Congressional Climate Camp #3:
Lessons Learned from Past Congresses and Current Attitudes on Climate

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STAKEHOLDER IMPACT ON CLIMATE POLICY
Is an important methodology for improving clinical, scientific, and public health policy decision making.
Civil society stakeholders seeks to shape the direction and outcomes of the climate progress.
McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act

CAPTAIN CLIMATE ASKED
"WHAT´S YOUR PLAN?

I WANT YOU
TO SAVE OUR PLANET
From governments to Civil Society cooperation is critical to achieving effective governance that can help US move towards a more sustainable future

- Conducting scientific analysis and communicating research implications;
- Agenda- and norm-setting, policy input and direct advocacy;
- Direct pressure, including moral force, the granting of legitimacy, and mobilization;
  - Cultivating coalitions, including with states, international organizations and other non-state actors; and
- Narrative-shaping, including through the media and the public.
COP 15 in Copenhagen in 2009

Was a failure of countries to come to a meaningful agreement

A sit-in protest at the COP15 in Copenhagen. (Photo: Australian Science Media Centre)
THE LARGEST CLIMATE MARCH IN HISTORY.
THE GRETA EFFECT
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

STAND WITH FRONTPRICE COMMUNITIES IN OUR FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE.
Current Attitudes, Polarization and Environmental Politics

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Value of bipartisanship/compromise
Building bipartisan cosponsorship coalitions can improve member’s legislative effectiveness

Figure 2: Legislative Advancement for Lawmakers Attracting Bipartisan Cosponsors

Public opinion on compromise and bipartisanship
When people from both parties share the same end goal, even a victory for the opposing side is better than gridlock.


Energy Policy (a consensus issue) vs. Gun Control (a non-consensus issue)
Voting for compromises generally boosts Senator’s approval and vote

Even primary voters, on average, favor compromise

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