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@tedcruz Texas failed to winterize its generation sources the last time this happened in 2011.

Now ask yourself, why?

Simple. Texas's extended power outage is a result of negligent GOP infrastructure policy.

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@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz The Texas GOP has continuously rebuffed plans to invest in better infrastructure to upgrade TX power grids.

Texas was warned to weatherize power plants.

Why didn't they?

@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz TX power companies said electricity prices are too low to provide incentives (profit) to build new plants or improve older ones. (a result of privatization of basic services.)

@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz The electrical grid in Texas was deregulated, privatized, and removed from interconnected networks to avoid federal regulation and increase profits for a small number of wealthy individuals.

Go figure.

@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz If TX ERCOT grid was on the national grid, or simply reinvested in their privatized infrastructure, they'd be fine by now.

They did neither, b/c it wasn't profitable.

It's a failure of TX leadership — total, inexcusable, and utterly catastrophic.

Not fucking windmills.

@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz https://t.co/IOLZPymRu1

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@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz With millions of Texans still without power amid frigid temperatures, false claims that wind and solar energy were primarily to blame spread across social media.

But gas, coal and nuclear plants caused nearly twice as many outages as wind and solar.

https://t.co/TRWr9x5N3q

@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz No. Frozen wind turbines aren't the main culprit for Texas' power outages. Wind power accounts for an est. 17.5% of the electricity generated in Texas.

Texas is a natural gas state.

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@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz And @ERCOT_ISO has confirmed that most of the generating loss has come from (largely deregulated) gas and nuclear facilities.

Rather than taking ownership for *any* of this crisis,
@GregAbbott_TX is lying about its cause—to try to score cheap (and inaccurate) political points.

@ProjectLincoln @tedcruz @ERCOT_ISO @GregAbbott_TX Meanwhile, the parts of Texas not on its privatized ERCOT power grid (El Paso) appear to have weathered the freeze with few outages.

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> During the biggest crisis in Texas in decades:
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> Governor Abbott: Went on Fox to (wrongly) blame green energy.
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> Lt. Gov. Patrick & AG Paxton: Unusually quiet compared to the press releases that usually accompany their culture wars.
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> Senator Cruz: Ran away to Cancun.#Leadership.
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> — Steve Vladeck (@steve_vladeck) February 18, 2021

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> No power for 2 days.
> No water since yesterday.
> Smelled gas inside and outside the house so called 9-1-1 \u2014 they never came.
> Sat outside for three hours with three dogs until we finally reached center point emergency line.
> Technicians come out \u2014 major gas leak
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> — Alex Stuckey \U0001f418 (@alexdstuckey) February 17, 2021