



4th of July Reading List

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First off, [here's a bullet-pointed \(perhaps straight off powerpoint\) lecture by Colin Campbell](#) (hat tip: [peakoil.com](#)). It is from 2000, but after all that time, it seems quite valid in its reasoning and main points:

An oil crisis is bad for politicians.
Blaming OPEC or the oil companies will not wash much longer.
It would be better to make a proper analysis of the true position and inform people.
No one blames the government for an earthquake. So they wouldn't blame it for an oil crisis either if they realized it was a natural phenomenon.

Peak oil is a turning point for Mankind
100 years of easy growth ends
Population peaks too for not unrelated reasons
The transition to decline is a period of great tension
Priorities shift to self-sufficiency and sustainability
It may end up a better world

Five years is a long time. We could have done so much.

Second, [here's a piece from the Economist](#) that provides a counterpoint to yesterday's Guardian pieces accentuating the positives of China's growth.

In terms of peacefully integrating China into the world economy, this is to be welcomed, not feared. Chinese companies will make their mistakes, and they will need to learn fast. Another wave of hopefulness is already discernible. On June 28th, Thomson of France sold the final leg of its TV operations not to China's TCL, its partner until now, but to an Indian rival.

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