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### **Trump Called Climate Change a Chinese Hoax**

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Despite [overwhelming scientific evidence](#) that the world's climate is changing, the president-elect of the United States, [Donald Trump](#), has long been on the side of the deniers. In 2012, he [posted on Twitter](#) messages that asserted that [climate change](#) was a hoax that [China](#) had devised to secure an unfair trade advantage, by curbing coal consumption in the United States. “The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese to make US manufacturing non-competitive,” Mr. Trump wrote. That message has been reshared over 104,000 times and “liked” nearly 66,000 times.

Deputy foreign minister of China, Liu Zhenmin, told reporters at a climate conference in Marrakesh, Morocco, that starting from the 1980s, the administrations of Trump’s Republican predecessors — Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush — supported climate change negotiations under a United Nations panel.

That was an important moment in China’s realization of the onset of climate change. Mr. Liu said that President Xi Jinping brought up the issue in [his call with Mr. Trump](#), saying that China would continue its struggle to curb climate change “whatever the circumstances”.

China's lecturing the US on the need to fight climate change is a reversal from the usual roles and a sign that, with the United States governed by Mr. Trump, China may have to take the leadership position in the global campaign.

Adapted from: Trump Has Called Climate Change a Chinese Hoax. Beijing Says It Is Anything But.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/19/world/asia/china-trump-climate-change.html>

## **Document 2**



Tangshan, China's leading steel manufacturing city, has some of the dirtiest air in the country.