

## **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:**

*“Climate change is no longer some far-off problem; it is happening here, it is happening now.”*

— President Obama in Alaska

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

#### **“We’re not moving fast enough” on climate, President Obama warns**

President Obama used his three-day trip to Alaska this week to issue a global call for urgent action on climate change. Pressing the importance of reducing global emissions, President Obama did not mince words when addressing an international conference on the Arctic: “I have come here today,” President Obama said, “as the leader of the world’s largest economy and its second-largest emitter, to say that the United States recognizes our role in creating the problem, and we embrace our responsibility to help solve it.”

President Obama also addressed Republican leaders who fail to approach the issue of climate change with the seriousness it deserves. “Any leader willing to take a gamble on a future like that,” said President Obama, “any leader who refuses to take this issue seriously or treats it like a joke, is not fit to lead.”

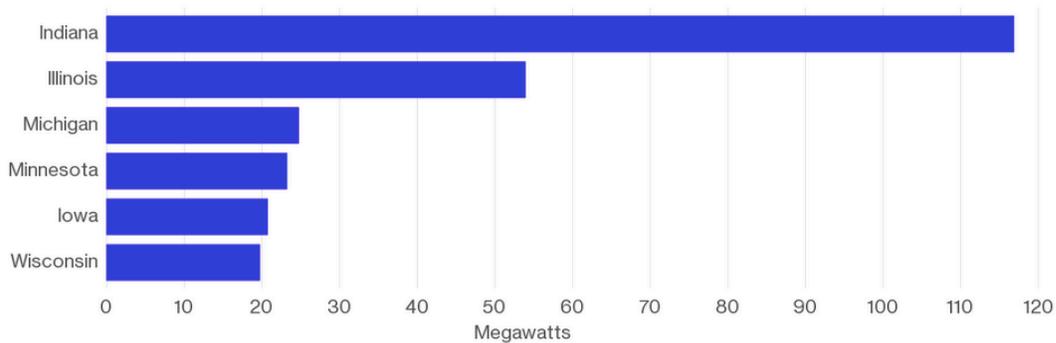
#### **Bloomberg: “Scott Walker's Record on Wind and Solar Power Leaves Renewables Industry Fuming”**

In the five years since Scott Walker took office as Governor, renewable energy levels in Wisconsin have steadily lagged behind those of their neighbors. The state has not added any new wind capacity since 2011 and Walker’s administration last year imposed one of the nation’s highest fees on rooftop solar owners.

Walker’s record has environmentalists concerned. “As far as wind and solar developers are concerned,” [says Bloomberg](#). “The Wisconsin governor may be the worst man for the job.”

## Solar Slump

Wisconsin's added less solar power than any of its Midwestern neighbors over the last five years.



Source: Solar Energy Industries Association

Bloomberg 

## Rubio Ignores Climate Change and Renewables in Energy Plan Announcement

In [announcing](#) his energy plan in Oklahoma Wednesday, Marco Rubio prioritized repealing the Clean Power Plan, removing the ban on crude oil exports, and allowing states to self-regulate energy production, including fracking. Rubio's plan did not contain any mention of global warming, climate change or boosting renewable energy production.

The League of Conservation Voters were quick to [respond](#).

"Marco Rubio's energy plan sounds like a wish list of big polluter priorities," said LCV Vice President of Campaigns Daniel J. Weiss. "He would dismantle public health safeguards, putting our families' well-being at risk to protect polluters' profits."

## Christie Criticizes CPP; Still Has No Alternative to Act on Climate

Chris Christie intensified his criticism of Clean Power Plan [this week](#), saying that he is seeking an administrative stay and a reconsideration of the EPA rules—despite the fact that they have been endorsed by environmental groups within New Jersey and by the state's largest utility.

Despite describing the CPP as a "fundamentally flawed plan," Christie has failed to put forth an alternative plan to viably reduce carbon emissions.

## Kasich Continues to Waffle on Climate

Ohio Gov. John Kasich was back on the campaign trail in New Hampshire Wednesday, [continuing to qualify](#) his belief in the existence of global warming. “I think it does exist, but we have to be careful how we react to it,” said Kasich, adding, “I don’t believe that humans are the primary cause of climate change.”

**A look ahead:**

**September 16 – CNN Reagan Library GOP Debate**

The second Republican presidential debate will once again see the candidates divided into two groups—one of which will feature the top 10 candidates based on an average of the polling between July 16 and September 10. Each debate will be moderated by CNN Anchor and Chief Washington correspondent Jake Tapper.

Despite climate issues being given relatively short shrift at the first debate on FOX News, the League of Conservation Voters will again be calling on the candidates to state their plans for addressing the biggest challenge of our time: climate change.