

Power and Imagination: Takeaway from Foucault

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A world without oil—would that be a utopia or a dystopia? For some, oil is a relic of the past, something that has to be overcome, ideally to be replaced with local, clean, renewable sources of energy. For others, oil is a reliable source of energy, abundantly available, maybe not entirely clean¹ but controllable—and a world without oil would be less stable, more prone to turmoil. Utopia or dystopia—the scenario of a world without oil seems equally unlikely from both perspectives.

¹ Except maybe in the Troll-in-chief's "clean coal" universe.

References