

Nuclear Power Is Being Abandoned Worldwide

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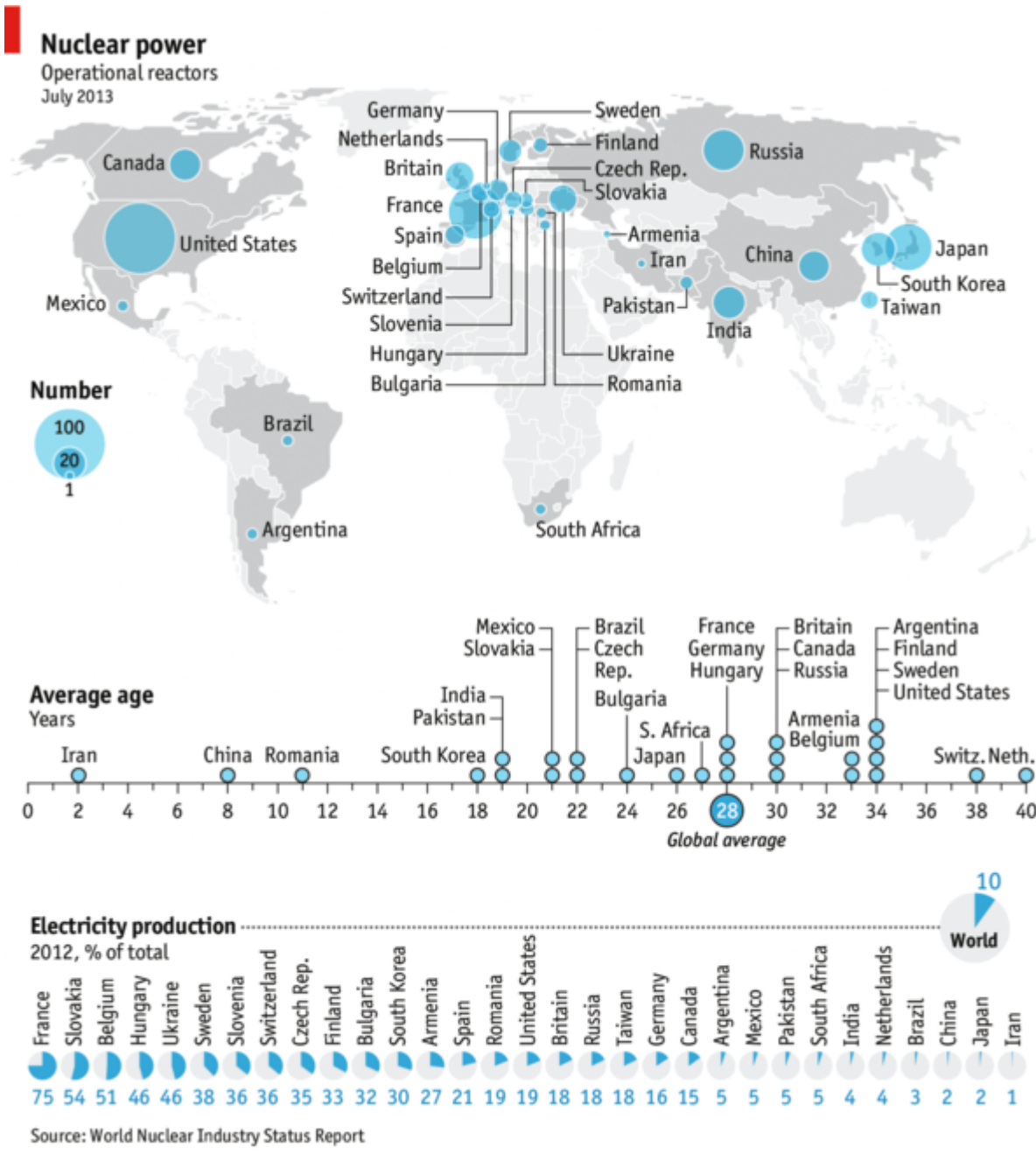
Despite the Government's Best Efforts to Prop Up and Bail Out the Nuclear Industry ... It's Failing

As we noted in May, the American ["Nuclear Renaissance" is over](#), ["the change in nuclear's fortunes is staggering"](#), and a horrible ["cauldron of events" has \[brought\] the nuclear push to a standstill"](#).

Even though the American government has done everything possible to encourage nuclear power - by [wholly subsidizing nuclear power](#), [reducing safety standards after Fukushima](#), [forcing Japan to re-start its nuclear program](#), [covering up the severity of the Fukushima accident](#), [raising acceptable radiation limits](#) and [agreeing to buy radioactive Japanese seafood](#) - the number of nuclear plants worldwide and percentage of electricity provided by nuclear is declining.

The Economist [reports](#):

The [nuclear] industry's role in electricity production is continuing to decline, according to this year's World Nuclear Industry [Status Report](#), a compendium of analysis and data by the activist and expert Mycle Schneider. **The number of reactors peaked in 2002 at 444, compared with 427 today.** The share of electricity they produce is **down 12% from its 2006 peak**, largely because of post-Fukushima shutdowns in Japan. **As a proportion of all electricity generated, nuclear peaked in 1993 at 17% and has now fallen to 10%.** The average age of operating plants is increasing, with the number over 40 years old (currently 31 plants) set to grow quite rapidly.



This is no loss. Nuclear power is [expensive and bad for the environment](#). And – no matter what you [may have heard](#) – it does [not help reduce carbon dioxide](#).

But the answer is [not fossil fuels, either ... it is decentralization](#).

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