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Summary: The US is now working on its fifth year of (net) energy independence. The trend began late in the Bush administration, got going more strongly during the Obama administration, and has stayed on trend through the Trump and now Biden administrations. None of these four administrations undertook any policies at all that crimped, suppressed, or held back US domestic production of oil and gas, which are now once again at all time highs. The big game changer came under Obama, when wind and solar ignited. Today, the 15% share of wind and solar on the grid means the US can export even more coal, and more natural gas, through LNG. That too—the LNG export approval wave—also started under Obama in 2014, and it has gone from strength to strength.

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