

## Can Trump Save The Coal Industry?

**And why is it exactly that we want to save it?**

**Trump now says he will focus on bringing back the milk man.**

President Donald Trump said recently that he would put an end to the "war on coal" and "job-killing regulations".

We all know that coal is a major contributor to climate change.

But, let's set climate change aside for a second... Isn't coal just generally bad news? As opposed to the subtleties of climate change, coal is an obvious polluter. It kills the people who mine it. Sometimes immediately--in mine disasters. Sometimes slowly--through Black Lung Disease.

When coal was needed, this was justifiable. But today, it isn't. More than [fives times](#) as many people work in renewable energy than in the entire fossil fuel industry.

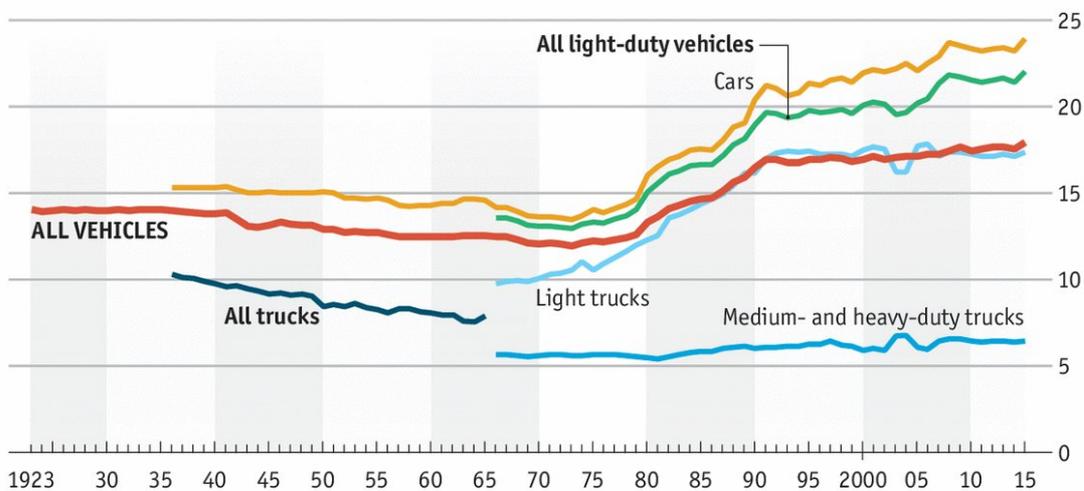
So, when it comes to coal, one's personal views on climate change just aren't that critical. Oh, wait, President Trump has just announced that while he's saving coal miners jobs, he wants to bring back the milk man too. Well, cows do contribute to climate change too, so at least he's consistent.

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## Fuel Economy Watch

### Miles ahead

United States, on-road fuel economy, mpg



Source: "On-Road Fuel Economy of Vehicles in the United States: 1923-2015" by M. Sivak and B. Schoettle

Economist.com

**And while we're at it...**

**Let's have less fuel economy for hard working Americans**

**Because who likes money?**

Like most government regulations, fuel economy standards are complicated. As they are associated with tax breaks for auto purchasers, do we really want to have your tax dollars going to subsidize rich Tesla drivers? Another strong argument for the Alternative Minimum Tax.

But the complexities of this (and, maybe everything?) appear to be lost on our President. Rather than just rescinding fuel economy standards, how about considering the smartest possible way to raise them.

Which means the smartest possible way to reduce the cost off gasoline for drivers, of course. Not to mentioned the cost associated with cleaning up for oil/gas pollution. (Hmm...perhaps a carbon tax would raise fuel economy on it's own?)

## Get Moving!

### Tired of Marching Yet?

There's a march on April 29th for a small special interest real estate project:

### Planet Earth!

On April 29—the 100th day of the Trump administration—we the people will be in the streets to defend our planet. While the focus will be on the gates of the White House there will be Sister Marches across the United States.

Find the one nearest you and RSVP for the March

<https://peoplesclimate.org/sister-marches/>



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