

Where the Candidates Currently Stand

Positions on Key Global Warming Policies



LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

KEY POLICIES	LCV'S POSITION	BIDEN	CLINTON	DODD	EDWARDS	GRAVEL	KUCINICH	OBAMA	RICHARDSON
<p>Cap on Carbon Emissions To avoid the worst impacts of global warming, we need to place a national limit (or cap) on carbon emissions.</p>	80% reductions by 2050	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports at least 80% reductions by 2050	Supports a cap but no specified target	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 90% reductions by 2050
<p>Fuel Efficiency Increasing the fuel efficiency of our cars and trucks is one of the biggest steps we can take to reduce global warming pollution.</p>	40 mpg fleetwide standard in ten years	Supports 40 mpg fleetwide standard by 2020	Supported 35 mpg standard by 2020	Supports 50 mpg standard for cars by 2017	Supports 40 mpg fleetwide standard by 2016	No articulated position	Supported 33 mpg in ten years	Supports 40 mpg fleetwide standard by 2020	Supports 50 mpg fleetwide standard by 2020
<p>Renewable Electricity Standard (RES) The U.S. only gets 2% of its electricity from renewables. An RES would require utilities to get a certain percentage of electricity from renewables</p>	20% renewables by 2020	Supports 20% renewables by 2020	Supports 20% renewables by 2020	Supports 20% renewables by 2020	Supports 25% renewables by 2025	No articulated position	Supports 20% renewables by 2010	Supports 20% renewables by 2020	Supports 30% renewables by 2020 and 50% by 2040
<p>Energy Efficiency Increasing the efficiency of buildings, appliances and utilities is the quickest and cheapest way to reduce global warming pollution.</p>	Reduce energy consumption 10% by 2020.	Supports 10% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	Supports 10% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	Supports 15% decrease in electricity consumption by 2018	Supports 15% decrease in electricity consumption by 2018	No articulated position	Supports 10% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	Supports 10% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	Supports a 20% increase in energy productivity by 2020
<p>Coal Plants The U.S. relies on coal for 50% of its electricity, and coal is the greatest source of global warming pollution.</p>	Supports a ban on all new coal plants unless they capture and store carbon emissions.	No articulated position	No articulated position	New coal plants must capture and store carbon emissions	Supports ban on new coal plants unless they capture and store carbon emissions	No articulated position	No articulated position	No articulated position	Supports ban on new coal plants unless they capture and store carbon emissions
<p>Liquid Coal This technology would turn coal into a fuel, making us more dependent on coal. Currently, the U.S. does not use any coal as a fuel in our cars.</p>	Opposes development of liquid coal	Opposes investment in liquid coal	Supports investing in liquid coal if it reduces carbon pollution by 20%	Opposes investment in liquid coal	Opposes investment in liquid coal	No articulated position	No articulated position	Supports investing in liquid coal if it reduces carbon pollution by 20%	Opposes investment in liquid coal