

THIS WEEK IN CLIMATE (IN)ACTION

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“[Climate change] is no longer a distant, far-off problem. It is very real, and as a result, a growing majority of the population is demanding action.” – Dr. Michael Mann, Pennsylvania State University ([The New York Times](#))

SPEED READ:

[They're Not Scientists](#) – By: Greg Sargent, *The New Republic*, 11/4

THIS WEEK'S MOST IMPORTANT STORIES:

Obama Rejects Keystone XL Pipeline, Cementing Legacy As 'A True Champion In The Fight Against Climate Change' – LCV

The extensive review of the Keystone XL pipeline today came to an end as President Obama announced the State Department's [conclusion](#) that the project, “would not serve the national interest of the United States.”

The President [highlighted](#) three main factors that brought the administration to its decision to reject the pipeline. That the pipeline would not have made a ‘meaningful long-term contribution to our economy;’ would not lower gas prices for American consumers and; that “shipping dirtier crude oil into our country would not increase America’s energy security.” The President also cited climate change as a clear factor stating, “America is now a global leader when it comes to taking serious action to fight climate change. And frankly, approving this project would have undercut that global leadership.”

The LCV was quick to praise the historical significance of the announcement. Rejecting the pipeline shows the world the United States’ commitment “to a clean energy future,” [said](#) President Gene Karpinski, “that will limit carbon pollution and protect the health of our kids and future generations.” As this extremely thorough review results in a huge win for environmentalists, “kudos to President Obama and Secretary Kerry.”

Exxon Mobil Subpoenaed by N.Y. Attorney General Over Climate Change Lies

On [Thursday](#), after a year-long investigation, New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman demanded that Exxon Mobil turn over financial records, emails and other documents that may reveal the company lied to the public about the risks of climate change. The subpoenas come on the back of a number of

reports over the past 8 months alleging that the company not only lied about its awareness of the risks of climate change, but funded groups that denied climate risks.

Schneiderman's decision may signal a change in approach in the battle over climate change, at least on the state level. Should Attorneys General from other states join the action, the collective investigative and legal resources could lead to scrutiny on fossil fuel companies similar to that endured by tobacco companies for obscuring the negative health impacts of smoking.

Hillary Clinton: Climate Change Is Driving Refugees To Flee For Safety

[Experts](#) are telling us the world's current refugee and displacement crisis is being exacerbated by climate change – and Hillary Clinton agrees with them. At a town hall event in Coralville, IA this past week, Clinton spoke at length about the impact of the crisis and what the United States can do to tackle the dire situation in Syria and Africa. Considering why this is happening, Clinton acknowledged there are many reasons. “Because of terrible governance, because of corruption, because of conflict, because of climate change,” she [argued](#), people, “feel compelled to leave.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nov 10 – Fox Business/Wall Street Journal Republican Debate - Milwaukee Theatre, Milwaukee, WI

Neil Cavuto, Maria Bartiromo and Gerard Baker moderate Tuesday's debate focused on the economy. The main event starts at 9PM (Eastern) with the 'undercard' at the earlier time of 6PM (Eastern). Further information can be found [here](#).

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

The two-day Sunshine Summit brings together Republican presidential candidates alongside elected state and federal officials from the state of Florida. Check out more details [here](#).

Nov 14 – CBS News/Twitter Democratic Debate – Drake University, Des Moines, IA

The second debate of the Democratic primary will feature real-time data, insights and questions from viewers around the country as a result of the CBS News/Twitter partnership. Expect candidates to outline their energy and climate change platforms.