

Energize America™ 2020

A Blueprint for US Energy Freedom

Energize America (EA2020) is a grassroots progressive energy policy proposal that aims to achieve US energy freedom by 2020 by **diversifying** our energy sources, promoting **energy efficiency**, and substantially expanding America's **renewable energy** base. What makes **EA2020** (www.ea2020.org) unique is that it was drafted collectively over several months by citizen volunteers working in the public eye. All participants in this endeavor met on DailyKos.com, the leading political website, where they participated in discussions on various energy topics.

The team members' expertise includes fossil fuels, renewables, finance, industrial manufacturing, information technology, and journalism. DailyKos' system of recommendations and ratings allows the most valued discussion threads to remain prominent on the website, and the most interesting and helpful comments to be promoted. This collaborative process allows content to be filtered, discussed, analyzed, and synthesized in a fully transparent, iterative process.

In the fall of 2005 the core team collaborated to integrate various proposals into a cohesive whole. With the input from regular and occasional readers alike, a body of policy started taking shape, benefiting from the technical, financial, and political insights from literally hundreds of participants. Backed by the more than 120,000 registered members and the more than one million daily website visitors, the **EA2020** core team benefited from an unprecedented range of knowledge and talent to develop a plan that was not only strategic in scope but also practical and politically sound.

EA2020 is based on a simple premise: current US energy policy is unsustainable and poses a serious and increasing threat in several critical areas. America's dependence on fossil fuels in general, and imported oil in particular, threatens our national security via oil-rich terrorist states, creates significant vulnerabilities for the inextricably linked US and global economies, limits US foreign policy and military options worldwide, and contributes to the devastating effects of global warming.

The **EA2020** community has been working with senior members of Congress in 2007 to draft several specific legislative proposals and continues to discuss and define innovative solutions to curbing America's fossil fuel addiction and dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

