GOP blasts W.H. over pipeline

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Congressional Republicans wasted no time Wednesday blasting President Barack Obama for blocking construction on the Keystone XL oil pipeline project, accusing the White House of playing political games.

They also complained the president failed to give GOP leaders any warning about the administration's plans.

"His decision today is a victory for the few extreme environmental activists who have lined up to protest Keystone and a defeat for the tens of thousands of Americans who are lining up to find a Keystone job," Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) said. "The president chose to shore up his voting base instead of standing up for unemployed Americans."

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