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Trump is “not even a little bit” concerned about the average American’s finances as Gas prices, food prices, and inflation are all rising with the Iran war.

Details. Since the outbreak of the Iran war in 2026, commodity prices have risen sharply. Oil prices have [increased](#) by more than 40%, while food prices have also [risen](#) significantly. For example, tomato prices are up about 40%, ground beef prices have risen by 19%, and coffee prices have increased by 29%.

► The OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) [projects](#) US inflation will reach 4.2% in 2026, up sharply from its pre-war forecast of about 2.8%, [citing](#) the Iran war's impact on energy prices, fertilizer costs, and supply-chain disruptions.

► In an interview on the White House South Lawn, on the question if the financial situation of the Americans motivated Trump to deal with Iran, he [replied](#), “I don’t think about Americans’ financial situation,” and said that he is focused solely on preventing Iran from “having a nuclear weapon.”

Context. Before taking office, Trump campaigned with an “America First” message focused on reducing the cost of living. He repeatedly [promised](#) to “slash your energy prices in half within 12 months”. He also [told](#) voters, “When I win, I will immediately bring prices down, starting on Day One”.

► Since the war in Iran began, working-class Americans have faced soaring costs for gasoline, groceries, and other essentials, while Wall Street has largely [prospered](#). The S&P; 500 has [risen](#) for nine consecutive weeks, oil companies have [benefited](#) from higher energy prices, defence contractors have [profited](#) from increased military spending, and fertiliser producers have [gained](#) from sharp commodity price rises.