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With the electoral defeat of Donald Trump and his subsequent coup attempts, social movements in the US vanquished climate denialism. The Biden administration immediately canceled some of Trump's most odious environmental policies, but the climate/energy emergency in Texas in late February underlined the dramatic material and ideological challenges the US confronts as it seeks to slash in carbon emissions. What are the prospects and best strategies for struggles to defeat fossil capitalism in the US? In this presentation, I assess the outlook for top-down, state-led initiatives like the Green New Deal, and explore alternatives such as what I term the urban climate insurgency. Above all, I argue, climate activists must challenge the idea that wealthy nations like the US simply need to switch from fossil fuels to renewable power while clinging to capitalist/colonial models of incessant growth - an attitude that I call green capitalist realism. To escape from our current trajectory towards planetary ecocide, in other words, movements must not just overcome fossil capitalism but the green capitalist realism that underpins structures of fossil feeling.

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