



DEMOCRATS ABROAD UK
WOMEN'S CAUCUS

APRIL MEETING

THE EARTH & HER ENVIRONMENT

April 18, 2018

18:30-21:00

Uni of Westminster, Cavendish 1.112

EDUCATE. ORGANIZE. MOBILIZE.

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YOU CANNOT PROTECT THE **ENVIRONMENT**
UNLESS YOU **EMPOWER** PEOPLE, YOU
INFORM THEM, AND YOU HELP THEM
UNDERSTAND THAT THESE **RESOURCES**
ARE **THEIR OWN**, THAT THEY MUST
PROTECT THEM.

DR. WANGARI MAATHAI

ICEBREAKER

A COMPLETE SENTENCE



"We won't have a society, if we destroy our world."

Margaret Mead

EVENTS CHAIR
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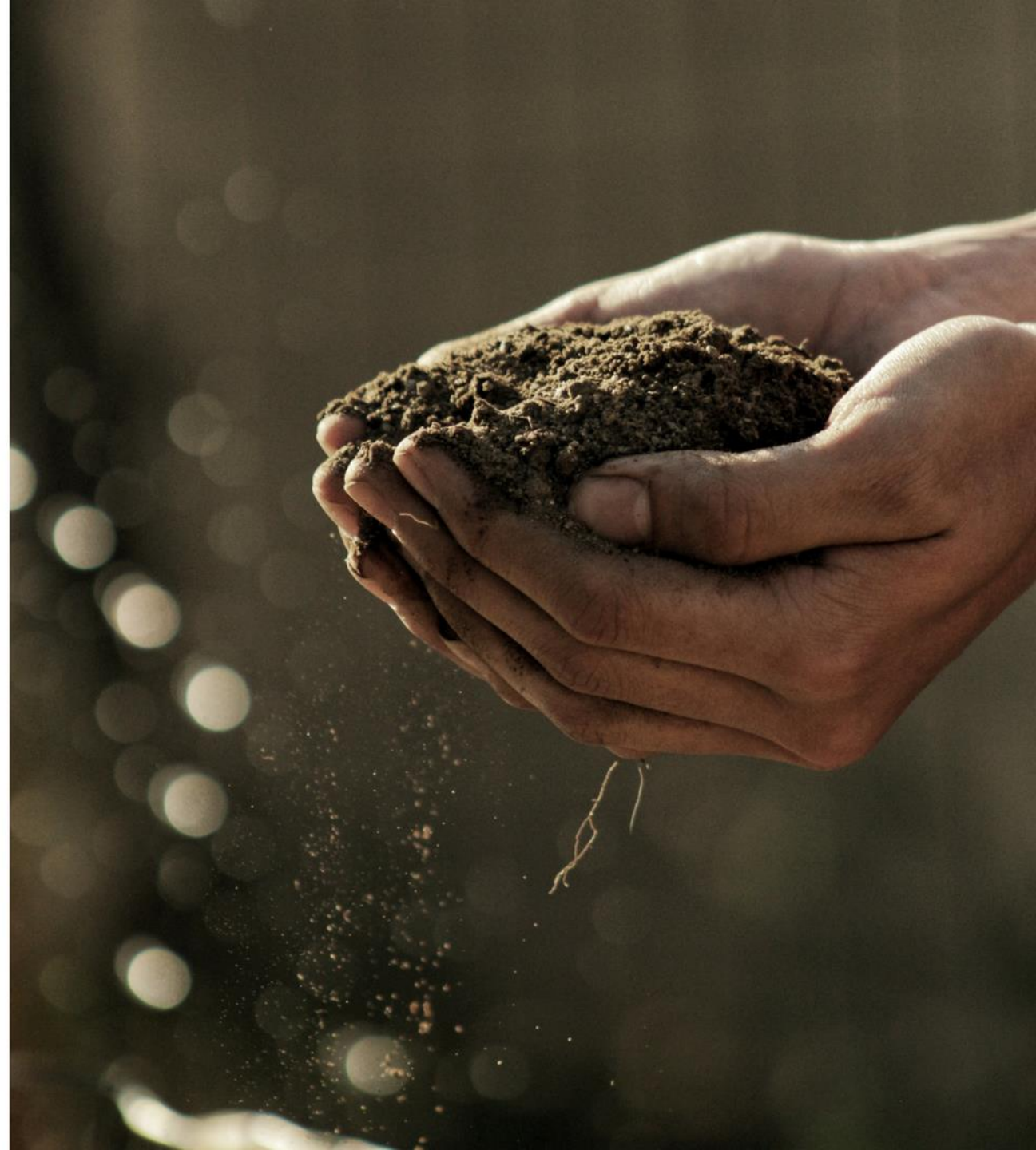
THE ENVIRONMENT, EPA, & TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

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JESS BRUCE, COURTNEY H,
MARKETA YOUNG, MEREDITH ANNEX

"The more clearly we can focus our attention
on the wonders & realities of the universe, the
less taste we shall have for destruction."

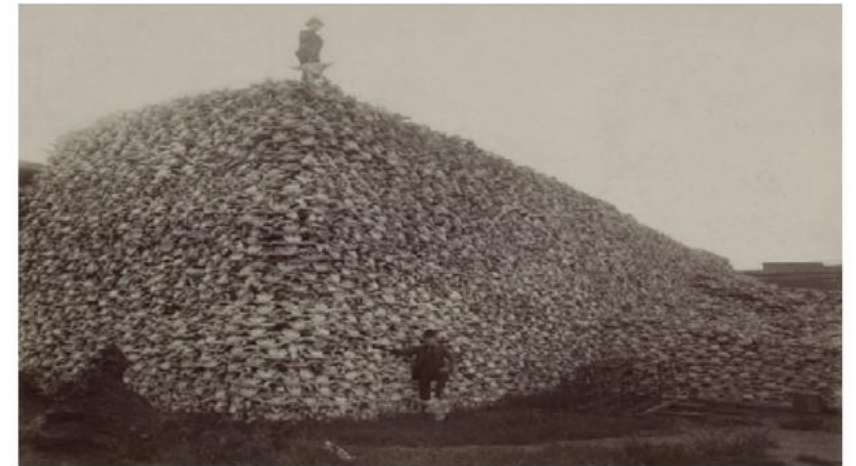
Rachel Carson, Silent Spring



A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF US ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

MANIFEST DESTINY & US EXPANSIONIST POLICY

The natural world & everything in it, including other peoples, were something to conquer.



CONSERVATION & PRESERVATION NOT A PRIORITY

After WWII, the country as a whole began to move toward environmentalism.



1962. Rachel Carson, marine biologist & conservationist, sounds the alarm about over use of pesticides & chemicals in the book, *Silent Spring*.



Dolores Huerta & Fannie Lou Hamer organized farm labourers into unions. Hamer set up the 1st co-op to purchase farm land & provide for themselves. Huerta mortgaged her house to start the 1st Farm Workers Credit Union.



1970. EPA created by the Nixon Administration, with the realization that the Federal Government has a role to play in environmental protection & regulation.

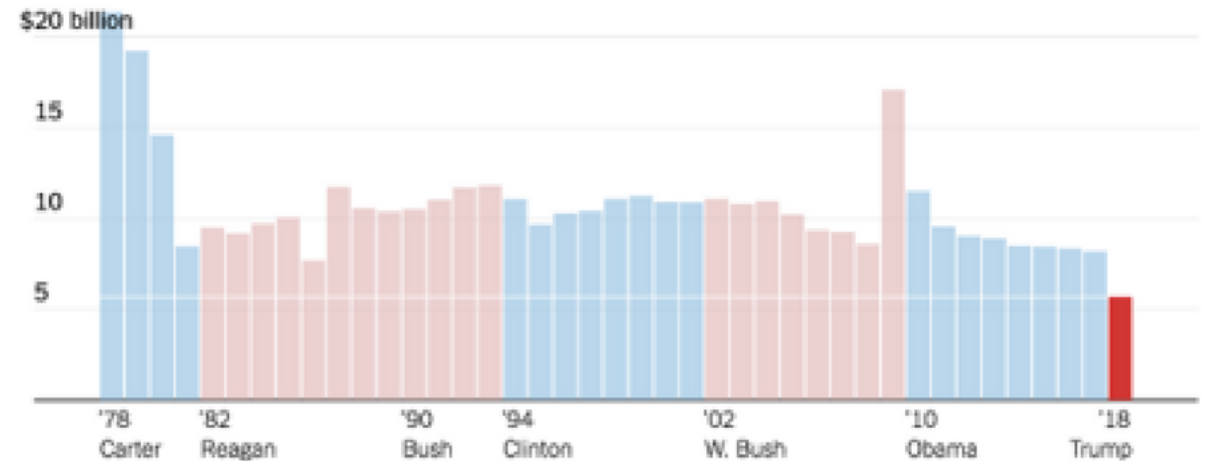
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY UNDER THE TRUMP ADMIN

GOALS & MOTIVATIONS

- 1) Dismantle EPA regulations.
- 2) Cancel domestic & international climate-related programs
- 3) Promote “economic nationalism” & the “deconstruction of the administrative state”

Environmental Protection Agency ↓ -31%

\$5.7 billion, lowest ever



“We have a responsibility to manage and cultivate, harvest the natural resources that we’ve been blessed with to truly bless our fellow mankind.”

- US 14th Administrator EPA, Scott Pruitt



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR WOMEN?

FURTHER MARGINALIZATION

Global Climate Repercussions

HOW IS ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION & POLICY DEVELOPED IN THE US?



Congress passes laws



EPA proposes regulations



Role of states in
environmental policy &
legislation



Role of courts in
environmental legislation

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION IN THE TRUMP ERA

Tax bill provision for increased oil and gas drilling

Pulling out of Paris Agreement

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (2017)

Clean Water Partnership Act (2018)

Healthy Climate and Family Security Act (2018)

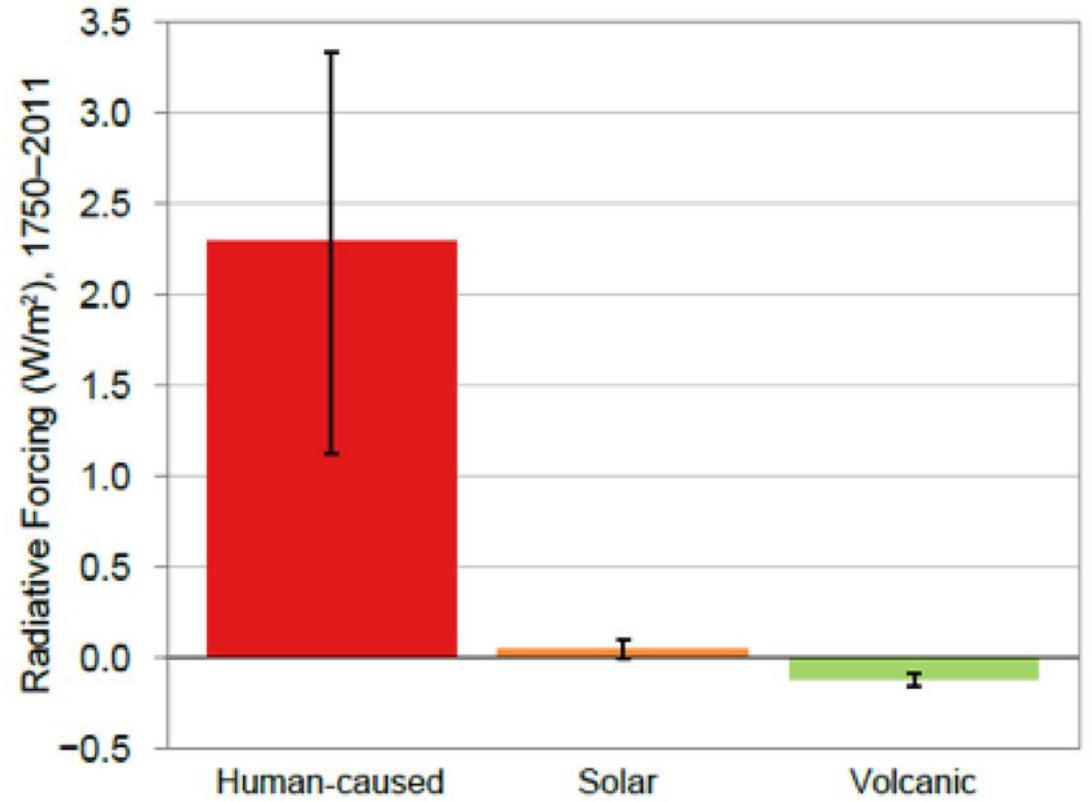
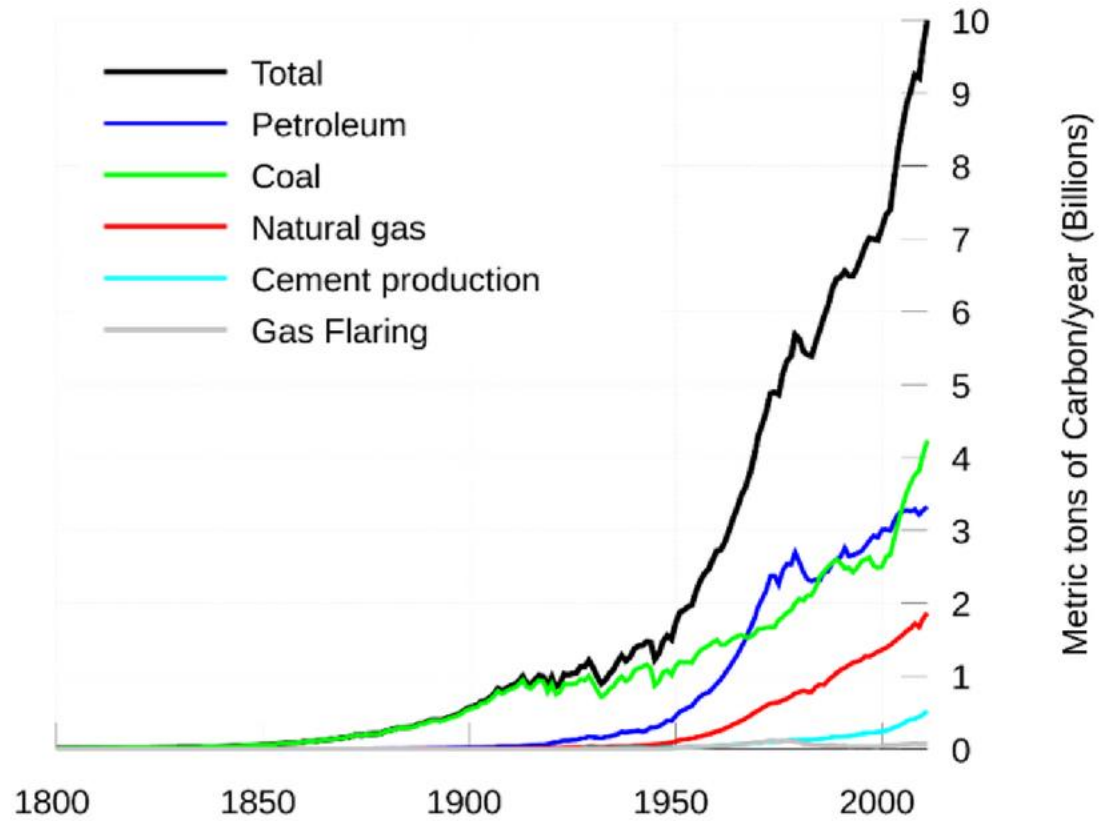
Women and Climate Change Act (2018)



THE FUTURE OF CLEAN ENERGY IN THE US

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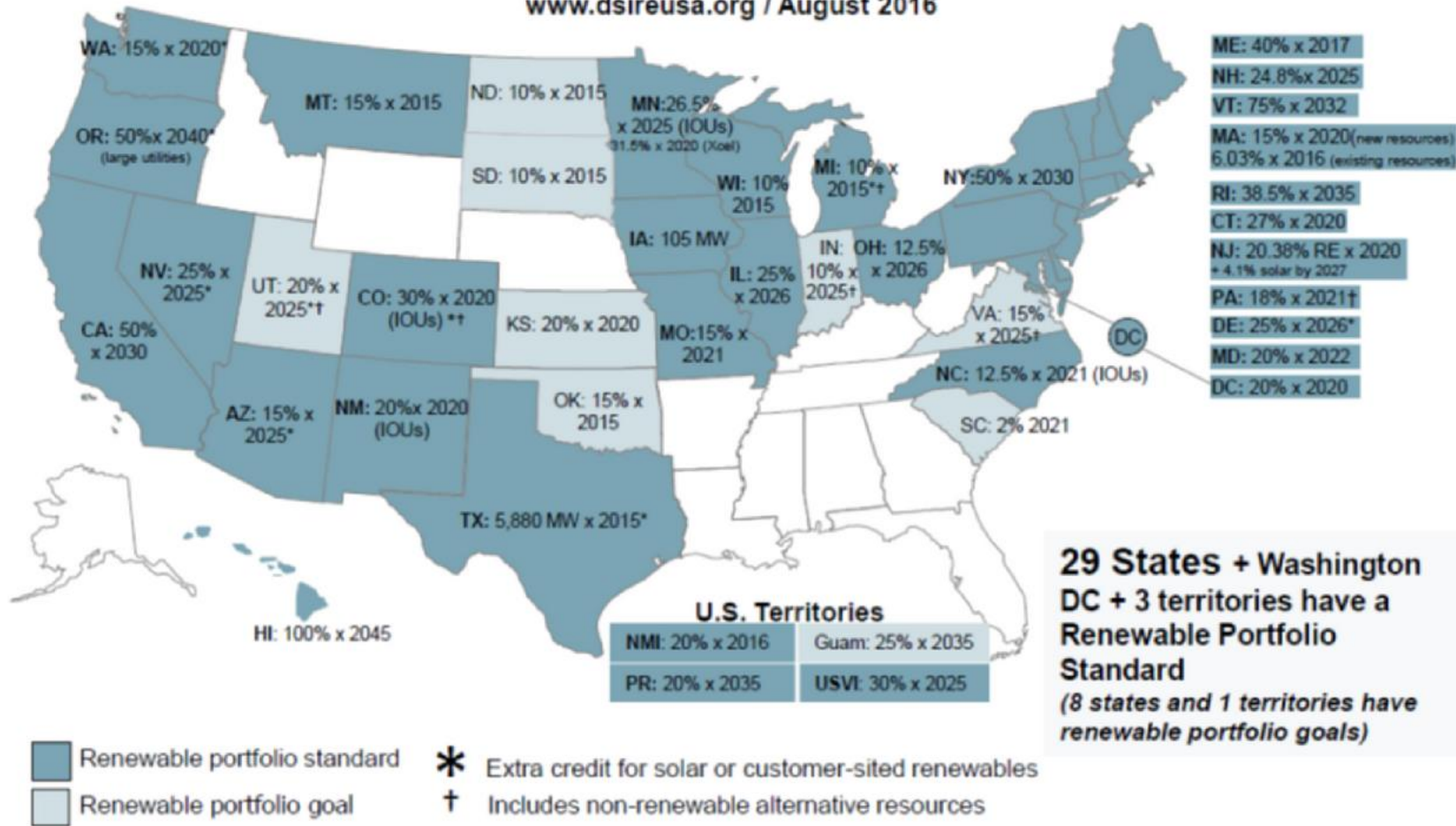
CO2 EMISSIONS OVER TIME AND BY SOURCE



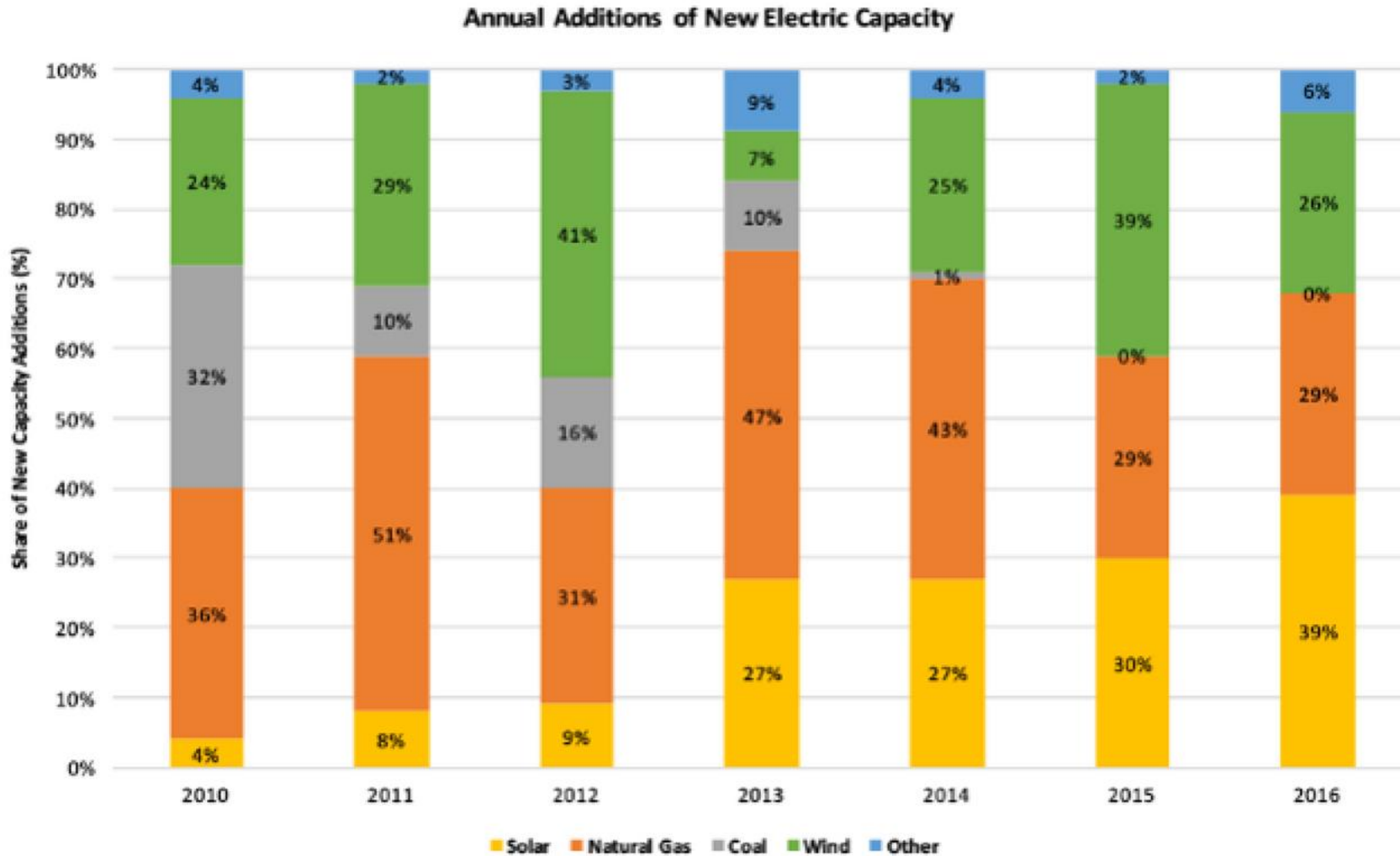
STATES ARE PURSUING INDIVIDUAL RENEWABLE TARGETS

Renewable Portfolio Standard Policies

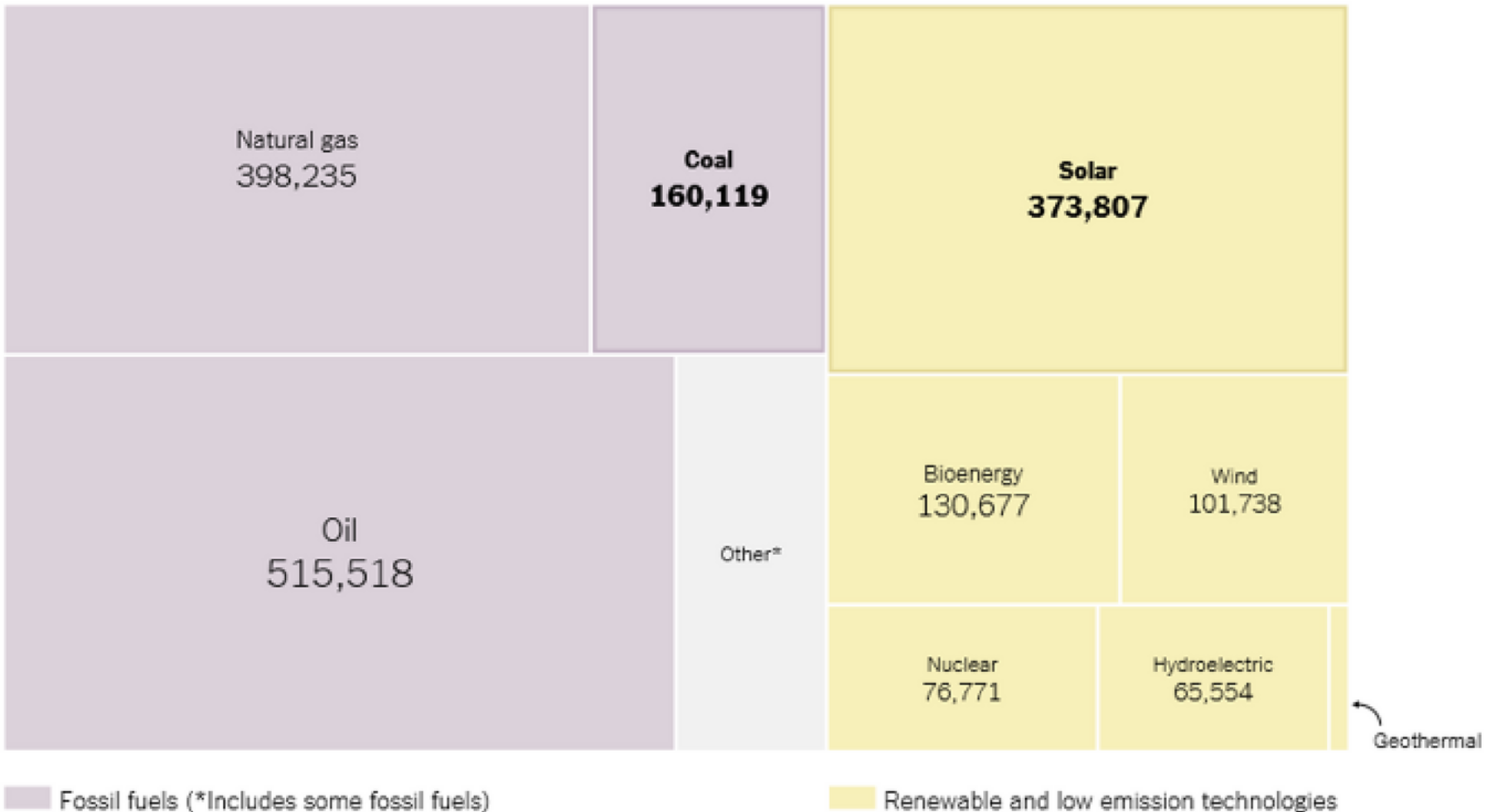
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65% OF NEW US CAPACITY IS SOLAR AND WIND



LOW EMISSIONS ELECTRICITY ACCOUNTS FOR 45% US TOTAL ENERGY JOBS





POLICY DISCUSSION

"You are not Atlas carrying
the world on your shoulder.
It is good to remember that
the planet is carrying you."

Vandana Shiva

Facilitated by Meredith Annex



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APRIL ACTION CHALLENGE
#WCActionChallenge



ENGAGE



ACT

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ARE WOMEN'S ISSUES

WOMEN ARE
DISPROPORTIONATELY
AFFECTED BY CLIMATE
CHANGE.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
REGULARLY OVERLAPS
WITH ENVIRONMENTAL
JUSTICE.

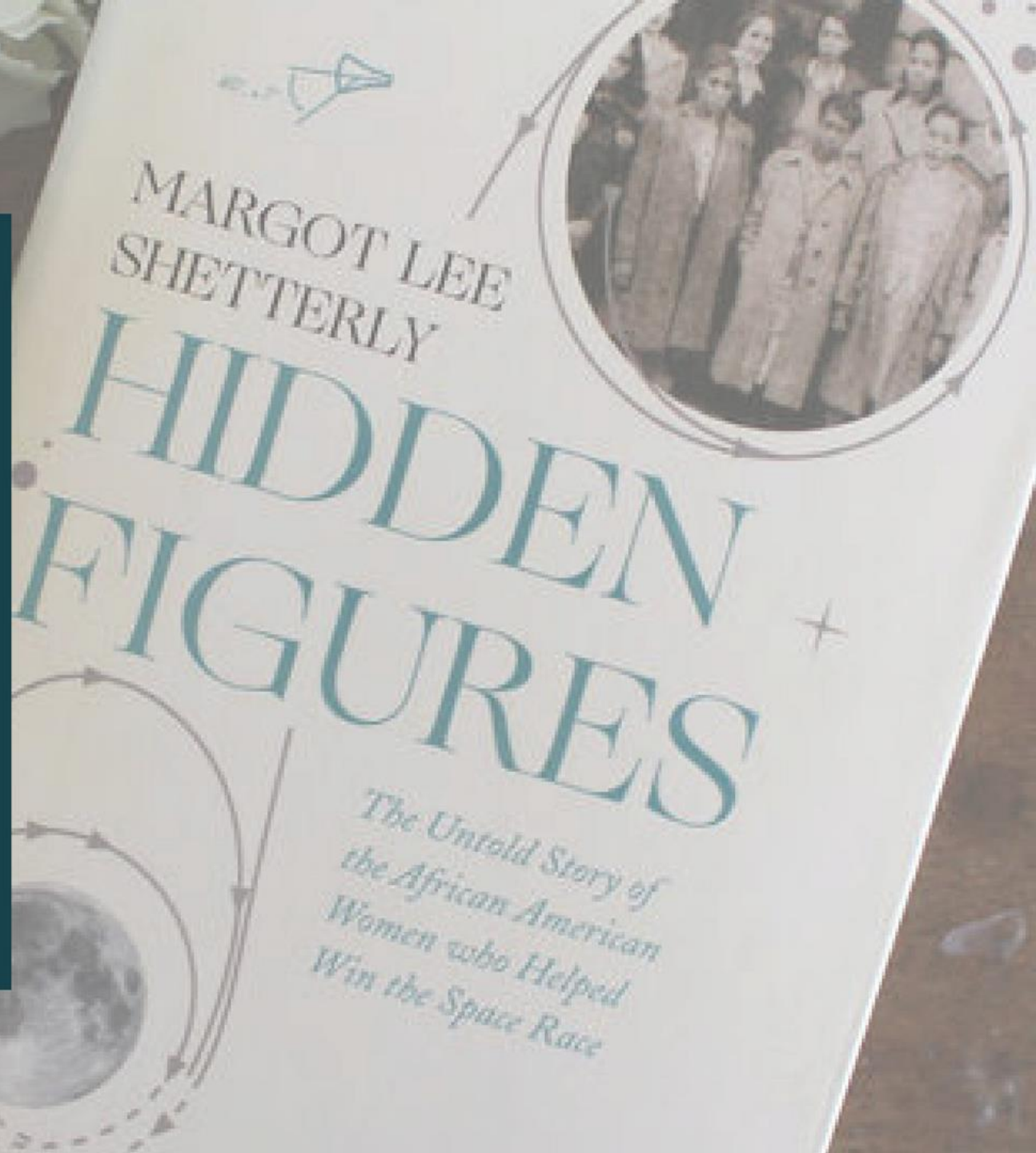
WOMEN ARE OFTEN LEFT
OUT OF DECISION MAKING
ON ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES.

WOMEN BEAR A
DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN
IN DETERIORATING WATER
QUALITY & AVAILABILITY.

BOOK CLUB

WED 4/25,
6:30PM @ SW3

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