Global warming

Years ago, Roger Pielke Jr, political scientist at the University of Colorado, formulated the Iron Law of Climate Policy: "When policies on emissions reductions collide with policies focused on economic growth, economic growth will win out every time." That law still holds, and not because our leaders are bad people or in hock to fossil-fuel lobbies.

It holds because economic growth is what electorates want. We vote for emissions.

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