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Do not heat your homes in the evenings, net zero quango tells public

Recommendation for people to turn off radiators at peak times branded a 'daft idea'

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Millions of families will be urged by a green quango not to heat their homes in the evening to [help the Government hit its net zero target](#).

[The Climate Change Committee](#) (CCC) said people should turn off their radiators at peak times as part of a wider drive to deliver “emissions savings”.

In a document on “behaviour change” the body recommended Britons “pre-heat” their houses in the afternoon when electricity usage is lower.

It said the move would save families money, but critics suggested the real reason was that renewables will not be able to provide enough energy to cope with peak demand.

The advice is contained in the CCC’s sixth “carbon budget” paper, which sets out [how the UK should reduce its emissions between 2033-37](#).

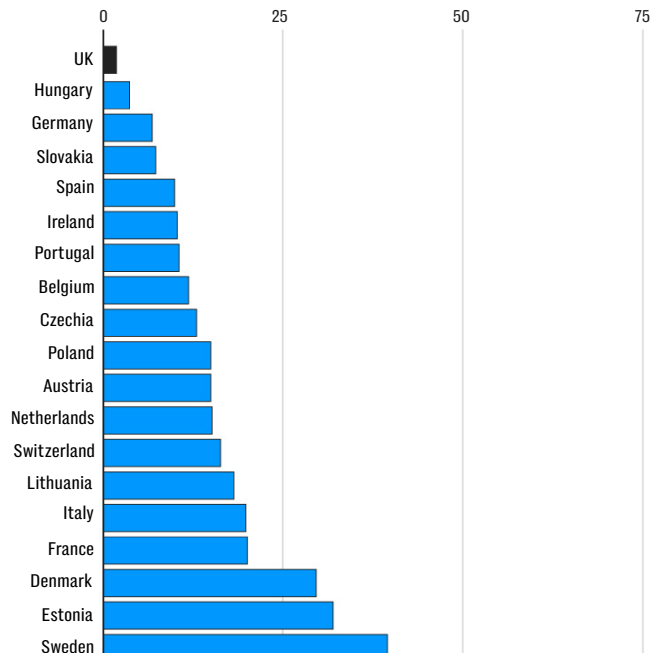
In it the quango suggests people with electrically powered heating systems, such as heat pumps, should switch off their radiators in the evening.

“There is significant potential to deliver emissions savings, just by changing the way we use our homes,” the dossier states.

“Where homes are sufficiently well insulated, it is possible to pre-heat ahead of peak times, enabling access to cheaper tariffs which reflect the reduced costs associated with running networks and producing power during off-peak times.”

The UK is strangely resistant to heat pump technology

Heat pumps sold per 1,000 households



The green quango said that by 2033 all newly built homes and up to half of those constructed after 1952 should be suitable for such pre-heating.

But critics said the advice was just the latest example of Britons being asked to compromise on their quality of life so the Government can hit climate targets.

Andrew Montford, the director of Net Zero Watch said: “The grid is already creaking, and daft ideas like this show just how much worse it will become.

“It’s clear that renewables are a disaster in the making. We now need political leaders with the courage to admit it.”

Craig Mackinlay, head of the Net Zero Scrutiny group of Tory MPs, added: “It is becoming clear that adherence to judicable Carbon Budgets and edicts coming from the CCC are developing into farce.

“The Climate Change Act 2008 will require amendment to free us from madcap and impractical targets foisted upon the population by long departed politicians.

“This latest advice to freeze ourselves on cold evenings merely shows the truth that the dream of plentiful and cheap renewable energy is a sham.

“I came into politics to improve all aspects of my constituents’ lives, not make them colder and poorer.”

Lower bills

A spokesman for the CCC insisted that the advice would benefit households and would mean “homes will still be warm, but bills can be lowered”.

He added: “This is a demonstration of homeowners benefiting from periods of the day when electricity is cheaper.

“Using electricity to heat a home opens the prospect of choosing a time when prices are lower, something that’s not possible with a gas boiler.

“Smart heating of homes like this also makes the best possible use of the grid and supports greater use of cheap renewable generation.”

The advice follows a furore over Government plans to ban the installation of new oil powered boilers from 2026 and force homes into adopting heat pumps.

Downing Street has hinted it is now set to U-turn amid warnings the move would increase rural fuel poverty and put more strain on the struggling electricity grid.

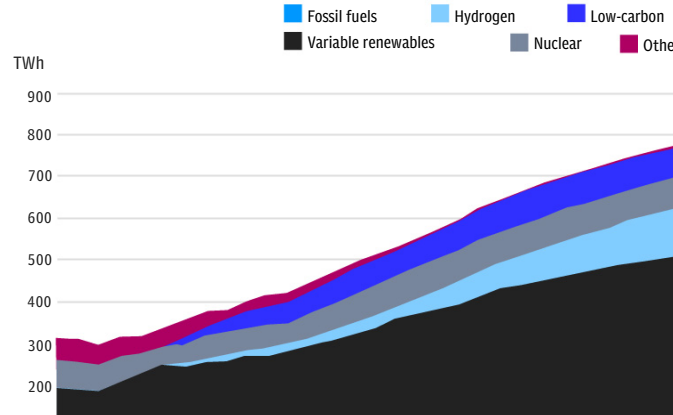
The CCC is an independent body set up by ministers in 2008 to advise the Government on how to hit its climate targets.

In its latest report, the committee criticises No 10 over its “worryingly slow ” action on climate.

It states that Downing Street’s support for new oil and coal exploration and the expansion of airports meant Britain was no longer a global green leader.

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The use of “carbon budgets”, which set the Government legally binding targets for reducing emissions, has increasingly come under fire from Tory MPs. Last month the head of the CCC revealed that he still has a gas boiler in his own flat even though his committee is urging Britons to [switch to heat pumps](#). Chris Stark said more than four years ago that he was “keen” to switch to an electric heating system but admitted that he had not been able to do so. He also acknowledged that heat pumps were too expensive for many people and that it was “very difficult” to install them in existing flats like his own. Mr Stark, who lives in Edinburgh, made the remarks as he was grilled by MPs about how the Government can meet its 2035 target to phase out gas boilers. He also admitted that his own boiler engineer is sceptical of heat pumps as a viable replacement and that “the capital cost of it is too high at the moment”. “I have a gas boiler. I wish I didn’t, but I live in a flat and heat pumps are a very difficult thing to put in there,” he told the Commons environmental audit committee.

“The gas boiler guy who comes round and fixes my gas boiler – it breaks very often – tells me they will never work.”

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Ray Collins 3 DAYS AGO

With a little luck these idiots will follow their own advice this winter and freeze to death! At least that will mean the end of dumb advice!

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Simon Boutwood 2 DAYS AGO

Seriously we should all be very concerned. Policies that will force us to give up cars and we can not heat our homes.

It will be worse than Victorian times as we won't be able to have open fires.

And yet we are all allowing this why? We are actively destroying our economy and family live. We are sleep walking to utter poverty EDITED

RB

Richard Barker 1 DAY AGO

Vote Reform to abandon Nut Zero.

NG

Nigel Gowan 3 DAYS AGO

The only way their beloved heat pumps can possibly work in a very well insulated house is continual running, unlike a gas boiler, they are not 'on demand' devices. These morons advocate something, they have no idea how it works or how it performs

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PD

Peter Dawson 2 DAYS AGO

You mean like when we used to warm piles of bricks overnight in storage heaters? Which didn't store or heat homes when most needed. Pshaw.

RC

Richard Cheney-Boyle 1 DAY AGO

Not like that at all.

The idea is that maintaining a house at say, 21C between 1600 and 1900 uses less energy during those specific hours than heating a house from 18C and then maintaining at 21C.

CF

Charlie Farnes-Barnes 3 DAYS AGO

SCRAP NET ZERO!!!

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SH

Scot Hay 2 DAYS AGO

Nazi zero!!

MS

Michael Staples 2 DAYS AGO

So, a paltry £3 million a year in 2020/21 to contribute to the ruination of the economy and our style of life. Good value.

PC

Paul Cassidy 3 DAYS AGO

Repeal the Climate Change Act. Out with this ludicrous committee.

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IF

Iris February 2 DAYS AGO

We can ignore international law in just the same way as every other country does when it suits them. These are not tablets of stone handed down from on high!

SB

Simon Boutwood 2 DAYS AGO

They don't have the Will and they have been told by global elites to destroy our country and put us in extreme poverty

MR

Margaret Robinson 3 DAYS AGO

So their document confirms that they're aiming to change our behaviour!

Two things occur to me:- First, as the MP says, heat the home in the afternoon (when people are at work?!) using cheaper electricity, so they will freeze in the evening!

Second, the electricity might be cheaper, but you'll still be using it, just the same as in the evening! How would that help?

What world do these cretins live in?

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DF

David Forcey 2 DAYS AGO

Absolutely. No way I'm having a smart meter.

PD

Peter Dawson 2 DAYS AGO

Smart meters are only smart for the electricity providers - they can put prices up at will - and will do so.

They can also use them to drain the battery of your EV car overnight.

BC

Brian Chew 3 DAYS AGO

I have worked in about 40,000 different buildings. Yes you did read it right 40,000!! I have been in houses, offices, prisons, boats, caravans, hospitals you name it if a person can live in it or work from it I've been in it. What I have noticed over my many years of work is the difference in attitudes to heating within these buildings. If it's the private sector or your own house you turn the heating down/ off when it gets warmer. If it's the public sector I.e hospitals, council offices, care homes etc. you leave the heating on full blast all year and open the windows to cool it down. Very green and eco

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

MS

Michael Staples 2 DAYS AGO

I worked in the Civil Service all my life. You are entirely correct, Brian. There was never any other way for staff to control heating than windows. Came on 1st October and turned off 1st May.

BP

Barry PURKIS 2 DAYS AGO

If you have paid attention you will have noticed that Public sector buildings have in recent years replaced nearly all of their lighting with lower energy units, many with 'on demand' switching, (they turn off if no-one there) . The biggest wasters are 'big business' where they can simply put up prices to cover cost rises, even they are catching on to low energy lighting, and other cost saving measures.

MM

Malcolm Monaghan 3 DAYS AGO

Stop wasting my money on these gormless fools.

SP

St Pierre 3 DAYS AGO

Shut this useless and expensive quango and while you're at it shut most of the rest of 'em.

Whatever happened to Cameron's 'bonfire of the Quango's? Never happened did it. Just more lies from the faux Tories.

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KT

Kyt Thompson 3 DAYS AGO

Yes - the ghastly Bliar creature - a man of spectacularly limited intelligence in that he is unable to perceive consequences.

And BEWARE - he'll be back soon pulling Starmer's strings.

SJ

Sharon Jagger 2 DAYS AGO

Kyt

I'm not sure Blair ever went away - he advises government via his Blair Institute. He advises our government too, so I believe!

PN

Peter Nixon 3 DAYS AGO

Do the members of the Climate Change Committee have to attend special courses to make them qualified to make idiotic suggestions?

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

PM

Philip Mair 3 DAYS AGO

No, you can't train anybody to be that stupid it has to be a natural gift.

RD

R-Two- D-Three 3 DAYS AGO

Unquestionably they'll be fully signed up members of Stonewall and attending all of their brainwashing sessions (at taxpayers' expense) which would be enough to destroy any braincells they started out with.

CE

Cee Emjay 3 DAYS AGO

He looks as though he would struggle with the technological challenge of switching on a kettle

OO

obsean o'guy 3 DAYS AGO

Sounds like they're getting ready to offer electricity rationing. These spokesmen know what the true reality of Net Zero could be.

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FB

Farmer Brown 3 DAYS AGO

They will be soon in a position to control your transport, communications, energy consumption and your payments.

RD

R-Two- D-Three 3 DAYS AGO

Of course, why did you think our faux Conservative government was so keen for us to install smart metres. Future software upgrades will permit all sorts of wondrous new features to come online. Haven't you heard of the 'Internet of things'?

SR

Stephen Routledge 3 DAYS AGO

Dear Chris, please do us all a favour - pack up your tent and f-off

IR

IFD Ralph 3 DAYS AGO

Will someone rid us of this turbulent committee?

KM

Ken Minor 3 DAYS AGO

Whoever you are in this quango, you are barking mad and can bog off and park this gross stupidity somewhere else!

HK

Harry Knight 3 DAYS AGO

No.

I have now just turned on the heating to make my own selfish little protest.

PG

PJ Griffiths 3 DAYS AGO

I lit the wood burner with a couple of logs.

BC

Brian Chew 3 DAYS AGO

And I've put the fire on. Not in protest though - it's cold and it's august. So much for global warming

SL

Susan Lundie 3 DAYS AGO

I presume this idiot will do precisely what he is advising us to do?

"The body recommended Britons "pre-heat" their houses in the afternoon when electricity usage is lower." 😊🤔👉👈🤔😊😊

So if we all "preheat" our homes in the afternoon, won't electricity usage then rocket in the err... afternoon? While we all freeze in the evening?

Has this person never encountered a heating engineer, who generally suggest, as it was to us, that keeping one's heating going at a low temperature 24/7 actually uses less energy than shorter high temperature blasts? Or does this fount of knowledge know more than a heating engineer?

I try not to descend to low level insults, but I'll make an exception today. Go do one Mr Stark, along with your virtue signalling friends who will most certainly have their heating at whatever level they wish, whenever they wish.

They might also try reading a little more widely and stop trying to fob us of with the lies of "climate change". We've had it up to the eyeballs with officialdom and their coercive disingenuous bullying in the last three years and enough is enough.

PW

Pamela Wakeling 3 DAYS AGO

Spot on

DG

dean grover 3 DAYS AGO

LEAVE ME ALONE I am sick to death of the zealots trying to make me poorer ' colder ' and my life made a living hell of a pre industrialised age based on nothing ... based of a few hundred people in positions of power deciding the uk should Don this hair shift with sackcloth and ashes as an accessory.... there is nothing to back this up this is nothing more than socialism communism in a trojan horse ... if these idiot children who keep whinging about not having a house a future suppressed wages keep supporting these left wing morons they won't have anything it was the same for us in the 70s until we voted for someone that would give is a future ' thatcher ' and as a council estate kid who has done ok because of her I get down on my knees every day and thank the lord for delivering her to me ' without her this country would be nothing and these youngsters want this stuff ...and then complain about the result I actually get 22 year old at work telling me thatcher was terrible...can you believe that ?

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

JB

James Bourne 3 DAYS AGO

That 22 year old was probably referring to the junk cider that his or her generation drink.

PM

Philip Mair 3 DAYS AGO

what an insane advert "Why use only one type of apple when you can use up to 400+ types of apple" = we use anything in our cider we can get hold of. Before orchards were grubed out (E.U) cider was made using proper cider apples like Kingston Black, Tom Putt etc. and was totally different.

BT

Bettina Thwaite 3 DAYS AGO

I'm 80 next year, husband will be 85. In a couple of years time we will replace our gas boiler with another gas boiler. That will see us out. Others can sit in the cold and dark if they do wish. We have no intention of spending our twilight years being miserable.

At the risk of sounding like a record stuck in its groove, I have been asking ever since this craze first started- where is all this extra electricity to come from-EVs, electric pumps et al,

GS

Graham Sutherland 3 DAYS AGO

Go get a gas boiler. You have mine and my Children's blessing. It will make not one jot of difference to anyone, except to you. Keep warm! EDITED

NG

Neil Gunn 3 DAYS AGO

...but might 'they' decide at some point, in our interests of course, to turn off the gas?

RO

Rowland O'Connor 3 DAYS AGO

UN, WEF, WHO, NGOs, global 'boiling' climate scammers, BlackRock ESG, Rothschilds, Soros, William Gates, USA military industrial complex, Pfizer, Associated Press (AP News) and all of the rest of the idiots trying to create global societal feudalism, I say this:

We The People WILL own everything and you (globalist billionaires) will NOT be happy.

The gig is up and it's a solid no from me to heat pumps, fake meat, ULEZ, 15 minute cities, wokery divide & conquer psyops and other agenda 2030 nonsense.

To anyone complicit in implementing this "plan" against humanity, take your 30 pieces of silver because there will be a day of reckoning. Reap as you sow.

JC

Janet Channon 3 DAYS AGO

My hero well said.

IJ

Igonikan Jack 3 DAYS AGO

If everybody followed this (dubious) advice, does that then not change "peak time".

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

PB

Polly Bear 3 DAYS AGO

The man is an idiot.

PB

paul brown 3 DAYS AGO

But these idiots cannot think that far ahead.

TG

tony gilbert 3 DAYS AGO

Apparently this tw@ gets paid £320,000 p.a. to tell us to turn heating off in the evenings to reduce our nation's CO2 emissions. Never mind about personal comfort, or making sure that the home is warm for elderly people. Just as long as we reduce our emissions.

With un-elected, overpaid idiots like this determining policy, there's something seriously wrong with this country.

SW

S Wilde 3 DAYS AGO

Can someone answer the question - if U.K. decimated everyone's lives and achieved net zero tomorrow, given the China Russia India et al continuation largely ignoring net zero, what impact would the U.K. sacrifice have on total emissions and net zero targets? I suspect minimal.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

PB

Peter Bates 3 DAYS AGO

I think that would be nil.

JB

Jo Bloggs 3 DAYS AGO

There would be a huge increase in emissions caused by China having to manufacture a million heat pumps

LD

Lindsay Davis 3 DAYS AGO

Mr Sunak...I suggest you read this Comments Page....

The British People are telling you...loud and clear...that we're NOT going to put up with the destruction of our Traditional, Cultural and Beloved way of life....one that we strove hard for and took a long time to achieve.

We are NOT giving it up... just because you and your dangerous Globalist Masters, together with their Insane Activist Foot Soldiers, are systematically trying to destroy us.

The Indigenous British People's feet are rooted firmly into this Country...Our Home....and there will come a time when we'll no longer put up with being pushed around.

Time to feel the mood of The People, Mr Sunak.

SM

Stuart McCullough 3 DAYS AGO

Dear Net Zero quango. Foxtrot Oscar. I'll heat my home when and as I please.

PN

Peter Nixon 3 DAYS AGO

No you will not - if you do not do as we tell you, we will cut off your electricity and gas supplies.

SM

Stuart McCullough 3 DAYS AGO

Good job I've taken steps to be independent of both then isn't it?

RT

Richard Thomson 3 DAYS AGO

With the sun shining in through the windows in the afternoon I don't NEED to heat my house unless I want to send the room temperature up to 30 deg. But when the sun goes down the house rapidly cools so that's when the gas boiler cut in. Is that so difficult to understand?

Whatever happened to the bonfire of the quangoes? So badly needed

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

JM

J Moss 3 DAYS AGO

I keep my doors and many curtains closed as it gets too hot during any other summer than this one. But, I even had the heating on last night as it went down to 7

CA

Charlie Ashton 3 DAYS AGO

What a shame Richard, they did nothing. It was a Cameron sound bite from 2010, and of course it didn't happen. The forthcoming wipe out of the Conservatives in 2024 stems back to Cameron who was a liberal democrat, and after him they just lost their way.

AB

anthony bucknole 3 DAYS AGO

So if we all "preheat" our homes in the afternoons won't this cause a surge in energy used, transferring it from the evenings instead?

Also, I cannot believe that us taxpayers have to pay the salaries of these complete and utter idiots that are employed by this Quango.

PM

Ptolemy Monteverdi 3 DAYS AGO

"I have a gas boiler and can't change it because I live in a flat", is like the self righteous left wingers who hold up placards saying migrants welcomed and have their excuses ready when asked why they won't have one in their home.

Typical do-gooder hypocrisy.

AS

Anita Saye 3 DAYS AGO

And shows how ill-equipped he is for the role he is so handsomely paid for...(prior to elevation to the Lords I expect). If his gas boiler keeps breaking down it must be v old and inefficient! Just buy electric radiators chum. Heard of them? Pay the price you demand of us. EDITED

SH

sheila haigh 3 DAYS AGO

At least he has an honest heating engineer to repair it who tells him some honest-to-goodness facts on heat pumps. And STILL he wants to push them on everyone else!!!!

I hope his heating breaks down on a weekly basis (at least), and his heating engineer becomes so busy he can't get there for weeks each time.

HW

Huw Williams 3 DAYS AGO

Two words and the last one is off. I'm utterly sick to the back teeth at being naniied and hectored by idiots.

IR

Ian Ryder 3 DAYS AGO

So - a man who knows what won't work continues to advocate that everyone else but him gets rid of their gas boiler. Monty Python's Ministry of Silly Walks looks less risible.

DL

David Livingstone 3 DAYS AGO

More like The Grail. French chap in Ze Cassel of ma Masster Guilles de la Rombart!

This CCC guy is the son of an animal food trough wiper.

JM

John Munday 3 DAYS AGO

This quango is a complete waste of money and is headed by a very well paid hypocrite - he's got a gas boiler.

KH

krys hazel 3 DAYS AGO

Sitting in the living room in January wrapped in a blanket with a hot water bottle under the feet, in order to help stop global warming by lowering the 1% that the UK emits....is this guy serious? EDITED

DM

Douglas Mitchinson 3 DAYS AGO

Yes, he is, and that's worrying.

ML

Michael Lawden 3 DAYS AGO

"Where homes are sufficiently well insulated, it is possible to pre-heat ahead of peak times".

May I suggest that the CCC learn some physics?

In the old days, people used to stand in front of the fire. Why? Because the radiant heat made them feel warm, even if the air temperature was cold.

It's the same with radiators. If a radiator is hot, you will feel warmer than if it was cold, at the same air temperature. So if you "pre-heat" your home and then turn radiators off, you will feel cold.

Is this guy really on £220K pa, and yet doesn't seem to understand these elementary principles of physics?

DJ

David Jones 3 DAYS AGO

I believe that not knowing what you are talking about is usually a prerequisite for these high salary jobs.

DL

David Livingstone 3 DAYS AGO

So we shiver, whilst China builds coal fired power stations?

The Climate Change Committee should go boil their bottoms.

JB

James Blackhall 3 DAYS AGO

There are a couple of things I would like to fully understand.

- what exactly is driving these people with these ideas?

- Why do we allow them to govern us?

Surely now we need to rid Britain of these fanatics.

We must have had enough of this madness now

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

KS

Kay Strong 3 DAYS AGO

Yes but the word needs to be spread,.

Shockingly, I've met too many who have never heard of them.

AS

Anita Saye 3 DAYS AGO

Clearly banned by the BBC... Even the Telegraph gives them very little publicity.

GB

Gary Baldy 2 DAYS AGO

Ok, so we all switch to electric air source heat pumps but have to turn them off when it gets cold of an evening
These eco-zealots get more absurd by the day.

CS

Chris Smith 2 DAYS AGO

As they don't work, the outcome will be the same.

DA

Duck andWeave 2 DAYS AGO

So we should have electric powered heating, but don't turn it on. This is getting stupid. Stop net zero now.

BB

Boyko Bejaniyski 2 DAYS AGO

Scrap CCC, Stop Net Zero, save lives

JF

Jerome Fellow s 2 DAYS AGO

Scrap the Conservative Socialist party Lib Dem's in disguise.

GS

George STEEL 3 DAYS AGO

Net Zero is an absurdity. There is no real evidence that manmade CO2 emissions will cause a "Climate Crisis", and even less that Britain's attempts to reduce emissions will have any impact whatsoever, We are insane

The important issue is the cost and sustainability of our energy supply. Exploit our hydrocarbon reserves. As reserves drop and the cost of production rises so the population will naturally move to other forms of heating.

Politicians stay away. The only role they should have is perhaps to fund research into other technologies. Perhaps they could redirect the aid we give to India China etc.

CW

Craig Wellum 3 DAYS AGO

If you cast your mind back to the 1950's, coal was used for heating homes, British Railways had over 16,000 steam locomotives, there were also of course the dark dismal mills that used coal to power.

Huge smogs in London.

All this resulted in the clean air acts of 1956 and 1968.

All the above have now mostly gone.

There was no climate crisis then!

Wonder why we are supposed to be having one now?

Maybe we are being taken for a ride by government? Surely not.

When you look at the Earth, there are numerous influences on our planet and climate. The list is long.

Sun spots

Solar radiation

Earth's changing orbit

Earth's changing axis

Earth's changing direction of axis

Grand solar minimum / maximum

El Niño

El Nana

Volcanoes - currently there are 40 to 50 active volcanoes around the world right now.

The influence of Jupiter and Saturn on Earth.

Sea temperature.

The are other factors of course.

No one really knows how these factors interact with one another as some of the cycles of the Earth take over 40,000 years!

All the scientists predictions are all based on theoretical computer models. We now know how brilliantly useless the Covid models were.

With these models, you can get the result you want to suit the narrative you want - just like Covid - by tweaking the input data.

I am of the view that no one can predict the climate future. The Net Zero lunacy is exactly that, lunacy.

It is all about making the population much poorer along with command and control by government.

Finally, if any one thinks mankind can control the climate, you are truly deluded.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

BT

Bess Tinshow 3 DAYS AGO

I'm not a scientist and only know what I read. That co2 emissions take 30 to,50 years to affect the climate. So the effects they are wailing about now were caused in the days of mills, coal fires etc. Today our emissions are 60% less than then ,so we have already solved any problem (if there were any) but the improved affects won't be noticed for several years. We can carry on as we are without heading for net zero or any other low target. In other words, whether man made climate change exists or not we needn't do anything.

EDITED

EH

Edward Hogan 3 DAYS AGO

You have not addressed the issue of the effects of the emissions that you quite rightly attribute to our less well-informed past -these are not just going to disappear and they are being daily added to by people living in countries who apparently do not share the concerns. of the enlightened There are strategies for the removal of excess CO2 from the atmosphere(DAC) which deserve wider support.

DA

DA AS 3 DAYS AGO

Heat the home when no-one is there and then have it cold when everyone is at home? This is a great example of how the net zero group have totally lost touch with reality.

MJ

M J A Church 3 DAYS AGO

That's so exactly what they are going to publish as the eminent advise of our highly paid Committee. It's amazing that there's not a single brain cell who can see how nuts that is. Are they all on some weird drugs?..

AA

A Allan 3 DAYS AGO

Wait till he's drawing his taxpayer funded pension and has long, dark, cold evenings to enjoy.

Though I doubt his income will be low enough to worry.

PJ

Paul Jemetta 3 DAYS AGO

At this point I'm pretty sure I'm living in a Monty python sketch.

MJ

Mike Jackson 3 DAYS AGO

Has it never occurred to these cr..ins that if everybody turns their heating on at three o'clock instead of seven o'clock all that happens in the long run is that "peak" time becomes 3-5pm instead of 6-8pm and prices will fairly quickly adjust accordingly?

The inability (or is it pig-ignorance) of the CCC (and others) to come to terms with reality is quite alarming. The inability of parliamentarians and civil servants to understand the damage they are doing to the country is downright frightening!

IB

Ian Burns 3 DAYS AGO

None of them with a degree in engineering or science. Ignorant beyond belief.....

HP

Heather Philpott 3 DAYS AGO

As I am paying, I will turn my heating on when I like not when some quango tells me and certainly not when I am paying for illegals to sit in warm hotels with the windows open during the winter.

PB

P B 3 DAYS AGO

Why are we wasting our printed tax money on these clowns? Why do the fools in the public sector think we can afford net zero? Particularly as it will achieve absolutely nothing in terms of climate change? Isn't it about time we brought back the treason law and started going after these people? Preferably before we starve or freeze to death.

HB

Howard Bradman 3 DAYS AGO

Meanwhile in China, India, Vietnam, Brazil and other places, they are continuing to industrialise using mainly coal, gas and oil. It makes absolutely no difference what happens in countries like Britain and Australia. We are mugs.

GL

Glyn Lew is 3 DAYS AGO

We are the biggest mugs in history for letting out Government get way with this idiocy!

DT

Don Trump 2 DAYS AGO

The public need to take control through the ballot box and remove these people

JH

Judith Hoffman 3 DAYS AGO

Another daft idea from the net zero worshippers. I am 82 and if they think for one minute that I will willingly sit in my cold house every winter evening, they are crazy, Not one evening, not one hour! NO! When will they get it in their heads, we came out of a mini ice age in the 1800's The planet warming up is part of a natural cycle, The sun controls the heating/ cooling cycles, not humans.

JG

Julie Gendry 3 DAYS AGO

But some make huge profits with renewables, so they push the agenda, and the useful idiots ecologists help them getting richer by sacrificing the poor already limited life comfort.

MJ

M J Scrivens 3 DAYS AGO

Advice to pensioners in older homes:

Freeze

Starve

Die

Give us all your money to spend on the bone idle and incompetent public sector, lifelong benefit claimants and illegal immigrants in four star hotels.

Be grateful

JJ

June Jobson 3 DAYS AGO

Why are we tolerating this? Come the revolution sooner than later! EDITED

TJ

Tom Jagger 3 DAYS AGO

The likes of the Chinese must be pissing themselves when the see this garbage from western morons

GB

Gilbert Bellairs 3 DAYS AGO

Rather than heating millions of individual houses all day, civil servants and quango staff could be required to spend 40 hours a week in a few, modestly heated buildings, which we could call 'offices'.

GB

Giselle Brannan 3 DAYS AGO

And whilst they're at the office be put on some sort of productivity quota of work completion; especially those issueing driving licences, vehicle licences, visas, grants, welfare benefit assessments???

AS

Alex Seear 3 DAYS AGO

They don't appear to know that air source heat pumps can take at least a day or more to 'warm up' and are NOT simply switched on and off.

Absolute cretins. EDITED

DN

David Newton 2 DAYS AGO

Last year we replaced our oil boiler with a state-of-the-art, contemporary model. It has a 30+ years life. It will definitely see us out. Sunak can take his ASHP and stick it where the sun don't shine.

Mrs DN

JR

john robinson 2 DAYS AGO

Condensing oil boilers are very efficient and relatively cheap to run. Just make sure inhibitor is added every year or so to the sealed system, as the water ways in the back boilers are a lot smaller now to increase thermal efficiency.

PG

P Grogan 3 DAYS AGO

Don't wash to save water. Don't eat to save on food. Sell your car to save on fuel. Hopefully that's enough evidence that I can head up a Government Committee. What a total cretin.

BB

Border Bill 3 DAYS AGO

I don't fear climate change very much but the green/econutters and quangoitis currently afflicting this country frighten the life out of me. They HAVE TO be got rid of.

MP

Max Power 3 DAYS AGO

People put the heating on in the evenings BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN IT GETS COLD.

When did global IQs drop so sharply ?!

MJ

M J A Church 3 DAYS AGO

Love the CAPITALS.

ST

Stripey The Cat 3 DAYS AGO

And first thing in the morning too.

CR

Colin Reed 2 DAYS AGO

This BS just goes to confirm, as if confirmation was needed, the country is being run by people who couldn't run a bath.

Weep for your country.

DS

Daniel Smethurst 2 DAYS AGO

Daft sod, everyone is very aware of peak time usage. It is the same for anything at peak times. Years gone by, we could say turn the heating down, close the doors, windows open to air out in the morning. Now its, shut that frigging window, turn off the heating and lights, eat sandwiches or cuppa soups as its too scary to switch the oven on and spend 3 months wearing at least 5 layers, and that's to bed, because evenings are, believe it or not, colder. I'm lucky my partner and I are fit and healthy and can manage through the cold. I feel terrible for those that really suffer. It really can be a choice of, food shopping this week or heating and hot water. This country has become an absolute joke and we have fallen far behind. I know others will disagree and I accept that, I'm just telling it as it is from my eyes and experiences

LL

La Lique 2 DAYS AGO

Pears are harvested in Argentina, potted in Thailand and sold in America, but your old car is the problem!

JF

Jerome Fellow s 2 DAYS AGO

And avocados ?

AR

Alistair Reid 2 DAYS AGO

Why why would anyone listen to clowns like Mr Stark , asking people to freeze for what is basically mumbo Jumbo dreamt up by thickos like Ed Milliband , what we do in the UK is pointless unless the Chinese, Indians , US change there way ways they won't

AL

Andrew Lockwood 3 DAYS AGO

" Millions of families will be urged ... not to heat their homes in the evening"

Good luck with that one!

We didn't sign up to this lunacy, and will certainly not be voluntarily sitting shivering in our homes on winter evenings just so some muppets can wave their virtue-signalling flags.

DB

David Bird 3 DAYS AGO

I've got a better idea. How about we turn off our heating in the winter - period. That'll get us to net zero in no time flat. Ooops! Not such a good idea. That idea will kill off a lot of people contributing to the government's coffers, and they won't be able to afford all these harebrained net zero ideas. Look! I get it. We need to reduce fossil fuel dependency, but turning off the heating when you most need it, i.e. the cooler part of a day, is not the way. For a start, in the global scheme of carbon emitters, the UK is a very small fish, and anything it does will be overwhelmed by the big emitters who currently don't give a monkey's. Do you honestly believe that if just one of your neighbours\ was having a bonfire, that the smoke from said bonfire would not drift outside of their property boundary? Of course it wouldn't, and the same is true of carbon emissions and international boundaries. Unless the big emitters stop, then all the UK is wastefully burning UK taxpayers money instead of fossil fuels. EDITED

MB

Maddog Bullerbits 3 DAYS AGO

From the mouth of the same bloke who doesn't have a heat pump in his flat, uses gas for heating and whose plumber told him HP's don't work. Get lost!

RS

RU Serieux 2 DAYS AGO

These net zero fanatics are out of control. Abolish the CCC and repeal the Climate Change Act.

HM

HECTOR MACPHAIL 2 DAYS AGO

Why is the UK doing this to ourselves? our planet pollution, I understand is less than 1%. Let's drill for Oil and Gas, burn the stuff locally, heat our homes, and let China inconvenience themselves.

DH

David Henry 2 DAYS AGO

A real Conservative government would have sacked all these deluded no-marks long ago.

CS

C Shrubbs 3 DAYS AGO

Does he not realise the UK's contribution to air pollutants is negligible. Even if we had NO emissions whatsoever it would not make a blind bit of difference

DM

Diane McDermald 3 DAYS AGO

Does anyone else feel as if we are living in the dystopia of George Orwell's 1984? I feel SO angry!!!

TH

Tom Hawk 3 DAYS AGO

I have a better idea. Ditch the stupidity of net zero and sack all the twots who support it at public expense. This country accounts for less than 0.9% of global CO2 emissions so nothing we do will make any difference.

DA

David Allen Smith 2 DAYS AGO

Go away you stupid people.

Net Zero is unachievable, pointless, self-flagellating, unaffordable, virtue-signalling nonsense. We are experiencing NATURAL climate variation. There have been ice ages and warm periods since the beginning of time.

STOP THIS MADNESS NOW!

JC

jean coyle 2 DAYS AGO

Hear hear

SS

Spencer Shipwright 2 DAYS AGO

Well said. We need to bring this to an end.

FB

Francis Barnett 3 DAYS AGO

The truth behind this ridiculous statement to switch your heating off in the evening is that "the evening" is peak power demand time - nothing to do with emissions

There will not be the power generation capacity available to supply the UK if the following circumstances occur together.

*High pressure centre over the UK in winter, clear skies but very little or no wind - so solar is generating, wind is producing little or no useable power.

*At sunset the sun goes down - so no solar power or wind power.

Power generation then relies mainly on expensive gas with the scrag-end of nuclear power that the UK has left which will dwindle to only one operating by 2028 - Sizewell B.

Keeping the lights on will then depend on how much power the UK can scrounge from France and Norway via the interconnectors, if they are short of power, they will favour their own consumers - not the UK.

Not a very good outlook is it?

LD

Lindsay Davis 3 DAYS AGO

GAS has saved lives and raised standards of living for millions of people over the last 150 years.... both Domestically and Industrially.

Are we willing to just throw that all away at the behest of some out of control Nutters?

IA

I Alderson 3 DAYS AGO

So heat an empty house on afternoon whilst at work and sit freezing your b*****s off on an evening. Meanwhile in China

TG

T G Galvin 3 DAYS AGO

Yes, another week, another coal burning power station.

RC

Renate Critchell 3 DAYS AGO

I put my gas heating on when I am cold so there.

OC

Oldfashioned Commonsense 3 DAYS AGO

My, but that's revolutionary talk, best make sure the net zero police don't catch you at it!

RC

Renate Critchell 3 DAYS AGO

As long as they send me to a nicely heated prison. Seriously though, things seem to be going the gulag way.

RH

Richard Hodges 2 DAYS AGO

Wow. This bloke is a true star. Admits he has a gas boiler: which breaks often. Really ? What on earth do you keep doing to it to make it break? Urges everyone else to get a heat pump: most air source are inefficient and very expensive to install, and run on electricity. Then says : turn your heating off in the evenings ""Where homes are sufficiently well insulated, it is possible to pre-heat ahead of peak times....." Dear oh dear. I've got news here - however well insulated your homes are, if you turn the heating off, they cool down. And funnily enoigh, evenings are cooler and nights cold.

And the final kicker: "He also admitted that his own boiler engineer is sceptical of heat pumps as a viable replacement" "

Oh, come on, Mr Stark. Do you expect to be taken seriously ? Really ?

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

WH

Wendy Hill 2 DAYS AGO

What sort of boiler does he have that keeps breaking down.....don't believe it!!!

NW

Nicholas Woodgate 2 DAYS AGO

Obviously one that his plumber likes.

WH

Wally Hillobee 2 DAYS AGO

I'll be turning my heating up in the evenings Chris, because that, funnily enough, is when it gets colder !

MN

Martin New man 2 DAYS AGO

We are no longer a global green leader.....GOOD, Best thing I've heard for a long time.

JO

John OShea 2 DAYS AGO

More oil wells in the North Sea, fracking and more factories in this country please EDITED

CH

Chris Harris 3 DAYS AGO

"Tories" - abolish the Quangos. self serving, over paid and pensioned!

We can't afford them . We don't need their rubbish.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

JM

Jane Marple 3 DAYS AGO

Another Cameron promise, rather like his "brilliant" pre - referendum deal with the EU .

SW

Sally Wagge 2 DAYS AGO

No, we're not, which is why there's a rebellion afoot

JF

Judy fowler 3 DAYS AGO

Why do we think it is our sole responsibility to save the world from climate change. While Russia and China are still burning fossil fuels and don't give a dam about the rest of the world, any gesture of ours is pointless.

There are very few pleasures these days in living in the UK, being asked to turn the heating off this winter is the last straw.

Nuclear power is the only answer, wind and solar is not, I shudder to think of the amount of money and time that has been wasted by this government.

GS

Graham Sutherland 3 DAYS AGO

"In other news, Government advisors recommend that people voluntarily end their lives 25 years prematurely to ensure that the creaking electricity grid and insufficient fuel and food supplies are not put under undue pressure. A drag spokesqueen reading from an LGBT+ book of fables confirmed the necessity of such obvious sacrifices..."

JJ

Jesse James 3 DAYS AGO

This will have zero impact on the climate but will definitely increase cold-related sickness. Another anti-human bonkers idea from the climate cult.

PS

Paul Shepley 3 DAYS AGO

What idiots these people are. We'll turn our heating on when we want to.

DW

Donald Wilkinson 3 DAYS AGO

yes, just ignore the idiot - as I'm sure we all will

HF

Heather Farquharson 3 DAYS AGO

This suggestion reminds me of the episode in The Good Life, when Tom and Barbara decided to follow the seasons and go to bed when darkness fell. Perhaps that it the next step, with neighbourhood light monitors reporting us to the CCC if we have lights on after dark.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

GF

Gordon Fenn 3 DAYS AGO

Not if you don't have one. We've ignored the pleadings by energy suppliers to install one and are quite happy without them.

HF

Heather Farquharson 3 DAYS AGO

That would spoil the fun of the holier-than-thou snitchers.

RW

Richard Williams 2 DAYS AGO

The stark staring idiocy of the CCC knows no bounds. They spout rubbish continually and this edict is no different.

Hence "Using electricity to heat a home opens the prospect of choosing a time when prices are lower, something that's not possible with a gas boiler."

What part of the fact that gas is already a third of the cost of electricity per Kw/Hr.do these cretins not get?

Its NOT that electricity is cheaper in the afternoon, but that that in order to cope, those with smart meters are actually penalised for heating their homes in the evening.

Currently gas is around 10p per Kw/Hr. and electricity 34p, which demonstrates the sheer lack of credibility of the CCC. weird statements divorced from any reality.

GO

Georgia Orwell 2 DAYS AGO

2+2=5

LT

Lenny Thelion 3 DAYS AGO

Note to CCC. If everybody used electricity when it's of peak, then it wouldn't be f***** off peak anymore would it?

AM

A McKay 3 DAYS AGO

Well said

YS

yvonne smith 3 DAYS AGO

So these idiots want US to freeze so they can meet THEIR targets!

DS

Dean Smith 3 DAYS AGO

None of them actually practice what they preach. They virtue signal and can't distinguish between real life and Twitter. You have to feel sorry for them really as these millennials are hollow people living false lives.

MF

Martin Frost 3 DAYS AGO

I can say nothing. Soon any criticism of the Green lunacy will be prohibited by law. Environmentalism is fast becoming an authoritarian ideology. Until I am banned let me just say that climate catastrophising is a load of bunkum.

JK

John Kester 3 DAYS AGO

We need you to stay at home for 2 weeks for the greater good.

We need you to stay home longer for the greater good.

We need you to put this on your face for the greater good.

We need you to stay at home for much longer for the greater good.

We need you to put this in your body for the greater good.

We need you to close your business for the greater good.

We need you to stop driving for the greater good.

We need you to stop being warm for the greater good.

We need you to let us sexualise your kids for the greater good.

We need you to let us keep your child's gender secret for the greater good.

We need to take your children away for the greater good.

We need to re educate you for non compliance for the greater good.

We need to detain you for a while for the greater good.

AK

Anthony Kowalewski 3 DAYS AGO

We need to copy this and print it several million times and post it to every household in the UK

SD

Stephen Dolan 3 DAYS AGO

Sounds like a really sensible idea from these eminent people, heat your home while you're out working and there's nobody in, then when you get home in the evening and it turns colder, turn your heating off.

I'm not sure I could come up with a more stupid argument than that, oh, hang on, there's that idea that we can achieve net zero by getting rid of our cars, our boilers, our whole way of life, just so the government can crow about some mythical statistics.

The sooner this idiotic crew are out of office, the better.

I'm voting Reform.

HT

Hugh Tredegar 3 DAYS AGO

11 December 2021

<http://shet.news/gzlo6>

In our headlong rush to 'save the planet' perhaps a sobering reality check for the deluded Greens is long overdue?

A small, ever-so-green, 100-megawatt wind farm needs 30,000 tons of iron ore; 50,000 tons of concrete and 900 tons of non-recyclable plastic.

For the same power from an ever-so-green solar farm you need to increase that by 150 per cent.

An electric car battery weighs half a ton, making just one requires shifting 250 tons of earth somewhere else on the planet.

All require what are called 'rare earths', so a phenomenal 200 to 2,000 per cent increase in toxic mining, processing and shipping is required somewhere else on the planet, usually from unregulated regimes with very lax environmental standards.

Solar and wind have weather-dependant limits, but we need energy ALL the time, so we have to have permanent back-up. The giant Tesla factory in Nevada would take 500 years to make enough batteries to supply the USA with electricity for 1 day!

After 30 years and countless billions in subsidies wind and solar supply less than 3 per cent of the world's energy. On top of that, like all machines 'renewables' are built from non-renewable materials – and have to be replaced time and time again, so definitely NOT a one-off cost.

To accommodate 2,000 MW of gas or nuclear power generation requires the same area of two 18-hole golf courses. Whereas, accommodating 2,000 MW of wind power requires an area the size of Belgium!

Then, of course, you still need 2,000 MW of gas or nuclear power to accommodate those hundreds of occasions each year when wind and solar power is producing absolutely nothing.

Instead of 'saving the planet' rampaging renewables are actually devouring it!

George Herraghty

Elgin

Moray

TB

Two beers or not two beers 3 DAYS AGO

Every windmill needs circa 1000 litres of oil to maintain its gears. This has a life of around 5 years.

HT

Hugh Tredegar 3 DAYS AGO

Net Zero is the biggest Confidence Trick ever.

We know good scientific debate has been bullied and suppressed.

The Galileo effect.

MM

Maximus Maximus 3 DAYS AGO

Lols. So to recap: we'll have intermittent power, be cold in our own homes (after we've had to spend thousands of pounds) and buy expensive cars that don't travel as far that we can't charge. How can anyone see this progress? Central planning at its finest. Of course it will all unravel but for the moment it is painful to watch.

AH

Alex Hawthorn 3 DAYS AGO

Here's a good way for us to heat our homes, make a huge pile of quangos, with this one that's popped up out of nowhere at the top, and burn the blasted lot of them. They are a major part of what's gone terribly wrong with our country. Where do they come from?, they all need to go.

MJ

M J A Church 3 DAYS AGO

Alex.. I've been thinking that for a while, but couldn't bring myself to say it so... bluntly. Well said.

BK

Brownie Kenya 3 DAYS AGO

Our taxes, literally billions are wasted on these Mikey mouse make believe departments and jobs,

JT

Jeanette Taylor 3 DAYS AGO

Stop telling people what to do and how to live

We have had enough

2

SHOW OLDER REPLIES

CC

Catherine Cave 3 DAYS AGO

B***s**t ---that is to John Robey. EDITED

CC

Catherine Cave 3 DAYS AGO

I say B***SH*T to that.

PB

Philip Bell 3 DAYS AGO

Oh dear Mr. Stark. When in a hole keep digging, must now be the CCC mantra

GM

Gaye Mann 2 DAYS AGO

Entitled, smug hypocrite. Typical 'green'.

GC

guy clarke 2 DAYS AGO

Some politician has to have the courage to stop all this absurd nonsense.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

BG

Brian Gedalla 2 DAYS AGO

Oxymoron.

KC

Kevin Croucher 2 DAYS AGO

I'm sure Nige would be up for it

GM

Gordon Mitchell 2 DAYS AGO

The gentleman in picture is Mr. Chris Stark. He lives in a tenement flat in Glasgow and has recently installed a new gas boiler. He started life working for HMRC and then worked his way through made up positions under the Scottish government, all tax payer funded jobs. They then created the CCC (similar resemblance to CCP), and he somehow got the job as CEO. Hasn't had a proper job in his entire working life and doesn't practice what he preaches. Time for a referendum on this Net Nonsense policy ASAP.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

BV

Baron Von Zach 2 DAYS AGO

You looked at his LinkedIn profile too? Looks like he has risen without a trace and must be expert at talking about doing jobs (which is the only skill you need to get promoted in government jobs) rather than actually doing them. EDITED

GM

Gordon Mitchell 2 DAYS AGO

I stay in Glasgow too, he's a laughing stock.

DB

David Butler 3 DAYS AGO

The standard advice to householders with electric heat pumps is to run the heat pump 24/7 in cold weather because they don't have sufficient heat output to cope with an intermittent heating programme. So Chris stark and the CCC don't even understand the technology they are pushing us to adopt!

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

AS

Andrew Stevens 3 DAYS AGO

Me too. 2 of them

RP

Richard Packer 2 DAYS AGO

I think there's a bot that does it. Sometimes even a statement of unambiguous fact will get a thumbs-down. Let's see...

2 + 2 = 4

RL

Robert Lind 3 DAYS AGO

This winter I shall have the heating on. My diesel mpv brimmed with fuel. Won't be paying ulez and shall be eating and enjoying being with friends and family at the weekends and holidays. I won't be miserable for the sake of net zero.

LT

Lenny Thelion 3 DAYS AGO

An article in the Mail says than Khan's tax payer funded Range Rover is ULEZ exempt.

Just about sums up all this BS.

KF

Kenneth Flemington 3 DAYS AGO

My friend has a relatively new diesel VW, with years of life left in it. Its non-compliant but its cheaper for him to pay the £12.50 in the occasions he needs to use it, than to pay to replace it. He jokingly says he buys a daily licence to kill Londons children.

EP

Emlyn Phennah 3 DAYS AGO

I'll bet this tosspot is being paid a mint of our cash. Send him to China to flog his ideas

SH

sheila haigh 3 DAYS AGO

Some £300k a year, apparently.

I'm thinking of offering my services. I'll do it for less, and quicker,

by just cancelling the whole gaddamn nonsense.

OC

Oldfashioned Commonsense 3 DAYS AGO

I am following in the footsteps of Nicola Sturgeon with this one. To increase airflow in Schools during Covid, she seriously suggested cutting the bottom 4 or 5 inches off every classroom door. I kid you not.

In like manner, the government could demolish every building that does not meet current very high insulation standards. That would mean such an energy saving as there would be millions fewer houses and factories and public buildings to heat. Every building still in existence could be fitted with a heat pump and a few solar panels, and the population could be rehoused in tents somewhere out of sight of Westminster, on the principle of out of sight out of mind.

A pity about all these ancient castles., cathedrals and stately homes it's true, but then, I expect they never applied for planning permission and a valid building warrant when they were built, so are probably illegal dwellings now anyway

The Greens would be pleased, the Global Warmers delighted, and the renewable zealots would have enough energy to go round the tiny percentage of homes still standing after the cull. And as for those i many millions shivering in the tents, a good hard winter would do for them pretty soon like as not.

Brilliant or what!

AJ

Adrian Jones 3 DAYS AGO

Don't give them ideas!

GG

Gary Graves 3 DAYS AGO

At last, the UK is the leading nation in Europe on a vital climate metric - the refusal to install useless and ruinously expensive heat pumps.

Long live the gas boiler.

BT

Buford T Justice 3 DAYS AGO

I'm assuming this is the same Chris Stark who popped up a few months ago giving evidence to a select committee on heating technology despite having zero technical qualification in the field (or a technical qualification at all) . just who the hell appoints these people and why does our govt listen to them? They would be better off speaking to a well respected heating engineer from any town. Just looking at him tells me he is a complete eco drip.

GJ

graham james 3 DAYS AGO

Who are these 'nobodies' that sit around dreaming up ludicrous limitations on what is supposedly a 'free' society? Net Zero nonsense, hammering motorists from every direction, opposing any sensible restrictions on the immigration issues... limitations on vocabulary that some quirky group might decide is offensive to their weird practices..

Living in the UK has become a cross between Monty Python and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

I'll vote for anyone who'll get us back on track.

OC

Oldfashioned Commonsense 3 DAYS AGO

But seriously, who is there? The Conservatives, the Labour Party the Libdems and the Greens and SNP all support this. So where do we go from here, I dearly wish I knew.

The Reform Party is still in its infancy and has not yet built up a sufficient head of steam, so even there we have no hope. Nor unless fifty or so well known and sensible people joined and it was led by Farage or someone similar.

Politics has never been so dire in my lifetime.

SA

Simon Alford 3 DAYS AGO

I'm in a Victorian "terrace", wall insulation and heat pumps are a no brainer, no driveway for EV. Stop pushing immature technology. Stop dumping Green costs on the less well off. Go use your stupid ideas somewhere else.

DC

David Cooper 3 DAYS AGO

Chris Stark - one of three keynote CCC panellists alongside Jake Raving and Stan Bonkers.

MF

Martin Fowler 3 DAYS AGO

Heat your house when you are not home and cook your dinner in the middle of the night to save money and help the grid. What a time to live!

WS

W Sewell 3 DAYS AGO

With a heat pump you have to have it on ALL THE TIME.

IC

Ian Carmichael 2 DAYS AGO

Climate change committee. What a crock.

Floods in China but they pump out more pollution every year, saying nothing about the extra CO2 which is powering vegetation growth, but with Brazil cutting down the Amazon there is a bit less uptake.

The UK can bankrupt itself for absolutely no reason other than the religious like fervour of the silly CO2 "climate change" lobby.

WH

Wally Hillobee 2 DAYS AGO

I'm not even going to check, but what's the betting that the taxpayer funds these bunch of geniuses ?

NA

Nick Arnold 2 DAYS AGO

You're not wrong.

DL

Don Luker 2 DAYS AGO

Stark and his committee are off their rocker !

MM

Michael Moon 2 DAYS AGO

'The remuneration for the Committee on Climate Change is determined jointly by all funders. In 2020-21, the Chairman of the Committee of Climate Change was

paid £1,000 per day with an average time commitment of three days per month.
Committee members were paid £800 per day with an estimated time commitment of two days per month.'
Source: 2020-21 accounts.
And we get this rubbish.

SK

Simon Kenny 2 DAYS AGO

And dont forget the office expenses, disbursements etc etc, plus the support staff, with their pensins etc

AC

Annette Culley 2 DAYS AGO

Ooo I think rubbish is far to kind, I can think of a smaller 4 letter word, starts with S and has an l in the middle!

FL

Frank Leigh-Skeptical 2 DAYS AGO

"turn off their radiators at peak times" who is paying this po-faced cretin? Does he have any idea why they might be "peak times"? Why are we pandering to morons?

SK

Simon Kenny 2 DAYS AGO

We are paying for him

ML

Michael Lawden 3 DAYS AGO

The Climate Change Committee is correct!

We do need behavioural changes.

We should stop showing any respect for, or notice of, the Climate Change Committee.

GC

Gareth Challingsworth 3 DAYS AGO

Yet more evidence that green eco-lunatics and most of our politicians are not living in the real world.

CS

christine staley 3 DAYS AGO

Good luck with that - what a clown world we live in!!! NOT A CHANCE IN HELL!!!

SA

Steve Adams 3 DAYS AGO

Just F O.

PO

Pamela Osborne 3 DAYS AGO

I'm more than ever convinced that these net zero characters are mad and not of this planet. Please, just DO one.

KC

Kevin Croucher 3 DAYS AGO

Read about the founder of Extinction Rebellion <http://rogerhallam.com/about-roger/>

BG

B G Atherton 3 DAYS AGO

Hopefully Roger Hallam will start his 3rd and final hunger strike.

MR

Miguel Rabbit 3 DAYS AGO

Up to half of houses built after 1952 are insulated enough for this ? Hohoho.

This layabout gets remuneration of £220K p.a. for this rubbish, and CANNOT AFFORD to insulate his flat and install a heat pump, yet he expects the plebs to. Astonishing.

WK

Wendy Kellett 3 DAYS AGO

It seems to me that there are Chris Stark lookalikes popping up all over the place as NGOs, activists and zealots continue nudge us all into an overcrowded serfdom.

Blokes in open necked shirts, with edgy beards, earnest expressions and women with rainbow hair, dangly earrings and an air of perplexed piety.

I'm sick to death of these latterday prophets, with their irrational self contradictory diktats: open door migration, demand management- rationing- rewilding, reduction of food production-(we are already heavily dependent on imported foods)-,and endless interfering micromanagement of everything we do, say even think.

The UK's population is soaring- driven by HMG's embrace of mass legal and illegal migration, but we are supposed to accept drastic, ill thought out reductions in our standard of living , our wildlife, our open spaces and our basic freedoms.

Enough, we need rid of them.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

WK

Wendy Kellett 3 DAYS AGO

Please accept my apologies, my finger slipped by mistake on the report button. I've tried to cancel it

RO

Richard Owen 2 DAYS AGO

100%

RB

R Barlow 3 DAYS AGO

OMG complete tripe. If we turned off the heating in the evening (which incidentally isn't on all day and certainly not in the afternoons) we should be darn cold at night. Will get the coal fire burning again as my parents did with only a couple of radiators in their house). What planet are these people on?

ZP

Zac Phillips 3 DAYS AGO

It's amazing how many non science people are on that committee, telling us about science!

EE

Ed Edwards 3 DAYS AGO

sounds familiar.....convid then all the build-back better shoit queing up like cannibals at a slaughter of innocents. God help us!

IW

Ian Woodier 3 DAYS AGO

Don't drive your car when you want to get somewhere.

Don't eat when you are hungry.

Don't drink when you are thirsty.

Don't call the doctor when you are ill.

Please feel free to add to my list.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

DM

Dawn Martin 3 DAYS AGO

The quango for behaviour change. 1984

TP

T P Burns 3 DAYS AGO

Don't question global warming.

JD

John DEVEREUX 3 DAYS AGO

We are now seeing the desperation of the Nut Zero zealots. Rather than admit that Nut Zero is unachievable and pointless and that green energy is too expensive and inefficient they now wish us to revert to the dark ages. Soon they will tell us that our houses are too big (it's happening in Germany) and we mustn't aspire to have more of anything. All the while they will get paid ridiculous sums of tax payers money for spouting nonsense and live in their large homes and jet around the world banging on about the climate emergency. The trouble is that people are waking up to this nonsense and seeing these zealots for what they really are. They fail to actually produce anything worthwhile for the citizens that pay their salaries, much like the career politicians that inhabit our disconnected from the real world parliament. These unelected clowns need to go and find real jobs but the system is designed to support them and facilitate their incompetence much like NHS managers. They will move on and spout more meaningless rubbish while the hard working tax payer funds their privileged positions. No wonder this country is going down the toilet.

PC

Phil Cox 3 DAYS AGO

How stupid can you get?

Don't use your heating in the evenings when it's cold so that the government can reach some arbitrary fake target to fight another fake crisis.

Sack the whole lot of them. They're just scammers.

DD

Dr David McCormick 3 DAYS AGO

Net zero is scientific nonsense. Even if the U.K. achieved the goal, it won't, net zero would have zero impact on global CO2 emissions. The politicians are finally and very slowly starting to realise the reality of net zero and the public will not forgive this nonsense

ML

Michael Lawden 3 DAYS AGO

I don't want to help the government reach its net zero target.

So that lets me off.

ED

Emma Dixon 3 DAYS AGO

Me neither. In fact I feel like putting my heating on this very minute just to flock them off. EDITED

PF

Paul Freeman 3 DAYS AGO

I wish I was born 3 decades earlier. Why did I have to live my adult life in the era of the "Emperor's New Clothes" where the political-media machine gaslights me with a cocktail of doom and gloom on the one hand, and unworkable woke nonsense (such as men in a dress are women) on the other hand?

AH

Andrew Holliday 3 DAYS AGO

I'm an optimist, and wish I had been born 3 decades from now, when all this nonsense will be over.

ML

Mr Lush 3 DAYS AGO

30 years from now, there's a good chance it will be like Mad Max. I doubt there will be much wokery critical race theory or trans culture madness going on though, so that's something to look forward to at least...

PJ

Peter Jarman 3 DAYS AGO

The things that work towards Net Zero are the ones that are cheaper to run and cost less overall over time. LED's last longer so are economical and save electricity so we buy them. An electric car is too expensive and not economical in the long run. Cost more to produce and will cost more to scrap. Heat pumps are of no economic benefit to the people buying them and cost more to maintain and the savings will never cover the cost.

When these things are as beneficial as LED's people will buy them and Net Zero will become achievable.

However, allowing millions of people to come to the country will negate everything we do towards Net Zero.

JF

Judy fowler 3 DAYS AGO

Will the refugees have their heating turned off in the evenings? If, as in the case of hotels considered 'not good enough' by some, riots ensued. I can see the same thing happening over rooms not warm enough.

BT

Bill Tong 3 DAYS AGO

I'll heat my house whenever I flipping well want to!

This lot should be wearing brown shirts and armbands.

MJ

M J A Church 3 DAYS AGO

Bill, If you lived in Mein Kampervan, you would be warmer.

CJ

Carpe Jugulum 3 DAYS AGO

Or, preferably, hobnailed boots and clearing minefields in Ukraine.

SP

Susanna Proudfoot 3 DAYS AGO

Looks like 'Do as I say, don't do as I do', so hypocritical. And he highlighted the real problem- you just can't install heat pumps on so many houses, ours included .

How come his gas boiler breaks down so often? Ours never does. Perhaps it's time he replaced his (with another gas boiler, no brainer).

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[SHOW OLDER REPLIES](#)

JB

James Bourne 3 DAYS AGO

I have just had my 43year old oil boiler serviced. When asked, the technician said it should go on for a few more years yet.

MD

Malcolm d'Authreau 3 DAYS AGO

JB .. apparently the newer ones are not as reliable but more efficient ?

DS

Dave Smith 3 DAYS AGO

Next week: Eat only one small meal a day to save cooking energy, net zero quango tells public.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

NG

Neil Gunn 3 DAYS AGO

...you forgot hair shirts and lice.

DS

Dave Smith 3 DAYS AGO

'So much to look forward to.' - but only if you have a solar-powered torch

IS

ian stothers 3 DAYS AGO

Stop heating the house of commons now.

NT

Nina Thornhill 3 DAYS AGO

The core message of the article seems to be that the British transmission grid and electricity generation is inadequate for the proposed change-over to nationwide domestic heating by electricity.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

MS

Mick Seed 3 DAYS AGO

As was blatantly obvious to many on here who have been saying so for years.

BP

barbara palmer 3 DAYS AGO

Switch off the gas to this man's house/flat?

AH

Alan Haile 3 DAYS AGO

The final 3 sentences tell you all you need to know about Mr Stark who obviously inhabits an alternative universe.

TS

Thomas Struzzi 3 DAYS AGO

God help us all, common decency & humanity have left the building.

AT

Anthony Thompson 2 DAYS AGO

Why not just get rid of the net zero quango and use the money to help the poor?

AS

Awaiting Sanity 2 DAYS AGO

Sorry. The poor are not sexy. They are unwashed, useless eaters and beyond saving. Sacrifices are required. They breed too fast and too many times. We have to clamp down on population. WEF says so, therefore it must be so. EDITED

AW

Alan Wilson 2 DAYS AGO

The man is a complete idiot. So wrapped up in net zero bs that he's thrown common sense out if the window.

DA

Debra Abbott 2 DAYS AGO

They are stark raving mad, I truly think they'd rather we freeze to death

IS

Ian Smith 2 DAYS AGO

Zealots are seldom on the right side of history.

SS

Stuart Seymour 2 DAYS AGO

The UK energy strategy is pathetic as the green agenda moves us to an electricity only UK

The UK needs a range of energy types and control of supply - OBVIOUSLY

Sunak: action now please:

1. Repeal Climate Change Act
2. Fast track Rosebank oil, Jackdaw gas and Cambo oil fields
3. Strongly motivate oil companies to explore for oil & gas in UK's seas (no windfall taxes)
4. Objectively assess fracking gas and if OK, implement immediately (currently too many emotional views)
5. Do not close last 2 coal fired power stations; West Burton & Radcliffe on Soar. Look at building new clean burn coal stations
6. Look at re-starting the 2 mothballed gas fired stations, Severn Power, South Wales & Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire
7. Approve Newcastle coal mines (Cumbria approved?)
8. Convert Drax back to coal and stop kidding ourselves burning wood is green - £600pa subsidy
9. Review practicalities of updating the UK designed Advanced Gas Cooled Reactor (eg existing Hartlepool & Heysham) and/or Pressurised Water Reactor (Sizewell). Operating successfully for 30 years and proven. Might only take 6-7 years to build compared to Hinkley Point C, which I understand is 10+ years away and has technical issues
10. Continue RR mini nuclear, recognising this will take 10 years.
11. No more interconnects; political risk
12. Stop subsidising green, eg wind, solar, wood/biomass, cars, chargers, heat pumps. Let them pay for themselves
13. Stop further wind and solar. We are very vulnerable to wind blowing and the sun, and solar uses farming land which we need for food

Overall, the Government must stop dreaming about a fantasy green agenda

...and by the way, stop the unjustified rush to scrap petrol/diesel cars and gas home boilers – and please prove that human-made CO2 is a problem

RH

Ralph Harris 2 DAYS AGO

Excellent list that politicians can use as a crib sheet, particularly as they seem unsure how to respond to the unwelcome consequences of their current approach.

FW

Francis Williams 2 DAYS AGO

So much common sense therein, way above politicians' heads and civil service eco driven mantras.

JM

John Maskell 2 DAYS AGO

So let me get this right - heat the house through the day when I'm at work, then sit in the cold and dark in the evening. I'll have some of what they're smoking!

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

CL

C Lawrence 2 DAYS AGO

It reminds me of the days many years ago when I had electric underfloor heating in a flat I rented. It worked on off peak electricity, but basically it was lovely and warm in the mornings on my feet when I got up, but by the time I got home from work in the evenings, the floors and the rooms were cold. I had to use a 2 bar electric fire in the evenings just to keep vaguely warm.

MJ

M J A Church 2 DAYS AGO

I think cry might be more appropriate.

BG

Brian Gedalla 2 DAYS AGO

Don't heat your home when it's cold.

Don't eat when you're hungry.

Don't sleep when you're tired.

Don't think or argue when you see utter drivel.

Anything else the "experts" want us not to do? EDITED

SJ

Sylvia Jones 2 DAYS AGO

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MS

Michele Spong 2 DAYS AGO

Stay alive

JR

John Rushton 3 DAYS AGO

And the Government kow tows to these idiots. Heat your house in the afternoon when nobody is in and switch it off in the evening when everyone is in! I wonder what temperature you need to get it up high enough to still be comfortable at say 10pm when you turn it off at say 6pm. EDITED

MJ

M J A Church 3 DAYS AGO

Yes and even an eight year old could work out that this will mean more power/electricity used. A teletubby could do better. But no, this is the advice that the highly paid CCC comes out to offer. Just utter nonsense.

DF

Dan Fletcher 3 DAYS AGO

And they admit it's unaffordable.

AD

Anton Decque 3 DAYS AGO

Scrap Net Zero, it's an idiot's fairy tale.

RD

Robert Dakin 3 DAYS AGO

We're a tiny contributor, and yet, thanks to media and activists, every kid is in a state of anxiety and businesses are being ruined.

PM

Patricia Mcknight 3 DAYS AGO

My heating will be on when I want it to be on. I am not going to be cold in my own home.

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[SHOW OLDER REPLIES](#)

RS

Richard Sanderson 3 DAYS AGO

It is most annoying as taxpayers we pay to be idiotically lectured?

RT

Roy Tubbs 3 DAYS AGO

You can do what you like but peak prices are much higher.

IB

I Bland 3 DAYS AGO

About time these clowns were defunded.

CT

Chris Te 3 DAYS AGO

How about producing electricity as cheaply as possible so citizens can heat heat, light etc our homes as cheaply as possible.

No one is asking for net zero.

OR

Ona Roll 3 DAYS AGO

The office I work in was renovated a couple of years ago. It's a very old stone building; very attractive and in a conservation area. The business owner installed heat pumps.

In the winter, the heat pumps are working full time and during office hours so are several electric fan heaters because the heat pumps are next to useless.

Heat pumps don't save energy: they cause you to use more.

TR

Times Refugee 3 DAYS AGO

iatrogenic.

GW

Geoff Winn 3 DAYS AGO

Get stuffed, Carbon Dioxide is not the cause it's the Globe in it's elliptic movement with the Sun and cannot be stopped. However, where we should be putting our efforts is to minimise the risks of Climatic Extremes by, fore instance - creating fire-breaks and not building residential properties in forested areas, by moving inhabited areas up to higher ground and prohibiting the building of homes in flood-plains - this is the planning that will really be of some use - NetZero is a negative approach, plants need it to grow, it's natures way.

RD

Ronnie Dixon 3 DAYS AGO

I agree CO2 is what 0.04%? This madness had to stop.

MJ

Miss Janet W Nelson 3 DAYS AGO

These idiots don't live in the same world as the rest of us. Try telling me in Scotland to turn off the heating in the evening, when even with the heating on it can be bitterly cold in Autumn and Winter. Of course the people who make up these rules never live by them as they are usually in well paid jobs with comfortable homes (and second homes which they can also afford to heat!) but hey, let the poor people make the sacrifices so that the rest of us can live in comfort - as the Greens are so fond of saying ' On Yer Bike' Mr!

DT

D Thornton 3 DAYS AGO

Massively overpaid, totally incompetent, knows nothing about the average British, 3rd world standard, property. Who is this clown?

TA

Tom Archer 3 DAYS AGO

It gets worse..

I wonder how far down the heat pump circus we'll go before the need to ban air source pumps is recognised?

Air source is singularly ill-suited to the British winter, when the temperature frequently hovers just above freezing, with the air at maximum humidity. When you try to cool cold wet air, you immediately get icing in your heap pump and it fails to add any heat to that put in from the grid. Worse is that actually consumes power de-icing itself.

How do they manage in nordic countries? Well, once air drops below freezing the moisture condenses out (frost) and you can cool it further. That doesn't work with air that is just above freezing.

So what will happen if the UK has a wide roll-out of air source pumps? For some of the time they will do their stuff, magically mutlitplying the energy put into them by chilling air. But when the country is swathed with cold wet air, the entire demand for heating homes will fall on the grid, resulting in huge demand spikes and resultant blackouts.

This is not a problem with ground source pumps, only air source, which really do need to be banned..

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

TM

Torquil Macleod 3 DAYS AGO

You are correct and this is why air source heat pumps are semi successful in Nordic countries, they are absolutely useless in the UK where moisture laden air freezes on the external evaporator. If the defrosting cycle fails the entire evaporator coil and fan become a solid block of ice and very rapidly mid winter. Don't entertain one of these abominations.

SH

sheila haigh 3 DAYS AGO

Thanks for that explanation. I'd wondered about that aspect of them (lots of other reasons not to want one already), so glad to have that info to add to the list of negatives.

CK

Charles King 3 DAYS AGO

The CCC is a bit more than just another quango

....it is actually the body that dreams up and recommends climate change policy for arts educated ministers

....Headed up by none other than Selwyn Gummer, now a lord naturally, of Mad Cow Disease fame

....What did we do to deserve these losers?

AF

Andrew Felstead 3 DAYS AGO

Heres an idea, turn the heating off at Westminster and maybe our MPs will go home and start representing their constituents.

RE

Roger Elwell 3 DAYS AGO

They generate enough hot air anyway.

KK

Kelly Knight 3 DAYS AGO

Close all the bars, that would be the only thing they'd notice

SB

Stanislaw Bielecki 3 DAYS AGO

Do these people not have any brain cells. People generally heat their homes, when they need to heat their homes, i.e when they get cold, whatever time of the day or night that may be.

DC

Derek Clews 3 DAYS AGO

Normal people behave normally. These idiots? Who knows what they do.

TP

The Purple Crocus 3 DAYS AGO

At some point we shall have a critical mass of heretics. We're not there yet, but the stupidity of all this net-zero guff is becoming increasingly apparent and it's only a matter of time until the unenlightened will realise we're being led up the garden path.

It really is hard to believe that we have so many idiots in positions of influence within the UK. Mr Stark's hypocrisy says it all.

MM

Michael McGregor 3 DAYS AGO

So we are to heat the home when it DOESN'T need it, and not heat the home when it DOES need it. And will we save water by going to the toilet when we don't need to, but not going when we do need to? Voltaire warned us against people who can make us believe absurdities.

DR

David Robinson 3 DAYS AGO

How the hell do we rid ourselves of the mad zealots? They are ruining our lives.

MW

M Wells 3 DAYS AGO

Skinny, tick. Beard, tick. Thick rimmed glasses, tick. Yes he fits the description of yet another useless civil servant telling us what to do.

PS

Peter Storrington 3 DAYS AGO

"The Faithful, will henceforth wear Sackcloth and place Ashes on their heads, every day...as a sign of respect, for the New Religion of Net Zero".

"Those not conforming will be punished".

...

Just go do one!

DL

Dan Lee 3 DAYS AGO

These clowns seem to believe the public would rather be cold than risk missing net zero targets. Which planet or alternate dimension do they inhabit?

SB

Sir Bagman 3 DAYS AGO

Planet London

IT

Ian Tucker 3 DAYS AGO

I don't want to hit the government's net zero target. I was never asked if I wanted a net zero target, none of us were given a choice.

WB

William Brown 3 DAYS AGO

And why don't these idiots understand, follow the money

KD

K Dodwell 3 DAYS AGO

I have a better suggestion. How about we switch off the Climate Change Committee permanently!

HT

Hugh Tredegar 3 DAYS AGO

Net Zero is going to lead to the extinction of Progress, modern civilisation, and death by hypothermia and starvation and lack of medicines.

Cheap energy lifts people out of poverty. Cheap energy is oil and gas.

Expensive energy produced by Medieval wind turbines and such reduces people into poverty and extinction of industry and absolute heartache.

Nuclear energy is some solution, but there seems a lack of government enthusiasm.

And in the end Net Zero will lead to lack of people and lower biodiversity.

Net Zero becomes Zone Zero.

Net Zero is BAD.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

RC

Richard Cheney-Boyle 3 DAYS AGO

Still cutting and pasting the same nonsense I see.

Gas is cheap...

SH

Steven Haartles 3 DAYS AGO

Cheap energy is coal. It alone has lifted those that use it out of poverty. Why do you think China is increasing its use by 3% per annum. Why is electricity in China and India around 7p per unit and its 30+ p with our renewables rich grid.

GR

Gary Rees 3 DAYS AGO

Can we once and for all stop this net zero nonsense, it's all a lie.

JJ

John jh 3 DAYS AGO

Yet another quango that should not have been established in the first place and should be shut down as soon as possible.

LL

Louise Lawrence 3 DAYS AGO

Like most people we don't waste heat, we use the minimum amount of fuel for reasonable comfort and health, taking care not to heat bedrooms which are not in use, wearing layers and using heated throws to avoid turning on the heating too soon. We know what we are doing, so please let us get on with running our lives without further interference.

PR

PO RO 2 DAYS AGO

This REALLY is the most stupid time in human history

So many people will follow any nonsense no matter how foolish

Following arrows in supermarkets was just the start .. it will end with people doing even more ridiculous things soon ..

humanity is lost in idiocy .. idiocracy the movie is your guide to where we are now ..

THE MOST STUPID TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY NOW

JR

john robinson 2 DAYS AGO

Constant stream of brainwashing wrt net zero and the climate from all sides, most media, general marketing, and not least govt bodies.

DM

Duncan Macdonald 2 DAYS AGO

People laugh at the insanity of this but as I understand it the Climate change act binds the UK in law to follow the CCC budgets so however ridiculous this is what is coming down the track with either the Tories or Labour or Lib Dems in office. The only way out of the madness is for a new party to take power who will scrap the Climate change act, net zero as an objective and invest in Fracking to actually reduce energy costs. Vote Reform!

CB

Carolyn Brown 2 DAYS AGO

Reverse that nonsense legislation, or it will harm us all.

IS

Ian Smith 2 DAYS AGO

I'm coming up to 70. Been through some hard times for the UK economically, personally and socially. That's life.

I can honestly say I have never experienced such a dislocated and dangerous time as this for our society on so many levels.

I dread to think where we will be in 5 to 10 years time. I may not be around but my family will be and I am bloody angry.

ET

Earnest Troglodyte 2 DAYS AGO

I'm a few years younger than you Ian, but agree with every word. The world has turned on its head in the last 30 years and I fear it's not going to end well.

TL

Tim Ledbury 2 DAYS AGO

This tosh has increased so much in the last 5 years. Im not looking forward to the communist agenda accelerating as we rush headlong to the magic year of 2030. (mrs L)

MB

Michael Brewer 2 DAYS AGO

The government and its eco zealots can go ---- themselves.

MC

Mike Coare 2 DAYS AGO

Just Stop Net Zero. Come on, lets all glue ourselves to- a nice warm radiator....

FS

Frihet Smith 2 DAYS AGO

How about No, Unless you have the balls to tell an old person or young family to shiver with cold! I bet these scumbags in the quango all have lovely warm offices and homes.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

WG

Welsh Girl 2 DAYS AGO

He has, it was in this paper a couple of weeks ago.

GO

Georgia Orwell 2 DAYS AGO

What a cretin.

JV

John Vaccaro 2 DAYS AGO

So mankind has evolved through the industrial ages to a point where people can realistically expect not to die from cold. Yet by praying at the net-zero altar these numpties want to cast us back to pre-industrial times - don't turn on the heating, don't drive a car, don't go on holiday. My considered opinion is; get stuffed.

AW

alan watson 2 DAYS AGO

These net zero people are becoming more ludicrous by the day.

SW

Sally Wagge 3 DAYS AGO

Net Zero Intelligence

Net Zero Sense

Net total stupidity

SW

Sandra Walker 3 DAYS AGO

The biggest accumulator bet ever:

First, you have to believe that we are the first generation of humans ever able to accurately tell the future.

Then, you have to believe that climate change is real and is actually going to happen as prophesied. All we know for a fact is that almost all prophesies on this matter have been inaccurate over the years.

Then, you have to believe that climate change is caused - or at least, dramatically influenced by - human behaviour. And, specifically, human behaviour or activity over the past hundred years or so.

Then you have to believe that we, as a race, are both capable of and committed to modifying our behaviour so that climate change fails to occur, or occurs so benignly that it does not materially affect our lives or chances of survival.

Then, you need to believe that it is possible to get all the world's great carbon dioxide producers (or polluters, if you like) to act in unison and to reduce emissions to their proposed targets.

Finally, you need to believe that, if it were possible to get all the world's great carbon dioxide producers (or polluters, if you like) to act in unison and to reduce emissions to their proposed targets without beggaring their populations, that it would make a material difference to projected climate change. The IPCC say no, it wouldn't, the damage is done. To be fair, they've been wrong in the past.

And each of the above has to be 100% correct. If any single one of them is not, it and all the rest are rendered pointless.

Well - how much would you bet?

TC

Thomas Craig 3 DAYS AGO

I'd bet, oh, net zero on all this happening.

BG

Barefaced Geek 3 DAYS AGO

Well summarised, but theses people have a religious belief that they are correct. Like religion, their belief system does not rely on evidence or logic. Personally, I suspect that Armageddon-is-just-around-the-corner is a hard wired attitude in many humans. The only thing that varies over the years is the means of said catastrophe... I honestly suspect some of them were disappointed when Covid turned out to be a rather damp squib. EDITED

JB

James Bulloch 3 DAYS AGO

I am going to continue to heat my own house in a way that makes sense to the old property and at a time that suits us. I don't want some identikit liberal in a metropolitan fashionable beard and glasses to even dare to tell me what to do.

DL

Derek LENNON 3 DAYS AGO

If you have a smart meter the state will be able to control when you can heat your home, or alternatively fine you for doing so at the "wrong" time.

JB

James Bulloch 3 DAYS AGO

There isn't a mobile signal in the hamlet. The meter - installed in the 1970s - is in the cellar, with a thick solid ceiling. We are on 3 phase power because the house is quite large, and there aren't yet three phase smart meters. And we don't have a landline since I got rid of it when we put in Starlink two years ago. Plus, it's literally insane to give other people control over your electricity usage remotely. EDITED

AS

Anita Saye 3 DAYS AGO

Charge the Taxpayers Alliance with reviewing all quangos: their purpose, salaries, effectiveness, necessity.

JD

Jay DR 3 DAYS AGO

The real reason is they want us to heat houses in afternoon because when everyone gets home in the evening and plugs their cars in to recharge the system will crash everyday. EDITED

SH

sheila haigh 3 DAYS AGO

In London, they have already started digging up all the roads to install bigger cabling to carry the heavier loads that are being demanded. Heaven only knows how many 100s of £billions that is going to cost us - then also to take it nationwide. Yet there is nowhere near the capability to install all the generating mechanisms to create the stuff in the first place, nor the land to place it on. This will cost us untold £trillions - and all to no effect whatsoever on the climate. But lots of their buddies, and through them, themselves, will become highly enriched in the process. So, all's well that ends well, I suppose.

MB

michael beaumont 3 DAYS AGO

Heat your house in the afternoon and by the time the family have all arrived home opening and closing doors, the house will have cooled.....or am I being a silly billy.

WK

Wendy Kellett 3 DAYS AGO

How about a windfall tax on these overpaid pests?

Followed by sacking. Why do the likes of Mr Stark Raving Mad enjoy such huge salaries.?

They are parasites, sucking away at our livelihoods, prospects and standard of living, while enriching themselves at our expense

WA

Wolfgang Amadeus Klipspringer 3 DAYS AGO

He looks like an idiot, speaks like an idiothe IS an idiot

KE

Kevin Everall 3 DAYS AGO

But we are bigger idiots for allowing this clown to be paid £400k+ and all his pension payments. God only knows how many other roles like this exist across quangos and the NHS that have no productive output yet cost the UK taxpayer billions.

MW

Michael Walker 3 DAYS AGO

Rearrange the following words to make sense.

"Why are WE paying a moron to speak nonsense?"

KE

Kevin Everall 3 DAYS AGO

Clearly he's a school friend, relative or boyfriend of some other clown with a hiring budget either ministerial or civil service.

PM

Paul Middleton 3 DAYS AGO

I didn't recall voting for any of this...

SB

Sarah Blezard 3 DAYS AGO

Back door subterfuge

GO

Georgia Orwell 3 DAYS AGO

Two words, the last one being 'off'.

JM

John McDonald 3 DAYS AGO

Heatpumps work by heating to a low level constantly. It takes many hours to get a house back up to temperature after turning off!

This guy doesn't have a clue

AD

Andrew Du 3 DAYS AGO

If the house is that poorly insulated then it shouldn't have a heat pump anyway.

JD

Jill Davidson 3 DAYS AGO

That's an interesting comment, why is that the case?

SH

Steve Howard 3 DAYS AGO

I used to be a great believer in using only what you need being careful etc etc however these bunch of idiots have turned me into someone who will use as much as I can afford, oil fired boiler for a toastie house, getting the log burner on cranking that heat up and using power as and when I see fit, they can all go chuff oh and burning as much petrol as possible in my over powder motor bike, buffoons.

So sick and tired of hearing all this 🤢

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

MR

Miguel Rabbit 3 DAYS AGO

You'll be warm enough then!

WK

Wendy Kellett 3 DAYS AGO

Don't bet on it

ST

Shaun T 3 DAYS AGO

Quango tells old people "why don't you just die... to save the planet".

GL

Glyn Lewis 3 DAYS AGO

What a joke so they can hit their target!

I will put my heating in when I want I'm not living in the Middle Ages and I never signed up for Net Zero!

Maybe suggest it to the Chinese, Indians, Russians etc!!

NB

Norman Burrell 3 DAYS AGO

When we moved into our house in 1984 in late November there were only three electric storage heaters and one of those weren't working. The previous owner had been sold these as an ecological heating system. They provided no heat when needed in the coldest winter for some years. We had a gas boiler installed in the following February after enduring arctic temperatures for three months and our monthly heating bill dropped like a stone. Be very suspicious of heating alternatives, they are a nonsense. Ground and air heaters are a con trick. Electric heating will be horrendously expensive especially when there is no alternative choice of fuel.

CR

C Rostill 3 DAYS AGO

More pointless 'advice' from a pointless committee of a pointless group of pointless people - politicians.

JB

John Black 3 DAYS AGO

I am sure Alexander Armstrong and his new best friend Gyles Brandreth could upgrade their TV show to Pointless Advice, to be scheduled for mid-afternoon before the heating and power are switched off. A later broadcast time would be Absolutely Pointless.

SJ

Stephen Judges 3 DAYS AGO

Perhaps people should stand outside clapping for a couple of hours whilst the heating is off to keep warm?

AH

Ann Hogg 3 DAYS AGO

Made me chuckle

CW

Craig Wellum 3 DAYS AGO

Sweden have ditched their net zero targets - they have seen the light!

Sweden did pretty well during lockdown as well.

Perhaps we should follow Sweden and bin the CCC?

LD

Lynne Docherty 3 DAYS AGO

The CCC should be disbanded. We don't need stupid advice from these people who don't follow it themselves anyway. Reminds me of what happened during covid.

AF

Andy Fewings 3 DAYS AGO

Chris Stark is clearly not of sound mind and should be seen by a specialist to assess his needs going forward. A proper secure home could then be chosen in which to house him and ensure his, and the publics, safety. EDITED

NC

Novo Caine 3 DAYS AGO

You can stick your heat pump up your net zero target, Stark.

MG

Michael Gleaves 3 DAYS AGO

Bit by bit, it becomes apparent that these net zero zealots are just power hungry fruitcakes

JB

Joe Blow 3 DAYS AGO

A bonfire of the quangos would warm us all up.

Let this bunch of fools be the first.

AA

A Allan 3 DAYS AGO

Smithfield Market.

Nice central location and resurrect a British tradition.

AS

Andrew Shaw 3 DAYS AGO

Why would you want to heat an empty home in the afternoon when kids are at school and parents are at work? What a stupid idea!

CH

Clive Hammond 3 DAYS AGO

So this goon has somehow "worked out" that there will not be enough energy available for Net Zero attainment if we heat our homes when we are actually in them, after work - and his solution is to heat our homes whilst we are at work and no one home - in the hope that there is enough heat build up to carry over into the night when we all know our nighttime temperatures drop like a stone.....

What an idiotic idea!

Mind you Our cats will love it. All nice and cosy during the day when they have the house to themselves - whilst they could not give a monkeys what we do at night because that is when they go out.

I think the Cats Protection League has infiltrated the CCC.

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

LP

Lesley Perfect Rasche 3 DAYS AGO

"It's getting chilly dear, throw another dog on the bed."

MJ

M J A Church 3 DAYS AGO

The rent a dog scheme will flourish.

JS

Jon Swales 3 DAYS AGO

Don't forget we're paying this idiots wages via our taxes.

AS

Anita Saye 3 DAYS AGO

And he'll get a pension we can only dream of... enough to go and live in nice warm climes no doubt.

TM

Thomas McGill 3 DAYS AGO

read my lips 90 percent of the UK population DO NOT want heat pumps

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

MW

M Wells 3 DAYS AGO

What kind of fool are you?, nobody wants this junk, for a start look at the cost of it. I will be buying a new oil boiler next year to keep in stock for when the current one is life expired.

Modern oil boilers run at about 92% efficiency, which is far better than electric heating and even out performs gas.

MW

M Wells 3 DAYS AGO

Indeed you are.

RG

Richard Goodier 3 DAYS AGO

So if we all preheat our homes in the afternoon then demand will just move to a different part of the day. Pure idiocy.

AM

Andrew Moore 3 DAYS AGO

I want a warm home on a cold evening. You can shove your net zero up your Ar53...

PC

Peter Cosgrove 3 DAYS AGO

'Independent', what a stupid joke. How can you be 'independent' when your whole purpose is to inflict 'Net Zero' on the population.

When will this madness end?

IW

Ian webb 3 DAYS AGO

We are an island facing the Atlantic with a maritime climate. We are a damp and cold nation. Do you really expect the people of this country to face freezing to illness or death each winter? If so then you can expect your resulting riots and potential uprising, because this is absolutely and utterly an unacceptable proposition. This is going too far now even for the average joe. Humans need to be able to survive and live, threaten that and see what happens. EDITED

RS

Robert Sanderson 3 DAYS AGO

But if everyone followed their advice and heated their homes in the afternoon when usage was lower, it wouldn't be lower anymore.

NT

Nina Thornhill 3 DAYS AGO

The "Heat pumps per 1000 households" graphic is misleading. The technology is very different elsewhere.

A straw poll of work colleagues in Norway reveals that an electrically heated home typically has several heat pumps, one for each main room. Each has its own outside unit. The inside unit has a fan that circulates warm air around the room (or cool air in summer).

There is no circulation of warm water to radiators. Domestic hot water is electrically heated by an immersion heater. There may also be a wood burning stove in the centre of the house. And of course, electricity is cheap in Norway (90% from hydro) and houses are well insulated.

SC

SZ Clark 3 DAYS AGO

Several important points.

That pathetic table compares apples to oranges.

NG

Nigel Gow an 3 DAYS AGO

Completely agree, but the zealots gloss over the detail, either because they are too stupid to understand it, or because it is too inconvenient for their religion

GT

Grumpy TaxPayer 2 DAYS AGO

Net zero might be their target but being cold in my house is definitely not my target!!

LL

La Lique 2 DAYS AGO

i wonder if switching off the gas will roll people out on the streets as nothing else does! It's a bit shocking how much wrong stuff people have accepted over just a couple of years.

CR

Chris Riding 2 DAYS AGO

Yet another useless quango gobbling up taxpayers hard earned money.

PB

Paul Briant 2 DAYS AGO

Just stop now you green fools, imbeciles.

BT

Buford T Justice 2 DAYS AGO

This man is clearly an imbecile and should be ignored. And yet he has the ear of govt select committee's despite having zero qualifications in this field (or any other technical field come to mention it)

Only in the UK

PR

P Roberts 2 DAYS AGO

What's so appalling is that the government steals money from taxpayers to give him a salary instead of to a person with a level of technical ability.

TM

Tony Mott 2 DAYS AGO

If we'd had the bonfire of the quangos, as promised, then we could warm ourselves in front of that while ridding ourselves of some very expensive hangers on. EDITED

CP

Coastal Postal 2 DAYS AGO

Er. No. I will turn on my heating if I am cold. And you can leave my gas boiler alone too.

IS

Ian Stewart 2 DAYS AGO

The government sets a target that is outside its control and then tells us all to sit and shiver so they can meet it. I don't think so!

VZ

Victor Zandon a 2 DAYS AGO

CCC A totally useless Quango. what a waste of money.

JL

James Leggett 3 DAYS AGO

Not seen a single positive comment around net zero here. Makes you wonder where support comes from for it?

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SHOW OLDER REPLIES

AW

Ann Wilson-Raw i 2 DAYS AGO

People who dont read the Daily Telegraph?

JA

John Adams 2 DAYS AGO

Diner vitue is a virtual vista.

RB

Ryan Brighton 3 DAYS AGO

Britons "strangely resistant" to heat-pump technology that costs a small fortune and is anecdotally not suitable for much of our housing stock.

Can't imagine why..

JR

Jay Randall 3 DAYS AGO

Britons have always been stubborn ... and sensible.

MG

Melanie Grieveson 3 DAYS AGO

I cannot think of a single reason why I should help the government in any way at all - least of all with this anti-human policy of Net Zero. I didn't ask for it, and after the abuse that has been and continues to be dished out to the British public in the last 3 years, the whole sorry lot of our supposed representatives can go hang.

And I voted for them.

SL

Stephen Luscombe 3 DAYS AGO

13 years of Tory government and we still have idiots like this spouting their ultra left wing ideas at taxpayer expense. Heaven help us

MT

Maria Thomson 3 DAYS AGO

Labour or Tory, there is no difference.

AW

Arthur Wellesley 3 DAYS AGO

Don't turn your heating on if it's cold. Don't turn the lights on if it's dark. Don't travel to go anywhere.

Sit in your cold dark house and join the lunatic cult of net zero.

PM

Ptolemy Monteverdi 3 DAYS AGO

Whilst in china, India, Brazil and the USA the lights will burn brightly and folk will be enjoying themselves whilst looking on at us poor lot and having a good laugh at how easily we've been conned.

TK

The Khasi Of Kalabar 3 DAYS AGO

The Faux-Conservatives have had 13 years to repeal 2008 Milliband Climate Change Act. The fact that they have not done so shows they they are as stupid as Milliband - hardly surprising since like him they are a bunch of public school Oxbridge Humanities graduates who couldn't wire up a three pin plug

CC

colin Carroll 3 DAYS AGO

They probably need an electrician to even plug in a three-pin plug. Does the big pin go at the top, or the bottom?

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