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Energy Curiosities: Update

(An Ongoing Image Essay: That Started With One Irony in 2015)

Popular superstitions about energy and pipelines continue to record remarkable ironies. Years ago, this article started as what was thought would be a one-off amusement, but undisciplined passions provide a never-ending series of staged events that are subject to ridicule. And ridicule is number five in Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals". As a guide to destroying the middle classes and the prosperity that they and freedom provide it has been a remarkably successful codex.

With intrusion becoming so strident, it is time for practical people to unrelentingly apply "Rule # 5" and ridicule all of the control freak's blatant nonsense.

Many on the path to nihilism either now or in any century have been effective without a formal study of the "Rules". Not all radicals are educated.

However, nihilism in all its forms is being seen by a growing number of ordinary folk in many countries as becoming destructive. That's to good order, peace of mind and sound prosperity rather than the false prosperity flowing from government stimulus checks.

And with government having no money of its own, where is all the "lolly" coming from?

Taxpayers who are being choked by abusive regulations.



In June, two states joined the 21 that are suing the federal government for arbitrarily cancelling the Keystone XL pipeline. A step to curb passionate politics and to return to practical economics.



Canada's Federal Government Is Using CO2 Superstitions to Squash Development and Transport of Natural Resources.

Just Some 300 Kms of Pipeline Would Deliver Western Crude to Eastern Canada

Which Would Prevent Oil Tankers from Contaminating the Pristine Waters of the Saint Lawrence River

Canadian Pension Funds Are Investing in Pipelines in Abu Dhabi

CO2 Is More Important Than an Efficient Canadian Economy?

Nihilism Will Be Imposed Until it is Seen Not to Work

“Since 2008, a whopping 58,255 kilometers of new crude oil pipelines have been added to the U.S. network. Despite steadily rising oil production, Canada added zero kilometers of new pipelines over the same period.”

– Troy Media, March 21, 2019.

Oil Shortage

A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage in Canada.

Well, there's a very simple answer,
Nobody bothered to check the oil.

We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for this is purely geographical.

Our oil is located in:

ALBERTA
SASKATCHEWAN
BRITISH COLUMBIA
MANITOBA
COASTAL NEW BRUNSWICK
COASTAL NEWFOUNDLAND

And our DIPSTICKS are located in OTTAWA



Political Passions Overwhelm Commonsense

Millions of trees were chopped down in Scotland in converting the huge Drax power station in Northern England from coal to “biomass”. So, they burn millions of trees transported from Canada and the US.

No protests by the “Tree Huggers”?



– *The Telegraph*, June 2, 2018.

The Left gets weirder every day.

Guile + Gullibility + Ambition = Costly Hardship

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The Liberal Federal Government is torn between the passions of mob politics and the dispassionate rule of law. It reminds of a donkey standing between two equally compelling stacks of hay.

The following by broadcaster Mike Campbell is a good intro to the latest pipeline fiasco:

Kiss The Jobs and Government Revenue Goodbye - along with Canada's Investment Reputation

on Monday, 09 April 2018 08:24

\$47 billion lost in government revenue - 800,000 man hours of work gone if the Trans Mountain pipeline gets scrapped. And for what? Best case scenario is .03 of a % reduction in global emissions. But don't worry - there's one big winner - San Francisco based Corporate Ethics, who in 2008 launched and financed the campaign to landlock Alberta oil. Oh yeah, US oil producers are smiling too.

– Michael Campbell



Russian Pipelines



Dante prescribed a special place in Hell for false moneyers (in today's terms central bankers). He could not have imagined the consequences of control freaks and their superstitions about energy.

Boston Relies Upon Russian Natural Gas

“U.S. LNG exports support American jobs, lower energy prices abroad, and contribute to Europe’s security goals by using a reliable, market-based supplier.”



“New England’s lack of pipeline infrastructure means the region is now reliant on natural gas shipments from Russia.”

– Quotes: *Daily Caller*, January 27, 2018.

In 1981, the Reagan administration cautioned Europe about relying upon Russian oil and gas supplies.

“What makes New England’s [energy shortage] so tragic is that the United States is now a veritable world energy superpower.”

– *The Hill*, January 29, 2018.

“Germany’s Waken Hard Rock Festival Gets a Beer Pipeline”

– BBC, May 24, 2017.



The pipeline is 4 miles long and with a 14-inch diameter, it can carry a lot of beer.

“Two miles of Beer: Bruges Pipe Dream Becomes Reality”

– The Guardian, July 8, 2016.

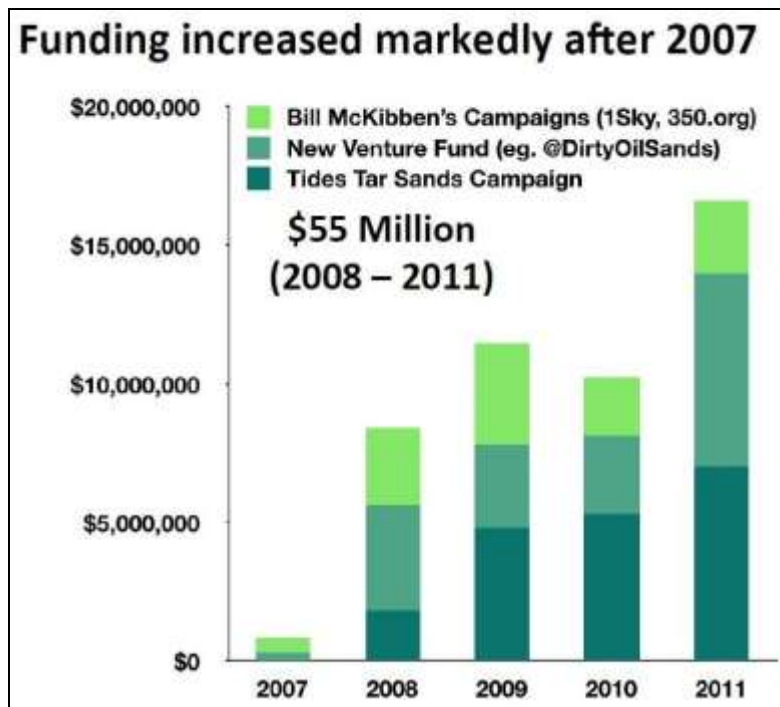
BBC and The Guardian are activist publications and did not report any protests. Of course, the obvious danger is that beer contains a lot of CO₂. But, pipelines reduce the risk of carrying beer in tanker-trucks.

Money should flow to practical energy projects, with the flow to charlatans beginning to diminish.

“Trump Revives Keystone Pipeline Rejected by Obama”

– The New York Times, January 24, 2016.

Funding for Protestors



“This is not a done deal.”

– Bill McKibben, *350.org*, January 24, 2016.

September 2016

Lately, Canada's energy markets have become even more curious.

The West Coast pipeline is protested because it would increase oil tanker traffic on the pristine Pacific Ocean.

The pipeline to the East Coast is protested, despite that it would reduce the number of oil tankers on the pristine Saint Lawrence River.



"TransCanada Corp launches US \$15 billion lawsuit against U.S. government for rejecting Keystone XL"

– Financial Post, January 6, 2016.



During Obama's term the U.S. constructed some 10,000 miles of pipeline.

Wind Turbines 1980's: Admired



Oil Wells 1930's, California: No Longer Admired



Wind Turbines Recent: Greatly Admired



U.S. solar developers are luring cash at record rates from investors ranging from Warren Buffett to Google Inc. (GOOG) and KKR & Co. by offering returns on projects four times those available for Treasury securities.

Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (BRK/A) together with the biggest Internet search company, the private equity company and insurers MetLife Inc. (MET) and John Hancock Life Insurance Co. poured more than \$500 million into renewable energy in the last year. That's the most ever for companies outside the club of banks and specialist lenders that traditionally back solar energy, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance data.

Wind Turbine Bird Kills:

In 2011 the Los Angeles Times reported such bird kills amounted to 440,000 annually.

Not Widely Published



Oil-Coated Birds:

Widely Published



Bringing Down False Icons



Lenin Finally Topples

Pipeline Right of Way, Pennsylvania:

Very unpopular



Permitted Way of Transporting Crude Oil



Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) owns all of the rail lines in the US that connect to western Canada, and they haul 80%+ of the crude from Canada to the Midwest and Texas or charge other Short Line railroads a fee to use their tracks. BNSF charges \$30 per barrel to haul the oil while the Keystone Pipeline would cost \$10 per barrel by the State Department's own estimates. BNSF is owned by Berkshire Hathaway whose chairman is Warren Buffet. In the last 2 election cycles, Buffet gave extensively to democrat causes and candidates. He also bundled and hosted numerous fund raisers for Obama. If anyone believes the Keystone Pipeline isn't being blocked by Obama on Buffet's behalf, I've got a bridge to sell you. Buffet could stand to lose \$2 billion+ a year if the pipeline is constructed. He makes the same amount every year that the pipeline is delayed.

Where is the Libtard Media on this story???

Train Wreck Alabama



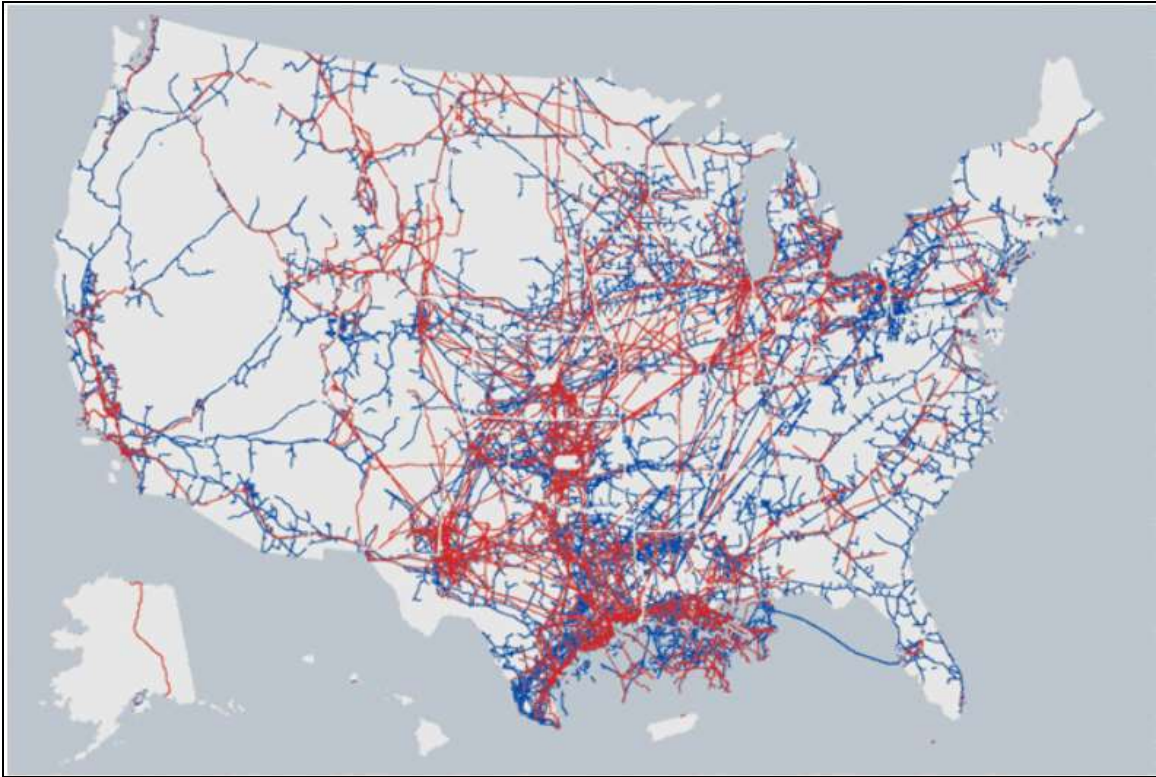
Train Wreck February 2015: New, Stronger Oil Tanker Cars



"Crude oil hauled by rail needs to be shipped in stronger tanker cars and on safer routes, transportation investigators in the U.S. and Canada said following a series of accidents in North America."

– Bloomberg, January 23, 2014.

Pipelines
2,500,000 Miles Can't All Be Wrong



By way of perspective, the length of proposed Keystone pipeline amounts to **1,179** miles.

That works out to an increase in total mileage of 0.0047 percent.



The Scientific Method: Then and Now

