# Anti-environmentalism

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**Anti-environmentalism** is a movement [a group of people or organizations] opposed to [against] the environmental movement.

It focuses on creating jobs, increasing wages, and industry.

Who are the anti-environmentalists?

* Chemical manufacturers
* Oil producers
* Mining producers
* Timber companies
* Real estate developers
* Nuclear power industries
* Electric utilities.

Anti-environmentalists [Anti-E] see human advancement as more important than environmental protection..[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-rowell-1)

In the 1960s, several acts passed in favor of environmentalism:

* The Wilderness Act, 1964;
* Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 1968;
* National Environmental Policy Act, 1969.

In North America the Anti-E movement began with a 1971 speech by Lewis Powell. He spoke to the US Chamber of Commerce.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-rowell-1) He wanted to protect the interests of businesses. Powell asked his audience to think about the financial effects of these laws on industry.

In 1988, Republican Senator Mark Hatfield introduced the **Wise Use Campaign**.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-rowell-1) The Wise Use Campaign supported open access to timber and other resources. Environmentalists, on the other hand, wanted to protect these lands and resources. Wise Use activists claim people lose jobs or that their property will lose value because of environmental laws.

The economic recession that began in 1990 encouraged more anti-green and pro-industry views. Earth Day Alternatives was formed. This group called environmentalists “anti-human” and extremists.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-rowell-1) The Earth Day Alternative group promoted three things. They aimed to (1) allow private companies free access to natural resources, (2) allow pollution resulting from companies’ production, and (3) to discredit [cause to disbelieve] environmental science.

Today’s Anti-Es view environmentalism as "an attack on middle-class American capitalism".[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-klein-4) A Heartland Institute anti-environmentalism conference was held in 2011. They labelled President Barack Obama's promise to make America more environmentally cautious as promoting Socialism.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-klein-4) Former Republican Senator Harrison Schmitt accused environmentalism of sacrificing humans for the sake of the weather.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-environmentalism#cite_note-klein-4)  Anti-Es describe their opponents as tree-huggers.

### Citations

* 1. Rowell, Andrew (1996). *Green Backlash*. Routledge. [ISBN](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Standard_Book_Number) [978-0415128285](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Special:BookSources/978-0415128285).
  2. Burke, William Kevin (1995). ["The Wise Use Movement: Right-Wing Anti-Environmentalism"](http://www.publiceye.org/magazine/v07n2/wiseuse.html). Political Research Associates. Retrieved 14 March 2013. Bush's attack on environmentalism failed to save his candidacy, but it was a high water mark for the political influence of the "Wise Use" movement, a network of loosely allied right-wing grassroots and corporate interest groups dedicated to attacking the environmental movement and promoting unfettered resource exploitation. [...] "Oregon's electoral process has seen the Wise Use Movement and the Religious Right movement coming together in a number of ways, intentionally or unintentionally pushing forward a much broader conservative social or economic agenda," Mazza concluded.
  3. ["Green Advertising Law"](http://www.greenadvertisinglaw.com/). Green Advertising Law. Retrieved 2013-01-12.
  4. Klein, Naomi (November 9, 2011). ["Capitalism vs. the Climate"](http://www.thenation.com/print/article/164497/capitalism-vs-climate). [*The Nation*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Nation).