

## **Two Crises, One Root: Conflict, Climate Emergency, and Liquified Natural Gas (LNG)**

Germany - Europe's largest gas consumer and trader - is looking for ways to cut loose from its dependency on Russian fossil fuels. *Germany has enough fuel to withstand this loss.*

Fossil fuel cheerleaders in Canada are using the need to interrupt Russia's power as justification for pushing new Canadian fossil fuel infrastructure and exports. Corporations and political parties are seizing the war on Ukraine as their opportunity to bring in policy measures and financial support for the declining fossil fuel industry.

This is the shock doctrine at work: corporations and their lobbyists are using this crisis to ram through policies and decisions they already wanted. *But more fossil fuels will not get us out of this war and increasing liquified natural gas (LNG) export or any new fossil fuel infrastructure will only worsen our ongoing climate crisis.* Companies dominate the narrative as if the only way forward is to increase fracking to provide more LNG. Companies are asking the Canadian government for a fifty-billion-dollar subsidy for carbon capture and storage and the military industry a hundred billion for a dead end. Military expansion and spending drive the climate crisis but can run without more fracking and fossil fuels. Petrochemical companies profit from popular inability to see the problem and to resolve it. It is time to break the illusions that company domination and expanded production/profits from fossil fuels are the only way forward, and that we can do nothing about it. We *know* that we are being indoctrinated against our own good, against renewable energy.

Renewable energy is less expensive. We have the technology to reduce overconsumption and to produce energy. The problem is not technology. The problem is lack of political will. What we need is a radical transition to own and live democracy, to claim wise choices to care for Earth and peoples.

This crisis offers an opportunity to shift radically, to invest rapidly in a just transition away from fossil fuels, both to address the climate crisis and to loosen the grip of oil and gas producing nations on global security. It is time to prioritize current over-consumption, the energy supply and distribution. Fossil fuel corporate indoctrination tries to convince us that we can do nothing and that Europe and we too will be cold, hungry and live in the dark if we do not follow the corporate narrative.

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