

“MAGAMike” – TV :30s

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<p>Our Climate in Crisis</p> <p>Shreveport, Louisiana</p>	<p>Our climate... in crisis.</p>	<p>New York Times: “Wildfires, Flooding, Heat: How Climate Change Upended Summer.” “Globally, average temperatures broke a string of monthly records this summer, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: June was the warmest June, July the warmest July and August the warmest August. September was also, by a record margin, the warmest September, the European Union climate monitor said this week. As humans continue adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, record-breaking heat will become even more common, as will extreme weather events like droughts, wildfires and floods.” [New York Times, 10/05/23]</p> <p>CBS News: “Extreme Floods And Droughts Worsening With Climate Change, Study Finds.” “The intensity of extreme drought and rainfall has "sharply" increased over the past 20 years, according to a study published Monday in the journal Nature Water. These aren't merely tough weather events, they are leading to extremes such as crop failure, infrastructure damage, even humanitarian crises and conflict. The big picture on water comes from data from a pair of satellites known as GRACE, or Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment, that were used to measure changes in Earth's water storage — the sum of all the water on and in the land, including groundwater, surface water, ice, and snow.” [CBS News, 3/14/23]</p> <p>Climate Change Has Caused “Severe Storms” In Shreveport That Resulted In Flooding. “The growing climate crisis is leading to a rise in severe storms, hot days, and heat waves, causing significant challenges for the Shreveport area. Recognizing the need for support, various organizations in the region are actively finding ways to address these issues. Another round of severe storms moved through the region on Wednesday, causing severe flooding in Southwest Arkansas. As we moved into Thursday, an excessive heat warning was put in place for portions of southwest Arkansas, Northwest Louisiana, Eastern Texas and Southeast Oklahoma.” [KTAL, 7/14/23]</p> <p>Louisiana “Is Experiencing Record-Breaking Heat And Dryness” Due To Climate Change That Contributed To Wildfires. “Much like other places, Louisiana is experiencing record-breaking heat and dryness, which have made it easier for wildfires to proliferate. Both issues are likely being made worse by climate change, which contributes to higher temperatures and drier vegetation. And what we're witnessing this year is likely just the start: According to LSU researchers, wildfire risk in the state is expected to increase 25</p>

<p><i>Sign:</i> National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior</p> <p>Because of the Federal Government SHUTDOWN, All National Parks Are CLOSED.</p>	<p>Our government... set to shut down in days.</p>	<p>percent by 2050, with the magnitude of property damage poised to grow by more than 100 percent.” [Vox, 8/30/23]</p> <p>A Government Shutdown Deadline Is Approaching On November 17. “As in September 2023, another government shutdown deadline approaches on November 17. It’s likely, though not certain, that a continuing resolution, or other budgetary measures, will be passed to avoid a shutdown.” [Forbes, 11/01/23]</p> <p>New York Times Headline: “Most National Parks Will Close in a Shutdown, Federal Officials Say.” It was reported prior to the last government shutdown deadline in September: “The majority of the country’s national parks will close and be made off-limits to the public if the federal government shuts down, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced on Friday, a move that is likely to upend travel plans for millions of visitors to some of the country’s most popular attractions.” [New York Times, 9/29/23]</p>
<p>MAGA MIKE</p> <p>House Speaker Mike Johnson’s First Big Bill Cuts Biden’s Climate Change Funding -Bloomberg, 10/26/23</p>	<p>And the first thing MAGA Mike Johnson does as Speaker?</p> <p>Push through a bill cutting America’s affordable clean energy program.</p>	<p>“The First Major Legislation House Republicans Passed Under Newly Installed Speaker Mike Johnson Would Cut Billions Of Dollars In Consumer Rebates For Energy Efficiency Upgrades.” “The first major legislation House Republicans passed under newly installed Speaker Mike Johnson would cut billions of dollars in consumer rebates for energy efficiency upgrades included in President Joe Biden’s signature climate law.” [Bloomberg, 10/26/23]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bloomberg Headline: “House Speaker Mike Johnson’s First Big Bill Cuts Biden’s Climate Change Funding.” “The first major legislation House Republicans passed under newly installed Speaker Mike Johnson would cut billions of dollars in consumer rebates for energy efficiency upgrades included in President Joe Biden’s signature climate law.” [Bloomberg, 10/26/23] <p>The Bill “Rescinds More Than \$5.5 Billion From The Inflation Reduction Act, Including A \$4.5 Billion Program For Homeowners To Switch To More Energy Efficient Appliances.” “The \$58 billion measure, which funds the Energy Department and other agencies, rescinds more than \$5.5 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act, including a \$4.5 billion program for homeowners to switch to more energy efficient appliances and a \$1 billion grant program to help states craft more stringent building energy codes. The bill, approved Thursday on a 210-199 vote, also slashes the Energy Department’s energy efficiency and renewable energy office funding by 42 percent below last year’s levels and revokes \$15 billion in loan authority from the department’s loan guarantee program.” [Bloomberg, 10/26/23]</p>

<p>“the most important architect of the Electoral College objections” - New York Times, 10/3/23</p>	<p>Because Mike Johnson isn't just an <i>election</i> denier.</p>	<p>Mike Johnson's "Election Denialism" Includes Using A Podcast "To Rail Against The Prosecution Of [Donald] Trump For His Efforts To Interfere In The 2020 Election." "Elected to Congress in 2016, Mr. Johnson, a lawyer and former chairman of the conservative Republican Study Committee, has never led a powerful committee in Congress or served in the top tier of House leadership. Democrats immediately pounced on the pivotal role he played in congressional efforts to overturn the 2020 election. (As a loyal supporter of former President Donald J. Trump, he has continued to use a podcast he hosts with his wife, a licensed pastoral counselor, to rail against the prosecution of Mr. Trump for his efforts to interfere in the 2020 election.) But even more than his election denialism, Mr. Johnson's political career has been defined by his religious views." [New York Times, 10/25/23]</p> <p>Mike Johnson Was "The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections." "While most House Republicans had amplified Mr. Trump's claims about the election in the aftermath of his loss, only the right flank of the caucus continued to loudly echo Mr. Trump's fraud allegations in the days before Jan. 6, The Times found. More Republican lawmakers appeared to seek a way to placate Mr. Trump and his supporters without formally endorsing his extraordinary allegations. In formal statements justifying their votes, about three-quarters relied on the arguments of a low-profile Louisiana congressman, Representative Mike Johnson, the most important architect of the Electoral College objections." [New York Times, 10/03/23]</p>
<p>...Dismisses Climate Concerns -New York Times, 10/26/23</p>	<p>He's a <i>climate change</i> denier -</p>	<p>Mike Johnson "Has Questioned Climate Science" And "Said He Does Not Believe Burning Fossil Fuels Is Changing The Climate." "Representative Mike Johnson comes from Louisiana oil country and has said he does not believe burning fossil fuels is changing the climate... Representative Mike Johnson of Louisiana, the newly elected House speaker, has questioned climate science, opposed clean energy and received more campaign contributions from oil and gas companies than from any other industry last year." [New York Times, 10/26/23]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York Times Headline: "New House Speaker Champions Fossil Fuels and Dismisses Climate Concerns." [New York Times, 10/26/23] <p>Mike Johnson, In 2017, Said He Did Not Believe That Humans Were "The Primary Driver" Of Climate Change. "At a town hall in 2017, Mr. Johnson said: 'The climate is changing, but the question is, is it being caused by natural cycles over the span of the Earth's</p>

		<p>history? Or is it changing because we drive S.U.V.s? I don't believe in the latter. I don't think that's the primary driver." [New York Times, 10/26/23]</p>
<p>Oil Backers welcome Johnson era - Politico, 10/26/23</p> <p><i>"100 percent score from the American Energy Alliance"</i></p>	<p>a "Big Oil" man, with a 100% voting score from the fossil fuel industry...</p>	<p>Politico Headline: "Oil Backers Welcome Johnson Era." "New House Speaker Mike Johnson is a staunch supporter of the oil and gas industry, but his record of energy accomplishments in Congress is thin, write Timothy Cama, Kelsey Brugger and Nidhi Prakash. The Louisiana Republican hails from a state that is a critical hub for oil and gas and has received more than \$300,000 in campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry. But Johnson has built his career fighting for socially conservative causes — like restricting abortion — rather than energy and climate." [Politico, 10/26/23]</p> <p>Johnson's "Pro-Fossil-Fuel Voting Record... Includes A 100 Percent Score From The American Energy Alliance." "Still, the oil and gas industry cheered the Louisiana Republican's victory Wednesday, citing his pro-fossil-fuel voting record, which includes a 100 percent score from the American Energy Alliance." [Politico, 10/26/23]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Energy Alliance Is "A Group Aligned With The Fossil-Fuel-Friendly Institute For Energy Research." "The oil lobby's preferred candidate for House speaker inched closer to securing the post Wednesday, but Majority Leader Steve Scalise is still trying to secure enough votes to grab the gavel... The American Energy Alliance, a group aligned with the fossil-fuel-friendly Institute for Energy Research, has endorsed Scalise to succeed Kevin McCarthy, the California Republican who was ousted for the job last week." [E&E News, 10/12/23] • The American Energy Alliance Has Been Called A "Mouthpiece For The Oil And Gas Industry" And Is "Heavily Funded" By Koch Industries. In a letter to the editor, Elliott Negin, a senior writer for the Union of Concerned Scientists, wrote that the American Energy Alliance and Institute for Energy Research "are mouthpieces for the oil and gas industry. [The president of both groups, Thomas J.] Pyle is a former lobbyist for Koch Industries and the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association, and his two groups are heavily funded by Charles and David Koch, who own oil refineries in Alaska, Minnesota and Texas, as well as thousands of miles of pipelines. Koch foundations gave the American Energy Alliance and the Institute for Energy Research \$6.4 million between 2014 and 2016, and

		<p>in past years, the Institute for Energy Research could count the American Petroleum Institute and ExxonMobil among its benefactors.” [Washington Post, 8/17/18]</p> <p>Mike Johnson “Is A Long-Time Ally Of His State’s Oil And Gas Sector.” “Johnson, of Louisiana, is a long-time ally of his state’s oil and gas sector, and has received about \$280,000 in donations from the industry, according to the watchdog group OpenSecrets. The League of Conservation Voters, an environmental group, has given Johnson a 2 percent lifetime achievement score, citing dozens of votes against climate legislation and other environmental bills.” [Bloomberg, 10/26/23]</p>
<p>The US is Poised for an Energy Revolution Goldman Sachs Analysis, 4/17/23</p>	<p>...and an agenda to stop America’s clean energy leadership</p> <p>and the good-paying jobs it brings.</p>	<p>Goldman Sachs Headline: “The US Is Poised For An Energy Revolution.” “The U.S. Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will spur about \$3 trillion investment in renewable energy technology that could double the amount of energy produced by the shale revolution 15 years ago, according to Goldman Sachs Research.” [Goldman Sachs, 4/17/23]</p> <p>“The First Major Legislation House Republicans Passed Under Newly Installed Speaker Mike Johnson Would Cut Billions Of Dollars In Consumer Rebates For Energy Efficiency Upgrades.” “The first major legislation House Republicans passed under newly installed Speaker Mike Johnson would cut billions of dollars in consumer rebates for energy efficiency upgrades included in President Joe Biden’s signature climate law.” [Bloomberg, 10/26/23]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Bill “Rescinds More Than \$5.5 Billion From The Inflation Reduction Act, Including A \$4.5 Billion Program For Homeowners To Switch To More Energy Efficient Appliances.” “The \$58 billion measure, which funds the Energy Department and other agencies, rescinds more than \$5.5 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act, including a \$4.5 billion program for homeowners to switch to more energy efficient appliances and a \$1 billion grant program to help states craft more stringent building energy codes. The bill, approved Thursday on a 210-199 vote, also slashes the Energy Department’s energy efficiency and renewable energy office funding by 42 percent below last year’s levels and revokes \$15 billion in loan authority from the department’s loan guarantee program.” [Bloomberg, 10/26/23] <p>Politico Headline: “Oil Backers Welcome Johnson Era.” “New House Speaker Mike Johnson is a staunch supporter of the oil and</p>

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