



# Anti solar energy groups

Who are Ralston's anti-solar groups?

Ralston's group is one of many anti-solar organizations emerging to oppose what they say are mammoth projects. They argue that these projects do not fit the character of their communities and should be confined to industrial zoned land, not land for agriculture. Ralston and his groups are not against solar energy per se.

How many anti-wind groups are there?

The rise in anti-wind groups can be seen by the surging number of such groups on Facebook. One estimate I have seen shows that the number of anti-wind groups has more than tripled since 2018 and now totals several dozen.

Is a nonprofit group using false propaganda to stop solar projects?

An investigation by NPR and Floodlight into a nonprofit group using false propaganda to stop rural solar energy projects across the US is a must-read. The story, by Floodlight's Miranda Green and NPR's Michael Copley, is about Citizens for Responsible Solar, a group that was started in 2019.

How does Citizens for Responsible Solar stoke opposition to solar projects?

Analysts who follow the industry say Citizens for Responsible Solar stokes opposition to solar projects by spreading misinformation online about health and environmental risks. The group's website says solar requires too much land for "unreliable energy," ignoring data showing power grids can run dependably on lots of renewables.

Which solar projects have been rejected or withdrawn?

Among those solar projects: In Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Montana, projects were rejected or withdrawn after facing fierce local opposition. The latest rejections include two large proposed solar projects in Henry County, Virginia, which were rejected in November.

How did grassroots activists stop solar projects in Ralston?

Many grassroots activists today credit their success in stopping solar projects to Ralston. One of them is Kathy Webb. Webb says she learned that a company wanted to clear a forest for a solar plant near her home in Rowan County, N.C., days before local officials planned to vote.

Here are a few groups you should be following. Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA) Founded in 1974, SEIA is the single largest and most effective non-profit organization working solely on behalf of the solar industry. SEIA has been at the forefront of national and state policy efforts during the solar industry's infancy, and helped to ...

The heirs and still majority owners of the Walmart fortune, the Walton family, have been spending millions of dollars in recent years funding a huge number of anti-solar energy groups, according ...

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A new group formed by anti-wind and solar activists in Michigan has teamed up with a Republican political consulting firm that also represents an oil and gas pipeline company to fight legislation that would make it easier to site and build renewable energy projects in the state. ... D.C.-based Institute for Energy Research, another front group ...

The companies' proactive community engagement approach comes as some Ohio solar projects have faced significant local opposition, often stoked by fossil fuel interests. State policy under a 2021 law known as Senate Bill 52 also has empowered anti-solar groups to ban many renewable energy projects or pressure local elected officials to oppose ...

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Utilities in many states have worked with these and other national anti-solar groups to undermine pro-solar policies, with varying degrees of success. Case Study 1: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. ... Considering the full benefits of distributed solar energy to the grid, to ratepayers and to society in solar energy ratemaking or policy ...

One of his anti-wind videos even popped up on Kitson's anti-wind Facebook group. In one video on the anti-solar group's channel, Thompson calls climate change "one of the biggest ...

Groups like Citizens for Responsible Solar are spreading bad information about renewable energy at exactly the wrong time. A report issued last year by the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at ...

Under the proposal, utilities would pay solar users a low credit for supplying solar energy to the electric grid, and charge those users a higher electrical rate equivalent to what non-solar users paid for any energy they consume. The group argued that distributed solar energy sales should be regulated under the federal Public Utilities ...

As the Ralph Izzo, CEO of New Jersey-utility Public Service Enterprise Group, and Julia Hamm, CEO of the Solar Energy Power Association (SEPA) said in a letter to the Washington Post, "With both energy efficiency and solar, utilities can play a critical role in expanding programs and making them available for all consumers."

Solar power is helping move the United States toward a future of 100% renewable energy, while reducing global warming pollution, cleaning up the air in our communities, and empowering homeowners and business owners to generate their own electricity. And increasingly, solar power can do all that at a lower cost than electricity produced from fossil fuels. Utilities ...

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anti-solar group in Kansas, which opposes NextEra Energy's proposed utility-scale ...

Image from one of the Center of the American Experiment's Facebook ads. The John Locke Foundation, a North Carolina-based SPN affiliate, is busy fighting solar farms and offshore wind. The group received \$100,000 in 2022 from "the dark money ATM of the right," Donors Trust, which contributed \$19.3 million to SPN affiliates that year.. The Mackinac Center ...

The Edison Electric Institute (EEI), the trade group that represents U.S. investor-owned electric utilities, launched the current wave of anti-solar advocacy with a 2012 conference warning utilities of the challenges solar energy posed to their traditional profit centers. Since then, EEI has worked with the American Legislative Exchange Council ...

Solar energy is not only a viable option but is also becoming more sustainable and efficient by the week. This moves us steadily toward a future where energy production is both environmentally friendly and economically feasible. ... How Silicon is Combatting One of the Biggest Anti-Solar Myths. Oct 1.

SHAWNEE TOWNSHIP -- A large crowd packed Shawnee Alliance Church Tuesday night, Jan. 26, for updates on the latest efforts to fight Lightsource bp's plans to build a 300-megawatt solar farm in parts of southern Allen and northern Auglaize counties. The group, Against Birch Solar LLC, has been actively fighting the project. Those against the project are ...

SOLAR: Founded by a conservative political operative to fight a rural Virginia solar farm, a so-called citizens group that spreads misinformation to fight arrays on farmland has since exported its playbook to 11 other states. (NPR/Floodlight) ALSO: o They've become cheaper, more efficient, and don't rely on materials from China: why a made-in-Ohio solar panel ...

The text messages that boosted anti-solar candidates were from a conservative Ohio PAC tied to a group that ran a pro-gas campaign. And, leading up to the primary, a newspaper called the Ohio Energy Reporter was mailed to Knox County homes.

The number of anti-solar groups is difficult to track because they usually emerge quickly in reaction to a project application moving through local government, said Dave Anderson with the Energy ...

Activists spread misleading information to fight solar Citizens for Responsible Solar is part of a growing backlash against renewable energy in rural communities across the United States.

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2. Solar anti-islanding keeps the grid equipment safe. The grid infrastructure is set up in such a way that it will shut down when it detects a severe problem. Without solar anti-islanding protection, your solar panels will

continue to send voltage back to the grid, which could damage the grid hardware and lead to other costly losses. 3.

Over the last 12 months, the paper has published at least 52 online news stories on solar energy -- 42 of them about the Frasier proposal, the analysis found. Of the 40 print editions published this year, 17 have featured front-page stories about solar. ... Members of Preserve Knox County, an anti-solar group with several members whose land ...

St. Louis, MO - With solar power on the rise around the country, a national network fossil fuel and utility-backed organizations have joined forces to put the brakes on this fast growing pollution-free energy resource. Trade groups and think tanks backed by deep pocketed anti-clean energy ideologues and fossil interests are bankrolling campaigns, promoting model legislation ...

Barbara Kerr, a founding member of an anti-solar group in the state that is attempting to block NextEra Energy's utility-scale solar project in the two counties, said that her groups website has featured videos with misinformation about solar, and Senator Thompson has spread similar false messages. "Just horrible," Kerr says of the videos.

As we continue our analysis of the secretive "Citizens for Responsible Solar" group, we debunk their arguments against solar power. Our initial article cast a skeptical eye on their claim that their group represents "Solar Local Communities" advocates, a "grassroots group of concerned citizens" promoting responsible solar and other renewable energy.

Anti-Solar Network. The UK Solar Alliance - which counts Save the Shire as a member - organised a major anti-solar farm protest at Westminster in April to protest against "mega" projects of over 50MW. Andrew Bowie, the nuclear and renewable energy minister, described the groups' concerns as "completely legitimate".

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