



Ban Banning Gas Stoves

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Not long ago, you would've been labeled a conspiracy theorist if you suggested that a government report about how terribly unhealthy gas stoves are and how they ought to be banned meant that plans were in the works to ban gas stoves.

"No, the government's not taking your stove," CNET [said](#) in January 2024.

What were we all worried about?

Tightening regulations, that's what.

Absent a Trump administration, we would have witnessed a long series of ever-stricter regulations—always ratcheting up—to save us from the horrors of gas stoves.

Though we have been reprieved from many anti-energy Biden administration initiatives, a gas-stove ban may yet be coming to a state near you.

Do you live in New York State? Well, your anti-gas-stove politicians want to ban installation of new gas connections. You need a connection to the gas to get the gas into the stove.

It's being [litigated](#) right now. An Empire State regulation forbidding new gas infrastructure will take effect next January unless a court challenge succeeds. Even though it's all just a conspiracy theory....

Judge Glenn Suddaby is giving plaintiffs, who argue that the impending regulation imposes arbitrary hardships, time to submit new arguments. Then, if he's not persuaded, he'll dismiss their challenge.

Unfortunately, the facts being promoted in New York State aren't enough by themselves to motivate this judge to make a rational ruling.

No, government isn't going to take your stove. But politicians and activists do seek to force you to give up your stove in the future. For want of fuel. Or because they've added sin taxes on the fuel or the stoves. Or both.

Or something else.

That's how the progressive regulatory agenda works.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.