

PEAK OIL WARS

AND

GLOBAL PERMACULTURE SOLUTIONS

A Political Map to Connect the Dots

Ecology • Energy • Economy

the choice for civilization: cooperation or collapse

Fake Debates				Solutions		
limited hang outs	best evidence	disinformation distractions		local	bioregional	global
techno-fix? it can't change the limits to growth	we must change the way we live	elites fund some eco-groups, but ecocide is real	ecology	clean air, water and food are essential needs	biomimicry: use nature to heal and restore	info exchange about green tech solutions
addicted to oil? we are totally dependent on it	oil has largest Energy Return on Investment	energy crisis is not just a scam to make money	energy	appropriate technology home power	gigawatt scale renewable energy and public utilities	use remaining oil for global permaculture
new highways include some mass transit as public relations	no US city has stopped road expansions due to Peak Oil	a few NAFTA super highway opponents use racist appeals	transport	be rooted in your local area explore your watershed	mass transit intercity rail the end of just-in-time distribution	think globally, live locally: use internet not jets
smart growth is an illusion after overshoot	Peak Oil means urbanization has peaked	libertarian views that free market will self-regulate	intelligent urban design	green buildings un-intentional community	integrate urban culture, suburbs and farms	seven billion miracles is enough
small backyard gardens are not enough	our food is grown with fossil fuels	real vs. false claims of food safety issues	food	food not lawns eat seasonal foods	community food security, rebuild local production	can we feed nine billion after oil?
we are not merely in a recession	limits to growth caused financial crash	ultra right wing obsession about Jewish bankers	economy	relocalize everywhere local money	steady state economics admits limits to growth	globalization will reverse as oil declines
incompetence theories distract from psychopathy	the method to their madness: Peak Oil Wars is their motive	conspiracy theories created by conspirators discredit inquiry	political map	cooperative neighborhoods and direct democracy	bioregional governments and regional sufficiency	planetary consciousness a world beyond war
"progressive" liberalism is not the whole shift	the internet is part of creating a global culture	counterculture: a meme to keep people divided	culture	ignore TV help revive public life	grassroots democratic revivals needed	international intercultural interaction
the material world is all that there is	spiritual energy is real, religion is metaphor	fundamentalism Christian, Jewish Muslim Hindu ...	spirituality	inner work meditation group ritual	religious tolerance and interfaith dialogue	recognize the unity of all creation

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	Incompetence Theories	Best Evidence	Disinformation Discredits
Climate Change	<p>A "limited hang out" is admitting to a small crime to avoid the full scandal. Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth" is a good description of the science of global warming, but the film downplays corporate and government responsibility. He ignored lifestyle shifts that will be needed in the wealthy parts of the world to mitigate the crisis. Gore supported policies that worsened climate change when he was in the White House, including the NAFTA treaty, World Trade Organization, SUVs, energy deregulation (which led to the Enron scandal), more Alaska oil drilling and the largest expansion of the Interstate Highway System since Eisenhower.</p> <p><i>"sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul" -- Ed Abbey</i></p>	<p>The mass media, politicians and most environmental groups do not want to ask why our society largely ignored warnings about climate change. Few consider how Peak Oil and Climate Change are two ways of looking at the same problem of overconsumption. Depletion is how we will reduce our carbon footprint "80% by the Year 2050."</p> <p>The best analyses of Peak Oil and Climate Change conclude these problems would have to be addressed a decade or two before they reach full strength - yet both problems are here, now. The shadow government (military industrial complex) did not want to deal with these problems because the solutions are inherently decentralized and our monetary system requires ever increasing growth. Since we missed the opportunity to solve these issues as gently as possible, governments are creating a global surveillance police state to suppress dissent as the oil that runs the show becomes scarce and expensive, and climate change reduces food and water supplies. www.oilempire.us/triple-crisis.html</p>	<p>The US military has conducted experiments to alter the weather for several decades, and even boasts about efforts to "control the weather in 2020." An international treaty banning weather modification as a weapon of war was signed in 1976 -- so this is not a hypothetical technology that only exists in paranoid fantasies. But it would be misleading to suggest that deliberate weather modification is the primary source for global climate change. Some less-than-reliable websites that promote a variety of not-quite-real claims about political topics argue that weather technology is the culprit, not our use of toxic technologies to power the "American Way of Life."</p> <p>The weather is changed through technology every time a car is turned on or a light bulb is connected to the power grid. While corporations and governments bear the largest responsibility for the problem, billions of individual actions need to shift, too.</p>
Peaked Oil	<p>The environmental movement states we need to be free from oil but does not discuss how fossil fuels are more concentrated than the alternatives. "Energy independence" could fuel a smaller, steady state economy, not our globalized system. We are not addicted to oil, we are totally dependent on it for moving food supplies to mega-cities. Food security is the main energy issue.</p>	<p>Peak Oil and other resource conflicts require us to scale back overconsumption. Surviving and thriving after Peak Oil would require widespread relocalization of agriculture (Food not Lawns), profound political shifts and changing the way that money works to support a steady state, truly sustainable economy no longer dependent on exponential growth. Desperate reactions to fossil fuel depletion -- tar sands, Liquid Natural Gas, shale gas, mountaintop removal of coal, more nukes -- are worsening ecocide. We are also past Peak Ore (minerals).</p>	<p>Some Peak Oil deniers claim that Peak Oil is just an oil company conspiracy to hike profits, although few suggest taxing Exxon's profits to expand Amtrak or fund renewable energy projects. Some deniers are just confusing the public to buy time to implement the real conspiracy: exclude the public from decisions on what to do with the remaining oil (relocalized food or endless war?). How we use the rest of the oil determines the human race's future. "Powerdown" is the only viable solution to Peak Oil.</p>
Peak Money	<p>"If anybody could have predicted this economic crisis, I would have liked to have met them." -- Ellen Weiss, NPR's senior vice president for news, PBS News Hour 2008-12-11</p> <p>Some of the media, government elites, and the financial world knew the financial crash was imminent but feigned surprise in public while planning their exit strategies and wargaming how to manage and manipulate the crisis. The meltdown is not a cyclical recession, it is a permanent economic shift.</p>	<p>The economy is a subset of the environment, they are not co-equal concepts. Without an environment there cannot be an economy. The global crash of the financial system was triggered partly because we have reached the limits to endless growth on a finite planet. The End of Growth has been reached, which transcends ideologies.</p> <p>A reason why Climate Change gets media attention and Peak Oil does not is that it is easier to imagine economic "growth" continuing with strategies solely focused on mitigating the climate crisis, although "growth" and overdevelopment are root causes. It is harder to pretend that growth could continue if Peak Oil means that the powering of industrial civilization is going to inexorably decline.</p>	<p>Ultra right wing critiques of the Federal Reserve and monetary policy that mix accurate understanding with environmental misinformation and exaggeration of the role of Jewish bankers supposedly running the world. Some of these promoters are sincere but slightly skewed in their analyses, others are deliberate efforts to discredit deep critiques of the status quo. Even the worst of these approaches have parts of the analysis that are accurate, but the good parts are often hard to find through the not-so-good.</p> <p>Financial critiques that downplay the role of transnational corporations avoid the core problem. www.oilempire.us/peak-money.html</p>

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