



POWERING THE NEW AMERICAN CENTURY

America is blessed with abundant energy resources. Thanks to new technology and innovation, we are poised to become the world's energy superpower even as our emissions have been declining. If we harness our energy potential in the right way, and let innovation flourish, we will ensure that energy is affordable for consumers and families, help businesses grow and create jobs, protect our environment, strengthen our national security, and increase America's influence around the world.

Affordable, reliable American energy has sparked a manufacturing renaissance, enabling America's small businesses to compete in the global economy. To make the 21st century a New American Century, we must take full advantage of our energy potential. To do that, my plan will:

- **Optimize America's Resources**
 - Empower States and Tribes to Control Onshore Energy Development Within Their Borders
 - Rewrite the Obama Administration's Flawed Five-Year Offshore Drilling Plan
 - Immediately Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline
 - Immediately Lift the 1970s-Era Ban on Crude Exports
 - Expedite Approval of American Natural Gas Exports
 - Defend U.S. Interests in International Climate Negotiations
 - Bolster the Energy Security of U.S. Allies
 - Conclude TTIP Negotiations Without Restrictions on Access to U.S. Energy Exports
- **Minimize Government Bureaucracy**
 - Create a National Regulatory Budget to Limit the Power of Unelected Regulators
 - Stop President Obama's Carbon Mandates
 - Expose the True Costs of Environmental Litigation to Taxpayers
 - Simplify and Improve the Environmental Review Process
- **Maximize Private Innovation**
 - Reform Our Outdated Higher Education System to Support Energy Jobs of the Future
 - Facilitate Private-Sector-Led Development of New Technologies
 - Overhaul the Tax Code and Cut Taxes for Business of All Sizes

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Nowhere is the disconnect between the potential of our people and the priorities of politicians as large as in energy. Plans pushed by many Democrats including Hillary Clinton are premised on the outdated and unrealistic notion that our energy potential can only be seized by the federal government handing out subsidies to favored companies and imposing new mandates and taxes on others. No matter which party is in power, Washington picking winners and losers is a recipe for failure.

Rather than distort the market, the government should instead promote competition. Policies that expand access to oil, gas, and coal development can also expand access to the development of wind, solar, nuclear, and hydropower energy. Modernizing regulations and permitting processes will help develop both traditional and alternative energy sources and encourage energy diversity.

Hillary Clinton's energy vision is stuck in the past. Her plans would restrict consumer choice, grow the federal bureaucracy, and make energy more expensive for Americans — a burden that will fall heavily on seniors, minority communities, and the working poor.

The Clinton-Obama approach has never worked, and never will. Government must focus on the kind of basic research it does well, and let innovators take care of the rest.

To achieve our full energy potential in the 21st century, I will follow three guiding principles: optimizing America's resources, minimizing government bureaucracy, and maximizing private innovation.

"Energy shows how our economy has fundamentally transformed in recent years, and how that transformation carries extraordinary potential for our nation in this new century. But it also shows how an outdated political establishment in Washington is holding us back from achieving that potential."

Marco Rubio, 10/16/2015

OPTIMIZE AMERICA'S RESOURCES

PROMOTE AMERICAN ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

Empower States and Tribes to Control Onshore Energy Development Within Their Borders.

Washington is on a crusade to stifle American energy production with a litany of new rules and regulations, and in the process federal bureaucrats routinely undermine effective state regulatory programs. It's not a coincidence that while oil and gas production on private and state-owned lands has soared in recent years, oil and gas output on federal lands is virtually unchanged from when President Obama took office. State regulators, with their superior expertise and ability to address distinctly local issues, are far better equipped to protect public health and the environment without sacrificing economic opportunity and growth.

- As president, I will work with Congress to ensure that states and tribes — and not the federal government — have the primary role in oversight of energy development within their borders.
- I will stop the Bureau of Land Management's costly, misguided, and illegal hydraulic fracturing rule, which undermines state regulators and does not produce any additional environmental or public health benefit.

Rewrite the Obama Administration's Flawed Five-Year Offshore Drilling Plan.

The Outer Continental Shelf is a critical national resource, belonging to the American people and held in trust by the federal government. The federal government estimates that there are many tens of billions of barrels and hundreds of trillions of cubic feet of undiscovered oil and gas in the OCS. Yet the Obama Administration has brought offshore production down by more than 10% since 2010. Offshore drilling policy affects investment and production far into the future. Expanding access and streamlining permitting processes will increase production in areas where resources have already been identified and will also accelerate the identification and development of new resources for decades to come.

- As president, I will replace the Obama Administration's flawed five-year OCS plan with a new plan that increases access and promptly updates our assessments of offshore resources.
- I will ensure that state-of-the-art safeguards for offshore drilling are implemented in a balanced manner, designed to support rather than impede exploration and production.

Immediately Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline.

North America is the fastest-growing oil and gas producing region in the world, and we have been able to cut our reliance on OPEC by half — a reality that many thought impossible just ten years ago. By blocking the Keystone XL Pipeline, President Obama has turned his back on one of America's closest allies, sacrificed a crucial opportunity to strengthen national security, and stymied job growth. Hillary Clinton has pledged to uphold this radical decision.

- As president, I will immediately approve the Keystone XL Pipeline and work to reform the permitting process for cross-border pipelines to prevent similar delays in the future.

"We must turn our national energy advantage into a national security advantage.... As president, I will approve the Keystone XL Pipeline immediately. The national security implications are clear, and the economic implications are so obvious even Washington can't deny them."

Marco Rubio, 10/16/2015

Immediately Lift the 1970s-Era Ban on Crude Exports. Washington's ban on exports of American crude oil is a perfect example of how outdated Washington has become. It was enacted by President Nixon in the 1970s when American oil production was in decline and our dependence on the unstable Middle East imperiled our national security. Thanks to game-changing private-sector innovation, America is now the world's largest oil and gas producer. Our energy policies must reflect the new era of American energy abundance. Lifting the crude ban will help break the stranglehold of OPEC, lower gasoline prices, create jobs, and boost the economy.

- As president, I will immediately lift the ban on exports of American crude oil.

Expedite Approval of American Natural Gas Exports. Dozens of applications to export natural gas are awaiting government approval, and many have languished for years. Increasing natural gas exports will have substantial economic benefits for American consumers and businesses. Just as important, more natural gas exports will help our allies no longer depend on hostile countries like Iran and Russia.

- As president, I will expedite the approval of liquefied natural gas export applications, allowing the market to determine which terminals are constructed.

Defend U.S. Interests in International Climate Negotiations. The Obama Administration is attempting to enter the United States into an international climate agreement based in part on the illegal and destructive Clean Power Plan. As part of these efforts, President Obama is asking for billions in taxpayer dollars to send to countries around the world, with little to no accountability for how that money will be spent.

- As president, I will ensure the American public can review any international climate agreement that could negatively impact the American economy by requiring Congressional ratification of such agreements.

Bolster the Energy Security of U.S. Allies.

Through supply cutoffs and price manipulation, Russia has used its position as Europe's main natural gas supplier to pressure our European allies. It is in American security interests to help our allies become less dependent on Russian and Iranian energy.

- As president, I will work with our most vulnerable European allies to help them acquire new energy supplies from other sources, including the Caspian Sea and Central Asia.
- I will support efforts by NATO to take a more robust role in energy security by preparing for energy cutoffs, developing contingency plans, and protecting infrastructure.

"Vladimir Putin uses energy to exert pressure and blackmail nations throughout Europe. With their reliance on Russia for their energy needs, even some of our partners have been hesitant to cross Putin – or in the case of Ukraine, unable to protect their sovereignty. American exports would strengthen our hand by reinforcing alliances and weakening Russia's grip on its neighbors."

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Conclude TTIP Negotiations Without Restrictions on Access to U.S. Energy Exports.

As negotiations on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership continue, some have called for exclusions on free trade in energy. Limitations on energy exports hurt our economy and undermine our ability to aid our allies.

- As president, I will push to swiftly conclude TTIP negotiations and ensure that no restrictions are included on U.S. energy exports.

MINIMIZE GOVERNMENT BUREAUCRACY

Create a National Regulatory Budget to Limit the Power of Unelected Regulators.

Under President Obama, the EPA alone has put forward scores of new regulations costing our economy and small businesses billions of dollars per year. For example:

- ***Clean Power Plan.*** The EPA's carbon mandates will make energy less affordable — for no meaningful impact on the global climate. The final rule will result in the closure of coal-fired power plants around the country, hurting the communities that depend on affordable energy for their livelihoods. It also threatens the reliability of electricity delivered to our homes by inducing power shortages and even blackouts.
- ***Clean Water Rule (also referred to as Waters of the U.S.).*** The Clean Water Rule will use the Clean Water Act — intended to prevent pollution of America's water resources — to dramatically expand federal control of private bodies of water, including small ditches, streams, and ponds. It will expand confusing permitting requirements, undermine the role of the states in protecting their water resources, and broaden the EPA's regulatory power. Even a federal appeals court recently ruled that the federal government has potentially overstepped its bounds in issuing the rule.

Many of these regulations will have a negative impact on American energy and will ultimately hike costs for consumers and businesses.

- As president, I will work to institute a National Regulatory Budget that will hold regulators accountable by limiting what federal regulations can cost. Canada and the United Kingdom employ similar systems and have generated significant regulatory savings.

Stop President Obama's Carbon Mandates. Without question, the Obama Administration's mandate for existing power plants is one of the most expensive and costly regulations ever created. Even though this rule will raise electricity rates and hurt the economy, Hillary Clinton has promised to make expanding it one of her top priorities.

- As president, I will stop this massive, illegal mandate that will raise costs for Americans.
- I will ensure that rules and regulations implemented under the Clean Air Act not only protect the air we breathe, but do so in a reasonable, cost-effective manner, under timelines that recognize the difficulty that states often have in meeting Washington-imposed rules.

Expose the True Costs of Environmental Litigation to Taxpayers. Government can play an important role in the safe and responsible development of energy, but laws and regulations intended to protect the environment and public health have been seized by environmentalists to pursue an extremist anti-development agenda. Special-interest groups sue federal agencies, which often settle out of court in a secretive manner, resulting in costly new regulations — frequently with little or no input from the small businesses that are forced to comply with them. One report found that the EPA alone refused to defend itself in court 60 times from 2009 to 2012, resulting in over 100 new regulations.

- As president, I will stop the harmful “sue and settle” process, and will work to enact meaningful reforms that prevent further abuse of our regulatory and judicial systems.
- I will disclose the cost of litigation to taxpayers so that the public is informed of the toll these often frivolous lawsuits impose on our economy.

Simplify and Improve the Environmental Review Process. Red tape, permitting delays, and endless reviews interfere with all forms of energy development, from oil and gas drilling to nuclear and coal power generation to the construction of wind and solar power facilities. To realize our 21st-century energy potential, we must remove obstacles to the safe and efficient development of our resources and infrastructure.

- As president, I will work to create a more efficient, effective, and timely permitting process for oil and gas pipelines.
- I will improve the environmental review process by setting clear deadlines and statutes of limitations, requiring better coordination between federal agencies, and allowing adequate state reviews to satisfy federal requirements.

“On matters of energy, Washington uses a vast regulatory bureaucracy to override consumers and undercut innovators. Not only does it pick winners and losers, it often picks the wrong winners and the wrong losers. The results are fewer choices, fewer jobs, and higher prices for our people.”

Marco Rubio, 10/16/2015

MAXIMIZE PRIVATE INNOVATION

Reform Our Outdated Higher Education System to Support Energy Jobs of the Future.

The shale revolution taking place across our nation has put over a million people to work — often in high-paying jobs that often don't require a traditional four-year college degree. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, oil and gas jobs pay an average of nearly \$89,000, compared to the average American salary of just over \$47,000. We must embrace energy jobs and the enormous economic opportunities they provide by updating our higher education system to meet the needs of the 21st century.

- As president, I will break the higher education cartel, making room for low-cost, innovative education providers who may not be accredited under the outdated system. This will help prepare graduates for high-paying jobs at a fraction of the time and cost of a traditional four-year degree, providing energy and other sectors with workers trained for the 21st century.
- I will give prospective students and their families more information about the return on investment in college — including graduation rates, cost, and expected earnings. They should know, for example, that petroleum engineering is regularly the highest-paying college major, with an average mid-career wage of \$168,000.

Facilitate Private-Sector-Led Development of New Technologies. For too long, the Department of Energy has been mired in bureaucracy, often to the detriment of the private sector. While the federal government has a role to play in spurring innovation in the energy industry, the market does a better job of rewarding entrepreneurs and the most promising technologies.

- As president, I will ensure that the federal government renews its focus on basic research and gets away from picking winners and losers among various technologies.
- I will remove any unnecessary red tape so that companies can access promising DOE research, allowing them to make their own business decisions about the technologies that demonstrate the greatest promise.

Overhaul the Tax Code and Cut Taxes for Business of All Sizes. Our 70,000-page tax code is littered with wasteful provisions that distort the economy. Success should not be defined as providing enough subsidies to prop up an uncompetitive technology. It should be defined as eliminating barriers that might prevent innovative technologies from succeeding on their own.

- As president, I will overhaul our tax code, lowering rates, eliminating carve-outs, and providing a level playing field for all energy sources, including renewables, nuclear, oil, natural gas, and coal.
- I will oppose any new energy tax on consumers, such as a carbon tax.
- I will cut taxes for all businesses to no higher than 25%. My tax plan will allow businesses to immediately expense new investments used in energy production.

"The world looks to American innovators for progress. When I'm president, Washington will, too. Because it is innovation, not regulation, that leads to cleaner, cheaper, and more efficient technologies. It is innovation, not regulation, that will prompt the development of affordable fuel alternatives. This is why conservatives, not liberals, have the more sustainable energy agenda."

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