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Inside Track

Greece Firing Up Coal Plants to Avoid Winter Blackouts



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The nation of Greece, which began shutting down coal-fired power plants in 2019 and has boasted that the last of its coal-fired plants will be shut down by 2025, has ordered many of those plants to be restarted in order to avert possible blackouts in the coming months.

A recent study from the Regulatory Authority for Energy of Greece noted that the energy supply for the winter months in the country was at risk due to a shortage of natural gas. Since the nation has no strategic supply of natural gas, many of the coal-fired energy plants — some of which have already been shut down and at least partially dismantled — have been ordered to go back online.

Energy prices, already high in Greece, might have to go even higher since the price to import natural gas — which now powers some 42 percent of electricity generation in the nation — is far too high to be feasible.

“With the rapid shutdown of coal-fired power plants, electricity generation by gas-fired power plants in Greece rose to a total of 42 percent,” Blackout News reported December 4. “However, Greece does not have natural gas reserves and therefore has to import the gas at a high price, which means that the price of electricity is becoming more and more expensive and is becoming unaffordable for many Greeks.”

This U-turn back to coal is coming despite Greek Secretary General for Energy & Mineral Resources Alexandra Sdoukou claiming back in April of this year, “We are saying goodbye to the coal age.”

Greece is hardly alone in having to revert back to tried-and-true technologies such as coal. In September, the United Kingdom was forced to restart shuttered coal-fired plants due to a lack of wind to power the energy grid — an embarrassment for Boris Johnson just ahead of the COP26 climate conference held in Glasgow in November.

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China Threatens to Shoot U.S. Troops Who Come to Taiwan's Aid



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The Chinese military “will heavily attack U.S. troops who come to Taiwan’s rescue” if China invades Taiwan, a scenario that has appeared more likely in recent days as the communist regime has flexed its muscles on Taiwan’s borders.

The latest threat against the United States in the event of a China-Taiwan conflict came December 9 in the *Global Times*, an official mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

“It is credible that the [People’s Liberation Army] will heavily attack U.S. troops who come to Taiwan’s rescue,” the paper wrote. “Such credibility is increasingly overwhelming the deterrence that U.S. troops may have.”

The warning from Beijing came following remarks by National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, who said the United States is prepared to counter an attempt by China to forcefully take over Taiwan. Sullivan told reporters on December 7 that he is out to ensure a forceful Chinese takeover of Taiwan “never happens.”

Global Times responded directly to the American national security advisor. “Mr. Sullivan, please be advised to sort out your mind carefully and think about what bargaining chips you do have in your hands to intimidate the Chinese mainland which is determined to achieve national reunification and has various strategic tools to resist blackmail,” the paper wrote. “You will find your hands empty. Therefore, don’t have a big mouth, Mr. Sullivan, otherwise you will only create more embarrassment for your country.”

China has been threatening to invade Taiwan since Biden entered office, prompting America to strengthen the island’s defenses and warn the CCP against escalation. The December 9 editorial at *Global Times* constitutes one of the first instances in recent memory that China has threatened to attack American troops who come to Taiwan’s help.

“If Washington supports the Taiwan authority’s path of seeking secession and encourages the Taiwan authority to rely on it, then reunification by force will definitely happen. The more the U.S. and the



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island of Taiwan collude, the sooner reunification by force will come,” the Chinese propaganda outlet declared.

by Luis Miguel

Teachers Unions Give \$1.3 Million to Dems, \$2,500 to GOP



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New financial disclosures highlight the power of America’s two biggest teachers unions and their overwhelming tendency to financially support the Left — with the unions having donated \$1.3 million to Democrats going into the 2022 election cycle, compared to just \$2,500 for Republicans.

Per a December 4 article at Fox News, between 2020 and 2021, the National Education Association (NEA) gave over \$8 million to left-wing dark-money groups such as the State Innovation Exchange, Strategic Victory Fund, and State Engagement Fund. The latter, which received \$6.5 million of the teachers union’s cash, exists under the umbrella of the Democracy Alliance.

Democracy Alliance is the brainchild of socialist megadonor George Soros. According to its website, Democracy Alliance was created in 2013 to keep supporters of Barack Obama engaged, using its network, technology, and volunteers to address issues such as “gun violence, women’s health, comprehensive immigration reform, middle-class job creation, climate change, marriage equality, and other legislative priorities at the state level.”

The teachers unions didn’t stop the cash flow to the Left during the COVID-19 outbreak. While parents were growing weary of school closures and restrictive pandemic policies such as masks, the NEA and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) increased their contributions to Democrats and liberal groups to more than \$65 million.

As OpenSecrets.org shows, donations from the two unions have risen, climbing from \$4.3 million in 2004 to more than \$32 million in 2016.

The same data reveal that the NEA and AFT have given \$1.3 million to Democrats for the 2022 cycle, and just \$2,500 to Republicans.

The teachers unions have been instruments of the Left not only financially, but ideologically as well. NEA, for instance, endorsed the national organization Black Lives Matter at School (BLMS), which is



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seeking to foment a “new uprising for racial justice” by injecting Black Lives Matter’s “guiding principles” (including concepts such as “globalism,” “transgender affirming,” and “queer affirming”) into school curricula throughout the country.

by Luis Miguel

Major Study: Zero COVID Deaths in Healthy German Kids Five and Up



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Given that COVID-19 “vaccines” have now been approved for children five through 11 and kids are sometimes even required to get the shot, many parents are not sure about how to proceed. But a major new study out of Germany should make their decision easy. Released November 29, it found that not even one healthy child aged five through 18 died of COVID-19 during the first 15 months of the pandemic.

In other words, your child is more likely to die of drowning, in a car accident, of suicide, or of the flu than of SARS-CoV-2.

Yet, despite children not being at all imperiled by the China virus, authorities and others are still pressuring parents to give them the COVID vaccines.

Now consider that a notable number of healthy young people have died due to heart issues after taking the GTAs. One was 13-year-old Jacob Clynick, a boy with no known health problems who passed away just three days after his second shot. In fact, as Toby Rogers, Ph.D. summed up in a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis at Substack on October 31, “For every one child saved by the shot, another 117 would be killed by the shot.”

As for the notion that children should be “vaccinated” because they can transmit SARS-CoV-2, that doesn’t hold water, either. After all, not only are children less likely to spread the pathogen than adults because their viral loads are relatively low, but health authorities have admitted that the vaccines do not prevent transmission.

Pioneering mRNA scientist Dr. Robert Malone informed in a November interview with *The New American* that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is funded by Big Pharma. This means that giving



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your kids the needle may be a big mistake, but one profitable enough to become policy.

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