

I do not drive- but feel increases in many things I buy on a weekly basis are caused largely by cost of gas (shipping).

The American consumer is finally beginning to pay the true cost for gasoline. It's not fun but it's the reality of being spoiled.

Does "up against the wall- mother.....-" suggest anything to you?

Offshore and ANWR drilling should have been started 10 years ago. Wall Street speculators should be reined in- make them pay for futures up front !!! The place is like Las Vegas... Stop after hours trading...

Bushco's Laissez-faire- weak dollar policies have made pretty much everything more expensive- here. Add to that the oil speculation market- and we're all in trouble.

STAY OFF MY COAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Exxon got HOW MUCH profit??!! Still moaning the oil spill!!! Give me a freaking break. Crooks in the White House/Congress; it makes me sick.

Thanks for nothing Nancy P.

Interesting note: It will take car manufacturers the same amount of time to develop fuel efficient cars as it will take to get 2% more oil from off-shore drilling. And- the cost of fuel will go down until the November election ...

I carpool or take public transportation 80 percent of the time in regards to work. I wish people would resist the SUVs. Car companies should be offered greater incentives to create higher efficiency in vehicles. No offshore or arctic drilling!!!

I *very much* favor nuclear power. I think it's the only thing that can come on line fast enough to impact the current situation.

We bunch our chores by geographical area so that we make fewer trips for groceries- etc.

Personal use is cut way down. However- we have a business delivery service also that has been greatly affected by the gas price and caused increase in our prices to customers. Business all around is slow for 2 fam. businesses

instead of knee jerk reactions like suspending the taxes on fuel- we need to start really working on other types of energy to actually make real reductions in how much oil we need

Culture & greed led us where we are in both fuel and housing problems.

I just feel it is unfair that the consumer is taking the blunt of it all. We really need to be more self sufficient as a nation when it comes to oil. If foreign countries can keep price down- so can we.

Bush's portfolio continues getting fatter. I have a little Chevron Stock & the value keeps going down.

I'm amazed that it's taken \$5 a gallon gas before some consumers wake up to the expense of SUV's and Hummers on our environment

If you want to lower gas prices- drive 55 mph on highways- take mass transit or carpool- trade your SUVs for hybrids- and recycle used oil for biofuels. More drilling is a BAD idea since the oil cos. will sell less gas but charge you more for big profits.

If you think oil companies are making too much money on oil and gas considering the risk they take in drilling for oil and building expensive refineries- there are two things you can do: Invest in oil companies- and permit a refinery in your town.

The current "energy" problem does not just pop up today. It started 30 yrs ago. What had the past democrat and republican presidents- congress done for encouraging any alternative energy programs? None!!!

Congress should get their acts together and approve of shore drilling and in the Arctic. Let's use what is available and at the same time work on alternatives but help us get more oil now!!!!

Why weren't oil company executives sworn in when they testified before congress (as the athletes who were questioned about steroids were)? The oil companies are declaring how many billions in profits they are making destroying our economy.

I have ceased to take those recreational day trips- and will just wait for the longer vacations that take us out of the area by plane or train.

The cost of gas is annihilating us. It is my belief that the oil companies are raping us. It is also my belief that so called 'accidents' to various oil suppliers are NOT accidents. They are well timed deliberate 'incidents' used to rape us.

We didn't pay heed to 1973 gas lines. We bought the big cars. No one asked car companies for smaller cars till now. Drilling is too little too late. We need to get on the grid and off petroleum. Need alt energy resources.

The US congress is at fault for the price of gas. This country needs to produce its own oil. We have it- drill for it -now. Congress needs to stop its child like bickering and pass a DRILL OF OIL NOW bill.

get the oil companies to give up some of their profits

It's time to tell the 'environmentalists' to SHUT UP and use our natural resources. As long as we're dependent on foreign oil we're going to have this problem. We have the oil; let's use it. Also- car manufacturers should make cars more efficient.

I think the oil companies are making waaaaay too much money

I don't really see an end in sight...even with an upcoming election. OPEC and the oil companies rule...and the car manufacturers still won't make a safe-affordable car running on alternate fuel.

driving less- running more errands when going out rather than making special trips

Gas should be regulated in that it is a item that everyone depends on and should not be treated as a business venture to make money off people's needs.

The energy problem solution is not more oil- more greenhouse gases. It's the greed of speculators and oil companies- the resistance of automobile companies- and OVERPOPULATION.

Americans need to find some other way to look macho instead of driving big gas guzzling vehicles. Let bite the bullet and find a way of getting around without destroying the earth. If the price of oil is high enough maybe we'll be motivated to think.

I'm retired so my driving is limited. I do plan my trips so I do errands in one part of town at a time.

Would like to see 1M barrels a month released from the federal reserves

it does not affect me personally- i am single and work full time. I think the high cost of gas is a good thing. it will now force us- the people- the government & auto industry to rethink how this natural resource is being used - or abused..

I BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE FEDERAL GOV'T TO NATIONALIZE THE OIL COMPANIES. THE EXORBITANT PROFITS THAT THE OIL COMPANIES YEILD AT THE EXPENSE OF THE CONSUMER IS UNEXCEPTABLE. NO MONEY IS REINVESTED IN IMPROVEMENTS TO COST EFFECTIVE...

Get those damned SUVs off the road- clobber U.S. automakers until they compete with the Japanese in fuel efficient vehicles- and force oil companies to tap their U.S. reserves for cheaper fuel (and sell it cheaper)

We are trying to drive less or make the route as efficient as possible. We also tried to switch to a smaller car- but we would have lost too much money on our car due to large cars have lost their value.

The high fuel prices don't affect us much- as we are semi-retired.

After the oil shortage in the 1970's the automobile companies began to build more efficient cars and then started making the large gas guzzlers again. Why? There was also a great expansion of alternative energy sources- where are they now?

These questions vary in options for answers from those in other surveys. There should be a mid point between "significantly" and "slightly." The options should at least one modest or intermittent response. All or nothing answers don't get good results.

It hurts

It's pathetic the way oil companies can postg such huge profits when every-day Americans can't afford to fill up their cars to get to work. George Bush is right along with them- getting richer as we all get poorer.

I don't drive and always walk or take public transportation- mostly electric busses. I think we should be looking at alternatives to natural gas rather than destroying our resources.

Why should we pass new laws to take care of a problem that is clearly in the hands of the user?

I am retired and driving much less. Fixed income dollars can be spread only so thin. I walk my dogs more and do more gardening.

Our do nothing congress has caused a lot of the problem that have given us high gas prices. They should approve a bill that allows offshore drilling and drilling in ANWAR and requires the development of nuclear- wind and solar energy.

I'm sorry- I'm not a good one to ask. I am retired and have a 76 Ply Volare that I would never part with but only gets about 10 mpg. Therefore- I try to run any errands all together and not go out day after day!

The liberal idiots in Congress are America's NUMBER ONE enemy in the current energy crisis because they single-handedly prevent us from harvesting the AMERICAN oil reserves we have. This is unbelievably stupid and threatens our security.

Oil is a Finite resource.....Finite! When it's gone- it's gone. We can't drill our way to energy independence. Energy independence must involve renewable sources..solar- wind- biomass etc. Stop waiting!Insist on renewable development NOW!

You need only look at the history of doing nothing to acquire our own oil that has been stonewalled by all administrations and congress- to see a great failing. Drill now- and produce alternative fuel sorces- because all will take time to work!

NASA has a spacecraft launched in 1977 (Voyager) in orbit that has long outlived its projected expiration date. So why can't the US & private industry come up with an effective transportation product that uses only renewable energy?

Car companies must be required to up MPG on all cars & trucks.

Someone with some guts & backbone must investigate the oil speculators & how they're connected to the Big Oil companies. Big Oil has the nation by the crotch & no one dares to stand up to them! I sure hope the next Administration will do something about

I now plan to consolidate auto trips so as to take as few as possible. For example do all my shopping only once a week.

When oil execs say they need these super high profits to provide us with more exploration I want to throw up in their face. I don't understand how anyone could possibly believe this perpetuating LIE. They need the profits to drive up their stock options

The poll has just about said it all.

The oil crisis has been coming for 30 years. Both the public and the idiots they elect have buried their heads in the sand. What part of "finite resource" don't people understand?!

Gas prices are simply a political tool. They were raised high so the consumers would be distracted and upset. Now they will lower and the Bush (McCain) administration will take credit for the lowering.

I believe the price of oil will drop slightly. I think the price of gasoline will stay high until we upgrade US refining infrastructure.

We live in a global economy and the increase in global demand for gasoline is the basis for the increase in price. A very simple supply and demand situation.

It will be the political will driven by the people that will cause change; profit-takers and government will not make those changes

The Only Right thing that Bush did was propose Drilling in Alaska. To bad congress apposed it- because we would have a lot more Oil in USA today if they had and the Alaska environment would be better too. So SAD

I am on a fixed income- and can't afford to drive to visit my children- each of whom lives about 100 miles away and whom I used to see at least monthly. They come to me less often than they used to.

Solving the problem of gasoline prices is a guarantee to worsen global warming. Solve the right problem- not the politically popular one.

The traditional Supply and Demand formulas don't work in the case of gas and oil because of inelastic price models. More mass transit options must be made available. Until then- consumers will pay whatever is at the pump.

Regarding alternative energy sources vs drilling in ANWAR and on US property - If this was such a great idea and money maker why does congress have to shovel billions of tax dollars at these industries to try to make it viable?

should I send every other paycheck directly to the PetroPredators?

Some Americans have been glutons about their available resources and now the rest of us are paying for what a few have done to our economy. This is no surprise to me because people never anything until it is gone or close to unattainable.

When american's in mass by fuel efficient vehicles or use alternative transportation that is efficient - the problem will decrease sugnificantly.

Why is this such a "surprise?" We drive big gas guzzlers. We've paid less for gas than just about anywhere else in the world. The auto ind. promotes BIG cars and we WANT big cars. Yet most will say it's the oil countries fault. Not our responsibility?

There are alternatives- such as electric- hydro-electric- solar- the list goes on. It is not necessary to destroy our planet or the economy for the sake of fossil fuels. I will take a tremendous shift within the super powers but- it can be done!

I'm a consultant and need to visit 3 clients a day. So there there is no way I can carpool- ride my bike or take public transit. They are only about 5 miles apart- but I would spend hours instead of minutes if I took transit. I do almost all my shopping o

This is the worst recession I can remember- all due to Bush and his incompetent and corrupt administration. WAKE UP AMERICA.

Oil must be traded on the Int'l market- and demand rises- prices will rise. We are in a period of inflation and extreme overpopulation. Expect the worst. We also EXPORT oil- including Alaska's entire output.

I have purchased a motor scooter and get 85 mpg. I use it on my commute to work and for errands. It has been a huge help.

The most blame goes to Chaney and Bush forgiving the Oil Companies so much power and to both them and Congress for allowing the lobbying of the Oil Companies to effect their vote.

I would buy a hybrid today if we could still get passes for the HOV lanes! Any penalties to the oil companies will just be passed on to consumers. The country is broke- there should be no reduction in gas taxes.

Bush should be blamed for supporting the oil industry. Congress for not passing laws to increase gas mileage and not doing enough to support wind- and solar power. The auto companies for producing SUVs and waiting too long to make fuel efficient cars.

The issue is oil- not gasoline. If we could reduce the amount of oil being spent for the use of plastics we could increase the amount available for gas.

I strongly oppose opening more drilling areas - there are already many areas open for drilling that have not been used. Leave the wildlife sanctuaries and parks alone!

Gas has been so cheap for so long that this is only temporary sticker shock and I believe it will take even higher prices to make consumers use much less gas or encourage realistic energy alternatives.

HOW THE HELL CAN THE OIL COMPANIES MAKE SOOOOO MUCH MONEY AND WHY DON'T THEY LOWER PRICES AND WE WON'T HAVE THIS PROBLEM.

The government should be encouraging and funding research into alternate energy- including some regulation of the automobile industry to promote non-oil based fuels.

We have known this was coming since the 70's and not 1 thing has been done to change the outcome. Not from anyone. Mass transit in this country is a joke.

It affects the cost of produce- in fact anything that must be transported- which is everything. That drives the cost of living up- and at the same time there is a gov. lowering pay to fed. min. wage! Unconscienable.

We need to develop new technologies- more fuel efficient transportation (all sorts of vehicles)- and we need to build nuclear power facilities as the rest of the world is doing...and we must drill and produce our own oil/gas... NOW!

My only comment is that I am absolutely and positively against any form of additional/further off-shore drillings and raping our remaining wilderness in AK & CA.

We need to take advantage of the resouces for oil that exist within our own country and start relying less on foreign oil. Additionally- the American consumer has to become less willing to pay the higher fuel costs.

The best blame is that no one has done a damn thing regarding finding different options for fuel- that is till we get in a crunch- but we havent heard much about that since in the onset of higher prices!

it is all because of bush- thats why we are in this big mess he isnt a good leader at all.

Once someone retires- there is no cost of living increase. We have to make do- no matter what. We try to combine appointments and errands in order to save gas- but the cost to fill our economy car has doubled since all this started.

I'd like to buy a Prius- but now feeling so constrained may have to wait a year.

We just returned from a two month RV vacation and paid less for diesel in the states between here and Michigan than we are paying in CA. Welcome home!!

If we opened the refineries to handle the crude we drill for already- we would be less dependent on foreign oil.

Educated people knew that we would run out of oil. We have known that we are vulnerable for 30 years. The Federal government did nothing at all to prevent this current crisis.

Having been laid off in February- I save a heck of a lot by not driving that 80 mile round trip every day. It's the first time that not having a job has helped my budget!

It has cut in to our pleasure driving greatly.

i believe that a great deal of the blame goes to the government and private organizations that oppose construction of efficient oil refineries and nuclear power plants deserve a great deal of blame for the present high gasoling prices.

The gas price probably keeps rising untill it settles at an global average which might be \$6 to 7/gal in a short term. In a long term who knows because the total oil reserve is limited while the usage never stops- so the oil is bound to be depleted.

All prices- not just oil- are too high for us to manage our budgets. I would tax gas gobblers out of existence. I would like to see price control and get rid of lobbies. Pensions are not enough for our living. Bring gas consumption down to lower level

Due to the high gas prices and less travel my job was abolished because less people are going out to eat or stay in a luxury hotel. It has impacted my life greatly.

the price of gas is too low. It needs to be higher to force SUV's off the road. At the same time- tehre should be taxes on the obscene oil profits funneled into both mass transit subsidies and alternative energy development.

We should have been working on alternative energies for many years before now. High prices now may help those energies become more feasible once they are developed or increased in capabilities.

Perhaps this bubble will finally cause the US to adopt a more sustainable energy policy AWAY from oil--because demand from developing countries will continue to rise.

The oil speculators are probably the greatesy contributors to the oil prices. I'm a retired senior and don't drive that much.

The GOP is blowing smoke about oil drilling-it would have no benifical effect for 10 years or so McCain is playing to the oil companies

We have been suckered for many years by the oil and auto industry. The Bush administation has little to do with it other than following suit. We need to pay attention and force changes in OUR (the peoples) government.

We used to think nothing of getting in our car and driving down the coast on a nice day - now it's a major deal to go anywhere. Food prices are going up as well. The oil companies just keep getting fatter at the expense of normal everyday people like me

americans need to get off their fat asses an do more walking. we have got to be the laziest bunch ever! an as for the child hood obesity people need to learn to COOK so their kids aren't eating fast food crap that is not a meal that is just contributing

Drill- recover oil shale- go nuclear. This whole thing is the fault of the environmentalists and the paranoid global warming types.

WE ARE SPENDING LESS AND NOT GOING ON VACATION THIS YEAR DRIVING A LOT LESS

I drive 5-000 miles per year in a car that gets 20 mpg (not a "hog"). I have asthma/airborne allergies so can't spend much time outdoors and can't bike to work. Public transit takes almost 4 hours RT (including 2 transfers) for my 10-mile RT commute.

Europeans are laughing at us making gas prices such an issue. They pay two to three times as much already...think some BOZO in the White House can fix this? Yea right!

The cost of gas is not as high as it is in other countries. I live close to work so I don't have a long commute- shop only on the weekends- and when I go on vacation or business trips I use shuttles or other ways to get around rather than renting a car.

YOU DAMN RIGHT I HAVE A COMMENT OR TWO- UNFORTUNATELY THEY ARE UNPRINTABLE IN MEDIA OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE DEMS IN CONGRES SHOULD PULL THEIR COLLECTIVE HEADS OUT OF THEIR BUTTS AND GET DRILLING! (ALL CAPS ON PURPOSE!)

Cheap energy is a thing of the past. We need to learn from the Europeans . Americans claim to believe in the "free market" and "small government"- so put our money where our mouth is.

I don't think the consumers have had much choice in finding alternates to using the amount of fuel we currently use. Until recently there were not good choices for cars- and small towns have poor pub. transit systems.

Tax all big SUVs/ban new ones. Make it easier to live nearer to work centers. Promote more solar- wind and biomass use and sooner than later for electric generation and heating of homes and water.

Demand is the only place for blame. It is just the market with places like India & China buying more resources....

Congress should be ashamed of itself for adjourning before deciding on an energy policy. None of them will get my vote again. Gas prices are artificially inflated; oil speculation should be strictly controlled- then outlawed.

Third world nations and other developing economies are becoming more oil needy and dependent. This is neither good nor bad- but impacts the "supply and demand" which is driving up the cost. Oil compamies profits are from oil wells- not gas pumps.

It is unreal that the general public has to suffer for the lack of government action to eliminate our present situation. It is unfair to place the burden on fixed income families. We have little enough money to spend on essential let alone extras.

Let's work to build cars that run on other forms fuel.

Neil Young has invented car internals that get 100 mph. Why don't we use that technology?

High gas prices are the result of too many people driving-they do that in India and China now-and not enough oil.

I haven't driven in five years. I live alone. I don't know how it's affected my family.

I don't think there's much oil up in Alaska- from what I've read.

Bite the bullet- America- get free of oil!

People say they can't take a trip this year due to gas prices. If you do the math- it's not the gas- but everything else that has gone up that has nothing to do with the price of gas.

Oil and utility companies should be limited not to total dollar profit but to percent of return on investment. A 10 Billion dollar profit would be acceptable if it were a 5 to 10 % of investment- but not 20%.

We have avoided this issue since Jimmy Carter was president. Now we no longer have a choice. We need to move away from oil as quickly as possible. Every dollar we send to most oil producing nations helps sponsor terrorism

I have back and knee pain. I cannot stand as long as I need to to take mass transit at rush hour- so I have to drive. Might come a time where it costs too much to get to work & I would be better if I stayed home- similar to childcare costs for some moms

doesn't affect me as I am unemployed...why drive..ain't no work out there anyway..

The current administration has ignored the fuel crisis- global warming and every attempt to regulate our oil consumption. We need alternative fuels and effective mass transportation now- not more drilling for oil.

When you look at the record breaking profit the oil companies just announced how can you blame anyone but them. They are making money off of us and laughing all the way to the bank. Someone needs to get them in line and hold them accountable for price gouging

I HAVE to drive to service my customers - I have a small car that gets good mileage and just try to arrange my schedule so I can minimize the mileage I have to travel. I think the most effective thing we can do is reduce demand to reduce prices.

As a senior I spent a lot of time visiting my children- grandchildren- great-grandchildren and other relatives in California. Now- the cost of travelling 40 miles or so has gotten too high to make these visits as often as I'd like.

You can't tell me that Bush and all his oil cronies just all of a sudden gave up their oil holdings just to get into the white house. Even Bush can't be that stupid. Why do we support or protect the oil countries for free if they don't give us a little.

I do not drive- but the prices of foods in the markets are rising astronomically. This is related to the cost of shipping foods in. If I shop more at my local farmer's market- this will reduce the need for "imported" foods- and support local economy.

We combine our trips plus we use an electric scooter that carries both of us. The scooter takes us to the bank- post office and grocery store.

Until Americans face the reality of conservation and alternate means of transportation- there is no hope!

While the gas prices are so high- we just don't do non essential things in our car. we are Seniors- so we need it for medical reasons.

It is now time for our Government to act- and do something to create alternative energy sources. We cannot always depend on foreign oil- and we must do more to take care of this problem.

It's ALL the DUMocraps fault !!!

I think the big vehicles are a waste of gas. I believe many types of vehicles should be available. If prices stay high that will happen- so I guess high prices are good. The govt should regulate the fuel prices to airlines- railroads and buses.

If the Iraq invasion increased the oil supply yet fuel prices increased- drilling for more oil can only increase Oil / Bush Admin profits and positively impact the middle class very little. Most seem to have been forced to reduce spending on essentials.

Americans have to completely change the way we think . We are an obese nation - you will not see this in European countries. They WALK! It saves gas- makes an individual healthy and helps the environment - no brainer!

It has been explained very well by Nancy Pelosi and by Obama how the the Bush administration and McCain are diverting the Presidential campaign by not telling the public the truth about how to REALLY get lower gas prices. WE have a reserve!

We love the auto- we need petroleum and all its projects. If gas prices are lower we will go back to our old sloppy habits.

I try to gang up my errands so I don't run around too much.

We need to tax the oil companies for the windfall that keep receiving every quarter. I can see them now in their Board Rooms- laughing all the way to the bank.

no thanks

The US must invest heavily in non-petroleum based energy sources and use significantly more energy efficient vehicles

The oil companys should have started drilling on the oil rights they have now- which i understtand is over 40 thousand acers. some ten to twenty years ago. The American driver needs to plan their day better and not make 3-5-8- trips to shop- just 1 or 2.

Too numerous to elucidate!!

We are retired and watching our pennies. Increase in gas prices affects our travel both around the Bay Area as well as by airplane to vacation destinations. Don't foresee the gas price going down so it doesn't still significantly impact personal budgets.

Gasoline shortage is a worldwide problem. U S is just part of a global picture. It's supply and demand that drives oil price up. We need to explore other alternative ways to cut back on dependency on oil.

Wake up people - we should have addressed this issue 30 years ago when we had the chance. Now all the drilling and nuclear power plants aren't going to get you out of this current mess!

We don't travel far beyond the local neighborhood as much as before. Also- gas costs are now the first thing we consider when we want to do something as basic as a day trip. On the up side- gas prices encourage family to read more for entertainment!

It would be a mistake to tap in to the strategic oil reserve for a temporary fix. If something should happen in the Middle East like Israel bombing Iran and Iran closed off the Persian Gulf- we could be in real trouble and need the oil in the reserve.

Getting to and from work is more difficult for everyone I know

Price increases could have been avoided had we taken Jimmy Carter's advice. Ronald Reagan ripped apart every vestige of environmental planning Jimmy Carter urged the country to adopt. Now we are at the mercy of speculators and big oil companies.

As a resent retire on a fixed income the gas prices greatly effect me and my family

I am retired and on a fixed income. I don't drive unless I have to and when I do I try to combine appointments- shopping etc to the same general area to save on gas. I have stopped buying non-essentials. I am 73 yo and am now looking for work.

I drive my children to essential things like school and appts- but not to extra activities. We all must learn to not be oil dependent- we need alternative clean energy. Oil companies can't rake in the profits without concern for the environment.

I could not understand why it is so difficult to stop subsidising all those oil companies that generate huge profits. Don't tell me they are planning to use all their profits for more oil drilling and refinery. Their profit is obscene.

drill- drill- DRILL-DRILL-DRILL

More drilling- even off the coast- in conjunction with alternative energy/nuclear power.

My sister and I live on a fix income. With gas food and everything going up we are barely making it. I would like to buy a Hyber car and have solar system put in. We feel for families losing their homes etc. Where is everything going? When will this end?

We've brought this on ourselves. We have no one to blame for this but ourselves. And until we as a nation come to terms with that and change our ways we deserve whatever pain this causes.

It still amazes me how much profits the oil companies are making and nothing is being done to them!

We Americans did not learn our lessons well enough from the 1970's gas crisis.

We need to wean ourselves from using one-fifth of the world's daily production of oil!

The recent rise in gas prices- as well as other energy prices- is almost entirely caused by the 35 year failed policies of the liberal left and their radical environmentalist component: no new drilling- no new nuke plants- no new refineries- no new coal-

I remember years ago- all the talk was about getting rid of the big gass guzzlers. Still haven't done it. People want big comfort and not willing to sacrafice while big business wants to profit and to hell with the enviornment.

I notice the effects of oil prices in the prices of groceries and other products as a result of higher trucking costs.

Americans have got to understand that oil is a limited commodity that the United States has to import. Market drives the prices as in any capitalist society. We either pay the price or we cut back on our use. Or we can bomb them into submission.

Posturing to tax oil companies on their profits reveals a greedy congress. There is no federal funding for the exploration and drilling or processing of oil. Congress is not doing their job and does not deserve a break until this issue is resolved.

I hope the cost of gas stays high because that seems to be the only thing that will make most people conserve.

The problem posed by increasing gas prices is caised by and shared by all of us. Only a decrease in demand for fossil fuels will solve the inevitable decline in supply.

It is ridiculous for a country such as the USA to be held hostage to foreign oil and terrorist countries for its energy needs when the resources are readily available to make us independent.

Like most folks- we are reminded by the cost of gas- how important it is to use less gas. High gas prices are the only way Americans are moved to conserve gas and drive more effecient cars. Higher gas prices are GOOD for the environment!

I only drive 2-500 miles a year (no place to go- and I have a home based biz). No question in my mind that the price of oil has been geopolitical. Add to that the short memories of the American people and the gov't... I was in the gas lines of '79.

No comment

I blame Big Government and High Taxes on local- state and federal levels... We need to drill offshore & ANWR...and if Namcy Pelosi does not have at least a vote on it...she needs to be kicked out of office.

It's not just the cost of gas - it's the impact on higher prices to deliver groceries- soft goods- and merchandise. Everything has gone up- much in response to the cost of gas.

We are retirees who saved during our working years to afford a motor home for travel after we retired. The price of fuel has curtailed our retirement travel significantly.

I drive more carefully- and plan my driving

Congress has been sleeping for years and now we need decisions by them. They are only concerned about re-election and care nothing about the American public. We need to clear them out and put true representatives in office.

I just can not figure out why Congress can not do anything about the energy problem. Why not drill anywhere we know there is oil- Make Nuculear Power plants- more refineries and also put billions into alternative fuels etc. etc.DO IT ALL!!!!!!

Stay out of ANWR and offshore. Big Oil and Bush/Cheny have created this fear mongering hoax to secure valuable oil leases before bush oil leave the Oil Office

if we opened our oil deposit we would control cost instead of forein countries The people in congress who oppose drilling for oil should all be replaced immediately!

I blame Congress for the cost of gas. They could allow drilling on the coasts and in ANWAR and stop the enviros from blocking nuclear plants and refineries- but they don't care about us. Only care about controlling us and filling their own fat pockets.

In 1974- after the first Arab oil embargo the liberals promised us fuel efficient cars and getting us off Muslim oil- but they had more important matters at hand- they had to stalk and hunt Nixon. Now they stalk and hunt Bush- and we buy Muslim oil.

Drill the coast!

Mainly blame our "Do Nothing Congress" including both Democrats and Republicans. They do NOT represent their constituents at all! They should get paid for what they accomplish and get nothing if they don't work on bills and pass them.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi should allow a vote in Congress to address the problem of high oil prices. By not allowing a vote- Nancy Pelosi is almost solely responsible for the high cost of gas.

Drill HERE- drill NOW and build some REFINERIES! The damned environmentalist have blocked the construction of new refineries for decades and we don't have enough refining capability. Quit blaming it on the oil companies.

as long as Americans believe the marketing specialists and can't see beyond daily investment trends our nations economy and energy needs will be fragile and uncertain- profits don't build nations.. investments do.. and those need to be long term.

I would like to see the rapid development of all possible alternatives to the use of gasoline powered vehicles. Congress needs to offer stimulus programs to create interest in this.

after this happened in the 70's- GM- Chrysler et al continued to make even bigger gas guzzlers (to this day) as if thumbing their nose at Americans instead of beginning at that time to make fuel efficient vehicles.

There are ways to be enviornmentally safe and reduce our dependance on foreign oil. I think we should do everything we can right now to get gas prices down. If we want to stop our economic decline- don't strap us down to not being able to make a living.

I'm investing in alternative energy company stocks.

IMO- there's no relief in sight and gas prices will only continue to increase. the price of gas has taken all of our extra spending money- we have barely enough money to buy food- and we cannot buy the quality meats anymore

California implemented alot of regulations to force us to buy gasoline made in California (MTBE- etc.)...We should be allowed to buy cheaper gas that is made outside of the sate to save money.

My husband drives a delivery truck & I'm hoping the price of gas doesn't affect his job. It's really scary since I went back to school & we depend on him for his salary & healthcare. Other prices are going up because of the high gas prices & that is scary

We are being price gauged in California and have been for many years. Bush doesn't care because he made his money from oil.

Seeing family less often- no public transportation to my job-

The government needs 2 step up 2 help the American people. They need 2 investigate profits the oil companies are showing. We need 2 find our solution for OUR country- and become self sufficient. If we drill off the gulf coast- why not Alaska & CA?

People in this country will not change their vehicles unless the government says no more gas-hogs. We have to make some big changes or things will get much worse.

food and other items prices going up

Never thought I'd have to think about taking a drive to see the sunset as a "waste" of money - sad- but true.

People have to own responsibility without legislation - slow down- cut back recreational use (boats- off roading- etc) cluster errands- etc. I have cut way back this summer.

Peak Oil occurred during 1996- ever since then there is 54-000-000 (54 million) barrels less oil each and every day world wide. If we do not start to extract oil from our shale deposits then look around you- no more plastic- silicon- clothing- paper

More drilling on US soil is useless if the oil is sold at market rate to a world market - is that what is happening now? The cost of gas has reduced the value of our retirement savings and increased the overall cost of living more than our cost of driving

If the oil companies didn't own the auto companies and they both didn't own and run the present administration- then things would be much much much better.

The price of oil is no longer just a U.S. controled issue - as long as the cartells in the middle east are calling the shots - the people in other nations are at there control. Alternative energy should have been addressed in a serioius way 40 years ago.

The oil company aren't drilling on the leases they already own because they are profiting from the high price consumers are paying. Note Half of the 18.000 companies using the Cayman Islands as an offshore tax haven are US owned.

I believe that oil supply has peaked. We all need to greatly reduce our energy consumption. We are the most wasteful country on earth. We must find renewable-non-polluting sources of energy asap.

Pelosi is acting like some kind of dictator. She is rich and does not care about the American people. If she did- she would let Congress vote on building refineries and drilling for oil in the US. Tree huggers stop !!!! You are ruining our nation !!!!

Get rid of those gas-guzzling SUVs. Increase your MPG from 12 to 24 and you've cut the price of gasoline in HALF!

My family cannot afford it. Being a productive citizen is becoming a hardship. Thank you Mr. Bush.....will the same idiots who voted him into office vote for more of the same.....McCain will be more of the same. We are doomed!

It just seems suspicious that the price went through the roof almost over night. The oil companies are getting rich off of us and it's wrong. We need to focus on eliminating our need for oil and use more wind- solar and water power.

we have ignored the oil problem for too long and now we are paying for our short sightedness- just like the dot boom and housing boom. We need to start thinking about tomorrow and not have to have everything today.

At one time I remember the word PRICE FREEZE being used to halt inflation. Where is it now?

Congress needs to get back to work and pass a new energy bill including nuclear power NOW!

None of your questions referred to SOLUTIONS to the energy crisis: wind- solar- waves- geothermal- electric vehicles- and- as a temporary bridge- biofuels. Very short-sighted.

Cities need to focus on making their streets more walking and bike friendly. This means stronger law enforcement and using those gas tax dollars to improve urban paths/trails. The result- gas prices may go up but health care costs will go down.

Each month I have less money. And- drilling off the coast would cause too many earthquakes.

I think gas price should stay high so as to force consumers to seek alternative means to travel. This is the best way to fight global warming.

Republicans are pushing towards drilling in Alaska- however- I hear that much of the oil currently produced in Alaska is being exported. If this is true- something fishy is going on. As if anything would surprise us anymore.....

We need to get away from our dependence on foreign oil and develop more renewable energy sources. The auto industry could have gotten us to electric/hybrid cars much sooner if they weren't so tied in with the oil industry and only looking at profits now.

Our biggest fault is not heeding the warning of the 1970's energy crisis. We should have spent more money on R&D for alternative fuel vehicles. If we had done so those cars certainly would have been on the road now- some thirty years later.

I just don't understand why they can't decrease the speed limit and triple the price of speeding tickets- we could probably be out of debt by that alone. Not to mention the decrease in highway deaths- seems like a no brainer to me.

first make China pay more taxes on what they sell to us or cut their help in paying gas prices for their people. America we have help reduce prices because we have reduced our buying of gas. KEEP IT UP. High gas prices have effected price on food- etc

Fifty plus years ago the conservatives had a slogan "better dead than Red"

We already bought a cheap older Saturn which gets much better mileage than our minivan. We live in an area that is more than a mile to the nearest bus stop-- that's a long walk with groceries (all uphill) for a 73 yr old woman and one-legged man!

Just drive less

Petroleum is used for plastics and other necessary products. If we burn it all up as fuel- where will those products come from in the future? There is not enough oil in the US reserves and untapped areas to last past 2030 if we use it as fuel.

My hope is gas prices remain high so the American people and their government are forced to develop a responsible energy policy that forces us to develop environmentally friendly sources of energy.

This affects the lower income families more than any other group. The oil companies should use what leases they have to drill for oil- & Congress should tax oil companies on their excessive profits.

We've learned NOTHING from the last oil crisis and lots of talk about alternative fuels - and what have we got to show for it... OIL- a war for OIL- OIL in the White House- OIL refurbishing an Alaskan Senator... OIL OIL OIL...

Our current administration have a conflict of interest when it comes to the gas industry and they do not care about the people of this country's struggle to survive.

The government should provide financial incentives for people to buy hybrid cars. Only an idiot would pay \$32,000 for a Toyota Corolla- which is essentially how much the Prius costs now.

I think we are not going to take our dependence on fossil fuels seriously until gas is well over \$5.00 a gallon. It is still cheaper than bottled water.

Americans must accept the FACT that we need to disengage from our dependence on oil- foreign or otherwise. We MUST pursue alternative forms of energy. The oil companies do not want this to happen for obvious reasons. Automobile companies have hybrids-

It's a good thing the price of gasoline has increased to the point where people find it painful - it's the only way to get everyone to focus on the need to reduce fossil fuel consumption and focus on developing natural energy resources (NOT nuclear).

Favoritism toward the oil companies by Congress must end. They must be taxed at a high level and I firmly believe that REGULATION MUST BE IMPOSED UPON THEM. We must build railroads and other alternative transportation- use more wind generated power.

Ms Pelosi is totally negligent in taking a vacation to peddle her pathetic book instead of staying and passing an energy bill.

As a widow with fixed income- and no family in town- it prohibits me from doing some things I would like to do so I'm saving on gas more. I won't give up delivering Meals on Wheels though!

I am so frustrated with the oil companies making a profit on our backs- how dare they. And how can they get away with it. Oh yah our past President-father of the sitting president sits on an Arab Oil Board- am I the only one that thinks this is wrong.

The high price of gas and food is driving my family into debt. I am having to use credit cards for gas and food and can't pay it off each month.

Made bad times worse!

I am frequently passed by huge SUVs carrying only the driver and traveling more than 70 mph. This waste is a major reason for the high cost of fuel (supply vs demand).

US oil production peaked decades ago- and this is NOT going to go away- be legislated away- or be wished away. I expect my next ride is electircal- rather than dual-fuel- but I'm waiting for wider options before going electric.

As a retiree on a fixed income that is not keeping up with the increase in all prices- not just gas- I am looking at a very hopeless future.

No comments

As geology major- I learned in 1988 that oil would run out in approx. 40 yrs. Govt. & businesses are hugely to blame for encouraging dependence on oil- failing to educate the public- & practically discouraging implementation of alternative energy sources

The reason I skipped the second question was that none of the answers applied. We simply do not drive as much as we were doing...to visit friends- go to Tilden Park or wherever we would need to drive on weekends. Anything NON-essential- we consider more

have rearrange how and when we run errands to improve amount of driving

it's sad when there is no leadership in developing a national initiative-type response to solving our energy problems and that the only solutions that will be developed are those that manage to also make some people rich. sad sad sad.

We would not be in this mess if we had a good energy policy that was investing in non-fossil fuel technologies. You can't blame the oil companies they are doing their jobs as efficiently as possible. You can blame the market for pricing oil so high.

This problem has festered for years. It is a combination of a lack of a visionary energy program- greed (both foreign and domestic) and over taxation. Less finger pointing and and more cooperation would help!

It's painful but my fellow Americans will change only if forced to change- through pain and agony.

We need to be more independent and/or start selling some oil oursellves

The energy crisis of the 1970's is simply repeating itself -- only now it is far more severe. The BIG 3 automakers knew 30 years ago smaller- more fuel efficient vehicles were needed yet they ignored the need and built bigger -- such as the Hummer.

No- but I'd like to say our governments (fed; state- etc.) are not very good at policing itself to chance nuclear power plants. Congress is ineffectual and insensitive to the needs of the people- too political and self-serving.

Offshore drilling will not affect prices for ten years or more. It frosts me that car companies refused to head the call for hybrids- only looking to satisfy their shareholders and their own (now limited) profits.

I feel guilty doing non-essential driving even though I can afford gasoline even at high prices. I am contributing to increasing prices for those who can't absorb such increases and still buy food- rent- healthcare- etc. I drive more slowly to conserve.

As a student- it now takes a whole day's worth of work at my job to fill up my car.

The high cost of gas makes it harder to do volunteer work. Trips must be shorter and combined if possible. Shopping more on the internet rather than driving to stores. Bought new car because it get much better milage.

I have to say that since I am retired- my driving is substantially less than it has been over the years. The cost means I'm wary of driving to Canada to see an old friend.

We're all just trying to put food on the table and with these gas prices the way they are- its hard for everyone to make ends meet- especiall if your lower income and struggeling.

It's always easier to blame something or someone else for problems we find ourselfs in! So now what? Take stock of the problem's. Understand the options. Take proactive measures to solve our problem. But FIRST... Take responsibility for SELF!

We need to combine errands so we are not dashing out serveral times a day. In a family with two incomes it would be nice to see the raises we both recieved over the year. It hardly seems to make a difference.

What I am seeing today is capitalism at it's worst. Everything we are stressing about today is basec upon and caused by GREED! It-s all about the allmighty dollar. The oil companies and stock holders have-...the politicians have- the public pays for it!

The fact that gas companies have posted RECORD profits for the second quarter is DISGUSTING! This is at everyone's expense. The high cost of fuel has far reaching effects and we are all hurt by it.

We have never used a lot of gas. I remember the 70's. American auto designers are fools and deserve the mess they are in - but not their workers.

The effects could limit the amount of money spent on things like recreation and entertainment.

When our first oil crisis happened in the 1970's- we as Americans should have "demanded" that at least the American Car Manufacturers should produce autos running on alternative fuel- or at least hybrids. Our Congress could have pushed laws & credits!

The will continue to go up- it is inevitable. In order for energy prices to be stable- environmental issues must be balanced with the nation's needs for energy sources including oil and nuclear.

As long as we are depending on foreign sources for our oil- the American people will be subject to whatever the provider demands.

We now walk to the stores that are close to our home instead of driving to those a little further away

Stop Bush & Oil Companies from Raping America

I think the US should be oil independent and the oil companies should be allowed to drill for oil NOW. There should be some regulations but with the type of technologies we have today- there should not be a problems with oil leaks like in the past.

I consolidate more of my errands in order not to waste gas. I do find it funny that I have seen people holding Starbucks Coffee at 5 dollars a cup complaining about Gas prices. Congress /Nancy Pelosi contribute to GW by producing HOT AIR. Replace them all

We have 3 college student- who all have part-time jobs and they have needed help with expenses and two have moved back home in the last month.

We are retired & can't afford \$4.00 a gallon gas. We stay home at least 3 days a week because of the gas prices.

THE US is long overdue for arriving at a high price for gasoline. Other countries have been paying our current amount and higher for years. U.S. consumers are to blame for not electing officials who would have made alternative energy a priority.

Personally don't drive- however I do run a business which ships out merchandise that has sold. Therefore there are increases in fuel surcharges of shippers to endure: DHL / UPS / FedEx. In addition flying has become more expensive too.

Over the past 30 years or so- the ONLY effective means for encouraging conservation has been a dramatic increase in the cost of gas. Legislation that attempts to force conservation has consistently failed. This will drive a long-term solution.

I don't go anywhere unless it's to work or work related. I stop by grocery store on way home from work and not make any extra trips to purchase necessities on weekends. Haven't visited family in over six months as they live in another city.

