



Trump Urges US Petrol Retailers to Cut Prices Now

Description

US President Donald Trump has told petrol retailers to lower their prices right away and warned that there could be "big problems" if they do not. He made this statement on his Truth Social platform.

Trump demanded that retailers reduce their prices and said there should be no illegal price gouging. He suggested that prices should be around \$2.50 a gallon. He urged retailers to respond quickly and lower prices for Americans.

Trump focused on California, where he asked the state to reduce taxes on petrol. He stated that taxes could become higher than the product itself, which he thinks is unfair to Californians.

California Governor Gavin Newsom has often disagreed with Trump, especially concerning his support for fossil fuels. At the same time, California is working towards renewable energy and wants to have a carbon-neutral electrical grid within 20 years.

Petrol prices have increased due to the ongoing conflict between the US and Iran. In response, the Trump administration is calling for more domestic fuel production and has restarted an oil pipeline in California, which was closed after a major spill in 2015.

Additionally, Trump announced an investigation into big oil companies for not lowering petrol prices even as their costs for oil decrease. He believes customers are being unfairly charged. As the mid-term elections approach, Trump faces criticism for rising fuel costs linked to the conflict with Iran.

Vocabulary List:

1. **retailers** //ˈriːteɪlərz// (noun): stores or businesses that sell goods to people
2. **gouging** //ˈɡaʊdʒɪŋ// (noun): charging very high and unfair prices
3. **renewable** //rɪˈnuːəbəl// (adjective): made from natural sources that do not run out
4. **administration** //əd,mɪnɪ'streɪʃən// (noun): the group that manages government work
5. **pipeline** //ˈpaɪ,palaɪn// (noun): a long tube that moves oil or gas
6. **investigation** //ɪn,vɛstə'geɪʃən// (noun): a careful study to find facts or truth

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What price did Trump suggest petrol retailers should charge per gallon?
 - Option: \$2.00
 - Option: \$2.50
 - Option: \$3.00
 - Option: \$3.50

2. Which platform did Trump use to make his statement about petrol prices?
 - Option: Twitter
 - Option: Facebook
 - Option: Truth Social
 - Option: Instagram

3. What state did Trump specifically mention in regard to reducing taxes on petrol?
 - Option: Texas
 - Option: Florida
 - Option: New York
 - Option: California

4. What has been a significant cause for the increase in petrol prices, according to the text?
 - Option: Natural disasters
 - Option: The conflict between the US and Iran
 - Option: High demand
 - Option: Lack of supply

5. What did the Trump administration take action on after a major spill in 2015?
 - Option: Building new refineries
 - Option: Restarting an oil pipeline
 - Option: Increasing taxes on oil
 - Option: Banning fossil fuels

6. Who is the Governor of California mentioned in the text?
 - Option: Gavin Newsom
 - Option: Jerry Brown
 - Option: Arnold Schwarzenegger
 - Option: Kamala Harris



True-False

7. Trump warned petrol retailers about potential issues if they do not lower their prices.
8. California is aiming to have a carbon-neutral electrical grid within 10 years.
9. Trump defended the fossil fuel industry in his public statements.
10. According to Trump, petrol taxes in California are currently lower than the product itself.
11. The Trump administration has started an investigation into petrol retailers for price gouging.
12. Petrol prices in the US have been affected by international conflicts.

Gap-Fill

13. Trump demanded that retailers reduce their prices to around \$ _____ a gallon.
14. California is working towards renewable energy and aims to have a carbon-neutral grid within _____ years.
15. Petrol prices have increased due to the ongoing conflict between the US and _____.
16. Trump stated that taxes on petrol in California could become higher than the product _____ itself.
17. The Trump administration is calling for more domestic fuel _____ in response to rising petrol prices.
18. Amid criticism for rising fuel costs, Trump faces challenges as the mid-term _____ approach.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$2.50 2. Truth Social 3. California 4. The conflict between the US and Iran 5. Restarting an oil pipeline



6. Gavin Newsom

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 2.50 14. 20 15. Iran 16. it 17. production 18. elections

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