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<https://faculti.net/shale-gas-revolution-could-paralyse-the-energy-transition/>

This video discusses the impact of the shale gas revolution on energy pricing, renewable energy investments, and climate policy. Since 2008, natural gas prices in the U.S. have decreased significantly, leading to a virtuous cycle of increased profits for shale gas exploration and more innovations in gas production. However, this cheaper gas has begun to overshadow and displace renewable energy sources, like solar and wind, hindering investments and research in green technologies.

This video raises concerns that instead of facilitating the transition to renewable energy (which was expected with the use of natural gas), the shale gas boom may act as a barrier to achieving a low-carbon economy. The research indicates that unless there is a strong market commitment to transitioning away from fossil fuels, renewable energy investments may decline.

It also highlights differences between U.S. and EU climate policies, noting that the EU has a more robust and clear regulatory framework to support renewable energy investments, while the U.S. approach is more fragmented and less predictable.

Additionally, the text touches on the political influences of major natural resource revenues, suggesting that the profitability of natural gas may lead to lobbying against renewable energy initiatives and to maintaining fossil fuel revenues, resulting in a "triple whammy" that could further delay the energy transition. Overall, it emphasizes the necessity for strong climate policies to ensure a sustainable future.