



Blood... DRIVE!

The price for a gallon of gas in North Carolina is over \$2. That may not sound too bad to you, but consider the fact that when your granny was your age, she was only shelling out a nickel for every gallon of gas she pumped.

Action must be taken immediately, and I have a solution that will help everyone from Prius- owners to Hummer-drivers. With the help of my strategies, everyone cringing at the pump will be able to keep enough cash in their pockets to afford the bare necessities like food, shelter, and a Netflix account.

My strategy is simple- instead of charging \$50 every time people pull up to the pump, gas companies can provide IV equipment so that drivers can transfer the blood from their veins into donation tanks. This blood can then be sold by gas companies to medical corporations and hospitals across the country. Gas companies will be saved from the hassle of dealing with the hateful credit card companies, and the payment process will be much less painful than the current system.

Drivers who feel faint from loss of blood will more than likely go inside the gas station to buy drinks and snacks, which will further profit the companies. Drivers will not mind spending their loose change on these concessions because they will be so happy they didn't spend half their paycheck at the pump. With a plan this simple and profitable, how can gas companies refuse? They need to simply install blood donation tanks beside the gas pumps, provide disposable IV equipment for their customers, and wait inside their stations for drivers to buy the coffee and snacks they can now afford.

Paper or plastic? IV needle, please! People may argue that this new system is unhealthy, but I would ask those people- what about the studies showing that debt is the leading cause of depression? Do you really think going for broke at the gas pump isn't a major cause of depression here in these 50 states? So I ask you-how healthy is waking up broke everyday, wishing the world would just stop spinning? Instead, just let your head spin for a few seconds after transferring a small amount of blood from your veins to the local BP. Trust me- losing a little red blood is a lot less painful than dropping a load of green.