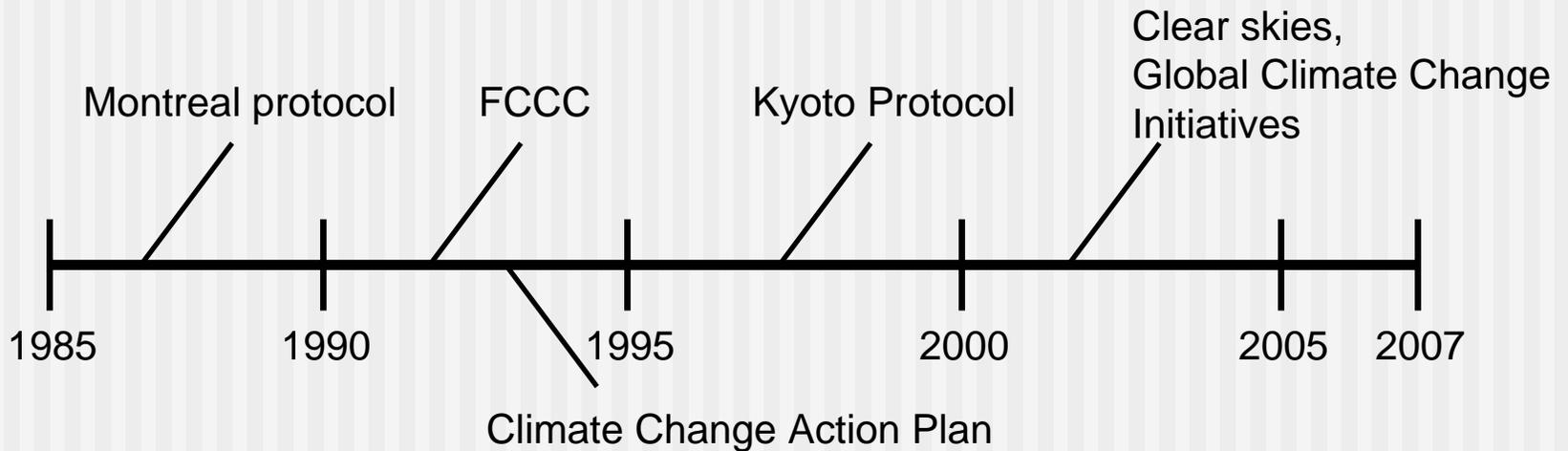

*Climate Policy:
1988 - Present*

Introduction

- US and international climate policy



George H. W. Bush



- Pledge to reduce Acid Rain
 - By cutting emissions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide (10)
- Cost of limiting greenhouse gases
 - Bush did not realize this (10)
- Dispute over the validity of anthropogenic forcing
- Projected Cost of lowering greenhouse gas emissions
 - Estimate: between \$120 and \$300 billion. (14)

Bill Clinton



- **FCCC 1992**
 - Stabilizing greenhouse gases to prevent “dangerous” interference with global climate system (1)
- **Climate Change Action Plan 1993**
 - Reduce emissions to 1990 levels by 2000 (1)
- **Reaction to Kyoto Protocol**
 - Main issue- only binding for 38 signing countries (1)
 - Uncertainty over implementation costs (1)

Kyoto Joke!



Don't be silly, honey—if the government had agreed to that Kyoto thing, it would have disrupted the American way of life.

George W. Bush



- Opposition to Kyoto
 - China, India exempted (12)
- Clear Skies
 - Cuts power plant emissions (11)
- Global Climate Change initiative
 - Cuts greenhouse gas *intensity* by 18% over the next 10 years (11)
- Progress
 - 0.6% increase in greenhouse gas emissions from '04-'05 (3)
 - Greenhouse gas intensity decreased 2.5% from '04-'05 (3)

Conclusion

- There has been a lot of talk
 - Climate Change Action Plan, Global Climate Change Initiative
- And some change
 - Reduction in emissions *intensity*
- Perceived economic cost prevents real action

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