

# How President Trump Kept His Campaign Promises Bigly:

His Environmental Regulatory Reform Agenda

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## TRUMP'S REGULATORY REFORM GOALS

- Reverse Obama Policies (Forever?)
- + Deconstruct Administrative State
- + Fix the Courts



[Jobs, Infrastructure & Development]



## TRUMP'S VIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

- Job Creation
- Policies to Promote Infrastructure and Industry
- Customer Service Mentality

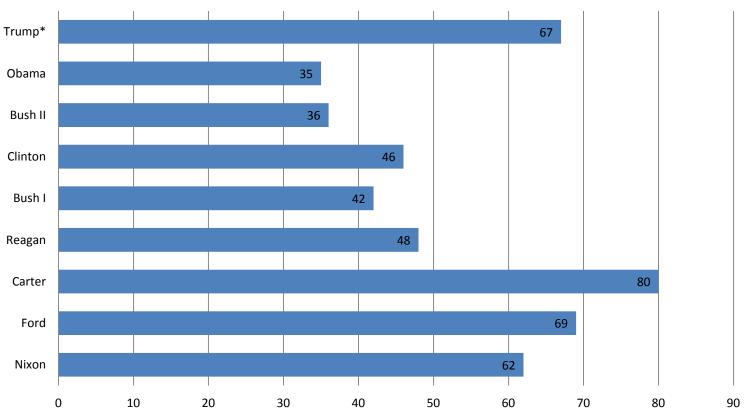


Source: http://www.studentprintz.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/OX4A4606web.jpg

## REVERSE OBAMA POLICIES

## Aggressive Use of EOs, Presidential Memo, and CRA

#### **Executive Orders Per Year**



<sup>\*</sup> Through Sept. 20, 2017. Source: http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/data/orders.php



## RULE (MOSTLY) BY EXECUTIVE ACTION

#### Water

Stream Protection (CRA) WOTUS (EO)

**Endangered Species** Mitigation/HCP Policies (EO)

Climate Change Energy Independence (EO)

Public Lands BLM 2.0 (CRA)

#### **Permitting**

One Federal Decision (EO)
High Priority Infrastructure (EO)
Keystone Pipeline (PM)
Dakota Pipeline (PM)



#### Red Tape

Pay as You Go / "2 for 1" Rule (EO) Regulatory Reform Task Force (EO)



## LIMITATIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- Authorized by the Constitution or a valid congressional statute
- Check on Executive
   Overreach:

Federal Judiciary and Congress





### DECONSTRUCTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE

## In 3 Easy (?) Steps

**Step 1:** Change Leadership - Key Appointments

Step 2: Enact Regulatory Reform

**Step 3:** Defund Agencies



## PRUITT'S AGENDA- "BACK TO BASICS?"

- Centralize Power Away from EPA Regions
- Delegate Regulation and Enforcement to States aka "Cooperative Federalism"
- Regulatory Review and Cost-Benefit Analysis

- Sue-and-Settle Gone
- Cut Red Tape
- Climate Change
- Settle, Seek Abeyance, or Passive Defense of Inherited Cases



## INTERIOR'S NEW SHERIFF



Source: http://www.wideopenpets.com/the-new-interior-secretary-rode-a-horse-to-work/

- Welcome Western, Land-Based Business to the Table in D.C.
- Promote (All) Domestic Energy

Federal Lands: Multiple-Use Means Multiple-Use

## **FIXING THE COURTS**

The Gorsuch effect?

Re-evaluation of Chevron Deference to Agency Interpretations



Will this be counter-productive to interests of permittees?

## **PREDICTIONS**

- Agency staff resistance
- Rise of the Judiciary
- Interim
   confusion/chaos/
   unintended delay
- New Legislative Reforms





## **QUESTIONS?**



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