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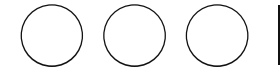
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# Anti-U.S. energy movement deserves more scrutiny

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Energy makes the high standard of living most Americans enjoy possible. Affordable, reliable energy is the lifeblood of our economy. And as University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology director Dr. Scott Tinker recently noted, “All forms of energy come from the earth.”



It is with those fundamental facts in mind that “Keep It In the Ground” (KIITG) groups should be viewed as anti-U.S. energy.

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Though it is obvious traditional energy sources such as oil, natural gas and coal come from the ground, it is often overlooked that wind, solar and battery technologies would not be possible without massive mining projects.

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people and some vehemently oppose the domestic copper, cobalt, lithium and rare earth mineral mining needed for renewable energy infrastructure. It is because of well-funded campaigns by groups such as the Sierra Club and Earthworks that United States mineral mining is currently being “kept to a minimum,” to use the Sierra Club’s verbiage, and far below the levels needed to domestically source the type of “green” energy revolution these activists insist is needed.

Let that sink in for a moment: Not only do KIITG groups advocate for the end of the United States’ oil, natural gas and coal industries, they effectively advocate that we be reliant on foreign nations for the renewable energy they argue can

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China happens to enjoy a monopoly on rare earth mineral and cobalt mining and processing. Most renewable energy infrastructure is manufactured in China. And the U.S. produces just 1.2 percent of

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“Petroleum remains the most-consumed fuels in the United States” through 2050. President Biden has even said “We’re not getting rid of fossil fuels for a long time,” and Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland recently testified, “There’s no question that fossil energy does and will continue to play a major role in America for years to come.”

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foremost, anti-American energy advocates.



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