

# Evolution of (the US) Climate Policy (Debate)

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# G.H.W. Bush: Negotiate & Study

1988 IPCC established

“White House Effect” in campaign

1989 11/ “Stabilize emissions ASAP”

1990 First IPCC report

4/ White House “Conference”/ control

10/ Interagency Report/ global, uncertain

1991 2/ US hosts 1<sup>st</sup> INC meeting/ trading

1992 6/ US signs Framework Convention

10/ Senate ratifies FCCC by 2-to-1

# W.J. Clinton: Weak Sales Pitch

- 1993 4/ Goal: 1990 emissions by 2000  
10/ WH Conf. on Climate Change,  
50-initiative program announced
- 1997 7/ 95-0 Byrd-Hagel Resolution/China  
10/ WH Conf. on Climate Change...  
12/ Gore/Kyoto party (2008-12)/trading
- 1998 7/ CEA+ low-ball cost study

# G.W. Bush: Not On My Watch!

2000 Odd campaign statement about CO<sub>2</sub>

2001 3/ "Kyoto is Dead"; others go on  
5/ Energy Strategy w/o climate

2002 2/ Intensity targets proposed, DOA

2003 10/ Lieberman-McCain gets 43 votes

2005 1/ EU Emissions Trading System starts

2006 5/ "An Inconvenient Truth" released  
8/ CA adopts cap for 2012+

# 2007+: The Dam Breaks?

- 2007 1/ House Select Committee established
- 1/ RGGI cap in Northeast for 2009+
- 4/ Supremes: EPA must regulate CO<sub>2</sub>
- Gore wins Oscar, then Nobel
- 12/ Bali starts post-Kyoto process
- 2008 Cong staff working state/federal, cost containment, India/China, etc.
- Senate floor debate in June??
- 2010 New President signs a real bill???*