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Mike/Tom - I've spent the better half of today travelling through the eastern half of Germany, from Frankfurt to Dresden to the Czech border. The eastern part of Germany is far less prosperous than what we saw in Freiberg. More interesting is the number of homes in the east that have solar. You will see homes that look to be in need of repair with major solar systems on their roofs. You also see commercial establishments like gas stations with significant solar arrays on their roofs. It is grey and pouring rain now despite being the middle of the summer. Something tells me this is economics put on its head. It's hard to believe the intensity of solar installation given the quality of the housing stock. These aren't rich people installing solar. Something to think about.