

Should Canada Ban Fossil Fueled Automobiles?

Discussion Prompt

Canada should ban the sale and manufacturing of fossil fueled automobiles.

General Background

Due to the greenhouse gas emissions they emit, fossil fueled automobiles are bad for the environment and human health. Given this, some argue that Canada should ban the sale and manufacturing of new fossil fueled automobiles. Others object, citing concerns about adequate infrastructure, the automobile industry, and the production of electric vehicles themselves.

In 2023, the Trudeau government rolled out a policy to phase out fossil fueled automobiles entirely by 2035, in an effort to meet Canada's net-zero emissions goal by 2050. In February 2026, amidst concerns about rising tariffs and jobs in the automotive industry, Prime Minister Mark Carney introduced a new policy that got rid of the Trudeau-era policy to end the sale of all fossil fueled automobiles entirely by 2035. Instead, the Carney government has promised to give Canadians rebates for purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles. This shift in policy comes as the automobile industry in Canada was hit hard by tariffs from the United States. Instead of banning sales entirely, the idea is to incentivize the Canadian market to shift towards the manufacturing and sales of Electric Vehicles without harming the Canadian automobile industry too much.

For More Information:

- [Goodbye EV sales mandate, hello purchase rebates. Carney shakes up Canada's auto industry](#) | CBC
- [Ban on gas car sales walked back by EU](#) | CBC
- [Market Snapshot: How much CO₂ do electric vehicles, hybrids and gasoline vehicles emit?](#) | Government of Canada