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**Subject:** Pew Climate Center Soldiers On

If you go to the webside Pewclimate.org, you will find their latest musings on a policy framework - title is below, it is the second item at the website.

What is so interesting is the lengths the Pew Climate Center will go to create a sense of consensus or progress towards their goals or whatever. In order to gain a consensus among the group of attendees (including the true believers along with a lot of corporate rent-seekers, with AEP in the lead, as always), the group was not required to debate WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE MANDATORY CAPS, but rather were just told that the operative assumption was to develop the perfect program IF MANDATORY ACTION IS TAKEN. What a cop out. Eileen Claussen, the Leni Reifensahl of the climate alarmists, opined that "What is truly significant is that such a diverse group was able to reach consensus on several elements of what a mandatory policy might look like." Good Grief.

Of course, the idea was to start small, phase things in and then "deeper cuts could occur later." The rules of the game were that the group "would not attempt to specify the level of the absolute cap on CO2 emissions or the date it should go into effect." How convenient.

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