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It's important in America that Americans can choose how they want their cars to be propelled. It's also important that the state & federal government should not pressure any particular energy mode of travel. Each energy source has its advantages and disadvantages, but so far gas engines provide the most reliable and cost effective transportation for automobiles. It is a myth that battery operated vehicles provide for less pollution in the overall analysis of comparisons. It takes much energy provided by fossil fuels to produce batteries and EV vehicles. When batteries eventually die how does society deal with them? Most batteries are produced in China via coal burning factories which only adds to air pollution.

EV vehicles are not the most reliable and resourceful - particularly in colder climates and there are currently not enough recharging stations to warrant a big increase in EV production. Let free markets decide what people want. Strive to keep autocrats and special interests out of the energy production game.

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