



Energy Project Blueprint for Action

What can you as an individual do for the Energy Project?

The following suggestions are mostly applicable for all countries. One or two issues, such as the problem of corn-based ethanol are particular to the USA. European and Asian readers, on the other hand, do not have to overcome the ethanol tax hurdle and should develop their own strategy for pressuring their political establishments.

Steps you can take

1. Arrange a parlor meeting and invite ten of your friends
2. Distribute copies of the article before hand – if you contact me I will forward the PDF copy of the article as an attachment
3. request those present to support the Set America Free Coalition's national agenda (www.setamericafree.org) and the Apollo Alliances state and local agenda (www.apolloalliance.org)
4. Those present should commit to holding their own parlor meetings, invite 10 different people and follow the same procedure. This will add another 90 people to the circle of those informed about what can be done **right now** to work towards energy independence.
5. Each of these 90 should commit to their own parlor meeting and so on. This pyramiding can create a large constituency in a short time.
6. Endeavor to create an Internet forum that enables participants in the parlor meeting to communicate and coordinate political pressure as well as to share information and research easily deployable energy alternatives. This could be a device to form consumer cooperatives to buy energy alternatives in bulk for their own use (insulation, LEDS lighting fixtures, solar driven air conditioning etc.)
7. Initiate a letter writing campaign to congressmen and senators to remove import taxes on ethanol. The tax on imported ethanol is presently 54 cents a **gallon**. This is because of the corn lobby (since one unit of energy invested in producing ethanol from corn yields 1.3 units of energy while one unit of energy invested in producing ethanol from sugar cane yields 8-10 units of energy).
8. Research the import tax status of butanol (which can also be produced from sugar cane and is less toxic than ethanol). This may be a way to outflank the ethanol tax.
9. Engage in letter writing campaigns to state and local elected officials to pressure them to mandate the universal use of E10 or B10 fuels and to give discounts on vehicle registration for private cars with flex fuel E85 or B85 engines. Hybrid cars with flex fuel engines should get a higher discount and plug in Hybrids should get a tax holiday for the first three years they are on the road. This can reduce oil consumption for



transportation by 20% within several years and over 50% within much less than a decade.

10. Promote the concept of multi-dimensional and multi-purpose foreign aid. Contact African-American and Hispanic organizations to get their support for a free market ethanol policy. The poorest countries in the world are in central Africa and Central America and these countries are the most suitable for growing sugar cane. An ethanol/butanol energy policy would be an excellent global anti-poverty device and one of the means to close the gap between the developed and developing worlds.
11. Lobby that 50% of all foreign aid be to assist poor countries to achieve energy independence and develop an alternative energy export capability. This would be ethanol/butanol for equatorial countries and methanol or synthetic diesel for countries with coal, shale or oil sand deposits.
12. Pressure your local government to install catalytic or thermal depolymerization units capable of turning garbage and sewage into usable liquid and gas fuels.
13. Pressure State and Local governments to purchase only plug in hybrid vehicles with flex-fuel engines (capable of using E85 or B85 fuel) when renewing the government fleet.
14. Pressure your Congressmen to introduce a bill obligating the federal government to do the same.
15. Meet with elected local, state and federal representatives and tell them that your votes in upcoming elections are dependent on how they behave in these matters.
16. Learn how to tickle the tax system. Persuade local companies to buy depolymerization (or solar or geothermal) units and contribute them to local municipalities. They will get a 70% tax deductible charitable tax credit and great PR. Moreover, the savings to the municipality in garbage and sewage disposal and processing in addition to the free energy for municipal buildings and local schools might enable it to reduce property taxes on area businesses.
17. Promote and practice the concept of the multi-dimensional and multi-purpose contribution. When making donations to your church or favorite university consider contributing insulation, energy friendly windows, solar energy units etc. This will cut the yearly energy expenses of the institution over a period of decades, be good for the environment and put another nail in the coffin of petro-power. Investors have used the principle of leveraging for generations; it is time that charitable giving employs the same principle.
18. Make all political contributions contingent on the candidate endorsing the Energy Independence Manifesto.
19. Research the extent of direct and *indirect* local, state and federal taxes on domestically produced energy. Demand parity with taxes on imported oil. This may require an end of the year rebate on taxes paid by domestic energy producers.