

It is claimed by defenders of the Democrat depletion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) that the reserve doesn't exist for purposes of national military security, but is, rather, just there to help with consumer price shocks at the gas pump. This assertion is belied by the facts.

The SPR was first proposed in 1944, during World War II and while the US was engaged in a brutal conflict with the Empire of Japan-- an empire that the US had been strangling with an oil embargo until desperation forced Japan into an attack on the US naval base at Pearl Harbor (thus giving the US it's much desired excuse for declaring war).

The SPR was again proposed in 1952 during the Korean War; in 1956 during the Suez Crisis, and then again in 1970 during the Vietnam War before finally being established in 1973. See <https://www.energy.gov/ceser/spr-origins>.

Further, the SPR only holds enough oil for about six weeks of US domestic consumption. This is hardly a meaningful protection of everyone's ability to drive to work in the face of a crisis, but it is enough to fuel the military machine for a meaningful period.

Some might still say that all this is coincidental. You can decide for yourself, but I don't think so.