

# PERSPECTIVES II

## HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE?

THE STAKES ARE VERY HIGH... OUR SOCIETY RUNS ON PETROLEUM. HOW LONG CAN WE EXPECT THE RESOURCES TO LAST? IS IT TIME FOR AN ALL-OUT, GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RESOURCES, OR CAN WE EXPECT TO BE A PETROLEUM-BASED SOCIETY FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE? THESE READINGS PROVIDE VERY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROBLEM. KEN DEFFEYES IS CONVINCED THAT A GLOBAL OIL CRISIS IS AT HAND, WHEREAS BJØRN LOMBORG IS MORE OPTIMISTIC. IN READING THE ASSIGNMENT, THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT BOTH AUTHORS ARE WORKING FROM SIMILAR DATASETS IN MAKING THEIR ARGUMENTS. SOMEWHERE THERE IS A FLAW IN SOMEONE'S LOGIC. CAN YOU FIND IT?