



## **It's about the policies, not just the pipeline**

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The Editorial page has been so informative lately. I especially like the one entitled “Keystone has nothing to do with gas prices.” I’m sure the author did not intend to sound ostentatious and condescending by ending their submission with “any questions? Class dismissed.”

Not using the Keystone pipeline does not have a “major” impact on prices, it does, however, have an impact when combined with the other policies of this administration, including the loss of jobs to build and maintain it. We import 6.6% of our oil from Russia (\$17.4 Billion in revenue) and 11% from OPEC. Pipelines currently move 70% of the oil in this country. Only 3% of domestic oil is transported by rail, yet the submitter provides a detailed description of the process.

In 2020, the U.S. exported more oil than it imported. No longer true. Pressure from this administration, which protects OPEC countries from its adversaries, also influence the price. Some folks don’t seem to understand the National Security aspect of not being energy independent.

The point of objection is not Keystone alone, but the aggregate policies of the administration relative to the reduced oil production in this country. Part of the problem, in my view, is that green energy advocates get their information from loquacious and emotional teenagers and elitist who will not suffer from these inflated gas prices.

John Kerry is concerned that the invasion of a European country by Russia may distract from his Climate Change agenda. Many have a myopic view of the world, but this country, in my humble opinion, has a duty to produce as much energy domestically as it can to ensure we are not at the mercy of other, sometimes combative, countries until other sources are readily available.

I also enjoyed Janet Locke calling out the writer who falsely claimed that last year a million people lost their homes due to medical bills and made racially insensitive comments about the makeup (incorrectly) of the Republican party. What was his point?

Lastly, I want to thank the gentleman who let us know the CATO Institute says there is not an illegal immigration problem. I guess my eyes, ears, the Border Patrol, Governors of Border States and all those ranchers are deceiving me. I could have sworn that I saw thousands a day crossing the Rio Grande.