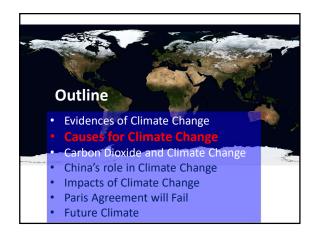
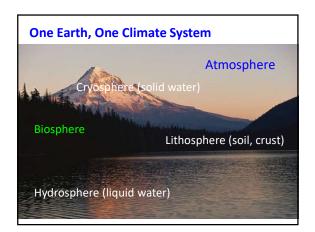
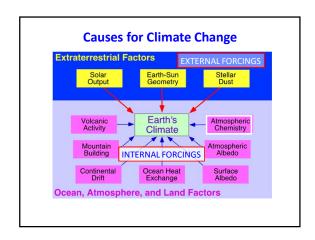


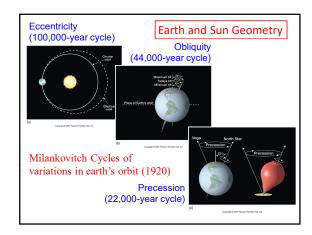
Our Earth is at the right distance from the sun, and it has the right composition of gases in the atmosphere to provide us with the right amount of greenhouse effect, so that we can survive comfortably at 15°C!

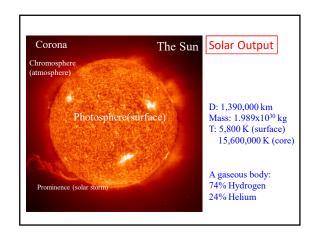
Thanks! Atmospheric Greenhouse Effect

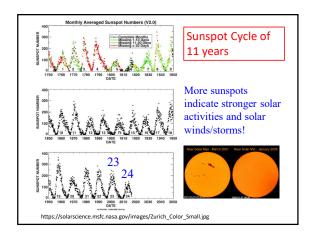


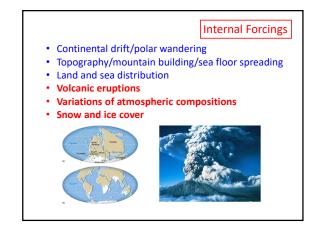


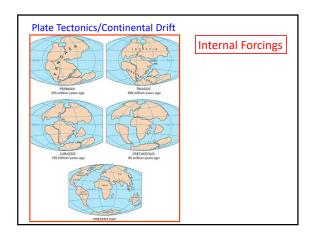


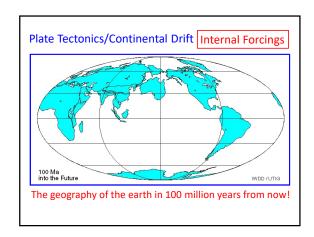


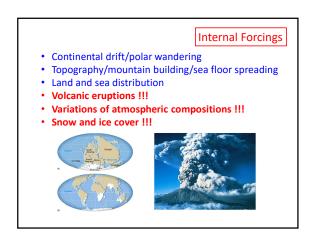


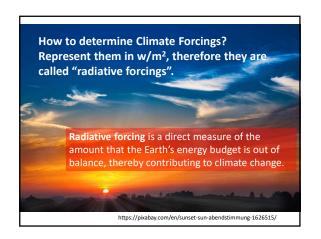


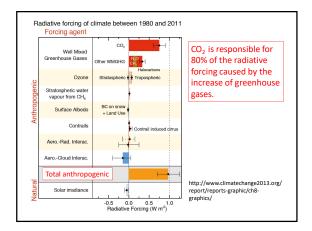


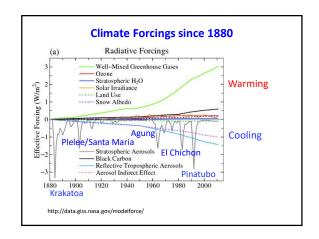


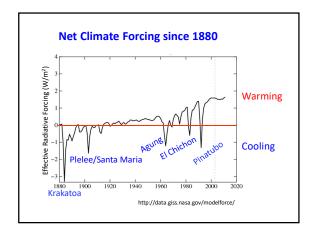










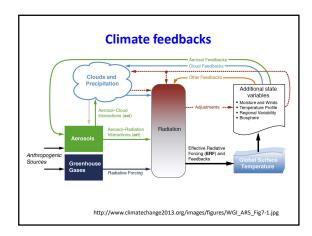


How about Climate Feedback Mechanisms?

Climate feedbacks are processes that change as a result of a change in forcing, and cause additional climate change.

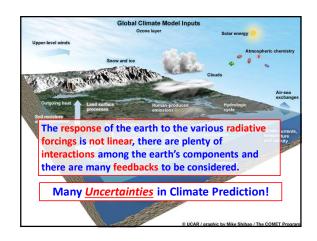
The **positive feedback** amplifies the initial change; while the **negative feedback** reduces it.

Climate Feedback is a cause-effect cycle that may amplify (positive feedback) or dampen (negative feedback) the initial change after the cycle is completed.



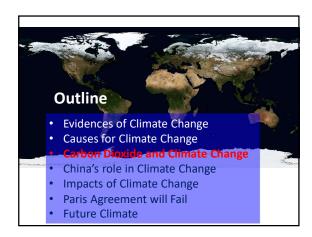
In summary, climate changes due to

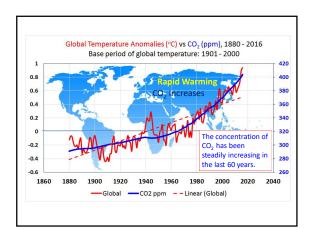
- External and Internal Natural Forcings
- Interactions and feedbacks
- The increased concentration of carbon dioxide contributes to the global warming since 1950's, and it has therefore caused the global climate to change.
- Most carbon dioxide emission comes from the burning of fossil fuel (coal, oil, natural gas) for energy use.

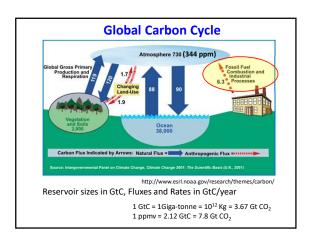


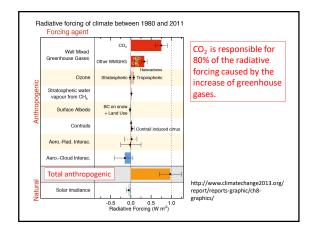
We have Uncertainties in observing and understanding the earth's climate!

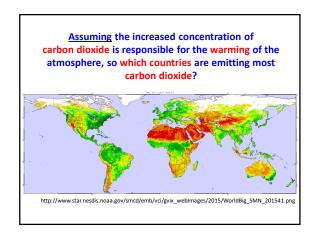
Such as Aerosols, Clouds, Ocean Circulation, Carbon Cycles, and Precipitation

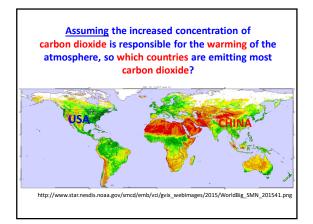


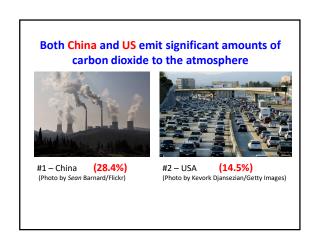


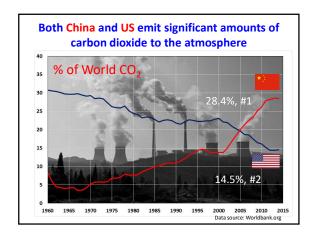


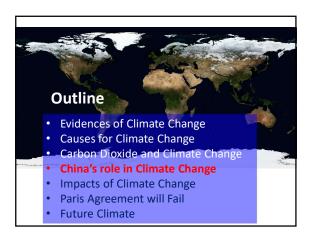












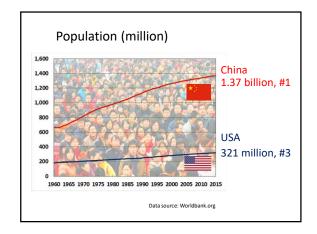
What is China (People's Republic of China, PRC)?

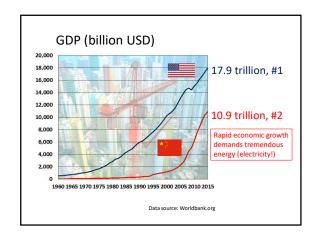
- Located in Asia
- 5,000 years of history and 2,300 years of written language
- PRC was established in 1949 (note: ROC in 1912)
- Fourth largest country in the world
- Total land area: 3.7 million square miles
- Most populous country with 1.389 billion people (2016)
- 56 ethnic groups, 91% people are Han's
- Beijing is the capital with 21 million people
- Shanghai is the largest city with 23 million people
- Official language is Mandarin
- One party government, Communist Party
- One time zone: China Standard Time zone (UTC +8)



Comparison of China and US (2015)

	United States	China
Status	Developed Country	Developing Country
Gross Domestic Product	\$17.9 trillion	\$10.9 trillion
Population	319 million	1.37 billion
GDP per capita	\$59,561	\$7,956
Total CO ₂ emission in metric tons	5.31 billion (2 nd)	9.32 billion (1st)
CO ₂ emission in metric tons per capita	16.6 (10 th)	6.8 (58 th of 188 countries)
http://www.eia.gov/cfapps/ipdl	project/IEDIndex3.cfm	Source: WorldBank.org



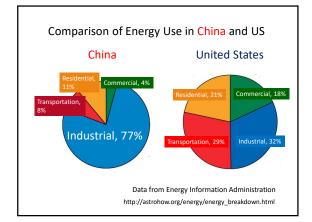


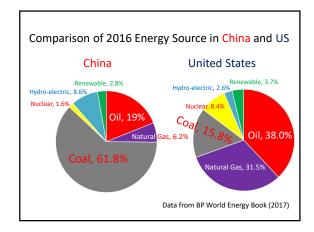


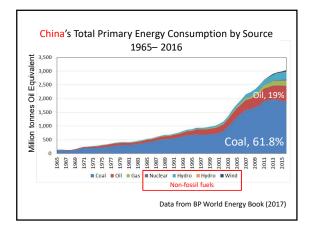
China's rapid economic development in the last 30 years is because:

- 1. After Cultural Revolution (1966-1976), the society is stabilized;
- 2. Deng Xiaoping's "Four Modernization" in 1978;
- 3. Deng Xiaoping's "Open-door Policy" for foreign direct investments in 1986;
- 4. Rural entrepreneurship in 1980s;
- 5. Establishing "socialist market economy";
- 6. Manufacturing booming;
- 7. Massive and cheap labor force;
- 8. Joining World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2001;
- 9. Globalization;
- 10. Rapid expanding domestic infrastructure and market.

China is hunger for energy!		
China's Key Energy Statistics	World Rank	
Total Primary Energy Production (95.829 Quadrillion BTU, 2014)	1	
Total Primary Energy Consumption (123.184 Quadrillion BTU, 2014)	1	
Primary Coal Production (4.270 million short tons, 2014)	1	
Total Petroleum Consumption (12.020 million per day, 2015)	2	
Total Energy Net Generation (5.388 billion kilowatthours, 2014)	1	







Why should China be concerned about climate change?

- Climate change hinders economic growth and political stability
- Climate change impacts people's lives and properties
- Climate change interrupts agriculture production
- Climate change affects energy security
- China is under international pressure for actions

What should China do about climate change?

China has to

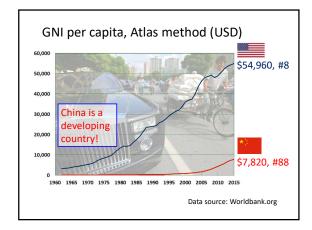
- continue its economic development
- · maintain political stability
- mitigate the impacts of climate change
- reduce the dependency of coal
- upgrade its infrastructure of industry
- defend its international reputation

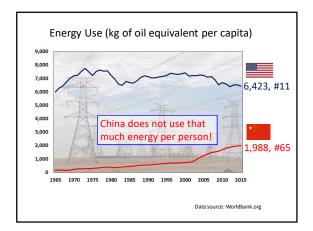
China's Policies and Actions for Addressing Climate Chang by the <u>National development and Reform</u> <u>Commission</u>, PRC (2012)

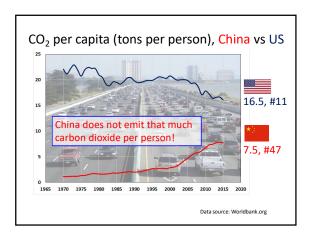
Goals:

- To reduce energy consumption per unit of GDP by 16 percent by 2015 from the level in 2010.
 (23% reduction in 2016)
- Cut CO₂ emissions per unit of GDP by 17 percent by 2015 (40% by 2020) compared to 2005 levels.
 (37% reduction in 2014)
- Raise the proportion of <u>non-fossil fuels</u> in the overall primary energy mix to 11.4% by 2015. (12.5% in 2016)

Is China <u>serious</u> about dealing with the issues of climate change?







Is China <u>serious</u> about dealing with the issues of climate change?

What do you think?

What is going on in China?

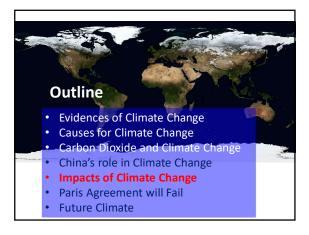
- Rapid economic growth demands tremendous energy (electricity!)
- Political stability is critical while economic grows and freedom expands
- Polarized societies (the wealthy vs the poor)
- Lack of check and balance
- · Government corruption
- Human greed
- · Global demanding
- Consumerism
- Communist capitalism

China's Challenges in the 21st century

- Pollutions
- · Water scarcity
- · Economic disparity
- Imbalanced developments between east and west
- Social unrest
- Governmental accountability and anti-corruption
- Population growth and aging population
- Quality of citizenry
- Education inequality
- Rebalancing economy
- Climate change

Summary

- · Climate change is happening in China;
- China plays a significant role in Global Climate Change;
- China faces environmental crises generated by rapid economic growth and high energy demand;
- China recognizes and acts upon issues of climate change;
- Actions demand dramatic transformation in infrastructure in China;
- China steps up to deal with climate change as the leader of the world;
- Continued economic growth and secured political status are the concerns of the Chinese government.





What to Expect in Climate Change?

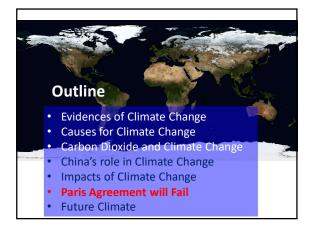
- Accelerating sea level rise and increased coastal flooding
- Increased oceanic acidity
- More frequent and intense heat waves
- Increased extreme weather events (drought and flooding)
- · Widespread forest fires
- Shortage of fresh water
- · Changing seasons
- · Migration of animals and plants
- Destruction of coral reefs
- Growing health impacts



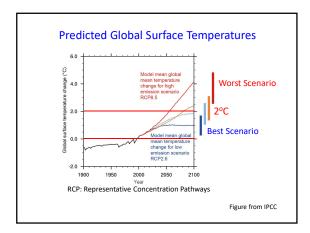
What can we DO about climate change?

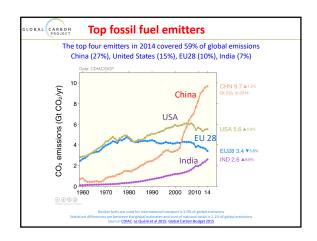
- Develop renewable energy
- · Advance green technology
- Strengthen international cooperation
- Accelerate balanced economic progress
- Do your share of protecting the environment

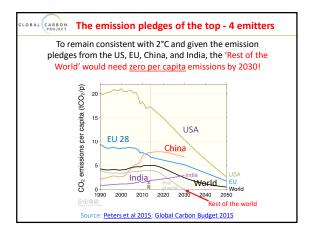




Will the 2015 Paris Agreement Succeed in Reducing Global Carbon Dioxide Emissions?







What is the United States doing to cut down Carbon Dioxide Emissions?

U.S., China Reach 'Historic' Deal to Cut Emissions at APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation), November 10-12, 2014

Calum MacLeod and Melanie Eversley, USA TODAY 8:54 a.m. EST November 12, 2014



U.S. President Obama smiles as he walks with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Nov. 12, 2014. (Photo: Andy Wong, AP)

- China intends to peak carbon dioxide emissions around 2030, and increase the nonfossil fuel share of all energy to around 20% by 2030. (11% in 2015)
- The United States will double the pace of carbon emission reduction to 26% to 28% of its 2005 level.

http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2014/11/11/china-climate-change-deal/18895661/



(Photo: Matthew Brown, AP)

Clean Power Plan proposed by President Obama in August 2015 aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from power plants by nearly 32% from 2005 levels over the next 15 years.

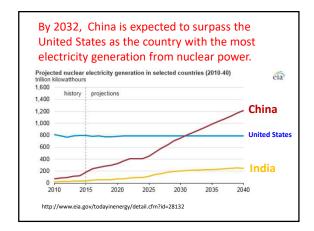


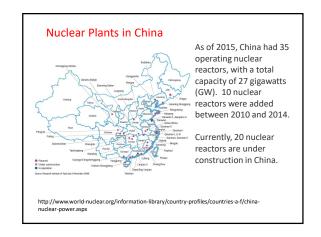
2/9/2016: Supreme Court blocks Obama's Clean Power Plan

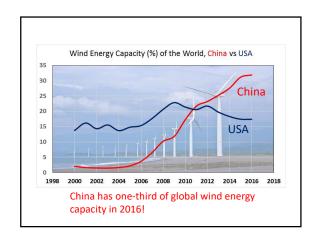
The Clean Power Plan is the Obama administration's initial contribution to a historic climate change agreement reached in Paris in December 2015 by 195 nations.

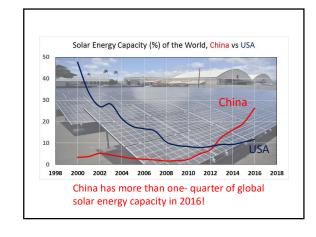
With the Supreme Court's hold in place, the United States may not be holding up its part of the deal.

What is China doing to cut down Carbon Dioxide Emissions?

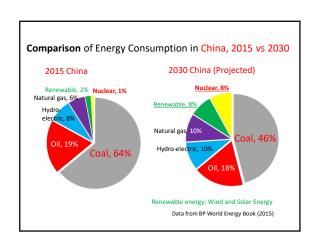


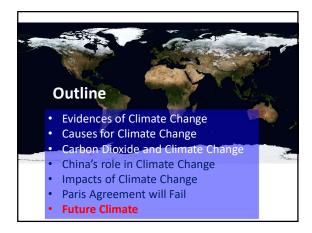


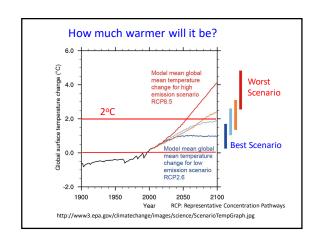


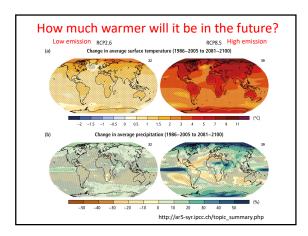






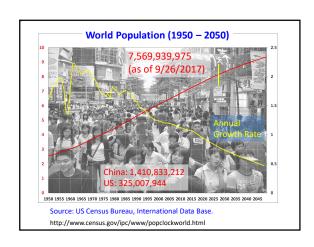




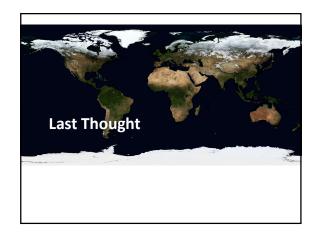


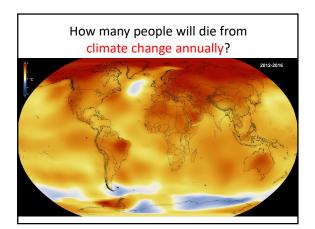






How do we Survive with 8.3 billion people on earth in 2030?







For Comparison:

How many people died in Tangshan earthquake

in China on July 28, 1976? 400,000

How many people died in Indian Ocean Tsunami on December 26, 2004? 280,000

How many people died in Cyclone Nargis in

Myanmar on May 2, 2008?

How many people died in Haiti Earthquake on January 12, 2010?

How many people have died in Syria civil war conflict since 2011?

138,000

160,000

400,000 (2016)

How many people died due to suicide worldwide in 2016?

800,000

How many people died in traffic accidents worldwide in 2013?

1.25 million

How many children under 5 years old died worldwide in 2015?

5.9 million

How many people died because of Tobacco use worldwide in 2016?

6 million

How many people died from heart attack worldwide in 2012?

17.5 million

http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2015/child-mortality-report/en/ http://www.who.int/gho/road_safety/en/

Don't we Have Enough Crises to deal with currently?

What do you think?

Expansive and Outrageous International Meetings on Climate Change



http://unfccc.int/meetings/paris_nov_2015/items/9288.php http://www.cop21.gouv.fr/en/cop21-cmp11/what-cop21-cmp11

How much did it cost for COP 21 in Paris, France in December 2015?

- Lodging: **36,000** people x 11 nights x US \$1000 = \$396 million
- Food: 40,000 x 11 days x \$500 = \$220 million
- Flights: 40,000 x \$2000 = \$80 million
- Limousines: 40,000 x 11 x \$800 = \$352 million
- Entertainment: 40,000 x 11 x \$1000 x 10% = \$44 million

HIGH TOTAL: 1,102 million US dollars

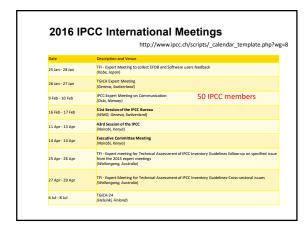
- Lodging: **36,000** people x 11 nights x US \$500 = \$198 million Food: **40,000** x **11** days x \$500 = \$220 million
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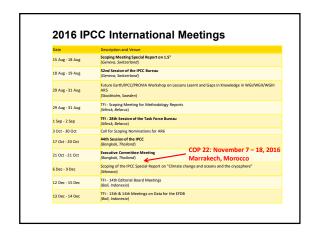
LOW TOTAL: 630 million US dollars

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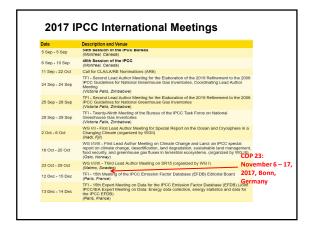
What do you think?

How many more international meetings do we really need for understanding and dealing with issues of climate change?









Why are we still talking about (future) impacts of climate change when there are many crises occurring around the world right now?



