

What Prominent Democrats Say about the “Keep-It-In-The-Ground” Movement



“If you oppose all fossil fuels and you want to turn that switch off tomorrow, that is a completely impractical way of moving toward a clean-energy future. ... With all due respect to my friends in the environmental community, if they expect us to turn off the lights and go home, that’s sort of an impractical suggestion.”

John Podesta, former adviser to President Obama, chairman of Hillary Clinton for America, March 2014



“The notion that we’re going to keep it all in the ground is unrealistic. We are still a very heavily fossil-fuel dependent world.”

John Holdren, Obama Science Advisor, July 2016



“Even as we move full steam ahead towards cleaner energy, the United States will still need to use fossil fuels in the near term.”

White House answer to KIITG petition, May 2016



“It's going to take a very long time before we can wean ourselves from fossil fuels, so I think that to keep it in the ground is naïve, to say we could shift to 100 percent renewables is naïve.”

Sally Jewell, U.S. Interior Secretary and former board member of National Parks Conservation Association, May 2016