



Fox News Host Interrupts Trump's Economic Adviser

Description

Fox News host Bill Hemmer interrupted Kevin Hassett, the Director of the National Economic Council under Donald Trump, when he attempted to blame President Joe Biden for increasing gas prices. On Friday's broadcast of "America's Newsroom," Hemmer highlighted that gas prices have surged to an average of £4.09 per gallon, a rise of almost one dollar since the previous week.

Hassett referred to the current gas prices as a temporary situation and stated that the Trump administration had taken significant steps to combat inflation. This included releasing oil from the strategic reserve, a measure he noted was the second-largest of its kind on record. He then shifted blame to Biden, suggesting that the President aimed to reduce energy costs before elections.

At this point, Hemmer interjected, stating, "OK, but that was then, and this is now." He pointed out that the price of West Texas crude oil had risen dramatically from \$67 per barrel on February 27 to \$111 now. Hemmer questioned how high prices could climb before impacting the economy.

Hassett responded by expressing confidence in the current economic momentum, claiming that today's economy is much stronger than in the 1970s. He argued that Trump's energy policies have played a crucial role and insisted that these higher prices would be short-lived. The conversation ended without clear predictions on long-term gas price trends.

Vocabulary List:

1. **surged** //sɜːdʒd// (verb): rose very quickly and by a large amount
2. **strategic** //strəˈtiːdʒɪk// (adjective): planned to help achieve an important goal
3. **reserve** //rɪˈzɜːv// (noun): supply kept for use in an emergency
4. **inflation** //ɪnˈfleɪʃən// (noun): general rise in prices of goods and services
5. **crude** //kruːd// (adjective): in a natural form before processing or refining
6. **momentum** //məʊˈmentəm// (noun): strength or speed of movement or growth

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice



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1. What was the average gas price mentioned in the broadcast?
 - Option: £3.09 per gallon
 - Option: £4.09 per gallon
 - Option: £5.09 per gallon
 - Option: £2.09 per gallon

 2. Who is the Director of the National Economic Council mentioned in the broadcast?
 - Option: Bill Hemmer
 - Option: Joe Biden
 - Option: Kevin Hassett
 - Option: Donald Trump

 3. Which oil price increase was highlighted by Hemmer?
 - Option: From \$54 to \$67
 - Option: From \$67 to \$111
 - Option: From \$50 to \$70
 - Option: From \$60 to \$100

 4. What significant action did the Trump administration take regarding oil?
 - Option: Tax reductions
 - Option: Strategic reserve releases
 - Option: Increased tariffs
 - Option: Environmental policies

 5. What did Hassett claim about Trump's energy policies?
 - Option: They had no impact
 - Option: They were harmful
 - Option: They were crucial
 - Option: They were temporary

 6. What did Hemmer suggest about the impact of rising gas prices?
 - Option: They would not affect the economy
 - Option: They would help the economy
 - Option: They might impact the economy
 - Option: They were irrelevant

True-False



7. Bill Hemmer agreed with Kevin Hassett's assessment of gas prices.
8. Kevin Hassett criticized President Biden for the increase in gas prices.
9. The average gas price rose by a dollar in the previous week.
10. Hassett believes the current economic situation is weaker than in the 1970s.
11. West Texas crude oil price has increased from \$67 to \$111 since February 27.
12. Hassett thinks the increase in gas prices will be long-term.

Gap-Fill

13. Gas prices surged to an average of £4.09 per gallon, a rise of almost one dollar since the previous _____.
14. Hemmer highlighted that the price of West Texas crude oil had risen dramatically from \$67 per barrel on _____ 27.
15. Hassett stated that the Trump administration had taken significant steps to combat _____.
16. The second-largest measure of oil release was from the strategic _____ under the Trump administration.
17. Hemmer pointed out that rising prices might impact the _____ during the discussion.
18. Hassett expressed confidence in the current economic _____, claiming it is much stronger than in the 1970s.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. £4.09 per gallon 2. Kevin Hassett 3. From \$67 to \$111 4. Strategic reserve releases 5. They were crucial 6. They might impact the economy

True-False: 7. False



8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. week 14. February 15. inflation 16. reserve 17. economy 18. momentum

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