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This is the first time this extreme position has been publicly advocated.

In an interview Monday, 8/31, with KEYT-TV, Channel 3 in Santa Barbara, California, Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, Al Gore was quoted in urging that offshore drilling moratoria be enacted off ALL coastal waters of the United States in an environmental revolution.

GORE: "Well, first of all, all of us are quite well aware that Santa Barbara is really the birthplace of the modern environmental movement, and one of the reasons I came here to Monterey Bay today is to celebrate victory in a long 12-year battle against the Reagan-Bush-Quayle forces to get this area protected. I believe that the entire coastline of California, not just the one corridor protected in this sanctuary, ought to be ruled off limits to offshore drilling.

The Secretary of Interior, Manuel Lujan, under Bush and Quayle, just said two weeks ago, at the Republican Convention, that if they have their way, they're going to eliminate all of the moratoria against offshore drilling. Now, they said that just as plainly as the English language expresses it, or any language expresses it. Now, what we stand for is creating millions of new jobs in the process of **LEADING THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVOLUTION**, because this false choice between jobs and the environment has to be rejected.

Japan and Germany are now openly saying the biggest new market in the history of world business is the market for the new products and processes that foster progress without environmental destruction. We need to be leading the way."

INTERVIEWER, LAMBERT: "So, you're saying you'd like to see the Marine Sanctuary extended beyond, you know, south of San Luis Obispo?"

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EDIE LAMBERT: The Democratic Presidential campaign came close to home today. Vice Presidential Candidate Senator Al Gore is in Monterey, talking about, among other things, the Marine Sanctuary off the coast of San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties. We had a chance to talk to the Senator earlier this afternoon, about his plans for the environment and his predictions on the campaign. Well, good afternoon Senator Gore, and thank you for joining us. I know this is a busy afternoon but at least it looks like you're getting some sunshine up there.

AL GORE: It's a beautiful place, Edie. Thank you.

LAMBERT: Monterey. If you can first of all, talk about the environment. Down here, as you probably know, the environmentalists and the developers have been at odds for a number of years. And, I understand your environmental plan combines those two forces. How so?

GORE: Well, first of all, all of us are quite well aware that Santa Barbara is really the birthplace of the modern environmental movement, and one of the reasons I came here to Monterey Bay today is to celebrate victory in a long 12-year battle against the Reagan-Bush-Quayle forces to get this area protected. I believe that the entire coastline of California, not just the one corridor protected in this sanctuary, ought to be ruled off limits to offshore drilling.

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LAMBERT: So, you're saying you'd like to see the Marine Sanctuary extended beyond, you know, south of San Luis Obispo?

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LAMBERT: If we can talk about politics for just a minute. I understand some new television commercials will start airing tomorrow. Can you give us an idea of what we can expect to see?

GORE: To tell you the truth, I haven't seen these yet, but we'll be talking about the basic choices in this election. Either we can have more of the same, with the kind of approach that Manuel Lujan has recommended on the environment, with the read my lips recession and the continuing faith they express in trickle down economics, or we can have change to put people first, and to start fighting for average working families to protect the environment, to create improvements in our education system. Those are the things that Bill Clinton and I stand for and the choice is between that kind of change, or a continuation of what hasn't worked.

LAMBERT: Okay, well, we'll look for the ads. Thank you for joining us Senator Gore. Again, we talked to Senator Gore, via satellite, from Monterey, California.

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Gore Questioned About Drilling in Louisiana
By NITA LELVELD
Associated Press Writer
NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Republicans accused Al Gore of favoring an end to all offshore oil drilling, another in a series of charges portraying the Democratic vice presidential candidate as having extreme environmental views.
Gore, who said his views were misinterpreted, said he favors a ban on all new offshore oil drilling.
Energy Secretary James Watkins, who was in Shreveport, La., after Gore visited there Wednesday, issued a statement on Bush-Gore campaign letterhead saying Gore had called for a total ban on offshore drilling.
Watkins released a transcript of an interview with Gore taped Aug. 30 at KYET-TV in Santa Barbara, Calif. In the transcript, Gore is quoted as saying, "I think that a ban on offshore drilling ought to be extended on the ... to all of the coastal waters of the United States."
Asked about the statement after meeting with students at Mildred Osborne Elementary School, Gore said he and Clinton support "a ban on all new offshore drilling."
"I'm in favor of a moratorium on new offshore drilling, especially in environmentally sensitive areas like the California coast and the Florida coast," Gore said. "The Bush-Quayle administration has changed its position on offshore drilling so many times they've met themselves coming on offshore drilling. But the Gore campaign quickly issued a statement labeling Bush and his Administration to confuse the public about his record on offshore oil leases."

Offshore oil and gas rigs dot the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana. But the industry has been in a slump since the 1980s. "would cost thousands of jobs for the working men and women in the U.S. domestic oil industry." He said Clinton's election would be a disaster for an already depressed oil and gas industry. Gore's environmental views, particularly those in his best-selling book on the subject.
Earlier Wednesday, Gore criticized the Bush administration's drug policy Wednesday and called drug czar Bob Martinez a "political crony."
In visits to schools in Shreveport, La., and New Orleans, Gore talked about Bush's speech in September 1993, and described Bush's drug policy as his "phony war on drugs."
He said he and Bill Clinton would ensure federal funding for police officers on America's city streets, and hire a drug expert to a cabinet-level position in their administration.
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Livingston Says Gore Would Bankrupt Louisiana

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston (R-Metairie) today blasted Democratic Vice Presidential nominee Al Gore for Gore's proposal to ban all offshore drilling in United States coastal waters.

Livingston said Gore's proposal "would virtually bankrupt Louisiana. It would cost us thousands upon thousands of jobs. It's ludicrous."

Livingston was responding to a clear statement of policy made by Gore in an August 31 interview with KEYT-TV, the ABC affiliate in Santa Barbara, California. Talking about environmental policy in California, Gore said the offshore drilling ban there wasn't enough. "I think that a ban on offshore drilling ought to be extended," he said, "to all of the coastal waters of the United States."

Livingston noted that Louisiana's state offshore waters produced half a billion dollars worth of crude oil in 1991, and that its federal offshore waters produced nearly six billion dollars worth.

"Removing well over \$6 billion from Louisiana's economy would absolutely devastate our state," Livingston said. "And that doesn't even begin to take into account the thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in oil-related spinoff industries. It would be an annual economic blow many times stronger than the total devastation caused by Hurricane Andrew in both Louisiana and Florida."

Livingston also said Gore's proposal, putatively aimed at saving the environment, actually would be bad for the environment.

"It is established fact that there is more oil in the seas from leaks and spills of oil tankers than from offshore rigs, which are subject to stringent ecological standards," Livingston said. "The Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress predicts that 'the volume of oil spilled into U.S. waters will likely increase as tankered imported oil is substituted for OCS production.'"

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"Either Al Gore isn't nearly the environmental expert he claims to be, or else he's just a nervous politician pandering to the most extremist elements in the environmental movement."

Livingston also predicted that elimination of offshore drilling would hurt Louisiana's fishing industry. He said that rigs serve as artificial reefs which attract sea life and, according to all available evidence, provide fertile new spawning grounds for Louisiana fisheries.

Finally, Livingston said Gore's proposal would seriously undermine the national security of the United States.

"It would leave us astronomically more dependent on foreign oil, and thus on the whims of deranged dictators such as Saddam Hussein and Muammar Qadhafi," Livingston said. "And it would mean an immediate return to the gas lines and high inflation of the 1970s, when Mideast states and cartels held America hostage to their machinations."

Livingston said that, in sum, "Gore's statement betrays him as a radical so committed to his own private environmental utopia that he would trample the livelihoods of tens of thousands of Americans in the process."

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