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The truth is nowhere near as exciting as the sensationalization of this "issue" by those who have much to lose if Al Gore's advocacy for responsible energy usage is successful.

The claims are exaggerated in the first instance and misleading when all facts are considered. As this more balanced consideration shows (<http://www.snopes.com/politics/business/gorehome.asp>), the Gore household is not a mere residence, but also serves as an office for both Al and Tipper and a goodly portion of their energy comes from more expensive and renewable sources.

But, importantly, the Gore household is not a typical household. I would suspect that for a family of his stature both in notoriety and economic means, he shows as much if not more concern for the environment than his true peers.

All of that aside, however, as Maurice duly notes, what is important is whether there is truth to his message, not whether his contribution to the problem of consumption is greater than yours or mine.

It may be honorably maintained that the goal of an environmentally responsible, yet technologically advancing society, is to produce more and more energy to make life more convenient and enjoyable while causing less and less harm to the planet. There simply is no necessary hypocrisy in consuming large amounts of energy and advocating for a shift away from forms of energy production that are harmful to the environment and non-renewable.