



BP's Deepwater Oil Spill - Bill Clinton's Views - and Open Thread

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Bill Clinton talked for a few minutes this week about his views about the oil spill.

Let me give you my impression of what Bill says. Listen to the 7 minute tape to get the exact words.

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Clinton says that with respect to the leak, the most important issues are, in order:

1. Fix the leak
2. Keep oil away from the shore
3. Minimize the damage from the oil
4. Determine who is at fault, and hold them accountable

Clinton mentions the possibility of blowing up the well--but not with nuclear bombs, and not as our first option. His view is that about all the military could do would be to blow up the well--not that this would be the best choice. There would likely be ecosystem damages and other unknown effects. Since this is the military's only option, he thinks the best option would be to calm down and work with the engineers and others at BP who are doing their best to fix the situation. Even if some people in charge may have done some things wrong, that doesn't mean the people working there now aren't good people.

He feels the question of President Obama's empathy (or lack thereof) has received too great attention. Each president has to be whoever they really are. President Obama's style is different, but it doesn't mean he is not empathetic.



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