

United States of America

Study-Guide



Categorisation: Annex 2

Annual CO₂ emissions per capita in metric tons: 14.7

Most important industries:

- Telecommunication, Electronics & Information Technology
- Aerospace, defence, and Automotive Manufacturing
- Oil & Gas, Mining
- Metallurgy
- Chemicals
- Lumber, Agriculture, and food processing

Individual specialities:

- Supportive of emission reduction if compatible with national security concerns and energy independence
- Increasingly protectionist, supportive of green technology to revive “American Made”
- Sees emission reduction and economic transition as means to an end: Primary focus remains on global leadership
- No to all limitations on emissions caused by the US military

Impact of Global Warming:

- Heat waves & droughts
- Forest Fires
- Weather extremes, e. g. hurricanes
- Melting permafrost

Current Governmental Policies:

- Slim Democratic majorities
- Just passed the most aggressive climate legislation in US history, but more ambitious action wanted
- Constant risk of internal gridlock