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(posted by Art Hotop / Art, Apr. 20, 2012)



Heee's Baaaack! Ya gotta love this one. Just look at the facial expressions. [This is the best one yet! I can just hear that raspy voice of his saying this! I think he's in! —SteveB]

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Good article. Thanks.

<u>20120419-02</u>	10:16	Pam	Re: "Great News: 'Too Big to Fail' Banks Even Bigger Now" (reply to SteveBA, Apr. 18, 2012) Health Care
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With all due respect, Steve, I take issue with some of what you say here. May I explain?

You say Obama hasn't accomplished anything positive. I'm pretty sure you hate Obamacare, so I'll focus on that. When it finally goes into effect (god willing), it will help Americans enormously by allowing young adults to stay on their parents' insurance until age 26, forbid insurance companies to disqualify people for pre-existing conditions, and cover the 40 million or so who are uninsured today and have to rely on expensive emergency-room care. Do you not like any of those things?

I assume you value fairness and efficiency. Let's consider what a universal coverage, single payer system would look like. It would be like Social Security and Medicare, funded by payroll taxes based on income. I don't know anyone but G.W. Bush and Paul Ryan who wants to get rid of those very popular programs. You don't want to force people to buy something they may not want? Fine. A single-payer system would require you to do nothing. Private insurance companies are in business to make money. Their interest is in keeping sick people out of the system, hence the requirement insurance companies have that procedures get prior approval--from whom? You got it. The insurance companies. Administrative costs for private insurance range from 30% to 40% of premiums. In order to pay for advertising, lobbyists, and marketing, and give stockholders a return on their investment, they must take in as much as they can and pay out as little as possible. A Medicare-for-all system would have overhead costs of around 3%. Everyone would pay into it, everyone would be covered. The young would pay disproportionately more, but they will be old someday, and their turn will come. The government would be able to bargain with drug companies to get the best prices, which it cannot do today.

What about end-of-life care? Upwards of 80% of a dying old person's medical spending is incurred in the last 2 or 3 months of life. I ask you, what is the point? Some Republicans are on record saying that if an uninsured young person is critically injured, he should be allowed to die. Isn't it more sensible to let a 90-yr. old, who is incontinent, incoherent, and beyond recovery go? Rationed care? We already have it. Those, like my son until recently, who are working but not making enough to pay for exorbitant insurance premiums, are rationed. People with treatable but chronic illnesses run out of coverage, and many elderly must decide on a monthly basis whether to take their medicine or eat. A universal coverage, single payer system would be fair. What we have not is not. I don't think anyone disagrees with that.

I'm sorry Obama didn't push harder for a Canadian-type plan, but he knew it would never get through Congress. What is the Republican argument against it? It's Socialism. A misapplied epithet snuffs out reasoned argument; language is used to frighten people. We call that propaganda. Hope and change? That's about as meaningful as "a city on a hill" or "the American Dream" or "family values." What is the budget for hope and change? For family values? Right, there isn't one. UCSP requires tough decisions about money, and that's real. We need to design a plan that does as much as possible for each individual. Accountants and financial experts will have to tell us what we can afford and what it would cost to have what we want. We don't need to be flinging around phrases like "death panels" and "creeping socialism" that accomplish nothing. We need to sit down, concentrate, and figure out the best course of action--and forget politics for half a minute. I know something as reasonable as this will never happen, which is why I am the eternal pessimist.

I'd like to know the specifics of what you believe would be a good plan.

[20120419-09](#)

13:43

Dennis

Re: "Great News: 'Too Big to Fail' Banks Even Bigger Now" (reply to SteveBA, Apr. 18, 2012)

SteveBA: The I point is that Obama is not accomplishing anything positive, in the areas that he promised hope and change. His view is that big government will solve all of our problems.

Dennis: This is one of those Republican Big Lies that they hope if they keep repeating it, it will be believed. Actually Obama has worked to reduce the size of the federal government despite factors beyond his control such as Congressional mandates, inherited programs, and the effects of the recession:

<http://news.yahoo.com/obama-takes-big-government-change-204938164.html>

http://money.cnn.com/2012/01/25/news/economy/obama_government/index.htm

SteveBA: Think of the irony when he blasted the banks and others for having a convention in Vegas and 3years later the first lady and family is visiting Vegas on our dime and his GSA is spending millions of our dollars partying in Vegas.

Dennis: The GSA is not part of the Obama Administration and is being investigated by four Congressional Committees. The GSA has a history of misconduct dating back decades under both Republican and Democratic administrations. It was a person appointed by Obama who uncovered the latest wrongdoing and other abuses.

SteveBA: The guy is a pure politician and uses any topic for his purpose.

Dennis: Name me some politicians who don't do this.

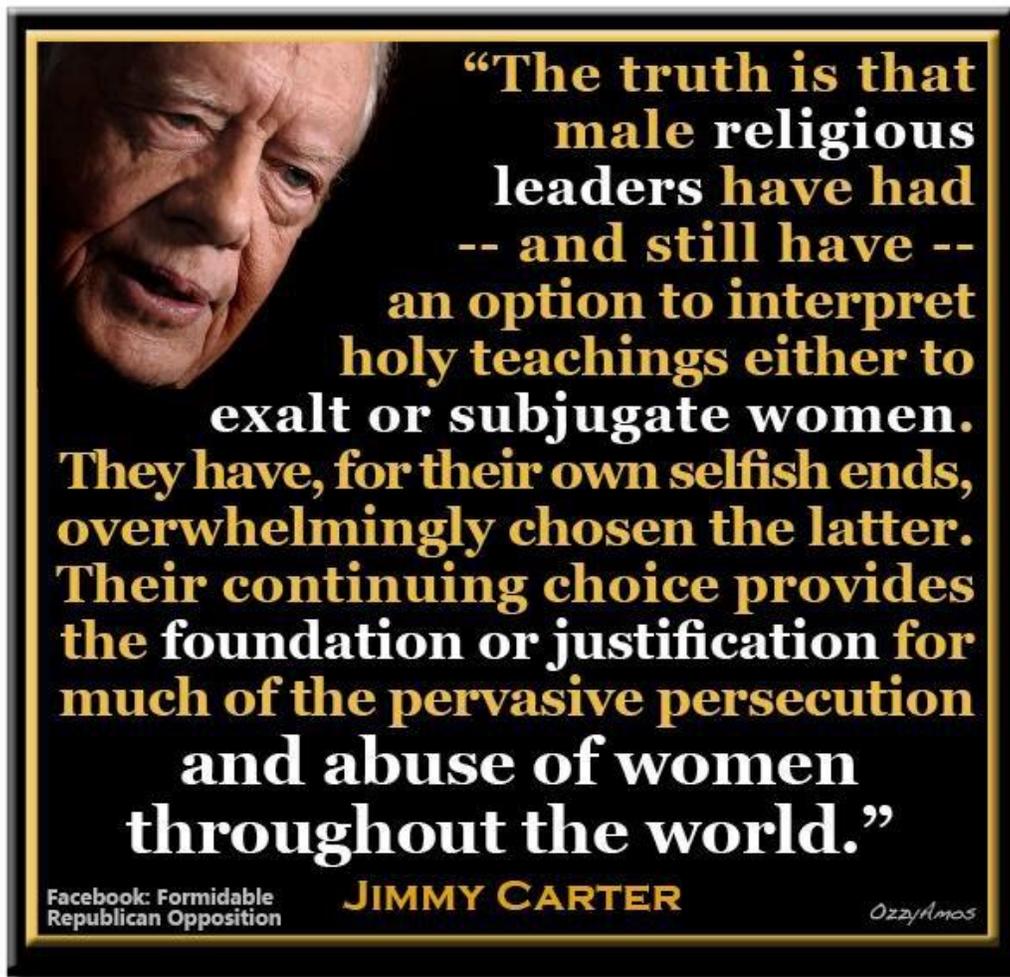
SteveBA: He spends more time on contraception than big banks.

Dennis: I'll ignore this empty rhetoric since you have no idea what he spends his time on.

SteveBA: His Dodd frank bill has created this problem.

Dennis: The Dodd-Frank bill was passed by Congress, not by Obama. It certainly did not go nearly far enough to correct the problem caused by Wall Street and will not prevent the same fiasco from happening again. But aren't Republicans being contradictory and hypocritical when they criticize too much government regulation and then claim that Obama didn't do anything to corral the Big Banks?

20120419-03	10:36	SteveG	Quote: Jimmy Carter on the Subjugation of Women
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20120419-04 11:08 SteveB R0mney's Lies

Here's what R0mney said yesterday:

"He [the President] can't continue to try and deflect blame elsewhere," R0mney said. "At some point he's got to acknowledge this is his economy -- that what's happened is the result of his policies -- not of his predecessors, not of Congress." (<http://firstread.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/04/18/11271422-romney-assails-president-steps-from-site-of-obamas-re-nomination?lite>)

What BS!

1. I thought Republicans feel the government can't solve the nation's problems, only private citizens and enterprise can? In that case, what could the President possibly do to improve the economy? Taxes and regulations are already nearly non-existent, and that has not brought the Republican Promised Land.
2. The President hasn't been able to do much with a Congress fighting him without compromise, despite his many concessions.
3. And, gee, we'd all like to conveniently forget the path along the precipice he inherited from Bush, but we can't and we won't.

All of this is written history. Look it up. And this a*s-hole has the nerve to lie about it!?

What does Mr. R0mney actually stand for? What a mystery! What does he think President Obama should have done, specifically, that he did not do? Notice, you never hear that. This "empty suit" is going to get eaten alive in any debate with the Professor.

It' s so obvious that, with the Mittens, all the same old lies will be re-told over and over until he thinks we believe them. How sad for America.

[20120419-06](#) 12:06 Pam Re: R0mney's Lies (reply to SteveB)

You said it!!!

[20120419-05](#) 11:47 SteveG Fw: Don't Let R0mney Bork America in 2012!

from People for the American Way

Today, People For the American Way launched a major new campaign -- including a website, a web ad and an exclusive report -- exposing Mitt Romney's dangerous agenda for America's courts.

The first phase of the campaign highlights Romney's choice of Robert Bork to lead his constitutional and judicial advisory team. Yes, that Robert Bork. By allying with Bork, a jurist so extreme he was rejected by a bipartisan majority of the U.S. Senate 25 years ago, Romney has sent a clear signal that he means to drag America's courts even farther to the right, endangering many of the civil rights, liberties and economic protections won by the American people over the past five decades.

Check out the ad and download the report now at RomneyCourt.com. Then, help spread the word using social media and by asking others to check out the site.

Now more than ever, the Supreme Court should be an issue of utmost concern to all Americans. However, few are aware of the extreme agenda Mitt Romney has for the High Court -- an agenda exemplified by his close alliance with Robert Bork.

In 1987, People For the American Way led the fight to keep Judge Bork off the Supreme Court. 25 years later, we are as relieved as ever that we succeeded. When Bork was nominated, Americans across the political spectrum rejected the dangerous political agenda that he would have brought to the bench -- his disdain for modern civil rights legislation, his acceptance of poll taxes and literacy tests, his support of government bans on contraception and criminal sodomy laws, his continued privileging of corporations over individuals. Since then, he has dug his heels even deeper into a view of the law that puts corporations first and individuals far behind.

It is frightening that a quarter century after Robert Bork's jurisprudence was deemed too regressive for the Supreme Court, a leading presidential candidate has picked him to shape his legal policy.

Find out more at RomneyCourt.com now and please help spread the word: <http://romneycourt.com/>.

PFAW Senior Fellow Jamie Raskin, the author of the report, said, "The return of Robert Bork and his reactionary jurisprudence to national politics should be a three-alarm wake-up call for all Americans. In his work on the bench as a judge and off the bench as a polemicist, Bork has consistently placed corporations above the government and government above the rights of the people. The idea that Bork could be central to shaping the Supreme Court in the 21st century is shocking because he wants to turn the clock back decades in terms of the civil rights and civil liberties of the people."

The new report and ad review Bork's record from his days as solicitor general to President Richard Nixon to his turn as co-chair of the Romney campaign's committee on law, the Constitution and the judiciary. Highlights of Bork's career include:

- Consistently choosing corporate power over the rights of people. As a judge, Bork regularly took the side of business interests against government regulators trying to hold them accountable, but the side of the government when it was challenged by workers, environmentalists and consumers pressing for more corporate accountability.
- Opposing civil rights, voting rights, reproductive rights, gay rights and individual free speech. Bork disparaged the Civil Rights Act of 1964; defended the use of undemocratic poll taxes and literacy tests in state elections; believes the government should be allowed to ban birth control; disagrees with the Supreme Court ruling that overturned sodomy laws; and believes that the government should be able to jail people for advocating civil disobedience.
- Advocating censorship and blaming American culture first. Bork promotes censorship to combat what he calls the "rot and decadence" of American society, saying "I don't make any fine distinctions; I'm just advocating censorship." He writes that "the liberal view of human nature" has thrown American culture into "free fall."
- Rejecting the separation of church and state. Bork rejects the science of evolution, advocates legalizing school-sponsored prayer and has written that he wants to see the Constitution's wall of separation between church and state "crumble."

Learn more at RomneyCourt.com and please make sure to share the video on Facebook, Twitter and elsewhere.

Thank you for all you do, and for your ongoing vigilance in defense of liberty and equality -- the American Way.

Sincerely, Michael Keegan, President

20120419-07	12:08	Pam	Re: Don't Let R0mney Bork America in 2012! (reply to SteveG)
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OMG! OMG! My hair's on fire!!

20120419-08	12:47	SteveG	Fw: One.org Petition: Help 50 Million People Escape Poverty Through Agriculture
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I went to the White House last week with 25 hibiscus plants, 25 sweet potato plants, dozens of other ONE Members and a message for President Obama: Break the vicious cycle of hunger and poverty for good, at next month's G8 summit.

1 click will automatically add your voice to our growing movement:

http://act.one.org/sign/thrive_us/?akid=3059.5789054.wUdZnU&rd=1&t=2.

Here's the best part: Just as we were rallying at the White House, members all around the world joined us in London, Paris, Berlin and beyond to do the same. And in just days, over 100,000 people have signed ONE's petition to the G8.

That's what real momentum looks like: Sam Kass - White House Assistant Chef and Senior Policy Advisor for the Healthy Food Initiative - graciously accepted my hibiscus and sweet potato plants (native to Togo, my homeland), even saying he would replant one in the White House garden. I hope that plant serves as a constant reminder to President Obama of the 50 million people we can help escape poverty through investments in country-owned agriculture plans.

The momentum is on our side. Please click here to automatically add your name to ONE's petition which reads:

Dear G8 leaders: It's time to break the vicious cycle of hunger and poverty. Please urgently agree to and implement a bold global plan to ensure 50 million people escape poverty through agriculture and 15 million children no longer endure chronic malnutrition.

Best, Yao Afantchao, ONE Member (and farmer)

20120419-10 16:09 SteveG Fw: Sum of Us Action: Monsanto Bringing Back 'Agent Orange'

Next week, the USDA will decide whether to allow Monsanto and Dow to introduce one half of the chemical mixture Agent Orange into our food supply. Widescale use of Roundup has led to a new generation of resistant weeds, and the next step in the pesticide arms race is 2,4-D -- a chemical linked to cancer, Parkinson's and reproductive problems.

Farmers that sign up to use genetically-engineered 2,4-D-resistant corn will be required to spray down their fields with both 2,4-D and Roundup, double-dosing our food, our soil and our waterways with the toxins. Some experts estimate this will increase the use of 2,4-D 50-fold, even though the EPA says the chemical is already our seventh-largest source of dioxins -- nasty, highly toxic chemicals that bioaccumulate as they move up the food chain and cause cancer, developmental damage, and birth defects.

We can stop this. The use of 2,4-D is banned entirely in parts of Canada and Europe, and right now the US Department of Agriculture is accepting public comments on 2,4-D to decide whether or not to approve the widespread industrial use of the toxin.

Add your name to our letter to the USDA urging them to deny approval for Dow's 2,4-D-resistant GMO corn (below).

This is part of a growing problem, an escalating herbicide war going on across America's heartland. From 1996 to 2008, herbicide usage increased by 383 million pounds. Nearly half of this took place between 2007 and 2008 after the introduction of another strain of herbicide-resistant plant pushed by Dow. Like Roundup before it, 2,4-D is only a temporary solution that will require more and more tons of toxins and more and more potent chemicals leaching into our food supply.

2,4-D is nasty stuff and has been linked to a number of health problems, such as tripling the rates of non-Hodgkins lymphoma in Nebraska farmworkers exposed to it and causing reproductive problems -- birth defects and high rates of miscarriage -- in both mice and men exposed to it in the lab and field.

Tell the USDA - we don't want Monsanto's toxic pesticide:

<http://sumofus.org/campaigns/24-d/?akid=374.97777.KOJzwG&rd=1&sub=fwd&t=3>.

--Kaytee, Claiborne Taren, and the rest of the team

20120419-11 16:16 Pam Re: Monsanto Bringing Back 'Agent Orange' (reply to SteveG)

You all know about BPA in plastics, but did you know that it's in the lining of cans (of food) too? I wonder if evolution will help us adapt to toxicity.

20120419-12 16:48 SteveG Re: Monsanto Bringing Back 'Agent Orange' (reply to Pam)

Didn't the EPA just rule that there wasn't enough BPA in food can linings to be a problem? Amazing we have lived this long.

And the cigarette companies used to claim that tobacco smoke didn't cause cancer. I hope the EPA is right, is all I can say. Meanwhile, I'm going to avoid canned food, not that I eat that much anyway.

For the Obama apologists here is some food for thought about those green jobs that never materialized. We are witnessing a transforming event in energy that will power America cheaper and cleaner than oil for the next hundred years. But this president and supporters can't get past the ideology to see it, think keystone pipeline. Instead he and you would rather send money to the Arabs and than create thousands of jobs here and give us energy independence. In the final analysis Obama is just a political from Chicago taking care of his buddies.

"Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" by Ed Morrissey, Hot Air

Apr. 16, 2012, (<http://hotair.com/archives/2012/04/16/reuters-those-green-collar-jobs-promises-have-been-a-bust-huh/>)

When Barack Obama took office, he promised an explosion of jobs in the "green" energy sector, up to five million in the next ten years. In his 2009 stimulus bill, Obama spent \$90 billion on green-tech subsidies to kick-start that process. How has that worked out? Reuters takes a long look and reports that the effort has been a bust (via Big Government):

Three years after Obama launched a push to build a job-creating "green" economy, the White House can say that more than 1 million drafty homes have been retrofitted to lower heating and cooling costs, while energy generation from renewable sources such as wind and solar has nearly doubled since 2008.

But the millions of "green jobs" Obama promised have been slow to sprout, disappointing many who had hoped that the \$90 billion earmarked for clean-energy efforts in the recession-fighting federal stimulus package would ease unemployment – still above 8 percent in March.

Supporters say the administration over-promised on the jobs front and worry that a backlash could undermine support for clean-energy policies in general.

We have documented much of what Reuters reports today in earlier spot reports, but the collection of flops is truly remarkable — all the more so because of the massive amount of government spending involved. The Obama administration has been reduced now to arguing that its \$90 billion expenditure will result in 827,000 "job years" over the course of Obama's term in office. For those who are counting, that would be 276,000 jobs lasting three years. Even in "job years," that comes to \$108,827 per job-year; in jobs, it comes to \$326,481. And the "job-years" construct carries a heavy subtext of a lack of permanence, too.

Not all of the expenditures have aimed at direct job creation, of course. Some of it went to train the unemployed to work in the expected green-sector boom. After spending \$173 million on training, the program placed a grand total of 16,092 workers (20% of the target), a cost of over ten grand per placement. That money might have been better used to give each student a year of college education instead.

This has been an expensive flop. At a point when the US already faced a huge public-debt crisis in its near future and the economy was staggering through a private-debt crisis in its present, Obama chose to dump \$90 billion of debt into a bet on the so-called green energy sector as a jobs stimulus. It's been a failure from every possible perspective without even getting to discussions of Solyndra, Ener1, Beacon Power, and other taxpayer-backed bankruptcies.

[20120419-14](#) 19:10 SteveB Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to SteveBA)

Did you have a chance to read FotM Newsletter #119 ("Come On, Big Guy!" – kinda anti-Obama) and the various replies to your previous posts?

About this article...let me ask you this...have you made any money in alternative energy? It's a confounding market. Even for the U.S. government, which I thought, according to conservative philosophy, shouldn't be creating any jobs anyway. It's not their place. Now you're a socialist? President Obama creates no jobs and he's not conservative enough for you?

May May make Indiana bloom like the dickens. (Oops...global warming moved that up to March!)

[20120419-19](#) 20:35 SteveBA Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to SteveB)

Can't make money in green energy because there is no there there. Its all about future technology that appears to far away for now. Natural gas is here and is abundant, its low price will drive the utilities away from coal and nukes to gas fired turbines. Industry will convert to CNG with or without help from the government,As they say obama needs to lead follow or get out of the way.

[20120419-16](#) 19:54 Pam Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to SteveBA)

Nothing (just about) that Obama campaigned on has come to pass--because Republicans have thwarted him at every turn. Congress is more responsible for our failure to move forward than Obama, by far. It's not about ideology. Climate change is not an ideology; it's a scientific fact. We're going to have to look at lots of sources of energy, not simply rely on oil or coal or natural gas. We're not going to stop using those, but we need to begin to develop alternative energy sources, like wind, solar, geo-thermal, etc. or within a very few decades our planet earth will be unrecognizable. We are digging our own grave. Sadly, it's our grandchildren who will see the devastation we have caused, because we will be long gone. Why do you say Obama has an "ideology" about energy? Are you saying a preference for clean energy is a belief system? If so, that's simply weird.

[20120419-18](#) 20:31 SteveBA Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to Pam)

Funny how we went from global warming and the end of the world to climate change and the end of the world. We have always had climate change and in my memory I remember Time magazine worrying about the ice age. So far every claim made by the global warming camp has proved to be false or an outright lie. When you mix politics with science you end up with the Nifong syndrome, or as many of the liberals have said: forget that the facts don't support their claim, but their claim is true anyway. The point is that Obama over promises and under delivers with our tax dollars on projects near and dear to his supporters. He does not support developing hydrocarbons but still tied to green power or else. Just listen to when he goes on the campaign trail, his promise of jobs is always in the green sector. Simple jobs like welders etc on the keystone pipeline he doesn't get because its not green. like it or not we do not have viable battery technology for electric cars, wind power, or solar. keep in mind the wind doesn't always blow and the sun isn't always shining. When we do get the technology for commercially viable electric cars we will still have to use gas, coal or nuclear for power generation. think of the impact on the "grid" when everybody plugs in. if we had committed 90 Bilion to converting our municipal fleets of cars buses etc to compressed natural gas how much cleaner things would have been immediately, instead of wasting tax dollars on subsidized volts. The last point is the excuse making that gets a pass here, we went form jobs to job years. Try that approach at work sometime and see how far it goes or far it would have gone in your classroom. Me I'm all for clean air. CNG for transportation gets us there quicker than any thing else and is cheaper than gas AND gives us energy independence from those that hate us in the middle east. If you this is pie in the sky, corporate america is already heading there

as UPS has contracted Clean Energy to install CNG stations on their route from Ontario, CA to Las Vegas probably to help Michelle and the GSA enjoy the city. With a reported unemployment rate of 8.2% and a real rate over 10% we need jobs now, not pie in the sky feel good project that liberals can feel good about. Final comment the DEMS have 2 years of complete control of the government and could only cobble together Obamacare, its too late to blame Bush and congress. You had your chance and blew it. My next posting will be about the pathetic showing DEM senators who have gone 1085 days without even trying to pass a budget. But wait Harry Reid is Vegas with Michelle and the GSA.

[20120419-17](#)

20:28

SteveG

Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" & "U.S. Exported More Gasoline Than Imported Last Year" (reply to SteveBA)

If we are exporting gasoline, diesel fuel, etc. how is the pipeline going to make us energy independent? If we are exporting fuel, do we not have more than enough to meet our needs and do we create an artificially inflated domestic price on fuel?

"U.S. Exported More Gasoline Than Imported Last Year" by Michael Winter, USA TODAY

Feb. 29, 2012, (<http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/02/us-exported-more-gasoline-than-imported-last-year/1#.T5CrONkrmvI>)

For the first time since 1949, the United States exported more gasoline, heating oil and diesel fuel last year than it imported, the Energy Department reported today.

Bloomberg writes that to offset weak U.S. demand, refiners exported 439,000 barrels a day more than were imported the year before. In 2010, daily imports averaged 269,000 barrels, according to the Petroleum Supply Monthly report.

Imports of crude oil and related products fell 11% last year, reaching a level not seen since 1995.

News of record gasoline exports comes as the pump price rose today for the 22nd straight day (\$3.78 a gallon average) and the Energy Department reported separately that gasoline inventories fell last week while crude oil inventories and imports rose.

Crude oil inventories swelled by 4.2 million barrels last week, more than four times what analysts expected and eight times the estimate of the American Petroleum Institute, 24/7 Wall St. says, adding, "To say that the increase in imports is counter-intuitive is not an overstatement."

Refineries were running at 83.6% of capacity last week, according to the Energy Information Administration's weekly report on petroleum supplies.

Separately, in a piece headlined "Oil Refiners Look To Exports Growing Profit," 24/7 Wall St. writes: "The rise in imports could be the result of the decline in refined products, but more likely is that the imported crude is being refined and the refined products are being exported."

The article explains what major oil companies and U.S. refineries -- Valero Energy, Tesoro, Marathon Petroleum and HollyFrontier -- are doing to boost their profit margins:

Crude at Gulf Coast refineries is priced at the Brent crude import price, no matter where it comes from. Refineries in the US interior are typically able to get the vast majority of their crude at or below domestic the WTI [West Texas Intermediary] crude price. Today, a barrel of Brent costs about \$121, and a barrel of WTI costs about \$106. That \$15 difference in feedstock pricing pays dividends at the refinery. ...

To boost margins at Gulf Coast refineries, Valero and the others are exporting more refined products, both gasoline and the higher-priced diesel fuel. ...

The secret to making a profit in refining these days is for refiners to source crude oil domestically and then sell the refined products to US consumers at prices based on imported oil. Valero can't do that, but Marathon, Tesoro, and HollyFrontier can. ...

Despite higher-than-expected oil inventories and less driving by Americans, the price of crude oil finished higher today.

20120419-20	20:43	SteveBA	Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to SteveG)
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Money goes where it is treated best. oil futures price in the potential for geo=political events, Israel and Iran come to mind. If you would listen to T Boone Pickens our energy prices would not be dictated by others. In fact we would dictate every prices and world policies. I would encourage you to read about the Bakken Shale, the Marcellus Shale, the Utuqa Shale and others. We have a 100 year supply of natural gas for our transportation needs. Is that so hard to understand, we won't need oil to convert to gasoline. Shale gas and oil is transforming event.

20120419-21	20:58	SteveG	Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to SteveBA)
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I refer you to these articles. No, SteveBA, it is not hard to understand. The hard part is getting a safe technology for getting the natural gas from the ground without damaging ground water: getting a retail system for getting natural gas to the customer; and to get the automobile companies to come to a consensus and develop a safe method of transportation. Not hard to understand.

<http://www.tarsandsaction.org/spread-the-word/key-facts-keystone-xl/>

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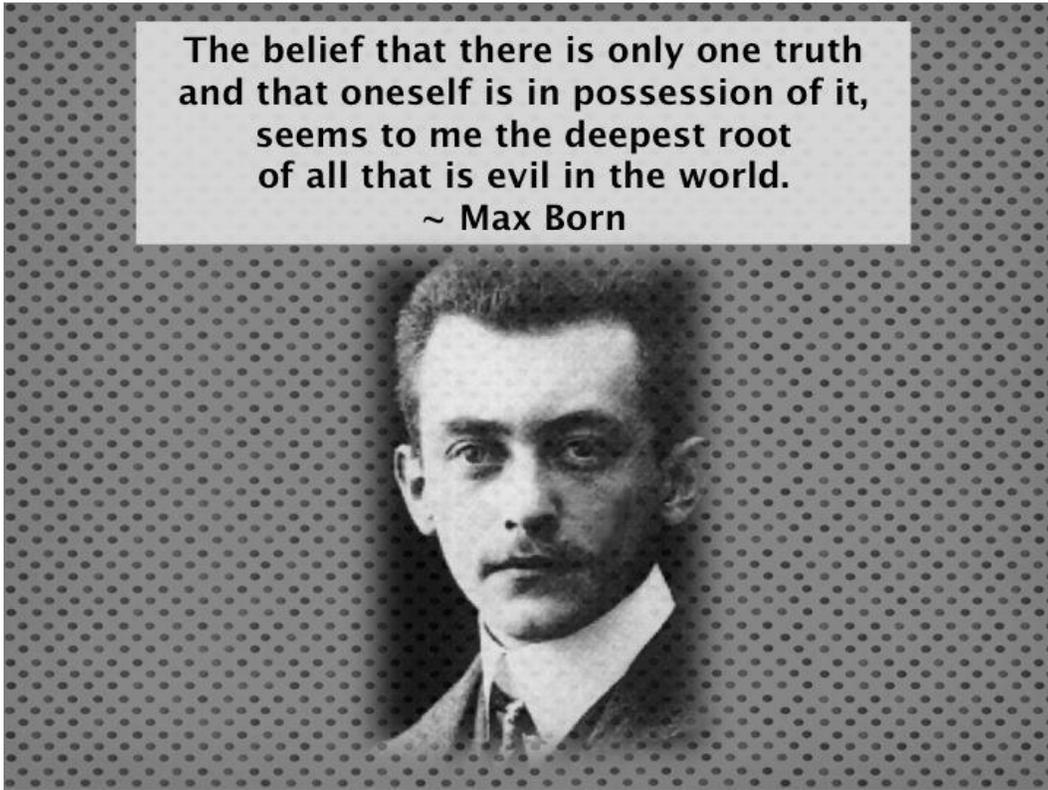
20120419-22	22:46	SteveG	Re: "Reuters: Those 'Green-Collar Jobs' Promises Have Been a Bust, Huh?" (reply to SteveBA)
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Below in response to CNG energy replacing gasoline/diesel fueled vehicles as you suggested:

http://www.usatoday.com/money/autos/2007-05-08-natural-gas-usat_N.htm.

20120419-23	23:58	SteveG	Quote: Max Born on Belief
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The belief that there is only one truth
and that oneself is in possession of it,
seems to me the deepest root
of all that is evil in the world.
~ Max Born



20120419-24 23:59 SteveB Photo: Tiger Cubs

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/unleashed/2009/03/siberian-tige-1.html>

<http://www.savetigersnow.org/>



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