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“Energy Jobs”

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<p>Narrator: Our economy...needs HELP.</p> <p>Narrator: But Scott Brown would go back to the same Bush / Cheney policies that caused the crisis.</p> <p>CG: Scott Brown Take us back to the Bush/Cheney Policies</p> <p>Source: [Boston Herald, 12/22/09; Boston Globe, 1/11/10]</p>	<p>Brown Said He Supported Bush Tax Cuts During US Senate Debate; Attacked Coakley For Her Criticism Of Bush Tax Cuts. During a debate between US Senate candidates Martha Coakley and Scott Brown, Brown “accused Coakley, the state's \$135,000-a-year attorney general, of playing fast and loose with the truth when she insisted she never benefited from Bush administration tax cuts. ‘She's either lying or she doesn't understand federal tax code because, as somebody who makes what she makes, she got an across-the-board tax decrease, and she also benefited by the marriage penalty not being in effect,’ Brown said on WTKK-FM...Coakley wants to repeal the tax cuts, set to expire at the end of 2010, while Brown wants to keep them.” [Boston Herald, 12/22/09]</p> <p>Coakley Attacked Brown’s Tax Proposal Stating That It Would Be A “Roadblock to Progress” And Reinstate The “Failed Policies Of The Bush-Cheney Administration.” The Boston Globe reported that US Senate candidate Martha Coakley attacked Scott Brown, linking his position on taxes to those of the former Bush-Cheney administration. “‘The only thing he has proposed is to continue to give the haves and have mores the tax cuts they got under the Bush-Cheney administration,’ Coakley said at a press conference in her campaign headquarters in Charlestown. ‘Not only is Scott Brown a roadblock to progress, he wants to go back to the failed policies of the Bush-Cheney administration.’” [Boston Globe, 1/11/10]</p>
<p>Narrator: Brown OPPOSES the American Clean Energy and Security Act that <u>creates new</u> energy jobs.</p> <p>CG: Scott Brown Opposes American Clean Energy and Security Act Creates Massachusetts Jobs</p> <p>Source: [Brown for US Senate Press Release, 12/15/09]</p>	<p>As A Candidate For U.S. Senate; Brown Denounced National Cap And Trade Legislation. In December 2009, candidate for U.S. Senate, Scott Brown asked his opponent, Martha Coakley to end her support for the national cap and trade bill. He wrote that the bill would “raise energy costs on businesses and consumers and kill jobs at a time when the economy is on the brink... The National Association of Manufacturers predicts the loss of 2.4 million jobs by 2030 if cap and trade becomes law and residential electricity price increases of up to 50 percent.” Brown said, “Cap and trade is anti-jobs and anti-growth. It would be bad for our economy and bad for working families. We all want a clean environment and we all want to reduce our dependence on carbon-based fuels, but we shouldn't do it at the expense of jobs.” [Brown for US Senate Press Release, 12/15/09]</p> <p>Center For American Progress: Clean Energy Act Would Create Net Increase Of 1.7 Million Jobs. The Center for American Progress issued a report on the economic benefits in of investing in clean energy. They concluded that “We estimate this sustained expansion in clean-energy investments triggered by the economic stimulus program and the forthcoming American Clean Energy and Security Act can generate a net increase of about 1.7 million jobs. This expansion in job opportunities can continue as long as the economy maintains a commitment to clean-energy investments in the \$150 billion per year range. If clean-energy investments expand still faster, overall job creation will increase correspondingly. These job gains would be enough—on their own—to reduce the unemployment rate</p>

	<p>in today’s economy by about one full percentage point, to 8.4 percent from current 9.4-percent levels—even after taking into full account the inevitable job losses in conventional fossil fuel sectors of the U.S. economy as they contract.” [Center for American Progress, “The Economic Benefits Of Investing In Clean Energy,” June 2009]</p>
<p>Narrator: Brown OPPOSES the plan that reduces our dependence on foreign oil and makes America safer.</p> <p>CG: Scott Brown Opposes American Clean Energy and Security Act</p> <p>Source: [Mass Live, 1/9/10; Boston Globe, 12/17/09]</p>	<p>Brown Opposed Legislation Because It Would Drive Up Costs For Businesses And Consumers And Hurt America’s Economy. Mass Live reported that Scott Brown “is opposed to a U.S. House-approved bill that would promote clean energy and establish a ‘cap-and-trade’ law. Brown says the provisions for the law would drive up the costs of electricity for businesses and consumers and hurt the nation’s economy...The goal is to reduce the emission of carbon dioxide and other chemicals that trap sun light in the lower atmosphere and cause global warming.” [Mass Live, 1/9/10]</p> <p>Brown Questioned Existence Of Global Warming; Said Legislation To Curb Emissions Was “Premature.” In 2009, candidate for US Senate, Scott Brown questioned the existence of global warming. According to the Boston Globe, “State Senator Scott P. Brown, the Republican nominee, expresses skepticism about climate change and says he believes that legislation proposed to curb emissions is premature and would harm businesses and energy consumers... ‘It’s interesting. I think the globe is always heating and cooling,’ he said. ‘It’s a natural way of ebb and flow. The thing that concerns me lately is some of the information I’ve heard about potential tampering with some of the information.’ Brown continued, saying: ‘I just want to make sure if in fact . . . the earth is heating up, that we have accurate information, and it’s unbiased by scientists with no agenda. Once that’s done, then I think we can really move forward with a good plan.’” [Boston Globe, 12/17/09]</p>
<p>Narrator: On Tuesday, we can say YES to clean energy jobs and greater energy independence... ...by electing Martha Coakley as our new Senator.</p> <p>CG: Vote Tuesday Martha Coakley U.S. Senator</p>	<p>Martha Coakley Pledged To Support The American Clean Energy And Security Act. According to Coakley’s campaign website, “Martha supports a national cap-and-trade program that will utilize a market-based approach to control pollution. Martha believes that by providing economic incentives to industries for achieving emissions reductions, we can achieve superior environmental protection and give businesses both the flexibility and direct financial incentives they need to find faster, cheaper and more innovative ways to reduce pollution. In Washington, Martha will support the national Global Warming Pollution Reduction Program, proposed in the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009. Martha believes that by harnessing the forces of the free market, we can achieve cost-effective environmental protection.” [www.marthacoakley.com, accessed 1/15/09]</p>
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