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As someone whose traveled to many countries, most of them holding to communist, socialist ideologies, I am absolutely opposed to mandating that car makers, dealers, and consumers be required to produce, sell it but a certain number or type of vehicle. This violates the rights of the producers, dealers, and consumers.

It is a proven fact that electric vehicles do not perform well. Exploding batteries, failed charging stations, and cold weather effecting the battery powe and life have caused thousands of people to suffer monetary loss due to losing a days wages... because if the aforementioned issues.

It is also a fact that EC are not truly "green." The equipment used to mine lithium and other things required to produce the batteries, shipping... all rely on oil and coal based industries and the main power grid. Even switching to solar and wind energy production, which have also been proven to fail in extreme weather, would not be better for the environment. Besides the lithium issues, the car itself and all its components inside would still be made from fossil fuels and produces in fossil fuels factories. EVs increase the impact on the environment.

Besides the impact on the environment, it has been proven that many lithium mines use child slave labor to perform many tasks. There is nothing good that comes from requiring more EVs.

First has reduced production if EVs due to lack of interest, and I'm sure many more companies will follow. The cost for new vehicles, and especially EVs, is outrageous.

Requiring EVs is bad for manufacturing companies, bad for the dealers, bad for the consumer, bad economically, and bad in regards to the right of citizens to choose what they produce, sell, and drive.

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