

Subject: No EV Mandate

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We live in America. Unelected, uninformed bullies with a slanted agenda cannot mandate anything.

Offering choices of more charging stations is acceptable; forcing it IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Maybe move the state vehicles over to be electric and see how that goes before assuming that it will work for all Delawareans? We do not have now, nor will very quickly have the infrastructure to support this craziness.

One of the most egregious examples of caveman liberals swinging the club of big government is found, naturally, in California, where the state has mandated that "35% of new vehicles sold will be zero-emissions cars by 2026, a bar that would rise to 68% by 2030 and reach a 100% benchmark by 2035." (FYI: they're not "zero-emissions;" they're just outsourcing the emissions to the power generating sources, but that's a separate logical inconsistency.)

<https://nextnewsnetwork.com/2023/04/14/new-poll-reveals-americans-not-falling-for-electric-car-propaganda/>

If you own and love your battery-operated car, that's great!

Just know that it is not a "zero emissions" vehicle...

And that it's not "better for the environment" than a gas-powered car.

Remember: **batteries don't create energy; batteries store energy that was created elsewhere.**

And most of the energy that is stored in batteries was produced using gas, oil or coal.

Further, these rechargeable car batteries (weighing approx 1500 pounds) use a tremendous amount of natural (and toxic) metals including lithium-ion, nickel-metal oxide and nickel-cadmium.

These batteries are constantly self-discharging, which means these toxic elements are leaking from the battery.

Electric cars ARE NOT better for the environment than gas powered cars. This is a LIE being pushed to assume more power.

Additionally, a new AP poll found that only 19% of Americans say they're "extremely likely" or "very likely" to buy an electric vehicle as their next car. Even a liberal can grasp math well enough to know that 19% is way less than 100%, or even 35%. You can "mandate" that car makers sell X-number of these things all you like, but if there aren't that many buyers, they're just going to take up space and gather dust on the car lots. California politicians have no excuse for not knowing that, because it's exactly what happened the last time they "mandated" that a certain number of cars sold be electric and shoppers said no thanks.

For the record, Americans who drive a lot and have to depend on their vehicles have very good reasons to tell the EV pushers to go whistle up a rope. The owner of a Ford F-150 Lightning Lariat electric truck described for Motor Trend what it was like charging it. Hope you enjoy killing over an hour in the parking lot of a 7-11 every time you need to "top up the tank" (or battery, in this case.)

<https://www.motortrend.com/reviews/2022-ford-f-150-lightning-yearlong-review-update-3-charging-time/>

The argument that EVs are much cheaper than gas-powered cars fails to take into account the \$51.70 they paid for the charge plus the \$29.83 spent on drinks, snacks and other items while burning time at the 7-11. I know what EV proponents will say: yes, there is an even faster charging technology. They note that the same charge on that would take only...38 minutes.

Frankly, most of us have too much work to do to devote hours and hours of every week to sitting around waiting for our cars and trucks to charge instead of just pumping some gas and getting back on the road in five minutes.

STOP the bullying.

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