

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. When gas prices were high this summer, did your family members change their behavior to spend less money? Have things changed since the price of gas dropped?

2. Do you think alternative fuels are something the government should spend taxpayer money? What are the pros and cons of spending money to develop alternative fuels?

3. What do you think the presidential candidates should do about their promises to fund alternative fuels? Should they pledge to spend less, or borrow money in order to carry out their original plans? Why?

4. Name an energy source that you think we will use more of in the future. What are some of the benefits and risks of that type of energy?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.