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# Politics

**XDISAD TURNS CASE:**

**XFiscal cliff collapse energy funding**

**The Atlantic**, Editors, 5/7/12, Who Will Save Clean Energy?, www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2012/05/who-will-save-clean-energy/256816/

The "fiscal cliff" refers to the double-… for other energy sources will slow to a trickle.

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**A deal will happen in the lame duck**

Steber 10/26 Mark is Chief Tax Officer, Jackson Hewitt Tax Service Inc. “Taxmageddon, the Fiscal Cliff, the Mayan Calendar, and Other Year-End Events to Watch Out for,” 2012, <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mark-steber/fiscal-cliff_b_2012008.html>

So in the coming weeks, be especially … with the Mayan calendar might not be so bad.

**They say it doesn’t happen til December, but:**

**Fiscal cliff is top of the docket**

Mak 10/24 Tim is a writer at Politico. “W.H.: Sequester talks after election,” <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1012/82845.html>

President Barack Obama wants to get into … of business," Obama said.

**Ideological differences are resolved- it’s all a question of political leverage**

**Pincus, 10-25** (Walter, Walter Pincus writes for The Washington Post, “Opinion: Heading toward a fiscal cliff,” <http://www.northjersey.com/news/opinions/cliff_102612.html?c=y&page=1>)

Obama will have the upper hand if … through Medicare reforms.

#### Obama re-election ensures leverage- but political fights in the lame duck means we cross the fiscal cliff

Reuters, 10-22 (Some in Congress look to $55 billion fiscal cliff 'fallback', <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/10/22/us-usa-congress-fiscalcliff-idUSBRE89L0YB20121022>)

"If Obama wins, we're going to have to play the cards we're dealt and work out some negotiation with him," said one senior Republican aide who … aide said, pointing to a contentious lame duck session that might be in need of a "fallback."

**Even Republicans agree**

**Pincus, 10-25** (Walter, Walter Pincus writes for The Washington Post, “Opinion: Heading toward a fiscal cliff,” <http://www.northjersey.com/news/opinions/cliff_102612.html?c=y&page=1>)

McHugh, who spent 17 … can to avoid it.”

They say Obama isn’t pushing, but:

**Obama is pushing for fiscal cliff reform**

**Washington Post, 11-2** (The fiscal cliff: Meet the key players

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/the-fiscal-cliff-meet-the-key-players/2012/10/31/3e484da8-237c-11e2-8448-81b1ce7d6978_gallery.html>

President Obama is ready to … Post’s Lori Montgomery reports.

Link Wall

**Picking winners and solyndra supercharges our link**

**Crippes, 9-20** (Christnia, Grassley laments Siemens job losses in southeast Iowa, <http://www.thehawkeye.com/story/All-grassley-092012>)

Grassley does not expect the tax … before going bankrupt.

Massive unpopular backlash from the nuclear power industry- they have strong influence

The Fiscal Times, 9-21 (Merill Goozner, Nuclear Attack on Wind Turbines — Energy Wars Begin,  <http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/Articles/2012/09/21/Nuclear-Attack-on-Wind-Turbines-Energy-Wars-Begin.aspx#9vL0tQSvBMYXDlAo.99>)

The **nation’s largest nuclear utility …** with generators that turn only when the wind blows.”

Only risk of a link- their evidence is hyped up by the wind industry and doesn’t assume protracted economic decline and fiscal cliff turns it

Styles August 2, 2012 Geoffrey Styles Managing Director of GSW Strategy Group, LLC, an energy and environmental strategy consulting firm “Last Hurrah for the Wind Power Tax Credit?” http://theenergycollective.com/node/99336

As the Reuters article makes clear, there will be … instead of stepping off a cliff in 2013.

**Uniquely Wind PTC derails fiscal cliff- they prefer looking at the federal tax code broadly**

Colman 07/31/12 Zack Colman Energy & Environment Staff Writer at The Hill “Obama official: Ending wind credit could have 'devastating effect'” http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/241315-ferc-chairman-ending-wind-credit-could-be-devastating

Many lawmakers have … energy initiative.

#### Even if they like wind ptc they don’t like a permanent extension

**Klein, 10-29** (Ezra, Ezra Klein is a columnist at the Washington Post, as well as a contributor to MSNBC. His work focuses on domestic and economic policymaking, as well as the political system that’s constantly screwing it up. He’s appeared on The Rachel Maddow Show, Charlie Rose, Real Time with Bill Maher, The McLaughlin Report, the Colbert Report, and many more. He really likes graphs. “Wonkbook: The ‘fiscal cliff’ — a faster fiscal contraction than Greece?”, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/ezra-klein/wp/2012/10/29/wonkbook-the-fiscal-cliff-a-faster-fiscal-contraction-than-greece/>)

Romney now wants a wind-subsidy ‘…**of years**.” *Diane Cardwell in*[*The New York Times*](http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/28/talk-of-a-wind-subsidy-phaseout/?partner=rss&emc=rss)*.*

**Republicans oppose production tax credits**

Dow Jones, 8 (“Wind Farm Taxes Make Up Losses From Incentives - GE Study,” <http://www.climateark.org/shared/reader/welcome.aspx?linkid=101605&keybold=renewable%20industry%20tax%20credits>)

"Too often, politics, rather … cut for U.S. multinational companies.

**The last 6 times proves our link**

Friedman, 8 - Pulitzer Prize winner for commentary (Thomas, “Mr. Bush, Lead or Leave”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/22/opinion/22friedman.html>)

That bill is H.R. 6049 — “The Renewable … credits six different times.

No risk of a link turn

Leone June 4, 2012 Steve Leone, Associate Editor, RenewableEnergyWorld.com “Looming Deadline for PTC Extension is Major Focus at Windpower 2012” http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2012/06/looking-deadline-for-ptc-extension-is-major-focus-at-windpower-2012

“We’re willing to talk in the … role in energy investment has become a central issue.

### Elections Stuff

### Ohio

**Obama is winning Ohio- that’s key**

**Silver, 10-31** (Nate, elections expert “[Oct. 30: What State Polls Suggest About the National Popular Vote](http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/31/oct-30-what-state-polls-suggest-about-the-national-popular-vote/),” <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/>)

Mr. Obama made gains in the FiveThirtyEight forecast on Tuesday, with his chances of winning the Electoral College increasing to 77.4 percent.

A fair amount of this boils down to … but which was released after we had run the model for the night.)

**Silver, 10-31** (Nate, elections expert “Oct. 29: Polling Slows as Storm Wreaks Havoc,” <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/30/oct-29-polling-slows-as-storm-wreaks-havoc/#h[]>)

Is this the sign of a shift toward Mr. Romney in Ohio?

It’s probably premature to conclude …s of the Rasmussen survey.

### Florida

**Florida is going for Obama still close**

**Silver, 10-31** (Nate, elections expert “Oct. 29: Polling Slows as Storm Wreaks Havoc,” <http://fivethirtyeight.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/10/30/oct-29-polling-slows-as-storm-wreaks-havoc/#h[]>)

In Florida, a CNN poll had Mr. Romney … election.

### Obama Win Inevitible--No Change Extn

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**Election’s over- early voting in Ohio makes an Obama win inevitable- nothing can change that**

**Cohn, 11-1** (Nate, elections expert, Romney's Window In Ohio Is Closing, [http://www.tnr.com/blogs/electionate#](http://www.tnr.com/blogs/electionate))

Since early August, Obama’s modest … consistent, with Romney leading in just a handful of automated surveys over the last few months.

### AT tech industry:

Talks about past extensions, not in the current situation. If the plan is an immediate session, as they must be immediate, lobbies have no time to spin or influence the Congress.

Their evidence is about govenors, not congress.

Tech key evidence is in the context of immigration—this has no influence on congressional action on short term spending bills. The only warrant is about H1B’s. This is a new topic, Tom.

### AT: Winners Win

**Winners win not true for Obama – must be large, popular and on economic issue**

Kuttner, 11 (Robert, co-founder and co-editor of The American Prospect, as well as a distinguished senior fellow of the think tank Demos, 5/16, <http://prospect.org/cs/articles?article=barack_obamas_theory_of_power>)

Obama won more legislative trophies during his … “deadbeat” homeowners and for bankers. (See this month’s special report on page A1.)