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In Their Own Words...

Obama Policies Deliberately Drive Up Energy Prices

President Barack Obama

[January 2008](#)

“Under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket.”

“If somebody wants to build a coal plant, they can — it’s just that it will bankrupt them...”

[June 2008](#)

“I think that I would have preferred a gradual adjustment” of gas prices.

[October 2011](#)

“We haven't had an energy policy in this country that makes sense and frees ourselves from dependence on foreign oil.”

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“***Going into an election***, do you think the president of the United States wants gas prices to go higher?”

Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu

[December 2008](#)

“Somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe.”

[March 2012](#)

“No, the overall goal is to decrease our dependency on oil” (in response to whether or not the Administration’s goal is to lower gasoline prices).

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar

[July 2008](#)

Salazar objected to offshore drilling – even if gas prices reached \$10.00 per gallon.

[February 2012](#)

“We have an energy strategy and a policy that we have been working on from day one, and we believe it continues to show good results.”

Obama Advisor David Axelrod

[June 2011](#)

“I think people have gotten the message that the era of cheap gasoline is over.”