

1. I oppose the development plans that intend to double or triple the oil out put from our off shore resources as well as our inland oil resources. In the 1940's, using 1940 technology the United States quickly depleted our domestic oil resources and then turned to using and developing the Arab world resources. Now, the oil industry has developed new technology that gives them the capability to deplete more of our resources. The end result will be that sometime in the future we will be left with no oil resources, and the interest in our community will be abandoned, and we may be left with having to deal with very threatening environmental consequences. We should conserve our present reserves for possible national security purposes.
2. To me, it is simply insane to look around and see literally thousands of cars locally and billions of cars globally burning up fuel at an insurmountable rate for no other reason than people have become accustomed to this type of life style. Why not introduce a plan to lower car usage by maybe 80% and reduce insane oil consumption. The number of cars in one block of the city could be lowered to 9 cars. A city block has four sides; therefore allowing 2 cars per side and one extra car for the entire block to could be used for 24 hour on call emergencies could be a proposed plan. An apartment complex with a parking space would be allotted 1 car for six units. Taxi cab services should be restricted to a specific number of cabs per city or specified locale. Car rental agencies could be limited to a specific amount per city or specified area. Citizens could be rationed on how much car rental time per month would be allotted to them. Of course owner ship and insurance would have to be regulated by some method. Special accommodation will have to be given to individuals or government agencies that need vehicles use to provide services to the respective communities. Since all communities are not urban, then some sort of plan could be developed to reduce the number of vehicles in use to a specific ownership amount per square mile. As a reminder about the ramifications of this type of thinking; President Carter once proposed that we reduce our car speed limit to 55 mph to reduce our oil consumption, and the response was that he was seen as severely stepping on the toes of individual freedom.
3. They are possibly no measures that can actually be implemented that will guarantee a rosy future, however, we do not have to have crazy policies in place that have no sense of responsible behavior behind them and that will absolutely guarantee total disaster, along with the mind set that follows such reasoning.
4. It would be nice to have a lot of money in reserve via the investments obtained from doubling or tripling our oil production and it is certainly a very appealing proposition, but it is also a convenient exploitive process that is being proposed because we have not been responsible or do not want to manage our resources properly and that is easy for anyone to do. Doubling and tripling the off shore oil production and taxing them will indeed produce such revenues, however this is no different than taxing prevalent oil companies to the extent that they will indeed incorporate some sense of responsibility behind their actions. More money also draws more people to the community along with the problems of increased density of population. For instance, more people increase the demand for more water resources which are getting very scarce.

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