVE MORE KIDS REGARDLESS, MOST WELL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE A MUCH LOWER CHILD RATE THAN POORER NATIONS. IN PLACES LIKE JAPAN, IT'S BECOME A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

I'VE TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE, BUT MANY OF OUR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES ARE NOT LEFT VERSUS RIGHT, THEY ARE BETWEEN THE VIEW THAT THE WORLD IS A ZERO SUM GAME WHERE TOP-DOWN ORDERS ARE ESSENTIAL, AND THE OTHER VIEW, THAT WE CAN INCREASE THE ECONOMIC PIE AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME WITH IT, AS LONG AS WE FREE THE INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE TO HIS FULL POTENTIAL.