



A CLIMATE CRISIS IGNORED: TRUMP'S ENVIRONMENTAL NEGLECT AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT WITHDRAWAL

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"The Earth is what we all have in common" With Trump's return to the White House, this sentiment seems to be buried beneath economic nationalism and climate denial. As anticipated, Trump's administration swiftly reinstated policies favouring economic expansion at the expense of environmental sustainability. Among the most controversial decisions was the United States' renewed withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, signalling a disregard for global efforts to combat the worsening climate crisis. Trump's first withdrawal from the Paris Agreement in 2017 was swiftly reversed by President Joe Biden upon taking the office in 2021. However, with Trump's return, the U.S. has once again distanced itself from this crucial global commitment, joining Iran, Yemen, and Libya as the only nations currently outside the accord. The Paris Agreement, adopted by 196 countries in 2015, is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. The agreement's primary

objective is to cap global temperature rise well below 20 C above pre-industrial levels, with a target of limiting it to 1.50 C. The U.S., as the world's second largest emitter of carbon dioxide, has historically played a significant role in global climate negotiations. However, under Trump's leadership, the U.S. turned its back on this critical pact, undermining both international solidarity and domestic environmental progress. The White House has also declared a "NATIONAL ENERGY EMERGENCY", introducing a raft of changes aimed at ramping up domestic oil and gas production while reversing crucial climate regulations and policies. During Trump's previous term, his administration rolled back nearly 100 environmental rules, weakening regulations on various environmental aspects. Now, with his return to power, Trump is expected to double down on these policies, dismissing the urgent need to address the climate crisis. His unwavering support for the conventional

sources of energy including the fossil fuel industry is one of the most alarming aspects of Trump's leadership. This fossil fuel centric agenda isolates the U.S. from the global coalition striving to cut emissions, exacerbating the climate crisis rather than mitigating it.

Trump's environmental policies have dire consequences, both domestically and globally.

Climate change is no longer a distant threat, it is an ongoing catastrophe. The U.S. has already experienced record-breaking wildfires, including the devastating Los Angeles wildfires that have scorched thousands of acres, destroyed homes and displaced countless residents. In recent years, California has seen some of the most intense and frequent wildfires in history, fuelled by rising temperatures along with prolonged.

The worsening wildfire crisis not only threatens lives and property but also exacerbated air pollution, releasing massive amounts of carbon dioxide and further accelerating global warming. Beyond environmental devastation, withdrawing from the Paris Agreement also damages America's geopolitical standing. The agreement is more than a climate pact, it is a symbol of global unity and shared responsibilities. With climate disasters intensifying worldwide, the U.S. must recognise that environmental responsibility is not an economic burden, but a necessity for a sustainable future. Trump's regressive policies not only risk long-term ecological degradation but also jeopardize America's standing in global climate leadership. The world cannot afford another era of environmental negligence.

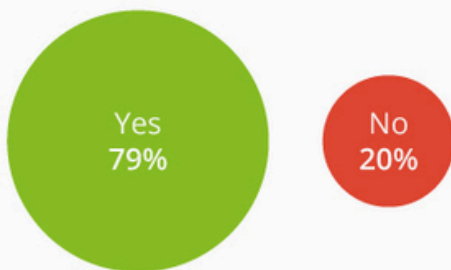
The US View On Climate Change

2016 surveys of US adults

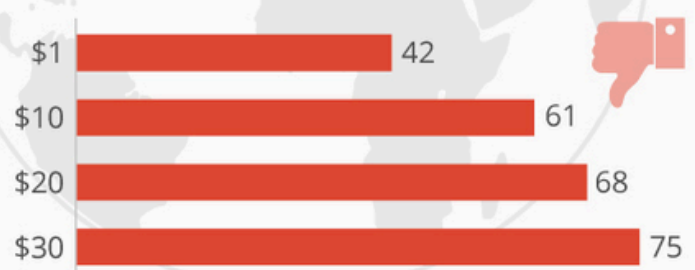
% that consider the following to be a serious problem facing the world



Is climate change a problem that the US government should take steps to address?



% that would not support the following monthly fees on their electric bill to combat climate change



* Survey conducted in 17 countries
Sources: EPIC/AP-NORC, YouGov

