

Readers sound off on nuclear energy, 9/11 ceremonies and the Tuskegee Experiment

Weigh nuclear power's hidden costs

Greenlawn, L.I.: Nuclear advocate Robert Bryce shares with us some of the serious difficulties with using solar energy to help stave off lethal global heating, offering nuclear power as a cost-free alternative ("[Stop worshipping the sun,](#)" op-ed, Sept. 13). It is not.

Just a couple of relevant points: One, Indian Point lies on the intersection of three geological fault lines in one of the most highly populated areas in the entire country. It had to go. Two, developments in solar technology have significantly outpaced the expectations of even its enthusiasts. Third, the nuclear energy industry has never been willing to cover the costs of any breakdown, offloading it onto us, the taxpayers. By law, any accident that incurs costs over the amount of \$300 million will be dumped onto the taxpayers. The Price Anderson Act was passed in the 1950s when our country was led by four Texans, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Treasury Secretary Robert Anderson, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn and Senate Majority Leader Lyndon Johnson. It has been affirmed several times since then.



Not worth it. (Susan Watts/New York Daily News)

I'll mention Fukushima and Chernobyl, multi-nation catastrophes, and Three Mile Island, a terrifying meltdown just next door in Pennsylvania.

One of the rules of markets is that a seller passes along all of the costs of production to buyers. This creates efficiency. Insofar as industry can dump any of its costs onto others, it is inefficient and, frankly, unfair. Insofar as this lets the nuclear energy industry avoid costs, people can be fooled about what they are paying for what they are getting. In the case of nuclear power, these costs are not only breathtakingly high but can be catastrophic. *Helen Hill Updike*

Talking Koch-head

Staten Island: Op-ed writer Robert Bryce offers discouraging news about solar. Nowhere in his offering does he disclose that his parent organization, the Foundation for Research and Equal Opportunity, is a right-wing think tank funded in part by the fossil-fuel Koch family with a board of directors dominated by conservative and Republican Party insiders. Their website espouses a conservative corporate agenda that seeks to replace Obamacare with “near-universal” health care and preaches a corporate agenda. I would advise readers to take a few seconds to research the backgrounds of speakers in the public square. What they offer as free advice is often worth every penny. *Tony Rose*

Distractions

Bronx: President Biden was on TV more times in the last 10 days than in the last eight months, and all he talked about was Ida’s damage and COVID and all he is doing to help get it under control. This is just a smokescreen to get the American people to forget about the blunder he caused in Afghanistan and all the problems at the border — but to no avail. People are not stupid and they don’t forget. Good try, Joe, but it is not working. *Jimmy Durda*

Our own Narcissus

Manhattan: After reading the letter from Voicer Katherine Moloney, I am surprised Trump’s actions weren’t highlighted more by the media. The man claims to love his country and wraps himself in the flag, yet was absent from the solemn ceremonies for 9/11 in his hometown. He did, however, manage a visit to the local police precinct on the pretense of a remembrance of the day but wasted no time in turning it into a campaign stop with his usual complaining about a fixed election, the withdrawal from Afghanistan, etc. Not for one day could he put his divisiveness aside. All the other living presidents managed to attend observances offering messages of hope and compassion to the American people. As usual, he made it all about his narcissistic self. He never seems to miss an opportunity to further his self-interest. The country and the world were watching. How sad for him. How sad for us. *Steve Bellish*

Check the clips

North Castle, N.Y.: I never thought I would be in a position to defend the Daily News, but criticism from Voicer Gene Speroni has to be addressed. N.Y.’s hometown paper printed a special pull-out section in the Sunday edition preceding this past Saturday’s anniversary. It contained photos and stories about the tragedy, ending with the list of those who perished. *Robert Cappio*

Remember the reality

Brooklyn: The Daily News front page on Sunday had a wonderful “We will never forget” image. We also should never forget that the criminal culprits who caused the terror attack on 9/11 came from

Saudi Arabia, not Afghanistan, not Iraq, not Kuwait. *Francisco J. Castillo*

Not reverent enough



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Staten Island: We watched the 9/11 ceremonies shown before the Yankees and Mets played on Saturday. What a horrendous presentation! The ceremony was largely ignored while the sportscasters discussed their 9/11 experiences. Why? It also should have been commercial-free. The whole point of the ceremony was lost. *Phyllis Hershkowitz*

Shared pain

Manhattan: 9/11 was one of the darkest pages of our history. Within a few hours and at four locations, nearly 3,000 people died as a result of a series of terrorist acts instigated by ideological radicalism. The Azerbaijani- and Turkish-American communities are in constant remembrance of the victims and those who sacrificed their lives saving others. For more than 50 years, thousands of Turks and Azerbaijanis fell victim to terrorist attacks by Armenian and Kurdish groups in Turkey and Azerbaijan, as well as in the United States and Western Europe. From 1988-1994, more than 27,000 Azerbaijanis were killed and close to a million displaced due to military aggression from Armenia. *Idrak Sadikhov*

Disease is the threat

Bronx: As a Black American, I'd like to enlighten those in the Black community who fear the vaccine because of the government's past experimentation on Black subjects in the Tuskegee Experiment. Here are the facts: The Tuskegee Experiment involved 600 Black men, 399 who had syphilis and 201 who were disease-free. In 1947, when penicillin was available, the government denied treatment to the infected as part of the experiment. The Tuskegee Experiment had nothing to do with vaccines. It actually involved withholding giving an injection of life-saving penicillin. The irony of many in the Black community refusing the life-saving vaccine is that they are doing the same thing the government did in the study — you are withholding the vaccine that could save your life. Not smart! *Gilbert M. Lane*

Shared history

Brooklyn: Voicer Heyward Johnson Jr. has a problem with Caribbean immigrants telling “American descendants of slavery” to get the vaccine, saying that they don't share the same horrible history as the ADOS. Doesn't he know that more than 80% of the entire trans-Atlantic slave trade wound up in the Caribbean and South America? And less than 20% came to the colonies before there was a U.S.? And

African immigrants know a lot about the horror of slavery, it began there and went on much longer than it did here — and still does. Stop seeing racism around every corner. *Leighton Perkins*

Cheaper fixes

Brooklyn: Chuck Schumer and his new puppet Eric Adams are requesting \$5 billion dollars to combat gun violence in NYC (“[Pols seek \\$5B vs. city gun violence](#),” Sept. 11). If you want to combat gun violence and overall crime in NYC, take the handcuffs off of the NYPD and put them on the criminals. Give the NYPD back their budget and the tools they had. Bring back stop-and-frisk, the anti-crime units and the gang units. Stop butt-smooching the criminals. The law-abiding citizens in this city would certainly appreciate it. *Christopher Burner*

Neighbor vs. neighbor

Manhattan: The Texas anti-abortion law brings to mind how the Germans and their collaborators in occupied Eastern Europe during the Holocaust offered and rewarded with a bag of sugar any non-Jew who turned in a Jew. One such criminal bounty hunter in Vizne, Belarus, betrayed my elderly blind grandmother, Malka Waxman Cantor, to the authorities when she briefly left her hiding place to get some water from a barrel outside the shack. She was shot. *Aviva Cantor*

Ne'er-do-wells

Brooklyn: Voicer Alyne Diamond was right on target describing our fear-filled city yesterday. True, the rats are running rampant. However, it's more important to get rid of the two-legged rats first. *Louie Scarcella*