

# Chart: Two Presidents and Oil (with answers)

PRESIDENT	SPEECH DATE	CAUSE OF CRISIS	PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS	RESOLUTION OF CRISIS
Richard M. Nixon	November 25, 1973	Cutoff of oil from Middle East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•As of Nov. 7: Reductions in home heating, reductions in driving speeds, elimination of unnecessary lighting.</li> <li>•To Congress: Alaska Pipeline, Congress Fuel Allocation Bill, Authority Bill</li> <li>•Appointed Energy Emergency Action Group</li> <li>•Adjust amount of fuel produced for consumption, diverting from gasoline to heating oil</li> <li>•Gas stations close between 9:00 p.m. Saturday and midnight Sunday</li> <li>•Maximum speed limit of 50 miles per hour (buses and heavy duty trucks 55 mph)</li> <li>•Reduce amount of fuel for airliners and have shorter flight schedules</li> <li>•Reduce ornamental outdoor lighting for homes and commercial lighting (except that which identifies places of business)</li> <li>•Lower thermostats to 68 degrees</li> </ul>	
Jimmy Carter	July 15, 1979	Crisis of Confidence  Energy Shortage  Dependence on OPEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Will never use more foreign oil than in 1977—curb dependency</li> <li>•Impose import quotas</li> <li>•Develop alternative sources of fuel</li> <li>•Creation of an energy security corporation with energy bonds available</li> <li>•First solar bank</li> <li>•Utility companies cut oil use by 50% and switch to other fuels, especially coal</li> <li>•Propose energy mobilization board to cut through red tape</li> <li>•Conservation program to incorporate conservation into homes</li> <li>•\$10B to strengthen public transportation systems</li> <li>•Take no unnecessary trips, use car pools or public transportation, park cars one extra day a week, obey speed limit, set thermostats to conserve</li> <li>•Increase aid to needy Americans</li> </ul>	