

Fact Check: API's Bogus Jobs Study

Jobs Numbers Based On Badly Flawed Analysis

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Oil lobbyists are circulating a report based on false assumptions and bogus jobs numbers.

- An oil lobbying group, the American Petroleum Association has been circulating [a report](#) since last fall about job losses that is based on policies that Joe Biden [never supported](#). It assumed both a ban on leasing and a halt to development of oil and gas on federal public lands and water.
 - In other words, they [assume that production will cease](#) on existing leases.
 - According to the [Department of the Interior](#),
 - More than half (53% or 13.9 million acres) of the 26 million acres of onshore land leased to the oil and gas industry are unused and non-producing.
 - More than three quarters (77% or 9.3 million acres) of the 12 million acres of offshore waters under lease are unused and non-producing

- There are 7,700 approved, unused permits to drill.
- The leasing pause [does not restrict](#) energy activities on lands with existing leases and permits, private lands, or lands held in trust for Tribes.
- API's analysis [left out](#) any consideration for developments in clean energy jobs, and instead relies on [ridiculous assumptions](#) about coal power plants stepping in.
- API [claims](#) that a leasing ban would cause the immediate loss of one million jobs, but according to [a report](#) from the National Association of State Energy Officials, there are less than a million jobs in the entire oil and gas industry.
 - This includes 615,500 and 276,000 jobs respectively in oil and natural gas, including processing, refining, and firms that support extraction such as oil and gas field machinery.

Biden's plan would create millions of new jobs by building up the clean energy economy.

- The clean energy economy [accounted](#) for 3,335,419 jobs in 2019.
- Clean energy is the [fastest growing industry](#) in America, and clean energy jobs [pay well above](#) the national average, have good benefits, and most clean energy jobs [can't be outsourced](#) to other countries.
- Independent Wall Street analytics firm Moody's said Joe Biden's Build Back Better approach would create more than [18.6 million jobs](#), and lift average household income by \$4,800.