

## Climate Change

**D:** College Republicans are wrong in claiming that global warming doesn't exist and isn't a problem.

**R:** The College Republican National Committee has never argued either of these points. The CRNC rejects alarmist scare tactics and exaggerations on an issue which is not even collectively agreed upon by leading scientists.

College Republicans are at odds with environmental extremists over what constitutes a prudent course of action. The CRNC maintains that the appropriate policies to address this matter should not be guided by cataclysmic predictions and "what ifs" that bypass reason, the markets, and effectiveness.

**D:** College Republicans are in disagreement with their own President, who has recognized climate change and made it a priority within his agenda.

**R:** College Republicans also recognize that global climate change is an issue worthy of attention. Likewise, we agree with the President that the correct solution be one that is effective, well-researched, and accounts for market forces and growth strategies.

The work that he has done for global climate change has reflected these goals, and we support him. For example, his initiatives include increased investigations into alternative sources of energy at home. The President's Advanced Energy Initiative is comprehensive, market-favorable, nation-based, *and* maintains national security.

**D:** President Bush's refusal to address global warming through carbon-emissions is evidenced by his rejection of measures such as the Kyoto Protocol, which many Western European countries already agree upon.

**R:** The Kyoto Protocol has been rejected by President Clinton, President Bush, as well as the US Senate.

College Republicans and President Bush will continue to oppose measures like the Kyoto Protocol which endorse "cap-and-trade" strategies for regulating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Kyoto's success for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is proven to be negligible overall, and the majority of countries participating in the agreement are currently violating their emission limits. (For these stats and facts, visit <http://www.crnc.org/index.php?content=kyoto>)

Better that the US adopt only those solutions which have undergone a comprehensive cost-benefit examination and are proven to be beneficial.