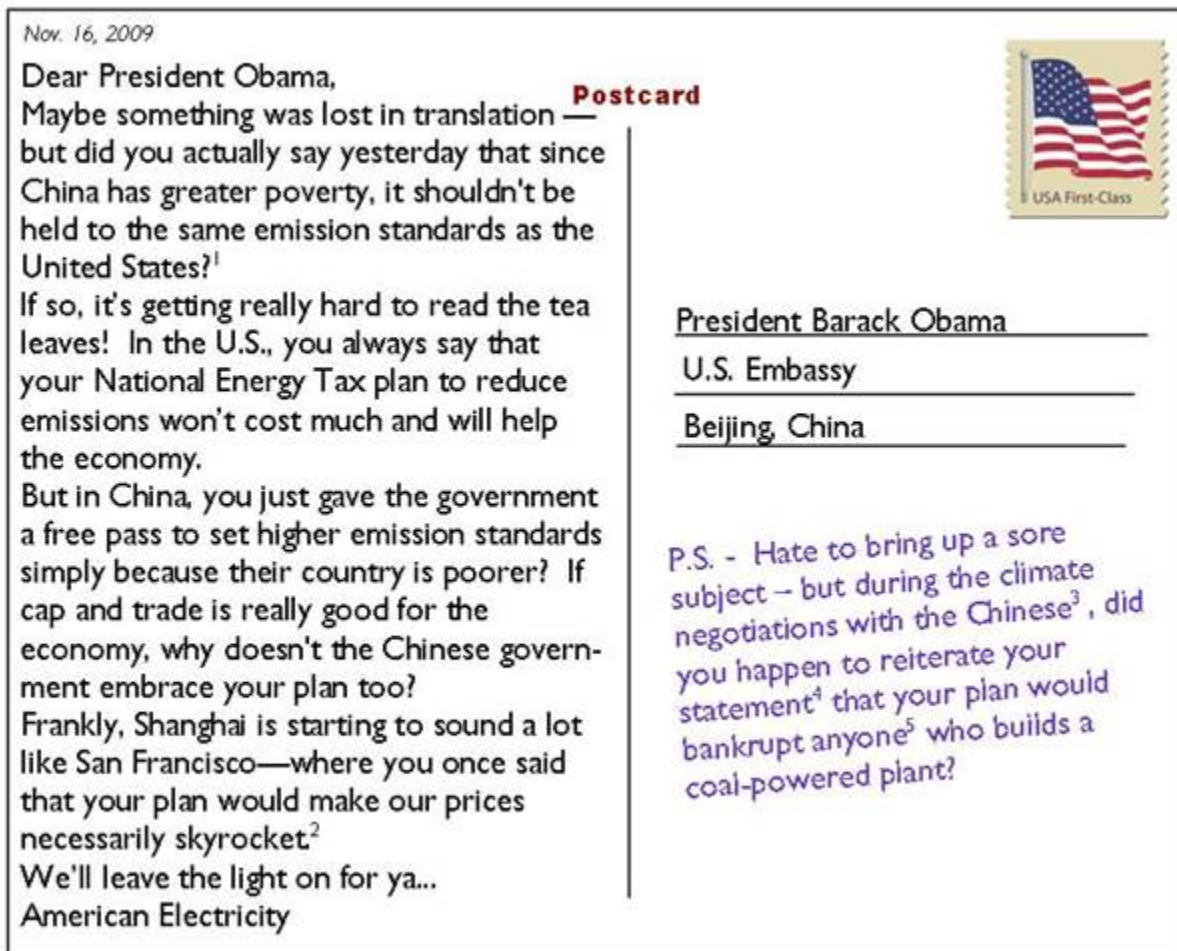


A Postcard from U.S. Electricity to President Obama in Beijing



Background

1. Yesterday, during a town hall in Shanghai, President Obama [said](#) that the United States and China should be held to different standards for reducing their emissions since China (the world's highest CO2 emitter) has "*much more poverty*":

"There's going to be a Copenhagen conference in December in which world leaders are trying to find a recipe so that we can all make commitments that are differentiated so each country would not have the same obligations -- obviously China, which has much more poverty, should not have to do exactly the same thing as the United States -- but all of us should have these certain obligations in terms of what our plan will be to reduce these greenhouse gases."

2. In January 17, 2008, candidate- Obama [said](#):

"Under my plan of a cap and trade system, electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket."

3. As Reuters [reported](#) on November 14th:

"Asia Pacific leaders backed away on Saturday from supporting a global halving of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050."

4. In January 2008, candidate-Obama [said](#):

"So, if somebody wants to build a coal plant, they can — it's just that it will bankrupt them, because they are going to be charged a huge sum for all that greenhouse gas that's being emitted."

5. In September 2009, the Wall Street Journal [reported](#) that:

"China's ambition to create 'green cities' powered by huge wind farms comes with a dirty little secret: Dozens of new coal-fired power plants need to be installed as well."

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