



Biden On Team Steyer

Biden Returns To The State Where He Came Out Against Keystone

Today, Biden Will Give The Commencement Address At The University of South Carolina, After Raising Money For Democrats. “Biden, who has kept his name in the 2016 mix even as Hillary Clinton consumes much of the presidential oxygen, will be in the early primary state to deliver the University of South Carolina commencement address on May 9. Before the speech, he’s hosting a closed-door lunch in Columbia that will raise money for the state Democratic Party, which is marshaling resources to unseat Republican Gov. Nikki Haley in November.” (Peter Hamby, “First On CNN: Biden To Raise Money For South Carolina Democrats,” [CNN’s Political Ticker Blog](#), 5/5/14)

LAST YEAR IN SOUTH CAROLINA, BIDEN CAME OUT AGAINST THE KEYSTONE PIPELINE

At An Event Hosted By Rep. Jim Clyburn Of South Carolina, Biden Told The Chair Of The South Carolina Chapter Of The Sierra Club That He Opposed The Keystone Pipeline. “Vice President Joe Biden told a South Carolina environmental activist Friday that he opposes a controversial oil pipeline from Canada, but said he is ‘in the minority’ inside the Obama administration, according to the activist’s account of the conversation. Biden made the remark at Rep. Jim Clyburn’s annual ‘World Famous Fish Fry’ Friday evening, where he met Elaine Cooper, a Columbia resident and group chair of the South Carolina chapter of the Sierra Club, while working the ropeline amongst hundreds of supporters in attendance.” (Ruby Cramer, “Joe Biden Tells Supporter He Opposes Keystone Pipeline, But Is ‘In The Minority,’ She Says,” [BuzzFeed](#), 5/7/13)

Anti-Keystone Activists Praised Biden’s Comments Suggesting They Would Encourage Obama To Reject Keystone

Politico Headline: “Joe Biden Becomes Foil For Anti-Keystone Campaign” (Talia Buford, “Joe Biden Becomes Foil For Anti-Keystone Campaign,” [Politico](#), 5/9/13)

Gene Karpinski, President Of The League Of Conservation Voters: “The Vice President’s Comments Are A Game Changer That Should Encourage Secretary Kerry And President [Barack] Obama To Reject The Keystone XL Tar Sands Pipeline.” (Talia Buford, “Joe Biden Becomes Foil For Anti-Keystone Campaign,” [Politico](#), 5/9/13)

BIDEN MIGHT HAVE JUST BEEN TELEGRAPHING OBAMA’S FINAL MOVE ON KEYSTONE

Last Month, Obama “Pulled A Classic Campaign-Year Move” And “Punted” On Keystone. “The Obama administration pulled a classic campaign-year move Friday: It punted on the Keystone XL pipeline.” (Andrew Restuccia, “Keystone Non-Decision Keeps Some Democrats On The Hot Seat,” [Politico](#), 4/18/14)

- **And According To A Report In *Rolling Stone*, Sources In The Administration Have Said Obama “Has All But Decided To Deny The Permit For The Pipeline.”** “Although no final decision has been made, two high-level sources in the Obama administration told me recently that the president has all but decided to deny the permit for the pipeline – a dramatic move that would light up Democratic voters and donors while further provoking the wrath of Big Oil.” (Jeff Goodell, “Obama’s Last Shot,” [Rolling Stone](#), 4/23/14)

While Awaiting Obama’s Final Decision, Senate Democrats Have Already Bowed To Tom Steyer On Keystone

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, With The Support Of Nearly All Senate Democrats, Used A Procedural Maneuver To Block A Vote On Keystone Pipeline. “Senate Democrats defeated Republican attempts to bring up amendments to an energy efficiency bill on Wednesday. Republicans filed a motion to table Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid’s (D-Nev.) amendments he used to ‘fill the tree’ but it failed on a 45-52 vote.” (Ramsey Cox, “Senate Dems Block GOP Attempt To Amend Energy Bill,” [The Hill](#), 5/7/14)

Billionaire Tom Steyer Has Said He Will Spend \$100 Million During The 2014 Election, “Seeking To Pressure Federal And State Officials To Enact Climate Change Measures.” “A billionaire retired investor is forging plans to spend as much as \$100 million during the 2014 election, seeking to pressure federal and state officials to enact climate change measures through a hard-edge campaign of attack ads against governors and lawmakers.” (Nicholas Confessore, “Financier Plans Big Ad Campaign On Climate Change,” [The New York Times](#), 2/17/14)

- **\$100 Million Is “Not A Ceiling” For Steyer.** “Liberal billionaire Tom Steyer is laying plans to go big in the 2014 election. The former hedge fund manager is hoping to spend \$100 million — \$50 million from his personal fortune and \$50 million from other donors — to make climate change a top-tier issue in the election, The New York Times is reporting. A person close to Steyer confirmed the \$100 million figure to POLITICO but cautioned that it is not a ceiling.” (Andrew Restuccia, “Tom Steyer Planning \$100 Million Campaign Push,” [Politico](#), 2/18/14)

WHILE OBAMA AND BIDEN DELAY BUILDING THE JOB-CREATING KEYSTONE PIPELINE, AMERICANS ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND GOOD JOBS

Biden Was Tagged As The Point Man On Jobs For The White House

Biden Was Supposed To Be The Obama Administration’s Point Person On A Job Training Initiative To Match Americans With “Good” Jobs. “Vice President Biden’s latest marching orders are to help Americans get the skills they need for good, in-demand jobs. President Obama announced the plan during Tuesday night’s State of the Union Address. On Thursday, he signed an order for an ‘across-the-board’ review, to be led by Biden, of how to reform federal training programs to help make them more job-driven.” (Nicole Gaudiano, “Biden To Lead Job-Training Effort,” [USA Today](#), 1/31/14)

Biden: “Build, Build, Build The Most Modern Infrastructure In The World, And The World Will Come To Us.” (Jo Mannies, “Biden: Federal Stimulus Has Brought Jobs, Infrastructure To ‘Hear Of America,’” [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 2/19/14)

But In Obama’s Sluggish Recovery, Good Paying Jobs Like Those From The Keystone Pipeline Are Desperately Needed

Obama’s “Sluggish Recovery” Has Left Americans With Primarily “Low-Wage Work” Instead Of The “High-Wage And Middle-Wage Jobs” Wiped Out In The Recession. “The deep recession wiped out primarily high-wage and middle-wage jobs. Yet the strongest employment growth during the sluggish

recovery has been in low-wage work, at places like strip malls and fast-food restaurants.” (“The Low-Wage Recovery: Industry Employment And Wages Four Years Into The Recovery,” [National Employment Law Project](#), 4/2014)

U.S. Pipeline Workers Say Obama’s Keystone Delay Has “Erased A Few Thousand High-Paying Jobs This Summer.” “American pipeline workers are blasting a decision to delay the Keystone XL process, saying the move by the Obama administration has erased a few thousand high-paying jobs this summer.” (Alexander Panetta, “U.S. Pipeline Workers Blast Obama Administration For Delaying Keystone XL,” [The Canadian Press](#), 4/21/14)

North America’s Building Trades Union President Sean McGarvey: Obama’s Keystone Delay Is A “Cold, Hard Slap In The Face” To American Workers. “The actions by the Obama Administration to further extend the review process for the Keystone XL pipeline is a cold, hard slap in the face for hard working Americans who are literally waiting for President Obama’s approval and the tens of thousands of jobs it will generate.” ([Press Release](#), “Keystone XL Delay Is ‘Cold, Hard Slap In The Face’ To American Workers,” 4/21/14)

- **McGarvey: “[O]bama Has Placed Politics Over Substantive Policy That Only Serves To Advance The Agenda Of Well Funded Radical Environmentalists.”** “Despite this administration’s own findings that the Keystone project will result in significant economic benefits to our country, President Obama has placed politics over substantive policy that only serves to advance the agenda of well funded radical environmentalists.” ([Press Release](#), “Keystone XL Delay Is ‘Cold, Hard Slap In The Face’ To American Workers,” 4/21/14)