10.It is based on <u>the most optimistic possible projections</u> of expanded oil and gas production.

9. It relies primarily on job predictions in a Citigroup report that — according to the report itself — are <u>"based on sweeping assumptions" and possibly "optimistic."</u>

8. It would put huge profits in the pockets of Romney's <u>oil company contributors.</u>

7. It <u>muddles accountability</u> 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 <u>economic insight</u> 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 <u>"unattainable."</u>

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 <u>fossil fuel feeding frenzy</u> that would cause massive increases in carbon, helping to damage the planet for generations to come.