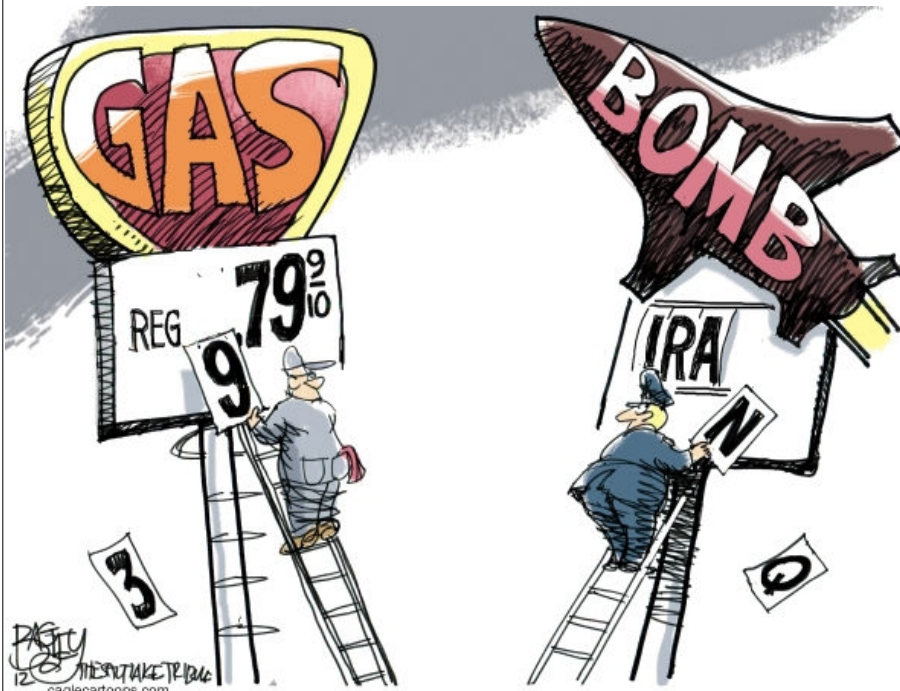


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## Causes and effects of gas prices



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### Talking points

1. Gasoline prices recently have increased rapidly. Find news reports on the reasons for the increase. What factors are controlling the prices of oil and gasoline?
2. How do high fuel prices impact the economy - and the presidential race?
3. Republicans are blaming President Obama for high prices, while Democrats are defending him. Compare quotes from both sides now and in 2008 when fuel prices peaked under President Bush.
4. What can any politician really do about fuel prices?

### Between the lines

"Do you think the president of the United States, going into reelection, wants gas prices to go up higher? Is there anybody here who thinks that makes a lot of sense?" -

President Barack Obama

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### Additional resources

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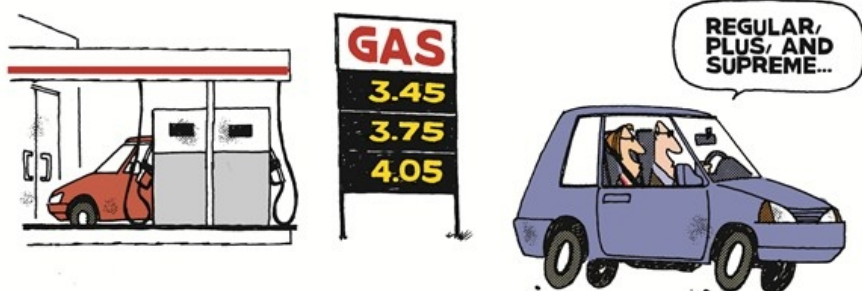
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