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Gas Hole

Roberts, Scott D., and Jeremy Wagener. *Gas Hole.* Burbank: Cinema Libre Studio, 2011. 16 mm, 100 min. https://youtu.be/joobOHZnxok.

> What caused America to go from being a leading exporter of oil to the world's largest importer? What are the economic and sociological forces that have contributed to that change and impede its solution? *Gas Hole* is an eye-opening documentary about the history of oil prices and sheds light on a secret that the big oil companies do not want you to know—that there are viable and affordable alternatives to petroleum fuel. It also provides a detailed examination of our continued dependence on foreign oil and examines various potential solutions—starting with claims of buried technology that dramatically improves gas mileage, to navigating bureaucratic governmental roadblocks, to evaluating different alternative fuels that are technologically available now, to questioning the American consumer's reluctance to embrace alternatives. Narrated by Peter Gallagher, it features a wide range of opinions from representatives of the US Department of Energy, Democrat and Republican Congressional leaders, alternative fuel producers and consumers, academics, and more. (Source: Official Film Website)

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Further readings:

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