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**We don't know what condition this country will be in in 40-200 years.** We could be like Russia. If things continue as they are and China and India emerge as superpowers we may be unable to keep up with repairs, waste, and even routine maintenance on nuclear reactors. **Why take any risk or make any assumptions when there are so many green options for reducing energy consumption.** Americans have become energy hogs. We need to take responsibility and not throw everything onto future generations to deal with. We can turn down thermostats in summer, and turn them up in winter. Give men the ok not to wear suits and ties in the summer so energy use can be minimized--most women have to throw sweaters over their outfits to compensate. If every company turned the thermostat down 3 degrees most women would be perfectly comfortable and most men could be if they ditched the suit. I can't even calculate how much energy consumption this would save. Probably a number of nuclear reactors worth!

At least a quarter of the country is in the Sunbelt. Once upon a time we gave tax incentives to folks who installed solar panels. It is absurd that we would rather spend **billions** on new nuclear generators than give away **thousands** on tax incentives to common folks!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Pay them enough and they will install!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The **only real argument** against this is from companies like Duke and Progress energy who would **rather have our tax dollars for their nuclear power plants, so they can charge us more money.**

Support green technology. It may be different in every area: geothermal one place, solar another, windmills, or a combination. Short run costs=long term savings and safety. **Instead of having taxpayers fund billions for unsafe technology give them direct incentives to use all of the thousands of safe alternatives that are readily available.**

Also, quit caving in to Detroit and support with hybrid and alternative automobile technology. Just stop making gas guzzling cars. These few things would make a huge impact on our requirements for energy. **Let's start simple. Let's keep politics out of it.** Big business is using this crisis as a ticket for making money. Let's look the what is good for the United states over the next 200 years come whatever economic situation may come.

**Please act responsibly and don't cave in into the big energy companies.**

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