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The Energy Trap

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After the spectacular failures of the COVID response, "the experts" appear to be on a roll. That is, they are once again not "following the science" but being led by politics, ideology, and the madness of crowds.

The big issues right now demonstrating mass folly on a societal level? Aside from agriculture policy, trade, subsidy, banking and high finance, and "climate change,"

the big one — not unrelated to most of the rest — is the power grid.

About which our leaders seem to be nuts.

What we know is the supply of "renewable energy" is nowhere near enough to meet the general

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demand for energy. California's a great example, announcing "the end of fossil fuel-powered car sales by 2035" but sporting a power grid that is already unable to handle demand, which became bitterly funny when the Golden State asked citizens not to charge their electric cars during high-



demand hot days.

"US Power Grid Needs Trillions in Upgrades to Accommodate Renewable Energy Demands," reads a recent *Epoch Times* feature.

Trillions.

It's not as if America is rolling, like Uncle Scrooge, in trillion-dollar surpluses. As I type these words, the US Debt Clock shows the federal government quickly approaching \$31 trillion in public debt.

So now we'll need more trillions to keep the lights on? Yes.

Our lives depend on electrical energy, our *civilization* runs on electricity, but our leaders have been painting us into a corner. Bad policies that hobble efficient fuel sources and pushing inefficient sources have set a trap.

And the only real way out of the trap is one politicians don't like: admitting they were wrong and reversing their policies.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.