- 10.It is based on the most optimistic possible projections of expanded oil and gas production.
- 9. It relies primarily on job predictions in a Citigroup report that according to the report itself — are "based on sweeping assumptions" and possibly "optimistic."
- 8. It would put huge profits in the pockets of Romney's oil company contributors.
- 7. It muddles accountability by giving states power over activities on federal lands while the federal government is responsible for dealing with the environmental consequences.
- 6. It's billed as Romney's plan for the middle class, but the largest benefits will go to Big Oil.
- 5. It ignores the existence of <u>massive subsidies to the oil companies</u>, while ending smaller subsidies to encourage renewable energy. The platform ignores the economic insight that renewables "benefit not just the renewable industry, or even renewable energy consumers, but everyone - they are a public good."
- 4. It would increase air pollution by ramping up the use of coal and oil at the expense of renewables.
- 3. It ignores the environmental impacts of drilling on the coast, the Alaskan wilderness, and our public lands — not to mention the effects of strip mining and mountain top destruction.
- 2. It makes an <u>unfounded claim</u> to achieve energy independence for the United States. Energy economists say this goal is "unattainable."

AND

1. The <u>economists' view</u> is that " it is a lot less costly to control greenhouse gases now than it is for future generations to suffer the costs of climate change." But the GOP platform calls for a fossil fuel feeding frenzy that would cause massive increases in carbon, helping to damage the planet for generations to come.