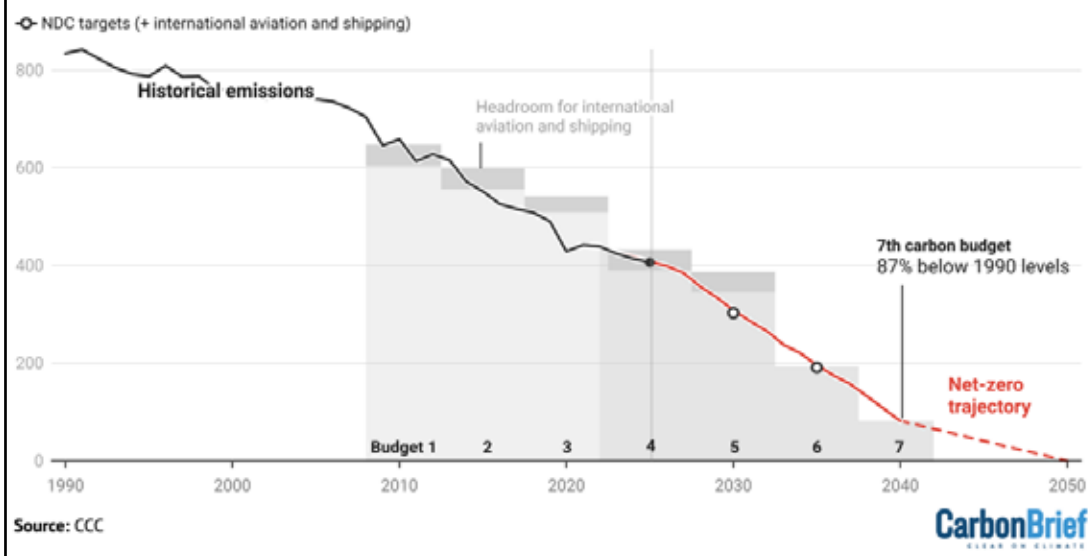




Editorial: Don't forget that we are the majority

The UK's seventh 'carbon budget' will aim to cut emissions 87% by 2040

UK emissions and carbon budgets, MtCO₂e



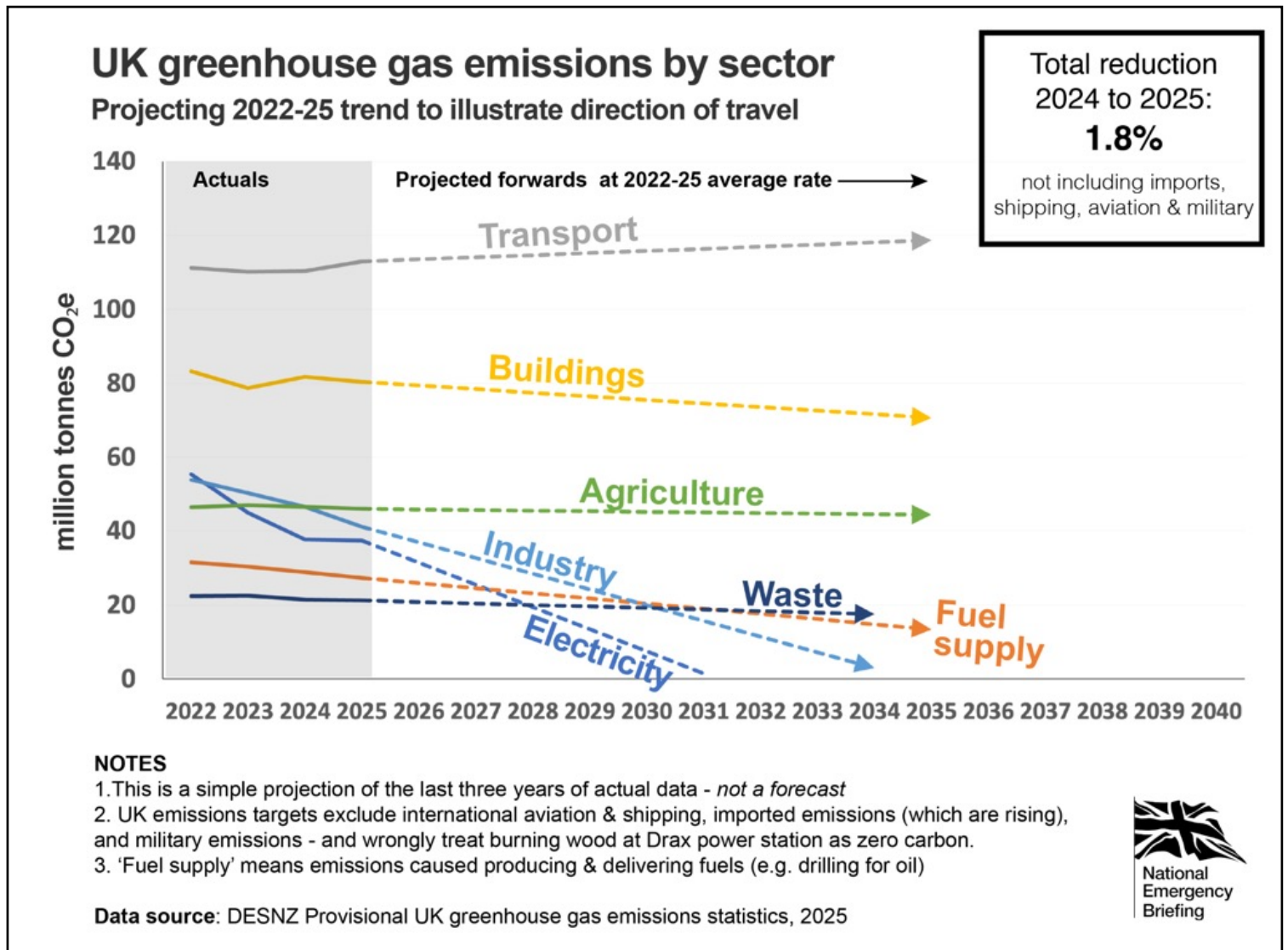
The latest Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) Public Attitudes Tracker finds 77% of people concerned about climate change, and 68% supporting government action. This is also true in areas that voted in Reform Councils, that for want of anything positive to do were falling over themselves to rescind their climate emergency declarations just as high temperature records were being broken last month. You can check out the state of opinion in your local area, and find a useful summary of key local environmental and climate challenges [here](#).

The vote in Parliament at the end of June to set a target for 2040-2 of 87% below 1990 levels, showed a distinct political split, with all the votes against coming from the US subservient Conservatives and Reform, all the votes in favour from Labour, Liberal Democrats, Plaid Cymru, Greens and Your Party. No Party had a split vote. The cost of this would be around £880bn over 25 years (which works out at 14p per person per day) but **yield benefits worth £1,620bn**".

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The Transatlantic denialist bloc that finds 14p per day “eye watering” and would rather do without all the benefits, was on full parade at the [ARC conference](#) in London, where the US Energy Secretary rubbed shoulders with Farage and Badenoch in front of an “*anti elite*” audience that had each paid £1500 for a ticket.



Meeting this target, which now includes shipping and aviation presents challenges, as shown by this graph from the NEB.

Particularly as the latest report from the Climate Change Committee warns that “*The UK Government is not moving fast enough to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to protect households and businesses from volatile fossil fuel prices*” and went on to warn that current plans are insufficient to meet the UKs international commitment on climate, with long-term plans containing a high level of risk of falling short.

Changing this will require both low-carbon technology *and* social change; which demands a shift to government in *campaign* mode; including building a serious, diverse and sustained infrastructure for public participation and information, local as well as national leadership and practical support and guidance that help people take part. All of which will need trade union engagement and, increasingly, leadership.

An official televised [National Emergency Briefing](#) given the same urgency as COVID briefings would be a good place to start.

It should go without saying that the proposed 1% cuts in capital spending and infrastructure across all government departments proposed by the dying Starmer government - with the DESNZ and Transport Depts hit hardest - to raise about £6bn for war spending by 2030 will have to be resisted if there is to be any hope of reaching these targets.

Meanwhile, a West Norfolk Reform UK councillor's bid to scrap his authority's climate emergency declaration has been delayed because [the chamber was too hot to debate it](#).

Paul Atkin Ed



HEATHROW EXPANSION

9

MILLION
TONNES OF CO₂
EVERY SINGLE YEAR

#NoThirdRunway



The aviation challenge. Heathrow expansion poses a major risk to the UK's climate targets. A third runway could add 9 million tonnes of carbon emissions every year. There is still no credible plan to make aviation compatible with net zero.

Trade Union & Campaigning Round Up

6 ways to protect jobs and households from the next gas price crisis

The TUC is calling on the government to act now to shield households and workers from the worst of this crisis.

But we also need to be clear-eyed about the bigger picture. We cannot keep lurching from one gas price emergency to the next. It is time for the structural reforms that will protect the UK when the next shock hits, and there will be a next one.

1. Public energy that protects us from global shocks
2. Warm homes that cost less to run
3. A manufacturing base that's fit for the future
4. Backing the real economy with infrastructure that works
5. Strong workers' rights, for everyone
6. An energy system free from profiteering

The TUC is clear: the answer to this crisis is not to continue relying on internationally traded commodities, or hope the next war happens somewhere else. The answer is to build the energy system that insulates Britain from price shocks, that creates the high-quality, well-paid clean energy jobs our members and their communities deserve, and that ensures the benefits of the energy transition are shared by everyone—not captured by shareholders. [Full statement here.](#)

By Ali Poncia Sam Perry and Anna Carthy



Greener Jobs Alliance Newsletter No:86 July 2026



UNISON: voices from the top ...

Writing in Labour List, UNISON General Secretary Andrea Egan argues “... we also need to see the climate crisis back on the political agenda. Climate change denial is creeping into politics like never before, with far-right parties treating fossil fuels as a panacea for the country’s problems.

Some Labour figures are even calling on the government to drill for oil and gas in the North Sea. Plundering the North Sea wouldn’t make a significant difference for working-class people in Britain, and it would be grossly irresponsible to working-class people in the Global South.

“It’s feared that forecasts of a ‘super El Niño’ in 2026 and 2027 will bring further extremes, with the possibility that next year may be another heatwave hell.”

“While Reform UK embraces climate denial, and the Conservatives disown their own climate targets, Labour is in real danger of embracing its own form of denial. ... An important climate test is coming up for the Labour government: whether to approve drilling of Rosebank – Britain’s largest undeveloped oil field.

UNISON is one of ten trade-unions who are urging Labour to reject this application. Ministers should focus on supporting workers, and their communities, through the green transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy – not acquiescing to oil and gas companies.

A new Labour leader must also ... stop the Treasury from blocking effective climate action and public investment.

[Full article here](#)

In the hall...

The comprehensive climate action motion that we highlighted in our blog [UNISON shows the way](#) was passed overwhelmingly. Moving it, Conference President Tony Wright argued,

“Across the UK, we are seeing the rise of voices who want to roll back, deny, or simply switch off from the climate crisis. We are seeing newly elected Reform councillors who talk openly about “pausing” green policies, “slowing down” climate action, or scrapping local environmental commitments altogether.

Conference — we know what that means. It means dirtier air and dirtier water. It means colder homes. It means higher bills. It means more pressure on the NHS, on social care, on local services — on our members. And it means workers and communities paying the price for political short-termism.”

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...and on the fringe

At the UNISON conference fringe meeting *“climate change is a national emergency – our governments need to start treating it like one”* - Broadcaster Tom Heap said: *“If our politicians or media were first responders to this [climate] emergency, I think half of them would be saying, ‘I’ll get round to it later’. Others will be saying ‘there’s nothing to see here’.*

Economist Angela Francis of WWF noted that *“Staying in the old world can seem like a really good strategy for lots of ... businesses. And, unfortunately, too many companies make that choice, and they’ve got deep pockets, and they’re buying lobbyists, media space, to sow distrust that the transition is actually the best thing for us. We saw this with the tobacco industry, lobbying against the science, and it’s happening again now. So, it’s government’s job to distinguish between the overall economic interest of all of us and the interest of those it’s hearing from most.”*

Tessa Khan from Uplift pointed out that half of the recessions since 1970 were caused by increases in fossil fuel prices, whereas *“an energy system that’s based on renewables offers countless, obvious economic advantages over one that runs on fossil fuels.”* As a fuel source, sun or wind *“is free forever”*, the cost of renewable-based power systems has sharply declined in recent years, and renewable energy has far greater efficiency than fossil fuel. So citing the high upfront costs of heat pumps *“the central preoccupation that we put to the government... is how to make sure that transitioning away from dirty energy is affordable for everyone, including people on lower incomes.”* But *“Electric vehicles are now at cost parity with the internal combustion engine cars”* and *“you can go to a Lidl and buy plug-in solar panels for your balcony, which you can just plug straight into your wall... and start to bring your energy bills down that way.”*

[Full article here](#)

Nearly 40 offshore wind firms back Fair Work Charter

Reported in the Daily Telegraph as [Miliband forces wind firms to back unions or lose subsidies](#) nearly 40 companies in the offshore wind supply chain have signed up to the UK Government's Offshore Wind Fair Work Charter, which aims to strengthen workplace protections across the sector.

The [charter, announced in August 2025](#), has been backed by 37 companies - including major ports, engineering firms, energy manufacturers, cable suppliers and offshore wind contractors operating in the UK and Europe - and six trade unions, including GMB, Prospect, UNISON, Unite, the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers, and the Trades Union Congress.

Under the agreement,

- unions gain greater access to workplaces and more opportunities to engage directly with workers,
- health and safety standards are set,

Future agreements are expected to include commitments on fair pay and conditions, wider adoption of trade union recognition, apprenticeships, skills development and workplace inclusion to help ensure that workers benefit from the expansion of offshore wind.

As Ed Miliband put it: *“The workers who power the nation deserve power in their workplace too.”*

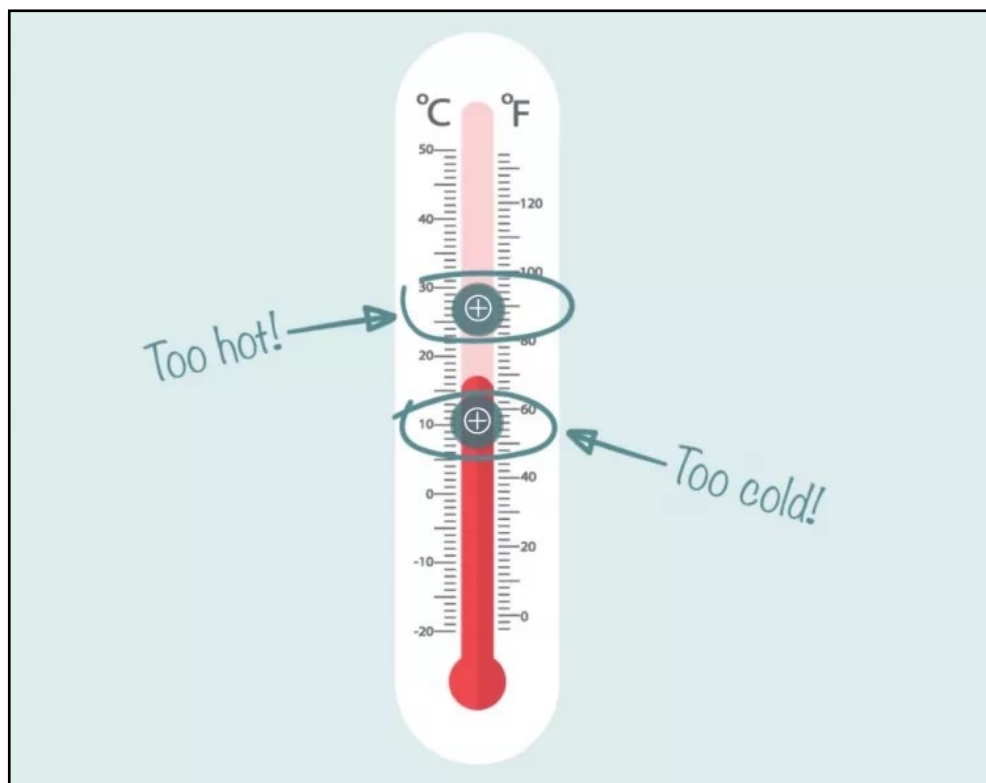
Image by Thomas from Pixabay

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Point of information

Recent claims that wages in offshore wind are lower than in oil and gas does not seem to be borne out by a quick google search, which shows salaries of **£52,425 on an offshore oil rig** and **£52,574 for offshore wind**.

Hot enough for you?



To find out more about what reps can do when workplaces are too hot or too cold at [TUC Education resource](#).

Heated reactions

Schools must take 'immediate action' to protect pupils and staff when temperatures top 30 degrees Celsius, [GMB](#)

- [Unite](#) has provided bus drivers with an [official letter](#) that they can show their employer when conditions become too hot in drivers' cabs, informing the company that the driver is stopping work for safety reasons. Drivers have a legal right to do this under section 44 of the Employment Rights Act 1996. This allows workers to stop work to remove themselves from a position of "serious and imminent danger".
- [The RMT AGM](#) in Liverpool also unanimously passed an emergency motion on bus driver heat safety calling for proper heatwave procedures, working cab cooling, water, toilets, recovery time, safe rest arrangements, and protection from detriment when drivers genuinely feel unsafe due to heat. This follows mounting numbers of heat-related incidents involving bus drivers becoming unwell while on duty, including symptoms consistent with heat exhaustion, headache, fatigue, distress and difficulty continuing safely in service, all too often not receiving a timely management response to safety critical situations.



New TUC WhatsApp group "Too Hot to Work: heatwaves, workers, H&S, climate".

Get live updates on how to stay safe during every heatwave, how to make our workplaces safer, campaign for change, and stop climate change. With prizes for the best videos made during a heatwave!

[Sign up here](#)



Trade Union & Campaigning Round Up



London Climate Week - launch of over a thousand events

The last week of June saw the largest number of events ever in the climate calendar. On Monday the GJA was invited to speak on a panel entitled 'Supporting workers in a warming world'.

This was held at The Conduit and attended by over 300 people. Graham Petersen from the GJA pointed out trade unions have been calling for action on extreme heat in the workplace for a long time.

The Climate Change Committee report that backs the call for a maximum temperature is welcome but a clear commitment from the Government is needed now to implement it.

Also on the panel was Ashif Shaikh, whose research covers five cities across five countries which highlights the lived experiences of informal workers during periods of extreme heat. The findings point to mounting impacts across multiple facets of workers' lives, with 78% of workers reporting that rising temperatures are creating significant challenges for them.

A trade union year of action on air pollution

The Trade Union Clean Air Network (TUCAN) held their AGM in June. It took place at UCU Head Office with Barry Gardiner, MP as guest speaker. Barry has obtained a parliamentary debate in July to call for the Government to make good on its clean air promises.

TUCAN agreed to work with him to press for a Clean Air Act and also ensure occupational health is addressed as a matter of urgency. The need for a campaign to improve the antiquated HSE exposure levels was discussed. This is one of 14 actions for 2026 that was agreed at the AGM. Reports were given by speakers from NEU, RMT, PCS, CSP and Unite. Updates were provided by the Sunrise Project and work with UNISON and the Wales TUC.

A steering group was formed, and the foundations have now been laid to raise the profile of worker protection on air pollution and related climate risks.

Graham Petersen



Reality checks/war shocks

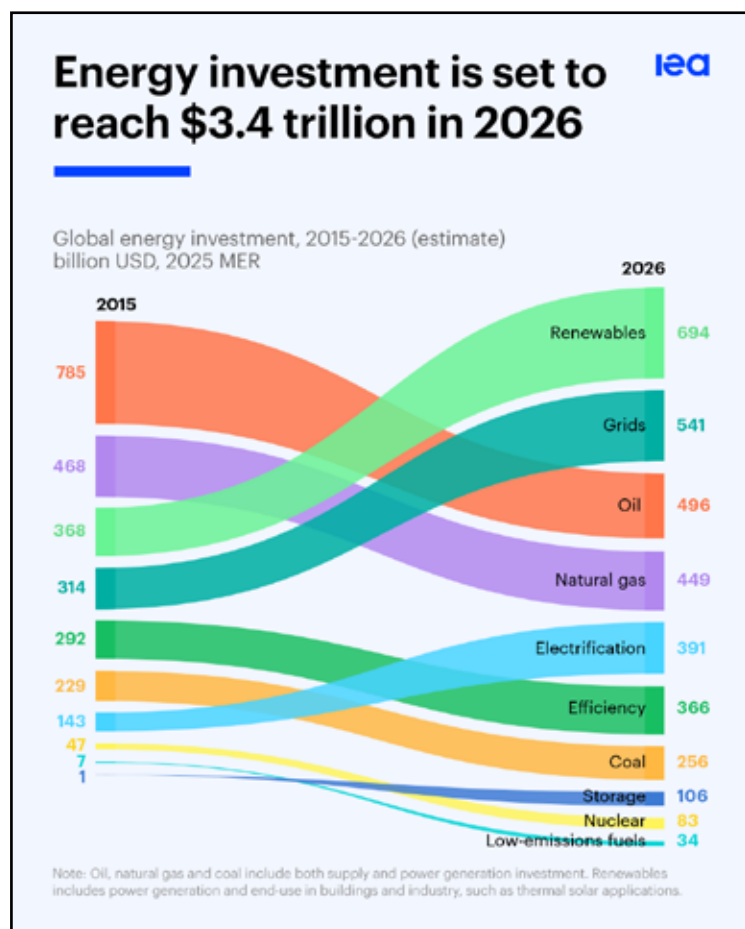
Global North drags its feet on BAM

Justice is the key to unlocking transformational climate policies, and yet Global North countries continue to drag their feet and backpedal on the Just Transition Mechanism (the BAM) agreed in Belem last November.

This year, as with the past three years, rights-holder constituencies came together in unanimous agreement about the need for bold and urgent action on just transition. The hope now is that the COP31 Presidency realises what an opportunity they have to land a groundbreaking implementation decision in Antalya, and makes the BAM a negotiating priority with intersessional work between now and November. This work must be supported by the Secretariat with resources for Global South and civil society representatives to attend.

Here at home, the UK government has to step up and match its pretty words with meaningful commitments, starting, but not ending, with a much more ambitious stance on the BAM.

Leon Seeley Huggins War on Want



From the **International Energy Agency Energy Snapshot** Absolute increases and rising share in Renewables, Grids, Electrification and Storage; Absolute increases but declining share in Efficiency, Coal, Nuclear and Low Emissions Fuels; absolute declines and declining share in Oil and Gas.

What a 5 metre sea level rise looks like

With reports that the current Antarctic heatwave - at 20C above previous normal temperatures - will accelerate the collapse of the Thwaites and West Antarctic ice shelves, leading to a 5 metre rise in sea levels when they go - this is what such a rise would look like for SE England.

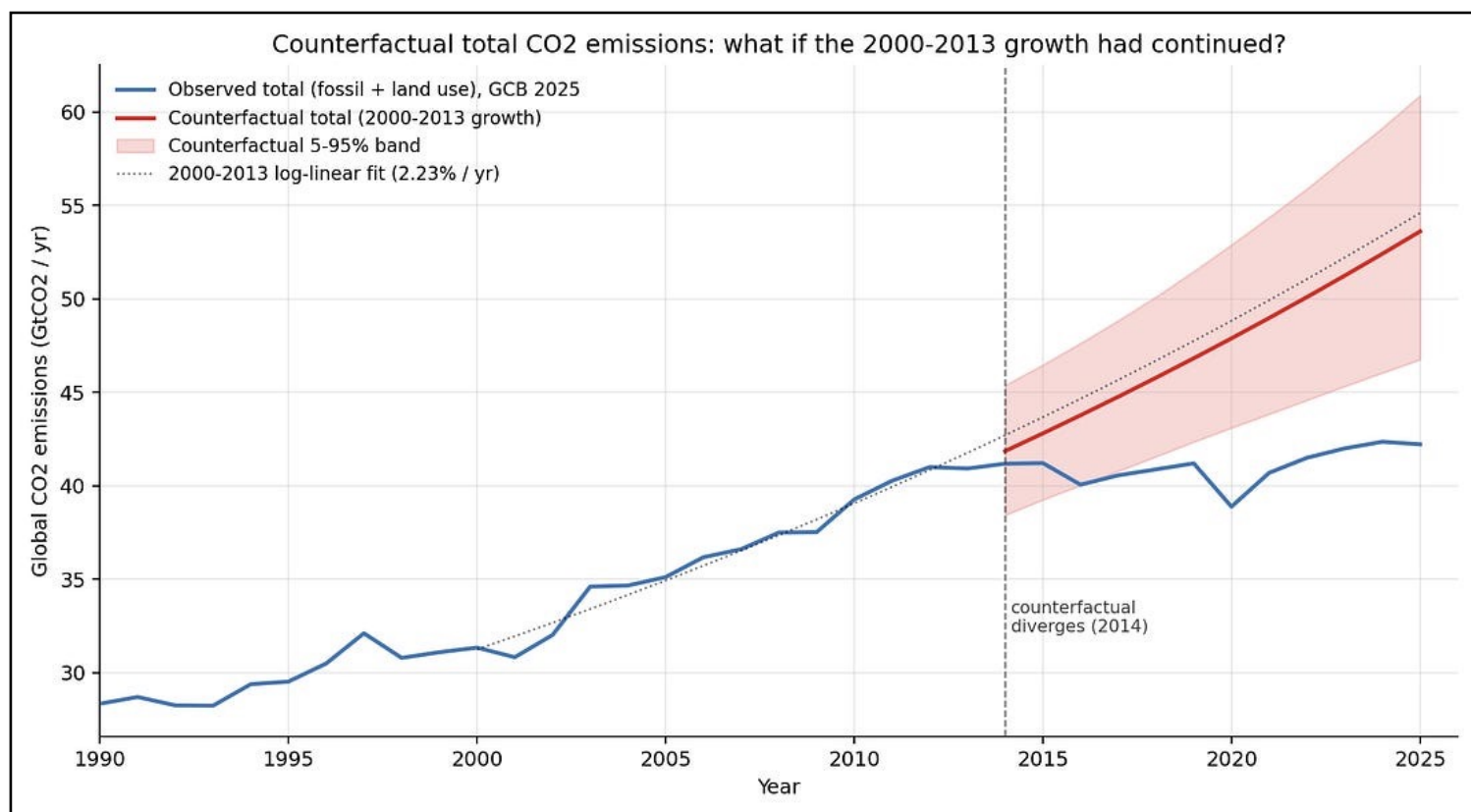
It is beyond ironic that so many Reform held constituencies would be under water as a result of their own reckless climate denial. Farage could go for a swim through Jaywick, while more than 90% of buildings in Richard Tice's Boston and Skegness constituency are already at risk of flooding.

In a characteristically timely application of "*common sense politics*", Reform-led Lincolnshire council abolished its flooding committee last year.



Map from <https://flood.firetree.net/>

Reality checks/war shocks



The impact of global cooperation. The contrast between emissions since the Paris Agreement and the extrapolation of the previous trend. From [Plateauing CO2 emissions have slowed atmospheric growth](#) by Zeke Hausfather

A single day of extreme heat in India is associated with an estimated 3,400 excess deaths, while a heatwave lasting five consecutive days could lead to around 30,000 additional deaths.

The UK's "net-zero economy" is worth more than £100bn a year according to a report from the CBI. Around 308,000 people are employed directly in climate-

related businesses, rising to 1.1m people when related businesses are included. The total value "equates to nearly 4% of the UK's economic output". "Net-zero jobs" also tend to be more productive and come with higher salaries. Even [GB News](#) covered the report favourably, citing economists who say the figures show net-zero is "no longer a 'niche' area or a sector of the future, but a key driver of growth".

UK wholesale gas prices are around 60% higher than before the war on Iran. "However" the FT notes "the energy shock has been cushioned to an extent by the increased use of renewable energy

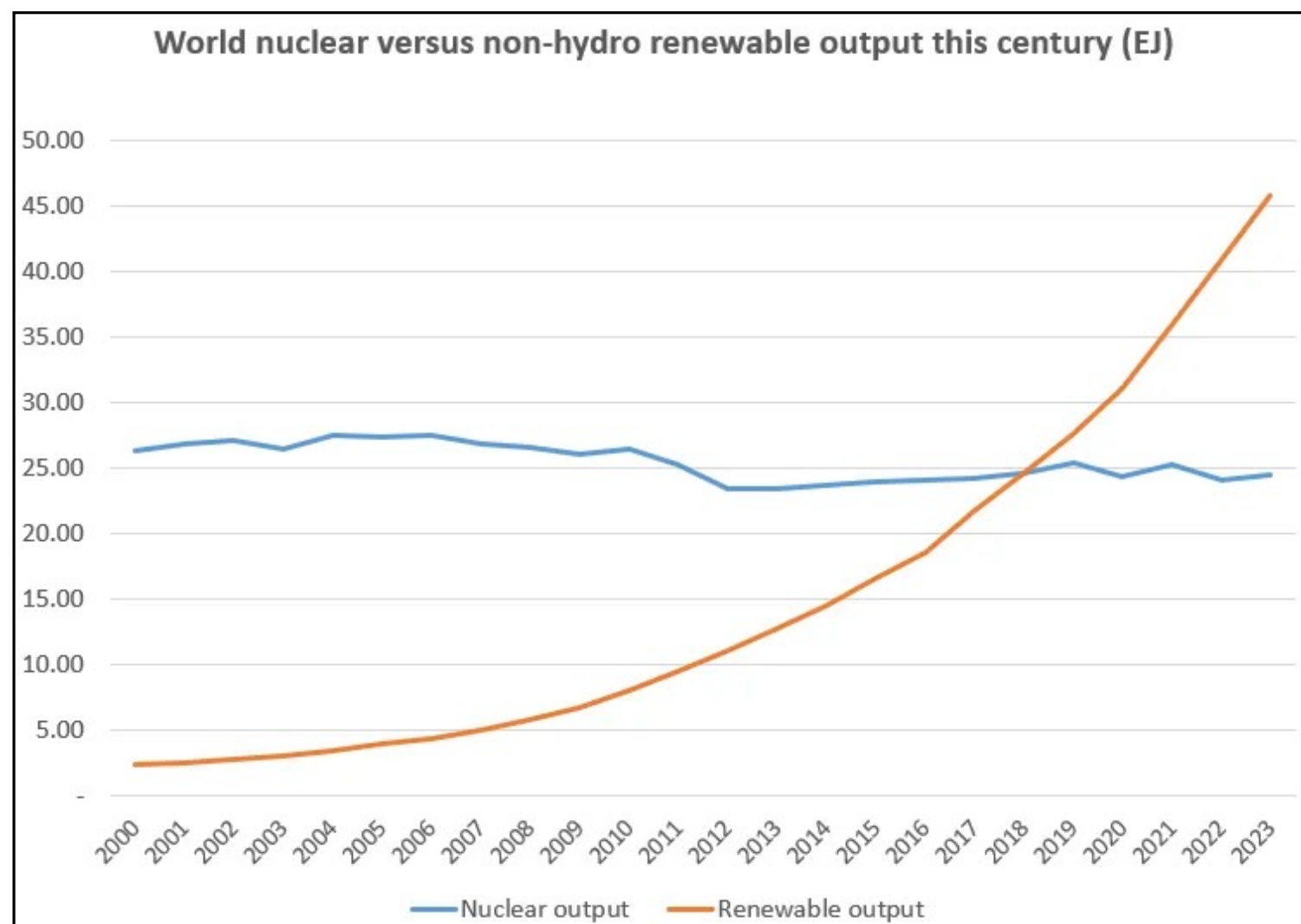
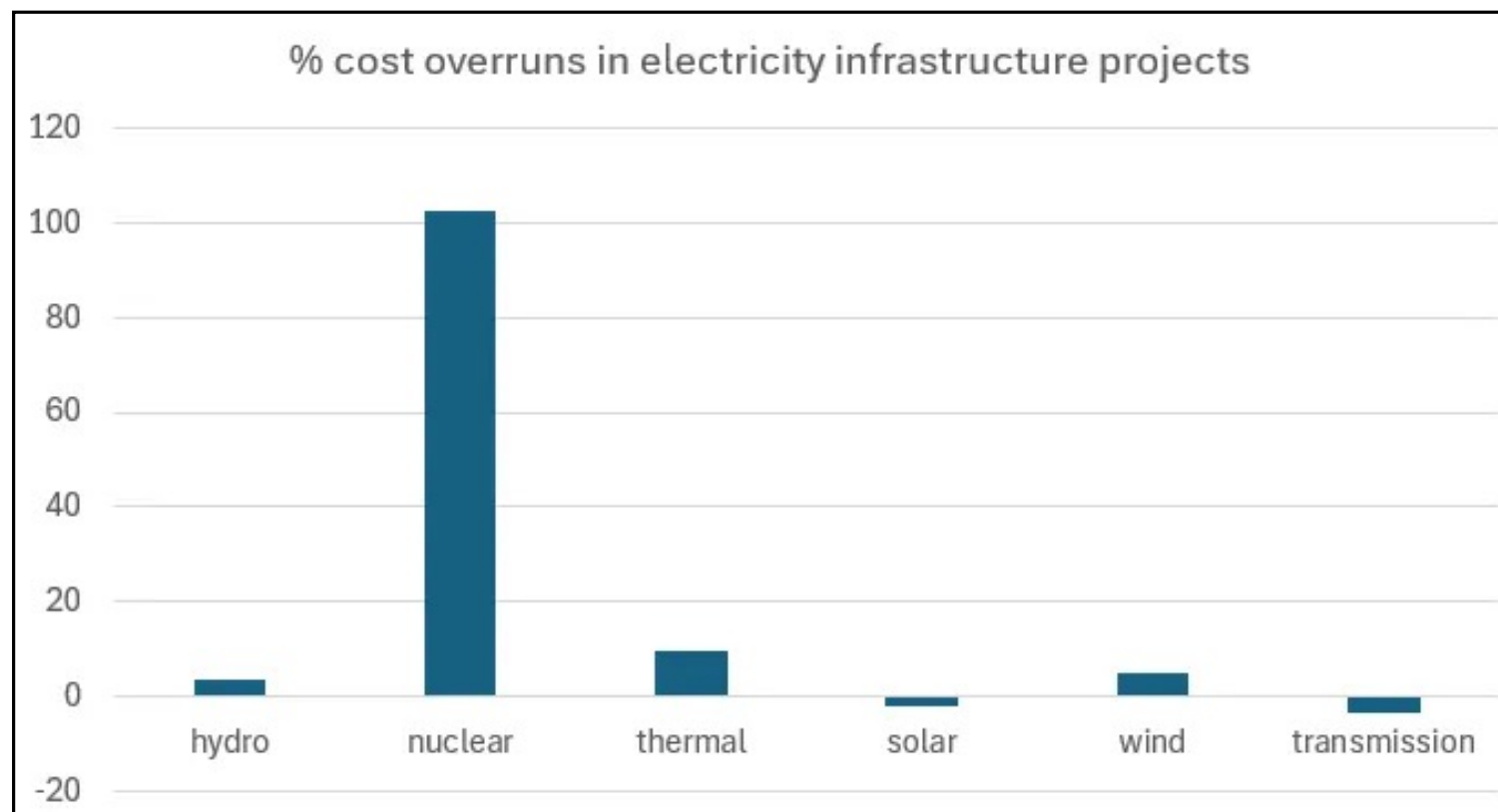
in the UK, such that price rises have been less sharp than in 2022 in the aftermath of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine."

Boom and Bust for LNG. By early April, demand destruction for LNG **was beginning to take shape** as Asian energy importers like Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, and South Korea accelerated their shift to renewable energy or introduced more aggressive energy efficiency measures. More recently, gas usage has peaked and gone into decline in [Australia](#), while [South Korea](#) has committed to halve its annual fossil-fuelled electricity bill by adding 100 gigawatts of new renewable energy by 2030.



Reality checks/war shocks

Why nuclear is in trouble, in two graphs

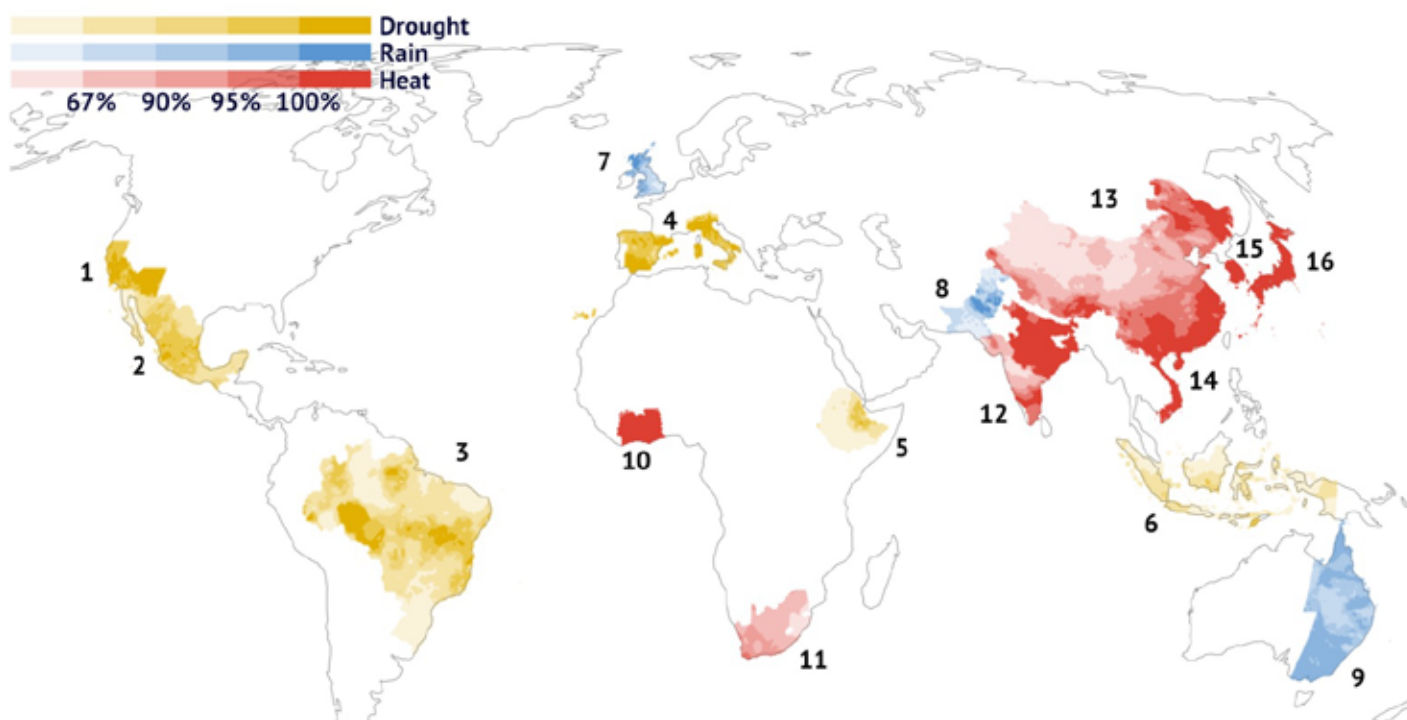


From [Two stories: Denmark's soaring renewable success and global nuclear construction disaster](#) by David Toke

Reality checks/war shocks

Extreme weather linked to soaring food prices in 2022-24 was often hotter, wetter or drier than past events

Exceedance of historical percentiles (1940-2019)



Drought

- 1. Southwestern US:** Vegetable prices rise 80% over November 2021-22 after droughts in 2022
- 2. Mexico:** Fruit and vegetables prices rise 20% over January 2023-24 after droughts in 2023
- 3. Brazil:** Global coffee prices rise 55% over August 2023-24 after drought in 2023-24
- 4. Italy/Spain:** EU olive oil prices rise 50% over January 2023-24 after drought in 2022-23
- 5. Ethiopia:** Food prices rise 40% over March 2022-23 after drought in 2022-23
- 6. Indonesia:** Rice prices rise 16% over February 2023-24 after drought in 2023

Rain

- 7. UK:** Potato prices rise 22% over January-February 2024 after heavy rain in September-December 2023
- 8. Pakistan:** Rural food prices rise 50% over 2022-23 after floods in August 2022
- 9. Australia:** Lettuce prices rise 300% in the months after floods in February-April 2022

Heat

- 10. Ghana/Ivory Coast:** Global cocoa prices rise 280% over April 2023-24 after heatwave in February 2024
- 11. South Africa:** Maize prices rise 36% over April 2023-24 after heatwave in March 2024
- 12. India:** Onion prices rise 89% and potatoes 81% over April-June 2024 compared to same period in 2023 after heatwave in May 2024
- 13. China:** Vegetable prices rise 30% over June-August 2024 after heatwave in August 2024
- 14. Vietnam:** Robusta coffee prices rise 100% over January-July 2024 after heatwave in February 2024
- 15. South Korea:** Cabbage prices rise 70% over September 2023-24 after heatwave in August 2024
- 16. Japan:** Rice prices rise 48% over September 2023-24 after heatwave in August 2024

Source: Kotz et al. (2025)

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Banking on disaster

Led by JPMorgan Chase, which provided \$58bn to coal, oil and gas companies and projectsGlobal banks provided \$906bn in fossil-fuel financing in 2025 – an increase of 8% since 2024. *This should probably be redefined as criminal activity. Ed.*

Mad dogs and Englishmen: Irony Press Reports of the Month

A moment of honesty from the I. *"We're downplaying the stuff that should be banner headlines. We've been trapped into thinking of climate change as woke. We – wrongly – think our readers don't care. And when we get the hottest May on record we, once again, miss the real story."*

In an article written in an air conditioned office, the **Daily Mail** describes workers and schoolchildren staying home in the heat as the *"great British bunk off"* and their TV critic (so obviously a man with expertise) writes that during heat in 1957, people *"just rolled up their trouser-legs and had an ice-cream"*.

In an almost magnificent failure to join the dots, the **Daily Telegraph** reports on the *"battle to stop Britain burning"*, saying that *"faced with warming temperatures, the country's wildlife and vegetation is threatened by destructive fires"*. As if all the effort they put into dissing efforts to mitigate climate breakdown had nothing to do with that.

The **i newspaper** notes *"extreme heat is putting the UK at risk of blackouts as the grid struggles to cope with soaring temperatures"* and *"36C classrooms are coming and they will make pupils fail exams"*; which rests on the presumption that students, teachers and their unions will put up with teaching and learning in such impossible conditions. The **joint unions heatwave protocol** is the beginning of resistance.

In the **Times** Cindy Yu says that the threat of climate change is *"real"*, but argues *"clean green tech makes us dependent on Beijing"*. So, better dead than red, or green? Ed

The **Daily Telegraph** says a new government deal with the EU that will see surplus wind power sold abroad is *"wasteful"*. A more accurate word might be *exports*.

Optimism of the Intellect

More than half of the wind, solar, battery energy storage, gas and hydro plants needed for Labour's 2030 clean power target have now been offered grid connections.

An additional 92,000 extra jobs could be supported annually, if ambitious investment in the electricity grid is sustained to 2040. And £34bn investment in the grid over the next 15 years would unlock £194bn for the economy, a 4:1 return on investment; while a report from Cambridge University finds that **accelerated electrification could generate 250,000 jobs overall**.

North Yorkshire County Council has made its formal decision about fracking in Burniston, near Scarborough. And it's a NO.

The **Northern Irish Local Government Association** is the first public sector body to offer their staff paid 'journey days' on top of annual leave for flight-free holidays. By setting a precedent, this could help unlock climate-friendly holidays for hundreds of thousands of public sector workers across the UK. For more information, and to take this up through your union, check out Possible's **Sustainable Travel Leave** initiative.

When asked to choose between a local solar farm or a fracking site, 43% of Reform voters backed solar. Only 23% chose fracking. Such "*net zero zealots!*"

Nissan has signed a deal with the Chinese EV manufacturing company Chery to begin making their cars at its Sunderland factory from next year. This is the UK's largest car plant, with 6,000 workers, and this deal helps secure those jobs in the face of Nissan's global restructuring; which threatens 20,000 jobs worldwide. The FT reports that the government's plans for 1.3mn vehicles produced annually by 2035, requires Chinese brands expanding investment and production in the UK. Steve Bush of Unite said: "*This is very good news for Nissan's Sunderland workers and the UK's automotive industry in general at a time of uncertainty for the sector. Chinese vehicles are increasingly visible on British roads so it makes sense for UK workers to build them here as well.*"

The world's coastal mangrove forests, which protect millions of people from storms - and soak up vast amounts of greenhouse gases - are beginning to recover. For decades these had been declining rapidly as they were cleared for fish farms and housing. But since 2010 the world has been gaining more mangroves than it has been losing - driven by stronger legal protections and increased public awareness of their importance. But the key factor is their remarkable capacity to regenerate naturally once humans stop chopping them down.

China's unified national parks system is designed to integrate local communities into conservation rather than displace them. A "*one household, one ranger*" scheme has turned more than 17,000 former herders into salaried ecological wardens, reflecting a model of social and environmental integration. In one village in Sichuan per capita incomes have quadrupled as a result.



Photo by Uniq Trek on Unsplash

A US judge has scrapped a Trump administration policy that made it more difficult for wind and solar energy projects to claim tax subsidies. Meanwhile solar supplied 12.8% of US electricity in May, while coal accounted for 12.2% despite Trump trying to subsidise the latter with more than \$700 million this year.

Solar power overtook coal in US electricity generation in May, marking "the first time the renewable source bested the fossil fuel in a calendar month".

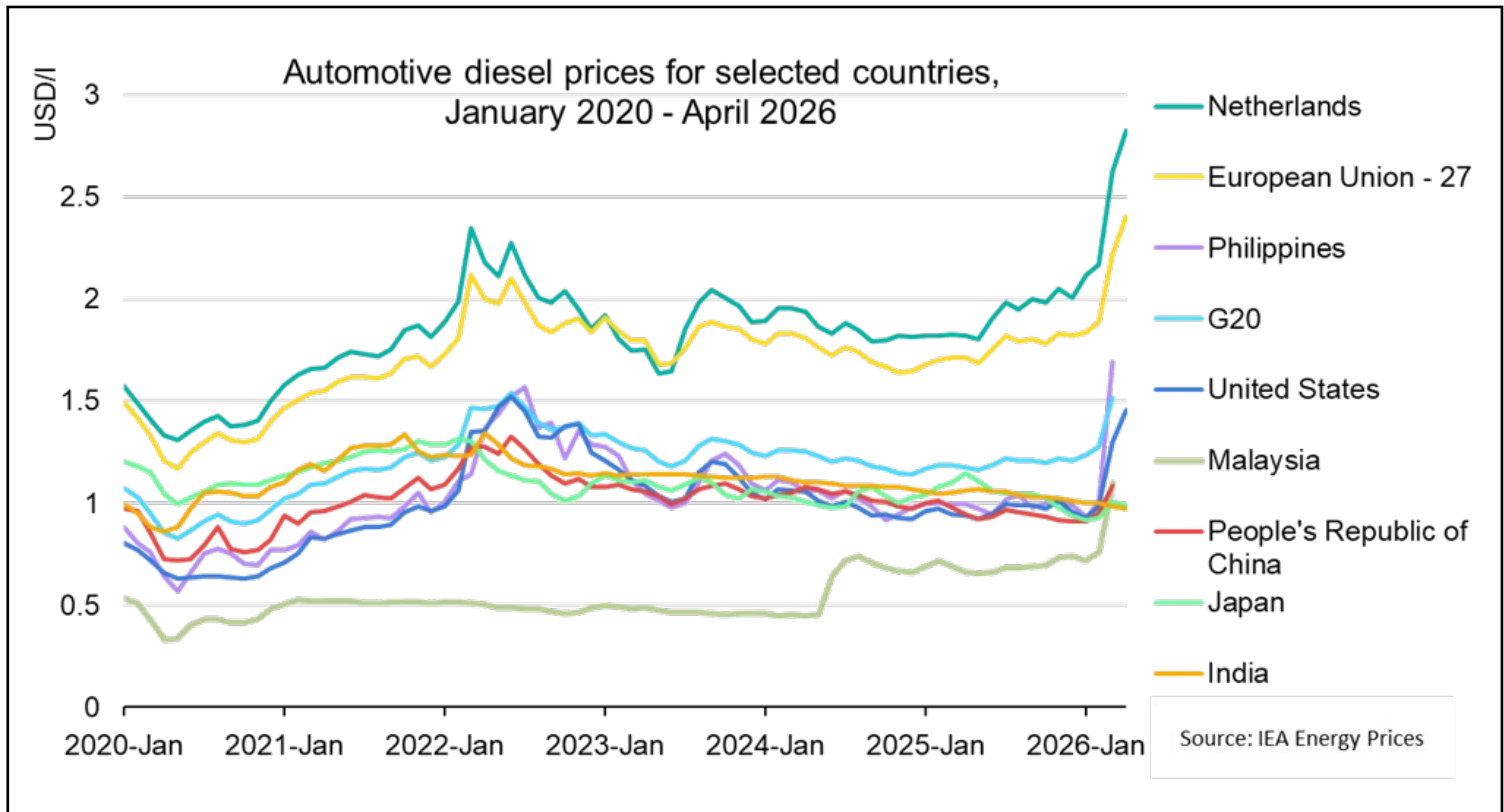
Despite Trump, "about two-thirds of Americans say they are worried about the climate crisis", according to long-standing **Yale University polling**.

The Trump administration is "*abandoning its plan*" to dismantle a \$368m ocean monitoring system key for tracking climate change after a "**bipartisan backlash on Capitol Hill**".

Driven by the expansion of renewables and accelerating adoption of electric vehicles, **Australia's** emissions fell by 10m tonnes in 2025, representing an annual drop of 2% for the year. At the same time, power bills are coming down on the back of the renewable rollout.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) predicts that global investments in oil projects will fall below \$500bn in 2026, continuing a three-year decline. Analysis from **Carbon Brief** shows the US's data-centre boom means it is now investing more in fossil-fuel power than China.

Optimism of the Intellect



One reason why **30% of new vehicle sales globally this year are scheduled to be EVs.**

Of the 322 energy projects announced across Africa in 2025, 173 were solar projects, followed by hydropower at 46, wind at 34, gas at 22 and hybrid energy projects at 14.

"Africa is not on the periphery of the global energy transition, it is sitting at its centre. The continent holds the world's best renewable resources, and the economics have now decisively turned in favor of clean energy." **Mugwe Manga, climate finance lead at FSD Kenya**

China exported almost 1.2m tonnes of solar cells in April 2026 - a 60% rise year-on-year - indicating solar's attractiveness globally in the face of rising energy prices caused by **the war on Iran**. High demand for panels has been reported across **Europe, Asia** and **Africa**. In the **Philippines**, the conflict is "driving" solar uptake as *"People want solar and people want solar now."* At the same time, CATL, the world's biggest battery maker, projects that **energy storage is expected to account for half of its global sales by 2030**, up from 25% now, while **Jinko Solar** expects its energy storage shipments to double in gigawatt-hours this year. China has also announced a **three-year action plan** to accelerate energy-saving and carbon-reduction upgrades across nine sectors with high energy consumption and carbon emissions, including steel, electrolytic aluminium, oil refining, methanol and coal-fired power generation.

The European Commission has approved a €23bn state subsidy scheme for renewable electricity in Italy.

Silent Tuk Tuks. 70% of the autorickshaws sold in India last year were EV's because they are cleaner, more reliable and cheaper (and quieter, no more tuk tuk tuk). Increased fossil fuel prices can only accelerate this.



THE CLIMATE CRISIS A TRADE UNION ISSUE



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The **Workers Planet** event will happen again in Brighton on

Saturday 12 September 2026!

Doors will open at 10.30am for a 11am start.

Registration should open at the end of June and the new programme is not yet launched on our **website** but you can still see last year's programme to give you a flavour of what is to come.

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**Global Week of Action
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Divest from War – Invest in The Just Transition!

If NATO states meet the spending target of 5% of GDP accepted by almost all members at the June 2025 NATO Summit, they would divert **\$19 trillion to military build-up by 2030**. Estimates suggest that this would generate an extra 2,760 million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO₂) over the next five years – that is, more carbon emissions than the combined annual emissions of Brazil and Japan.

The third annual Week of Action for Peace & Climate Justice will address the links between war, militarism/ militarisation and social, economic and climate injustice. It will promote grassroots action and policymaking to confront both genocide and ecocide – for peace and a just systemic transition.

[More details here](#)

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Of people in Alberta Canada who say they want more wind and solar developed in or near their communities. They also think the Alberta government, which is digging in on fossils and putting obstacles in the way of renewables, “should be doing more to encourage the development of emission free sources, such as wind and solar, in the province,” The same proportion of people all over Canada support **taxation of excess oil and gas profits** to lower energy bills

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The number of bidders in the Trump administration’s auction for drilling leases in the Arctic national wildlife refuge, as big oil companies sat out a sale considered to be a “key test of the oil industry’s appetite to drill in the rugged frozen tundra”.

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Of additional UK carbon emissions resulting from the relaxation of the zero emission vehicle mandate last year. To make this worse, the BBC reports that “support is growing in the government to bring forward a review of the mandate for cars to be fully electric by 2035” in a review next year in order to weaken it further. Nevertheless, the Times that “running a petrol car will cost twice as much as electric this year” so the carrot could be about to overcome the stick.

40%

Fall in deaths linked to air pollution in London over the five years from 2019 from a study by Imperial College London which also found that toxic air pollution in London had reduced sharply, with nitrogen dioxide levels down 41% and fine particulate pollution down 28%.The ULEZ saves lives..

£175

The additional cost per owner in the UK of running a fossil fuel car over an EV in the first 100 days of the war on Iran. That adds up to £6.3 billion altogether.

5

The number of years during which the proportion of global energy generated by gas has fallen - down from 23.9% in 2020 to 21.8% in 2025 - because the lion’s share of energy demand growth now comes from renewables, particularly solar; which is growing at 17 times the rate of gas. We are close to the tipping point at which gas demand begins to fall in absolute terms as almost half of the world’s gas-producing nations have already surpassed “peak” generation.

85.1%

of young people in a survey conducted by China Youth Daily said low-carbon concepts have become “more integrated into their daily lives”.

\$1
Trillion

Worth of climate damage caused annually by the richest 1% of the global population.

£1,100

Annual amount currently being saved by EV drivers over fossil car drivers in the UK. This amounts to £3 billion in aggregate. In this context, and the news that new EVs are now cheaper, the government’s proposal to cut the EV mandate for 2030 from 80% to 50% is the opposite of going with the flow.

460

The number of cities in China that have networks of dockless shared bicycles letting millions cycle to work. This has been cited by the WHO as a model for developing countries to emulate to enhance healthy travel.



Quotes of the Month

"Sunlight has to travel 93 million miles to reach the Earth, but none of those miles go through the Strait of Hormuz". [Bill McKibbin](#)

Badenoch and Farage want to build a typewriter economy five years after the launch of the PC. They want to turn UK industry into a heritage railway. James Murray, editor-in-chief of [BusinessGreen](#)

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