



ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HILLARY CLINTON & DONALD TRUMP/TED CRUZ COULDN'T BE GREATER

GOP CONTENDERS FLATLY DENY CLIMATE SCIENCE

SEN. CRUZ:

- Believes that climate change is a [liberal plot](#) for the government to assume “control of the economy, the energy sector, and every aspect of our lives.” He continues to claim that it’s a [pseudoscientific theory](#) that isn’t supported by [data and facts](#), adding that “global warming alarmists are the equivalent of [flat-Earthers](#).”
- [Cosponsored](#) and repeatedly [voted](#) for legislation to [block](#) 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. The [Clean Power Plan](#) is the single biggest step the federal government has taken to reduce pollution from coal-fired power plants while saving families billions of dollars every year, and protecting their health.
- [Opposes](#) the Production Tax Credit for wind energy, and [voted](#) against legislation to extend it. The [wind industry](#) employs more than 73,000 people, and with more than 98% of all wind farms on private land, wind energy projects deliver nearly \$200 million a year in lease payments to landowners.
- [Chaired](#) a Senate committee hearing casting doubt on the science behind climate change. The hearing’s timing was “no coincidence,” and was meant to [undercut](#) President Obama’s attempt to achieve an historic climate agreement in Paris.

DONALD TRUMP:

- [Believes](#) that the “concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese” to make the United States less competitive. He has referred to climate change as “[bullshit](#),” a [hoax](#), and a [money-making industry](#)
- [Derided](#) President Obama for pointing out the urgency of acting on climate change, stating, “I think one of the [dumbest](#) statements I’ve ever heard in politics, in the history of politics as I know it, which is pretty good, was Obama’s statement that our number one problem is global warming.”
- Would have [skipped](#) the historic climate summit, held in Paris in December 2015, arguing that “there were more important things to do.”

SEC. CLINTON HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPION

AS A SENATOR FROM NEW YORK, AND AS SECRETARY OF STATE, SEC. CLINTON:

- Fought back against the Bush administration’s efforts to undermine the Clean Air Act, by [voting](#) to keep coal-fired power plants on the list of major sources of hazardous air pollutants.
- [Repeatedly voted](#) to make the Production Tax Credit and Investment Tax Credit permanent, and to [create](#) job-training programs for renewable energy [workers](#).
- [Twice introduced](#) legislation that would eliminate tax breaks for oil companies and prioritize investment in cleaner energy, [cosponsored multiple pieces](#) of cap-and-trade bills, and signed on to legislation to reduce the worst air pollutants from [power plants](#).
- Successfully [fought](#) to create a national heritage area surrounding [Niagara Falls](#), and to safeguard wildlife and promote sound water management in the [Great Lakes](#) region.
- Launched the [Climate and Clear Air Coalition](#), which brought together 37 countries and 44 non-state partners to



make “important strides toward reducing methane emissions from oil and gas production and black carbon from diesel fumes and other sources.”

- Created the [Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves](#), an initiative aimed at negating “serious health risks” of dirty cookstoves in poor and developing countries, and to reduce their contribution to climate change.

SINCE ANNOUNCING HER CANDIDACY, SEC. CLINTON:

- [Repeatedly pledged](#) to [defend](#) and build on the progress of President Obama’s Climate Action Plan, including the historic Clean Power Plan, the single largest step our country has taken to cut carbon pollution and fight climate change.
- [Pledged](#) to see through the Obama administration’s recently announced review of coal leasing on federal lands, promising a top-to-bottom environmental review, as well as support for economic rebuilding of mining communities.
- Signed NextGen Climate’s [pledge](#) to achieve 50 percent clean energy in the U.S. by 2050.
- [Specifically laid out a plan](#) for the U.S. to generate enough renewable energy to power every home by 2027 and pledged that by the end of her first term there would be more than 500 million solar panels installed across the country, a 700% increase from 2014 levels.
- [Explained](#) that she will incentivize investment in renewable energy sources by increasing the number of government grants for clean energy, extending federal clean energy tax incentives and expanding renewable energy on public lands.
- [Spelled out plans](#) for upgrading American’s energy infrastructure.
- Detailed [a vision for a North American Climate Compact](#) that would include ambitious targets, clean energy markets, and methane management.
- Spoken forcefully [in support of the Paris Accord](#).
- Opposed drilling in the [Arctic Ocean](#) and to the dirty and dangerous [Keystone](#) XL tar sands pipeline.

THE FACTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL & CAUSED BY HUMAN ACTIVITY

- 97 percent of scientists [agree](#) that “climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities. In fact, scientists are “[more certain than ever](#)” that humans are responsible for Earth’s changing climate.
- [2015](#) was the hottest year on record, eclipsing the previous year on record ... [2014](#).
- The Department of Defense calls climate change a [threat to national security](#), adding that the United States must “grapple now with the implications of a warming planet,” free of politics or ideology.

PRESIDENT REAGAN’S SEC. OF STATE: RISK OF INACTION WAS TOO GREAT

- George Schultz, President Reagan’s Secretary of State, penned an [op-ed](#) for the [Washington Post](#) in which he stated that those who deny the clear scientific evidence of climate change are “being mugged by reality.” He reminded us that despite the climate change doubters, President Reagan sought to act against the growing threat of climate change, in case the consequences of inaction ended by being catastrophic.

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