



## Viewpoints for Friday, April 15

### Supply and demand

Ok, now lets see here. I think we can all agree that gas prices have gotten totally out of hand. That's a given. Now according to our "experts," this is because of supply and demand and the "crisis" in Libya (a country that, according to the experts, only exports about 2 percent of its oil to the U.S.) OK, I will give you that. I am not a big fan of O'Reilly (Fox News) but the interview he did with that smug-looking cutie-pie from the Cato Institute the other night really made me laugh. Actually O'Reilly made a fool out of him but he doesn't care, because he doesn't have to worry about getting back and forth anywhere.

His kind of trash makes me sick -- period. Smuggy, as I will call him, blamed it all on the unrest in Libya and supply and demand to developing nations. Now, will someone please inform me as to what exactly is a "developing" nation? Is it India, where their caste system basically promotes slavery and Indians come over here and take advantage of everything we have and get all kind of tax breaks, loans, etc.? Or could it be China? Or, better yet, is it one of the pathetic countries in Africa where black tinhorn dictators rule, promote slavery and live off of us? Who knows? Oh yeah, I forgot about Mexico and South America, those great bastions of democracy and human rights. No, I think it's just the oil companies who are gouging and hosing the American Public for enormous profits. The bottom line is this: We feed and protect half the damn world. We are supply and demand and I think its time our supply to them depends on our demand for fuel and if they don't like it ... LOL.

-- Phillip Giles

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