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North American can be energy independent

Less than a decade ago, the term “energy independence” was an unachievable goal; something our nation never believed could become a reality. That landscape has dramatically changed thanks in part to new technologies and advanced discoveries. Oil, natural gas and even coal are now abundant as we stand on the verge of an energy renaissance. America’s supplies, once thought to be running low, are bountiful. By some expert’s calculations, we have enough traditional forms of energy to last us a century or longer.

Energy independence is possible, but I would suggest that our ability to achieve North American energy independence is more realistic. By combining resources with Canada and Mexico, North America can, and will be, energy independent.

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U.S. must support all forms of energy

Energy is one of the most politicized issues facing the country today. Once a bi-partisan issue, energy production and consumption has now become somewhat, albeit not completely, a partisan issue between Democrats and Republicans.

The Obama-Biden ticket has made it clear from that start that fossil fuels are no longer in vogue. That is not too surprising given that in 2008, Obama built a strong coalition of special interest groups opposed to traditional fuels.

President Obama’s “all the above” energy plan is not really inclusive of all energy products. Instead, it highly favors renewables at the expense of other fuels. Keep in mind that the plan originally omitted coal altogether, but was hastily resurrected after it was pointed out that swing states are some of the highest producers of coal. The fact remains, however, that traditional fuels are problematic for the president. Read more [here...](#)