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Good Morning

We will be placing your comments below in consumer correspondence in Docket No. 20260000, and forwarding them to the Office of Consumer Assistance.

Thank you,  
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**To:** Lawmakers/policymakers!!!!

**From:** Residents

**Subject:** [FL Energy Policy-Stop expanding CCP wind/Solar/Batteries!!!!!!!!!!!!](#)

Be advised WSJ article by US Navy Scholar, re ills of renewable energy dependence created for CCP/Iran/UsEnemies!!!!!!!!!!  
FL Energy policy a national security issue, we are failing!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Request:**

*Stop expanding CCP Solar farms on FL farm land, supporting China/MiddleEast threatening security of every American!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

Please advise how FL has adjusted dependence on Renewable in favor of additional Fossil fuel generation?

***FYI:*** NeoLiberals been right about anything, ever??? ☐ 🐻 Western Libs gave Iran/Crazies a *weapon, didn't have to build!!!!!!!!!!!!*

- ***\$Trillions spent CCP produced Wind/Solar/Batteries/Cars!!!***
- ***World depends on Fossil fuel 87% same as 1970 😞!!!***
- ***West more dependent on Evil for life necessities than ever!!!***
- ***Ignored Africa abundant new fossil fuel source in favor of solar/wind farms???? 😞***
- ***Energy to be treated as National Security issue!!!!!!!!!!!!***

***PS:*** What have Policy Makers & Progressives done 😞😞, strengthened China, Middle east 😞😞!!!!!!!!!!

***Summary:***

The author argues that the current energy crisis is a result of global energy policy, specifically the abandonment of fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy. This shift, driven by Western countries, has left the world's energy supply vulnerable to disruptions and price increases. The author suggests that restoring energy security requires a reevaluation of energy policies, recognizing the continued importance of fossil fuels and addressing the vulnerabilities associated with renewable energy.

# ***Renewable' Energy Gives Us a Crisis***

# WSJ

By Brenda Shaffer

Every major energy crisis invites finger-pointing. In 2022, the world blamed Russia's invasion of Ukraine for a spike in natural-gas prices. This time, it's attributing the energy crisis to the war in Iran. But challenges in energy production and trade because of geopolitical tension are common. The true culprit behind recent disruptions and price volatility is global energy policy. Western countries' abandonment of fossil fuels left the world's energy supply vulnerable to disruptions and price increases.

For years, the world's top policymakers have heralded the move from fossil fuels to renewable energy as an inevitability. *Despite trillions of dollars in renewable technology investments,*

*fossil fuels accounted for 87% Of global energy consumption in 2024, almost unchanged from the 1970s.* *Global oil, natural-gas and coal demand reached record levels in 2025.*

*Under the illusion of an imminent energy transition, Western governments and institutions stopped investing in fossil fuels. In 2019 the World Bank halted funding for upstream oil and natural-gas projects. The International Energy Agency's "Net Zero by 2050" report in 2021 called for no new investments in fossil fuels. The same year the Group of Seven countries committed to end public financing for overseas fossilfuel projects. The message was clear: Investment in oil, gas and coal was no longer welcome. These policies have inflicted devastating consequences particularly in Africa, where large volumes of oil and gas in multiple fields were discovered in the 2010s. Had investments continued, Africa could have become a critical energy supplier, and the increased supply outside the Middle East could have softened the effect of current energy disruptions. While the West doubled down on the renewable-energy pivot, energy security continued to suffer. Europe chose to rely on volatile liquefied natural gas supplies from distant regions rather than making long-term commitments to more secure sources such as pipeline gas from Azerbaijan. The U.S. retreated from its traditional role of ensuring freedom of navigation on the world's seas, a core tenet of global energy security. The Biden administration's withdrawal from its global maritime security responsibilities— exemplified by its failure for several years to address Houthi attacks on Red Sea shipping and the spillover of the Russia-Ukraine war into the Black Sea since 2022—set the stage for the current challenge in the Strait of Hormuz.*

*Since the Iran war began, many Western policymakers have stated that moving to renewable energy would avoid oil and gas crises. But a transition carries geopolitical challenges, too. As countries increasingly rely on China for solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles and critical minerals, they risk dependence on a single strategic competitor. Electrification also raises the risk of cyberattacks, which threaten the stability of energy infrastructure. Rather than reducing risk, renewable energy opens new vulnerabilities that could undermine national security. Additionally, renewable energy is still dependent on a baseload of fossil fuels— it can't replace them outright.*

*Europe's reliance on expensive and unreliable renewable power has already begun to deindustrialize parts of the Continent. The U.K. and Germany are experiencing economic challenges as high electricity costs diminish industrial competitiveness.*

*To restore global energy security, the U.S. and its allies must see the problem as a national-security imperative. The Trump administration should require that the World Bank and the G-7 unleash energy production in the developing world through restoration of public finance. Washington and its allies need to uphold freedom of navigation of the world's seas and not wait until a crisis to address a threat.*

*Europe needs to face reality. Adding large amounts of renewable energy produced higher prices, less reliable grids, and more dependence on China. If the West is going to withstand the next crisis, policymakers need to **treat energy security as a national- security priority—and realize fossil fuels aren't going anywhere.***

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