

This climate change ad, posted today in a Salon [piece](#) on Newt Gingrich and his “environmentalism problem,” is a must watch:

[youtube=http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qi6n_-wB154]

Yes, newly declared Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich appeared with Nancy Pelosi in a 2008 youtube video to argue that we must do something about climate change. But [more recently](#) he’s backed away from his support and now says that “It’s an act of egotism for humans to think we’re a primary source of climate change.”

What about Newt’s fellow potential candidates? [Tim Pawlenty](#)? endorsed cap and trade in 2008. Now? says it’s a bad idea. [Mike Huckabee](#)? endorsed cap and trade in 2007. Now flat out [denies](#) that he ever supported it. [Sarah Palin](#)? Supported cap and trade as McCain’s VP running mate and actually appointed a group to work on climate change while Governor of Alaska. Now? says it occurs [naturally “like gravity.”](#) [Mitt Romney](#)? originally signed up for the northeastern states’ cap and trade program, RGGI. Now? opposes cap and trade. [Mitch Daniels](#)? at one time supported “aggressive energy conservation” as “the most cost-effective means of limiting CO2”. Now? cites Michael Crichton — a well-known fiction writer and climate skeptic — on climate science and opposes cap and trade. [Ron Paul](#)? used to acknowledge that “science shows that human activity probably does play a role in stimulating the current fluctuations”. Now? says that global warming is “a hoax.”

Then we’ve got a few candidates who are consistent in their climate denialism: [The Donald](#); [Michelle Bachman](#) (who says that “CO2 Is a Natural Byproduct of Nature”); [Herman Cain](#) (who calls climate change a “scam”); and [Rick Santorum](#).

As far as I can tell, [Jon Huntsman](#) is the only candidate who believes that climate change is occurring and says we need to put a price on carbon. He signed onto the the Western Climate Initiative while Governor of Utah. But then again he [just joined the campaign trail](#) so there’s still plenty of time to change his mind.