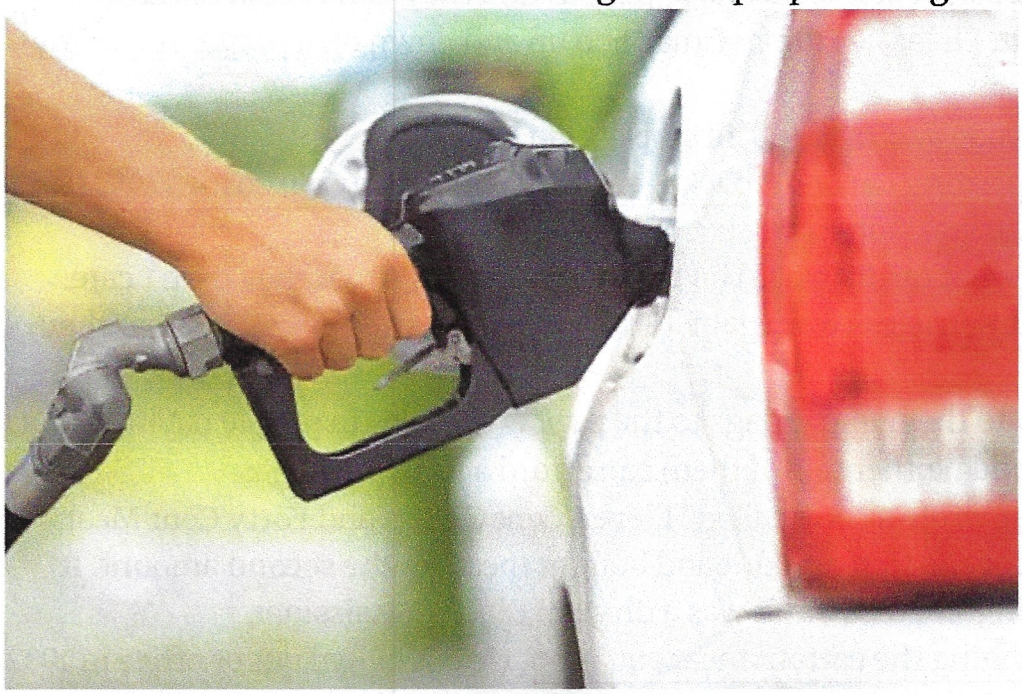
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Ideology has no chance against groceries or a tank of gas

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Most people don't get radicalized at the mosque. Most people don't get radicalized at an antifa meeting because there are no real antifa meetings. Most people don't get radicalized at a Gay Pride event.



You know where people get radicalized?

They get radicalized at the grocery store; that's where.

There's a mosque 4 miles from my house. I've never been in that mosque because I'm a Catholic. I don't know anyone who says they're antifa. I've been to one Gay Pride event because it had a taco truck.

I go to the grocery store all the time. You know where people get radicalized? They get radicalized at the gas pump; that's where. We're flying over Iran, tossing $10 million bombs out of $2 billion airplanes and you're hoping $15 worth of regular will get you to your job for the next three days. You drive a Toyota, but you're spending money on gas like you were flying a $2 billion plane to work.

I buy gas like I did in high school now. No more casual "Fill it up." Instead, I ask for $10 regular and the needle moves slower than Donald Trump getting out of a beanbag chair.

My wife grocery shops for our house. She doesn't do this because she's a tradwife, either. She does this because she's health-conscious and she reads everything on the back of the box. I can cook, but I can't cook what she eats and it's better for my blood pressure if we eat what she cooks.

She sends me to the grocery store when there's a sale at a grocery store where she doesn't usually shop. "Can you go to Stop & Shop tomorrow?" she says. "They have coffee for $7 a bag. I'm paying $10 at Market Basket."

She used to go to one store, buy everything there and it cost what it cost. Not now.

And when the price of an item goes up, it doesn't go up by a quarter, which was the norm for a long time.

Now, prices increase by a dollar in less than a week.

Ideology has no chance against groceries, and millions of Americans went out this week and voted for the Democratic Party because Republicans

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don't seem to know what $12.99 for a bag of coffee means to people, and they don't seem to care.

At $17 a pound for sliced turkey breast, I'll let Rep. Ilhan Omar bob up and down on a prayer rug in my front yard if she seems to care at all.

People say the Muslims are gonna invade and make us all stop eating bacon.

You know what's gonna make us stop eating bacon? A package with 14 slices of bacon costs $7.99.

That's about $57 a pound. That'll make you stop eating bacon.

It isn't that Republicans didn't know what tariffs would do to the economy; it's that they didn't care.

It isn't that Republicans didn't know a senseless war against Iran would raise gas prices; it's that they didn't care.

The Republican Party offers ideology to the hungry, flags to the poor and Bibles to people paying $57 a pound for bacon. Only two genders, and neither one of them can afford a full tank of gas.

In 1928, Bob Miller and Emma Dermer wrote a song called "Eleven Cent Cotton and Forty Cent Meat," about farmers who sold their cotton for the first amount and bought meat for the second amount. It sounded like a novelty song in Washington, D.C., but it was a dirge in Clack, Mississippi.

President Herbert Hoover wasn't watching the cotton=meat equation. He got blown out of office in 1932 by the known Communist Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Cotton=meat stomped hell out of the Republican Rich Persons Protective Association this week.