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Ethanol and National Security

- Is America Funding Terrorism?
- Is Oil Dependency a National Security Threat?
- Are Renewable Fuels the Answer?

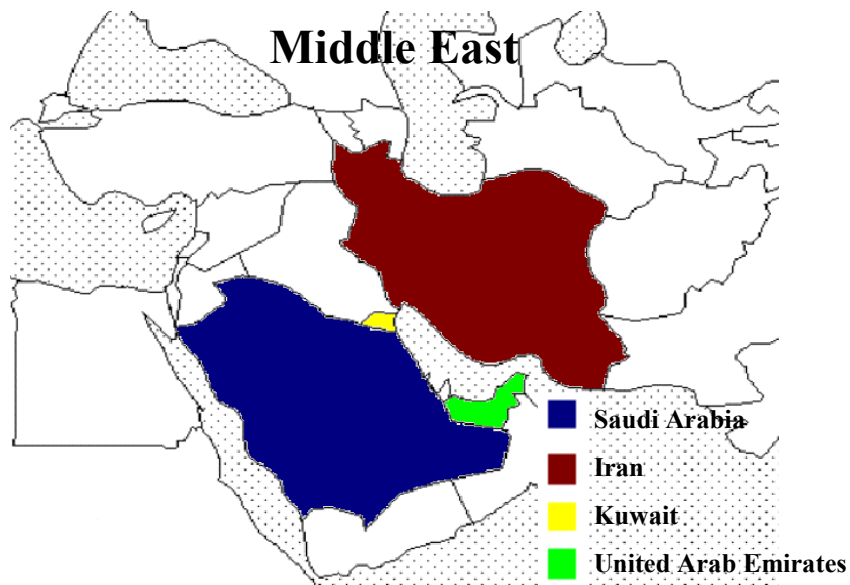
After touring an ethanol plant in 1984, President Ronald Reagan praised the "pioneer work in ethanol that increases demand for farm products, creates new jobs, and leads to greater energy security for our country -- it's all happening here, because here in America's heartland, you are on the cutting edge of progress." ¹

-President Ronald Reagan

Why is importing foreign oil a security threat for the US?

“Part of the problem is that some of the nations we rely on for oil have unstable governments, or agendas that are hostile to the United States. These countries know we need their oil, and that reduces our influence, our ability to keep the peace in some areas. And so energy supply is a matter of national security.”²

– **President George W. Bush**



“Eight of the nine leading exporters of oil in the world are dictatorships and autocratic kingdoms and that creates a very serious problem.”³

– former **CIA Director James Woolsey**

“A supply disruption of significant magnitude, such as would occur should Saudi supplies be interdicted, would also dramatically undermine the nation’s ability to defend itself.”⁴

– **Milton Copulos**,
National Defense
Council Foundation



“Every major national security problem we’re facing has roots in oil. Where does the money come from for Iran to develop weapons of mass destruction? It’s not from adding microchips. Where did the Pakistanis get the money to buy nuclear weapon technology from the Chinese? We are at war with an ideology and that ideology is radical Islam, and we cannot win the war against radical Islam as long as we are funding the other side of the war.”⁵

– **Anne Korin**, Set America Free Coalition



How does oil revenue fund terrorists?

“Wealth transfers from oil have been used, and continue to be used, to fund terrorism and its ideological support. Estimates of the amount spent by the Saudis in the last 30 years spreading Wahhabi beliefs throughout the world vary from \$70 billion to \$100 billion. Furthermore, some oil-rich families of the Great Middle East fund terrorist groups directly.”⁶

– **George Shultz**, Secretary of State under President Ronald Reagan



This is the only war, this long term war against terror or Islamic extremism...that we have fought in American history, other than the Civil War I suppose, in which we pay for both sides. This is not a good long term strategy.”⁷

– former **CIA Director James Woolsey**



“We’re all aware that there are evil people feverishly working on ways to kill us. We are dependent on our energy resources from people who worship death, and have drawn a bullseye on our back.”⁵

– **Gary Bauer**, American Values

“We are sending over \$500 billion a year to countries which really don’t like us and share our interests and values. And today we have Iran building nuclear weapons, we have Saudi Arabia which is funding radical Islam around the world and this is a significant concern for our national security, our economic security, our well-being, and values and interests that we hold dear.”³

– **Mark Dubowitz**, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies

Who is providing the oil revenues to these regimes?

“If you want to know who is paying for those madrassas in Pakistan or the West Bank to teach those little boys to hate, just next time you go to a filling station, before you get out to charge your gasoline and take out your credit card, turn the rearview mirror just a few inches so you’re looking into your own eyes. Now you know who’s paying for those little boys to be taught to hate.”⁸

– former **CIA Director James Woolsey**



If it is so dangerous, why is the US dependent on foreign oil?

“Oil’s strategic importance stems from its virtual monopoly as a transportation fuel.”⁹

– **Robert McFarlane**, National Security Advisor under President Ronald Reagan.



“[Oil alternatives] are having trouble cracking what is in effect a gasoline/diesel monopoly of supply.”¹⁰

– **C. Boyden Gray**, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy under President George W. Bush

“We have a monopoly of petroleum in the transportation sector...The oil market is controlled by a cartel – the OPEC cartel with 13 governments that control 78% of the world’s oil. So on one hand we have a cartel and the other hand we have a monopoly and this combination is extremely toxic and very dangerous to the future of our civilization.”³

– **Gal Luft**, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security



Is ethanol part of the solution to the security threat posed by foreign oil dependence?

“I set a goal to replace oil from around the world. The best way and the fastest way to do so is to expand the use of ethanol...”²

– **President George W. Bush**



“As Secretary of Agriculture during the Reagan Administration, I helped the American ethanol industry take off...Federal ethanol incentives were established to advance a goal that conservatives embrace: energy independence in a dangerous world.”¹¹

– **John Block**, Secretary of Agriculture under President Ronald Reagan



“[The current energy policy] is to buy from a cartel who drives the price and go to war every few years to maintain that privilege. It is outrageous. The good news is that there is an alternative. The good old fashion American idea of introducing competition into the fuel market.”¹²

– **Robert McFarlane**, National Security Advisor under President Ronald Reagan

How does ethanol advance in the face of a federal petroleum mandate?



“I believe if you generated enough pressure on your elected representatives and in the media you could force EPA to begin to open this monopoly up and allow... biofuel cars...to compete and I think they’ll do very well.”¹⁰

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“We can also expand our use of renewable fuels such as alcohol and biodiesel... We should also encourage the acquisition of advanced vehicle technologies such as flex fuel vehicles [and] encourage the installation of bio-diesel and E85 pumps in our nation’s filling stations so that the infrastructure for alternative fuels can keep pace with the growth of the alternative fuel vehicle fleet.”¹³

– **Milton Copulos**, National Defense Council Foundation

“There is, however, a way out of this crisis...The solution lies in opening the transportation fuel market to competition from sources other than petroleum...Hence the need for Congress to require that new vehicles allow the use of alternative fuels...Competition is a bedrock of our American way of life. It’s time to introduce it into our fuel market...”⁹

– **Robert McFarlane**, National Security Advisor under President Ronald Reagan



Why is Ethanol Fuel Choice Important?

“The simple truth is that international terrorism stands on two financial pillars: oil and the drug trade. To the extent that we reduce the revenues generated by either of these activities, we hinder the ability of terrorists to operate.”¹³

– **Milton Copulos**, National Defense Council Foundation

“If we become energy independent, if we become less dependent on petroleum, we will not only secure our future, we will not only be able to accomplish our foreign policy priorities – winning the war on terrorism, stopping the proliferation of nuclear weapons, improve human rights throughout the world...There are multiple benefits to fuel choice strategy.”¹⁴

– **Gal Luft**, Director, Institute for the Analysis of Global Security



“We would be therefore shipping less money abroad to finance people who don’t really like us very much and we would be creating more US jobs.”¹⁰

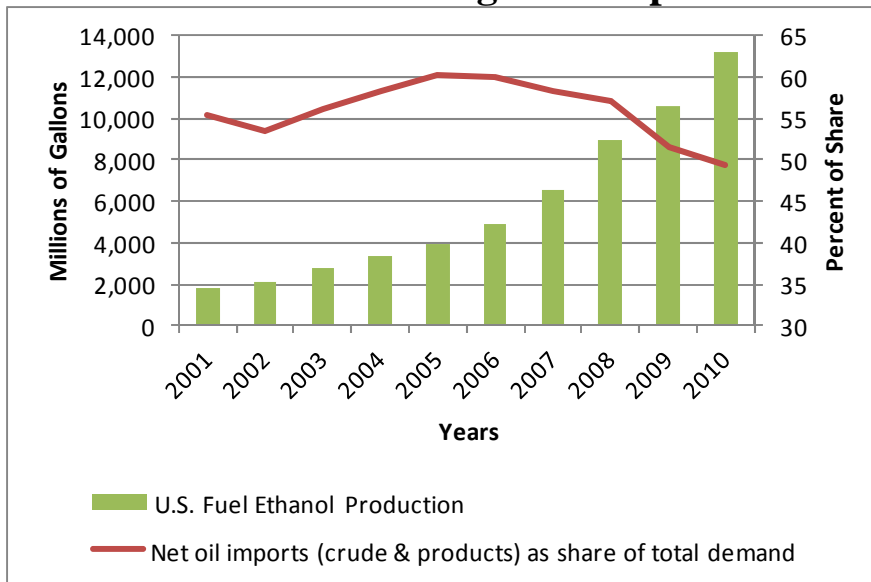
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Can ethanol really make a difference?

Yes – it already is. With ethanol accounting for 9.5% of the domestic gasoline market, more fuel for American cars comes from American ethanol refineries than from Saudi Arabian oil fields.

According to the Energy Information Administration (EIA), America's net foreign petroleum dependence peaked in 2005 at just over 60% - the same year the federal renewable fuels standard was enacted. In the five years since, the increased use of domestic, renewable fuels has been a major force in reducing our net foreign petroleum dependence to under 50%.

Ethanol Reduces Foreign Oil Dependence



“By 2010, the United States produced 13 billion gallons of ethanol, which displaced the need for 445 million barrels of oil imported largely from unstable or unfriendly regimes, from Hugo Chavez’s Venezuela to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s Iran.”¹¹

– **John Block**, Secretary of Agriculture under President Ronald Reagan



“Renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, play an important role in a comprehensive energy plan that promotes conservation and reduces dependence on foreign sources of oil.”¹⁵

– **President George W. Bush**

Iowans Fueled with Pride is a coalition of Iowa renewable fuels producers committed to providing accurate and current information to the public, elected officials and candidates for office. Further, we work to foster an open and comprehensive debate about the future of U.S. energy policy.

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