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Position: The US should have a high gasoline tax

This position addresses the topic United States gasoline tax.

For this position

“ That is how we can permanently break our oil addiction, and OPEC, and free ourselves from having to listen to these petro-authoritarians, who are all so smug — not because they are educating their people or building competitive modern economies, but because they happen to sit on oil.”

From Fill 'Er Up With Dictators, by Thomas Friedman (*The New York Times*, September 27, 2006) (view)

“ With the midterm election around the corner, here's a wacky idea you won't often hear from our elected leaders: We should raise the tax on gasoline. Not quickly, but substantially. I would like to see Congress increase the gas tax by \$1 per gallon, phased in gradually by 10 cents per year over the next decade.”

From Raise the Gas Tax, by N. Gregory Mankiw (*The Wall Street Journal*, October 20, 2006) (view)

“ The first time we got such a strong price signal, after the 1973 oil shock, we responded as a country by demanding and producing more fuel-efficient cars. But as soon as oil prices started falling in the late 1980s and early 1990s, we let Detroit get us readdicted to gas guzzlers, and the price steadily crept back up to where it is today. We must not make that mistake again.”

From Truth or Consequences, by Thomas Friedman (*The New York Times*, May 28, 2008) (view)

“ Tax gas to \$4 a gallon. With oil prices having fallen to \$55 a barrel, now is the time. The effect of a gas-tax hike will be seen in less than two years, and you don't even have to go back to the 1970s and the subsequent radical reduction in consumption to see how.”

From Energy Independence?, by Charles Krauthammer (*The Washington Post*, January 26, 2007) (view)

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