Will energy monopolies & the nuclear cartel control NM's future?

All social progress, including climate mitigation, requires halting the nuclear arms buildup & fostering energy democracy.

It is common to speak of an "energy transition" as if it involved voluntary, narrow choices. It does not. A forced transition to nuclear energy and weapons, involving massive expenditures, introduces severe social, political, and economic costs.

In order to facilitate a meaningful energy transition, we must also transition to a more just and democratic society. The energy sector is a key area where this transition can happen.

There are already a few signs of hope. In 2021, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its landmark report on the current state of the climate and the necessary actions to address it. This report emphasized the need for a rapid transition to renewable energy sources and the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The report highlighted the importance of strong political leadership and grassroots mobilization in achieving this transition. It also noted that the current energy system is deeply rooted in historical injustices and inequalities, and that addressing these issues is crucial to achieving a just transition.

One example of this transition is the growing movement towards community solar projects. These projects empower communities to take control of their energy needs and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. They also provide economic benefits to local businesses and create jobs in the renewable energy sector.

Another example is the growing interest in electric vehicles (EVs). While EVs are still relatively expensive and not widely available, they offer a promising path towards a low-carbon future. Many cities and states are implementing incentives to encourage the adoption of EVs, and the cost of batteries is expected to continue to decrease as technology improves.

In addition to these efforts, there is also a growing recognition of the importance of systemic change to address the climate crisis. This includes policies to reduce inequality and address systemic racism, as well as investments in social programs and infrastructure.

The transition to a low-carbon future is a complex and multifaceted challenge, but there is growing momentum to tackle it. By working together and taking decisive action, we can build a more just and sustainable world for all.