



House Republicans

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- The House GOP's nationwide gas prices protest rolls on today, with Republicans promoting their "[all of the above](#)" energy plan to lower gas prices on the House floor and in local communities across the country. Meanwhile, Democrats are reeling – from the GOP's unprecedented revolt and from Speaker Nancy Pelosi's (D-CA) comments to CNN's [Larry King](#) earlier this week that the House "can have a vote" on expanded drilling for oil and gas. The [Los Angeles Times](#) reports this morning that the Democrats are scrambling to avoid more backlash from American families and small businesses saddled with high gas prices under the Democratic Majority.
- Why are the Democrats so panicked? Well, because a strong majority of the American people agree with Republicans on the number one issue in the country today. As Robert Samuelson wrote in the [Washington Post](#) yesterday, "**The Democrats are deservedly getting pounded on this.**" But the fact is, Speaker Pelosi and her Democratic colleagues really don't support more drilling for oil and gas to help bring down fuel costs. After all, they've spent months blocking a vote on increased production of American energy for

precisely that reason. An editorial in yesterday's [*Investor's Business Daily*](#) reports that the Democrats' latest tactic may be to load up a bill that contains token "energy production" with scores of unrelated items, including tax hikes and taxpayer-funded pork.

- Families and small businesses feeling the pain at the pump can be sure that the Speaker has more tricks up her sleeve to stop the production of more American energy. How much longer will Democrats continue defying the will of the American people for more American-made energy and lower gas prices?