

Fuel Subsidies in Trinidad & Tobago

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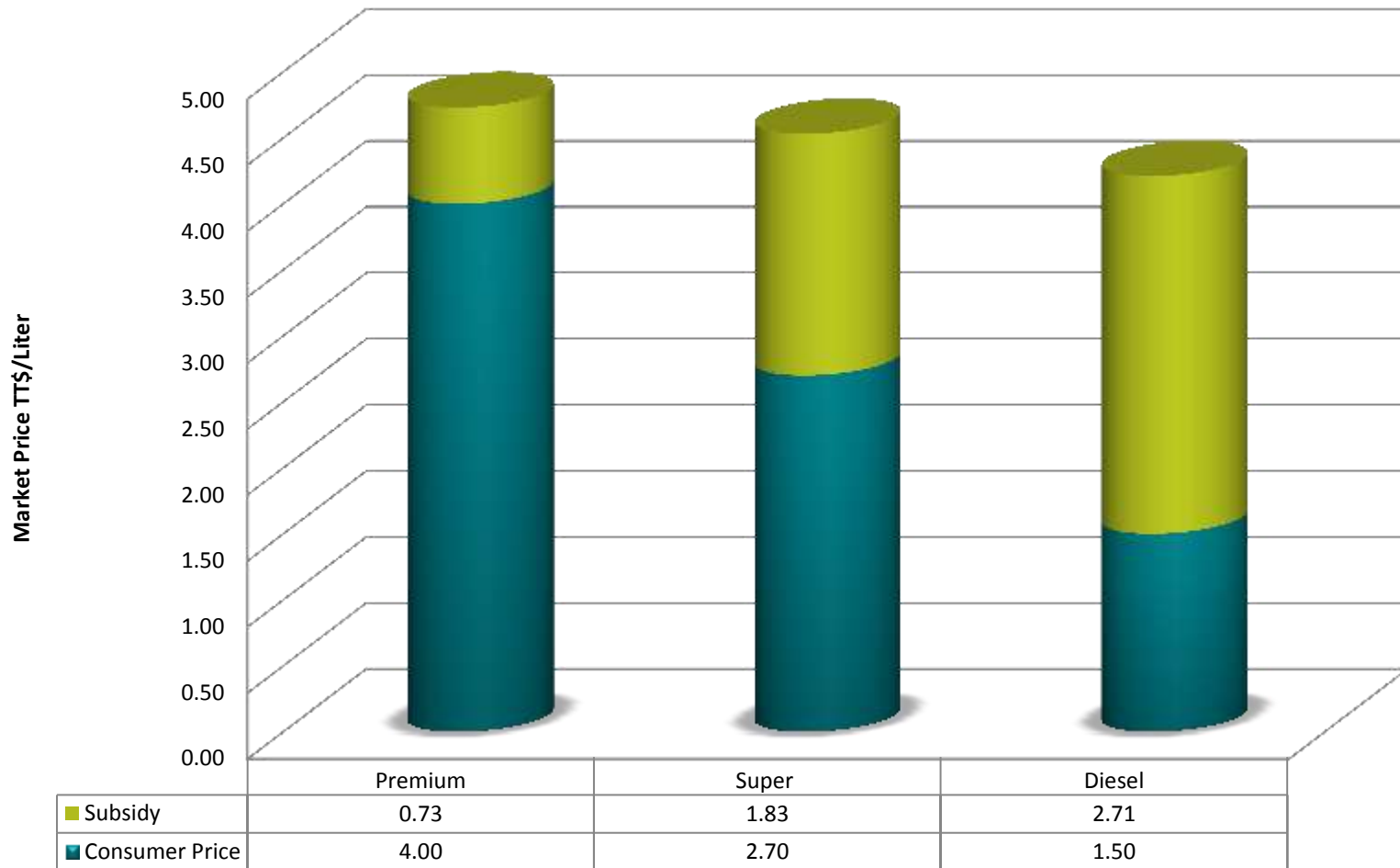
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Key questions

- What is the problem with the subsidy?
- Who benefits?
- How can the subsidy be removed?

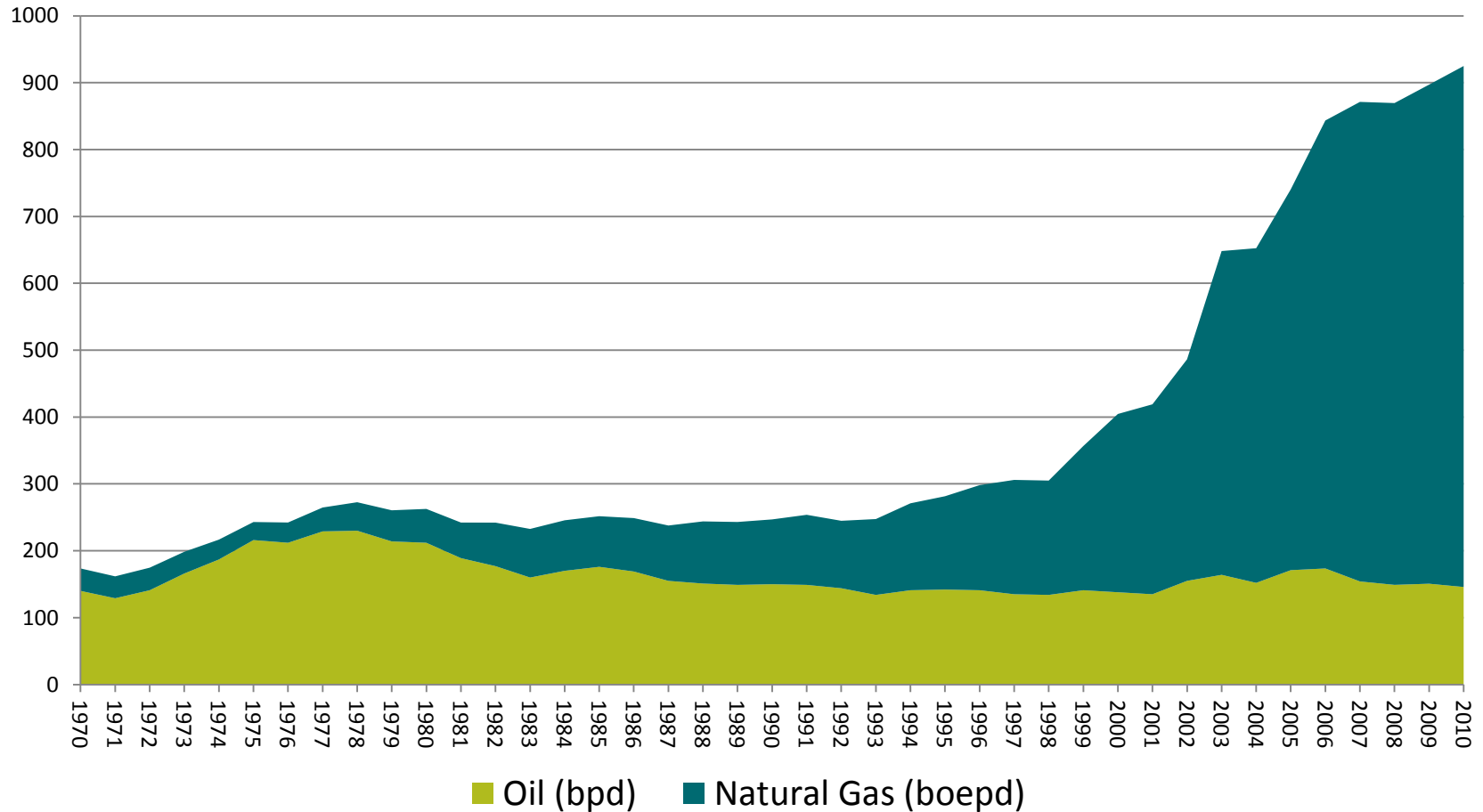
Subsidy rates for different fuels



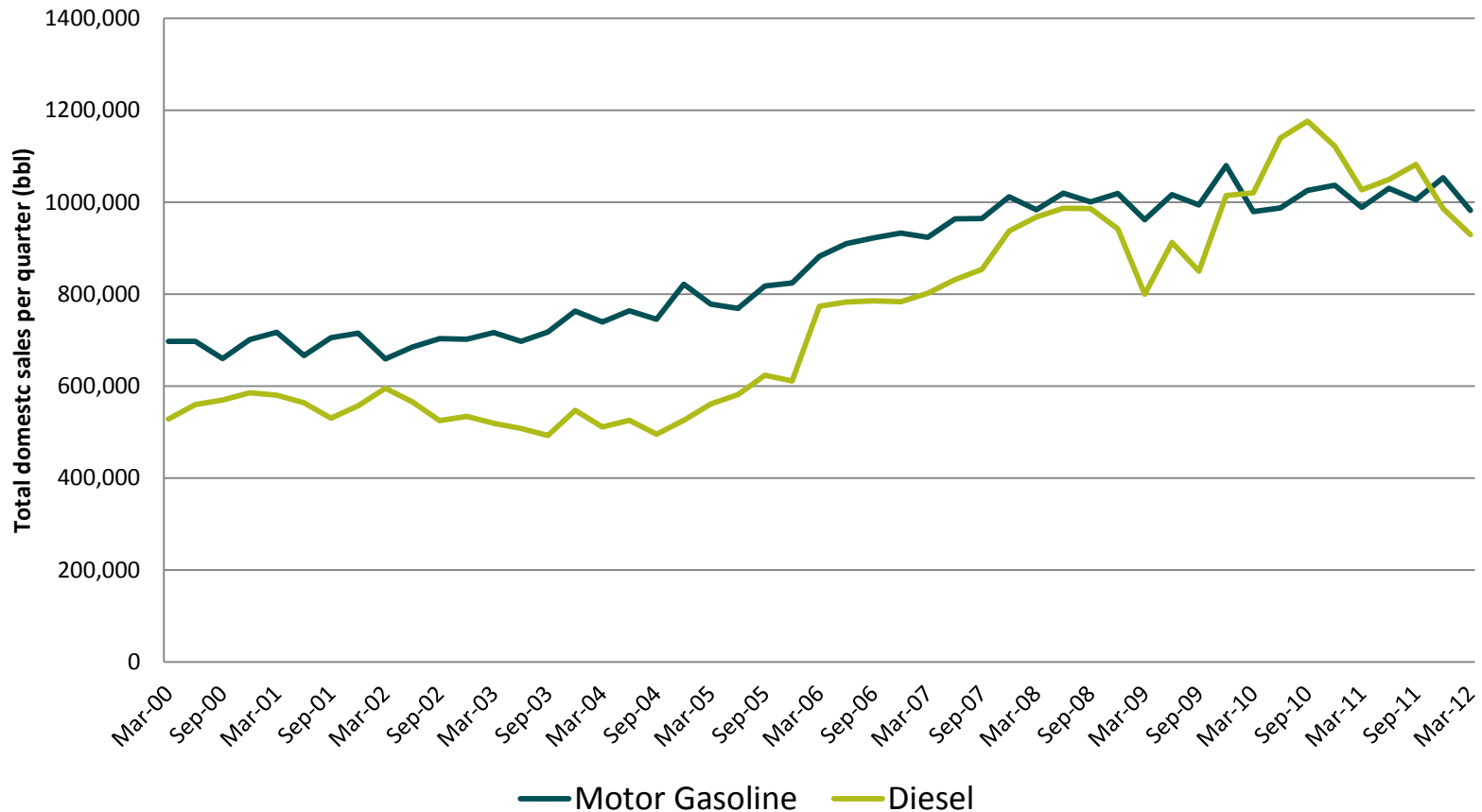
Market Price at WTI 79 (USD)/bbl

Source: Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs

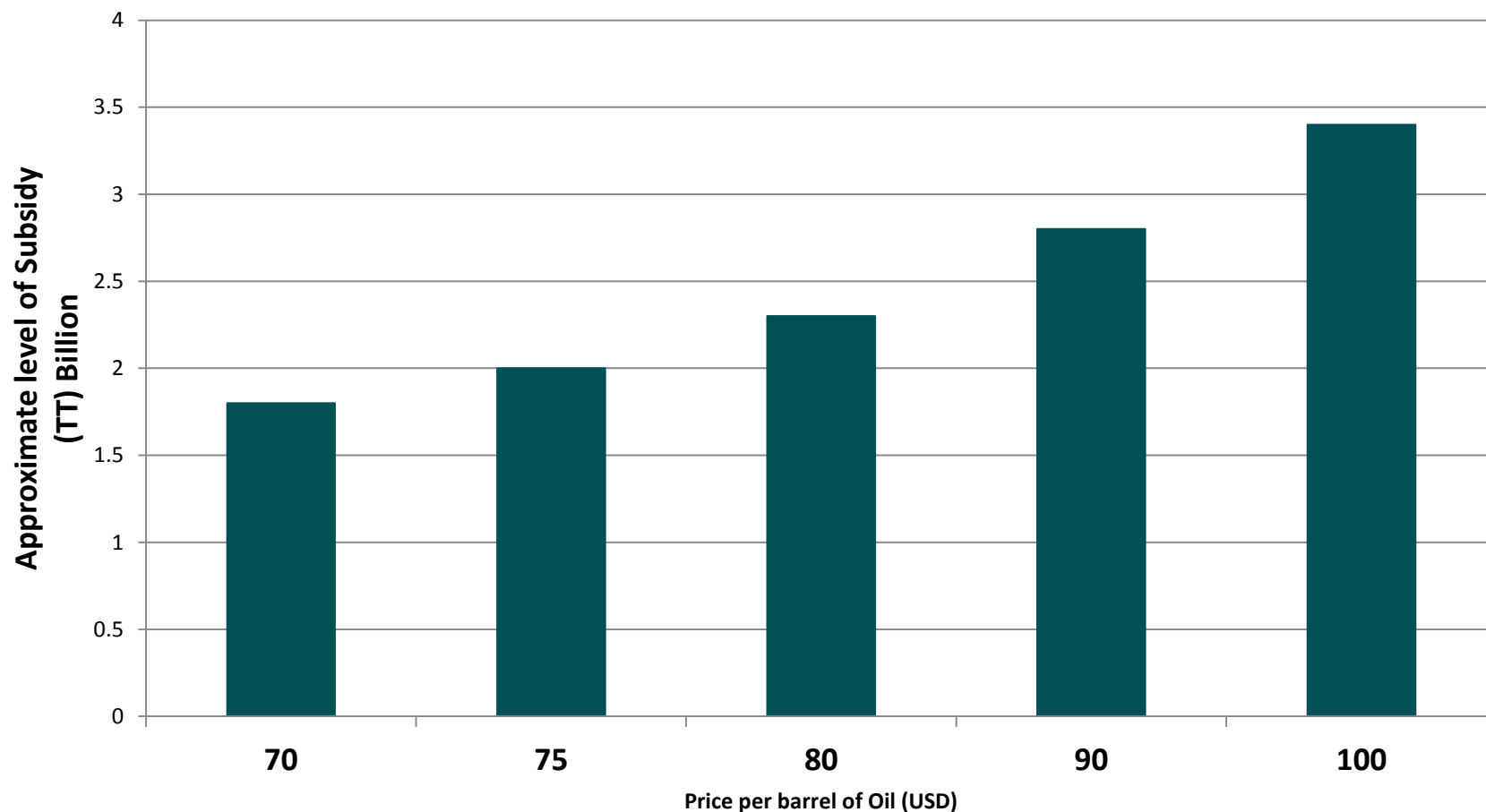
Oil to Gas



Increased domestic sales of Gasoline and Diesel

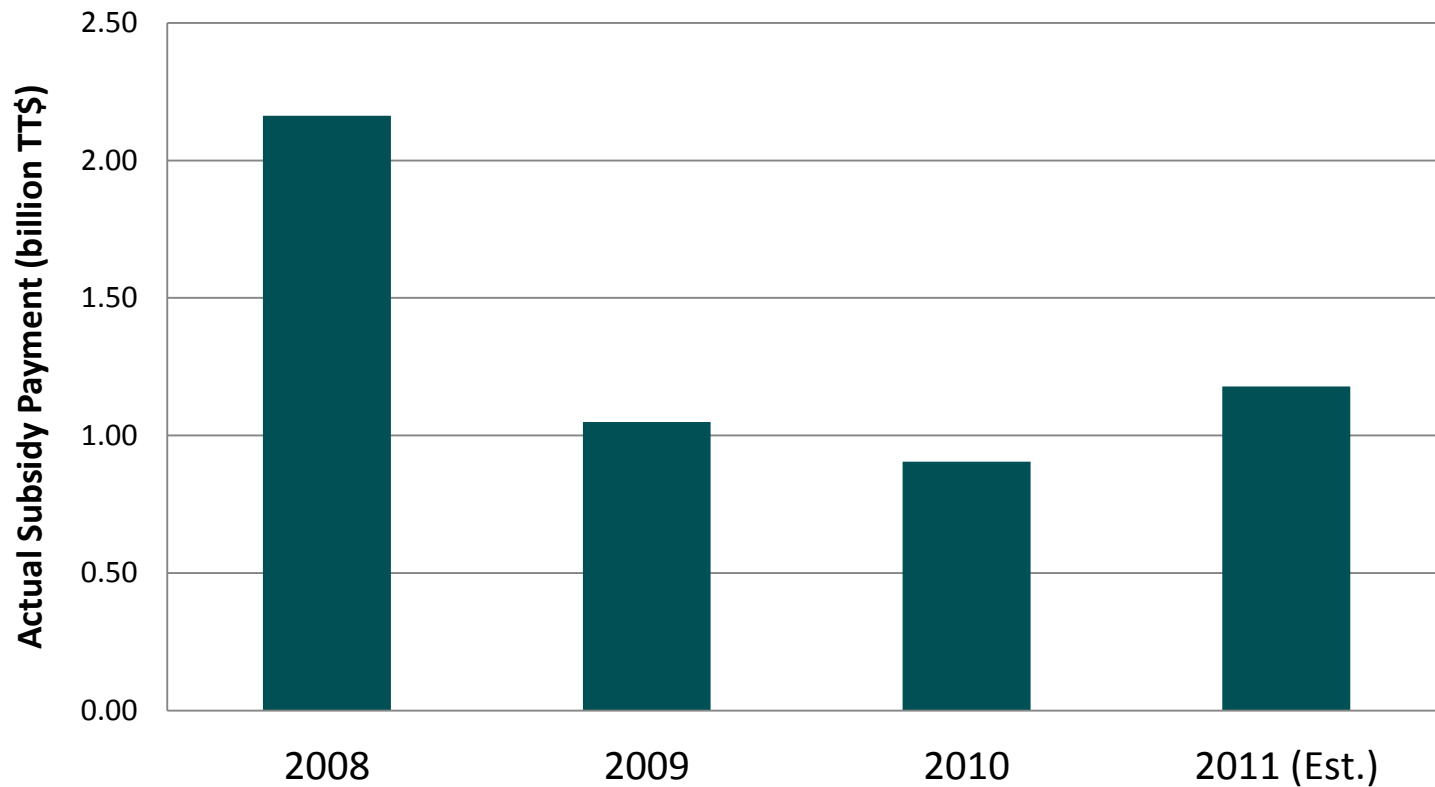


Estimates of fuel subsidy by benchmark price

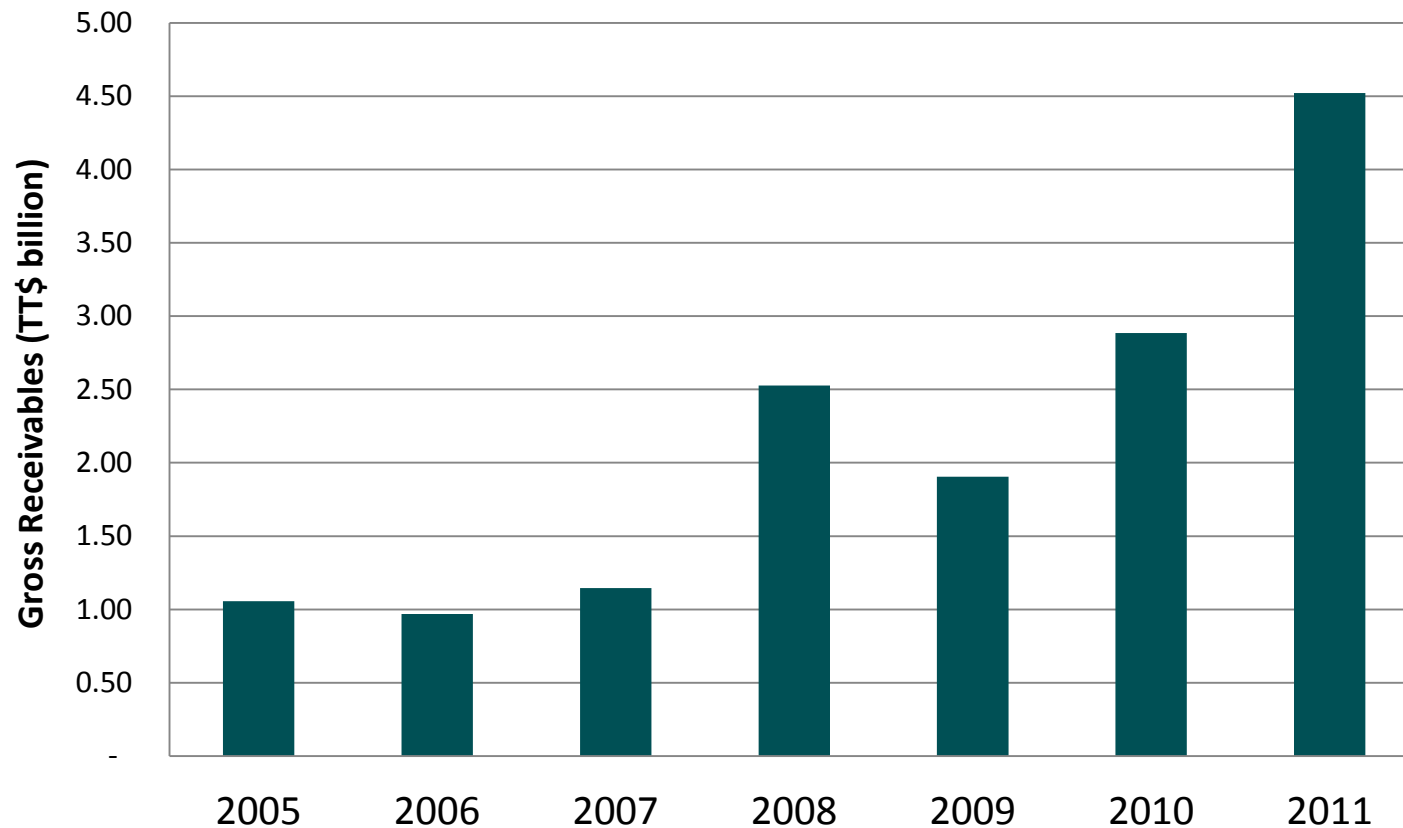


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Actual dollar value paid in subsidy



Petrotrin's Receivables

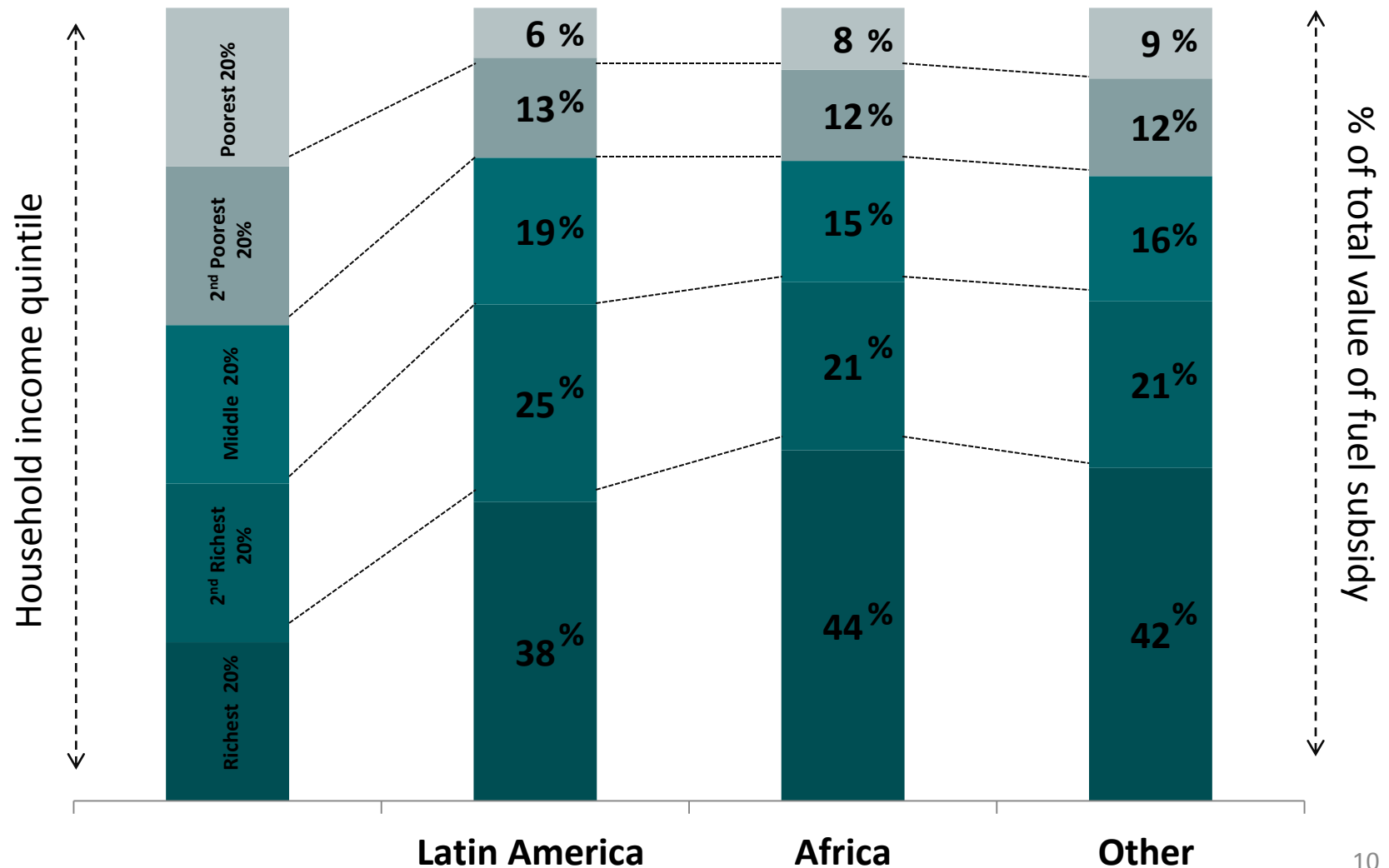


Source: Petrotrin Annual Reports

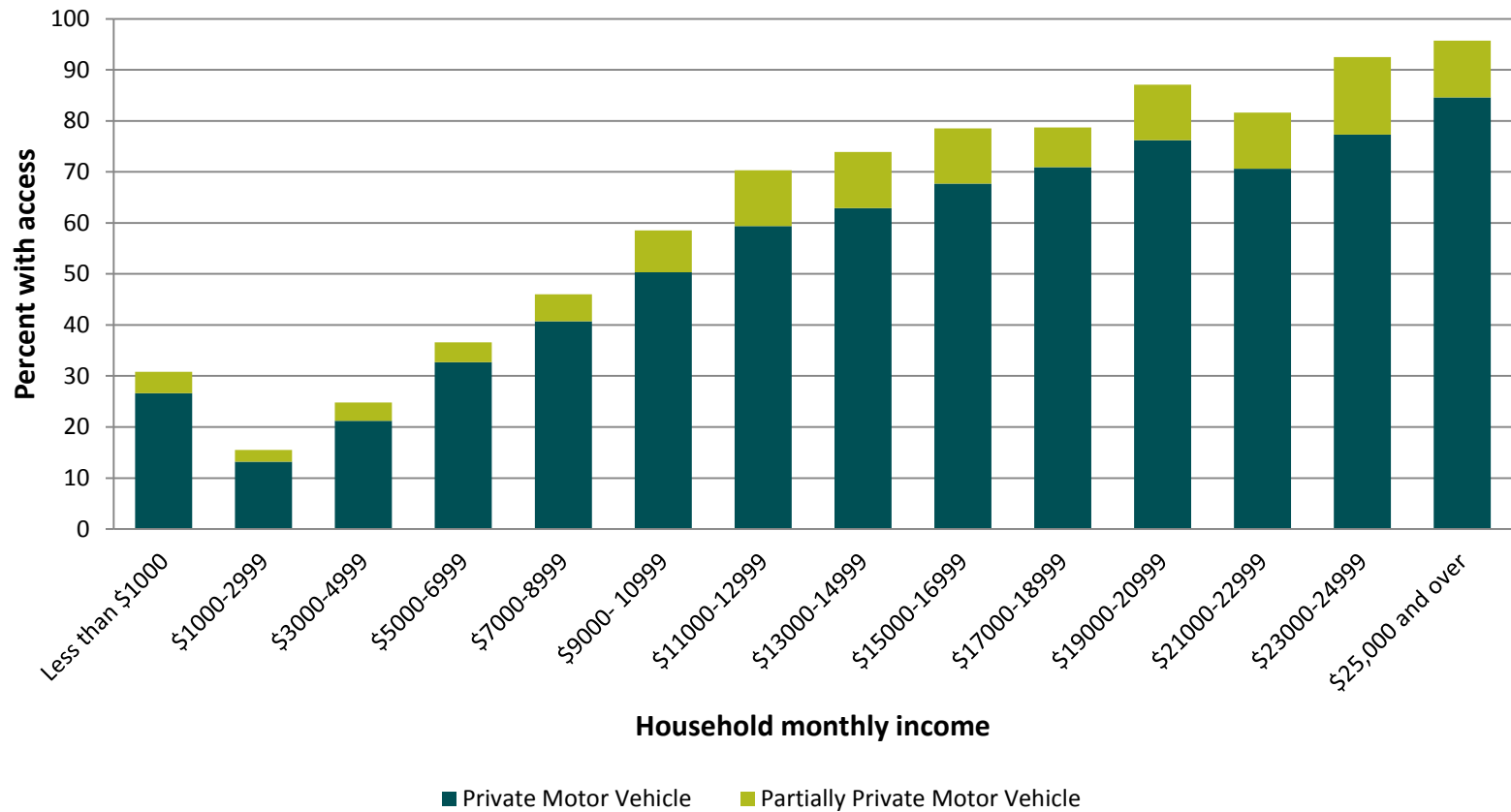
Who benefits?

- Who is the “ordinary citizen”?

Higher income households benefit disproportionately from fuel subsidies.

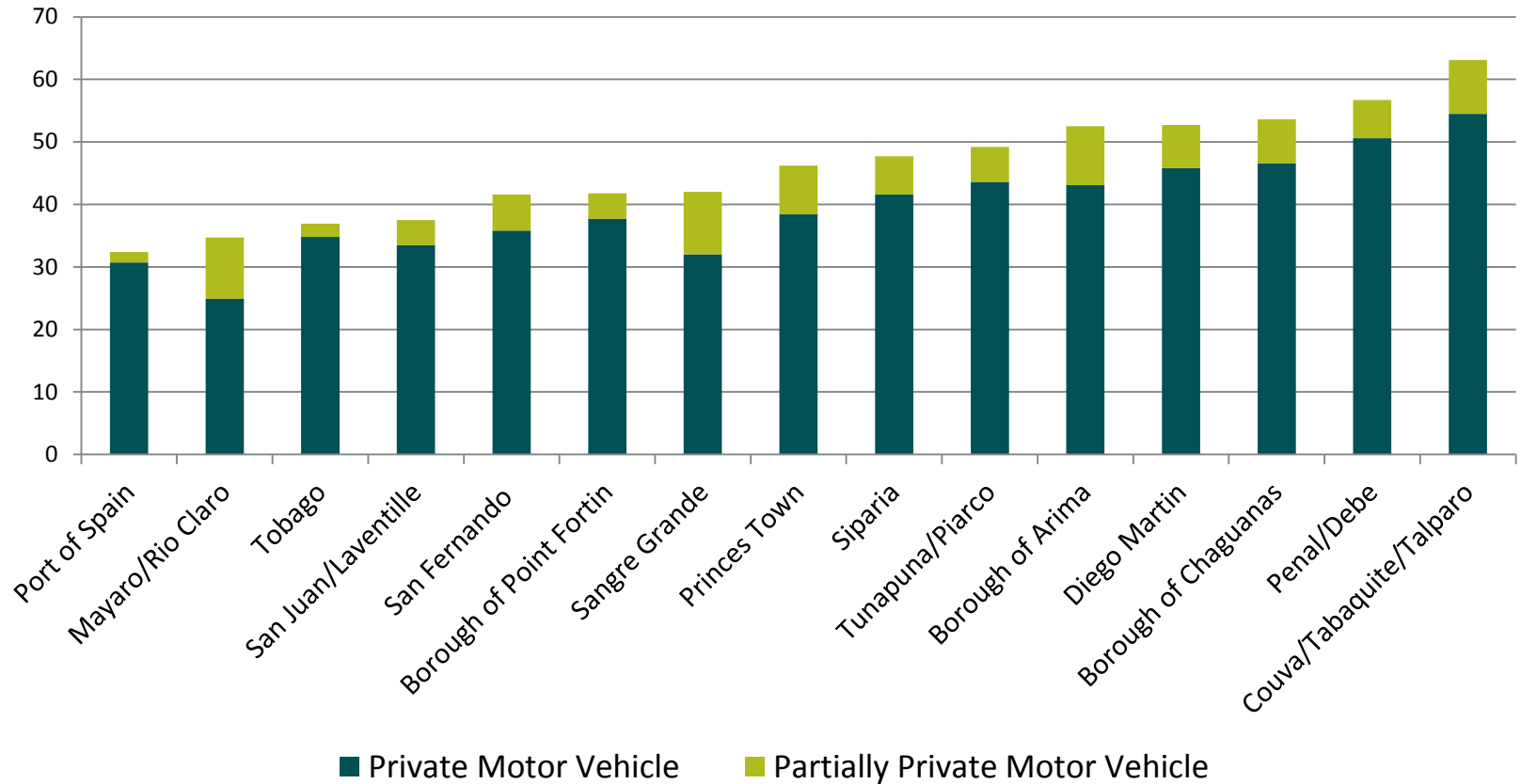


Access to private vehicles varies with income

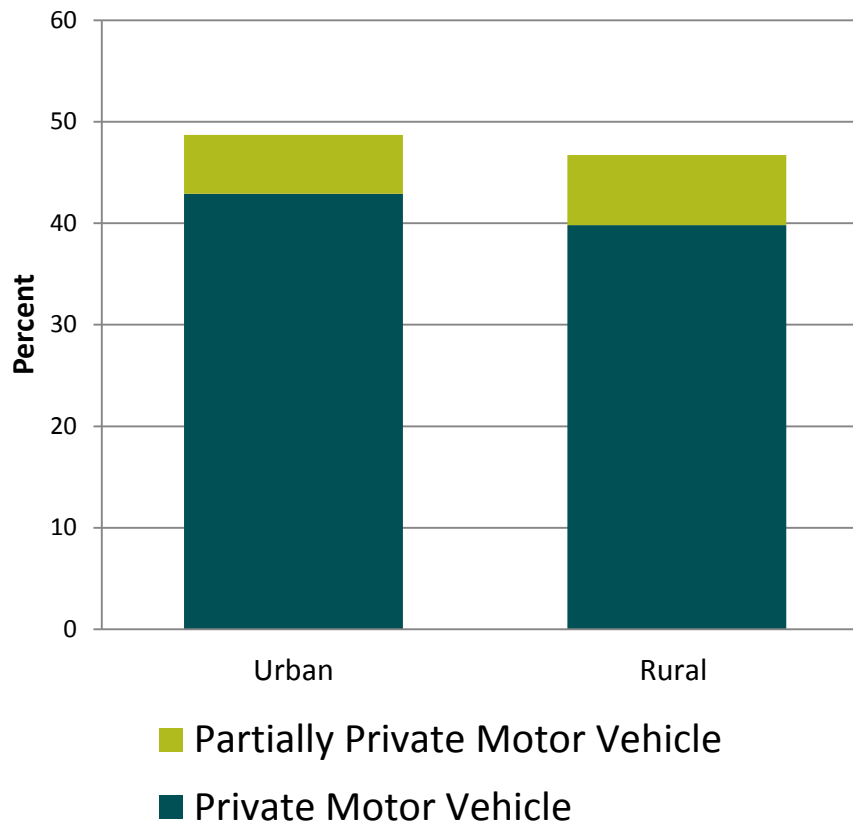


Source: HBS 2008

Access to private vehicles varies by area



Access to private vehicle for rural and urban households



Contracts in expenditure on transport between richest and poorest households (1997)

	Poorest 20%		Richest 20%	
	TT\$ per month	% total expenditure	TT\$ per month	% total expenditure
<i>Vehicles</i>	TT\$ 25	2%	TT\$ 792	12%
<i>Repairs & Maintenance</i>	TT\$ 13	1%	TT\$ 407	6%
<i>Hired Transport</i>	TT\$ 66	6%	TT\$ 194	3%
Total	TT\$ 104	9%	TT\$ 1,392	21%

International campaign – but not in T&T

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We're launching an experiment: a citizen-powered canvas to get every member of Congress on the record answering a simple question, "Do you support ending subsidies to the fossil fuel industry?"

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We've assembled some great information and resources on fossil fuel subsidies, from fact-sheets to infographics. Check them out and then share them far and wide.

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"G20 and World Leaders: Honor your previous commitments to end taxpayer

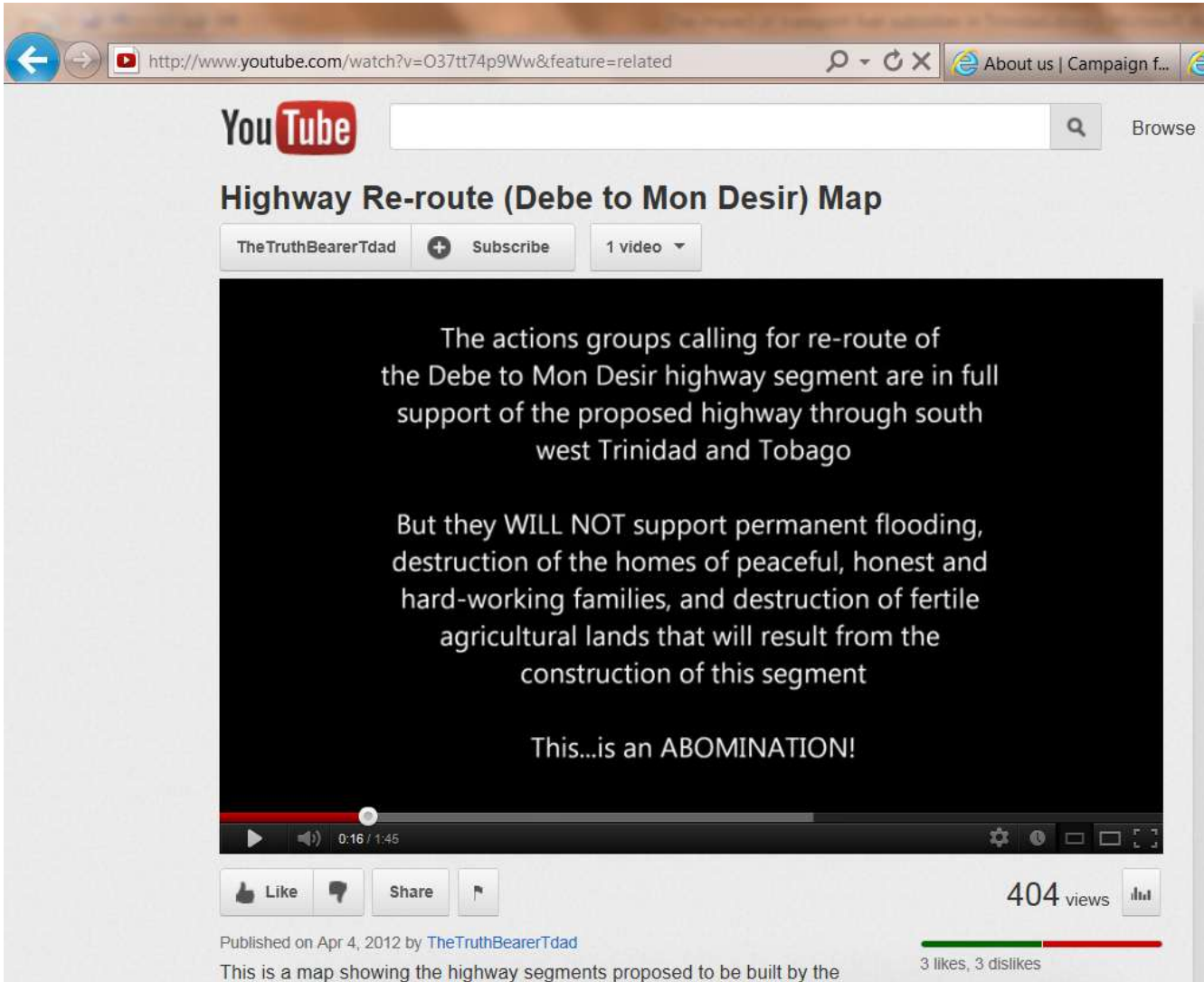
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Build the road – but not in my backyard



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