

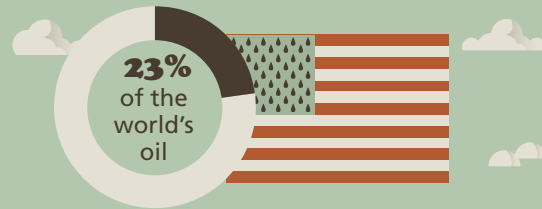
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A SNAPSHOT OF THE HIDDEN OIL IN OUR LIVES

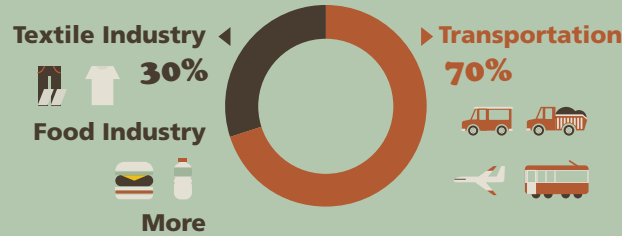
2010's Deepwater Horizon oil spill shed light on a deeply complex industry in the United States: **oil**. To better understand ways to curb America's oil dependency, we look below the surface of the Gulf of Mexico and discover the hidden oil in our everyday lives.

HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT: OIL IN OUR LIVES

The United States uses more than 765 million gallons of oil every day—nearly 23% of the world's oil.



Where does all this oil go?



Everyday Hidden Oil

Next time you reach for one of these common items, think about how much oil was used to get it into your hands.



WHAT LIES BENEATH: OIL IN THE GULF

40% of our nation's oil processing plants and nearly 4,000 oil and gas platforms are located in the Gulf of Mexico.

The United States fills **1/4** of its crude oil tanks with oil found beneath the waves of the Gulf of Mexico.

This offshore industry employs more than **55,000** Americans.



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