

Alexa in the Garden of Epicurus

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Here is an in-depth article I just came across (because I daily peruse *El Pais* - to get out of the U.S. news bubble a bit). It addresses the extreme resource needs and impact on local environments and communities of AI data centers (not global warming stuff, but immediate and potential near-term impacts).

I don't see anything of partisan politics, but social and economic issues are addressed. For example: "... several of these complexes are currently extracting water from underground aquifers that are in a critical state. These natural reserves also provide water to the populations living in nearby rural communities."

I think it's worth a considered, close read.

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