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1. The advancement rate for this is too accelerated. Many people, do not have the finances to purchase these newer vehicles as there is a bigger cost.
2. IF you keep an older vehicle it will make parts more expensive. Example I have a 2006 volvo. I could purchase an exhaust part from Amazon from 150.00 to 250.00. BUT.... it is restricted from being sent here. The cheapest one available here is 849.00 with military discount. My whole disability check is 848.00 for a month.
3. Charging of EV, if you live in a remote area is not currently readily available. Many rural areas are at least a half an hour or more from the nearest charging facility.
4. The durability of EV's for the cold weather here is not proven yet. The expense to maintain is high and there are many long term power outages. If you have a four or more day outage like we recently had you aren't going to work. It becomes a safety issue. Hoping the nearest charger has power.
5. We are not California and our climate is very different. We also do not offer the wages they offer. I have relatives there.
6. Is it a good idea to think about ways to keep pollution down? Of course it is, but things need to be set up ahead of time. A more gradual approach will be more accepted by people. People don't like to be told what to do. If things happen at a slower pace individuals have more time to see how these changes are a benefit not a curse.
7. Set up charging systems in advance, offer programs to incentivise, and remember there are poor people who cannot afford these changes. The poor and elderly are the first forgotten in these decisions.