## **Republican and Democratic Candidates Sharply Diverge on Fossil Fuels with GOP Supportive and Dems Opposed**

**Presidential Candidate Positions on Energy and Climate Change** 

John Kasich	<ul> <li>Supports balanced "energy mix" approach while favoring cheaper alternatives like coal, oil and natural gas</li> <li>Believes in climate change and says it can be addressed through carbon capture and storage technologies</li> <li>Opposes Clean Power Plan and other recent EPA regulations saying they burden energy industry</li> <li>Supports energy subsidies for all industries including wind and solar</li> </ul>
Ted Cruz	<ul> <li>Supports an "all of the above" approach when it comes to energy</li> <li>Does not believes climate change calling it "pseudo-scientific"</li> <li>Opposes all energy subsidies including the ethanol mandate, which he thinks should be phased out</li> <li>Opposes Clean Power Plan and Water Rule believing it hinders energy exploitation</li> </ul>
Donald Trump	<ul> <li>Supports greater oil and gas exploration along with increase in nuclear power</li> <li>Does not believe in climate change calling it a "hoax"</li> <li>Supports Keystone Pipeline</li> <li>Wants to resuscitate coal industry by eliminating environmental burdens and making permit process easier</li> </ul>
Hillary Clinton	<ul> <li>Create a \$60 billion Clean Energy Challenge to encourage local and State governments to adopt clean energy</li> <li>In ten years, she wants U.S. to produce enough renewable electricity to power every American home</li> <li>Believes in climate change and supports Clean Power Plan and other regulations to help address it</li> <li>Opposes tax subsidies for oil and gas industry, while supporting federal leases for renewable energy</li> </ul>
Bernie Sanders	<ul> <li>Supports transition to 100% renewable energy economy</li> <li>Believes in climate change and backs Clean Power Plan along with a carbon tax</li> <li>Wants to halt nuclear power plan licensing to gradually phase out nuclear power in U.S.</li> <li>Opposes hydraulic fracturing and federal leases for oil and gas exploration</li> </ul>

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