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Why must we continue on a detrimental course of destruction to what's left of our home ? We seem bent on destroying what ever it takes for the greedy profit machines who are polluting our air, water, mountains and health. Carbon capturing doesn't even work. Why can't we invest in solar, wind & ocean power, I am sure 2-3 Billion spent on clean, healthier, environmental friendly methods will create jobs too. We are beating a dead fossil in Virginia City. Build wind farms, spend tax payers money for the solar generated systems used by Spain and Denmark. What has happened to us and the America I used to know ?

No wonder "we" are "bitter", "clinging to our guns and religion" and are sick and tired of you who "we" elected who have the ability to steer us toward a better future for our world. The coal fired power plants in China are polluting us, it's not always about us but what we are doing to our planet.

I will be long gone by the time Wise County is destroyed. I have no children to leave anything to or be concerned about when I am gone, but this isn't about me. It's concern for your children and grand children who deserve a better standard of health care, clean air, water and good soil to farm. If coal is going to be the panacea for Wise County and it's future then why hasn't it been so great before now ? Where are the new schools coal have built in this area ? Why are Pound and Appalachia ghost towns ? Don't we already have enough problems with the water tables ? Must we add to that issue ?

Why does it always take a tragic event to create changes for the better ? Mercury causes birth defects, mountain top removal causes our water supply to disappear, CO2 is choking the globe, children are dying from bullets to biology . There is a better way but we are on the wrong path and may have time to reverse the damage already done. Maybe.

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