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Strategic Crude Oil Reserve: Supply Security

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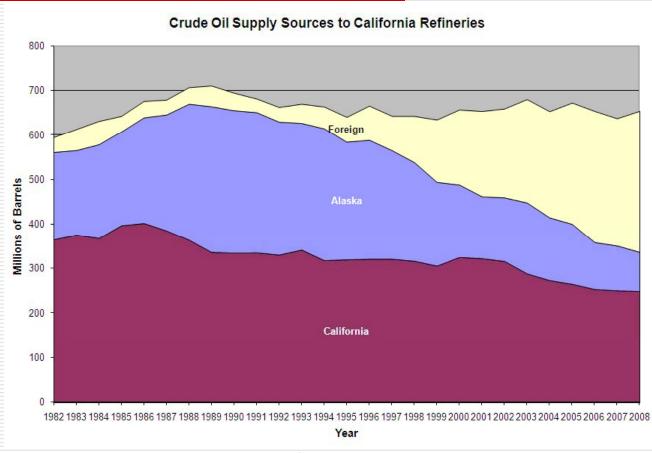
Executive Summary



- Los Angeles and western states: escalating vulnerability to attacks on key oil imports
- Incentive for attack increases with ROI
- US withdrawal from Iraq heightens need for resilience to disruption of imported Iraqi oil
- SPR-West to provide surge capacity



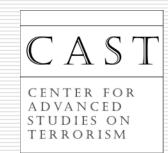




1986-2008, Domestic Production Declines: CA: -38%; AK, -63%

Source: CEC

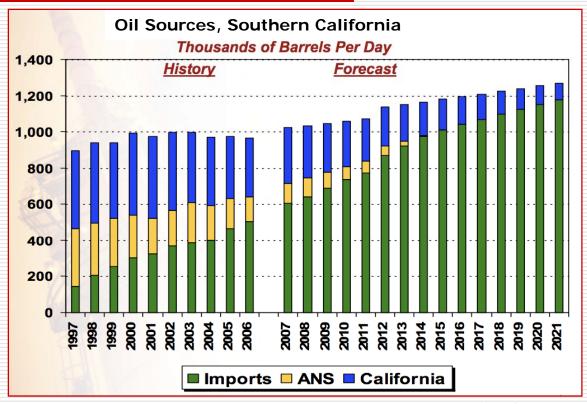
Petroleum: LA's Vulnerability



- Systemic demand of a megacity
 - Greater Los Angeles: 5 counties, 18MM pop., 34,000 sq. mi.
 - Transportation: Workers, products and students
 - Security: Public safety, public health and sanitation
 - Infrastructure: Asphalt, concrete and machine operations
- Regional economic impact beyond commuting
 - \$800B Gross Product, 6% of US GDP
 - Ports/shipping
 - Airports/tourism
 - Consumer spending
- Refineries also serve southwestern US
 - Las Vegas, San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson
 - About 25 million Americans over 8% of the US population



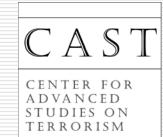


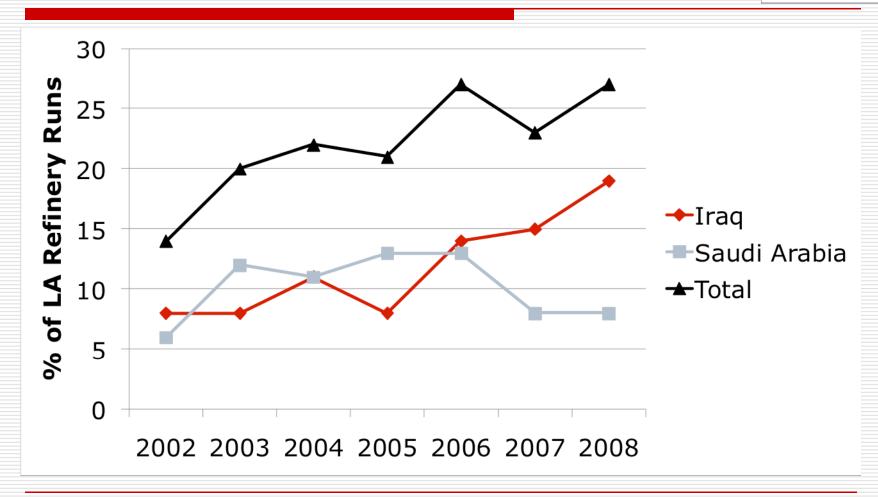


LA Refineries: Now Importing Majority of Crude

- 2006: 56% of LA refinery runs
- 2015: 0% from Alaska
- 2021: 90% of LA refinery runs

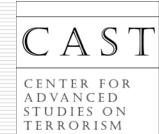
Iraqi Oil: LA's Growing Reliance

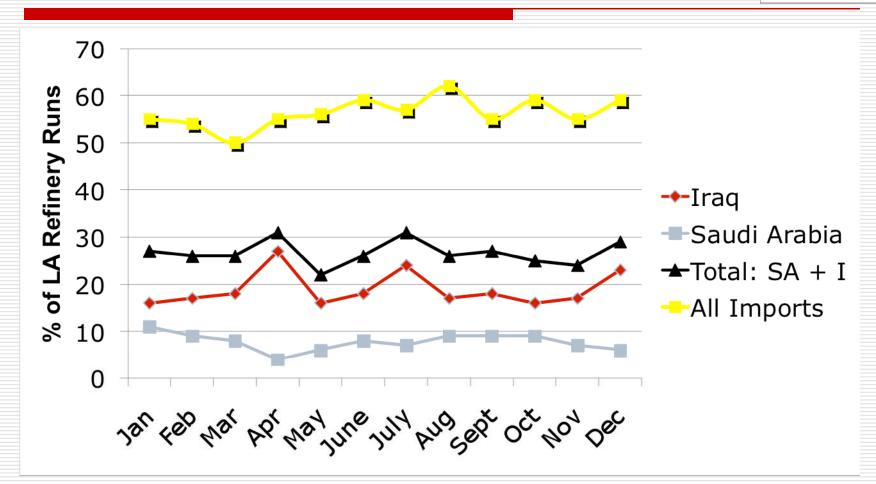




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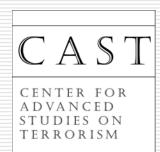
2008 Recession: LA Oil Imports Unabated





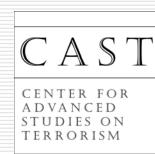
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Petro-Terror: Disrupting Oil Supplies



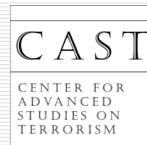
- AQ Petro-Attacks
 - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Yemen
 - Repeated attacks on targets
- 4GW: User-Friendly Knowledge Networks
 - Open Source: Share, Adapt, Use, Improve & Re-Share
 - Global development and dissemination of best practices
 - Beyond AQ: Shi'ite (militias), Leftist (FARC), Tribal (MEND)
- More Attacks Anticipated

Petro-Terrorists: Assumptions about Al-Qaeda

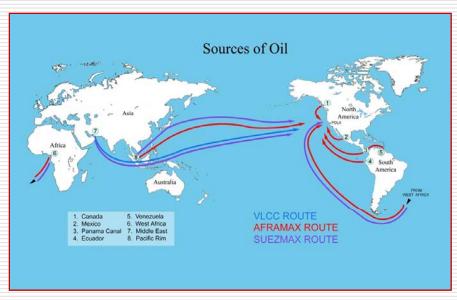


- Goal: Drive infidels, apostates, "impure" from (Islamic) world, establish Caliphate
- Strategy: "Bleed Until Bankruptcy"
 - Inflict unbearable costs on US economy
 - Erode US public support for funding war
 - Stimulate regional withdrawal
- □ Tactics: 4th Generation Warfare
 - Asymmetric
 - Net-centric
 - Polis-targeted (Terror, IO, Economic, etc.)
 - Use of networks to strike from a distance

Using the Network: LA's Global Supply Chain

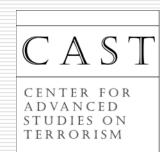


- Infrastructure
 - Iraq & Saudi Arabia
- **Tankers**
 - In/Near Port
 - Straits of Hormuz, Malacca
- **Benefits to Jihadists** п
 - Return on Investment (ROI): Cheaper, but same \$\$\$ impact as US attack
 - Logistics: Easier to plan, execute and repeat
 - PR: noticed by both local and US media, public, government



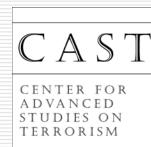
Global Flows of Crude Oil into LA Region





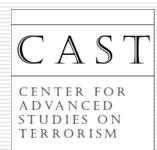
- AQ are rational actors
 - Use ROI in target evaluation (implicitly/explicitly)
 - Higher ROI increases incentive for AQ to attack
- ROI from an attack on oil infrastructure increases with rising market price of oil
 - Higher oil price increases incentive for AQ to attack
 - May be less incentive to attack today at \$50/bbl than at \$147/bbl
- Withdrawal of US forces + higher oil prices
 - Potential: lower cost to attack + increase in benefit = higher ROI
 - Many regional actors using similar tactical evaluation
 - □ AQ, Other Sunni Groups, Shiites, Kurds
 - ✓ May increase threat of disruption of Iraqi oil exports.

Resilience to Supply Chain Disruptions



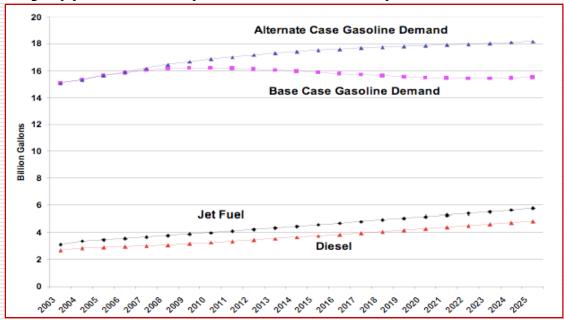
- Resilience in Emergency Management context
 - "The ability to dynamically mitigate and dampen system shocks."1
 - "...reducing...vulnerability to high-impact/low-probability disruptions...[by] building in capabilities for bouncing back quickly."2
- LA Example: Earthquake Preparedness
 - Distributed Mitigation: Earthquake-proofing, kits, CERT
 - Policy: Building codes, unified command, training
 - Public-Private Initiatives: Infrastructure, capital infusion
 - Surge Capacity: MOUs with other municipalities
 - Leadership: Vision + Action (Riordan: 1994, Northridge)





- Public Policy: HOV lanes, transit oriented development, alternative fuel fleets, etc.
- Citizen Action: Ridesharing, public transportation, telecommuting, etc.
- But California Energy Commission staff:

"Reducing the rate of demand growth for traditional transportation fuels...will not have any appreciable impact on crude oil imports."



CEC Model Base Case: AB 1493 compliance with GHG reductions for motor vehicles

SPR-West: Local Surge Capacity

