

This Week in Climate (In)Action

Check out the League of Conservation Voters' [2016 primer](#) to stay up to date on what all of the presidential candidates are saying about climate change—and be sure to follow LCV on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Quote of the Week:

"We cannot wait any longer...It's time we stand for a healthier climate, stand for cleaner air, for science, for innovation, for our children, for reality, for the future."

- [Hillary Rodham Clinton unveiling her plan to address climate change](#)

Speed Read: How the [GOP Candidates](#) Rank on Climate Change (ThinkProgress)

A roundup of this week's most important stories:

Taking a "Stand for Reality" – Clinton Unveils Climate Change Plan

Hillary Clinton laid out a [climate change plan](#) this week that sets a 10-year goal of powering all American homes through renewable energy.

Clinton's plan would seek to generate 33 percent of the nation's electricity from renewable sources by 2027, up from 7 percent today—a higher goal than the 20 percent that President Obama has called for by 2030 and enough to power every home in the country. Clinton also called for installing a half-billion solar panels by 2020, a sevenfold increase from today.

Meanwhile, Clinton's campaign also released a video highlighting the GOP field's widespread dismissal of established climate science. [Watch the video](#).

Jeb Bush Acknowledges Climate Change, Slams Clean Power Plan

After months of sidestepping the question, Jeb Bush explicitly acknowledged the existence of man-made climate change in an [interview with Bloomberg BNA](#).

"The climate is changing," Bush said. "I don't think anybody can argue it's not. Human activity has contributed to it."

But, he added, "Instead of saying how bad that things are, I think we should be celebrating the potential to reindustrialize the country, to lower prices for consumers and create higher wage jobs."

Bush also called the Keystone pipeline a “no-brainer” and slammed the EPA’s Clean Power Plan—which would limit the amount of carbon pollution reduced by coal-fired power plants—as “irresponsible and ineffective.”

The Battle Continues: Scott Walker v. the EPA

Scott Walker continued his crusade against the EPA this week, telling the [Washington Examiner](#) that the responsibilities of the EPA should be given over entirely to the states.

Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters Director Kerry Schumann said the trouble with Walker’s idea is that pollution doesn’t respect state lines.

“The air blows across state lines, water flows across state lines and the precedent that that would set and what that would do across the country could be devastating,” Schumann said.

Green Groups Say Senate Energy Bill Endangers the Environment

11 environmental groups—including the Sierra Club, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the League of Conservation Voters—have raised [serious concerns](#) about the Energy Policy Modernization Act currently being debated in the Senate, including fears that the package of bills could interfere with EPA public health programming.

Boston Globe: [GOP Climate Change Skeptics Face Risk in General Election](#)

Nearly two thirds of voters in the swing states of Colorado, Iowa and Virginia believe human activity is causing climate change—presenting a serious problem for Republicans who continue to deny climate science:

“Most of the 17 Republicans running for president are skeptical about climate change caused by humans, a stance that appears to line up with conservative voters who hold sway in the GOP primary contest. But it jeopardizes their chances with the broader swath of voters who will determine the winner of the general election — and Democrats are ready to take advantage of that opportunity.”

A look at next week:

August 3: Obama Admin to Announce Final Version of Clean Power Plan

According to the New York Times, the administration is expected on Monday to release the [final version](#) of the Clean Power Plan, which puts forth a series of regulations designed to limit the carbon pollution driving climate change.

August 3: “Voters First Forum” in New Hampshire

Three days before the first official GOP primary debate, the Republican presidential candidates will gather for a forum at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College. 14 Republican candidates have confirmed they will attend, with the notable exception of Donald Trump and Mike Huckabee.

August 3-6: National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL) Legislative Summit

Thousands of state legislatures will gather this week at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle for the annual NCSL Legislative Summit. The bipartisan organization plans to address a wide array of issues, including oil prices, climate change, and the future of recycling. [Read the full agenda.](#)

August 6: First GOP Primary Debate in Cleveland

The first official GOP primary debate will take place Thursday from 9-11 PM/ET at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland, OH. The debate will be moderated by *Special Report* anchor Bret Baier, *The Kelly File* anchor Megyn Kelly and *FOX News Sunday* host Chris Wallace and feature the top ten Republican presidential candidates as determined by national polling.

While there may not be much explicit discussion about climate change during the debate, look out for key background, fact checks, and quotes from the League of Conservation Voters.