

# Christie and Republicans' changing stance on climate

In a recent New Hampshire interview, [Gov. Chris Christie criticized President Barack Obama's attendance at Paris' climate conference](#). Gov. Christie explained his criticism: "I just don't see that there's any evidence that it's a crisis." Asked for clarification, Gov. Christie cited nothing concrete, insisting he wasn't relying on scientists. Are the public mere children that our parent, the governor, can say, "Because I said so?"

We could get angry, but here's another viewpoint: Gov. Christie didn't parrot false information. Denying climate change is now unacceptable. Is it possible that in the wake of Inside Climate News' reports on Exxon's science differing from its public posturing, Gov. Christie, a former prosecutor, is reluctant to repeat fraudulently concocted denials?

It's especially hard to deny climate change in New Hampshire, where Gov. Christie has centered his presidential campaign. Their Republican Senator Kelly Ayotte endorsed the EPA's Clean Power Plan, voted against resolutions to stop EPA regulations and formed a Senate group to consider climate policy. New Hampshire voters know that RGGI created 30,000 jobs and grew state economies. Reports indicate regional electricity prices, on average, declined during RGGI years. Forceful denial in New Hampshire is now a liability.

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