

Climate Plan Analysis – Global Leadership

Administrative Action

Candidate	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders	Elizabeth Warren	Pete Buttigieg	Michael Bloomberg	Andrew Yang	Amy Klobuchar	Tom Steyer	Candidate
Enhance Paris Climate Commitments	Trump is in the process of withdrawing the US from the Paris Agreement, which will take effect on November 4, 2020.	"Biden will, in his first 100 days in office... Convene a climate world summit to directly engage the leaders of the major carbon-emitting nations of the world to persuade them to join the United States in making more ambitious national pledges, above and beyond the commitments they have already made."	"The United States must lead the way in achieving binding and enforceable multilateral goals to avoid the most catastrophic results of climate change.... [We will] reduce emissions among less industrialized nations by 36 percent [below 2017 levels] by 2030... [with a] global goal of decarbonization by 2050"	"I believe we need to return to the Paris Climate Accord," Warren told The Post . "But we need to do far more to reduce global emissions."	"We will prepare and submit a more ambitious U.S. emission reduction goal, known as a Nationally Determined Contribution, that commits the U.S. to greater emissions reductions and that will challenge other countries to increase their climate change goals as well."	"Mike will notify the U.N. to re-enter the Paris Agreement and significantly increase the U.S. commitment to reduce emissions to lead the world by example, aiming to meet the targets science tells us are necessary to reverse climate change and remain at 1.5 degrees Celsius of warming. He will work with mayors and governors to mobilize citizens around the country to come out in force and show the world that the U.S. is coming back stronger than before."	"America needs to rejoin the rest of the world in formally recognizing the threat posed by climate change and work with all nations to combat this existential crisis. The Paris Agreement doesn't go far enough to mitigate climate change, and the U.S. should be a part of the conversation on what targets are necessary and how we can get to them.", Yang told The Times	"On day one of Senator Klobuchar's presidency she will get us back into the Paris International Climate Change Agreement, and she will immediately begin working with global leaders to strengthen the agreement so that the United States maintains global leadership to address the climate crisis."	"Releasing, immediately upon gaining office, a strengthened NDC [Nationally Determined Contribution] of at least 40% reduction in emissions by 2030"	Enhance Paris Climate Commitments
Engage with Other Major Emitters (China, India, EU)	Trump fails to hold China and India accountable for stronger climate action, instead helping increase their emissions such as striking deals to export more oil and gas to India.	"Biden will rally a united front of nations to hold China accountable to high environmental standards in [China's] Belt and Road Initiative infrastructure projects, so that China can't outsource pollution to other countries. Specifically, the U.S. will: Make future bilateral U.S.-China agreements on carbon mitigation – like the 2014 agreement that paved the way for the Paris accord – contingent on China eliminating unjustified export subsidies for coal and other high-emissions technologies and making verifiable progress in reducing the carbon footprint of projects connected to the Belt and Road Initiative."	"Bring together the leaders of the major industrialized nations with the goal of using the trillions of dollars our nations spend on misguided wars and weapons of mass destruction to instead work together internationally to combat our climate crisis and take on the fossil fuel industry. "	N/A	"Redevelop bilateral and multilateral relationships on climate change and clean energy with nations like China and India—building off of sub-national and Track II efforts —and encourage more climate discussions in other settings like G7 and G20. Additionally, we will establish a Tipping Points Coalition to invite a core group of major emitting economies to make bold new climate commitments to form the nucleus of a new multilateral “club” that inspires other actors.... We will rally nations to oppose China's dirty energy projects and offer countries desperately in need of energy with more financing options for cleaner projects through the Global Investment Initiative."	"Hold immediate talks with the top 20 emitting countries to bring them into alignment [with the 1.5 degree target and hold countries accountable for their emissions reductions targets."	N/A	"Preventing catastrophic global warming will require meaningful enforcement mechanisms to ensure other countries also meet their emission reduction goals, which means making accountability for climate commitments a central part of our international agenda, taking on China's efforts to promote dirty energy sources in other countries, and considering climate goals in all types of international assistance."	"Working bilaterally and within the G20 and other international forums to end... fossil fuel financing that comes through development programs like China's Belt and Road Initiative."	Engage with Other Major Emitters (China, India, EU)
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Advance Climate Action Through Trade and Tariffs	Blocked US trade representatives from mentioning climate change in trade agreements, and exposed the US to likely carbon tariffs from Europe. The Trump administration also sued California to stop its emissions trading system with Quebec.	"As the U.S. takes steps to make domestic polluters bear the full cost of their carbon pollution, the Biden Administration will impose carbon adjustment fees or quotas on carbon-intensive goods from countries that are failing to meet their climate and environmental obligations. This will ensure that American workers and their employers are not at a competitive disadvantage and simultaneously encourage other nations to raise their climate ambitions. Biden will also condition future trade agreements on partners' commitments to meet their enhanced Paris climate targets."	"Trade deals will be renegotiated to ensure strong and binding climate standards, labor rights, and human rights with swift enforcement.... We will make sure that goods sold into the U.S. are not able to undercut domestic manufacturing by placing a fee on the carbon intensity of those products, under the World Trade Organization General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Article 20."	"Under Elizabeth's plan, countries will be required to join the Paris Climate Agreement and eliminate domestic fuel subsidies as a precondition for entering trade negotiations with the United States. Elizabeth will seek a new multilateral agreement to protect domestic products and preferential treatment for green energy production from WTO challenges. And she'll impose a border carbon adjustment on carbon-intensive imported goods."	"We will assess a border adjustment tax on any imported goods not subject to a price on carbon where they were produced, which will help protect American industries"	"Use trade and security agreements to strongly encourage that all countries with whom we have diplomatic relations are party to the Paris Agreement and have a verifiable plan to reduce emissions. Calculate the costs of U.S. climate change efforts and apply a corresponding border adjustment – a charge on imports and a tax break for exports – for emissions-intensive goods.	"Create a border carbon adjustment to protect American goods that would charge a fee on imports from countries that don't impose a similar carbon fee, or some type of carbon tax [and] provide a rebate on exports to countries that don't impose a similar carbon fee, or some type of carbon tax."	"As President, Senator Klobuchar will work to institute a fee on imports of carbon-intensive goods from foreign countries."	"Adopting border carbon adjustments for imported goods to ensure that the United States' purchasing power not only incentivizes decarbonization domestically, but on a level playing field worldwide."	Advance Climate Action Through Trade and Tariffs
Restrict International Finance to Fossil Fuel Projects	Weakened restrictions for financing overseas coal projects, placing a priority on support for dirty fossil fuels over clean energy.	"President Biden will ensure the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC), the Export-Import Bank, and the new U.S. International Development Finance Corporation significantly reduce the carbon footprints of their portfolios. For example, these agencies will be prohibited from any financing for coal-fired power plants so that U.S. finance is no longer a dirtier alternative to the World Bank."	"The federal government currently supports investments in fossil fuels through the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, OPIC, the Export-Import Bank, and other multilateral institutions. These international investments are inconsistent with a goal to curb the global climate crisis and must end. A Sanders Administration will lead these international financial institutions in advancing the equitable adoption of sustainable energy across the planet."	"She would end support for international fossil fuel projects through the Export-Import Bank and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and use America's voting power in the World Bank and other global financial institutions to redirect investments from fossil fuel to clean energy projects."	N/A	"Work with other countries to jointly end export assistance for fossil fuel investments."	"Cut off or re-examine investments in projects that aren't environmentally sustainable [and use the EXIM Bank, or create a new, Green EXIM Bank, to aggressively export US green technology throughout the rest of the world."	N/A	"Join the international Powering Past Coal Alliance, work to end global finance for coal-fired power plants, and strengthen and improve accountability procedures for enforcing human rights and environmental requirements for projects that receive funding through the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and other international finance mechanisms."	Restrict International Finance to Fossil Fuel Projects
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