

According to the Time magazine article this week, in 2005 we peaked our oil imports and have been steadily climbing out of the oil dependence hole since then, thanks to the higher price of global oil that make our American shale oil and off shore deep water oil profitable. 2011 was the first year we were a net oil exporter in history. You can't blame Obama for everything bad, or credit him with everything good. His policy did not substantially get in the way of oil production, even while trying to mitigate the worst of the environmental side effects. But the increased reliance on domestic production was a function of price, not politics. The politics is all about shaping perception to gain power.

On Mar 21, 2012, at 8:57 PM, .....wrote:

The oil we sell is that a bush kudo or an instant Obama

On Mar 21, 2012, at 8:37 PM, Dale wrote:

Not funny because it is so not true. It implies Obama makes difficult people disappear. Thanks to Bush's precedents, he can do that, but they have to be classified as terrorists first. It also implies the questions revealed his weaknesses. Not true.

First: Obama couldn't get the timely support of congress to do squat, he sure couldn't count on congress to act in the time frame needed to save thousands of lives. Since Libya it was a NATO mission, he didn't have to.

Second: In '09', Obama said, "If I can't fix the economy in three years, you can call me former President Obama.". He was just stating the political facts of life. He is now making a case for re-election that his policies stopped the free fall of the economy, and he can take it further if given a chance. The term fixed is a simplistic term for the complexity of our economic problems and is merely a metaphor being used as a cudgel in this case.

Third: Obama didn't said he knew nothing about his pastor's teachings and writings. What he did say is that he disagreed with the more divisive statements at issue and eventually resigned from the church membership as a result. Guilt by association is not fair. Turning the pastor into a bad guy because you don't like his version of the truth, is just plain demagoguery. The pastor was a radical, as were all forward thinking leaders, including our founding fathers. If you take a look at the context of his statements, they are true. They are hard to accept because they threaten the status quo, shake up preconceptions and our good guy self image.

Fourth: We are oil exporters now, but the price of gas is set on a global market.

It may be hard to believe as gas prices break new records, but the U.S. is actually in the midst of an energy boom. In 2011 domestic oil production reached its highest level since 2003, and one state--shale-oil-shilling North Dakota--pumped more crude than entire OPEC countries like Ecuador. For the first time in more than 60 years, we're selling more petroleum products than we buy.

That's great news for the domestic oil and gas industry--and the roughnecks and engineers it employs--but the rest of us won't reap many rewards.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2109138,00.html>

On Mar 21, 2012, at 12:07 PM, .....wrote:

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President Obama goes to a primary school to talk to the kids. After his talk he offers question time.

One little boy puts up his hand, and Obama asks him his name.

"Walter," responds the little boy.

"And what is your question, Walter?"

"I have four questions:

First, why did the USA Bomb Libya without the support of the Congress?

Second, why do you keep saying you fixed the economy when it's actually gotten worse?

Third, why did you say that Jeremiah Wright was your mentor, then said that you knew nothing about his preaching and beliefs?

Fourth, why are we lending \$ to Brazil to drill for oil, but America is not allowed to drill for oil?"

Just then, the bell rings for recess. Obama informs the kiddies that they will continue after recess.

When they resume Obama says, "OK, where were we? Oh, that's right: Question time.. Who has a question?"

Another little boy puts up his hand. Obama points him out and asks him his name.

"Steve," he responds.

"And what is your question, Steve?"

Actually, I have two questions.

First, why did the recess bell ring 20 minutes early?

Second, what happened to Walter?"