

A dastardly betrayal of the climate voters who put him in office took place last week when the Biden Administration gave its approval for a massive new oil exploration and drilling project in Alaska known as the Willow Project. For those environmentalists who choose not to vote because they view both parties as the same – beholden to fossil fuel and development interests – this decision validates their opinion.

Remember, Joe Biden was forced by progressives to include a serious commitment to addressing climate change among his priorities when he bumped Bernie Sanders out of the Democratic primary. He promised no new drilling on federal land, exactly what the Willow Project entails. He lied. He was never committed to addressing climate change, the comment was political expediency.

Willow has been called a “carbon bomb” and further locks the country/world into additional decades of oil production, rising temperatures, biodiversity loss and climate catastrophes.

The decision has been decried by conservation and Indigenous groups.

LINK: <https://www.silainuat.org/news/the-biden-administrations-approval-of-the-willow-project-abandons-climate-promises>

LINK: <https://peoplevsfossilfuels.org/people-vs-fossil-fuels-coalition-condemns-biden-administrations-approval-of-the-willow-oil-drilling-project/>

LINK: <https://defenders.org/newsroom/biden-administration-takes-wrong-turn-approval-of-conocophillips-massive-oil-and-gas>

Conservation NGO’s are suing to overturn this unimaginable stab in the back of the voters who elected him.

LINK: <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/conservation-groups-sue-biden-administration-to-stop-willow-oil-project-in-alaskas-western-arctic-2023-03-15/>

The conservation newsletter has mentioned previously how your personal actions are meaningless in comparison to federal policy such as this, and its true. You’re worried about turning the lights off at home and the administration is approving a project that will add 260 million metric tons of carbon emissions from 576 million barrels of oil into the atmosphere over the next 30 years.

Makes you feel like a sucker, doesn’t it?

Oh, and the federal government is also bending over backwards to protect lobster fishermen [at the expense of north Atlantic right whales](#).

LINK: <https://www.savannahnow.com/story/opinion/columns/2023/03/04/federal-spending-bill-provision-speed-extinction-north-atlantic-whales/69958110007/>

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JU is hosting [a panel discussion about climate change](#) and its impacts on Jacksonville and Florida. The public is welcomed to attend.

LINK: [https://www.ju.edu/events/registration/2023-03-florida-future-navigating-global-climate-change.php?bbeml=tp-wFhcEJ4mUka6WwF\\_gt7-3w.jdigs3A\\_STUav-ZuQqMzbfA.rirrWS1lf1EeLi5SwZjih\\_A.lfcv0utXi7ky1BL0yT4\\_fmW](https://www.ju.edu/events/registration/2023-03-florida-future-navigating-global-climate-change.php?bbeml=tp-wFhcEJ4mUka6WwF_gt7-3w.jdigs3A_STUav-ZuQqMzbfA.rirrWS1lf1EeLi5SwZjih_A.lfcv0utXi7ky1BL0yT4_fmW)

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Here’s how the candidates for City Council in Jacksonville responded to [questions about climate change](#).

LINK: <https://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/2023-02-jax-today-city-council-candidate-survey-climate-change-resilience/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=dd625e51-7952-4b69-8619-f09a044b4d27>

... and [mayoral candidates](#).

LINK: <https://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org/blog/2023-jacksonville-mayoral-candidate-survey/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=dd625e51-7952-4b69-8619-f09a044b4d27>

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At the state level, the legislature wants to pass a bill taking oversight of water quality away from local governments and give it to the state. Why? Because the way the law is written now [disadvantaged the nephew of the lawmaker who's filing the bill](#).

Really.

Welcome to Florida.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2023/03/16/how-a-destroyed-eagle-nest-led-florida-legislators-to-attack-local-pollution-rules/>