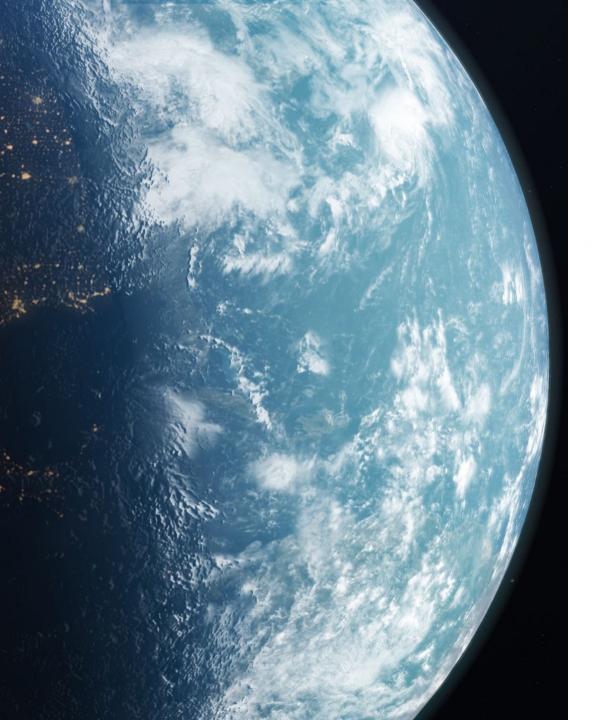
#### Energy Challenges Puerto Rico Innovation Expo May 7, 2024

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#### The 2019 Puerto Rico Energy Public Policy Act

- 40% of electricity to be made by renewables by 2025
- 60% renewable by 2040



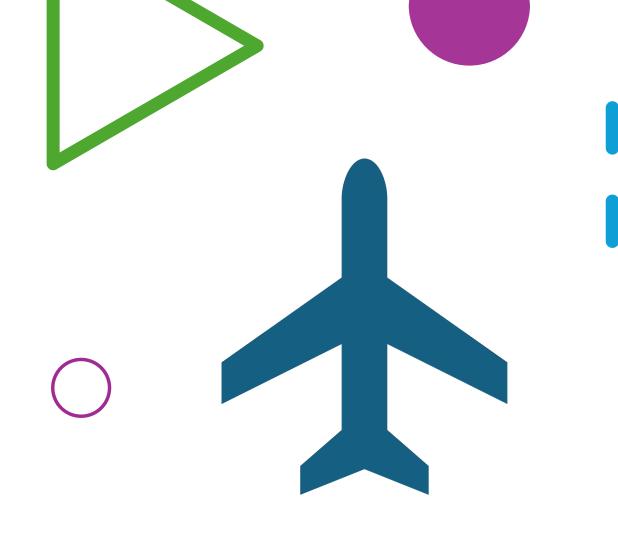


#### Effect on Climate

- Net Zero Puerto Rico: 0.003 °C difference by 2100
- Net Zero United States: 0.2 °C difference by 2100

## Energy Security and Tourism

- Elevators
- Heating
- Refrigeration
- Air Conditioning





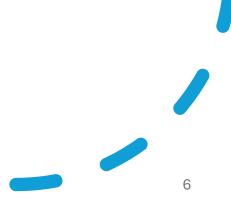
# Energy Security and Agriculture

• In 2021, Sri Lanka President Rajapaksa banned synthetic fertilizer and pesticide imports



#### Result of Poor Energy Security

 In 2022, with inflation at 55 percent and the economy in tatters, protestors took over President Rajapaksa's home, his government fell





Our energy security, our agricultural security, and ultimately our food security, depend on fossil fuels

#### US Department of Energy Report, PR100

- "we assumed that the transmission and distribution networks were repaired sufficiently to support reliable operation of the electric system..."
- It does not give an estimate of the increased costs levied on residents of Puerto Rico due to switching to renewables



#### The PR100 Report Fails to Consider...



Costs associated with reinforcing and repairing renewable equipment such as wind turbines and solar panels, which are notably vulnerable to hurricane damages.



Financial outlays necessary for overhauling Puerto Rico's aged transmission and distribution systems



Financial strain will be on residents to adopt such a plan



#### More Problems with PR100 Report

- 53% increase in utility revenue requirements
- 75% increase in average retail electricity rates between 2020 and 2025
- This would jeopardize manufacturing, artisan work, rates at hotels, and restaurants

This plan will require a fundamental re-engineering of Puerto Rico's power grid

The report heavily relies on battery storage solutions to stabilize the grid as renewable usage increases

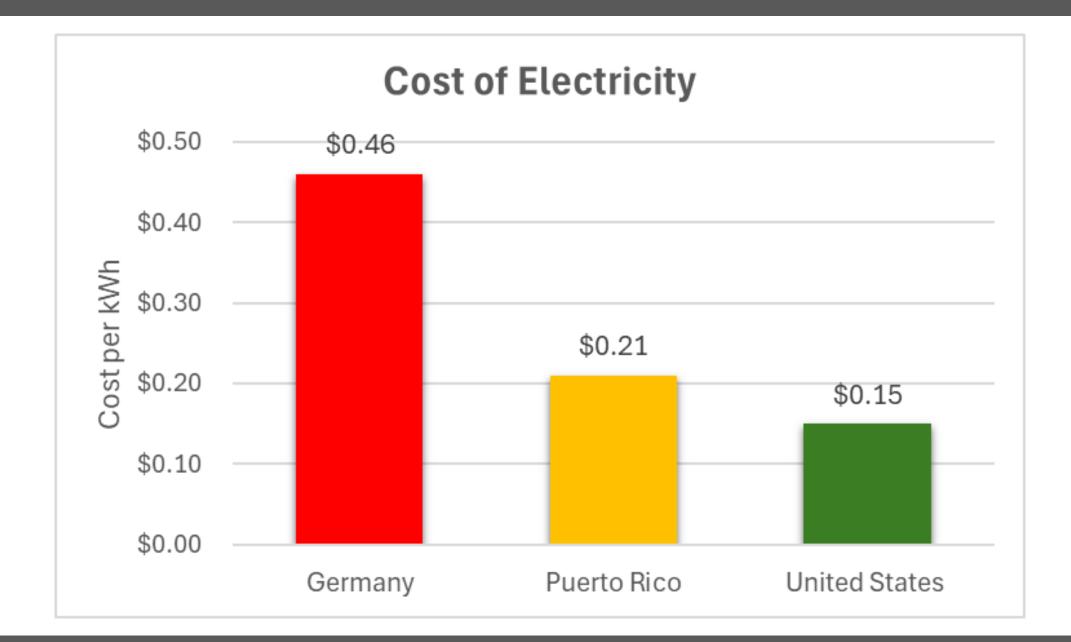
# Puerto Rico's grid can't handle excess customer solar

# Deindustrialization of Germany

 moving from nuclear, coal, and natural gas to renewables

## Germany's Energy Transition

Increase the use of renewable energy sources to 80% by 2030 and 100% by 2035



Around 67% of German companies have moved at least some operations abroad due to high energy costs



President Trump, emphasized the need to produce more oil and gas and get rid of energy tax credits for wind and solar.

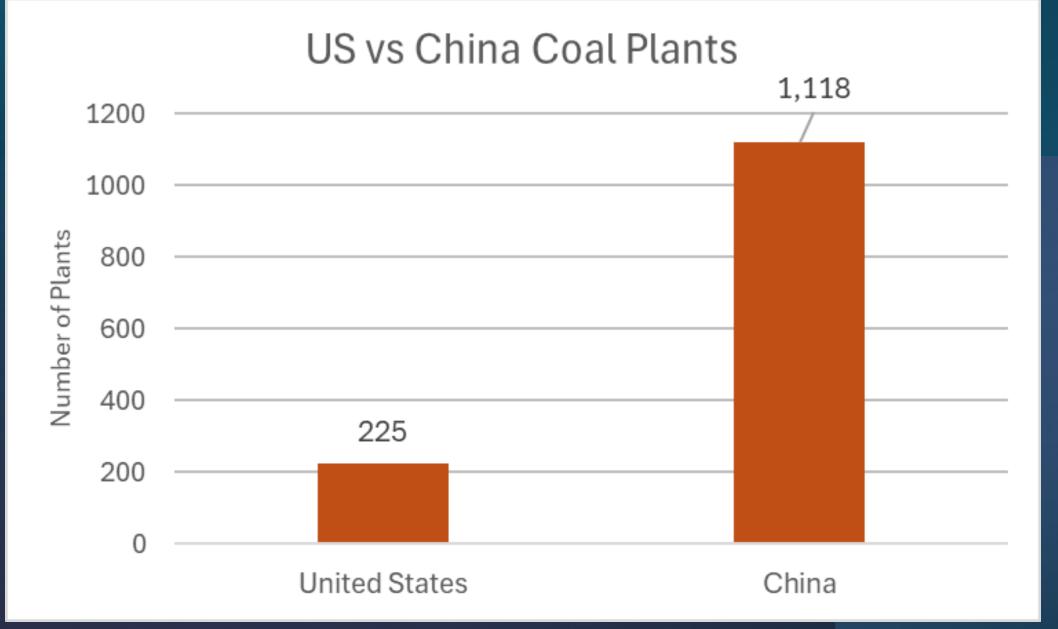


#### These goals help China

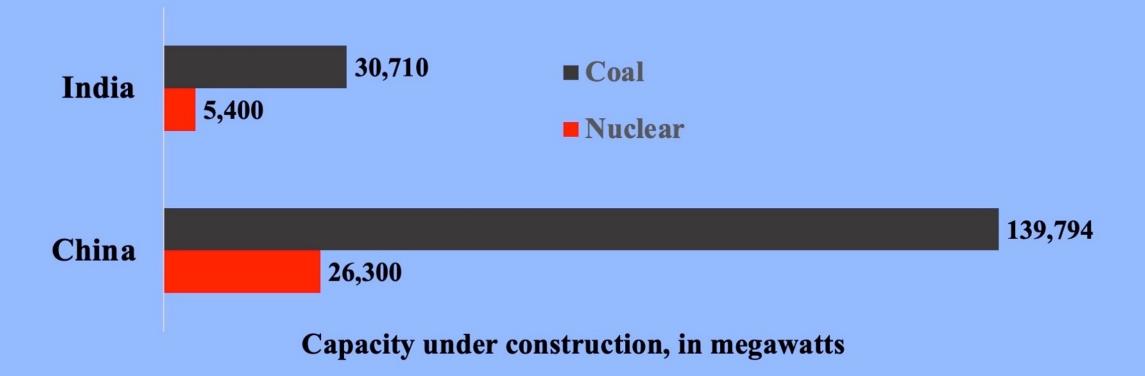
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China is financing the coalfired power plants in emerging economies that American institutions refuse to fund

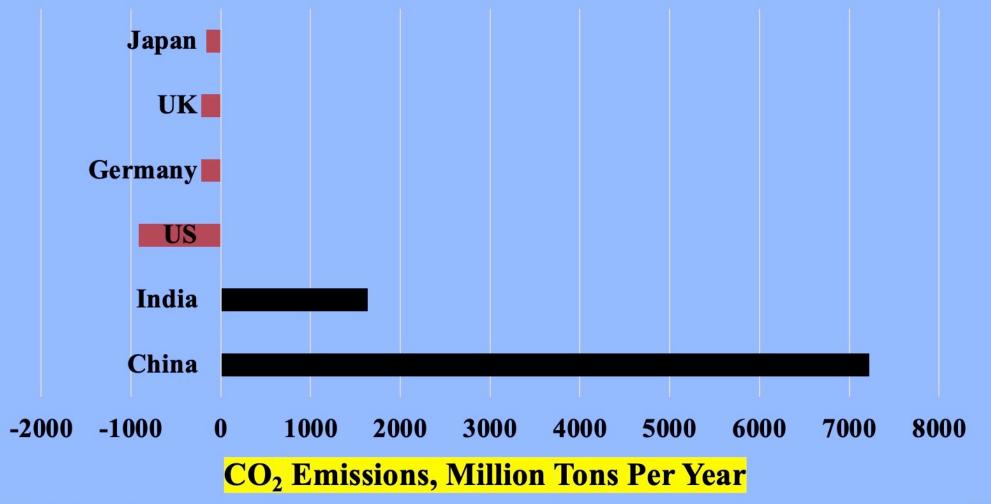




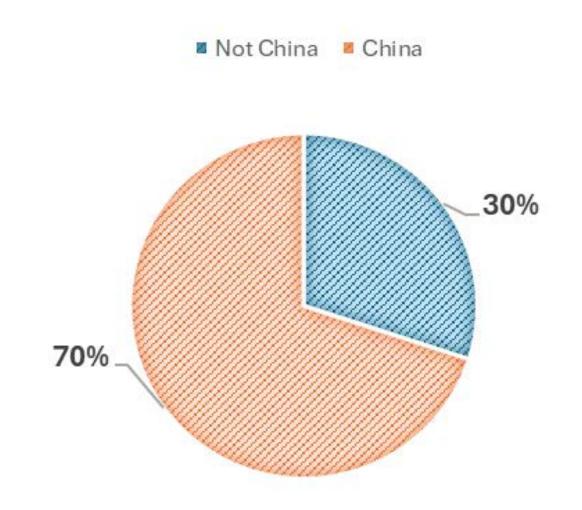
#### More Than Half Of New Global Nuclear Capacity Is Being Built In China & India, <mark>But Their Coal-Fired Capacity Is <u>Growing >5x Faster</u></mark>

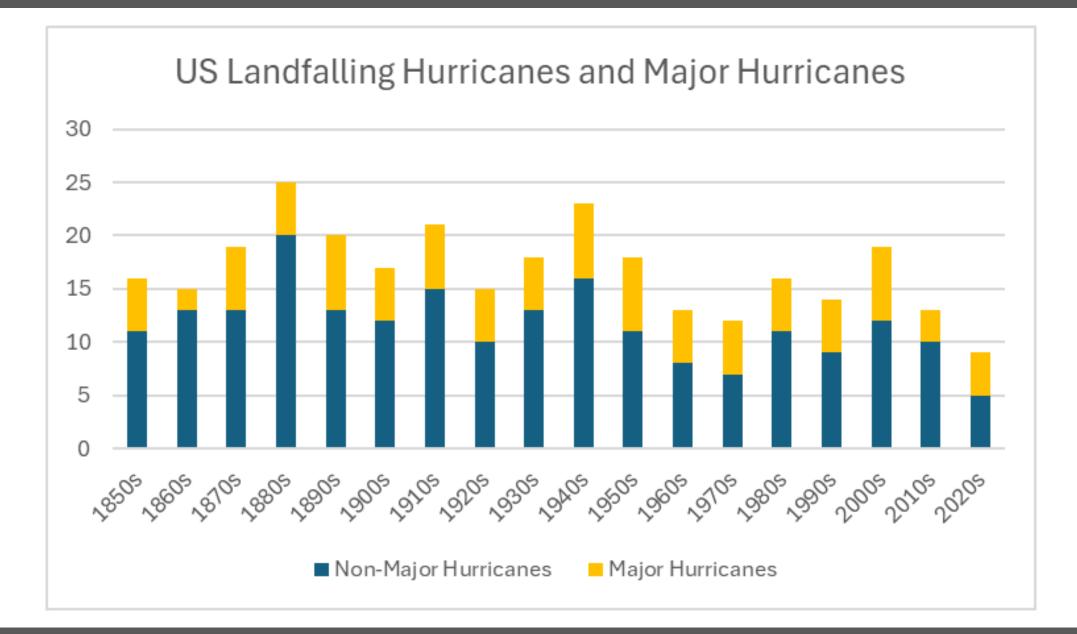


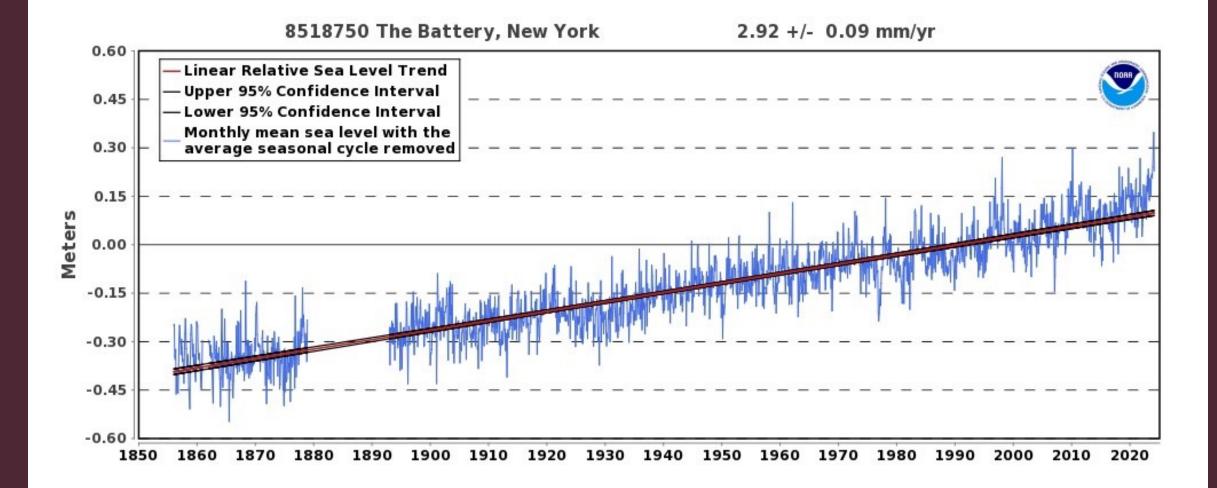
### Change In CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions In The Six Largest Economies, 2000 to 2022













#### Industrialization delivers jobs



The misguided policies of Western countries to discourage energy use condemn billions of people around the world to impoverished lives and hunger



It is less expensive to adapt to increases in temperatures than to destroy an economy by banning fossil fuels.