

Trump had a sound reason for withdrawing from Paris agreement

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President Donald Trump undid another thing his predecessor did when he withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement. By now you've read and heard dire predictions of worldwide catastrophes caused by America's withdrawal, or maybe just ad hominem attacks on Trump.

On ABC's "This Week," former Vice President Al Gore said, "The administration comes off as tongue-tied and confused about the climate crisis because the truth is still inconvenient for the large carbon polluters, and they don't want to stop polluting the atmosphere, it interferes with their business plan."

Hillary Clinton tweeted, "A historic mistake. The world is moving forward together on climate change. Paris withdrawal leaves American workers & families behind."

Just for the sake of argument, let's say Hillary won the election and decided to triple-down on Obama's meager attempt to lower CO2 emissions in America. Let's say Hillary promises to reduce CO2 emissions completely in America by the year 2050. What impact would such a reduction have on worldwide temperatures? There's an app for that.

MAGICC (Model for the Assessment of Green-house-gas Induced Climate Change) was developed by scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research and funded by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Using this model to project how worldwide temperatures would be affected if America eliminated 100-percent of our CO2 emissions, Patrick J. Michaels and Paul C. "Chip" Knappenberger at the CATO institute made a "Handy-Dandy Carbon Tax Temperature-Savings" calculator. They wrote, "The amount of temperature savings that results is 0.052°C by the year 2050 and 0.137°C by the year 2100." Cutting the entire industrialized world's CO2 emissions by 100-percent would save the world 0.278°C by the year 2100. Does anyone know how much temperatures have risen or fallen since 1937?

On the other hand, staying in the Paris Agreement could have cost Americans a lot of money. The Heritage Foundation estimated the following by 2035:

An overall average shortfall of nearly 400,000 jobs;

An average manufacturing shortfall of over 200,000 jobs;

A total income loss of more than \$20,000 for a family of four;

An aggregate gross domestic product (GDP) loss of over \$2.5 trillion; and

Increases in household electricity expenditures between 13 percent and 20 percent.

Some have argued that pulling out of the agreement will cost America jobs and business since we will no longer “be at the table” to negotiate manufacturing and selling new clean energy technologies. According to [an article in USA Today](#), “The biggest danger in leaving the accord is you lose your seat at the negotiating table for all climate talks to come,” says Shayle Kann of GTM Research, which does market analysis on next-generation energy solutions. “If you're not able to negotiate bilateral agreements, that can impact U.S. exports of our own leading edge technology.”

Later in the article Kann says, “Clean tech growth in the U.S. is unstoppable from an economic perspective, partly because you'll likely see continued support (of such companies) on a state level,” he says. “You'll see continued growth in this area because it'll be the cheapest energy available.”

Some believe climate change is the biggest threat to our survival. Continuing attacks in London and Manchester cause some to worry a bit more about terrorists.