

## THIS WEEK IN CLIMATE (IN)ACTION

Check out the League of Conservation Voters' 2016 primers to stay up to date on what all of the presidential candidates are saying about [climate change](#), the [Clean Power Plan](#), and [renewable energy](#) – and be sure to follow LCV on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*Climate “will always be a high priority of mine...Because after all, I think we have to use every tool we have. There is no Planet B, this is it.” - [Hillary Clinton](#), upon [receiving the endorsement](#) of LCV Action Fund*

### SPEED READ:

Newsweek: [With A Message About Climate Change, Obama Launches Facebook Page](#)

### THIS WEEK'S MOST IMPORTANT STORIES:

**LCV Action Fund Endorses Hillary Clinton: With The Stakes This High, “Without A Doubt” The Most Effective Leader to Aggressively Tackle Climate Change**

The League of Conservation Voters Action Fund endorsed Hillary Clinton for President on Monday in Nashua, NH. Citing her long history of strong environmental leadership and the promise of a campaign committed to building a clean energy future, Carol M. Browner, Board Chair of LCV [called](#) Clinton, “the leader we need to meet the climate crisis head-on.”

Already a central aspect of her campaign, the Clinton climate plan will be crucial in tackling the climate change crisis and making America the 21<sup>st</sup> century clean energy superpower. Clinton has pledged that by 2027 the U.S. will generate enough renewable energy to power every home and that by the end of her first term, there would be more than 500 million solar panels installed across the country. LCV Action Fund President Gene Karpinski described Clinton as “without a doubt the most effective leader to stand up to Big Polluters and push forward an aggressive plan to tackle climate change and get it done.”

Here's how it played:

- [League of Conservation Voters Action Fund To Endorse Clinton](#) – Washington Post
- [Clinton Scores Prized Green Group Endorsement](#) – The Hill
- [Clinton Nabs Backing From Deep-Pocketed Environmental Group](#) – MSNBC
- [Hillary Clinton Picks Up Endorsement Of League Of Conservation Voters](#) – Huffington Post
- [The Environmental Case for a Clinton Presidency](#) – The New Republic

**GOP Debate: Climate Action “Resoundingly Rejected” On Stage In Milwaukee - LCV**

Viewers of the GOP Republican primary debate this week could be forgiven for wondering whether any candidate believes climate change to be a cause for concern. “Meeting the global threat of climate change requires US leadership,” LCV Vice President of Campaigns Daniel J. Weiss said in a [statement](#), “but we didn’t see it from any of the candidates on stage tonight.”

The [final](#) question of the night did turn to climate change – and it fell to Rand Paul. The Kentucky Senator questioned the extent to which humans contribute to global warming cautioning that, “we need to look before we leap,” before enacting regulations such as the Clean Power Plan, or Clean Power ‘Act’ as Paul calls it. If President, repealing the regulations would be the first thing Paul would do, a move Weiss described as having, “a stunning disregard for the benefits of these critical safeguards, which protect the health of our families, grow the economy, and create jobs.”

### **In Attempt to Please Big Polluters, Bush Threatens To Put America’s Clean Air, Water At Risk**

“We ought to repeal that and start over.” That’s Jeb Bush’s opinion on regulations implemented by the Obama administration to tackle the threat of climate change. Specifically referencing the Clean Power Plan and Clean Water Rule, Bush argued during Tuesday night’s debate that the economic costs of the regulations far exceed the social benefit.

LCV’s Daniel J. Weiss [reminded](#) Bush that, “these national carbon pollution limits have been embraced by a broad and diverse set of stakeholders,” an example of the widespread support the rules enjoy precisely because of the resulting economic and social benefits - they protect the health of our families, grow our economy and create jobs. This continued ignorance to what’s [important](#) to the American people is nothing more than “a desperate attempt to please the big polluters that fund his campaign,” Weiss said in a statement.

### **Despite Missing Vote, Rubio Pledges To Repeal Clean Water Rule If Elected President**

Marco Rubio came under fire in Iowa this week for his missed vote to block the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers’ Clean Water Rule. The measure, which passed 53-44, is a continuation of the Senate Republican’s [assault](#) on clean water. Despite missing the vote, Rubio [told](#) the Des Moines Register that he had supported the measure, voting, “twice, on the same day, in fact, to reverse that rule.”

Rubio’s opposition to the rule is the latest example of how the rising candidate in the Republican primary places the priorities of big polluters ahead of the clean water and environment that our families, communities and businesses depend on. The Florida Senator has repeatedly voted against ending tax breaks for oil companies, denied human contribution to climate change and this past week [stated](#) “when I’m President, Keystone [Pipeline] will be approved.”

## **THE WEEK AHEAD:**

***Nov 13 & 14 - Florida GOP Sunshine Summit – Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL***

The two-day event continues Saturday with addresses from a second batch of Republican candidates including Chris Christie, Carly Fiorina, Bobby Jindal and Rick Santorum. In a state with an abundance of renewable energy opportunities, we will be watching to see what the candidates have to say on climate change and clean energy. You can find more info on the summit [here](#).

***Nov 14 - CBS/Twitter Democratic Debate - Drake University, Des Moines, IA***

CBS have collaborated with Twitter for the second Democratic primary debate, offering more ways for viewers to track who is 'winning' the night and participate in the process. Be sure to use #DemDebate to remind moderator John Dickerson to question the candidates on their plans to tackle climate change.

***Nov 20 – Presidential Family Forum, Hosted by Bob Vander Plaats – Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Des Moines, IA***

Hosted by The Family Leader Foundation, the forum will facilitate a discussion between the candidates and members of the audience seeking to give voters a chance to 'see what's in the candidates hearts, not just what's in their plans.' Full details can be viewed [here](#).