

## Re: Petro at \$3 20

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On Nov 6, 8:54 am, nottooo...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Nov 7, 2:34 am, herbertglaz...@xxxxxxxx (G=EMC^2 Glazier) wrote:

All. is not well.

Nobody can stop it, there's nobody to blame. You can only overcome it by adapting yourself.

Nonsense. An effective government regulatory agency would have been on top of this price gouging at the pump some years back. Evidently our federal government has more important priorities.

What do you suggest, that we all turn down our thermostates here in the Northeast to 50-degress, and then invest thousands of dollars in medical care when illnes erupts, or when the older retired folks and young children start to die?

Transportation is a far less significant issue, because most people can reduce their personal automotive transportation needs to just one small car driven only 3-days a week. Confine your driving to having your wife drive you to a local bus or subway top, and then return the car home. That's what exactly was done during WWII, when your gas consumption was limited to 3-gallons a week, and you were only allowed one new automobile car each year.

If the oil prices continue to rise, the railroads will resort to the use of their old, coal burning locomotives. (The US has lots of coal.) This has many benefits.

For example, the coal burning locomotives have this tendency to discard significant quantities of unburnt coal between the rail tracks. So, by giving each of your small children burlap sacks, they can spend a few hours each day collecting the unburned pieces of coal in their sacks, and returning them to their home where the coal will heat the home until the next morning.

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[If you believe I am joking about having the kids collect the coal each day, I'm really not. that was the way things operated during WWII in small town USA.]

I never heard of a kid during that era being killed by a train, or otherwise, and a significant majority of them went on to become doctors, lawyers, banker, etc. Still at that time there were no distractions like TV, computers, IPODS, drugs and the like. If we were really, really lucky, we could attend the matinee on Saturdays at the local theatre, and watch Roy Rodgers capture the bad guys each weekend. Hard work never hurt any of us, and probably were better because of it.

I'm not suggesting that we go back to those days, but the public and government's lack of action against a system that allows people who produce nothing of material value to live in palatial luxury while those of us who work for a living and produce goods of value really disturbs me, the fuel barons being the worst of the lot. They manipulate things so that if the price of crude oil or natural gas goes up by a dime, the product sold to the public goes up by 10 times that cost increase.

Some things the people of this country would permit during WWII. But today with the wealth and affluence being kicked into our faces, there is no excuse for this to be allowed to continue. .... Most of us are becoming time of seeing more and more "connected friends" being employed in nearly no-show positions, who do nothing constructive, but still taxpayers have to fork up their pay. Ok, I could blather on about this all night, but let's cut to the chase. The problem with continue to exist unless the federal government takes some definitive action to correct the enormous inequality that exist in the US. We need a change in Washington politics, where today all of the votes are bought and sold to political action groups from major industry.

Here is the very worst part: Every single candidate of either party are owned, lies, and is generally untrustworthy. Were I to vote tomorrow, I would have to vote "None of the above!" Are these candidates the very best that the United States Of America have to offer up to become its next President? I don't think so.

It's roughly a year until the presidential election. I'm praying that a new candidate, with some depth of character will emerge during that time. I'm reasonably sure that a few other voters feel the same way.

Harry C.

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