

The Moral Case for Fossil
Fuels
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things environmentalists
and most people say

fossil fuels cause climate
change

fossil fuels cause pollution

fossil fuels are nonrenewable

fossil fuels are replaceable by
solar and wind

using fossil fuels will lead to
catastrophe

morality is about not having an
impact on the environment or
the climate

fossil fuels cause climate
change, but humans can use
ingenuity and technology to
manage and adapt to climate
change

fossil fuels cause pollution, but
ingenuity and technology make
pollution a smaller problem
every year

fossil fuels are nonrenewable,
but we have huge amounts left
and we have plenty of time to
find something cheaper

fossil fuels are not replaceable
by solar and wind because solar
and wind are intermittent and
unreliable

experts have been predicting
catastrophe as a result of using
fossil fuels for a long time, but
catastrophe hasn't happened. in
fact, as we've used more fossil
fuels, human life has improved
dramatically and so has
environmental quality.

morality is about human life and
human flourishing

things Alex Epstein says
after looking at the
evidence