

Trump should stop passing wind

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Donald Trump has claimed that wind power is the most expensive energy in the world.

I was going to fact-check that, but then [The Guardian did](#), so instead, this is my summary of their arguments.

Q: Is wind energy the most expensive form of energy, as Trump claims?

A: No. Onshore wind is one of the cheapest sources of electricity to build and operate. Offshore wind is more costly to build but still generates electricity cheaply and with greater price stability than gas or nuclear. Even when accounting for grid costs, wind remains cost-competitive.

Q: Do offshore wind farms kill whales or drive them “loco”?

A: There is no direct evidence linking offshore wind activity to whale deaths. The main threats to whales remain fishing gear entanglement and climate-related ocean changes. Some construction surveys may disturb whales, but these are smaller than those used in oil and gas.

Q: Do wind turbines kill birds?

A: Yes, but the impact is relatively small. Far more birds are killed by domestic cats, power lines, and pesticides. Wind developers are also adopting mitigation strategies, like painting blades to reduce collisions.

Q: Do turbines really rot after eight years and become impossible to dispose of?

A: No. Wind turbines typically last 20–25 years. Most of the components are recyclable, and even the fibreglass blades, which are harder to dispose of, are being reused—for example, in cement or infrastructure projects.

Q: Is it true that most wind turbines are made in China?

A: Yes, China produces about 60% of global wind turbines. However, this is not unusual given China's dominance in many manufacturing sectors. The UK is also expanding domestic wind manufacturing, supporting green jobs.

Q: Are wind turbines “killing us”, as Trump says?

A: No. Deaths related to wind turbines are rare and typically occur during construction—similar to other large infrastructure industries. Wind energy does not pose a general health or safety threat to the public.

In other words, Trump is talking total hot air. He should, I suggest, stop passing wind. It's right now just about the best energy we have got. And it's vastly cheaper and more environmentally friendly than 'drill baby, drill', which is the real agenda for his dismissal, because the destruction of our world's resources for what he believes to be profit is his real aim, and wind power totally undermines that goal.

It really is time for the world's leaders to stop fawning over him and instead tell him where he can get off.