



Progress Regardless

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There's an easy way to know when people want various products and services: they pay for them using their money. It's true! We have markets, and people buy and sell on these markets, even often risky investments as sellers and spending their own money as buyers.

Goods aren't always procured this way. But market exchanges are common in any country containing even much-hampered markets.

One feels a need to remind the world of such truths whenever one, for example, peruses *The New York Times*.

According to a recent *Times* [article](#) on how "E.V. Road

Trips Went From Impossible to Easy," this transition to ease happened even despite alleged Trumpian hostility to electric vehicles!

Huh? Yawp! "E.V. fast-charging stations in the United States have soared in number from around 1,000 a decade ago to 12,000 today. . . . And *despite the Trump administration's hostility toward electric vehicles*, and its attempts to end federal funding for public chargers, new stations are still going up — around 2,000 so far this year." [emphasis added]

The correct wording is "despite [reversal](#) of federal hostility to gas-powered vehicles."

Those fast-charging stations may be going up for a variety of private and public reasons. But no industry that emerges to meet persistent consumer demand requires any impetus to succeed beyond the desire and ability of capable producers to earn profits by satisfying that demand.

In the early days of automobiles, gas stations didn't spring up by government edict or subsidy.

Let consumers decide which mode of transportation, gas, electric, hybrid, if any, will triumph.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.