

The Answer to Our Energy Crisis!

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The current energy situation in the United States should be blamed on one thing and one thing only! The total lack of leadership in our government, from our presidents and our congress. For the greatest county in the world to be dependent on any other country for energy is a crime. It is time to set aside the petty bickering and do what is right for all Americans! The elected people running our government are really out of touch. Think about it, when was the last time that Nancy P, Harry R, Barak O, John M, or GWB pumped their own gas or actually shopped for groceries? They don't!

Americans are fed up with this lack of leadership. The economy is in very serious trouble, we are transferring our national wealth at a rate of 700 billion dollars to country's overseas every year. This money should be reinvested here. We need action, something must be done now. The two candidates for president offer essentially more of the same. One says we must go green and only green (we should suffer while we wait for green and only green to become economically viable). The other says go green and also drill off shore; in my mind neither is acceptable. They whisper about possibly becoming energy independent sometime in the distant future (20-30 years?). I think I have a better idea.

Back in the 60's our president; John Kennedy called congress into session and issued the famous challenge of putting a man on the moon in ten years, we did it in 8 years. Our president (GWB) needs to do the same thing. The challenge should not be to become energy independent, it should be to become the biggest exporter of energy the world has ever seen.

We need to utilize every natural and technological resource to generate the necessary energy that we require to drive growth in our economy, and to create opportunity. We need to do this NOW! At the same time we must be developing technologies that are safe, green and renewable (and the answer is not small (mercury) florescent bulbs and fuel from corn). This can all be accomplished within ten years. We have the smartest, most talented, hardest working, most productive people in the world here in the United States, we can solve this problem. Turn them loose! All we need is to be challenged by our leader and have congress get the heck out of the way!

We need to become the dominate producer of energy in the world, anything less is unacceptable! This is the most serious problem we face today.