

## **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:**

*"I am looking for a candidate to champion the environmental movement, and the lack of a response by Senator Cruz only causes me concern." –Volunteer Meredith Ellard in [a Des Moines Register](#) Letter to the Editor following the Iowa Soapboxes*

**Speed Read:** [Obama's New Climate Change Call: Yes We Can](#) – Politico

### **A roundup of this week's most important stories:**

#### **LCV Poll Highlights Political Cost of Opposing the Clean Power Plan**

A new bipartisan [poll](#) released by the League of Conservation Voters revealed that an overwhelming majority of Americans – including Republicans – want their Governors to implement the Clean Power Plan.

Overall, the poll showed that support for the Clean Power Plan trumps opposition by nearly two to one, with a majority of voters in every region, age, education and income category in favor of the plan.

And with over 70 percent of voters, including 58 percent of Republicans, wanting their Governors to implement the plan, the new polling demonstrates the difficulty candidates will have in opposing the single biggest step America has ever taken to address climate change.

These numbers are "especially good news," [said](#) Gene Karpinski, President of the League of Conservation Voters. "State leaders who are choosing to fight these carbon pollution safeguards would do well to listen to their constituents instead of the polluters."

#### **In Nevada, Obama Frames Combatting Climate Change as 'No We Can't' vs. 'Yes We Can'**

On Monday, President Obama told the National Clean Energy Summit that "no challenge poses a greater threat to our future than climate change."

The President's speech touched upon the progress made in wind and solar energy since he took office - the latter of which generates twenty times as much power today than it did in 2008. "The solar industry now employs twice as many Americans as mining coal," was just one highlight from the president's speech singled out by the League of Conservation Voters [on Twitter](#).

Calling out the vested fossil fuel interests attempting to roll back renewable energy standards, President Obama cast the issue as one that can bring all Americans together - [declaring](#), “This is about the past versus the future, and America believes in the future.”

### **Marco Rubio Rejected Science on Climate Change at New Hampshire Town Hall**

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio rejected climate change science at a New Hampshire Town Hall saying that “the climate’s been changing forever, and it will continue to change,” according to the [Boston Globe](#).

### **“I have no intention of backing down”- California Gov. Jerry Brown Takes on the Oil Industry**

With California’s drought continuing to hurt citizens, Gov. Jerry Brown [this week](#) reaffirmed his commitment to passing climate change legislation. Brown’s legislation includes taking steps to cut the state’s gasoline consumption in half by 2030 as part of an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

In the face of increasing opposition from the oil industry, Brown appears prepared to do whatever it takes to pass the bill before the September 11<sup>th</sup> deadline of the end of the legislative session. “We’re going to intensify our efforts to do lower-carbon fuels and lower-carbon pollution, now and into the future,” he said.

### **President Obama Visits New Orleans on Ten-Year Commemoration of Hurricane Katrina**

President Obama visited [New Orleans](#) on Thursday to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. As part of his remarks, the President said “..as I will talk about next week when I visit Alaska, making our communities more resilient is going to be increasingly important. Because we are going to see more extreme weather events as the result of climate change. Deeper droughts, deadlier wildfires, stronger storms. That’s why in addition to things like new and better levees, we’ve also been investing in restoring wetlands and other natural systems that are just as critical for storm protection.”

### **A look at next week:**

#### ***August 31 - September 2 – President Obama Visits Alaska to Discuss Climate Change***

The three-day tour will see President Obama visit the towns of Seward, Dillingham and Kotzebue.

On August 31, he will deliver an address to the GLACIER (Global Leadership in the Arctic) Conference, in Anchorage. Full information available [here](#).

#### ***August 31 - September 2 – Environmental Council of the States Fall Meeting - Newport, RI***

State environmental agencies and their leaders gather next week for their fall meeting at Hotel Viking, Newport, RI. Check out the schedule and agenda, [here](#).