

Heartland Institute's propaganda is fakest of news

Heartland Institute's H. Sterling Burnett's column provides fine examples of fossil fuel propaganda. He argues that government support for Tesla's cars mostly advantage wealthier buyers, and disadvantage poorer taxpayers. Heartland typically opposes progressive tax policy, so why don't they support these non-progressive tax policies? Why doesn't he also object to government support for fossil fuels, which mostly favor wealthier buyers who travel more, heat and cool larger homes, and buy more carbon-intensive luxury items?

Why does he claim that electric vehicles just shift emissions from tailpipes to fossil fuel power plants? People often decide to buy electric cars because they have solar panels, so their cars run on solar. Also, power plants operate more efficiently than individual gasoline cars. If electric cars run on power plant electricity, then they're still cleaner than inefficiently run gasoline cars.

This propaganda column fits Heartland's apparent war against renewables. Heartland knows that Detroit will soon make only electric cars, and renewables will soon supplant natural gas in electricity production.

If Heartland truly cared to protect low-income households, they would campaign to accelerate this transition because fossil fuel refineries, their pollution and climate change impact low-income communities more than wealthier ones.

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