



Business Leaders Slam Trump's Decision To Dump Paris Climate Agreement

Who will have the more direct influence on human affairs: the Trump Administration or the collective corporate world? In 1970, Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote, *"nation-state as a fundamental unit of man's organized life has ceased to be the principal creative force: International banks and multinational corporations are acting and planning in terms that are far in advance of the political concepts of the nation-state."* □ TN Editor

President Donald Trump announced Thursday that he will [pull the US out of the Paris climate agreement](#).

The agreement, which was signed by 195 nations in December 2015, aims to slow down the rate at which the planet is warming.

Before today's decision was made, several executives of US companies showed their disapproval of the US pulling out of the agreement. On Wednesday, a letter signed by the executives of major companies, including Facebook, Google, Apple, and Unilever, urged the president not to abandon the agreement.

After Trump announced his decision, Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk said that he will be [leaving Trump's advisory council](#). Other executives have taken to social media to voice their concern.

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Editor's note: protestors include: Jeff Immelt, CEO/Chairman General Electric; Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX; Satya Nadella, CEO of Microsoft; Brad Smigh, President of Microsoft; Mark Cuban, owner Dallas Mavericks; Marc Benioff, CEO of Salesforce; Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google; Lloyd Blankfein, CEO of Goldman Sachs; Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook; Tim Cook, CEO of Apple; Bob Iger, CEO/Chairman Walt Disney; and the list goes on.