

# 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.