

# *California's War on American Energy Impoverishes Residents and Harms National Security*

## **CALIFORNIA CONSISTENTLY HAS THE HIGHEST ENERGY PRICES IN THE COUNTRY**

- California's sky-high prices are the result of years of bad policy decisions that have hindered the state's energy production, impoverished its residents, and harmed national security.
- Californians pay the [highest gasoline prices](#) in the U.S., including the highest taxes and fees on gasoline.
- California households have some of the highest electricity prices in the U.S.—30.29 cents/kWh, compared to the 17.45-cent national average.
  - Since 2014, California's average electricity price [has increased by 96%](#).
- A [2026 U.C. Berkeley study](#) revealed California has the highest adjusted poverty rate in the nation due to the state's policies which have created an exceptionally high cost of living.

## **HIGH ENERGY PRICES IN CALIFORNIA ARE A CHOICE**

- California leaders have made policy decisions that directly raise energy costs across the state.
  - In 2026, a CBS News investigation found that [state-specific costs make up 55%](#) of every gallon of gasoline sold in California.
  - Drivers pay a "[California premium](#)," including extremely high gas taxes, fees, and green new scam surcharges. Californians pay the highest taxes and fees on motor gasoline in the country at [70.9 cents per gallon](#)—over twice the national average.
  - California also requires a special fuel blend, produced in limited refineries, which further inflates prices.
- California's anti-energy restrictions have forced refineries to close and leave the state.
  - The number of operating refineries has [dropped from 23 in 2000 to just 12 today and 11 by May 2026](#).
  - Two refineries responsible for nearly 20% of the state's gasoline supply have shutdown or are about to [after the state imposed new restrictions on refineries](#). For instance, Phillips 66 [announced](#) its closure last year, and Valero's Oil refinery in Benicia announced it will be closing its doors by the end of this April.
- A January 2025 report from the [California Legislative Analyst's Office](#) shows California's aggressive climate policies have driven rapid residential electricity rate increases.
- Across the nation, states with anti-American energy policies have [50 percent higher electricity prices](#) on average.

## **CALIFORNIA DEPENDS ON FOREIGN OIL, UNLIKE MOST OF AMERICA**

- California's foreign oil imports [tripled](#) in the last 20 years, unlike most states which have decreased.
  - California was once one of America's top oil producers, accounting for [40% of U.S. oil output](#), today it produces less than [two percent](#).
  - [60% of California's crude supplied to refineries](#) is imported from foreign countries, which puts U.S. national security at risk.

## **THANKS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP, CALIFORNIA IS PRODUCING MORE OIL AGAIN**

- President Trump is reducing California's dependence on foreign oil, after state policies left Californian residents and more than 30 U.S. military installations vulnerable.
- On March 13, U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright [directed](#) Sable Offshore Corp. to restore operations of the Santa Ynez Unit and Santa Ynez Pipeline System to address supply disruption risks.
- Sable Offshore is already pumping large amounts of oil to Chevron from Santa Barbara. The pipeline was successfully filled from Las Flores Canyon to Pentland Station at a rate exceeding [50,00 barrels per day](#)—marking a [15 percent increase](#) in California's in-state oil production which will replace almost 1.5 million barrels of foreign crude oil each month.