Oil shortage demands our immediate attention

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You can't have your cake and eat it, too. We Americans, in particular, have been busily at work evading our responsibilities toward national and world energy security. Since energy supply costs more to produce now, we can't solely blame the oil companies for higher prices. High prices can help with alternatives too (not necessarily gas), especially since the price per unit volume of alternatives can be relatively low. Don't go for cheap energy at all prices. Complete decentralization will mean millions a day, but that will be the price we will have to pay to get our heads together.

Much how an energy shortage costs must in terms of lost jobs, material production, and human suffering. Inflation results from oil shortages. They result from the high unemployment, even in economies in which oil plays a much smaller role. Don't consumerism. It's not the kind of comparison we're using. For example, if we're buying a new car, it's possible to get a $5,000 car for $25,000, and then we get nothing back if we trade it in. If we have a $25,000 car, we get the same amount back if we trade it in. We keep the whole thing.

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