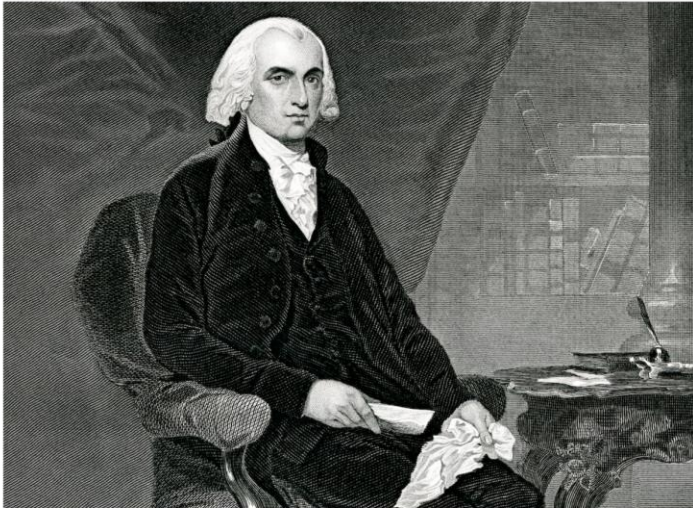


DOE Sec Nominee Chris Wright Deserves a Confirmation Hearing and forthright airing Energy Production and Climate Policy, Commentary 021124.

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May we live in interesting times.



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Increasingly so we are beginning to see mention in energy circles of the reference to “Energy Realism” which is a term being coined for the need to acknowledge that as our nation pursues its climate agenda we must also keep vigil on the concomitant need to ensure the adequate production of energy of all forms, including fossil fuels.

President Trump’s pick for Secretary of Energy appears from his publicly available perspectives to be in the energy realism camp in that he favors the continued production of fossil fuels and a more narrowed supportive governmental role for DOE in developing and deploying new energy technologies.

Chris Wright is currently the CEO of Liberty Energy and is an engineering graduate of MIT and currently serves on the board of Oklo, an advanced SMR deployment company. Mr. Wright’s experience in the energy industry sets him apart from the majority of previous DOE Energy Secretaries which have been confirmed and served as that have had no prior experience in the industry.



All ready Wright is being labeled in some circles as a “climate denier”. But such labelling is knee jerkish and undeserved as his views are far more balanced and nuanced in terms.

Moreover, we are long overdue to a fulsome debate over the direction of our nation’s energy policy which appears to have been hijacked by the Biden climate agenda. For example, are we still in an “all the above” energy mode or an “all of the above, but nothing below” mode?

Energy Realism connotes balance and the need to ensure adequate supplies of energy at affordable price to the consumer. It is not unusual for federal agencies to have dual mandates. For example, Federal Reserve practices a dual mandate of fighting inflation and promoting full employment.

Let’s have the discussion. See:

George Will: The Senate’s Madisonian opportunity on those nominations, WAPO.

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