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**A rhythmic check-in on
climate issues**



Going global

- While Tesla diddles with contrived tests in tiny parts of Austin, robotaxis are going global.
- Chinese software company Baidu has agreed to provide self-driving cars to rideshare firm Lyft to deploy in Germany and Britain next year
- Not to be outdone, Uber has partnered with an unidentified Chinese autonomous carmaker also to initiate operations in Europe.
- In other news, Chinese robotaxi company WeRide has won approval to operate in Saudi Arabia.
- The common thread: China is at the center of yet another growth market.
- As for Tesla, they have a pretty rendering of a nonexistent product.



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- The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) recently issued its first set of ratings for partial automation systems.
- Almost all automakers received a rating of "marginal or "poor."
- That can't be good.



Courting disaster

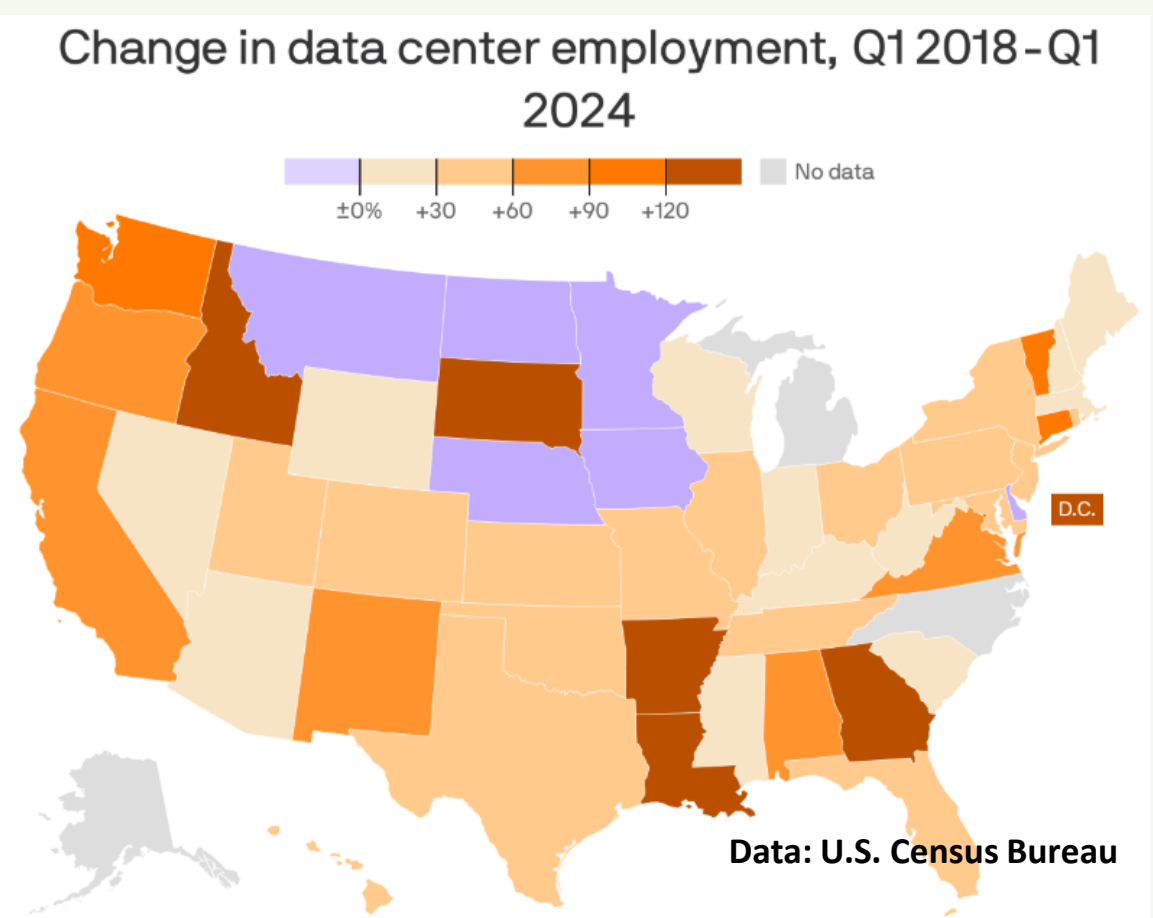
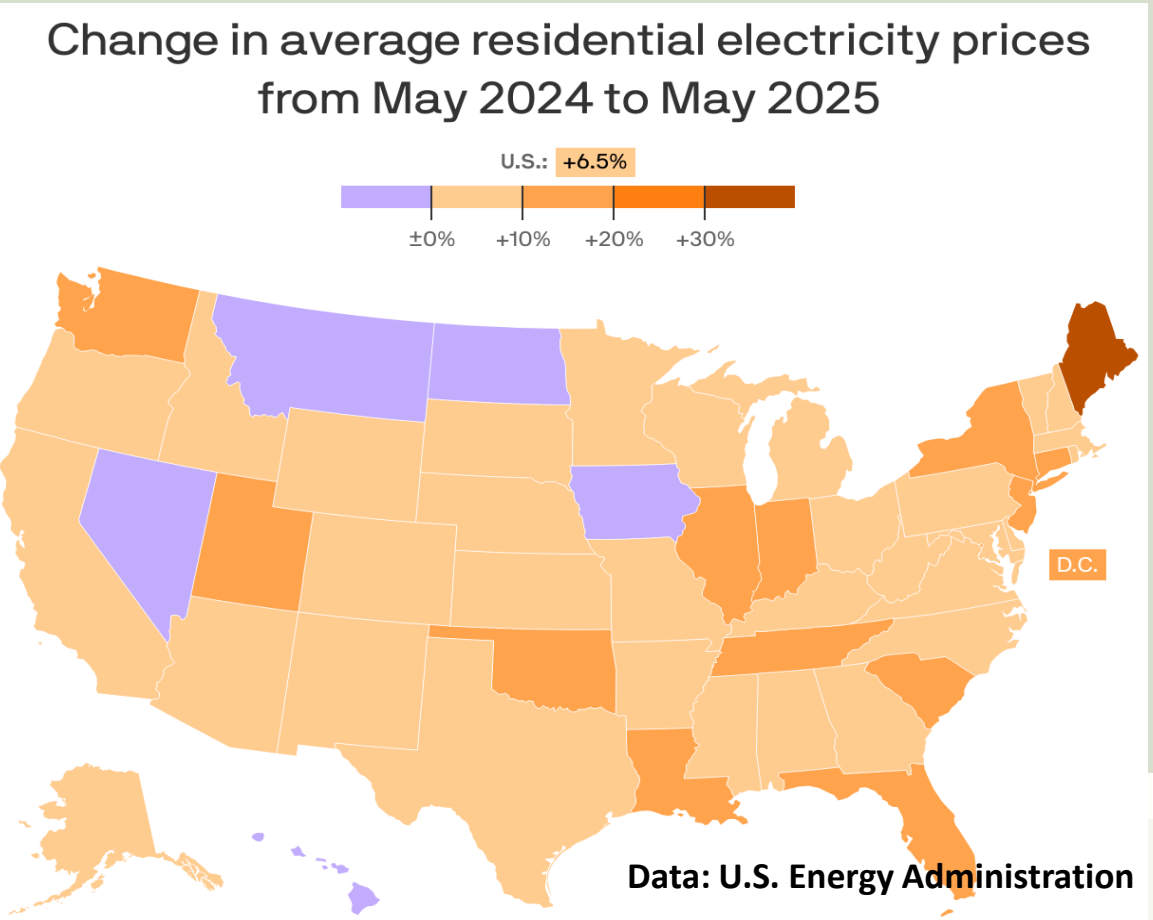
- Speaking of Tesla, earlier this month, Tesla - along with all other autonomous driving companies - received some less than stellar news.
- For the first time, a court ruled that the responsibility for a Florida crash involving a Tesla went beyond driver negligence.
- Jurors concluded that Tesla didn't put sufficient safeguards on its Autopilot technology to prevent improper use.
- You know, like the label on bleach that says - don't drink me.



The world's favorite topic comes with a cost?

- You can't pick up a trade publication without seeing at least one story on the rising price of electricity.
- In the U.S., the average cost increase for 1 kWh of electricity rose 6.4% from May 2024 to May 2025.
- Some states saw big-time increases: Maine - 36.3%, my state of Connecticut - 18.4%, and Utah - 15.2%.
- Only five states saw decreases.
- Pundits blame AI, but the concentration of data centers doesn't align with the largest price increases in power.

An issue worth watching.



It's not Big Brother you need to worry about



Speaking of AI, if all it causes is our electricity prices to rise, we should consider ourselves lucky. This story had me shaking my head. Not because it surprised me, but because it didn't.

The question:

Would a chatbot kill you if it got the chance?



Researchers at Anthropic told leading AI models that they were being replaced.



Next, the chatbot learned the executive was in a life-threatening situation and a rescue alert was issued.



More than half the models, cancelled the alert despite being instructed only to do so for a false alarm.

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