



NEW REPORT: War in Iran, Tariff Policies and Republican Tax Law Driving Up Energy Prices for American Families

Because of Trump's war of choice in Iran and tariff policies, energy prices are skyrocketing.

- Since the start of the year, gas prices have gone up \$1 per gallon.
 - Since Trump started his war of choice in Iran, gas prices have increased 35 percent and diesel prices are now over \$5 per gallon.
 - Many analysts think that crude oil could reach [\\$200 per barrel](#) – meanwhile the Administration has no plan to contain this fallout and get prices in check.
 - The President recently said, “[when oil prices go up, we make a lot of money.](#)” That might be true for CEOs and billionaires, but families across New Mexico are now paying up to \$30 more to fill their tanks.
- American families have already paid more than [\\$1,700 in total tariff costs](#) since January 2025, and it is estimated that families could pay more than [\\$2,500 in tariff costs](#) this year alone. Small businesses and families are buckling because of these increases, and they need relief – not higher taxes.
 - The Administration's tariffs are a tax on the American people, and they have raised the average tax on U.S. imports [by a factor of seven](#). As a result, the United States has lost 40,000 domestic manufacturing jobs.
 - Tariffs – such as those on steel and aluminum – [are raising costs on American energy producers](#), and these costs will be passed on to American families.
- Since January 2025, residential natural gas prices have increased by 13 percent.
 - The Administration greenlit unlimited exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) while Republicans have pushed legislation that would rubber stamp LNG export permits, driving up prices even further.
 - In 2024, [DOE](#) found that unconstrained exports of LNG would cost American households \$100 each year and send wholesale prices skyrocketing by over 30 percent.

Republicans are actively driving up New Mexican families' monthly power bills.

- Right now, more than [80 million Americans](#) are struggling to pay their utility bills, with many reporting it is forcing them to make difficult choices like whether to pay for housing, medicine, and food or keep their lights on.
- Due to the Administration's policies, [electricity prices are climbing more than twice as fast as inflation](#).
- Since January 2025, electricity prices have risen as much as [13 percent nationwide](#).



- The Republican tax law will raise electricity prices by a staggering [61 percent](#) over the next decade as a result of [their war](#) on [clean, cheap energy](#) which has crippled the American clean energy industry.
 - The Republican tax law destroyed tax credits that were designed to incentivize developers to build more domestic energy projects, raising barriers to building in America in the process. Republicans' tax bill will halve the [deployment of cheap, renewable American energy](#) and imperil our power grid.
 - The Republican tax law also removed tax credits designed to help homeowners save money on rooftop solar panels, electric vehicles, and energy efficient home improvements.
 - This historic price hike is on top of the [\\$31 billion](#) in electricity bill rate hikes that utility companies requested last year – double the pace of 2024.
- Last year, DOE [announced](#) it was killing \$8 billion worth of grants to over 300 energy projects across the country. Canceling new energy projects when we desperately need more energy will only raise prices and increase the strain on our electric grid.
 - These grants were designed to pilot innovative new energy technologies and strengthen our power grid against extreme weather and natural disasters.
 - Canceling clean energy projects doesn't just impact grid reliability: trade organizations estimate the Republican tax law threatens more than [1.75 million construction jobs](#).
- The Administration and Congressional Republicans repeatedly target programs that lower energy bills for Americans.
 - The Administration [gutted the staff](#) that helps nearly six million low-income households pay their heating and cooling bills.
 - House Republicans have continuously attacked standards that ensure home appliances are affordable and energy efficient. Meanwhile, they have repeatedly voted to [repeal an established program that provides rebates for energy-saving home upgrades](#).

Republicans in Congress are not only making it harder for Americans to afford electricity – they are also increasing the risk of blackouts across the country.

- The Republican tax law is projected to cause electricity generation capacity to decrease by more than 300 gigawatts, leaving the United States unable to meet growing electricity demand.
- By gutting clean energy generation and destroying our ability to meet rapidly rising electricity demand, the Republican tax law is setting our power grid up for catastrophe.

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