



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 CPP?



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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

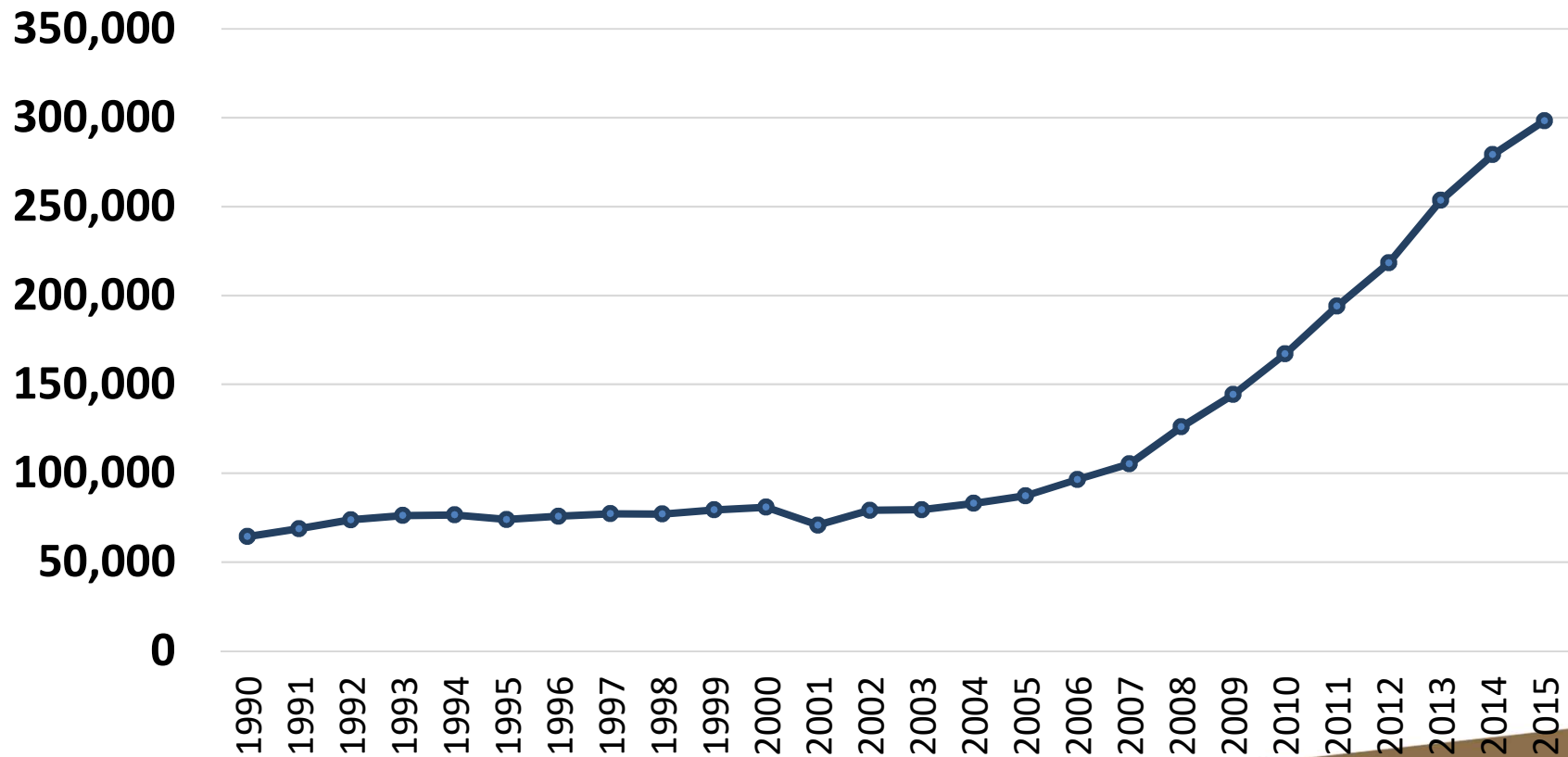


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Good News – RE Generation

Non-Hydro RE Millions kwh



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Top 5 RE Elec Generation

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



Top 5 Per Cap RE Elec Gen

- 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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- Kwh per person



Conclusion

- Emphasize RE growth, not climate policy
- Thank you



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