

The Little Boy Asked – WHY? The Search for Answers.

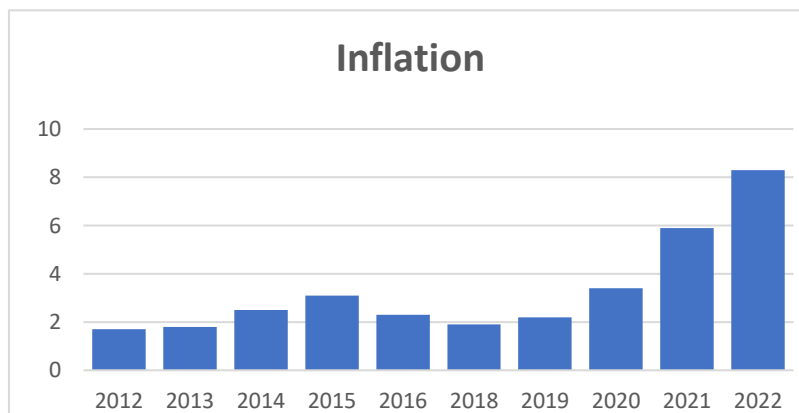
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I authored this situational book in 2016 for my grandchildren and young people everywhere. Typically, the presentation is part of a book package, but for the duration of the election system, it is available to everyone.

Much has changed two years after a contentious presidential election. My concern is not which party won; it is about the consequences for us. We must adapt to new and dangerous situations. We jumped from a period of prosperity into one defined by high inflation, obliterated national borders, and total disrespect of law enforcement while ignoring crime. 401K programs lost 25% to 35%. Labor rates failed to keep up with inflation, creating stagflation.

Pres. Biden opened the floodgate to immigrants, who compete for resources with citizens, especially those already in marginal conditions. There is zero humor in reminding ourselves that government always promises to help these citizens but never delivers. *Where do inter-city parents send their children to get the same benefits that undocumented immigrants freely receive?*



Our national debt exploded to [31.2 trillion dollars](#), partially to combat Covid, but capped off with a New Green Deal program disguised as fighting inflation. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), promoted as anti-inflation, adds a trillion dollars to the national debt and significantly to inflation. Simple math explains the effect. You cannot increase spending (debt) and expect lower inflation.

Excessive Federal spending, with high energy costs, is driving inflation. The issue is not production capability but legislative policy. As an energy company, would you invest in the face of legislation putting you out of business? Of course not. But given guarantees and opportunity, would you turn the pumps back on? You bet. Reinstating

proper incentives will potentially play a significant role in mitigating the coming energy disaster and associated inflation. Every delay hurts many people- fellow citizens, families, and friends.

	U.S. average household expenditures		U.S. average household expenditures		U.S. average household expenditures	
	Base Case		10% Colder		10% Warmer	
	(Oct-Mar total)		(Oct-Mar total)		(Oct-Mar total)	
	winter 2022-23	Change from last winter	winter 2022-23	Change from last winter	winter 2022-23	Change from last winter
Natural Gas	\$931	+28%	\$1,096	+51%	\$862	+19%
Heating Oil	\$2,354	+27%	\$2,605	+40%	\$2,139	+15%
Electricity	\$1,359	+10%	\$1,482	+20%	\$1,337	+8%
Propane	\$1,668	+5%	\$2,157	+36%	\$1,396	-12%

The escalating cost of heating fuels and gasoline are known issues. The monster in the closet is diesel fuel. We have less than a month's supply, and rationing is imminent. Almost nothing moves in America without diesel; a shortage will drive up inflation and empty store shelves. The government is doing little to solve this problem. The projection from experts about the effect is ominous.

Meaningful change to a green environment or another system requires preparation. President Biden, on day one, destroyed the energy market by implementing idealistic policies affecting supply. This action drove up costs and inflation. Pres. Biden repeated Pres. Obama's oil policies. He made our oil-rich country hostage to other producer countries like Saudi Arabia. We are asking for more oil; they are laughing at us. When Saudi Arabia refused to pump more oil, Biden nearly emptied the federal oil reserve, intended for emergencies, to buy votes, jeopardizing national security.

[Short-Term Energy Outlook - U.S. Energy Information Administration \(EIA\)](#)

Energy costs and supply ripple through society, brutally affecting industries, and many will have to cut back on production and workers, worsening the problem. Current energy policies guarantee high fuel prices and energy shortages for this winter. It has already started. Watch out.

We face critical decisions and will immediately live with our collective choices.

Our best choice is to ignore politicians and parties. Instead, vote for policies that build a productive and opportunity-based society. Right now, the most critical policy decision is energy production and supply. We are participating in a stone-cold real-life test of idealism, seriously harming people or pragmatic attention to facts and avoiding a horrible winter of discontent or worse.