Session 6: Sustainability, Part 3

Target words from *Obama Forecasts Economic Opportunity in Fighting Global Warming*

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| Sub-domain vocabulary  subsidize impose advocate alter initiate invest  debate regulate prospect divisive embrace compromise  Domain-specific vocabulary  mitigate deposit phase out  clean technology (energy, electricity, etc.) |

Discussion questions

1. In your group, briefly describe the current political debates in the U.S. regarding climate change and climate policies. Try to include information about the following point:

Obama’s final State of the Union Address

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Obama’s previous approaches to addressing climate change

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Republican support for Obama’s proposal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other support for Obama’s proposal

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1. How did Obama change his framing of climate issues in his recent speech? How effective was this in convincing the Republicans?

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1. Will U.S. actually change its climate policies after the presidential election? If yes, how will this affect global politics, economy, and environment?

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1. In general, will transitions to clean energy promote economic growth or vice versa? Why?

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1. Write a summary or reaction to this article.

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