

Were I King for a While...

My usual retort to those who call the Iraq war a “War for oil,” is, “Can you think of a better reason to fight a war? America literally runs on oil!”

Were I king for a while, I’d immediately announce that, from that day forward, we would no longer buy oil from the Middle East, we’d do them all a favor and “Imperialist America” will stay out of their precious sandpits and use our OWN oil.

Of course, that would be after I preempted Congress (because I could!) and exploited and deployed ours. Aside from having the oil companies build new refineries, which would use new technology and make far, *far* less of an impact on the environment the Earth-huggers go on about. Hell, I’d mandate that they not only build new ones, thus ending the supply lag, I’d push them to replace the old ones as well, *further reducing* said environmental impact. Wouldn’t *that* be a good way to cut into those “obscene profits” of the oil companies the libs are always whining about?

I’d also cozy up to Canada about using their oil as well, develop the OCEANS of shale oil* available, here and in Canada, then go to Mexico and tell them, “Since you keep sending us your people anyway, why not have us train and pay them to work *your own* oil fields, from which we will buy *your* oil?” Wouldn’t that provide enough of an economic boost right there in Mexico to keep some of the illegal flood away from our southern border at least? (P.S. The Canadians and the Mexicans share our religious beliefs and don’t want to blow us up.)

Now, how long do you think it would be before those infidel-hating potentates (I’m biting my mental tongue to remain civil in writing) would come to us, turbans in hand, offering us some of their wives in exchange for us to return to using *their* oil, at bargain prices, no less? The politicians and pundits miss the point all the time about the Middle East. The ONLY thing they have to offer the West is oil and immigrants. Oh, and maybe sand for making glass. Even *they* don’t want to live there! Look how many Muslims are emigrating around the world? I mean, would you, aside from Israel, which is making the desert bloom (there’s that technology again) want to live in the Middle East?

While I’m at it, I’d mandate developing nuclear power as well (and I can pronounce it right too; noo-lee-ar!), thus answering the b-s of the “alternate fuel” crowd, and boost the power grid to accommodate all those electric cars they want to us to build and drive. Just look at France and Germany—not exactly bastions of entrenched capitalism. They have deployed nuclear reactors all over the place and have suffered NO meltdowns or disasters and pay practically nothing for electricity. Why do you suppose all the trains there are electric? [Trivia point: the most powerful engines in the world are in Europe. After all, the diesel engines in America use that diesel engine, not to drive the train, but to power the *electric* wheel motors. With a practically unlimited supply of high-amp electric coming from an overhead wire, it’s no wonder you get more power to the wheels.]

Last, just before my fantasy reign ends, I’d cancel the war on drugs by legalizing ALL drugs and use the same laws we have against the improper use of alcohol to regulate their use. They’re

there to regulate the improper use of alcohol, why wouldn't they work for any consciousness-altering substance? Of course, along the way, I'd have to step aside and allow people to off themselves through their own stupidity and stop the government from doing the job that parents should be doing. (How about prosecuting those lazy, stupid parents who don't do the job they were supposed to do, thus causing the greater society such problems?)

Oh yeah, I'd also make political correctness punishable by public whippings and community service and return some rugged individualism to our society. Too harsh? I don't think so.

It's literally killing us!

* To those who say shale oil is too expensive to produce, let me counter with the fact, *on an economy of scale*, which would certainly happen were we to deploy it, shale oil would drastically come down in price.