

## Another of Obama's jam-down-the-throat moves?

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The agreement between the U.S. and other countries to curb emissions is set to take effect in the next 30 days. Organizers say it reached the level of adoption Wednesday by participating countries.

"Today, the world meets the moment – and if we follow through on the commitments that this Paris agreement embodies, history may well judge it as a turning point for our planet," President Obama said the same day from the White House Rose Garden.

The president acknowledged the Paris agreement is not perfect and will only gently slow what he calls man-made global warming.

"Even if we meet every target embodied in the agreement, we'll only get to part of where we need to go," the president said. "But make no mistake, this agreement will help delay or avoid some of the worst consequences of climate change."

Not everyone agrees.

"I think the most parties who have examined the Paris agreement realize that it's pretty much all smoke and mirrors," responds Pat Michaels, Ph.D., a climatologist working for the Cato Institute. "The environmental community, deep down inside, is quite upset with it because in reality it will only prevent 0.1-to-0.2 degree Celsius of warming by the year 2100."

Michaels adds that the Obama administration is banking on the controversial Clean Power Plan from the EPA to help the U.S. meet its commitment in the Paris deal. "And even with the Clean Power Plan, it's very debatable whether we would get there," he tells OneNewsNow.

People for and against the Clean Power Plan say it will be decided, eventually, by the U.S. Supreme Court. Michaels is among those who believe that is the case.

"Whether the Clean Power Plan is thrown out or whether the Court says it is okay depends upon who the next Supreme Court justice is," he offers. "And that depends upon who the next president is – and you can read between the lines."