

Current Positions of Presidential Candidates on Climate Policies (November 6, 2007)*

CANDIDATES	CARBON CAP AND TARGETS	FUEL EFFICIENCY	RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD	EFFICIENCY TARGETS	NEW COAL PLANTS AND LIQUID COAL
Joe Biden	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 40 mpg fleetwide standard by 2017	Supports 20% standard by 2020	Supports 10% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	Opposes investment in liquid coal
Hillary Clinton	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 55 mpg fleetwide standard by 2030	Supports 25% standard by 2025	Supports 20% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	Utilities must show that demand cannot be met through efficiency before building new coal plants; supported investing in liquid coal if it reduces carbon pollution by 20%
Chris Dodd	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 50 mpg standard for cars by 2017	Supports 20% standard by 2020	Supports 15% decrease in electricity consumption by 2018	New coal plants must capture and store carbon emissions
John Edwards	Supports at least 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 40 mpg fleetwide standard by 2016	Supports 25% standard by 2025	Supports 15% decrease in electricity consumption by 2018	Supports ban on new coal plants unless they are compatible with carbon capture and storage technology
Rudy Giuliani	Does not support mandatory cap	No articulated position	No articulated position	No articulated position	Supports liquid coal
Mike Gravel	Supports cap tied to international compliance; no target specified	Supports 40 mpg	Supports 20% standard by 2020	Supports upgrading national utility grid	New coal plants must capture and store carbon emissions
Mike Huckabee	Supports a cap on carbon emissions; no target specified	Supports 35 mpg fleetwide standard by 2020	Supports 15% standard by 2020, which includes nuclear power	No articulated position	No articulated position
Duncan Hunter	No articulated position	Opposed 33 mpg in 2005	No articulated position	No articulated position	No articulated position

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Dennis Kucinich	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supported 33 mpg in 2005	Supports 20% standard by 2010	Supports 10% reduction in energy consumption by 2020	No articulated position
John McCain	Lead author of bill to reduce emissions 65% by 2050	Supports fuel efficiency increase, no standard specified	Opposed 10% standard in 2005; opposed 20% standard in 2002	General support for efficiency, no target specified	No articulated position
Barack Obama	Supports 80% reductions by 2050	Supports 50 mpg fleetwide standard in 18 years	Supports 25% standard by 2025	Supports 50% reduction in energy intensity by 2030	Will consider standards that ban new conventional coal plants; supports investing in liquid coal if it reduces carbon pollution by 10%
Ron Paul	No articulated position	Opposed 33 mpg in 2005	No articulated position	No articulated position	No articulated position
Bill Richardson	Supports 90% reductions by 2050	Supports 50 mpg fleetwide standard by 2020	Supports 30% standard by 2020 and 50% by 2040	Supports a 20% increase in energy productivity by 2020	Supports ban on new coal plants unless they capture and store carbon emissions
Mitt Romney	Willing to consider cap on emissions only if enacted globally	Opposes increasing fuel economy standards as stand alone measure	No articulated position	General support for efficiency, no target specified	Supports liquid coal
Tom Tancredo	No articulated position	Opposed 33 mpg in 2005	No articulated position	No articulated position	No articulated position
Fred Thompson	No articulated position	Opposed 35 mpg in 2002	In 2002, opposed 10% and 20% standard	No articulated position	No articulated position

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