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## **QuickPoint! – Small Steps Toward the Stone Age: Biden’s Gas Stove Ban**

**By Eric Fruits, Ph.D.**

My, how time flies. Just last month, I warned you that Multnomah County was coming for your gas stove. Now the Biden Administration is looking at a nationwide [ban](#) on gas stoves.

They claim it’s a consumer safety measure because gas stoves cause indoor air pollution. This is even though the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood, a comprehensive global study, [found](#) “no evidence of an association between the use of gas as a cooking fuel and either asthma symptoms or asthma diagnosis.”

This is all part of the left’s “electrify everything” program. Under their forced-electrification scheme, millions of Americans will have to replace their vehicles, stoves, furnaces, and water heaters with electric versions.

With no alternatives, the local electricity monopolies will be the only power providers. Toothless public utilities commissions will rubber-stamp every price hike, and Americans will be powerless to do anything about it.

Even worse, what happens when the electrical grid inevitably fails? Today, people with gas furnaces know they’ll still stay warm, and people with gas stoves know they’ll still be able to cook. But, when everything is electrified, everything goes down when the power fails.

When I was a kid, they told me nuclear war would bomb us back to the stone age. They never told me the journey back to the stone age would be many tiny steps that begin with banning gas stoves.

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