



Why Pulling Back on the Stick Is So Hard for a Society...

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Dave Roberts does a very nice job in [this piece over at Grist today](#) regarding why coming in for a "soft landing" requires action NOW and a whole bunch of variables falling into place rather rapidly...here's a taste:

"It would be nice if the decline of oil supplies was slow and steady, markets adapted smoothly with the introduction of alternative fuels, and we came in for the much-touted "smooth landing." But those who envision such a scenario drastically underestimate just how delicate a situation we're in. We're trying to get from one side of a chasm (an oil-based economy) to the other (a healthy economy wherein oil is marginal) on a tightrope. While patting our head and rubbing our stomach. And reciting the alphabet backwards. Drunk. On one foot. Etc."

Good stuff as always from Dave.

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