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If You Were President, What Would You Do About Climate Change?

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What would you like to see happen about climate change over the next four years?

If you could wave a magic wand and make your environmental dreams come true, what would they be, and why?

In “Trump Has Choices to Make on Climate Policy. What Would You Do?,” Tatiana Schlossberg offers readers an interactive quiz. First, she writes:

Nearly two weeks after his inauguration, it seems like President Trump is eager to get things done, including environmental policy decisions.

He already made moves on pipelines, a key environmental policy, but it will still take some time before they are implemented. What’s his next move, and what happens after that? Let’s explore the options and find out what’s at stake in many of these complicated policy decisions.

She continues, with the first quiz question:

As a candidate, Mr. Trump opposed the Clean Power Plan, a proposed set of regulations under the Clean Air Act that would require power plants to drastically reduce their carbon dioxide emissions.

(We’ll get to the Paris agreement later.)

Go with your gut: Do you think Mr. Trump should scrap the Clean Power Plan?

Option 1: Keep it!

Option 2: Get rid of it!

Students: Take the quiz, then tell us:

— In your opinion, what should be done about climate change?

- How big of a priority should climate change be for President Trump and other world leaders? Why?
- How did you do on the quiz? How did you score in terms of environmental friendliness? Why?
- Will you watch the news to follow environmental policy developments under the Trump administration? Why or why not?

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