

# Climate Plan Analysis – Global Leadership

## Administrative Action

Candidate	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders
<b>Enhance Paris Climate Commitments</b>	Trump is in the process of <b><i>withdrawing</i></b> 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"
<b>Engage with Other Major Emitters (China, India, EU)</b>	Trump <b><i>fails</i></b> 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. "
<b>Advance Climate Action Through Trade and Tariffs</b>	<b><i>Blocked</i></b> 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."
<b>Restrict International Finance to Fossil Fuel Projects</b>	<b><i>Weakened</i></b> 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."
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