

## WVUE Fox 8: How the Middle East conflict is affecting oil prices

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[Eric Smith](#), professor of practice in finance and associate director of the [Tulane Energy Institute](#), was interviewed by [WVUE Fox 8](#) for a story about how the conflict in the Middle East is impacting gas prices.

“It sounds a little inconstant, but the [Trump] administration likes low oil prices in the U.S. because that means low gasoline prices and low gasoline prices mean votes,” Smith said.

To see the story in its entirety, visit [fox8live.com](https://www.fox8live.com):

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