



An op-ed in the Bergen County Record

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Normally, an article including the words "Hubbert's Peak" and explaining the concept of peak oil and referring to Deffeyes and Simmons wouldn't be anything new for us. But [this one's](#) a little different, I think. First, it's an op-ed from the [Bergen County Record](#), a relatively small paper in Northern New Jersey. Second, it's written by William Tucker, who's an associate at the [American Enterprise Institute](#), a prominent conservative think tank. And it ends with the following paragraphs:

Will paying \$50 to fill up the tank make Americans start thinking more sensibly about alternative means of power? Will gas-electric hybrids start to look more attractive? And if people start refueling their cars on the power grid, where will we get the electricity to accommodate them?

We'd better not start blaming this all on President Bush or wailing about the perfidies of the oil companies. The time has come to start rethinking our energy future.

In the end, he's probably right—it probably doesn't help us to point fingers and allay our fears by blaming someone. Yes, we need to rethink our energy future, indeed. But I suspect that deep down inside, he does blame somebody or something, and I wish I could know what it is.

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