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**Congressional Climate Camp #3:  
Lessons Learned from Past Congresses and  
Current Attitudes on Climate**  
*Briefing Series: Congressional Climate Camps*

Friday, March 26, 2021

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Founded in 1984 by a bipartisan Congressional caucus as an independent (i.e., not federally-funded) non-profit organization



## **NON-PARTISAN**

Source of non-partisan information on environmental, energy, and climate policies



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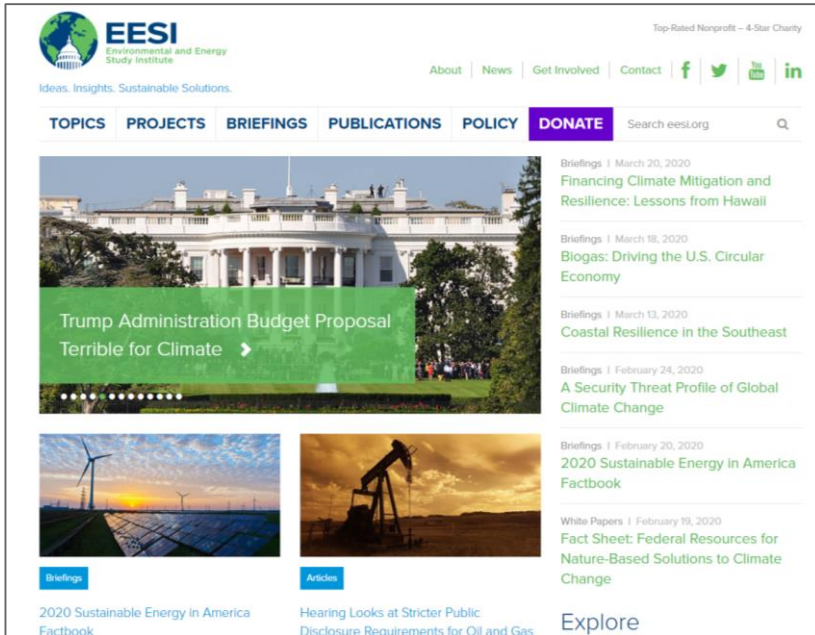
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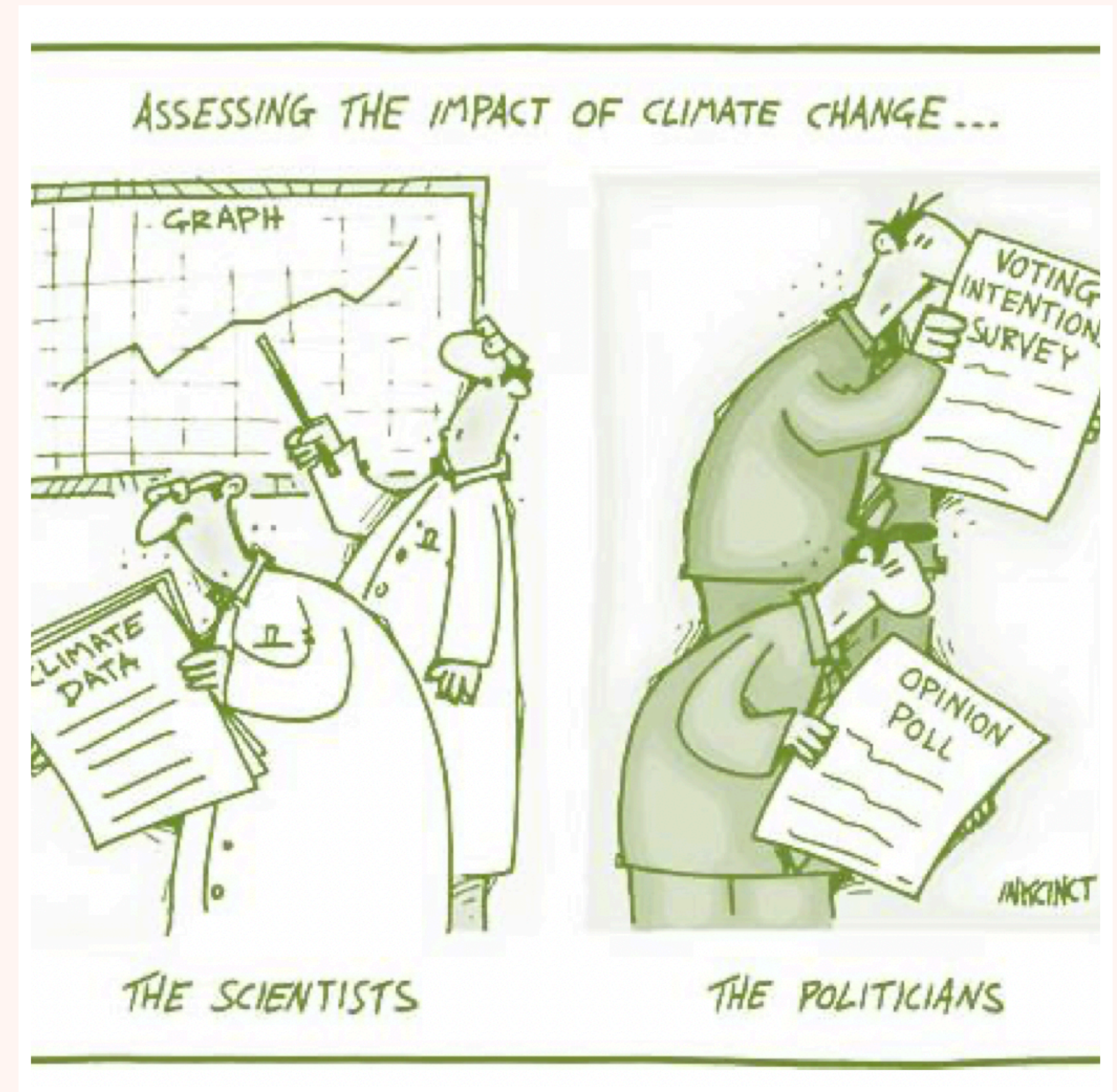
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# STAKEHOLDER IMPACT ON CLIMATE POLICY



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# **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Is an important methodology for improving clinical, scientific, and public health policy decision making.

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Civil society stakeholders seeks to shape the direction and  
outcomes  
of the climate progress

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# McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act

➤ **CAPTAIN CLIMATE ASKED  
“WHAT’S YOUR PLAN?”**



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# Civil Society Cooperation is Critical

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.**
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# 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](#))

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# THE LARGEST CLIMATE MARCH IN HISTORY.





# Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015

COP21/CMP11

## Paris France





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# THE GRETA EFFECT









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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE



STAND WITH FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES IN OUR  
FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AGAINST  
THE RAVAGES OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE.



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# Current Attitudes, Polarization and Environmental Politics

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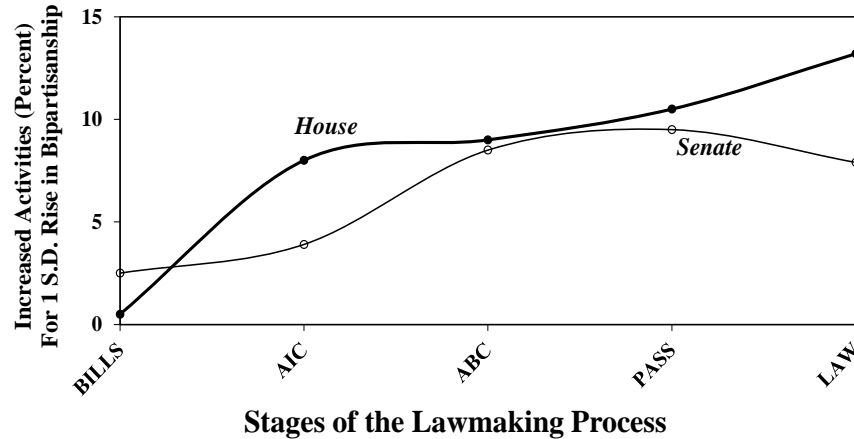
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Value of bipartisanship/compromise

# Building bipartisan cosponsorship coalitions can improve member's legislative effectiveness

**Figure 2: Legislative Advancement for Lawmakers Attracting Bipartisan Cosponsors**

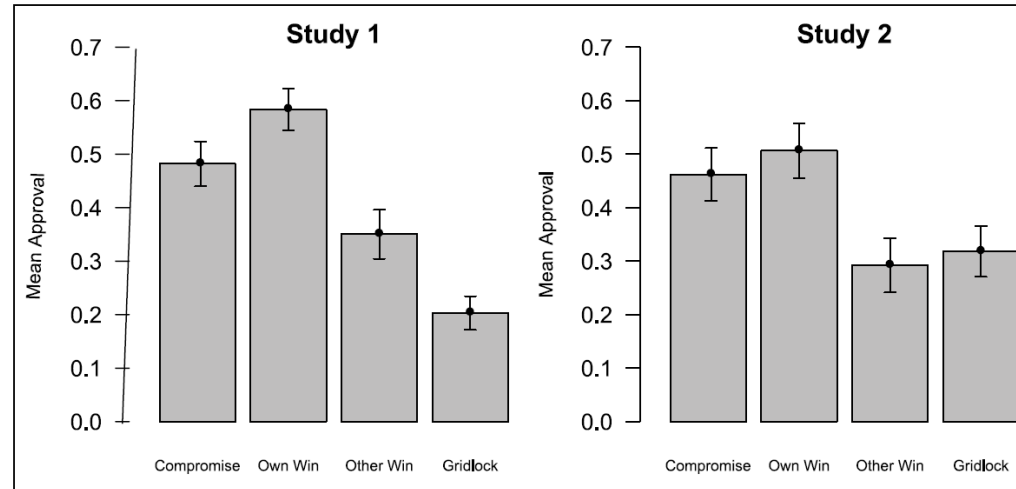


Source: Harbridge-Yong, Laurel, Craig Volden and Alan Wiseman. 2020. "Are Bipartisan Lawmakers More Effective?" IPR Working Paper.  
<https://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/our-work/working-papers/2021/wp-21-08.html>

# 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

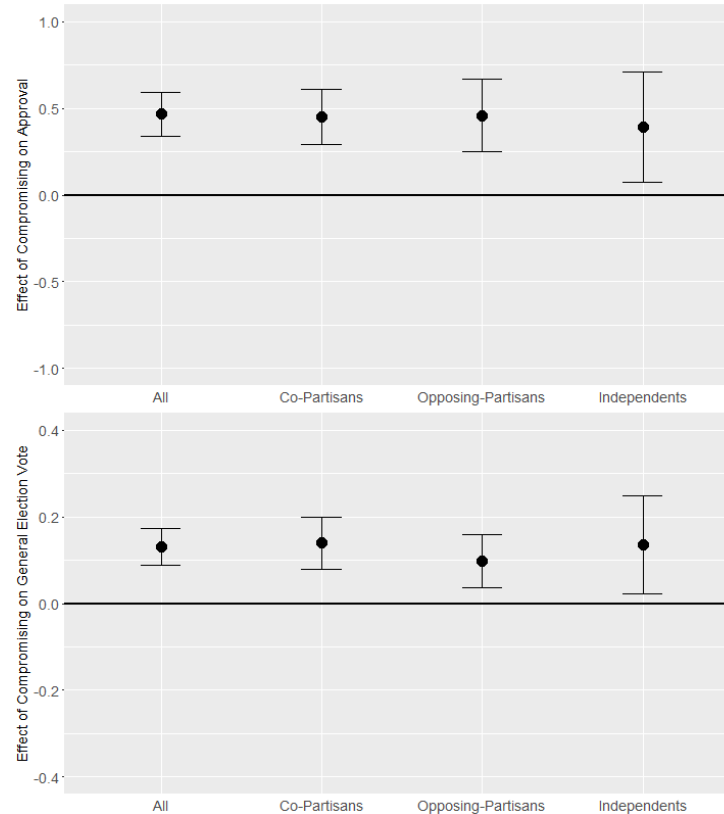
Energy Policy (a consensus issue) vs. Gun Control (a non-consensus issue)



Source: Flynn, D.J., and Laurel Harbridge. 2016. "How Partisan Conflict in Congress Affects Public Opinion: Strategies, Outcomes, and Issue Differences." *American Politics Research* 44 (5):875-902. doi: 10.1177/1532673X15610425

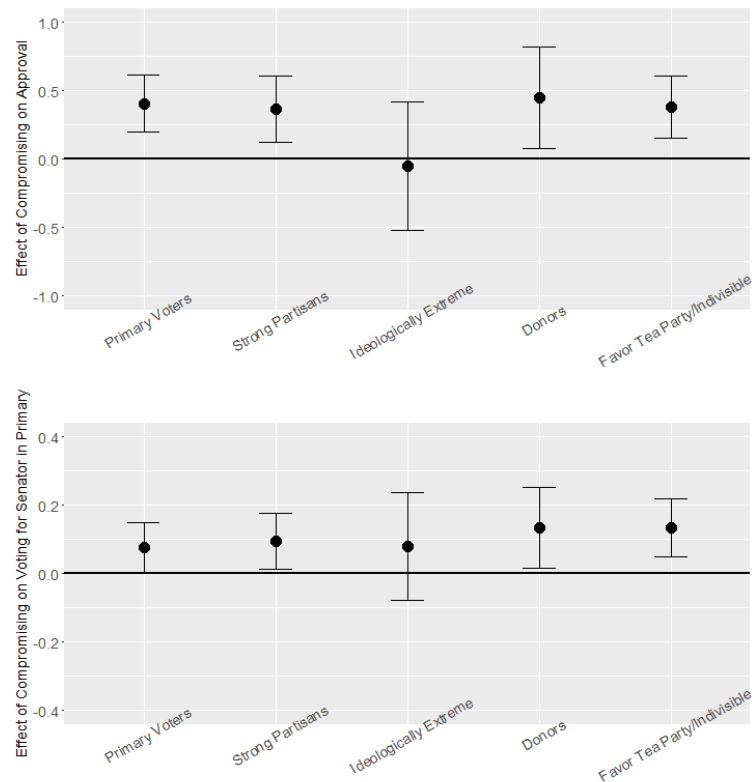


# Voting for compromises generally boosts Senator's approval and vote



Source: Anderson, Sarah E., Daniel M. Butler, and Laurel Harbridge-Yong. 2020. *Rejecting Compromise: Legislators' Fear of Primary Voters*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

# Even primary voters, on average, favor compromise



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