



C3 SOLUTIONS

The Climate *and* Freedom Agenda

Policy Solutions for Energy Consumers, Energy Security,
and Climate Progress

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Executive Summary

The Conservative Coalition for Climate Solutions (C3 Solutions) is providing a set of energy, environment, and climate solutions that work for all Americans. In ten chapters, C3 Solutions lays out policy and regulatory reforms that would help increase and diversify energy supplies, remove supply chain constraints, invest in healthy ecosystems, and build more resilient communities. Policies that unleash the human ingenuity of innovators and entrepreneurs will provide affordable energy for American families, build a stronger economy, and reduce the risks and costs of climate change.

WHY IT MATTERS:

In the wake of high prices at the pump, rising energy bills, elevated inflation, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine, energy prices and energy security are at the top of Americans' minds. A global pandemic that challenged supply chains and the war in Ukraine have created turbulent energy markets. Antiquated policies and regulations have made it more difficult for investors and businesses to respond.

Sensible policy reforms that open markets and modernize regulations will provide more affordable, dependable power and enhance energy security. Unleashing free enterprise will drive innovation and competition and should increase opportunities for domestic natural resources, nuclear power, and renewable energy technologies. Reducing barriers and speeding up deployment of cleaner, more efficient energy resources will be beneficial for families, businesses, and the planet.

We should empower our original environmentalists (farmers, ranchers, forest managers) to invest in natural climate solutions. Effective climate solutions that work for all Americans go beyond energy. America's agricultural sector is a global leader in producing food for families and environmental stewardship. Investing in healthy natural ecosystems will generate more opportunities for food and timber production and will help with climate mitigation, reducing the risks of extreme weather, and adaptation.

Reforming government-imposed barriers for infrastructure projects will stretch taxpayer dollars, inject more private capital into projects, and deliver cleaner, more resilient infrastructure. Adaptation can be a cost-effective climate solution and the private sector should play a leading role in assessing the risk and potential benefits of investments. Policy reforms should allow for timely construction of more durable infrastructure and fix policies that distort risk and increase the economic and environmental cost of extreme weather.

The United States should demonstrate international leadership by accelerating innovation domestically and opening markets to investment and trade. Any conversation about solutions and reducing the risks and costs of climate change must be global in nature. Reducing energy poverty, protecting the environment, and reducing the cost of climate change are interdependent goals. The most politically and economically plausible path toward global decarbonization is to show that it is in the economic interest of developed and developing economies to pursue those technologies.

Embrace economic freedom. Free economies are clean economies. The connection between free societies and human flourishing is undeniable. Improving the indicators that measure a country's overall economic freedom: property rights, investment freedom, regulatory and tax efficiency, trade freedom, and strong institutions will be essential for environmental and climate progress.

