



U.S. Climate Policy after 2016 Election

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U.S. Climate Policy – The Bad News

- New Policy: NONE
- No Carbon Tax
- No National Cap & Trade
- End of Clean Power Plan?

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Transition team for head, EPA



Public Opinion – The Good News

- Obama: The Bully Pulpit
- Survey Published March 2016
 - 70% believe global warming is real
 - 61% US should reduce GHG emissions even if other countries do not

Numbers improving in last year



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Public Opinion – The Bad News

- Climate attitudes are now partisan
- More liberal, more concern
- Liberal Democrats: 24% of registered voters
- Rank of climate change for L.D.: 6 of 23



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Public Opinion on RE – The Good News

- Large majorities want more solar and wind
- Even split on natural gas and nuclear
- Large majorities want decrease in coal and oil
- Consistent over more than 10 years

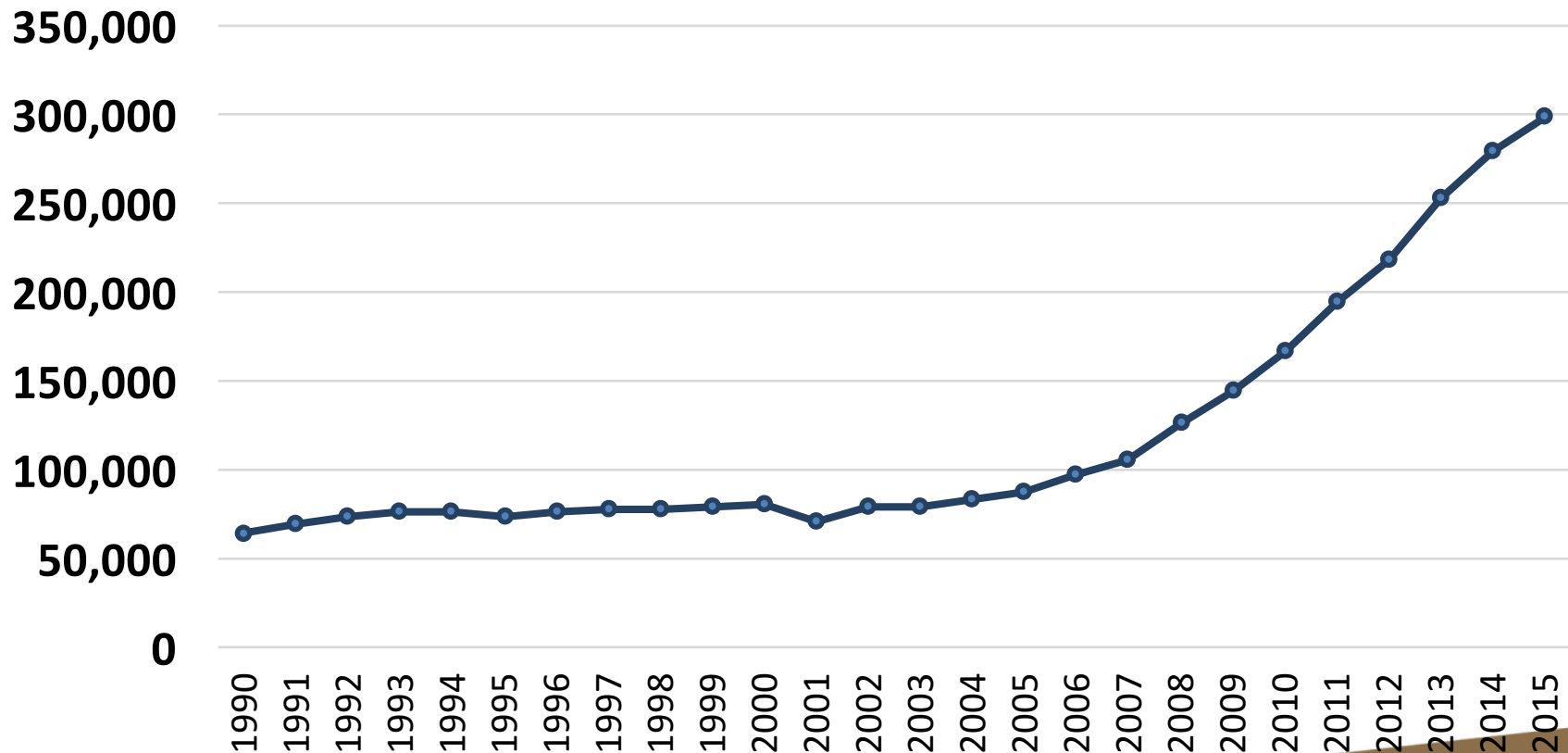


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Good News – RE Generation

Non-Hydro RE Millions kwh



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Top 5 RE Elec Generation

Millions of kwh

- Texas 39,978
- California 35,822
- Oklahoma 12,677
- Iowa 12,413
- Kansas 9,184



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Top 5 Per Cap RE Elec Gen

Millions of kwh/capita

- North Dakota 6,646.5
- Wyoming 4,702.5
- Iowa 3,995.0
- Oklahoma 3,268.9
- Kansas 3,162.5



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Conclusion

- Emphasize RE growth, not climate policy.
- What do we want people to do and how do we support them to do it?

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