Way to go Premier Danny Williams. Boy, you tapped into a major find there with that off-shore oil field. I read that it contains between 400 and 700 million barrels. Let's put this situation into perspective.

Starting in 2017 and for about 25 years, your province will be pumping out about 700 million barrels of oil in total. That's enough oil to last the entire population of the planet for about 9 days if we use 2005 figures put out by the CIA . (And why would they lie?) By 2017, it might be enough for a whole week worth of oil.

For $20 billion and no more than 9 days of oil, you are willing to change Newfoundland and Labrador from beautiful Newfoundland to oil spill (See photos below.)

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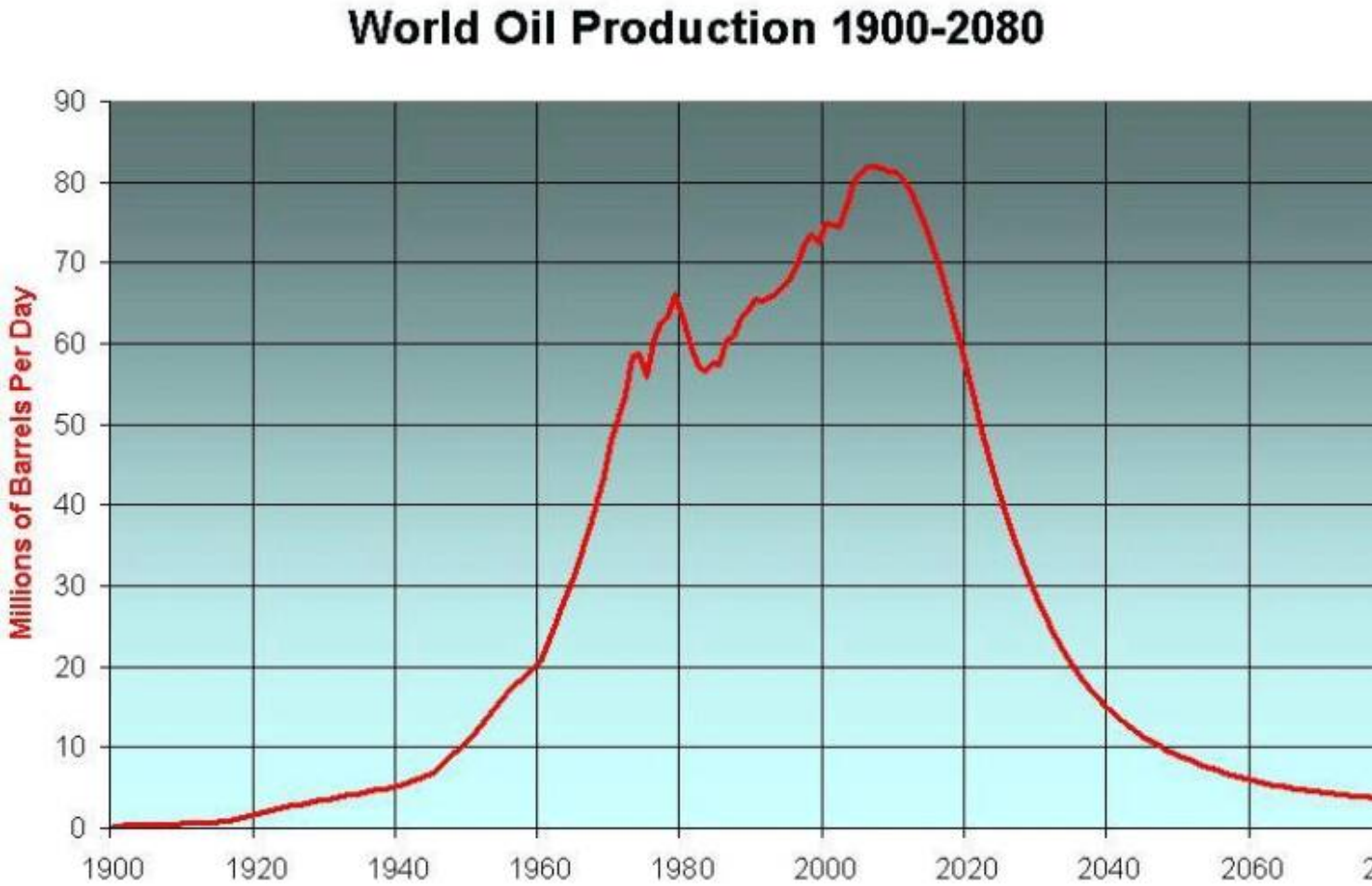
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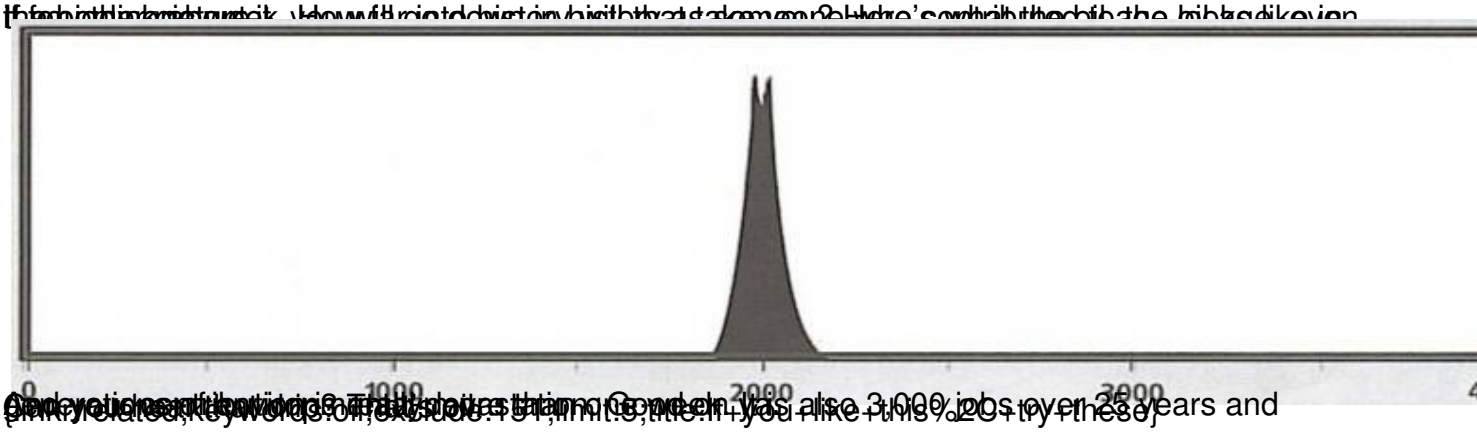
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