

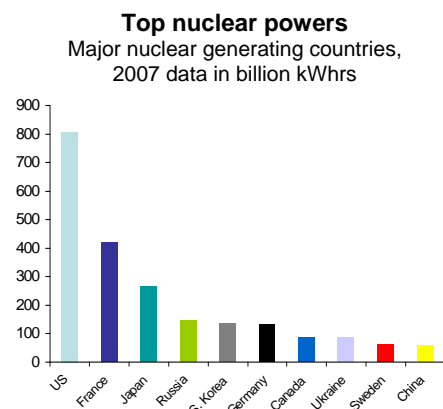
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## Sweden To Reverse Nuclear Ban

Can Sweden's nuclear reversal lead to similar moves in Germany?

Shortly after the **Three Mile Island** accident in the US, Sweden passed a law in 1980 to phase out their 12 perfectly safe operating nuclear reactors, vowing never to build any new ones. Since then, two reactors have been shut down, and there were plans to close the remaining 10 – which provide roughly half the country's electricity.



Source: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and US EIA

The case of **Sweden**, along with that of **Germany**, the only other major nuclear operator with a similar nuclear phase-out, is closely watched by both pro- and anti-nuclear lobbies. Similarly, **Italy**, with no nuclear reactors of its own, passed a moratorium in 1987 after the **Chernobyl** disaster in the Ukraine.

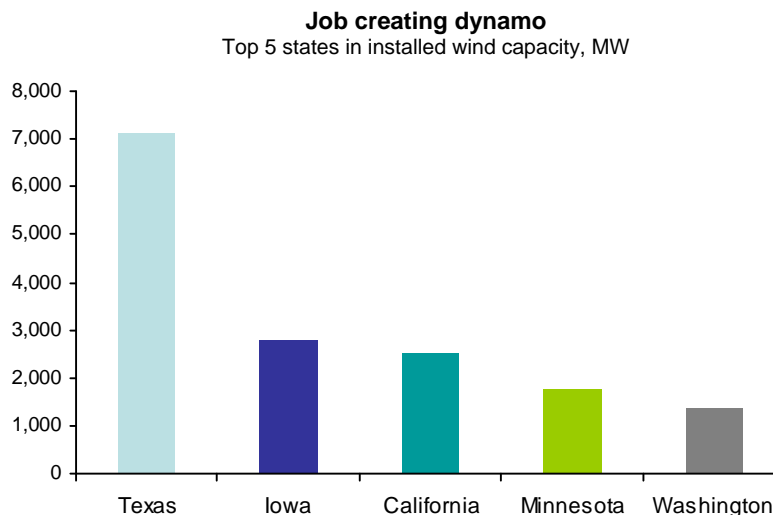
But times have changed, and so have the public and political sentiments. Climate change, not a major issue in the 1980s, is now a hot topic. The increased dependence on imported natural gas from Russia has also evolved into a

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## Renewable Stimulus Creating Jobs Overseas?

Facing strong head winds of economic downturn, renewables are judged by number of jobs they can create

The **Obama Administration** is attempting to kill two birds with one stone – creating domestic jobs while reducing US dependence on imported oil. A number of measures in Obama's economic stimulus package, including a **30% tax credit** for renewable energy, are targeted to accomplish both objectives. But in real life, nothing is ever that simple.



Source: American Wind Energy Association, 2 Feb 09

A recently released study by the **Renewable Energy Policy Project** in Washington, DC, concludes that each MW of installed wind capacity generates 4.85 full-time jobs – 3.4 in manufacturing wind turbines and components, the rest in support services such as installing wind turbines and maintaining them (see box on page two).

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