

I don't believe in coincidences

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The [Guardian has reported](#) that:

Green groups have reacted with fury to reports that BP has dropped a target to cut its oil output in the next five years, saying the company was prioritising profits over the health of the planet.

Campaign groups including Greenpeace and Reclaim Finance slammed the move that would potentially result in the oil company scrapping its [plan to reduce oil and gas output by 25% by 2030](#) under a strategy reset by the company.

These rumours come days after Labour [announced a plan](#) to spend £22 billion on carbon capture and storage (CCS) to permit the continuing emissions from the burning of fossil fuels of the type BP supplies.

Coincidentally, the sum in question is exactly the same as that which will require austerity across the UK to close a supposed blackhole of claimed equivalent amount.

I don't believe in coincidences of this sort. BP will have lobbied very hard for CCS, and now, by no accident of chance, they are planning to reap the reward.

Meanwhile, for those who cannot afford their fuel bills this winter, there is only suffering in prospect.

Is this why all those new Labour MPs wanted office?

Was the best that they hoped for a continuation of fossil fuel burning as a consequence of the supply of massive subsidies from government whilst those in need are punished for simply being old?

Did they really think this was what going to Westminster would mean they would support?

Really?

I don't imagine for a moment that this was what they hoped for. How long will it be before they have had enough? It is the only hope we have. But it does feel desperate to have to say so.