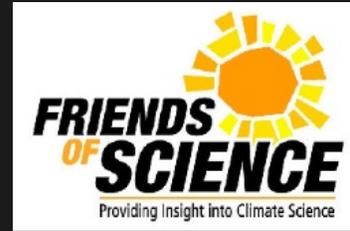


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Politicians, Activists and UN Climate Czar Mark Carney are Greenwashing You

(CALGARY) Canadian politicians Elizabeth May and Yves-François Blanchet are greenwashing the public, says Friends of Science Society. May's claim that "Oil is dead" and Blanchet claiming the Alberta "tar sands" oil has no market in interviews with [Vassey Kapelos on CBC's "Power and Politics"](#) show the two are misinformed on energy markets.

As discussed by EU energy expert and author [Prof. Samuel Furfari](#) in Counterpoint April 22, 2020, the recent oil price shock was due to the COVID19 sudden drop in demand. This was an unhappy outcome for speculative traders who got stuck with 'delivery' of a product they had intended to 'flip' for profit before delivery. Desperate to find storage space for the sudden glut of oil as airlines and transportation shut down, oil prices bottomed out. The dramatic price drop is not reflective of long-term markets.

Both Blanchet and May have pushed for 'green' transition, again apparently ignorant that 'to get wind, you need oil' as [Professor Emeritus Vaclav Smil](#) explains: *"...to get 2.5 TW of installed wind power by 2030, we would need an aggregate rotor mass of about 23 million metric tons, incorporating the equivalent of about 90 million metric tons of crude oil."*

Affirming that renewables are not a replacement for conventional energy, Robert Lyman, Ottawa energy policy consultant, has written a new report entitled ["Broken Promises: Why Renewables Offer no Resilient Recovery."](#)

Elizabeth May was blindsided by Michael Moore's documentary exposé, "Planet of the Humans", tweeting #whydidMichaelMoore – when Moore has simply pulled the curtain back on the decades of greenwashing claims by ENGOs and green/climate activists, who are acting as proxies for billionaire green crony capitalists.

According to the Competition Bureau of Canada, [this form of greenwashing is contrary to the act.](#)

The article, ["Michael Moore Acknowledges There are No Alternatives to the Energy Reality"](#), provides additional insights on Moore's film on renewables and green crony capitalists funding environmental groups and climate activists.

Engineer [Kent Zehr has also issued a paper](#) offering cost evaluations that counter the claims of Keller et al

(2019) that British Columbia could easily or cheaply move to electric vehicles, powered by renewables.

Europe provides an example of what happens to electricity prices with increasing levels of wind and solar installed capacity per person. The average solar and wind electricity prices in Europe are over 9 times that of electricity from other sources, mainly fossil fuels, according to an [analysis of electricity costs in Europe](#). Wind and solar power is so expensive largely because the cost of electricity from conventional sources used as back-up is much more expensive than electricity from those sources used to supply base load demand due to the requirement to offset the extreme variability of wind and solar power.

In related news, foreign-funded climate activist Tzeporah Berman, is also calling for fossil fuels to be phased out as part of the 'green COVID recovery'. Like UN climate czar Mark Carney, who has threatened to bankrupt firms non-compliant with his climate ideology, and who insisted investors must 'justify' fossil fuel investments on BBC, Dec. 30, 2019, on the eve of the pandemic, these high-profile people are apparently ignorant of the fact that modern medicine and society is only possible with the energy and product streams of coal, natural gas and coal. Beyond the COVID19 crisis, Prof. Michael J. Kelly of Oxford has stated that rapid decarbonization would cause 'mass deaths.'

Friends of Science Society is critical of Carney and global financiers who, in the [World Economic Forum report on Global Risks 2006](#) stated that "Hydrocarbons drive the world economy" and the number one concern was an "...oil price shock of a spike above \$80-100/bl." The second global risk identified was "Influenza pandemic" – described as an "acute threat." Instead, global financiers, insurers and government dropped the ball and focussed on climate change; pandemic dropped off the list of risks.

Friends of Science Society has issued a YouTube video comparing the current climate and carbon market mania to that of the 17th century mass public delusion and investment collapse in Holland, known as "[Tulip-o-mania.](#)"

From 2000-2018, the [top 40 ENGOs in Canada accrued tax-subsidized revenues of some \\$11 billion](#), influentially affecting climate and energy policies nation-wide, leading to a situation of '[Prosperity Foregone](#)' where >\$100 billion in investment was lost to Canada in just 2 years, mostly due to the skewed, unstable climate and carbon price policies foisted on Canadians by these "climate" and "clean-tech" activists.

None of their claims meet the Competition Bureau's standards on greenwashing. For COVID19 recovery, Friends of Science Society calls for a return to due diligence and full cost-benefit analysis over investments in ethereal climate and carbon markets which entail "...the lack of delivery of an invisible substance to no one." (Mark Schapiro, Harper's Magazine Feb. 2010)

About:

Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 18th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO₂).

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