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Obama's Energy Plan = Spend, Shut Down & Spin

Spend

"It's time to double down....on a clean energy industry that has never been more promising."

President Obama, State of the Union 2012

Reality: The American people cannot afford for the White House to double down on energy projects that have cost hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars and thousands of jobs across the country. President Obama's failed clean energy projects include Solyndra, Ener1, Beacon Power and Fisker.

Shut Down

"Think about the America within our reach... A future where we're in control of our own energy, and our security and prosperity aren't so tied to unstable parts of the world"

President Obama, State of the Union 2012

Reality: President Obama's rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline cost our country more than 700,000 barrels of oil per day from Canada, 20,000 immediate jobs and 100,000 indirect jobs. Keystone XL could have offset nearly [six percent](#) of total U.S. daily oil imports, or the amount imported from Oman, Chad, Algeria, and Iraq combined. The pipeline would have also delivered up to 100,000 barrels of oil produced in North Dakota and Montana to refineries along the Gulf of Mexico.

Spin

"Right now, American oil production is the highest that it's been in eight years."

President Obama, State of the Union 2012

Reality: The increase in oil production is due in part to development on private lands and policy decisions made by the Bush Administration. President Obama is doing little to ensure that oil and gas production on federal lands continues to increase. Under the Obama Administration, the average number of annual leases issued on public lands is down 50.7 percent from the Clinton administration.

"Not only that, last year, we relied less on foreign oil than in any of the past 16 years."

President Obama, State of the Union 2012

Reality: As the Washington Post [Fact Checker](#) discovered, the main reason for the reduction in consumption was the poor economy and changes in efficiency that began "two years before the 2008 crisis."

As the White House spends, shuts down & spins, Americans pay more at the pump:

Gasoline/Dollars per Gallon

