

— TOP TAKEAWAYS —

A Realistic Approach to Climate Change

THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR CAN'T MEET TODAY'S ENERGY DEMANDS.

- Banning or severely limiting fossil fuels would damage the entire economy, harming workers and consumers alike due to job loss and slowed growth.
- Net zero emissions policies will result in higher energy bills for Americans. Manufacturers will also face higher costs, which will then be passed on to consumers who will pay more for key consumer goods.
- Bans and severe limits on fossil fuels will affect low-income families the most. Those living at or under the poverty line will not only spend more money on food and basic utilities; they will also suffer the most job losses.

CLIMATE HYPERBOLE IS A TOOL USED TO SCARE THE PUBLIC.

- Sea levels have risen for thousands of years. A **2017 study** of long-term sea-level records found no correlation between changes in sea levels and rising carbon dioxide levels.
- There has been no increase in extreme weather in the past 30 years, and there is no strong basis for directly connecting natural disasters to human-caused climate change.
- Improved refining processes have led to Americans breathing air that is 74 percent cleaner today than it was 50 years ago.

THE UNITED STATES ALREADY LEADS IN EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS.

- The United States leads the world in environmental stewardship and is the only highly populated nation that meets the World Health Organization's most stringent air quality standards.
- Since 2005, U.S. energy-related emissions fell by 14 percent while the rest of the world increased their emissions by 20 percent.
- Even if the United States cuts emissions to zero, the world's biggest emitters (China and India) won't cut back.

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