

How Quickly Can California Be Destroyed?

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It's hard to destroy a state. Or rather, the advanced industrial economy of a state.

Mud slides, eco-policy-abetted wildfires, exploding taxes and spending and regulations, riots, pandemics — such things go only so far. After the latest holocausts and catastrophes abate (if they do), survivors can still soldier on. Mow the lawn, say hello to neighbors, hop in the car to get to work, and so forth.

Is there a solution? Yes! Pile on the calamities thicker, faster, harder. While people are still



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reeling from one natural disaster or lunatic policy decision, slug them again!

California Governor Gavin Newsom is taking this lesson to heart, bless him. He has signed

an order banning production of emission-emitting cars and light trucks by 2035, in hopes of eliminating "sales of internal combustion engines."

He also wants lawmakers to get cracking on banning fracking. No point helping to produce abundant means of combustion if you're outlawing combustion.

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If the key to life is paying fealty to environmentalist pieties immunized from cogent analysis, we must end industry ASAP. Stopping plastic straws and internal combustion isn't enough.

Sock it to 'em!

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.