

France gets 70% of its power from nuclear plants, Sweden 40% and Switzerland 36%. The U.S. gets just 20% from the carbon-free energy source.

For those who wish to create a world free of carbon emissions, France is the role model. Rather than solar, wind, coal, oil, or natural gas, however, France most heavily relies on nuclear power, getting around 70% of its power from one carbon-free source.

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Sweden gets around 40% of its energy from nuclear power plants.

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Switzerland gets 36% of its energy from nuclear.

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The United States gets just 20% of its energy from nuclear plants.

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Nuclear energy is not only cleaner than all other forms of energy, it's also cheaper to create, abundant and safe.

If the world is going to end in a few years because of global warming due to rising CO2 levels, we should be going all out to produce this abundant, clean, and safe form of energy: nuclear energy. We are told that we do not turn to nuclear energy more because of safety concerns; however, safety, like everything else, is a matter of context. Some context: 1.35 million people die worldwide every year in traffic accidents.

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Around 2.3 million people die every year in work-related accidents.

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About 4.2 million people die every year from air pollution.

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The total deaths directly related to nuclear power plants is extremely low.

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Less than 200 people have ever died directly related to nuclear power in the entire history of the nuclear power industry.

Three Mile Island in 1979, Chernobyl in 1986 and Fukushima in 2011 resulted in far fewer deaths than popular perception suggests.

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The Three Mile Island plant accident resulted in a leak of about the same amount of radiation one might receive taking a chest x-ray. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission acknowledged as much four weeks after the initial media hysteria died down. “We goofed,” the commission told Congress. “There was no danger of any hydrogen explosion.”

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The infamous Chernobyl accident developed into a catastrophe only because of grossly inadequate safety procedures unique to the Soviet Union. It would never have occurred in the West. Even so, initial reports of radiation leakage turned out to be grossly exaggerated. According to the World Health Organization, “As of mid-2005 [19 years after the explosion], fewer than 50 deaths had been directly attributed to radiation from the disaster.”

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No one from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant died because of radiation leaks in 2011. The deaths that occurred in the area were the result of the tsunami. A plant employee’s family was awarded a settlement after the worker

developed cancer, but it is highly unlikely the cancer was caused by the accident.

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All the nuclear waste ever generated in the U.S. can fit on a single football field stacked less than 70 feet high.

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Nuclear energy is the best way to provide abundant, safe and environmentally responsible energy.

The anti-nuclear movement, aided by its allies in the media, has spent a tremendous amount of time and money obscuring the facts about nuclear energy. Lawsuits filed by anti-nuclear activists have helped make it prohibitively expensive in the U.S. to build new plants or even to keep older ones running.

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The Sierra Club, one of the anti-nuclear groups that now litigates against nuclear energy, was once a great proponent of it. “Cheap [nuclear] power in unlimited quantities is one of the chief factors in allowing a large rapidly growing population to preserve wildlands, open space, and land of high scenic value,” former Sierra Club leader Will Siri told the club in 1966.

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It would take dozens of wind and solar farms, covering thousands of acres of land, to match the energy a single nuclear power plant could produce. From both an environmental and clean energy point of view, nuclear power is superior to renewables.

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