

Tony Blair brings centrism back to energy reality



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Blair: we cannot afford Net Zero

Tony Blair has [warned](#) Britain cannot afford Net Zero and urged the government to change course and prioritise cheaper energy. “We must prioritise cheaper energy and electrification over net zero and use what is left of our North Sea oil and gas resources,” he says.

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Energy bills to rise by 13% in July

The Ofgem cap affects millions of homes on variable tariffs in England, Scotland and Wales, and suppliers are warning it could go even higher in the colder winter months without an end to the conflict. Ministers have [blamed](#) the war in Iran. Kemi Badenoch's Conservatives and Reform have [said](#) that domestic policy has left the UK exposed.

Two thirds of Brits prioritise energy affordability over removal of fossil fuels

A damning two-thirds of Britons prioritise lowering energy bills over removing fossil fuel from the UK's electricity supply, a new YouGov poll [shows](#).

BBC forced to edit misleading Net Zero jobs headline

The BBC has been [forced](#) to edit its headline suggesting the CBI backed “green jobs”. In reality, the CBI's separate consultancy CBI Economics was commissioned by a pro-net zero think tank to talk up the contributions of eco jobs. More BBC Net Zero propaganda.



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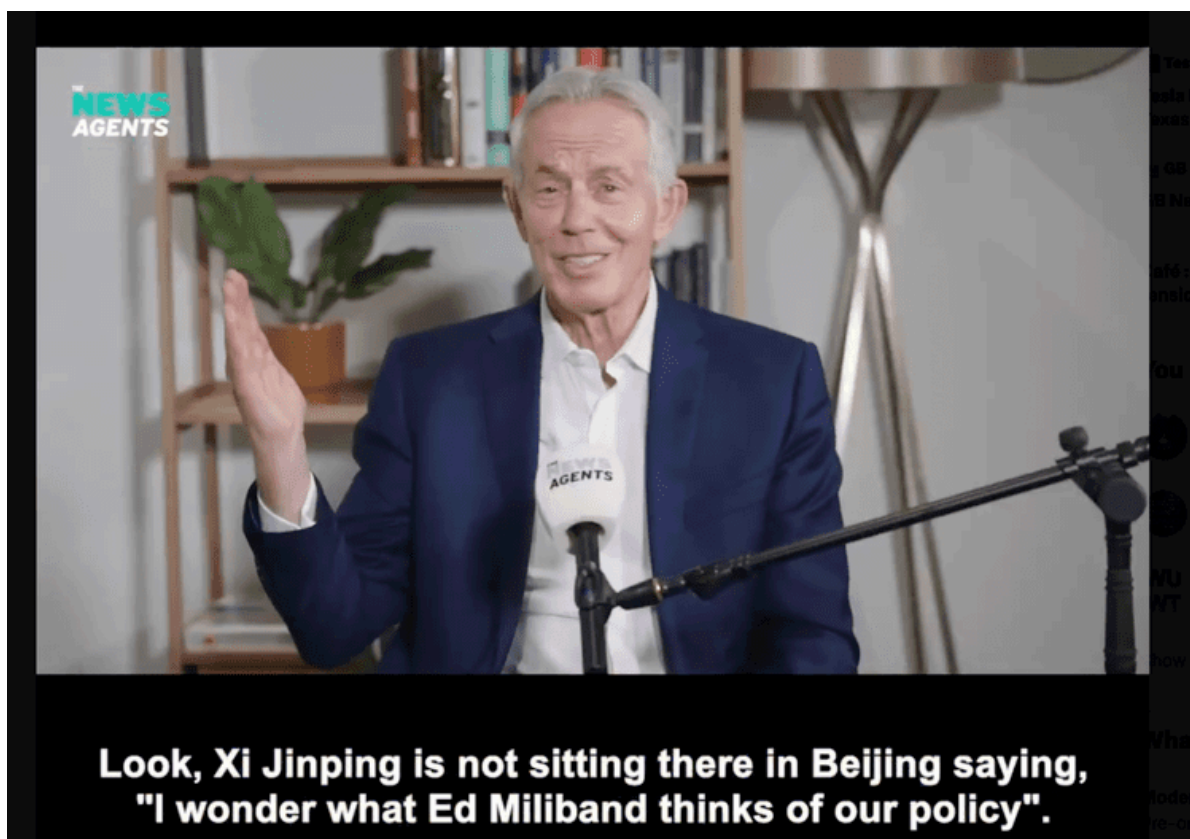
Ferrari's shares tumble 6% as they unveil first EV car

Italian luxury carmaker Ferrari has [unveiled](#) its first fully electric model. But the "Luce" has yet to win over investors, with Ferrari shares the worst performers on the Milan stock exchange on Tuesday, tumbling six percent following a presentation of the new vehicle in Rome. Meanwhile other carmakers have hit the brakes on expanding their electric ranges due to slower takeup than they hoped for.

Global fashion brands push back on Net Zero goals

Burberry has [pushed back](#) its net zero targets by a decade, becoming the latest in a catalogue of multinational companies to row back on environmental pledges.

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