

The 2024 Election and EVs

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Every major poll has Trump leading. This is unprecedented. The Harris campaign has been reduced to calling Trump names. Politicians resort to name calling when they know they are losing, and their message is failing to gain traction. Harris is no exception. She is not a vote getter. She proved that in 2020 and is proving it again in 2024. Her public statements are disasters. She reveals her essential intellectual shallowness and an inability to provide direct answers to direct questions. Harris failed to provide a direct answer when asked if she had ever made a mistake.

Trump is hammering Harris on the issues of crime and the border. Harris oversaw the border and did nothing. Meanwhile, in the other circus, the World Series, the price of tickets, while still obscenely high, have dropped significantly for the games at Dodgers Stadium although not for the games at Yankee Stadium. What major league baseball is doing is price gouging on an unprecedented basis. Even though prices have dropped, based upon what Vivid Seats is charging, the cheapest ticket still costs well over \$1,000. This is proof that if the demand is great enough, the public will pay any price for a given commodity. For instance, the American public will pay any price to purchase gasoline for their gas-powered cars.

The Biden administration tried everything to reduce consumption of gasoline, including policies that triggered the most serious inflation in US history and almost wrecked the US economy, and that failed to reduce consumption. The price of a gallon of gasoline doubled and even tripled without putting a dent in the level of consumption. That showed a lack of discipline and restraint. Instead of using the mass transit system, the American drivers continued to use their cars. Hence, another error by the Biden administration which misread concern for global warming as a sign that the American public was ready to go green. That was a colossal mistake.

The American people are addicted to the gasoline powered cars. Although there is some demand for electric vehicles, they are still uneconomical. But at least the EV is now out there. Improvements in EV technology are just a matter of time. When the auto industry develops a smaller and cheaper battery that can provide more mileage and be charged more quickly, the price of an EV will drop, and the public will embrace EV, and the gas-powered car will become a thing of the past. But the technology is not there yet. The advantages of an EV over a gas-powered vehicle are obvious. The EV replaces the gas-guzzling engine with a smaller and much more simply designed electrical engine that does away with a carburetor, gaskets, pistons, fuel lines and maybe even a radiator, all of which increase the car's weight and constantly break down. It also does away with the muffler and the fuel tank. The EV is safe, far less prone to catch fire, probably handles better, accelerates faster, and when the technology finally arrives, will

provide greater range per charge. Finally, and most importantly, the EV will end the public's reliance on gasoline to power the vehicle. That will drive down the cost of oil and reduce prices across the board. It will also end the US dependence on imported oil and the use of oil as a political weapon to extort concession from the United States.