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Last week General Motors announced plans to be carbon neutral in its global operations by 2040 & to offer only zero-emissions vehicles even by 2035. #velshi

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I've had my share of things to say about GM's poor corporate responsibility & leadership for years but now, it seems, even GM sees the writing on the wall: the future is about cutting emissions, transitioning to electric vehicles or other zero-emissions technologies #velshi

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America is less than 5% of the world's population, but uses 20% of all the oil produced in the world every day. Gasoline for driving accounts for half of that. #velshi

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General Motors has done the math. Getting to zero-emissions as quickly as it can is where GM can have the biggest positive environmental impact. With this announcement, we may witness an America where gas stations eventually become charging stations. #velshi

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The upside to doing any of this is clean air, a healthier earth, stopping the warming of the earth, moderating the effects of hurricanes & floods & wildfires, all by transitioning away from an energy source that kills the planet to produce it & to burn it. #velshi

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With initiatives & goals like this from a major company like GM, it begs the question as to why some lawmakers work so hard fighting against renewable energy. The fossil fuel lobby is why. #velshi

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In his first 11 days in office, Pres. Biden is getting back in the business of cutting emissions that choke the planet, but he's made no friends of some GOP lawmakers who call him & his policies "divisive," "illegal," "radical," & a "wrecking ball". #velshi

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Biden, like GM, is simply looking ahead at the inevitable energy transition and, in some cases, opting to make some hard choices. #velshi

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A 2020 analysis by BW Research shows the U.S. oil & gas industry lost 118k jobs between March & August. Much of that was obviously due to the pandemic but many of those jobs haven't & won't come back because the industry is changing & has been changing for years. #velshi

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The last four years have been an unmitigated disaster as it relates to climate, and America's role in it. Some think we may never undo the damage the Trump administration and it's fossil fuel-funded, science-denying decisions did. #velshi

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We CAN change the #climate trajectory if we recommit to it now. It's time to take the #climatecrisis – and the dangerous role that fossil fuels play in it seriously. #velshi