

## Group 8: Canada and Climate Change - What Now?

### Future Approach to Kyoto Protocol

- Setting a precedent that we do care, would rather do something that is attainable/realistic -Prior target - 6% below 1990 levels
- New approach - veer away from Kyoto, target isn't actually beneficial, it's more for the media and the public than actually to make a change (as seen in practice)
- Setting a goal to say \_\_\_\_% of energy is renewable by this time, or have \_\_\_\_% much less reliance on oil
- Targeting separate sectors, creating actual steps that each sector has to follow mandated by the government, this follows the protocol made by each sector
- Break it down, smaller, more manageable goals that are more specific (not just "reduce fuel emissions")
- Within the Annex countries to set that precedent (don't use China as a scapegoat)
- Industry-by-industry basis vs. a country-by-country basis --> trickle down effect -Shifting the tax subsidies from the big companies to smaller companies that are working on sustainable, renewable resources/agriculture and will benefit the people more than the corporations
- In a political sense, implement sector-by-sector way of mitigating climate change, proposal that we can show to other countries, saying that it is working for us, what do you have to show for your actions --> be more of a leader, offer knowledge and educational resources
- Acting on the premise that the Kyoto Protocol isn't going to work since it hasn't been implemented in other countries -What has led up to the Protocol hasn't worked, therefore there's no foundation from other countries to build on Climate Change Negotiations in General
- Sustainable way of harvesting the tar sands
- Global acceptance - economy will suffer for a certain period until ways of mitigating climate change are more stabilized
- Third world countries most affected, ways to get a more of a connection between first world and third world --> trading energy, etc. (cap and trade system) -Employ workers from these countries to create these sustainable forms of energy for themselves (solar, wind, etc.) --> creates jobs, energy resources -Creates a sustainable industry based on environmental progress
- International education fund/agreement - creating opportunities for third world countries to better their lives and not have to rely on us

-Allocation of money/resources to more sustainable forms of energy -Instead of taxing big corporations, perhaps have them contribute to renewable energy sources

- commit to environmentally friendly, creative measures instead of taxing -If corporations contributed to the energy issue, it would put less pressure on the governments themselves What Canada's Greenhouse Gas Reductions Should Be

-Instead of trying to get below a baseline, we are creating mandates for sectors and put a percentage on amount of renewable energy we want to implement -e.g. Agriculture industry - limiting factory farming by \_\_\_% - Figure for the government, not for the public/media -We are going to try not to exceed our emissions by \_\_\_% in the next \_\_\_ years -Industry by industry basis vs. comparing ourselves with other countries, get the major researchers in each field together to look at the smaller, more attainable goals vs. the larger ones

-Governmental incentive - look better in the international community, have something to show for dropping out of Kyoto protocol Recommendations on Federal Government's Role on Emissions Reductions -Make Carbon Tax a federal issue --> Federal Government states a sort of mandate, either implement tax or change to sustainable energy resources, but each province does it from their own experience -Start from municipalities in each industry -Each province must meet these standards, but have choice as to how they will do it -Shifting the tax subsidies from the big companies to municipalities that are working on sustainable, renewable resources/agriculture --> bottom up approach (e.g. recycling/compost), receive benefits for municipalities -Individual level

- more sustainable life, encouraged by the federal government - education, education, education --> more integrative learning -Implement into elementary school curriculum - understand global issues e.g. climate change

-Provincial cap and trade programs - this is how the federal government knows we're all accountable/responsible Recommendations to Domestic Strategies (House-by-House)

-Recycle and compost

-Subsidies for hybrid cars

-Promoting bicycle use

- pay as you go downtown, zipcar type thing

-Improving transit

-TV commercials

-Solar panelling on roofs

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