



Chavez to the Rescue

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Whatever you think about Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, you have to admit that the guy is a pretty central figure in Western Hemisphere's oil politics. [Hugo](#) is in town this week for the United Nations General Assembly. Last night on nightline, he directly accused the US of having plans to invade his country - a plan called Balboa (as in Rocky I guess)

In-between making fiery speeches condemning the US and saying the UN should move its HQ to the 3rd World, Hugo has made a few stops in poor NYC neighborhoods in Harlem and The Bronx. And he's bearing gifts: He has offered to [sell](#) deeply discounted Citco gasoline and heating oil to community organizations, schools, churches, and low income residents in several poor communities in the US.

That might make him more popular in those communities, but I doubt it will change Pat Robertson's mind that he should be assassinated.

also of note was this quote from the NY Daily News:

Echoing his favorite American writer, radical linguist Noam Chomsky, Chavez warned that "Americans must reorder their style of life" because "this planet cannot sustain" our "irrational" consumption, especially when it comes to oil.

On his drive from Kennedy Airport to Manhattan this week, Chavez noted, "Out of every 100 cars I saw on the road, 99 had only one person in the car.

"These people were using up fuel," he said. "They were polluting the environment. This planet cannot sustain that mode of life."



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