Economic Freedom and Reforming U.S. Energy Policy

Economics - Debate - History - Government Economic Thinking Workshops

- **Time:** Friday, September 13, 11 am - 5:00 pm.
- **Host:** Memphis Speech and Debate Club, SWATspeechdebate@MyMHEA.org
- **First Baptist Church Fisherville,** 11893 Macon Road, Eads, TN 38028
- **Online Reg. ($25, sib.$15):** [https://et-energy.homeschooldebate.net/memphis](https://et-energy.homeschooldebate.net/memphis)
- **Speaker:** Greg Rehmke, Economic Thinking, [grehmke@gmail.com](mailto:grehmke@gmail.com)

**Energy innovation** and entrepreneurship flourish with property rights and rule of law institutions. State and federal regulations, tax laws, and subsidies distort U.S. energy production and distribution, shifting resources to often immature technologies.

Oil, gas, and coal critics claim subsidies and lax pollution controls have slowed the shift to wind and solar. Wind, solar, and ethanol critics argue these energy sources exist only because of state and federal subsidies and mandates. Economic Thinking workshops explain relevant economic principles helping students sort through policy and technology claims to better understand the dynamics of energy production, distribution, and innovation.

**Resolved:** The [USFG] should substantially reform its energy policy.

**Schedule**
- 11:00-12:00 (LD) Ethics & History for Preventive War
- 12:15-1:45  (TP & LD) Is Energy Independence Outdated? Preventive War for Middle East Oil
- 1:45-2:45 Energy Discovery and Production: The Energy Race across coal, oil, wind, solar, nuclear
- 3:00-4:00 The Electric Grid: history, economics, dangers
- 4:00-5:00 Natural gas and the renewables. Innovations.

*Economic Thinking workshops help students understand economics, public policy, and world affairs. Over 5,000 homeschool students and parents have attended past workshops. Economic Thinking, a Seattle-based nonprofit, also offers online resources and courses.*

**Looking inside at Economic Thinking films:**
- Energy and Civilization
- The Bottomless Well
- Energy Solutions: Who Chooses?

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