

WEAPONS OF ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION

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Oil prices hemorrhage. Stocks collapse. Jobs evaporate. Billions in government checks, meant to stimulate investment, only buy overpriced necessities.

And experts express varied opinions about the squeeze we find ourselves in. What causes it? Supply and demand? Third world countries going modern? Protection of Alaskan wildlife?

Somehow nobody mentions the 1800-pound camel in the living room.

When President Bush went to whatever member of the Royal House of Saud functions as Oil Minister and asked him to increase the flow of crude and thereby reduce the price, the Arab prince reportedly gave him this answer: "You want more oil? Buy it."

A large percentage of our imported crude oil comes from Muslim countries, with Arabia their leader. The House of Saud rules over huge oil deposits, and also rules over the headquarters of Islam – Mecca and Medina. While Bin Laden officially proclaims the need to replace the House of Saud with an even more fanatical Islamist regime, namely his, he blackmails the Arabian kingdom for billions which finance Al Qaeda. Other Muslim oil producers such as Iran and Indonesia are open supporters of Islamofascist terror gangs. Ramping up oil prices supplies their comic opera sultans and dictators with palaces, and supplies outfits like Al Qaeda and Hamas and Hezbollah with bombs and rockets.

In fact, the same barrel of "black gold" that used to cost \$4 now goes for \$130, constituting what has been aptly called the greatest wealth transfer in history.

Yes, American oil companies share in this scandal. Did they prevent this country from going off the Oil Standard 30 years ago? Do their lobbyists squelch federal support of alternative fuels? Do they buy patents for economical carburetors and keep them from being manufactured? All very possible. But now the problem they helped create has reached the point where they cannot end it alone. It went beyond their control. Now the Muslim world took the initiative.

The Muslim world's leaders don't much like or trust each other, but they agree on some basic policies. Included in their area of agreement are these bottom lines: America is their selected enemy, the "Big Satan;" Israel is America's arm in the Middle East, the "Little Satan;" both must be destroyed. They don't plan to do that the way Germany and Japan tried to do it. The U.S. could beat those enemies in four years because they attacked militarily – and they were formidable military enemies. By contrast, the Muslims haven't won a war since Saladin. They know they can't destroy us that way. But they can destroy our economy, and they are doing it.

What causes the oil crisis? Greed? Yes. And politics. Fanatical religious politics. Its name is Islamofascism. Some of our candidates shy away from that word, but they are promoting it – we all are, with every tankfull of gasoline we buy.

Why are leaders in the West reluctant to acknowledge the 1800 pound camel? One reason is those streams of immigrants from Muslim countries – their surplus progeny – and the way they exploit the freedom they find in Western countries, freedom that does not exist where they come from. So they attack the school curriculum in England, agitating against Holocaust history. They bring their agenda to American university campuses, manipulating leftist faculty and gullible students to support Muslim causes. And they organize councils of Islamic Relations to subvert our political system. Give them enough opportunity and they will destroy our democracy. That is their goal. Impose Sharia law on the world.

Al Jazeera, Al Manar and their colleagues in the media establish standards for slanting the news, always of course in favor of the so-called “religion of peace.” And their views somehow spread to NPR and CNN. Arab terrorists and suicide bombers are not violent killers. They are victims of “occupation.” Headlines in mainstream newspapers back them up. Keep up that kind of journalism long enough, and then watch the Muslims take over and rule world media with the same kind of censorship exercised in Egypt or Iran.

Ignoring the 1800-pound camel may be political correctness, but it certainly is not economic wisdom. Nor will it ensure survival.

Now I am not an expert on economics or energy or strategy, so I appeal to those who are: let’s mobilize our country to deal with this crisis by (1) recognizing the fact that our enemies are attacking us and we are paying for it, (2) implementing fast track programs in practical alternate energy, and (3) taking some strong action against the Muslim world. Oil, too, is a weapon of mass destruction, and it is aimed squarely at us. When do we start fighting back?