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Speaking from experience, I own an electric car. I purchased the Leaf in 2011 for \$38,000. I did get some form of rebate, but depending on your household income you don't necessarily get the full credit. I do love my electric car. I enjoy not spending money on gasoline, especially now that it is over \$5.00/gallon (thanks Joke Biden). But I do also have a Prius because of the range of my Leaf. Since it is 10 years old my battery has worn down as expected. To replace it would be at least \$5,000. And what range would I get? Maybe 100 miles. And if you don't know this fact, the 100 range is an estimate. It depends on how you drive. Up a hill you lose range, down a hill it picks up. So it is misleading to assume that the newer cars will get 200-300 miles of range. These cars are simply not affordable at this time and I doubt they ever will be. We also don't have the infrastructure and putting all your eggs in one basket is not advisable.

We have the technology to make gasoline cars get 500 miles a gallon. Read the book "The Ecology of Commerce". Consumers should have options to fit their lifestyle. Make gas cars more efficient. And unfortunately you will put so many people out of business that work in the "oil" industry, that you will create a depression.