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Good Day,

I oppose the idea of electric cars for numerous reasons, for one the misnomer that the electric car is helping the environment and hence planet earth seems inflated. For one does it not take power to make the components for these lithium batteries, so question comes what fuels are being used for the manufacture of the batteries. More of a concern how are the billions of tons of lithium batteries being disposed. Let's not forget the earth's resources that are being depleted such as the mining for the required components for these batteries.

Since living in a rural area and spending a lot of time enjoying the outdoors there are milage limits between recharges that is not the case with gas or diesel propelled vehicles.

Why are we not producing a more beneficial fuel such as hydrogen which will be derived from water with no emissions.

Without question we are seeing what seems to be very common now just knee jerk reactions to various environmental proclaimed improvements such as air turbines and solar panels only thing this has done is cause inflated rising electricity cost and lets not forget what is the maintenance required for wind turbines and the life expectancy of solar panels no instead lets rid ourselves of damns that could provide water power that is almost maintenance free and a proven reliable source of electricity.

We are heading down the wrong path seems the only benefit is for the few businesses that are enjoying the financial profit whereas how much environmental improvements are we gaining. Maine is being carpeted with solar panels and taking away one of its most cherished resources and that is its natural beauty, so instead let's cover the hill sides with power turbines and our fields with solar panels. Such knee jerk reactions will not last in the long run, why have we not developed more efficient ways to transport goods such as rail systems or coast wise shipping, no instead we rely on cross country trucking. Seems common sense is not the norm.

Best Regards,
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