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Coal is the filthiest fossil fuel. Investing in coal is being complicit in global warming. Investing in coal is also unwise fiscal policy. Coal fired power plants are closing at increased numbers across the U.S. Efforts by coal producers to export their product have met resistance from residents of port cities. Coal dust and mile-long coal trains are unwelcome in those cities, such as Longview, Washington. Longview fought and won to prevent coal exports. Oakland, California also stopped coal exports. Coal is unpopular. It is unhealthy to the people who live near coal fired power plants. The coal industry would collapse without government subsidies. Coal investments are a bad deal, considered in any way.