If there's one thing that everyone connected with this site agree on — even our resident climate denial troll — it's that environment and energy issues are important. If you're on one side, public health, nature, and the very future of the planet are at stake. If you're on the other side, it's crushing economic burdens by power-mad bureaucrats that need to be blocked. Either way, the stakes are high. And there are a lot of close elections out there, where extra votes matter.

The next set of elections are not going to result in either apocalypse or salvation — contrary to the fundraising appeals I get from both Scott Walker and Joe Biden. But they are going to move the ball one direction or another, creating momentum that may matter over the course of the next decade. So the outcomes definitely do matter.