More green jobs nonsense [1]

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As I've said here and elsewhere often enough those who preen upon how many green jobs they are creating simply do not understand the most basic point: jobs are a cost of a scheme, not a benefit. Thus the pointing at how many green jobhs are being created is really the squeals of the innumerate telling us all how expensive their schemes are. However, I've just found out that it could be considered worse than this. For here is what the US's Bureau of Labor Statistics defines as a green job [3]:

> Green jobs are either:
> A. Jobs in businesses that produce goods or provide services that benefit the environment or conserve natural resources.
> B. Jobs in which workers? duties involve making their establishment?s production processes more environmentally friendly or use fewer natural resources.

What this means is that absolutely everyone who works at an oil refinery has a green job. For everyone who does work at an oil refinery is trying to "use fewer natural resources". In fact, everyone who works in anything at all of a capitalist or market nature now has a green job. For all of us are, always, attempting to reduce the resources we use in order to produce our output.

So we might in fact simply claim that the entire concept of a green job is so nonsensical that we should just abandon it. Or perhaps we shoud be cleverer about it than this?

It is indeed true that all of the 24 million private sector workers in the UK are at least attempting to reduce the inputs into whatever it is that they do. So therefore all 24 million private sector workers are in green jobs. It's the 6 million in the state sector who do not so concern themselves: which gives us the optimal path to maximal greenery. Move state workers into the private sector, where they will naturally concern themselves with economy of resources, of inputs, and we will have entirely greened the economy.

It's the sort of plan I could get behind you know.

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