

Climate Change Library

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If you are unsure of your Representative, look them up here: <http://gis.elections.il.gov>, which will also give you their office contact information

1. WaPo 3/14/13 Environmental/Agricultural News:

Weather, water, drought and high feed costs led to [the loss of 3.7 million acres](#) of land farmed in Texas and Montana. A new study examines the last 11,300 years of our climate history and finds that the speed of warming in the past 100 years [is unprecedented](#), and by the end of this century the planet will have gotten hotter than ever. The amount of land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) [is down by 26 percent](#) in the past five years, a 25-year low. Chicago Tribune editorial: Agriculture lobbyists [grab billions from taxpayers](#).

2. Media Matters 3/13/13: 8 Charts That Expose The "War On Coal" Charade

<http://mediamatters.org/blog/2013/03/13/8-charts-that-expose-the-war-on-coal-charade/193023>

3. Documentaries: Gasland- Oscar winning documentary by Josh Fox

Inconvenient Truth- Al Gore

Chasing Ice- National Geographic James Balog, Photographer

"Do The Math: The Movie." 350.org

3. President Barack Obama is preparing to tell all federal agencies for the first time that they should consider the impact on global warming before approving major projects, from pipelines to highways.

<http://bloom.bg/10UbZ5h>

4. [The Economic Impact of Climate Change - NYTimes.com](#)

BY CATHERINE RAMPELL

A report released today by the Obama administration paints a dire picture of the economic consequences from global climate change.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/Streaming-Now-Climate-Change-Impacts-Across-America-Renewed-Focus-for-Decisions/>

5. The Nation -Why Divestment is Changing the Climate Movement

[Chloe Maxmin](#) and [StudentNation](#) on January 24, 2013

<http://www.thenation.com/blog/172411/why-divestment-changing-climate-movement#>

6. Excellent presentation of Global Warming Conference by Senator Bernie Sanders and Bill McKibben of 350.org

<http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/media/view/?id=c79969b6-5056-a032-5255-4ae8f29ab16f>

7. NYT 3/24/13-Life After Oil and Gas By ELISABETH ROSENTHAL

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/24/sunday-review/life-after-oil-and-gas.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20130324

8. Gas Industry Report Calls Anti-Fracking Movement a "Highly Effective Campaign"

Wednesday, 27 March 2013 09:23 By [Katrina Rabeler](#), [Yes! Magazine](#) | Report Truthout-

<http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/15354-gas-industry-report-calls-anti-fracking-movement-a-highly-effective-campaign>

9. Arkansas residents evacuate as Exxon-Mobil tar sands pipeline ruptures

By David Ferguson

Saturday, March 30, 2013

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2013/03/30/arkansas-residents-evacuate-as-exxon-mobil-tar-sands-pipeline-ruptures/>

10. Propaganda, Self-Censorship and Climate Change

Saturday, 30 March 2013 00:00 By [Bruce Melton](#), [Truthout](#) | Op-Ed

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/15421-propaganda-self-censorship-and-climate-change>

11. Al Gore: My Vision of the Future

Wednesday, 20 March 2013 By [Al Gore](#), Random House Books | Book Excerpt

<http://www.truth-out.org/progressivepicks/item/15216-the-iraq-war-wouldnt-have-happened-under-president-al-gore-thats-for-sure>

12. Truthout is an excellent source for current information from a variety of sources.

<http://www.truth-out.org/>

13. Mayflower, Arkansas Oil Spill Leaves Crude Running Through Suburban Streets (Video)

The Huffington Post | By [James Gerken](#) April 1, 2013

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/01/mayflower-arkansas-oil-spill_n_2992373.html#slide=2097858

14. Climate Change April 8, 2013

Climate Campaigners Try Flooding the (Comment) Zone By ANDREW C. REVKIN

http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/08/can-comment-blitzes-influence-climate-views-or-policy/?nl=opinion&emc=edit_ty_20130409

15. Seven State Keystone XL Resolutions, Where Are the Environmentalists?

Tuesday, 09 April 2013 09:32 By [Nick Surgey](#), [PR Watch](#)

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/15617-seven-state-keystone-xl-resolutions-where-are-the-environmentalists#.UWS4CPIQKdY.email>

16. Rolling Stone: The Fossil Fuel Resistance By [Bill McKibben](#) April 11, 2013

<http://act.350.org/signup/resistance/>

17. Union of Concerned Scientists: Ramping Up Renewables: Energy You Can Count On

http://www.ucsusa.org/clean_energy/smart-energy-solutions/increase-renewables/ramping-up-renewable-energy-sources.html

18. Food and Water Watch:

<http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/>

19. Huffington Post Robert Redford: Tar Sands Raw Deal: Arkansas Spill Is Another Reason to Say 'No' to Tar Sands Pipeline Posted: 04/08/2013 12:42 pm

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-redford/arkansas-oil-spill-keystone-pipeline_b_3038269.html

20. New York Times Op-Ed Contributor *Lighting a Spark on the High Plains* By MARY PIPHER

Published: April 17, 2013 LINCOLN, Neb.

http://www.nytimes.com/2013/04/18/opinion/the-keystone-pipeline-fight-is-not-over.html?nl=todaysheadlines&emc=edit_th_20130418

21. GRIST: Keystone XL opponents dominate raucous Nebraska hearing 19 Apr 2013 By [John Upton](#)

<http://grist.org/news/nebraska-hosts-raucous-keystone-xl-hearing/>

22. New York Times: In Gas-Drilling Fight, Opposites Attract, and Distract By [ANDREW C. REVKIN](#) 4/24/13

<http://dotearth.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/04/24/in-frackin-fight-opposites-attract/#more-49077>

23. Huffington Post: OFA On Climate Change: Obama-Allied Group Enters The Climate Wars

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/04/25/ofa-climate-change_n_3150383.html?utm_hp_ref=politics

Posted: 04/25/2013



WASHINGTON -- Organizing for Action, the advocacy arm pushing the Obama administration's agenda, will begin its next big policy push on Thursday with a focus on climate change.

The group, which was formed using the 2012 Obama campaign's machinery, will begin what organizers view as a potential multi-year effort to lay the groundwork for legislative action on climate change. The first steps will come in the form of an email blast to the group's reported 20 million subscribers Thursday morning featuring a "greatest hits" video compilation of what it calls the climate deniers in Congress.

"We are tracking a set of folks who are sitting there ... who have said goofy things about climate denial that play well to some small set of folks but are really out of step with the science and the facts," explained Ivan Frishberg, the organization's climate change campaign manager. "We are going to start to organize in a set of districts to hold those folks accountable for the fact that they deny climate change."

OFA's video is viewable below:

The climate campaign, said Frishberg, will be the first sustained advocacy effort for the non-profit 501c4 organization [since its formation in January](#). The group has organized around gun control and immigration reform, but in both those cases, Congress moved first, before OFA got involved. Climate legislation will have to be built from scratch.

"Immigration and gun violence prevention -- those conversations have moved a long way toward the goal line," said Frishberg. "And on immigration, there was a very long and hard fought movement to get to this point. On climate, in terms of Congress, we have a ways to go."

Climate change activists likely will be heartened by OFA's decision to tackle the subject, which has remained in the backdrop since Congress failed to pass cap-and-trade legislation in 2009. But a closer look at the specific objectives of the campaign is less likely to satisfy the growing community of scientists and advocates who see an immediate need for bold action.

OFA is not advocating any specific policy prescription, nor does its campaign address the lingering question of whether the president will sign off on the construction of the lower part of the Keystone XL, the controversial pipeline that would carry heavy crude oil from Canada to refineries in Oklahoma. Instead, OFA's goal is simply getting lawmakers to acknowledge the reality of anthropogenic climate change.

"It's nice to see Organizing for Action going after climate deniers in Congress," said Jamie Henn, a spokesman for the climate advocacy group 350.org. However, he added, "if President Obama approves Keystone XL it will irrevocably damage OFA's credibility on environmental issues. Obama voters have made it clear, in polls and in the streets, that they want their president to stand up to Big Oil and say no to Keystone XL."

Frishberg said that OFA will support the executive actions made by the president, as well as regulations implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency. He did not address Keystone XL specifically, though OFA has [previously mentioned the matter](#) in emails to supporters, demanding a full State Department review of the pipeline.

As for the limited objectives of the group's campaign, Frishberg pointed to the importance of simply raising the issue and re-stating the reality of climate change.

"I think there is something that's fundamental about starting the conversation by saying this thing is real," Frishberg said. "If we can't start there and have a consensus there, then how do you ever move the conversation forward? You can disagree or agree on different policy approaches. But if people are throwing out those premises-- the impact on people's lives, the clarity of the science -- if they're throwing that overboard, it's hard to go much further."

Republican lawmakers targeted in the OFA video include Reps. Steve Scalise (La.), Joe Barton (Texas), Ted Poe (Texas) and Fred Upton (Mich.). Before he became chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, [Upton advocated taking action to combat global warming](#).

Republican Sens. James Inhofe (Okla.) and Marco Rubio (Fla.) also make an appearance, as does House Speaker John Boehner (Ohio), who in one particularly choice passage appears to argue that climate change is largely attributable to cattle.

Since 2011, there have been 24 hearing requests to discuss climate change, OFA's video says. Republican leaders have rejected every one.

"We have a Congress that is filled with folks who reject the basic science of climate change," said Frishberg. "So a lot of what we're going to be doing is focusing on a long-term effort to change the conversation."

24. Tammy Duckworth's Response to Nancy Schmidt:

April 25, 2013

Dear Mrs. Schmidt,

Thank you for contacting me about the Keystone XL Pipeline. I appreciate you taking the time to make me aware of your concerns on this important matter.

As you may know, the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline System is a network of pipelines to transport synthetic crude oil and diluted bitumen from the Athabasca oil sands region in Alberta, Canada to multiple destinations in the United States for refining and export. The system consists of the Keystone Pipeline, which is already in operation, and proposed extensions known as the Keystone XL and the Keystone Gulf Coast Expansion Project, which would extend approximately 1,661 miles from Alberta to the Gulf Coast of Texas.

The planned route for the pipeline would cross numerous U.S. states, several major rivers as well as the Ogallala Aquifer, which is one of the largest reserves of fresh water in the world and supplies clean drinking water to millions of Americans. The U.S. State Department has final jurisdiction regarding Keystone XL and is studying the pipeline's environmental impact as part of the approval process. Before we begin construction on a massive project like Keystone XL, we must be certain that the environmental impacts will be negligible, the economic opportunities will be valuable and the energy resources will be reliable. We need to make sure that the pipeline will promote American jobs and that there is a clear benefit for the American economy and environment.

Last Congress, there was an effort to approve the pipeline without a Presidential permit which ultimately failed. On April 24, 2013, a bill to expedite the approval and construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline energy project was approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee by a vote of 24-17. I assure you that I will closely follow this issue as Congress continues to debate the future of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

Thank you for your interest in this critical environmental issue. Please stay in touch with me by visiting my website at www.duckworth.house.gov, where you can sign up for my email list, access my voting record and get additional information on important issues facing our country. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
Member of Congress

Illinois' 8th District

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25. Fracking Ourselves to Death in Pennsylvania

Thursday, 02 May 2013 13:11 By [Ellen Cantarow](#), [TomDispatch](#) | News Analysis

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/16137-fracking-ourselves-to-death-in-pennsylvania>

26. Gas Rush: Fracking in Depth (Numerous Articles on Fracking)

"Gas Rush" is the place to find original insight and analysis on one of the most heated environmental debates in America. As fracking spreads across the country, Truthout chronicles earthquakes, blowouts, political battles and a swelling grassroots opposition. Gas drilling is quickly changing the landscape in Washington and our own backyards, and it's time to hold the government and industry accountable.

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 15:52 By [Staff and Contributors](#), [Truthout](#) | Gas Rush

<http://truth-out.org/news/item/8740>

[Sand Land: Fracking Industry Mining Iowa's Iconic Sand Bluffs in New Form of Mountaintop Removal](#) By Steve Horn, DeSmogBlog | Report

[Mexico Lacks Water to Frack for Shale Gas](#) By Emilio Godoy, Inter Press Service | Report

[Injection Well Linked to Destructive Earthquake in Oklahoma, Raising New Fracking Fears](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Gas Industry Report Calls Anti-Fracking Movement a "Highly Effective Campaign"](#) By Katrina Rabeler, Yes! Magazine | Report

[Thousands of Gallons of Pollution Recovered From Oil and Gas Spill in Colorado](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Ohio Fracking CEO Pleads Not Guilty in Federal Toxic Waste-Dumping Case](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Former Oil Executive, Doctors and Scientists Urge Obama to Wait on Fracking Exports Plan](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Regulators Under Fire for Keeping Fracking Pollution Test Results Under Wraps](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Bayou Frack-Out: The Massive Oil and Gas Disaster You've Never Heard Of](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Why Are Cows Tails Dropping Off?](#) By Elizabeth Royte, The Nation | Report

[Anti-Fracking Activists' Secret War, With the World in the Balance](#) By Ellen Cantarow, TomDispatch, News Analysis

[Pinkwashing Fracking? How the Komen Board Is Cashing in on Shale Gas](#) By Steve Horn, Counterpunch | News Analysis

[Fracking in Suburbia](#) By Andrew Spear and Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Video Report

[Fracking Boomtown](#) By Mike Ludwig and Andrew Spear, Truthout | Video Report

[The Environmental Health Costs of a Petrochemical Future](#) By Sue Sturgis, Facing South | News Analysis

[New Yorkers Rally to Urge Governor Cuomo to Reject Fracking](#) By Sara Jerving, PRWatch | Report

[Biologist and Writer Sandra Steingraber Invites Fellow Activists to Pledge Nonviolent Resistance to Fracking in New York State](#) By Sandra Steingraber, Don't Frack New York | Speech

[The Gas Menagerie](#) By Paul Hond, Columbia Magazine | News Analysis

[Schlumberger Shutdown Joins Summer of Solidarity](#) By Nell Gagnon, Shaleshock Direct Action Working Group | Report

[The Summer of Solidarity: Direct Action Against Extraction](#) By Candice Bernd, Campus Progress | Report

[Minnesota Amish vs. Fracking](#) By Steve Horn, DeSmogBlog | Report

[The Frack War Comes Home](#) By Peter Rugh, Waging Nonviolence | News Analysis

[Special Investigation: The Earthquakes and Toxic Waste of Ohio's Fracking Boom](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[New Study: Fluids From Marcellus Shale Likely Seeping Into Pennsylvania Drinking Water](#) By Abrahm Lustgarten, ProPublica | Report

[The Fracking Industry's Dirty Secrets](#) By Mike Papantonio, Ring of Fire | Interview and Video

[Injection Wells: The Poison Beneath Us](#) By Abrahm Lustgarten, ProPublica | News Analysis

[Hundreds Protest Fracking in Ohio as Drilling Expands](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Fracking Fatalities: Organized Labor Implores Federal Agencies to Stop the Killings](#) By Mike Elk, In These Times | Report

[Fracking in California Raises New and Old Concerns](#) By Christine Shearer, Truthout | Report

[How Rural America Got Fracked: The Environmental Nightmare You Know Nothing About](#)
By Ellen Cantarow, TomDispatch | News Analysis

[Fracking Fluids Could Contaminate Freshwater Aquifers, Says Study](#) By Christine Shearer, Truthout | Report

[Fracking to Poison Your Beer? RT News Interviews Truthout's Mike Ludwig](#) By Alyona Minkovski, RT News | Interview and Video

[When Polluted Water Is Safe to Drink: Inside the Dimock Fracking Fight](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Forty Acres and a Rule: Draft Federal Fracking Regulations Cover Only a Sliver of Land](#) By Lena Groeger, ProPublica | News Analysis

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[Silencing Communities: How the Fracking Industry Keeps Its Secrets](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Truthout Reporter Mike Ludwig on RT: Are EPA Fracking Regulations Hurting Jobs?](#) By Mike Ludwig, RT | Interview

[The Climate Movement Takes On Fracking: Interview With Bill McKibben](#) By Christine Shearer, Truthout | Interview

[About That Dimock Fracking Study: Result Summaries Show Methane and Hazardous Chemicals](#) By Christine Shearer, Truthout | Interview

[Fracking Fight: Activists Cry Foul on the EPA's Dimock Water Test Announcement](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Poll: Sixty-Five Percent of Americans Want More Fracking Regulations](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Regulators Say Fracking Wastewater Well Caused 12 Earthquakes in Ohio](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

["Public Media" Joins "Gang Greens" in Colluding With Frackers](#) By Maura Stephens, Truthout | News Analysis

[Fracking and Psychological Operations: Empire Comes Home](#) By Steve Horn, Truthout | News Analysis

[Josh Fox Responds to His Arrest on Capitol Hill: "The Truth That Fracking Contaminates Groundwater Is Out"](#)

By Josh Fox, Truthout | Op-Ed

[At Hearing on "Fracking," Capitol Police Arrest Director of "Gasland"](#) By Sari Gelzer, Truthout | Report

[The Battle for America's Backyard: An Interview With "Gasland" Director Josh Fox](#) By Amanda Lin Costa, Truthout | Interview

[Fracking Company: EPA Decision to Test Contaminated Wells in Dimock "Undercuts" Obama's Commitment to Natural Gas](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Letter to Friends and Neighbors](#) By Patrick R McElligott, Truthout | Letter

[Letter to New York State Senator Thomas Libous](#) By Patrick R McElligott, Truthout | Letter

[In the Clearing Stands a Boxer: One Man's Fight Against Fracking](#) By William Rivers Pitt, Truthout | Op-Ed

[Truthout Reporter Mike Ludwig on the Fracking Connection Between Kasich and the Koch Brothers \(2\)](#), RT America | Video

[Kasich, Koch and Big-Industry Bucks: Why Ohio Is the Next Fracking Frontier](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Residents Alarmed by Proposal to Treat Fracking Waste in Niagara Falls](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[The Heinz Award and What I Plan to Do With It](#) By Sandra Steingraber, Truthout | Op-Ed

[Fracking Operations Cause Thousands of Earthquakes in Arkansas](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[New Jersey Lawmakers Vote to Ban Fracking](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[America's Energy Ethos: Do, Regardless of Harm](#) By David Sirota, Truthout | Op-Ed

[Fracking Blowout Causes Massive Spill in Pennsylvania](#) By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report

[Gassy Geezer Pushes Fossil Fuel](#) By Maura Stephens, Truthout | Op-Ed

[Investigation Confirms Pennsylvania Fracking Well Blowout Was Easily Preventable, Potentially Catastrophic](#)

By Mike Ludwig, Truthout | Report