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"Covering highway costs in U.S.; Poll shows divergent roads on how to pay"

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An Associated Press GfK poll asked Americans if they liked roads. Answer: yes. Then the poll asked if we wanted to pay more for them. Answer: no. A contradiction? No, a false choice. The second question should have been, "How would you like to fund maintenance of roads?" If I were the pollster, I would have provided several options.

A) Raise the gas tax.

B) Quit using federal highway funds for trains that are hard to get to and don't go where I want to go.

C) Quit using taxpayer money to fund things we don't need. The Cato Institute recommended specific cuts to several federal departments totaling over \$657 billion.

Instead of just asking what we want, someone should ask what we want more.

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