

Fwd: The emissions path for China that will shape our planetary future - Tooze

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"According to the GDP figures China is either still catching up with the United States or marginally ahead. As to the physical scale of production this [i.e., GDP] is utterly misleading."
- Adam Tooze

[NB: Tooze is right that GDP is a misleading indicator of climate change sources, as it is of effects. It is well-known by those who pay attention to such things (see, e.g., several of Rachel Donald's Planet: Critical podcast interview) yet regularly ignored by mainstream (i.e., capitalist) economists and government spokespeople (both capitalist and otherwise). That GDP is misleading as a measure of the climate mess, as well as of environmental degradation tout suite, is one of the more important inconvenient truths the powers that be try to keep quiet -- like the fact that microplastics are everywhere in our bodies and environment, and that we keep producing them and other biocides because profits, like GDP, come first - MG]