



Big Oil, Big Profits

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Nobody is happier about the global decline in oil production—and consequent rise in prices at the gas pump—than the Exxon Mobil Corporation. But it's close. Exxon posted a profit of \$4.68 in the third quarter, the highest in its 152-year history. The company's net income of \$19.7 billion in the third quarter was higher than its all-time high—which was achieved in the second quarter. The company's profits are currently running at around \$7 million an hour.

But Exxon executives were only a bit happier than their counterparts at Shell Oil, which announced profits of \$9.5 billion for the quarter. Chevron is not complaining; its \$11.2 billion in third-quarter profits represent its second-highest quarter ever.

Of course, these high profits have become a political issue, centered around what consumers are paying to fill their gas tanks. But Exxon and Shell executives have noted that they have little control over the global price of crude oil, and their retail gas stations in the U.S. are owned by independent operators, who set their own prices. Oil refineries in the U.S. are currently operating at maximum capacity, and Europe in particular is bidding up prices, hoping to avoid a shortage this winter.

What would help this dire situation? IMHO drilling and pumping more domestic oil and gas in the USA. Yes, we would all prefer "green" energy production like solar and wind, but they are not developed yet in terms of efficient cost and scale for green energy production. So, reality what are we left with having rouge nations like Russia, Iran and Venezuela fill the production gap OR we can drill more domestic oil wells in America.

If it is done in the USA, at least your dollars don't go to dictators. If we drill in the USA, at least we are employing American workers. If you invest in drilling production in the USA, then you get a 92% tax deduction on the dollars you invest.

Think about it, even if you don't support fossil fuels, oil is going to be produced and sold in the world. Seems better to do it safely and cleanly in the USA than buy it from 3rd world dictatorships.

If you want to know more about how to invest in clean, domestic energy production AND get a HUGE tax deduction while doing it, then please give us a call today and we can share more information.

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