



## WHERE DO THE LEADING CANDIDATES STAND ON THE ISSUES?

Earlier this week, Hillary Clinton won the 2016 Democratic Presidential Primary Caucus in Iowa, the first contest of the 2016 presidential race. As the election heads into New Hampshire and beyond, the differences between her platform and those of the leading Republican candidates couldn't be clearer. On the most pressing climate and clean energy issues, Hillary Clinton understands the urgency with which we need to act, and lays out a bold vision to reduce our dependency on oil and gas while creating a clean energy economy that would create millions of jobs. Meanwhile, the top Republican contenders – Ted Cruz, Donald Trump, and Marco Rubio – continue to double down on fossil fuels while promising to do nothing to combat climate change. Regardless of who emerges as the Republican nominee, Hillary Clinton is the best candidate to stand up to Big Polluters and push forward an aggressive plan to tackle climate change and promote a clean energy economy for the future.

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## HILLARY CLINTON VS. TED CRUZ

SEC. CLINTON	ISSUE	SEN. CRUZ
Sec. Clinton: Climate change isn't some " <a href="#">abstract future threat</a> ," and we " <a href="#">can't afford</a> a president who ignores the science."	<b>Climate Change</b>	Sen. Cruz believed that climate change is a <a href="#">liberal plot</a> for the government to assume "control of the economy, the energy sector, and every aspect of our lives." It's a <a href="#">pseudoscientific theory</a> that isn't supported by <a href="#">data and facts</a> , adding that "global warming alarmists are the equivalent of <a href="#">flat-Earthers</a> ."
Sec. Clinton would invest in <a href="#">renewables</a> like solar and wind energy, modernize American <a href="#">infrastructure</a> , and transition away from fossil fuels while <a href="#">creating</a> millions of jobs.	<b>Renewable Energy</b>	Sen. Cruz <a href="#">opposes</a> the Production Tax Credit for wind energy, and <a href="#">voted</a> against legislation to extend it. He also voted <a href="#">against</a> installing solar panels on 10 million roofs by 2025, creating jobs and reducing carbon pollution in the process.
Sec. Clinton would <a href="#">defend</a> the Clean Power Plan, and <a href="#">build upon it</a> .	<b>Clean Power Plan</b>	Sen. Cruz <a href="#">cosponsored</a> and repeatedly <a href="#">voted</a> for legislation to <a href="#">block</a> the Clean Power Plan, and posited that the Obama administration and the EPA are



		zealots who hate anything that develop jobs in the United States.
Sec. Clinton called the agreement “an <a href="#">historic step forward</a> in meeting one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century,” and a “testament to America’s ability to lead the world in building a clean energy future where no one is left out or left behind ... We don’t have to choose between growing our economy and protecting our kids’ health and future—we can do both.”	<b>Paris Agreement</b>	Sen. Cruz <a href="#">chaired</a> a Senate committee hearing casting doubt on the science behind climate change. The hearing’s timing was “no coincidence,” and was meant to <a href="#">undercut</a> President Obama’s attempt to achieve an historic climate agreement in Paris.
Sec. Clinton: “I think it is imperative that we look at the Keystone pipeline as what I believe it is -- a distraction from important work we have to do on climate change ... And unfortunately from my perspective, one that interferes with our ability to move forward with all the other issues. Therefore, <a href="#">I oppose it.</a> ”	<b>Keystone Pipeline</b>	Sen. Cruz said that they Keystone XL pipeline should be a “ <a href="#">no-brainer</a> for all of America,” because it would reduce our dependency on foreign oil.
Sec. Clinton: “We've had a city in the United States of America where the population which is poor in many ways and majority African American has been drinking and bathing in lead contaminated water. And the governor of that state acted as though he didn't really care. He had request for help and he had basically stone walled. I'll tell you what, if the kids in a rich suburb of Detroit had been drinking contaminated water and being bathed in it, there would've been action. So I sent my top campaign aide down there to talk to the mayor of Flint to see what I could to help. I issued a statement about what we needed to do and then I went on a T.V. show and I said, it was <a href="#">outrageous</a> that the governor hadn't acted, and within two hours he had.”	<b>Flint, MI Water Crisis</b>	Sen. Cruz initially said, “What’s happened in Flint, Michigan is an <a href="#">absolute travesty</a> . It is a failure at every level of government, a failure of the city officials, a failure of the county officials, and the men and women of Michigan have been betrayed ... There needs to be accountability as to why dirty water, poisoned water was given to a community that did not deserve this. And we need to ensure that there’s accountability to ensure clean water and clean air.” <a href="#">Yet</a> , his campaign said it would only distribute water bottles to residents who visited anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers. A campaign staffer <a href="#">said</a> that the move demonstrated “the pro-life values” of the Texas senator.



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Sec. Clinton: Climate change isn't some " <a href="#">abstract future threat</a> ," and we " <a href="#">can't afford</a> a president who ignores the science."	<b>Climate Change</b>	Trump said that the "concept of global warming was <a href="#">created</a> by and for the Chinese" to make the United States less competitive. He has referred to climate change as " <a href="#">bullshit</a> ," a <a href="#">hoax</a> , and a <a href="#">money-making industry</a> .
Sec. Clinton would invest in <a href="#">renewables</a> like solar and wind energy, modernize American <a href="#">infrastructure</a> , and transition away from fossil fuels while <a href="#">creating</a> millions of jobs.	<b>Renewable Energy</b>	When asked about the benefits of fracking vs. wind energy, Trump said, "Well, the <a href="#">windmills</a> look nice. But they kill a lot of birds. Did you know that?"
Sec. Clinton would <a href="#">defend</a> the Clean Power Plan, and <a href="#">build upon it</a> .	<b>Clean Power Plan</b>	Trump would cut funding for the EPA, telling Fox News Sunday host Chris Wallace, "What they do is a <a href="#">disgrace</a> . Every week they come out with new regulations. They're making it impossible ... We'll be fine with the environment. We can leave a little bit, but you can't destroy businesses."
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Sec. Clinton: "We've had a city in the United States of America where the population which is poor in many ways	<b>Flint, MI Water Crisis</b>	"Well it's a shame what's happening in Flint, Michigan. A thing like that shouldn't happen but, again, I don't



<p>and majority African American has been drinking and bathing in lead contaminated water. And the governor of that state acted as though he didn't really care. He had request for help and he had basically stone walled. I'll tell you what, if the kids in a rich suburb of Detroit had been drinking contaminated water and being bathed in it, there would've been action. So I sent my top campaign aide down there to talk to the mayor of Flint to see what I could to help. I issued a statement about what we needed to do and then I went on a T.V. show and I said, it was <a href="#">outrageous</a> that the governor hadn't acted, and within two hours he had."</p>		<p>want to comment on that. They've got a very difficult problem and I know the governor's got a very difficult time going. But, you know, I <a href="#">shouldn't be commenting</a> on Flint."</p>
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<p>Sec. Clinton: Climate change isn't some "<a href="#">abstract future threat</a>," and we "<a href="#">can't afford</a> a president who ignores the science."</p>	<p><b>Climate Change</b></p>	<p>Sen. Rubio <a href="#">admitted</a> that he isn't a scientist, but that didn't stop him from refuting the <a href="#">settled</a> science of climate change. He <a href="#">doesn't</a> support any policies that to address the issue.</p>
<p>Sec. Clinton would invest in <a href="#">renewables</a> like solar and wind energy, modernize American <a href="#">infrastructure</a>, and transition away from fossil fuels while <a href="#">creating</a> millions of jobs.</p>	<p><b>Renewable Energy</b></p>	<p>Sen. Rubio <a href="#">voted</a> against moving forward with legislation extending the Production Tax Credit for wind energy, and missed <a href="#">several other votes</a> on promoting wind and solar energy. <a href="#">As president</a>, Sen. Rubio would deregulate the oil and gas drilling process, especially the federal regulations on fracking; remove the five-year offshore drilling ban; and immediately increase access to and frequency of offshore oil and gas drilling</p>
<p>Sec. Clinton would <a href="#">defend</a> the Clean Power Plan, and <a href="#">build upon it</a>.</p>	<p><b>Clean Power Plan</b></p>	<p>Sen. Rubio <a href="#">called</a> the Clean Power Plan a "massive, illegal mandate," and helped introduce <a href="#">two bills</a> to block it from being implemented.</p>



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