

# Earth vs. capitalism

Thank you for publishing Freeman's article. It helps to hear from one of the president's former lawyers on why he has not taken bolder action on climate change. However, Freeman didn't consider the truly bold steps that decisive presidents have taken in the past, especially in times of war and great need.

And right now we're fighting a war on global warming.

For example, during World War II, we had rationing ordered by President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#). Why can't President [Obama](#) ration household electricity use until 100% of our power comes from clean sources?

Why can't Obama institute gas rationing? Wouldn't such bold action push [Congress](#) to pass carbon tax legislation, which conservative economists support?

It seems the only reason congressional Republicans have not sponsored climate change legislation is that they don't like Obama. Members of Congress should reflect on how their political posturing appears to be motivated by contempt for the president rather than concern for the greater good.

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