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The [Guardian](#) is not alone this morning in reporting the latest report from the International Energy Agency

*The world's existing climate policies will not be enough to end the upward march of record energy emissions rising beyond 2040 without a "grand coalition" of governments and investors, according to the global energy watchdog.*

The International Energy Agency said carbon emissions from [the global energy industry](#) reached a new record in 2018 despite progress in renewable energy in recent years.

The IEA expects the growth of renewables to accelerate over the coming decades, but warned it would not be enough to put a ceiling on the energy sector's emissions before 2040.

As a spokesperson noted:

*We will need to see great political will around the world. This is why I believe that the world needs to build a grand coalition encompassing governments, investors, companies and everyone else who is genuinely committed to tackling climate change.*

But in the current UK election we have heard the Tories say that Labour's Green New Deal is 'unaffordable'. They are not, then, part of that political process willing to tackle the climate issue. Their message is that we cannot afford to maintain life on earth. Their message is that a nice tidy government balance sheet is more important than life itself.

I despair of them.

I wish more people would.