

## Re: gas prices too high or too low?

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> *People don't NEED to be driving at all, so unless you have a bus pass  
> you're just talking out of your ass.*

Well actually, in our society today, where a horse-and-buggy is simply not practical in most areas, and very few people have the luxury of living within walking distance of their employment or recreation or even basic supplies like groceries, and public transportation is not feasible for a lot of folks—— most people *\*do\** need to drive. Whether we like it or not, this country's social, family, and work lifestyles are centered around personal vehicles. But that issue wasn't my point. I'm not going to debate whether it should be or not. Right now, it just is.

Conservation is the key word. Back in the late 1970s / early 1980s, we were willing to conserve on gas. Cars became smaller, people drove fewer miles. Now, it seems, we're not willing to conserve at all. That's not a good thing.

Saying that people don't need to be driving at all, even if that *\*is\** accepted as truth, doesn't explain or even comment to my remark about SUV's. I still don't understand why it's necessary to purchase (and drive) them as often as people do, when a smaller gas-saving car would do just fine most of the time. SUV's are gas hogs, and as such, they're worse for the environment, much worse for the pocketbook, and they take up more than their share of parking spaces and road space than a smaller car would do. If there's a particular reason you disagree with that, it's cool with me, and I'd like to hear it. But non-sequitor comments about driving in general doesn't really enter into the debate, you know?

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