This climate change ad, posted today in a Salon piece on Newt Gingrich and his "enviornmentalism 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 occuring 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.