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Visual	Audio	Backup
Footage from Allen West ad "Environment"	**Allen West SYNC:** We have a responsibility to leave the next generation an even greater America than we were given. It starts by cutting wasteful spending and balancing the budget.	
Ad pauses and a bubble pops up in the corner of the frame. It contains the head of our character, Reality. Underneath the bubble is his name CG: **Reality** *Source: Sun Sentinel, "Allen West Defends Big Oil's tax breaks," 4/2/12*	**Reality SYNC:** Hey, Reality here! I just want to correct this one thing. Allen West talks a lot about the need to cut wasteful spending, but he's pledged to keep spending your tax dollars on giveaways to Big Oil companies. Like they're hurting, right? Sorry for the interruption. Back to you, Allen.	**West defended Big Oil's special tax breaks.** The Sun Sentinel reported: "South Florida Congressman Allen West defended the oil industry and its tax breaks in a message to constituents on Monday, while accusing President Obama of demonizing Big Oil. … 'The oil and gas industry supports 9.2 million American jobs and makes up 7.5 percent of our Gross Domestic Product,' said West, R-Plantation, who favors expanded offshore drilling. The industry also pays $86 million daily in rents, royalties, bonuses and income taxes, he said. 'President Obama wants to increase their taxes? Insidious, especially considering that the same day the president was demonizing our oil and gas industry, the Chinese government-owned Petroleum Company surpassed ExxonMobil in production.' Obama last week urged passage of a bill that would end tax breaks for big oil companies and give incentives instead for developing renewable energy, electric cars and energy-efficient homes." [Sun Sentinel, "Allen West Defends Big Oil's tax breaks," 4/2/12] **West voted to protect oil subsidies.** West voted against a measure that would have prohibited the use of funds in a stopgap continuing appropriations bill be used for tax benefit or relief for any major integrated oil company. He also voted to bypass consideration of the Big Oil Welfare Repeal Act of 2011, which would repeal key taxpayer funded subsidies for oil and gas companies. [HJ Res 44, House Vote 153, 3/1/11; H Res 245, Vote 293, 5/5/11; The Hill, 5/4/11; CBS News, 5/4/11]
Footage from Allen West ad "Environment"	**Allen West SYNC:** But it can't end there. I'm working to protect our environment by supporting	

	beach renourishment efforts.	
Reality bubble pops up again. *Source: House Vote 123, 2/18/11; House Vote 573, 7/13/11*	**Reality SYNC:** Hey, it's Reality again. I have a lot of Allen West ads to correct today, so I don't want to take a lot of time, but. . . Allen West protecting the environment!? The same Allen West who voted to *prevent* the EPA from setting water-pollution standards? Let's just get serious here. That's it. I'm out. Back to the...	**West voted to block EPA standards preventing pollution in Florida's lakes, rivers, and streams.** West in favor of Rep. Tom Rooney's amendment to H.R. 1, the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011, to block the EPA from implementing new water quality standards to prevent toxic green slime from polluting Florida's lakes, rivers, and streams. This amendment would also halt public education about protecting waters from excess pollution from sewage and fertilizer, and set a dangerous precedent for efforts to reduce water contamination across the country. [House Vote 123, 2/18/11] **West voted to dismantle the Clean Water Act.** West voted for the so-called Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011, which would threaten waterways Americans depend on for swimming, fishing, and drinking. The bill would amend the Clean Water Act in such a way as to cripple the EPA's ability to set a minimum "floor" for a state's water quality standards, blocking the agency's ability to limit pollution flowing downstream to other waters and also into other states. The bill would also gut the Clean Water Act provisions that protect streams, wetlands, and other bodies of water from harmful large-scale mining and other destructive projects. As OMB Watch has noted, the bill "would dismantle the federal- state relationship envisioned under the [Clean Water Act] by stripping EPA of its abilities to object to state-approved permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, revise state water quality standards, and veto dredge and fill permits issued by the Army Corps of Engineers." [HR 2018, House Vote 573, 7/13/11; 2011 LCV National Environmental Scorecard; OMB Watch, 7/15/11]
Footage from Allen West ad "Environment"	**Allen West SYNC:** Addressing Lake Okeechobee run-off to protect our rivers and estuaries. And opposing oil drilling in the everglades.	
Reality bubble pops up again. *Source :Florida Independent,*	**Reality SYNC:** *(Takes a deep breath)* Okay. Here it is: Allen West voted to let oil and gas	**West voted against preventing oil drilling in Great Lakes, Everglades.** According to the Florida Independent, "House Republicans — including

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"Florida lawmakers vote against measure to prevent Everglades drilling," 2/17/12 *Source: Sun Sentinel, "Allen West forges provocative new path on Florida issues," 1/27/11*	companies poke holes in the Great Lakes and Everglades. He even called for more drilling closer to shore. (*exasperated wave of the hand*)	Florida GOP lawmakers Allen West, Vern Buchanan, David Rivera, Tom Rooney, Steve Southerland, and C.W. Bill Young — voted against a measure that would have prevented oil and gas exploration in the Great Lakes and the Florida Everglades. The measure was part of a plan to authorize the Keystone XL pipeline and expand offshore drilling and drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. A motion introduced yesterday would have required the bill be reported back to the House with an amendment to 'restrict permits for new oil and gas slant, directional, or offshore drilling around the Great Lakes or the Florida Everglades.' That motion was shot down in a largely party-line vote (232 Republicans and nine Democrats voted against it) of 241-176." [Florida Independent, 2/17/12] **West wants more offshore oil rigs that are "close to shore."** The Sun Sentienal reported: "Energy experts say offshore drilling would have little impact on gas prices. But West said more drilling would make the nation less dependent on foreign supplies and no longer compelled to 'send money to people [abroad] who want to see us killed.' He brushed off the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico last summer as 'an isolated incident.' Rather than push rigs into deeper waters, West wants to bring them close to shore. 'We need to make sure it's close enough so we don't have what happened in the Gulf, where [the leaking well] was so deep we couldn't get out there and take the emergency procedures to rectify that type of spill.'" [Sun Sentinel, 1/27/11]
Footage from Allen West ad "Environment"	**Allen West SYNC:** We have a responsibility to keep Florida beautiful.	
Reality bubble pops up again.	**Reality SYNC:** The best way to keep Florida beautiful is to keep Allen West out of Congress.	
Footage from Allen West ad "Environment"	**Allen West SYNC:** I'm Allen West and I approve this message	
Reality bubble pops up again. PAID FOR BY LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS, WWW.LCV.ORG, AND NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE'S	**Reality SYNC:** That was probably true.	

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