

Reform UK want to stop climate action

That would mean...



Jobs lost

Reform's war on renewable energy and climate action is a war against jobs. Their policies wouldn't just endanger the jobs of the hundreds of thousands already employed in the UK's expanding green economy, but also block the hundreds of thousands more climate jobs we need in future, in communities around the country. As an avowed fan of Margaret Thatcher, Farage's claimed support for industrial workers is not to be trusted. In fact, Reform intend to weaken legal protections for employees, making all workers more insecure in their jobs.

Higher energy bills

More drilling in the North Sea won't keep energy bills down. For one thing, the North Sea is running out of gas. Even if new fields are opened up, by 2040 it could supply only a small fraction (less than a sixth) of the gas we currently burn. And prices are set by the international market. We'll still be at the mercy of global fossil fuel price rises, where oil companies (who own all the gas and oil extracted) rake in profit at the expense of ordinary households.

No help to keep us safe in a dangerously heating world

UK temperatures reached a 40C record in 2022, and our homes and workplaces are badly equipped to deal with heatwaves, contributing to excess deaths. In the UK, and around the world, farmers' crop yields have been hit by drought and floods, driving up food prices. Firefighters are having to battle both wildfires and floods. Reform politicians may say it's just a hoax, but these impacts aren't going away. If we don't take action on climate change we will see climate disasters getting more frequent and more severe.

After over a decade of austerity, our communities desperately need investment. Instead, Reform want to cut local government spending even further with ‘efficiency’ savings which would just mean more austerity. Even worse, they are stirring up racism by blaming all the UK’s problems on immigrants. These policies of hate and division won’t fix anything, just divert attention from the real problems.

Reform promises tax cuts which would mainly benefit the richest, including allowing the wealthy to inherit up to £2 million without paying tax. The party’s biggest funders are in fact the super-rich. In early 2025, the party launched a fundraising drive targeting wealthy UK citizens living in tax havens, and also wooing oil and gas companies, promising to boost their profits by reversing climate regulation.

And it’s not just Reform: other politicians are following them in scapegoating migrants and minimising the climate threat. Racism and climate denial threaten our communities and our children’s future.

The alternative - not ‘business as usual’ but real action

We need to face up to the real challenges, including the climate crisis and those caused by inequality and austerity. We need to invest in real solutions, not simply put more money in the pockets of those who caused the problems in the first place. It is clear Reform politicians aren’t the only ones influenced by corporate lobbyists and donors.

Taking action on the climate crisis and building a fairer society go together. We can plan our towns and cities so they are more resilient to heatwaves and floods, with good affordable public transport and clean air; build and adapt homes so they are cheaper to heat and easier to cool down; and build more wind and solar energy – now much cheaper than fossil fuels. We need to prioritise the needs of communities, including ensuring workers have decent jobs building a sustainable future.

Reform UK want to divide us. Let’s stand together for a better future

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