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Comments:

While electric vehicles are often touted as a more environmentally friendly option compared to traditional gasoline-powered vehicles, there are compelling environmental arguments against electric vehicles.:

- Battery production:** The production of electric vehicle batteries requires the extraction and processing of metals such as lithium, cobalt, and nickel. The mining of these metals can have negative environmental impacts, including habitat destruction, water pollution, and carbon emissions. Also, the countries in which the minerals are mined frequently use child labor.
- Battery disposal:** Electric vehicle batteries eventually need to be replaced, and their disposal can also have negative environmental impacts. If not properly disposed of or recycled, the batteries can release toxic chemicals and heavy metals into the environment.
- Electricity generation:** Electric vehicles are only as clean as the electricity used to power them. If the electricity used to charge the vehicle comes from fossil fuel sources, such as coal or natural gas, then the overall emissions reduction benefits are limited.
- Infrastructure requirements:** The widespread adoption of electric vehicles will require significant infrastructure upgrades, including the construction of charging stations and upgrades to the electrical grid. These upgrades can have environmental impacts, such as habitat destruction and increased carbon emissions from construction and transportation of materials.
- China and India:** They are building their coal-based power plants with abandon, and we are not building ours. That's where the big pollution to power the EVs will come from.
- Delaware:** Our state is small. This initiative will be costly to us, but much the impact of pollution arises from the larger states and the out-of-towners motoring on I95. It is easy to buy electric cars in the states next door, if we want to.