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Minor collisions of EV's almost always result in insurance companies totaling the vehicle because of the risks involved with electronic circuitry damage, especially the batteries. As thousands more EV's are projected to be on our Michigan roads what steps are being taken by the state to prepare both drivers and insurance companies for the much higher replacement and disposal costs



We need to ask the tough questions before not after the facts. Go along to get along has not worked well, just ask the banking system.

"If you throw away the vehicle at an early stage, you've lost pretty much all advantage in terms of CO2 emissions," he said.

Sandy Munro, head of Michigan-based Munro & Associates, which analyzes vehicles and advises automakers on how to improve them, said the Model Y battery pack has "zero repairability."

"A Tesla structural battery pack is going straight to the grinder," Munro said.

So much for the EV revolution and the green "circular economy" touted by carmakers, politicians, NGOs, and climate activists... These EVs appear even worse for the environment when compared with traditional petrol-powered vehicles.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/scratched-ev-battery-your-insurer-may-have-junk-whole-car-2023-03-20/>

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Energy transition: *refers to the global energy sector's shift from fossil-based systems of energy production and consumption – including oil, natural gas and coal – to renewable energy sources like wind and solar, as well as lithium-ion batteries.*

Did you notice the definition leaves out smooth, reliable, or cost effective?

The transition over to renewables backstopped by billions in government subsidies gives one the false sense that all is well as long as federal depreciating dollars get printed.

With our financial system imploding around us, inflation decimating value, home credit card debt now over \$1 trillion. How would it be wise to spend money on frivolous endeavors that promise a better life for all? It doesn't take a genius to see the results of wrongheaded spending and the terrible outcomes.

We have multitudes of clever yet very naïve spokespeople highly trained in reading a prepared script that never quite gets to the underlying truth of grid stability, safety, and reliability. Are we to expect more outages, higher rates, and excuses by our monopolized state protected utilities indefinitely?

The transition process from fossil to renewable lacks a definitive honest answer to why customers are asked to suffer financially in order for them to enjoy all the benefits of a clean, fossil free environment.

Therein resides the age old question of cost versus quality of life.

Ignoring the problem doesn't make it go away. A warning about transitioning too quickly before jumping in and finding out the fossil pool had been emptied.

Thank You

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