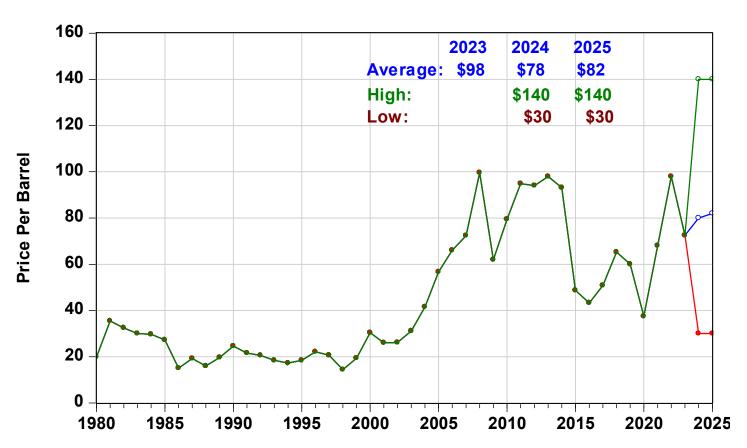


# Oil Prices Demand Side – Mixed The Supply Side: Egad!!!



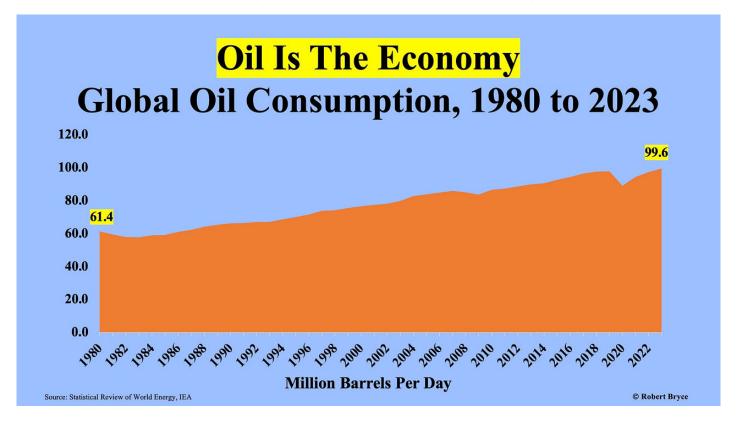








### Forecasts for 2024: IEA: +1.2 mmb/d; OPEC: +2.2 mmb/d



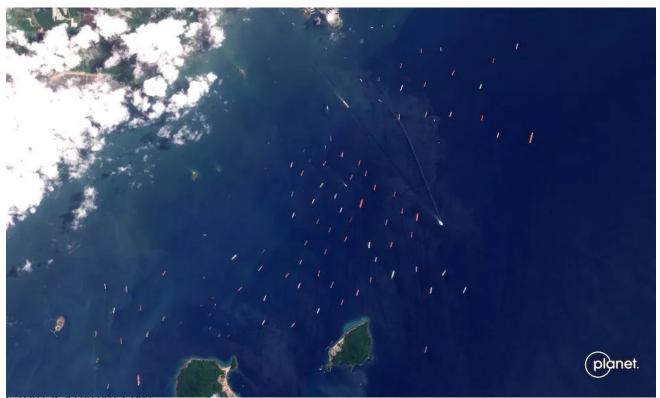
### RGDP Forecasts(5/24)

<b>Quarter</b>	Wells Fargo	<u>Consensus</u>
<b>23-11</b>	2.1 %	2.1%
<b>23-III</b>	4.9%	4.9%
23-IV	<i>3.2</i> %	<i>3.2%</i>
24-1	1.3%	1.3%
24-11	2.7%	2.1%
24-111	1.9%	1.3%
24-IV	1.5%	1.5%
<b>25-I</b>	1.8%	1.7%
<b>25-II</b>	2.0%	1.8%
<b>25-III</b>	2.4%	1.9%
25-IV	2.4%	2.0%



### **Drought Problems for Panama Canal** 25 Ships Versus 40 a day: \$175K-\$700K Per Transit Normal 2-3 day waiting period now at 15 days







### **Go Around Cape Horn?**

- •+ 21 days to trip
- Violent, unpredictable weather (The Wager)
- •+\$1.14 mm to transportation costs
- Additional port fees due to delayed arrivals & scheduling berth changes?

More than two weeks after the launch of US-led 'Prosperity Guardian', the Houthis still rule in the Red Sea.







What's the big deal?

There are <u>99,800</u> cargo ships plying the oceans



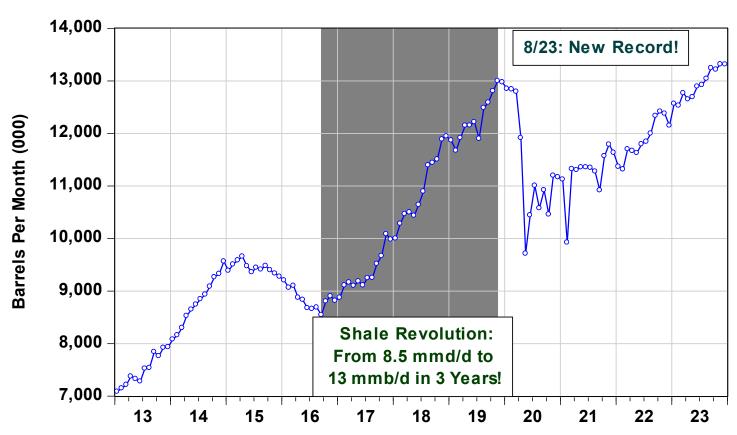




- OPEC+ recently cut 2 mmb/d off market
- •3/24: OPEC extended cuts through thru 2024-II
- •Remember oil demand in very inelastic.
- •Incentive behind cuts: Saudis need \$81 oil to maintain budget

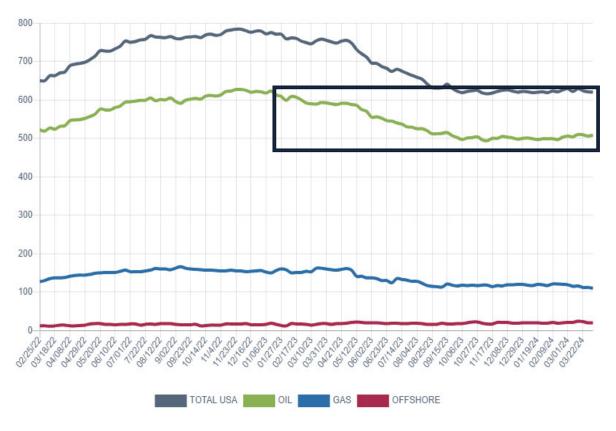






US Rig Count Black = Total; Pea Green = Oil; Blue = Gas







### **Source of Recent Production Boom**

- Efficiency Gains: Costs Down 36% Since 2014
  - More fissures in rock
  - More water and sand in fissures
  - Deeper & Longer wells
    - Olympus & EOG: 5miles down, 4.8 miles laterally
- Result: Can make as much at \$42 per barrel as \$81 per barrel in 2014!

# Communicating well? "Your dog bite?"

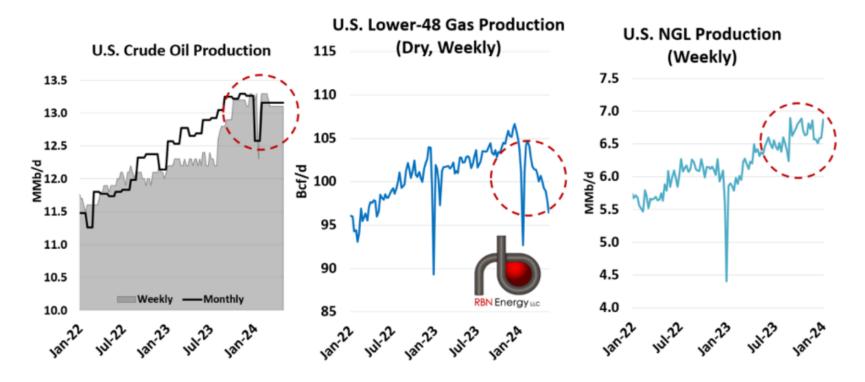


# Issue #1: Recent leveling in U.S. Crude Production



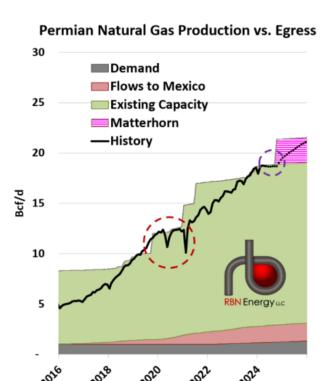


### **Note Recent U.S. Oil Production**

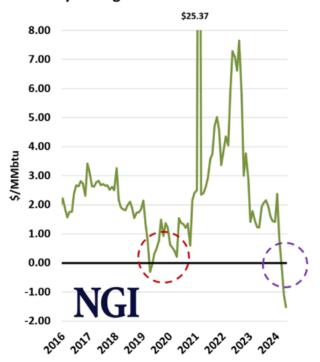




### **Associated Natural Gas Bottle Neck**

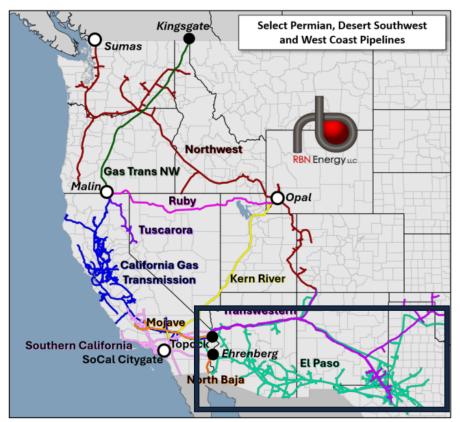


#### Monthly Average Waha Natural Gas Price



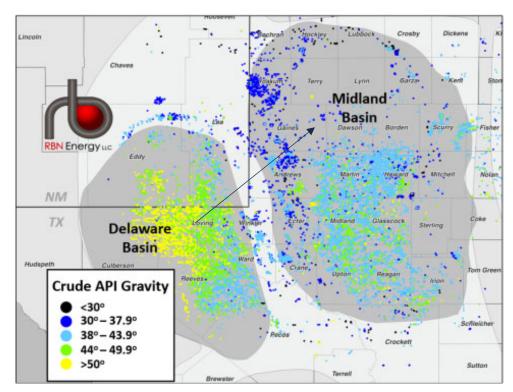
### Pipeline Maintenance on EPNG Out of Permian 3.4 Down to 2.4 bcf/d = Negative Price at Waha Hub







### Plus, Older Wells, Higher GOR Ratio & Shifts in Permian



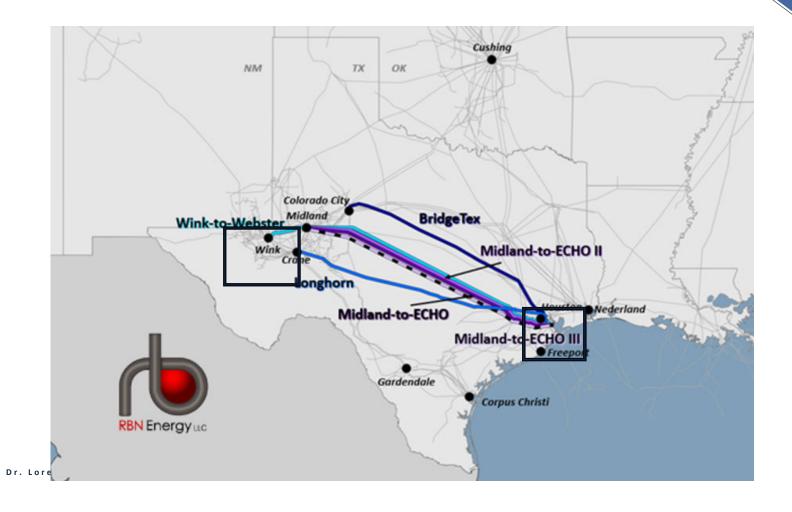
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## Issue #2: Wink-to-Webster Pipeline Maintenance





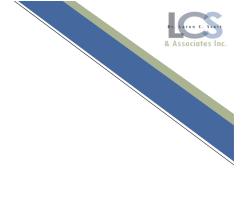


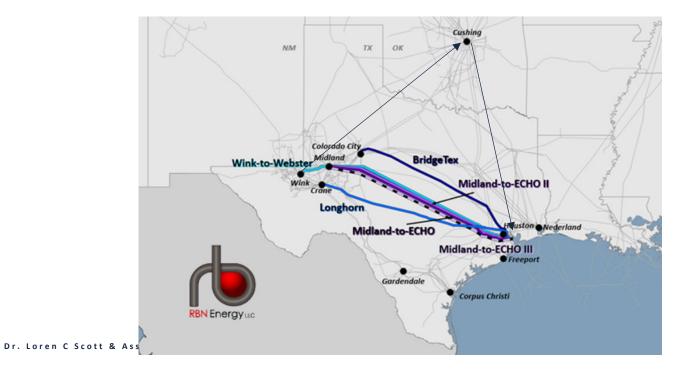


### **Roy Orbison Museum; Wink, Texas**



# W2W Maintenance 1<sup>st</sup> 10 Days of June -1.5 mmb/d Store? Ship to Cushing?



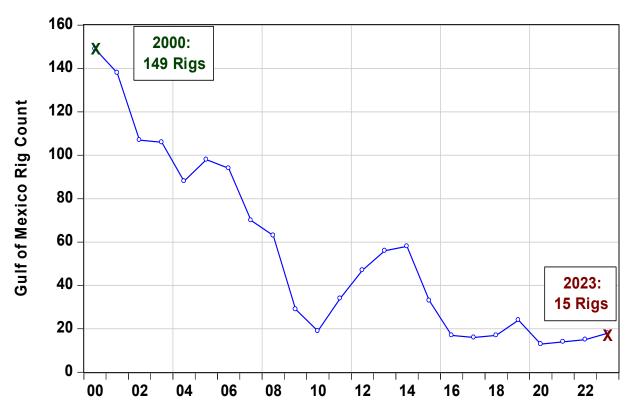


# Issue #3: Gulf of Mexico Is the anchor lifting?



### Gulf of Mexico Rig Count: Month of August





Source: Baker Hughes & Loren C. Scott & Associates, Inc. Data are for Louisiana & Texas

### **Good News in the Gulf**



- Graph was drill bit activity; large number of production platforms added to Gulf
  - 2016-2020: 5 new platforms added
  - 2021-25: 7 more will be added
  - FIDs expected soon on 5 more platforms
    - Shell's Sparta & Leopold
    - BP's Kaskida
    - Equinor's Monument
    - LLOG's Blacktip

### **Good News in the Gulf**

- 20,000psi (HT/HP) breakthrough
  - •Transocean 2 new 8<sup>th</sup> generation drillships
    - Deepwater Atlas
    - Deepwater Titan
      - 3.4 mm pound hoisting equipment for heavier, larger diameter casing strings

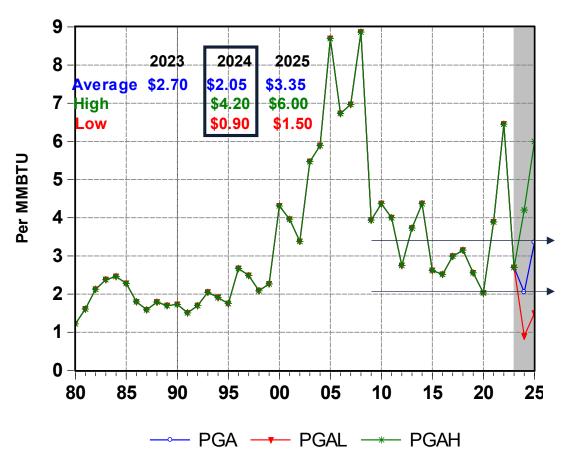


# Wisdom Importance of not jumping to conclusions: The case of the kissing nun



### **Price of Natural Gas: Henry Hub**



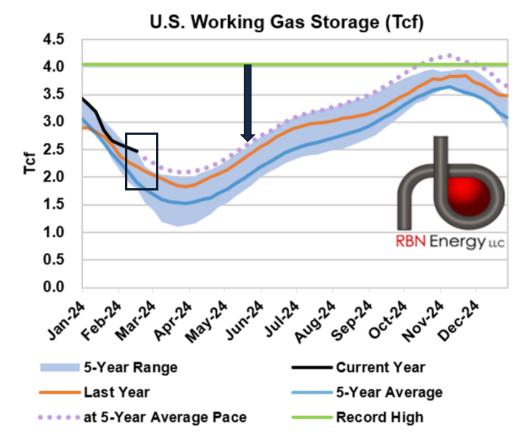






- Supply Side:
  - Strong oil prices = associated gas production way up
- Demand:
  - El Nino weather pattern 1<sup>st</sup> time in 4 years---unseasonably mild temps in northern tier of US







Watch for significant CAPEX cutbacks in dry plays (Haynesville and Marcellus)

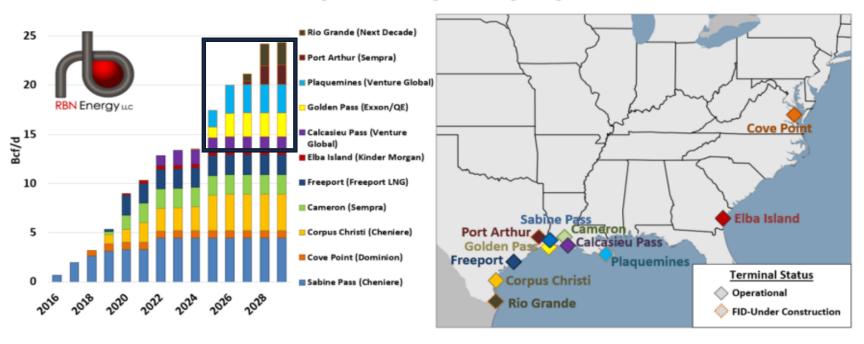
Haynesville rig count last 13 months: 80 down to 41





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### **U.S. LNG Export Capacity by Terminal**





## **Exports to Mexico: Up 3X Last Decade**

#### U.S. Natural Gas Exports to Mexico by Pipeline



### 2/3rds of Demand for Gas-Fired Power Plants with Eleven New ones Under Construction

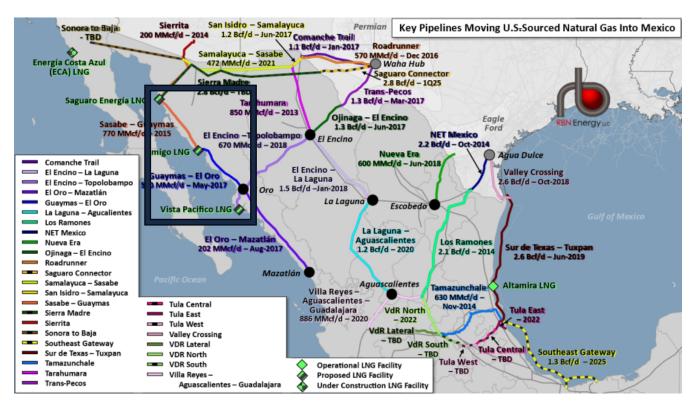


**CFE Gas-Fired Power Plants Under Construction** 



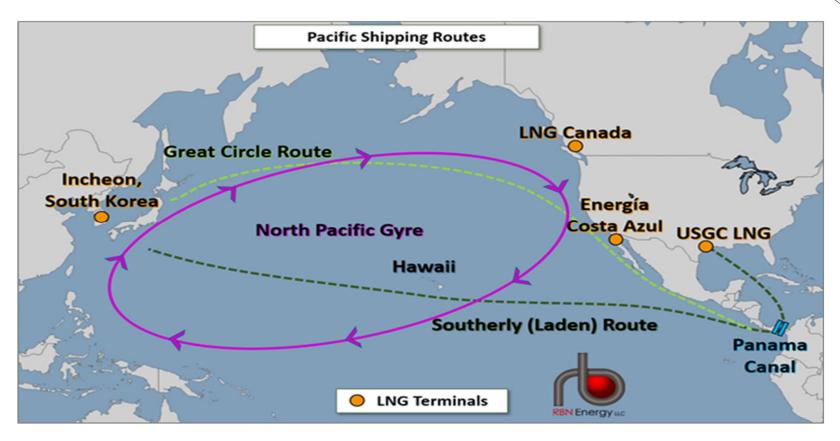
### New Pipelines Built to & Within Mexico: Some to Feed New LNG Exporters (Green Diamonds)



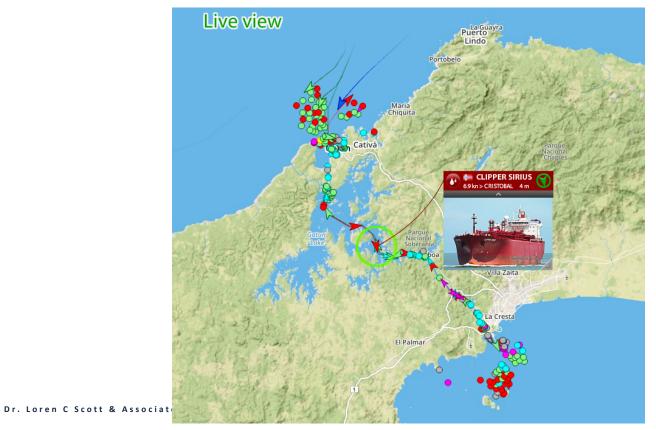


## Via Canal: 1 ship per day each way = 365 max Laden ships full per year





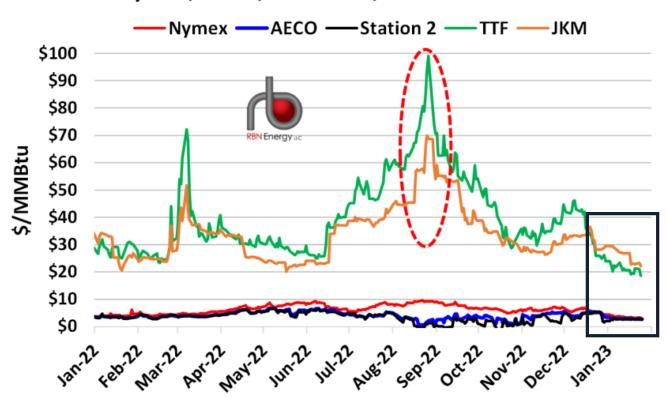
## Parlor Game: Which direction through Canal Going from Atlantic to Pacific?







## Nymex, AECO, Dutch TTF, and JKM Cash Prices





## **Enormous Construction Boom Ahead**

Area	Under Construction	Announced: No FID
New Orleans	\$21.4 Billion	\$39.8 Billion
Baton Rouge	\$11.6 Billion	\$19 Billion
Lake Charles	\$0.8 Billion	\$61.8 Billion
Totals	\$33.8 Billion	\$120.6 Billion

## The industry under attack from Biden Administration







- Regular release of 5-year plan
- Two sales a year

### •Biden:

- Irregular release of 5-year plan
- One sale every other year (-70% change in number of sales!)

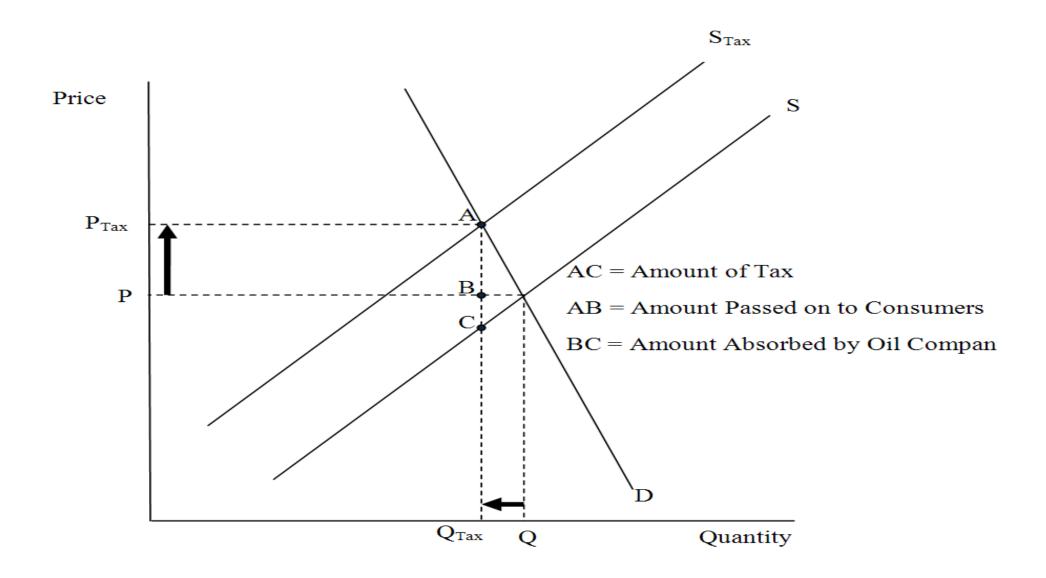


### Proposed Biden Budget: New Taxes on Fossil Fuels

Tax Foundation

- Intangible Drilling Costs: -\$8.5 billion
  - Supplies, surveyors, well maintenance
  - Expense over 5 years instead of immediately
- Geological & Geophysical Costs: -\$2.8 Billion
  - Independents deduct over 7 years instead of 2
- Depletion of oil & gas wells: -\$13.9 Billion
  - Instead of % depletion from gross income, use cost depletion
- WHO PAYS?





## **Pause in LNG Permitting**

Hammered Lake Charles

• Driftwood: \$16.8 billion

• VG-CP2: \$13.5 billion

Energy Transfer: \$10.9 billion

• Cameron #6: \$4.0 billion

Cheniere Stage 5: \$4.0 billion

Commonwealth: \$4.0 billion

• Total: \$53.2 billion

Plus Texas Gulf Coast

• Can financing be kept secure?



## Declaration of National Climate Change Emergency?



# Our President is prone to mis-communicating President Biden's discussion with Queen Elizabeth



Intensity of these policy changes based on climate change as "existential threat"

Will President Biden declare a "climate emergency"?



## Use of Statistics Always Consider Incentives





## Cui Bono: "Who Benefits?"

## Annual Revenues Of The Groups Applauding The LNG "Pause"

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Climate Power	n/a	Alliance For Climate Protection (Cli. Protection Proj)	\$23
Natural Resources Defense Council	\$186	350.org	\$22
NRDC Action Fund	\$16	Public Citizen Foundation	\$19
Sierra Club	\$167	Food & Water Watch	\$19
Sierra Club Foundation	\$88	Friends of the Earth	\$18
Earthjustice	\$150	Friends of the Earth Action	\$1
Center for W. Priorities (Resources Legacy Fund)	\$89	Rainforest Action Network	\$13
League of Conservation Voters	\$69	Public Citizen	\$8
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund	\$54	Action For The Climate Emergency	\$8
Third Act (Sustainable Markets Foundation)	\$42	Oil Change International	\$6
Center for American Progress	\$40	Sunrise Movement Education Fund	\$5
Center for American Progress Action Fund	\$9	Alliance For Affordable Energy	\$3
Greenpeace	\$32	Evergreen Action	\$2
Center for Biological Diversity	\$28	Total	\$1,142
Greenpeace Fund	\$25		

Latest-year revenue, \$Millions

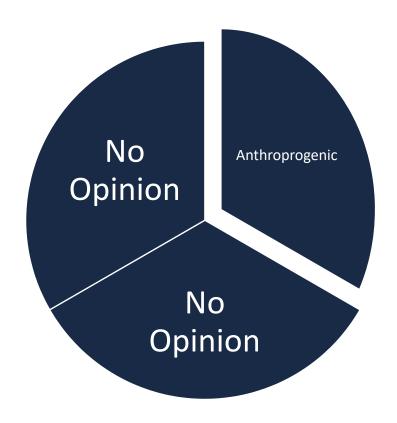
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# Use of Statistics Always remember: Journalists rarely take

economics or statistics



## 97% of Scientist Agree? 11,000+ Articles Surveyed



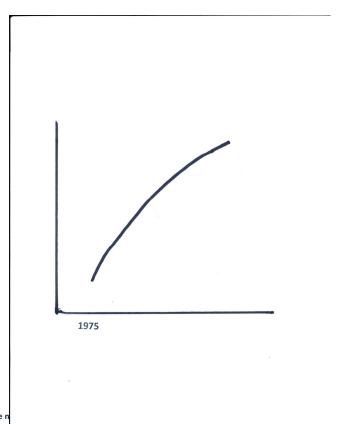


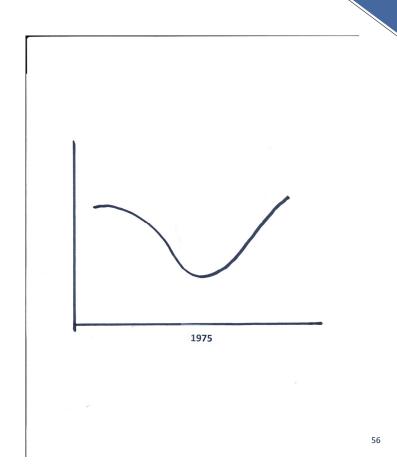
### **World Climate Declaration - 2022**

- Signed by 1,100+ scientists & professionals from all over the world
  - Led by Nobel Prize in Physics---Laureate Ivar Giaever
  - Earth's climate has varied for as long as it has existed
  - No statistical evidence global warming is intensifying hurricanes, tornados, floods, droughts or making them more frequent
- Discover of nuclear anti-matter Professor Antonio Zichichi (Italy) led 48 local science professors in stating "human responsibility for climate change is unjustifiably exaggerated & catastrophic predictions are not realistic".



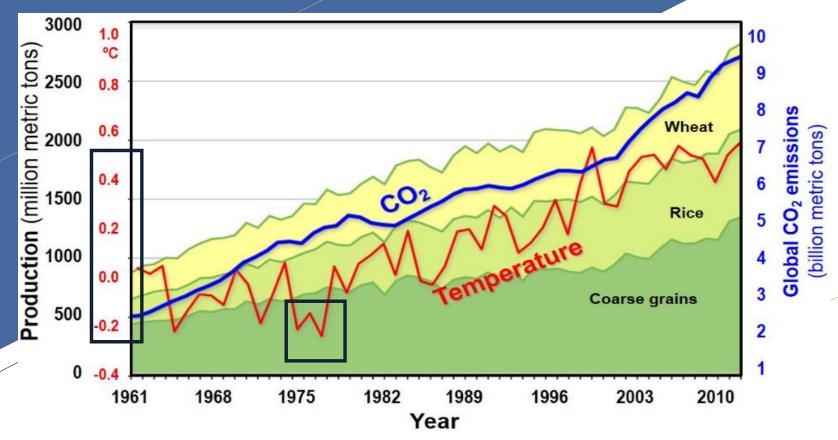
## The Starting Point Matters---A Lot!





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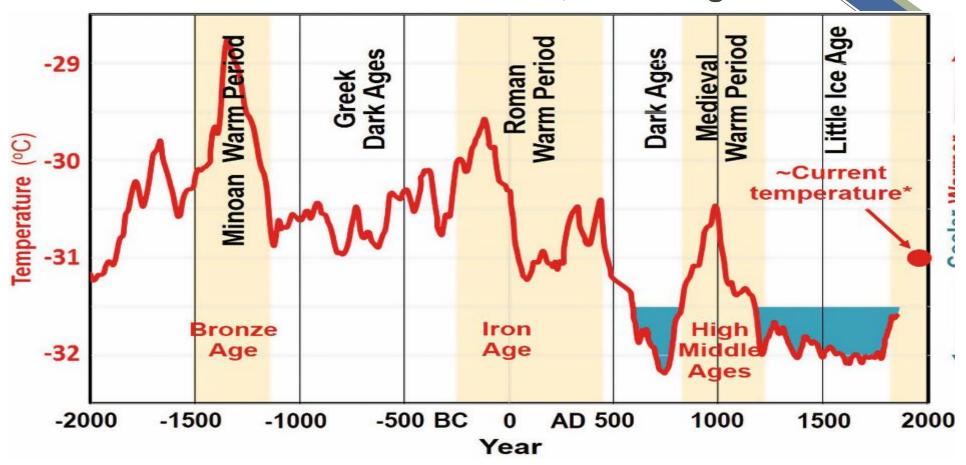
## Food/grain production excels





## Daniel Fahrenheit: 1<sup>st</sup> reliable measure 1714 Proxies: Bore Holes in Greenland; Tree Rings





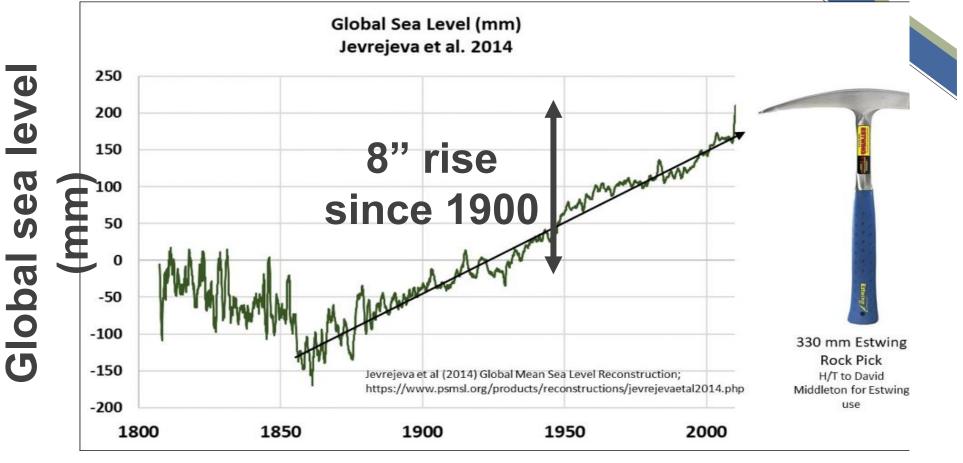
## **Parlor Game**

How much has the sea level risen since 1990?



## 0.07" Per Year Since 1900 Recent Advocate Article: 7 millimeters Annually (1/4<sup>th</sup>")

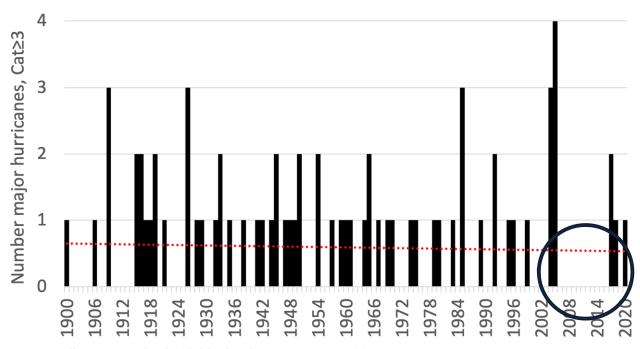




## Number of Cat 3+ By Year 2005-2017: No Hit to Florida coast

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## US major landfalling hurricanes 1900-2020

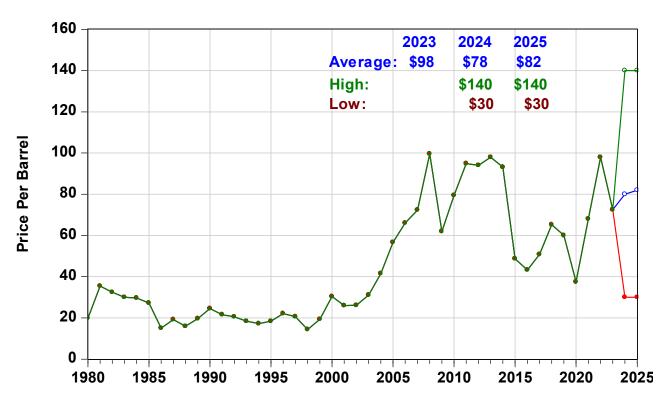


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### **Scientific Statistical Issue**

#### Oil Price Forecasts

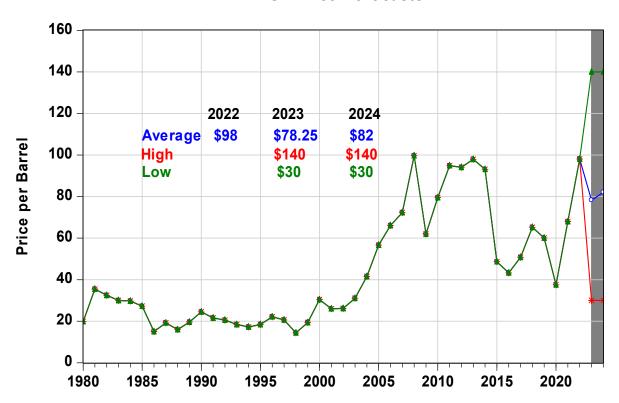






## **Scientific Statistical Issue**

#### **Oil Price Forecasts**



Wisdom:
Courage is knowing its going to hurt & doing it anyway.

Unfortunately, the same is true of stupidity.

That's why life is hard sometimes



Scott Peck: The Road
Less Traveled
"Life is difficult"

A life in which it is easy to fail

Great people are just ordinary people
who had an extraordinary amount of
determination





## **John Creasy: British Author**

- •Received 753 rejection letters before 1st acceptance
- Published over 600 novels



# Rowland Hussey Macy Failed 7 times at retailing before creating Macy's Department Store



#### The "Loser" Politician

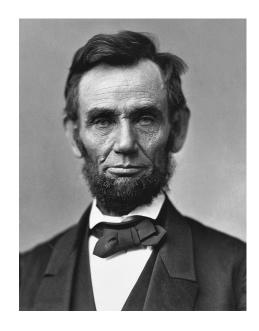
- Started 1<sup>st</sup> business failed
- Ran for state legislature lost
- Tried for law school couldn't get in
- Borrowed \$ for another business failed 17 years to pay off debt
- Had total nervous breakdown & spent 6 months in bed
- Sought to become elector lost
- Ran for Congress lost
- Ran for Congress again won but lost re-election



#### The "Loser" Politician

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- Sought job a state land officer rejected
- Ran for U. S. Senate lost
- Ran for party's VP nomination got less that 100 votes
- Ran for U.S. Senate again lost
- Ran for Presidency of the U.S.
  - Won!
  - Year was 1860



If at first you don't succeed, its no big deal You're never a failure if you don't give up.



