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We Need to Say “Yes” to Clean Energy Jobs— Even as Republicans Just Say “No”

WE FACE A CHOICE: A CLEAN ENERGY PLAN THAT CREATES 1.7 MILLION OF JOBS OR MORE OF THE SAME BUSH-CHENEY ENERGY POLICIES.

- Investing in clean energy infrastructure will create four times as many jobs as an investment in the oil and gas industry, according to a recent study.
- While we stick with more of the same Bush-Cheney energy policies, we are losing ground in the “space race” of this generation – China is poised to unveil a new long-term stimulus package that will spend \$40 billion every year for the next 10 years on new energy development.
- We are falling behind Denmark, Spain, and Portugal in the use of wind energy, and only 6 out of the top 30 solar, wind, and advanced battery technologies are American today.

WE TRIED IT THEIR WAY: THE BUSH/CHENEY ENERGY PLAN COST THE AVERAGE FAMILY \$1,100 AND LEFT US WITH \$4 GAS AND AN ADDICTION TO FOREIGN OIL.

- Republicans want more of the same Bush-Cheney energy policies that gave huge tax breaks to oil companies and caused the average family’s spending on oil, gas and electricity to go up by over \$1,100.
- For the last eight years, we gave huge handouts to oil companies and let their lobbyists write our energy policy – and all we got was \$4/gallon gas and a continued addiction to foreign oil.

ECHOING OTHER GREAT NAYSAYERS IN AMERICAN HISTORY, REPUBLICANS ARE “JUST SAYING NO” TO AMERICAN INNOVATION AND CLEAN ENERGY JOBS.

- If Bill Gates had pitched these guys in 1976, they would have scoffed “thanks but no thanks” and gone back to their slide rules and typewriters.

- Today's GOP naysayers sound a lot like people who pooh-pooed other great innovations in American history:
 - **The personal computer: "There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."**
–Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977
 - **The radio: "The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"**
–David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.
 - **The telephone: "This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."**
–Western Union internal memo, 1876.
 - **Movies with sound: "Who the hell wants to hear actors talk?"**
–H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927.

REPUBLICANS ARE PEDDLING A LIE ABOUT A \$3,100 "ENERGY TAX," BUT THE CBO SAYS IT WILL COST LESS THAN A STAMP A DAY.

- The author of the MIT study that Republicans use to back up their \$3,100 claim has said that Republicans are "misrepresenting" his data and asked them to stop.
- And it would do all this for only the cost of a postage stamp a day for American families.