

Is wind power really green?

Examine the facts, then decide for yourself.

Denmark is the world's most wind-intensive nation with more than 6,000 turbines generating 19% of its electricity. But consider this:

- Not one fossil fuel power plant has been closed
- 50% more coal-generated electricity is needed to cover wind's failings
- Pollution and carbon dioxide emissions rose 36% in 2006 alone
- Danish electricity costs are the highest in Europe

So what are the Danes saying about wind power now?

"Windmills are a mistake and economically make no sense."

– Neils Gram, Danish Federation of Industries

"Wind turbines do not reduce carbon dioxide emissions."

– Fleming Nissen, Head of Denmark's largest energy utility

"For our industry, it has been a terribly expensive disaster."

– Aase Madsen, MP, Danish Parliament and Chair of Energy Policy

But don't take our word for it. Check it out for yourself –

[Http://windfarms.wordpress.com/denmark](http://windfarms.wordpress.com/denmark) ("Blowing our Tax Dollars on Wind Farms").

The "Friends" of Wind Power, a group supported by the industry, tell us "every time the wind blows, Ontario burns less coal, oil or gas." The evidence clearly contradicts yet another false claim.

- *The Wall Street Journal* (12/29/08): "Wind generation is the prime example of what can go wrong when the government decides to pick winners. The idea that it can replace coal or natural gas in electrical generation is a fantasy."
- *Der Spiegel*: "Germany's CO₂ emissions haven't been reduced by even a single gram" despite all their wind turbines. In fact, Germany has had to build many more coal and gas-fired plants.
- *The Fraser Institute*: "The government of Ontario is either ignorant of the latest clean-coal technology or, worse, has opted to ignore it in favour of courting 'green' voters."
- Wind turbines generate power on average less than 25% of the time, with varying voltages that can lead to brownouts. Energy experts say that, under these circumstances, "wind is more a nuisance than a source of power."
- Wind power is expensive, unreliable and inefficient – worldwide, it contributes **less than 1%** to the reduction of greenhouse gasses.

Who can you trust? Those who profit financially from wind turbines at your expense? Or your neighbours who are simply suggesting you examine the evidence for yourself?

Start asking some hard questions about the impact of wind turbines on your family, your business and your community.

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