

FRACKING POSTPONED RATIONING

Hydraulic fracturing — “fracking” — permanently pollutes groundwater, causes earthquakes and is ultrahazardous for nearby communities. The motive for fracking is not profiteering (many fracked wells lose money) but to replace declining flows of conventional oil and “natural” gas due to depletion, which makes the rest of the economy possible.

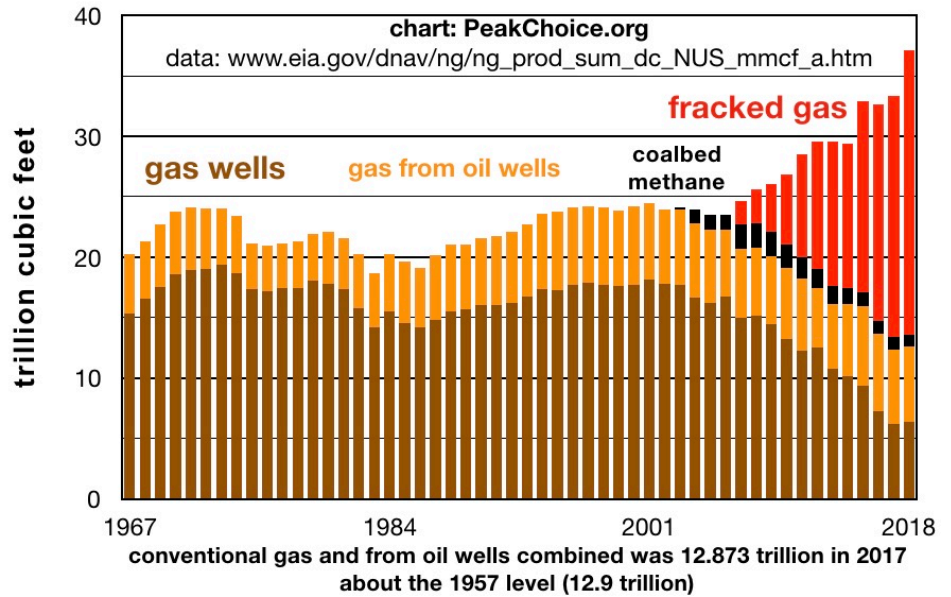
Fracking provided a “stay of execution” for Peak Energy in America. It postponed energy rationing, which we are totally unprepared for, logistically and psychologically.

Conventional natural gas peaked in the USA in 1973 and has declined two-thirds, mostly since 2000.

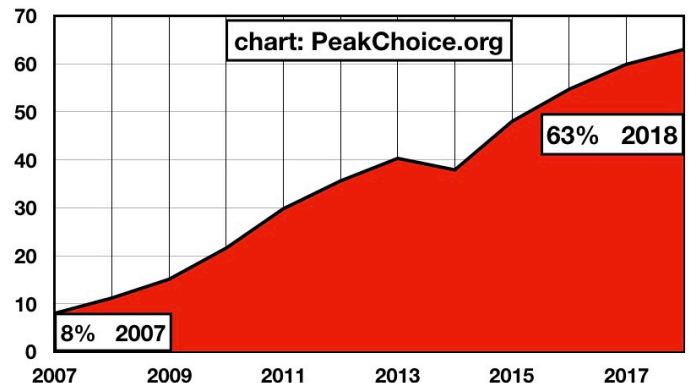
Conventional oil production peaked in the USA in 1970. Fracked oil and Canadian tar sands postponed gasoline rationing.

Fracked wells deplete faster than conventional wells. The first gas fracking wells in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas are past peak. **details: What the Frack? scraping the bottom of the barrel is not good to the last drop.** www.peakchoice.org/peak-frack.html

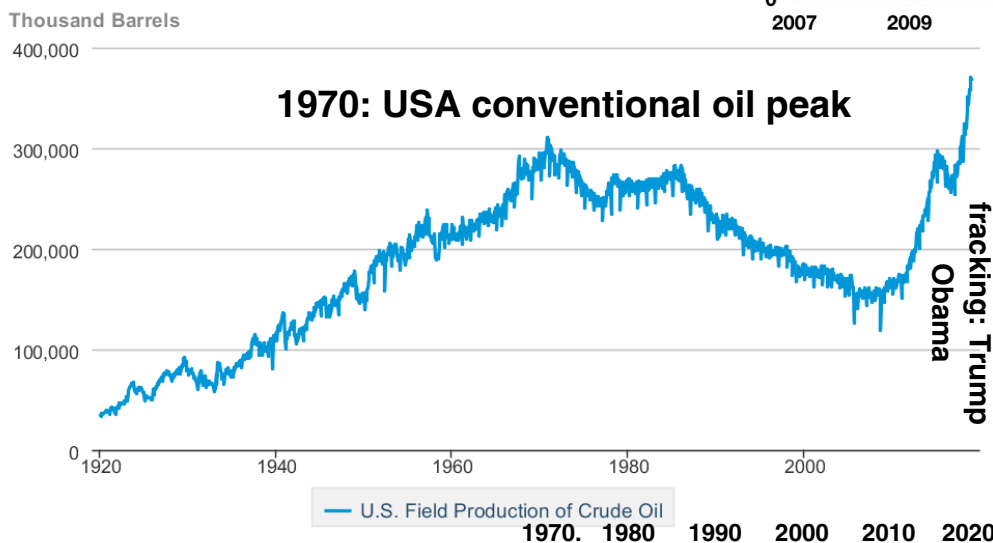
USA conventional natural gas peaked 1973 fracking postponed rationing



percentage USA gas from fracking 2007 - 2018



U.S. Field Production of Crude Oil



The economic shocks of oil rationing after fracking could trigger the biggest onslaught of scapegoating in US history, worse than the oil embargo of 1973-1974. This new abnormal may become permanent. How will “stop drilling” groups counter this blaming? Will there be widespread efforts to relocalize food, cooperatives established to insulate homes, share cars, repair bicycles, revitalize community interdependence? Practicalities are more important than protests.