# Charging Up the Curriculum: Exploring the Shocking Relationship Between Environmental Science Teachers in Colorado and Tesla's Stock Price

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#### **Abstract**

In this research paper, we delve into the electrifying connection between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and the stock price of Tesla (TSLA). Leveraging data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), we aimed to shed light on this seemingly whimsical yet thought-provoking link. Despite the initial disbelief from colleagues, our findings reveal a striking correlation coefficient of 0.9403634 and a statistically significant p-value of less than 0.01 for the period spanning 2011 to 2020. Our analysis not only sparks further inquiry into the interplay between education and industry but also zaps any lingering doubts about the tangential relationship between environmental science instruction and the market performance of the pioneering electric vehicle company. Shockingly, it seems that the current truly flows from the classroom to the stock exchange. This paper not only endeavors to shed light on this unanticipated correlation but also to incite a spark of curiosity in the reader's mind, much like the ignition of a Tesla Model S.

### 1. Introduction

The intersection of education and economics has long been a subject of considerable interest, with researchers seeking to unravel the intricate web of factors that influence both spheres. In this paper, we turn our attention to the connection between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and the stock price of Tesla (TSLA). While this association may initially strike one as a peculiar juxtaposition, the statistical relationship uncovered in this study hints at a more electrifying connection than previously imagined.

As the electric vehicle industry continues to gain momentum, so too does the demand for environmental science education. It is within this context that we seek to explore the unexpected synergy between the two seemingly disparate domains. The notion that the number of environmental science teachers in a particular state could be linked to the stock performance of a leading innovator in the electric vehicle market might spark skepticism, but our analysis aims to illuminate the shocking veracity of this relationship.

Unraveling this enigmatic correlation not only holds academic intrigue but also carries practical implications for the realms of education and finance. The implications of our study extend beyond the ordinary confines of educational analysis, offering a glimpse into the complex interplay between market dynamics and educational investments. By shedding light on this connection, we aim to jolt researchers and practitioners alike into realizing the overlooked potential of unconventional variables in predicting market trends.

With the stage thus set, we delve into the methods, data sources, and findings that coalesce to demonstrate the unforeseen charge generated by the enrollment of environmental science teachers and its resonance in Tesla's stock price. So, let us venture forth into this study, as we explore the intriguing interplay between academia and the stock market, where the sparks of statistical significance ignite, and the currents of curiosity flow freely.

### 2. Literature Review

In the exploration of the perplexing relationship between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and the stock price of Tesla (TSLA), a plethora of scholarly works and empirical studies have attempted to shed light on the underlying factors at play. Smith et al. (2015) conducted a comprehensive analysis of educational trends and their impact on regional economic outcomes, providing a framework for understanding the potential linkage between educational initiatives and market dynamics. Similarly, Doe and Jones (2018) delved into the influence of environmental education on consumer behavior, offering insights into the broader implications of environmentally focused instruction. However, it is worth noting that while these studies contribute to the broader understanding of the intersections between education and economics, they fail to capture the electrifying peculiarities of the specific link between environmental science instructors and Tesla's stock performance.

Turning to the realm of non-fiction literature, "The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History" by Elizabeth Kolbert and "This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate" by Naomi Klein offer nuanced perspectives on environmental challenges and the potential roles of education in shaping societal responses. While these works provide valuable context for the broader implications of environmental education, they do not directly

address the quirky connection between the employment of environmental science teachers in Colorado and the fluctuations of Tesla's stock price.

On the more imaginative side, the novel "Electric Eden" by David Marusek and "Tesla: A Portrait with Masks" by Vladimir Pistalo showcase futuristic scenarios and cultural interpretations of technological innovation, sparking the imagination but failing to ground the whimsical conjectures of this particular study.

Turning attention to popular culture, cartoons such as "Captain Planet and the Planeteers" and children's shows like "The Magic School Bus" have long championed environmental stewardship, potentially influencing future generations and, hypothetically, the stock market. However, while these animated anecdotes may capture the spirit of environmental education, they lack empirical evidence regarding their impact on the financial world or on the performance of Tesla's stock specifically.

As we navigate through these diverse sources, it becomes apparent that while the literature offers valuable insight into the broader themes of environmental education and economic dynamics, the specific conundrum at hand remains shockingly underexplored. Nonetheless, the endeavor to uncover meaningful connections in seemingly unrelated realms keeps our scholarly pursuits both grounded and charged with excitement.

# 3. Methodology

In this study, we employed a multi-faceted approach to investigate the relationship between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and Tesla's stock price (TSLA). To begin, we conducted a comprehensive review of existing literature on educational impacts on industry performance, market psychology, and the electrifying world of electric vehicles. We then brushed up on our statistical analysis techniques, ensuring that our methods were as current and shockingly accurate as possible.

### Data Collection:

Our primary data sources included the Bureau of Labor Statistics and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv). We drew upon the comprehensive employment data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics to ascertain the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado over the period from 2011 to 2020. Concurrently, we harnessed the electrifying power of LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) to obtain historical data on Tesla's stock price over the same timeframe. While this synergy of data sources might not seem as flashy as a performance by Tesla's Model S Plaid, it did allow us to capture a comprehensive picture of both the educational and financial landscapes.

# Data Analysis:

With the data in hand, we embarked on a journey into the realm of statistical analysis. Employing sophisticated quantitative techniques, we computed correlation coefficients and regression models to illuminate the potential relationship between our two seemingly unrelated variables. We aimed to ensure that our analysis was both rigorous and versatile, akin to the Tesla Model X's dynamic falcon-wing doors – opening new pathways of understanding and discovery in the data.

### Model Limitations:

It is crucial to recognize that our model is not without its own limitations. While we have endeavored to consider a wide array of factors, the findings are subject to the inherent complexities of the education and financial systems. Moreover, as with any statistical endeavor, there is a potential for unexpected shocks and jolts in the data that may not be fully captured by our model. However, we took great care to ground our analysis in robust statistical methods, aiming to shine a light on the connection between environmental science education and Tesla's stock performance.

### **Robustness Checks:**

To ensure the shockingly robust nature of our findings, we conducted robustness checks involving various model specifications and time periods. These checks allowed us to demonstrate that the observed relationship between environmental science teachers in Colorado and Tesla's stock price was not a mere flash in the pan but held steady across multiple scenarios. Much like the careful scrutiny given to the design and performance of Tesla vehicles, our

analysis underwent rigorous examination to ensure reliability.

Overall, our methodology combined careful data collection, thorough statistical analysis, and a touch of wit to explore the captivating relationship between environmental science education and Tesla's stock price, demonstrating that even the most unexpected connections can yield enlightening insights when subjected to rigorous academic inquiry.

## 4. Results

The results of our analysis revealed a striking correlation coefficient (r) of 0.9403634 between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and Tesla's stock price (TSLA) for the period from 2011 to 2020. We observed an impressive coefficient of determination (r-squared) of 0.8842833, indicating that approximately 88.4% of the variability in Tesla's stock price can be explained by the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado. Furthermore, the p-value of less than 0.01 underscores the statistical significance of this relationship, providing solid evidence to substantiate the observed correlation.

In examining the relationship graphically, the scatterplot (Fig. 1) depicts a strong positive linear association between the two variables. The data points closely follow a clear upward trend, visually reinforcing the high correlation coefficient derived from our analysis. The figure not only serves to demonstrate the robustness of the relationship but also sparks a sense of awe at the unexpected connection between the deployment of environmental science educators and the stock performance of an innovative electric vehicle manufacturer.

The sheer strength of the correlation leaves us somewhat shocked, akin to the sensation of accidentally touching a live wire. This pronounced association not only defies conventional wisdom but also enlightens our understanding of the intricate dynamics at play. It seems that the "current" truly flows between the education sector and the electric vehicle industry, as evidenced by the compelling statistical findings.



Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Our results not only highlight the surprising interrelation between seemingly unrelated variables but also underscore the need for continued exploration of unconventional connections within the academic and financial domains. The magnitude of the correlation observed can only be described as electrifying, beckoning researchers to engage in further inquiry into the underlying mechanisms driving this unexpected association.

In summary, our investigation underscores the unexpected but compelling linkage between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and the stock price of Tesla. The findings not only challenge traditional paradigms but also provide a glimpse into the uncharted territories of educational influence on market dynamics. The results of this study lay the groundwork for broader discussions on the untapped potential of nontraditional variables in predicting market behaviors, generating intellect-ricity that energizes contemplation and sparks excitement for future research in the field.

### 5. Discussion

The results of our investigation substantiate the notion of a strong and unexpected correlation between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and the stock price of Tesla (TSLA), aligning with prior research that has hinted at the influence of non-traditional factors on market dynamics. It is quite shocking to see empirical evidence backing up the seemingly whimsical link between educational employment and financial

performance. Our findings resonate with Smith et al. (2015), who emphasized the regional economic impact of educational trends. While they did not explicitly focus on the peculiar relationship we explored, their work laid the groundwork for recognizing the potential influence of educational initiatives on market forces. Similarly, our results echo Doe and Jones (2018), who discussed the broader implications of environmentally focused instruction on consumer behavior. While they didn't specifically delve into the stock performance of a particular company, their insights into the effects of environmental education on behavior can be viewed through the lens of the stock market's responsiveness to societal shifts.

On the more lighthearted side of the literature review, "Electric Eden" by David Marusek and "Tesla: A Portrait with Masks" by Vladimir Pistalo, while not grounded in empirical evidence, captured futuristic scenarios and cultural interpretations of technological innovation. Perhaps there was a spark of truth in these imaginative musings after all, as our findings testify to the real-world interconnectedness between educational practices and market dynamics. It seems that fiction may have been a step ahead in imagining the unexpected web of connections between academia and finance.

Our statistically significant correlation coefficient of 0.9403634 and coefficient of determination of 0.8842833 not only validate the previously uncharted link but also electrify the academic community with the recognition of the profound influence of educational factors on the stock market. Our figurative language mirrors the real sense of shock felt upon uncovering this unexpected relationship, much like a sudden jolt from an unforeseen source. Our results, while initially surprising, have the potential to ignite a reevaluation of the traditional boundaries of market analysis and spark a current of innovation in research methodologies.

In closing, our investigation into the connection between environmental science educators and Tesla's stock performance has not only yielded intriguing findings but has also sparked a glimmer of recognition of the uncharted territories awaiting exploration within the intersection of education and market dynamics. The scholarly shockwave of our findings serves to not only electrify the academic community but also to energize further inquiry into the underlying mechanisms driving these surprising connections. As we move forward, we must remember that even the most unexpected relationships can hold significant implications and, dare we say, can truly "amp up" our understanding of market behavior.

### 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, our research has demonstrated a shockingly strong correlation between the number of environmental science teachers in Colorado and Tesla's stock price, leaving us more charged up than a Tesla Supercharger station. The statistically significant relationship, with a correlation coefficient reminiscent of high-voltage power lines, challenges conventional wisdom and illuminates the unexplored potential of seemingly disparate variables in forecasting market trends.

The unexpected synergy between environmental science education and the electric vehicle industry not only sparks intrigue but also incites a surge of curiosity that rivals the energy stored in a lithiumion battery. While this connection may seem as improbable as a solar-powered flashlight in a cave, our findings urge further exploration into the nuanced interplay between academia and market dynamics, where the sparks of statistical significance ignite and the currents of curiosity flow freely.

Nevertheless, it is electrifyingly clear that no further research is needed in this area. This connection is as strong as an electric current, and delving further into this topic might just leave us feeling positively charged!