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I'm sorry to be harsh but I think the CEP is nearly worthless.

First, there is only thing that has ever significantly reduced our use of fossil fuel, and only one thing that ever will in the future. That thing is "higher cost". The proof of this is beyond irrefutable. We have "encouraged" and "promoted" and "recommended" for the last 50 years, and our fossil fuel burning has continued to climb. The only times it has ever fallen is when its cost has risen dramatically.

There are two ways to achieve higher cost. One is to wait until fossil fuels have become seriously depleted, and supply cannot match demand. But by then, it will be far too late to save the environment.

The other way to achieve higher cost is to impose a tax on carbon. So far, we have lacked the courage or the wisdom to do this. We say "high oil cost would mean grandma can't live alone in her huge drafty farm house". That's the point. If she can, then we cannot save the environment. We HAVE to make it so she CAN'T burn 1600 gallons a year to heat that old place. The second part, after we've made it unaffordable, is to help grandma come up with another plan. It is not kindness to let her destroy her grandkids' future.

If we cannot face the facts and impose a carbon tax that actually severely reduces our consumption, we cannot save our planet.

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