## Editor's Note

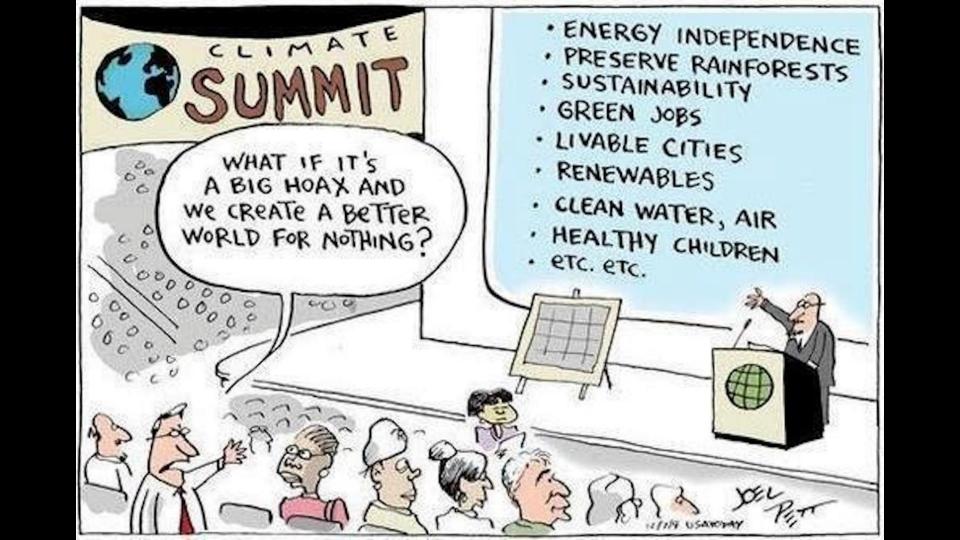
This presentation was created in <u>Sept 2024</u>

Contact Adrian Gallo for any questions or further updates to this content

Climate & energy world moves fast, this material will be out of date soon enough

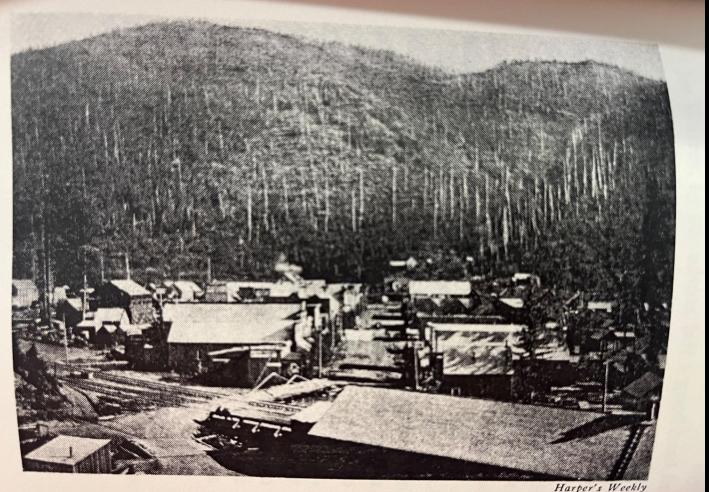
agallo@idahoconservation.org





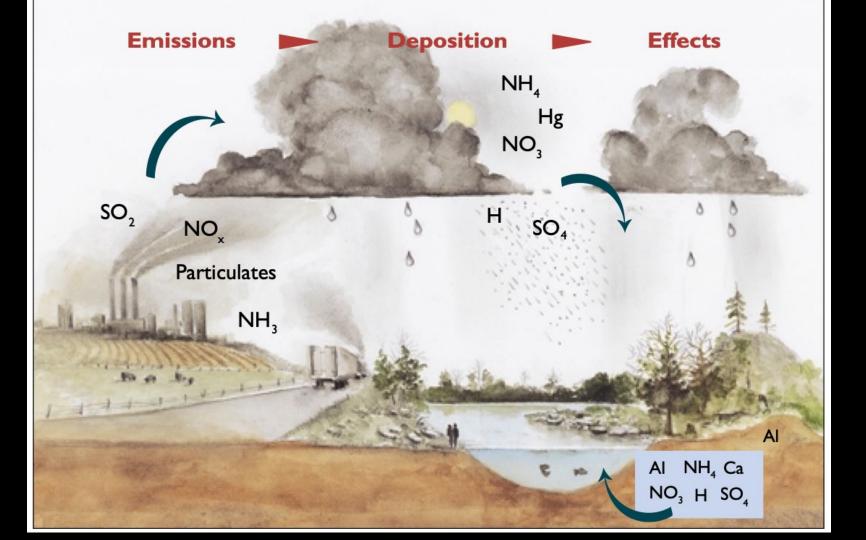






Harper's Weekly

WALLACE, IDAHO, IN 1892



All the News That's Fit to Print"

# The New Hork Times

Late Edition

New York: Today, humd, a few showers. High 75-80. Tonight, thunderstorms possible. Low 62-68. Tomorrow, occasional rain. High 70-75. Yesterday: High 81, low 64. Details on page D34.

VOL.CXXXVI... No. 47,265

Copyright © 1987 The New York Times

NEW YORK, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1987

50 cents beyond 75 miles from New York City.

30 CENTS

## Legislator Charged in 564 Counts In New York Payroll Abuse Case

## Senate Democrats' Chief Denies Stealing Funds to Finance Campaigns

#### By ELIZABETH KOLBERT

In an indictment unsealed yesterday in Manhattan, the minority leader of the New York State Senate, Manfred Ohrenstein, is charged with conspiring with two other Democratic politicians to steal hundreds of thousands of dollars from the state to finance election

Faced with 564 counts of conspiracy. grand larceny and related charges, the Senator, who appeared weary and shaken, pleaded not guilty in State Supreme Court in Manhattan.

In an interview later in the day, Mr. Ohrenstein, his voice breaking with emotion, said: "What I feel is that ultimately I will be exonerated. I really feel that way."

#### Recent Shift in Power

Charged in the conspiracy with Mr. Ohrenstein, a Manhattan Democrat, were State Senator Howard E. Babbush, a Brooklyn Democrat, and Frank Sanzillo, a top staff aide to Mr. Ohrenstein. They, too, pleaded not guilty.

The indictment, in the view of many politicians, illustrates a relatively recent shift in political power from traditional county organizations to legislative leaders in Albany. [Page B6.]

Last spring, when news reports first said his office was under investigation, Mr. Ohrenstein belittled allegations of legislative payroll abuse by saying that campaign work by employees was common in Albany.



State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein, trench coat over handcuffs, leaving after booking vesterday.

But in recent months he has refused to comment on the subject. Law-enforcement officials say they expect Mr Ohrenstein to argue in his defense that he was unaware of many of the instances specified in the indictment.

Many other legislators have denied that such practices were condoned

Continued on Page B6, Column 1

## DOZENS OF NATIONS REACH AGREEMENT TO PROTECT OZONE

## 24 Sign and Others Back Pact to Reduce Chemicals That Damage Earth's Shield

#### **By PHILIP SHABECOFF** Special to The New York Times

MONTREAL, Sept. 16 - Hailing a milestone in international cooperation to safeguard the environment, delegates from rich and poor nations approved an agreement today intended to protect the earth's fragile ozone shield.

Under the agreement, participating nations will first freeze and later reduce consumption of widely used chemicals that, according to emerging scientific consensus, destroy ozone molecules in the upper atmosphere.

The ozone shields the earth by blocking some ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Any increase in that radiation resulting from a thinning of the ozone layer will cause skin cancer and other harm to humans and damage crops, forests and other natural systems, scientists say.

#### 'Historically Significant'

"This is perhaps the most historically significant international environmental agreement," said Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Richard E. Benedick, the chief United States negotiator here.

"For the first time the international community has initiated controls on production of an economically valuable commodity before there was tangible



## Senator Arlen Specter

"You have written that the Court doesn't have a legitimacy in using the First Amendment to interfere with what a state has done."

#### Judge Robert H. Bork

"I have never said that the Court [could not] interfere.... The state may say we're regulating pornography, but it may be regulating things that the . . . Court does not think are pornography."



### The New York Times/Jose R. Lopez

## Senator Dennis DeConcini

"You leave this Senator unsatisfied as to how we . . . can conclude that you're going to protect the citizens of this country in interpreting the Constitution as it relates to sex."

"In the gender cases that I have decided as a Court of Appeals judge, I have decided more of them in favor of the female claim than I have the other way."



## **BORK BACKS AWAY** FROM HIS STANCES ON RIGHTS ISSUES

## SAYS HE IS NO EXTREMIST

## Nominee's Disavowals Bring Skepticism From Some on Senate Judiciary Panel

#### By STUART TAYLOR Jr. Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 - Judge Robert H. Bork backed away today from positions he has taken on key aspects of free speech and women's rights as he insisted he is not the extremist portrayed by opponents of his confirmation to the Supreme Court.

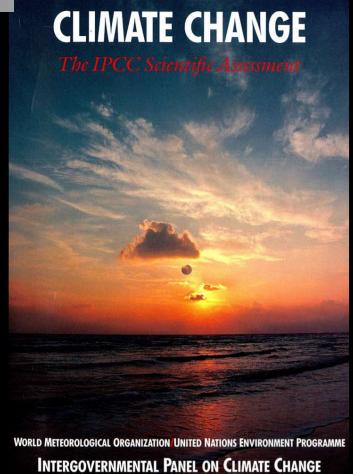
On the second day of his confirmation hearings, the nominee asked members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to judge him not by what he called his "speculative" writings as a law professor, but by his behavior as a practicing lawyer and Solicitor General and in his current job as a Federal appellate judge.

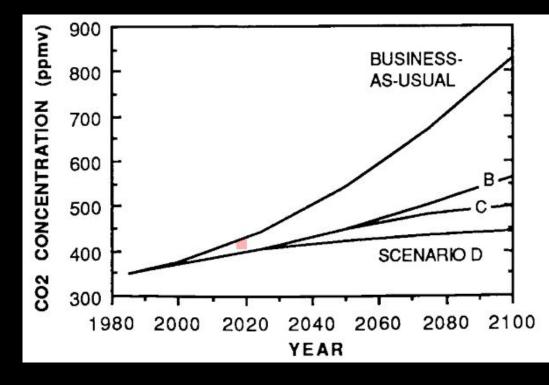
In those roles, he said, "I have not been extreme in any way." [Excerpts, pages B10 and B11.]

#### 3 Senators Express Skepticism

The comment came in response to questions from Senator Howell Heflin, an Alabama Democrat who is one of the crucial uncommitted Senators on the committee. Judge Bork also said there are "a few other things I have grown out of," a reference to legal views he has abandoned.







Me ~1995 MECNESEO













Climate policy is bringing world closer than ever before to a peak in fossil fuel use Global use of fossil fuels, exajoules pre-Paris polic 700 In the past, fossil fuel demand ...but policy shifts since Paris mean has grown steadily... fossil fuels will peak in the 2020s, 600 then decline Policy 500 2023 400 300 2022 If met, recent pledges would speed fossil fuels' fall... 2023 200 ...but the gap to a 1.50 path remains very large 2021 100 2022 2050 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 2020 2030 2040

Source: IEA World Energy Outlooks

Worldwide
Carbon dioxide emissions
peaks in 2025 (2yrs earlier
than expected)

China's emissions peaked in 2023 & stayed flat in

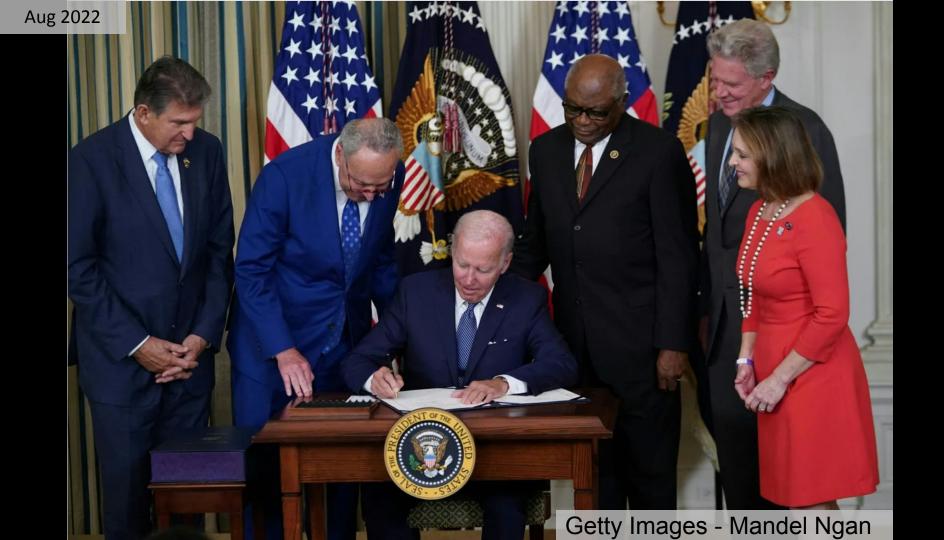
Oil demand set to peak in

2030's

2024

Solar projections continue to be revised because of faster adoption than prediction

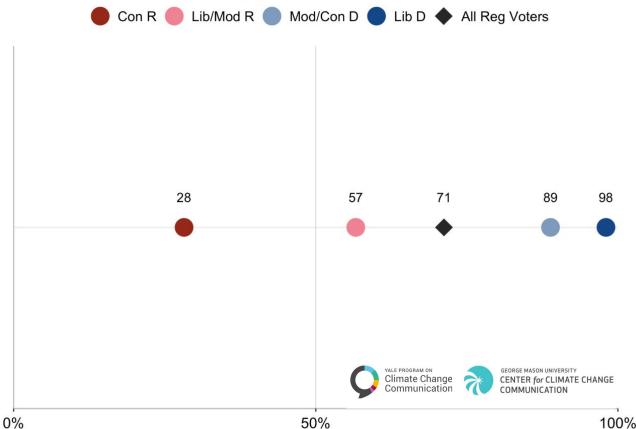
United States
New methane rules are stronger than ever & the social cost of carbon is finally being implemented





## A majority of registered voters support the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022

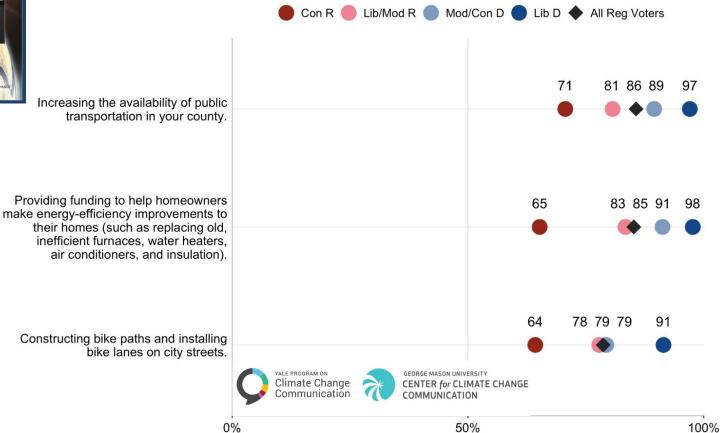
- % "strongly" or "somewhat" support -



# CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN MIND Politics & Policy JULINO 2003 Demograt Republican Independent Commodation Commodation Commodation

# Large majorities of registered voters support climate-friendly policies for their local community

- % "strongly" or "somewhat" support -



## The future of transportation is happening now





Author: Shirah Matsuzawa Published: 6:16 PM MDT August 18, 2021 Updated: 6:17 PM MDT August 18, 2021



## National and Local Beliefs

## Two-thirds of Americans prioritize developing alternative energy sources, like wind and solar

% of U.S. adults who say ...

U.S. should prioritize expanding oil, coal and natural gas production

32

67

Oppose the U.S. taking steps to become carbon neutral by 2050

28

Prioritize developing alternative energy, such as wind and solar

Favor the U.S. taking steps to become carbon neutral by 2050

Note: Respondents who did not give an answer are not shown. Source: Surveys conducted May 30-June 4, 2023 and Jan. 24-30, 2022.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

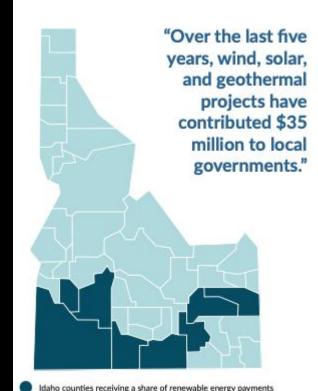
## Agree we can both increase the production of clean energy while preserving natural areas, wildlife habitat and the character of our communities. 2/3 OF IDAHO VOTERS SUPPORT ldaho voters support clean energ A LOCAL LANDOWNER LEASING THEIR LAND TO BUILD SOLAR PANELS OR WIND TURBINES. Idaho voters support solutions that advance responsible development of clean energy: support helping counties support creating agreements between clean energy companies & communities develop clean energy guidance to maximize local benefits in their land use plans. support creating statewide standards support creating tax incentives to and identifying appropriate areas direct clean energy development for clean energy development. to appropriate locations. 64% AGREE CLEAN ENERGY IS 600D ECONOMICS. It's affordable compared to other options and brings jobs, royalties to local landowners and other income to our communities.





Nationally: solar/wind jobs grew by ~5%, more than double the growth rate economy-wide. Idaho was a leader among all 50 states for overall clean energy job growth.

Idaho: In 2023, solar/wind industries employed over 2,100 people



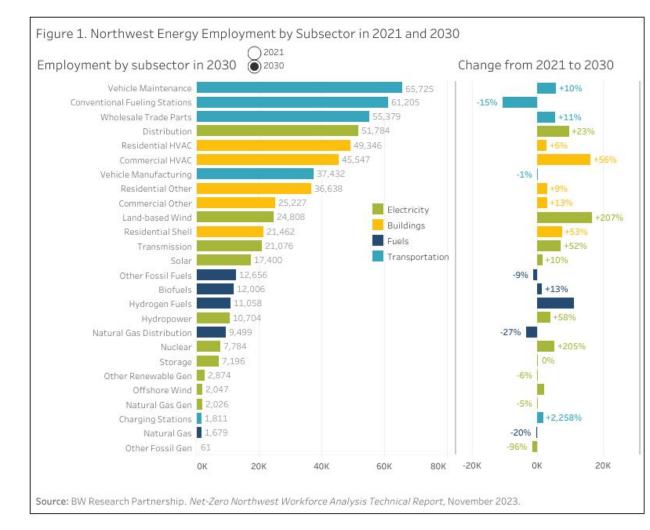
# Energy & Climate Jobs

## Job Losses

- -3,400 methane gas
- -10,000 gas stations

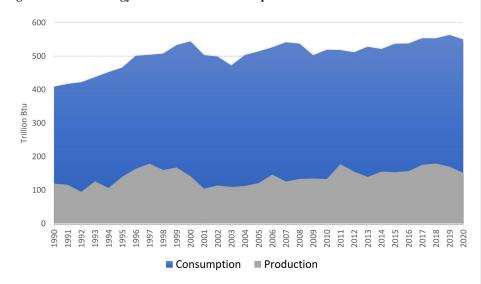
## Job Gains

- +10,000 Energy distribution
- +16,000 Wind
- +11,000 Hydrogen
- +19,000 HVAC



## Idaho Energy

Figure 11: Idaho Energy Production and Consumption<sup>48</sup>

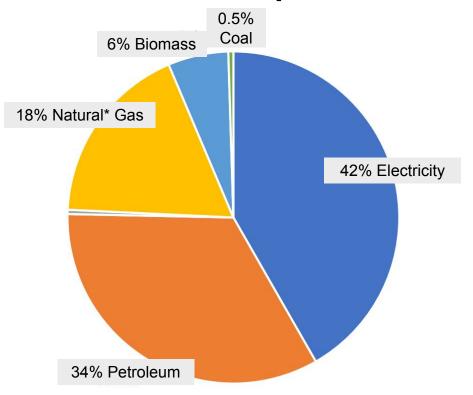


Idaho only produces ~25% of the total **energy** it consumes.

**Energy** = gas + diesel + electricity generation

Idaho's Energy Landscape Report, 2023

# Idaho Energy Consumption



## % energy used in 2020

~42% electricity
Less than half from hydropower

~34% petroleum based (all imported gasoline & diesel)

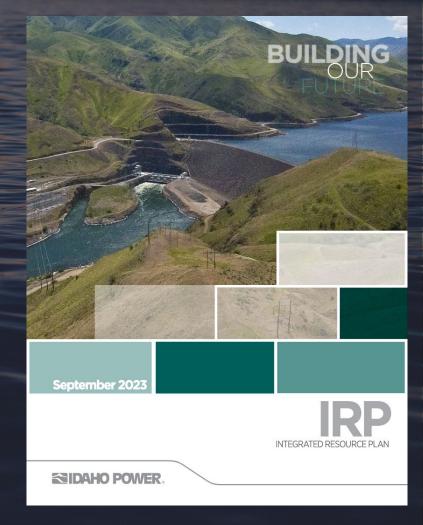
~18% natural gas (mostly imported)

Petroleum + natural\* gas to shift to electricity consumption in a decarbonized world

## Clean energy = Cheap energy

## Levelized Cost of Energy (\$/MWh)

- \$235 Biomass
- \$215 Peaking gas plant
- \$140 Small modular nuclear reactor\*
- \$110 Batteries (8-hr)
- \$90 Baseload gas plant
- \$53 Wind from Idaho
- \$35 Wind from Wyoming
- \$31 Utility Scale Solar





# Our Climate & Energy Work

- Closing down coal plants
- Making electric vehicles a reality
- Maintaining affordable electricity costs
- Preventing new fossil fuel infrastructure
- Proactive renewable energy siting to protect sensitive lands





## Bonus Slides