

# Re: Copper theft

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bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

John Larkin wrote:

On 21 Sep 2006 03:52:57 -0700, bill.sloman@xxxxxxxx wrote:

[snip]

And the U.S. uses twice as much oil per head as the Europeans,

U.S. : 25bbl, Norway: 20bbl, U.K.: 10.4bbl, Italy: 11.8bbl, Belgium: 22bbl (per capita)

which is an economic time bomb.

No it isn't. You forget that we earn a lot more money than you do. Assume 12k miles/annum, 20 mpg, and \$3/gallon, and you get \$1.8k in annual commuting costs. On average, however, U.S. citizens earn ~\$10K more, and keep more of it than Europeans, easily covering the cost.

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I think the US will do fine, as it is, and has been, pretty resilient in adapting to circumstances. Europe will certainly survive as europe, but I think the stresses will be a bit worse, due to the severe drop in native birth rates and an unfamiliarty with massive immigration, which is going to happen.

There has already been quite massive immigra