



Trump's Policies Impacting Electric Vehicle Industry Significantly

Description

General Motors has recently unveiled the 2027 Chevrolet Bolt, an all-electric subcompact car ideally suited for the current economic climate. Its affordability allows drivers to bypass gas stations amid soaring fuel prices exacerbated by the ongoing conflict in Iran.

However, interested buyers should act quickly, as the vehicle's availability may be short-lived. GM has confirmed that production of the Bolt will cease next year, with plans to repurpose its factory in Kansas City for manufacturing vehicles that use internal combustion engines.

GM asserts that its decision to limit the Bolt was made some time ago, while maintaining a commitment to other electric vehicles (EVs). This statement appears to hold some truth, yet it is evident that GM has scaled back its broader EV aspirations. The company has shelved plans to convert additional factories for EV production. Similarly, other manufacturers, including Honda, have recently announced the cancellation of several planned EV models in the United States.

The reasons for this industry-wide pullback are complex, with a significant factor being the policies enacted by former President Donald Trump. He has worked to eliminate tax incentives for EV production and purchase, alongside weakening federal and state emissions standards that favoured fuel efficiency. This multifaceted policy reversal has put additional pressure on the automotive sector.

Despite these challenges, rising gas prices have prompted an increase in consumer interest regarding electric vehicles. As the current economic situation persists, many Americans are likely to seek alternatives that manufacturers are increasingly unable to supply.

In contrast to past experiences—such as the oil crises of the 1970s—American automakers now face a similar predicament, albeit with the added challenge of diminished production capacity for vehicles that meet consumer demand for fuel efficiency.

Vocabulary List:

1. **unveiled** //ʌn'veɪld// (verb): showed something new to the public
2. **affordability** //ə,fɔːdə'bɪlɪti// (noun): how cheap something is for most people
3. **exacerbated** //ɪg'zæsəbeɪtɪd// (verb): made worse or more severe than before
4. **repurpose** //ri:'pɜːpəs// (verb): use something for a different job or purpose
5. **incentives** //ɪn'sentɪvz// (noun): payments or rewards to encourage certain actions
6. **emissions** //ɪ'mɪʃənz// (noun): gases sent into the air by vehicles



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What type of car has General Motors recently unveiled?
Option: Gasoline subcompact car
Option: Hybrid car
Option: All-electric subcompact car
Option: Diesel truck
2. Why should interested buyers act quickly regarding the 2027 Chevrolet Bolt?
Option: High demand
Option: Limited availability
Option: Government incentives
Option: Production increase
3. Where will GM repurpose its factory in Kansas City?
Option: To manufacture electric vehicles
Option: To manufacture internal combustion engines
Option: To upgrade existing infrastructure
Option: To build hybrid vehicles
4. Which former president's policies impacted the EV market according to the text?
Option: Barack Obama
Option: Joe Biden
Option: Donald Trump
Option: George W. Bush
5. What has increased consumer interest amidst rising gas prices?
Option: Gasoline cars
Option: Internal combustion engines
Option: Electric vehicles
Option: Public transportation
6. What event is compared to the current automotive industry challenges?
Option: The Great Depression



- Option: The oil crises of the 1970s
- Option: World War II
- Option: The 2008 financial crisis

True-False

- 7. The production of the Chevrolet Bolt is scheduled to continue indefinitely.
- 8. General Motors has plans to convert additional factories for electric vehicle production.
- 9. Rising gas prices have led to decreased interest in electric vehicles.
- 10. The automotive sector is facing fewer pressures due to favorable policies for EV production.
- 11. Honda has confirmed the launch of several new electric vehicle models in the United States.
- 12. GM's decision to limit the Bolt was made recently.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The 2027 Chevrolet Bolt is designed to be affordable for drivers to bypass gas stations amid soaring fuel prices exacerbated by the ongoing conflict in _____.
- 14. GM has confirmed that production of the Bolt will cease next _____.
- 15. Policies enacted by former President _____ significantly affected the EV market.
- 16. This multifaceted policy reversal has put additional pressure on the automotive _____.
- 17. Many Americans are likely to seek alternatives as the current economic situation _____.
- 18. American automakers face diminished production capacity for vehicles that meet consumer demand for _____.



fuel _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. All-electric subcompact car 2. Limited availability 3. To manufacture internal combustion engines 4. Donald Trump 5. Electric vehicles 6. The oil crises of the 1970s

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

Gap-Fill: 13. Iran 14. year 15. Donald Trump 16. sector 17. persists 18. efficiency

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is often used to describe the state of being affordable?
Option: Expensiveness
Option: Affordability
Option: Luxury
Option: Inequality
2. Which word best describes a situation that has worsened?
Option: Mitigated
Option: Exacerbated
Option: Alleviated
Option: Improved
3. What do we call the action of changing the use of something?
Option: Repurpose
Option: Waste
Option: Degrade
Option: Discard
4. What term refers to rewards offered to encourage certain behaviors?
Option: Discouragements
Option: Incentives
Option: Penalties
Option: Obstacles
5. What is released into the atmosphere as a result of combustion?
Option: Products



- Option: Donations
- Option: Emissions
- Option: Waste

6. What term describes the presence of harmful substances in something?

- Option: Purity
- Option: Contamination
- Option: Cleanup
- Option: Reduction

7. What are microscopic organisms that can be harmful or beneficial?

- Option: Bacteria
- Option: Viruses
- Option: Fungi
- Option: Parasites

8. What word describes someone or something open to harm?

- Option: Strong
- Option: Protected
- Option: Vulnerable
- Option: Resilient

9. What describes an action taken by one's own choice?

- Option: Mandatory
- Option: Coercive
- Option: Voluntary
- Option: Involuntary

10. What is the term used when products are returned due to defects?

- Option: Recall
- Option: Resale
- Option: Reissue
- Option: Retention

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ of the new software went smoothly and without issues.

12. Certain chemicals are considered _____ and require special handling.

13. The campfire did not _____ until we used dry wood.



14. All operations must _____ immediately in case of emergency.
15. The event will _____ at noon sharp, so please be on time.
16. The company is implementing _____ changes to improve productivity.
17. Sometimes you have to _____ comfort for the sake of your goals.
18. The release of the new device is highly _____ by consumers.
19. An environmental _____ was conducted before the project started.
20. She launched a new _____ to promote sustainability in the community.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The new product was unveiled during the annual conference to great fanfare.
22. The government is focusing on increasing the affordability of housing for low-income families.
23. The drought has exacerbated the already severe water shortage in the region.
24. Many old factories are being repurposed as art studios and community spaces.
25. The city offers financial incentives for businesses that reduce their carbon footprint.
26. The new regulations aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles.
27. The water supply was tested for contamination to ensure its safety for users.
28. Certain strains of bacteria can help in the breakdown of organic waste.
29. Children are among the most vulnerable populations during a health crisis.
30. Participation in the study was voluntary and participants could withdraw at any time.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Affordability 2. Exacerbated 3. Repurpose 4. Incentives 5. Emissions 6. Contamination
7. Bacteria 8. Vulnerable 9. Voluntary 10. Recall

Gap-Fill: 11. installation 12. hazardous 13. ignite 14. cease 15. commence 16. incremental 17. forego
18. anticipated



19. assessment 20. initiative

Matching sentence: 1. unveiled 2. affordability 3. exacerbated 4. repurpose 5. incentives 6. emissions
7. contamination 8. bacteria 9. vulnerable 10. voluntary

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