

## Carbon Tax

### Q2 Do you have any thoughts on a Carbon Tax that you would like to share?

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#	Responses	Date
1	It's Gore's pipe dream, another think tank nightmare, discrediting scientists around the world that have PROOF that global warming is a hoax. Man's carbon footprint amounts to one left in the sand at the beach.	1/29/2015 6:02 AM
2	i think we need to focus on spending cuts and being efficient.	1/21/2015 1:44 PM
3	- A tax and spend program to increase heating energy efficiency already exists through the ever increasing Efficiency VT budget; so, no don't create another method to do this! - Would a carbon tax on automotive fuel really change the driving habits of Vermonters to reduce CO2 emissions? Perhaps on some small amount of discretionary trips but over all I don't think much; certainly not for me.	1/21/2015 11:02 AM
4	If The United States fails to be the world leader for combating climate change (AGW) the United States fails, and takes the word down with it. Think about it.	1/21/2015 9:06 AM
5	I strongly believe carbon must be taxed, however, I prefer a revenue neutral carbon fee and dividend program that returns all fees collected to U.S. Citizens in equal sums. The science is clear, mother natures message is clear, we must stop the wreck less use of the atmosphere as a dump for CO2 gases. The window is closing on a chance to avoid the greatest risks. Something must be done. A revenue neutral fee and dividend program is a good place to start.	1/20/2015 7:43 AM
6	global warming is a farce	1/19/2015 10:05 PM
7	This is just another ruse to rob the people.	1/18/2015 11:41 PM
8	les taxes. more jobs and industry	1/18/2015 4:16 PM
9	Not smart stewardship. .	1/18/2015 4:16 PM
10	finally consumers get a break on the cost of SOMETHING and VPIRG et al think that's an opening to tax the dickens out of it.. Any they supposed to looking out for the "public interest"? Adding \$1.00 or more to the cost of every gallon of gas certainly doesn't sound to me very much like it is in the "public interest".	1/18/2015 4:03 PM
11	This is just a money grab for crackpots.	1/18/2015 1:39 PM
12	no good	1/18/2015 10:55 AM
13	Fuel taxes are enough as a small business owner diesel and gas tax is out of. Control !	1/17/2015 7:28 PM
14	Our family is below poverty level as it is, raising the fuel tax would seriously make our life harder and could mean the difference between having enough food or heat, I have 3 special needs kids that have multiple appointments every week!	1/17/2015 5:35 PM
15	A SINGLE volcano in Africa emits more sulfur dioxide in a SINGLE DAY than every car and factory in the United States. National Geographic April 2011 Page 94,95. These Carbon Tax people are some of the worse thieves on the planet.	1/17/2015 4:04 PM
16	People can voluntarily donate to a Global Warming Cooling Fund if they want. Leave the rest of us alone.	1/17/2015 2:54 PM
17	It costs way too much to live in VT with our current tax burden. NO NEW TAXES!!	1/17/2015 11:27 AM
18	We don't need anything that will drive business out of VT.	1/17/2015 11:22 AM
19	What's next charging us to breath	1/17/2015 10:57 AM
20	It's inevitable. And since we produce no fossil fuels in Vermont, we are sending about \$2 billion out of state annually to pay to heat our homes and drive our cars. A good policy would keep far more dollars circulating in Vermont's economy. I support it. W	1/17/2015 10:54 AM
21	Give them an inch and they will take a mile.	1/17/2015 10:15 AM
22	It is ridiculous to say the least. The very same people crying for this are the worst abusers.	1/17/2015 10:09 AM

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23	We will be rubbing two sticks together soon for energy! As these idiots continue to ruin this great country.	1/17/2015 9:24 AM
24	Stay OUT of my pocket. The "SCIENCE" is not correct. If this is the way ... let your PRODUCT PROVE IT !	1/17/2015 9:15 AM
25	We Vermonters cannot afford anymore taxes it is very hard to continue to live here as it is	1/17/2015 9:00 AM
26	just another form of ripping off tax payer for individual gain by political influentials	1/17/2015 8:38 AM
27	Deep six it now	1/17/2015 8:19 AM
28	Most of us that live in Vermont are not rich and are just scraping by unlike the tourist and skiers that come here for a few weeks a year. Who do you think its going to hurt.	1/17/2015 8:16 AM
29	Yup it is the stupidest thing I've heard lately	1/17/2015 5:58 AM
30	We all ready pay half are income in tax. Its hard enough to heat our homes and drive to work. It will only hert the all ready poverty stricken. If they take any more it won't be worth it for me to work.	1/16/2015 9:58 PM
31	HOW MUCH MORE ARE YOU PARASITES GOING TO TAKE FROM US! TO SAY NO TO THIS IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT! YOU RAISED TAXES ENOUGH. TIME FOR THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO TAKE A PAY CUT LIKE THE REST OF US. YOU WANT THIS TAX YOU PAY FOR IT OUT OF YOUR OWN POCKET NOT MINE!	1/16/2015 9:56 PM
32	This tax is not necessary -- much research has indicated there is no basis for the idea that human civilization is responsible for glob a l warming. Furthermore, it is astonishing that a society like Vermont, that appears to be on the brink of economic collapse, would so eagerly adopt economic and tax policies that will surely hasten the process.	1/16/2015 9:04 PM
33	Just another way to line someone's pockets disguised as a save the planet scam by Treehugging Liberals. Its time to kick them out of the state and let the working people live.	1/16/2015 7:59 PM
34	What the article omitted was the rebate back to consumers that would negate the assessment for a non polluter. I encourage people to read the text of the proposal ... completely... and make a judgment for themselves, not to rely on an article with language that is clearly biased.	1/16/2015 5:44 PM
35	Why penalize 625,000 Vermonters with 7 billion people in the world. These rich kids need to grow up and get their feet in the real world.	1/16/2015 5:07 PM
36	Most Vermonters are NOT rich people!!!!	1/16/2015 4:46 PM
37	That tax would financially kill me. I want to remain in VT, but being on a fixed income (retired) I would have to move.	1/16/2015 4:25 PM
38	yes don't have any	1/16/2015 4:01 PM
39	It is idiotic and naive. We are not supposed to cut trees, use oil, or nuclear energy, but are supposed to use renewable energy, like wind, sun, and water. OOOOps no water, a dam might kill a snail. OH Darn no wind--- "save our mountains" from the ugly windmills (ever see anything uglier than a solar panel?) Everyone leave Vermont, and find a place where you can walk to work and and not need heat, Oh, you came from a place where you could walk to work, but moved here to get away from the crowds. Well, we won't miss you if you go back there. No new taxes.	1/16/2015 3:06 PM
40	Another "New Vermont" idiotic idea.	1/16/2015 3:04 PM
41	We are suffering tax death nowhere. No more tax & spend!!!	1/16/2015 3:02 PM
42	Low income and middle class will not be able to afford this tax. Higher unemployment is this tax is added.	1/16/2015 1:31 PM
43	don't do it	1/16/2015 12:23 PM
44	If we the people (clear majority) of the USA agree that fossils fuel are BAD then the US congress should enact a carbon tax. Not VT. If the tax is to be enacted then it should be time phased so the free market can evolve and not be a revolution. Something like an additional 1% per year up to a max of 10%.	1/16/2015 10:51 AM
45	We already pay enough in taxes. What gives or should I say who gives these people power to make crazy decisions that a small percentage of people think are right. I sure didn't and I'm a voter. People need to express their opinions on this and other matters and stop letting minority opinions run our lives.	1/16/2015 10:23 AM
46	It may sound good now,, when the price of oil rises again,,, we will be paying way to much per gal. I would move.	1/16/2015 10:13 AM
47	we have enough taxes for the poor working vermonters	1/16/2015 9:47 AM

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48	People can barely afford gas now.	1/16/2015 9:31 AM
49	What is the matter with these people? We are so heavily taxed now and the state is 100,000,000. in the red.	1/16/2015 9:15 AM
50	No Vermonters dont need another tax. what this state is doing is efectivly driving out the young people to create a rich "flatlander" playground...How about asking Shumlin to start repaying the 81 million that he blew on the single payer web site that never worked? As a lifetime Vermonter I beleive it might be time to move and raise my family in another state.....	1/16/2015 9:14 AM
51	Mandated tax for a problem that is largely based on speculative information is a big mistake. Until there is proven science, showing the human race is responsible for global warming (and not just a majority opinion amongst liberal hacks) any effort to throw money at the "problem" is just a scam, in my opinion. If this whole carbon tax effort were anything more than a wealth redistribution scheme, then all 100% of the revenue would be allocated toward lower carbon emissions ... and nothing more! Those of you who really think you are going to make a difference, and save humanity from all the rest of us "ignorant people" can go ahead and open your wallets if you like!	1/16/2015 9:13 AM
52	The carbon tax is the offspring of a non-existent man-made climate change and/or global warming scenario and is simply just another plan to extort more money from the working class.	1/16/2015 9:11 AM
53	What a STUPID idea!! If there was a carbon tax I will take my family and business to another state!!	1/16/2015 8:30 AM
54	If I expressed my views on the carbon tax , you would not be able to print them	1/16/2015 8:25 AM
55	Although we need to find a way to drive the economy, taxing especially the middle class isn't the way to go. We need to look at what we can give to our state and people, and things like the carbon tax will just drive not only residents, but tourists as well.	1/16/2015 7:44 AM
56	We already pay enough taxes on fuel, why should low middle class Vermonters pay more so that Shumlin's buddies can profit? Who voted for Shumlin anyway?	1/16/2015 6:43 AM
57	We are way over taxed NOW.	1/16/2015 6:06 AM
58	Another play at destroying the working families .	1/16/2015 5:47 AM
59	Just another way for progressives to fund their social programs	1/16/2015 5:45 AM
60	Yes I would, this carbon tax is only another disgraceful act of our government today. like vampires and vultures waiting for oil/ gas prices to drop politicians they have released another way they could suck the working mans' hard earned dollars into a tax so it could be siphoned it into their own pockets. Put this burden on the oil companies making historical profits over the past 15 years or so. the same as all this talk about plummeting oil prices causing oil workers to lose jobs. If the oil company executives weren't so greedy they would produce oil at a competitive rate by sacrifices other than putting Americans out of work. Not much different than our automotive and steel industry scenario.	1/16/2015 4:51 AM
61	Now is the perfect time to implement it. Why does your illustration show gas at over \$5.00 a gallon? Even Skip Vallee wouldn't have the balls to charge that!	1/16/2015 4:25 AM
62	VPIRG and CLF get out of VT! Making true Vermonters unable to live here. Sometimes "intelligent booksmart" people lack common sense.	1/16/2015 2:50 AM
63	Yes find incentives for government to make alternative choices not ways to bankrupt the people of the state.	1/16/2015 2:01 AM
64	No comment	1/16/2015 12:53 AM
65	No!	1/15/2015 10:49 PM
66	It will destroy what is left of Vermont's economy	1/15/2015 10:47 PM
67	We can't pass school budgets because we can't afford out property taxes.....what will this do....hit the hard working middle class.	1/15/2015 10:30 PM
68	We are being taxed to death, if the illustration is correct the price of gasoline alone will cripple the economy. the price to heat a home for the elderly and poverty stricken Vermonters would be devastating. If you want to continue to "cull the heard" in Vermont, then keep on piling on the taxes. this state is going to hell in a handbasket as it is now!	1/15/2015 9:23 PM
69	In this state people have to travel long distances to work, physicians visit, etc.. To put an added burden on families in this way will not make a noticable difference in the overall. States with much more industry and other carbon intense activities need to be the ones to pay the price.	1/15/2015 9:22 PM

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70	This is one of the stupidest tax ideas I have ever heard. This if further proof that global warming is really only about money.	1/15/2015 8:54 PM
71	Only that we are over taxes already!	1/15/2015 8:42 PM
72	This is the only way to truly put a price on our future	1/15/2015 8:21 PM
73	Other than believing that a Carbon Tax is utter, outright BS, playing off the man-made global warming hoax, costing the citizens of VT a ton of money much better spent on fuel and groceries? Not really..	1/15/2015 8:13 PM
74	These people are fucking nuts	1/15/2015 7:59 PM
75	Only a clueless moron living off a trust fund and disconnected from reality would vote for this.	1/15/2015 7:55 PM
76	I think VPIRG is out of touch if they think that hard working Vermonters can afford to foot the bill for such foolishness as a carbon tax. Ridiculous ideas once again from the left.	1/15/2015 7:53 PM
77	Stupid idea.	1/15/2015 7:44 PM
78	Vermont's hard working middle class population could not withstand such an increase to our already stretched budgets. Another idea thought up by the elite few who try to speak for the majority.	1/15/2015 7:39 PM
79	Let the sleeping dog lye, wake him and you will get bitten	1/15/2015 7:38 PM
80	There are enough taxes. Stop attacking the middle class with more.	1/15/2015 7:24 PM
81	I .cannot afford another tax. I will be forced to move.	1/15/2015 7:15 PM
82	Don't want one, thinks the carbon tax is a bad idea for vermont	1/15/2015 7:14 PM
83	Bad idea our tax dollars don't go where they should already we don't need to add more to it	1/15/2015 7:08 PM
84	Its hard enough for us to make ends meet most of the time.	1/15/2015 6:50 PM
85	People (consumers) will still purchase fossil fuels no matter what the price...within reason that is. If this tax was to go into effect, I feel that the revenue it would create should go to consumers on a whole for incentive programs to purchase renewable energy options and not directly to the renewable energy companies pockets. When we, as citizens pay taxes (whether income, sales, etc), that is our hard earned income. The "clean" air here in VT or any other state on the east coast isn't going to be fully achieved by just creating a tax for consumers on fossil fuels. Acid rain is caused by pollutants trapped in the air /atmosphere by big plants and then carried with the weather systems to our neck of the woods. Is our next step to tax citizens on trying to control the jet stream or how the world turns? How much control to we actually have over the environment? Taxes or no taxes?	1/15/2015 6:26 PM
86	Watch the exodus out of Vermont the minute this is enacted. Goodbye tourism!	1/15/2015 6:14 PM
87	Just another way to kill the middleclass.	1/15/2015 5:41 PM
88	Why does this group of people ALWAYS want to tax us to death we are one of the highest taxed state in the country are you people triing to be number one to do this or maybe you are agroup of rich people from down country who want to take over our great state, I do not understand why you are wanting to destroy this state.We are taxed very high on schools we already pay a high tax on gas and heating fuel not to mention 9% tax on food when eating out, and so many other taxes we already pay don't you think we have been taxed enough?	1/15/2015 5:28 PM
89	Seems the tax is based on the issue of global warming which is at best a lie used by liberal factions to justify policy.	1/15/2015 5:22 PM
90	Why the idea behind the tax is noble that being increasing the use of renewable energy I don't believe this is the way to go about it. Vermont is already known for its high tax rate and is currently having trouble keeping younger Vermonters within the state. I believe this tax would add fuel to this fire.	1/15/2015 4:46 PM
91	another attempt to prop up the failing renewable energy industry!	1/15/2015 4:42 PM
92	Freedom isn't free! Neither are fossil fuels.	1/15/2015 4:39 PM
93	Don't do it!! You will continue to force real Vermonters out of this state!!!	1/15/2015 4:30 PM

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94	Gas may be low at the moment, but we can be assured it will not stay low. Vermonters are already being priced out of the state; small companies can not longer afford to stay in the state, older retired citizens are finding it much cheaper to claim residency in southern state . Those Vermonters who are just trying to eek out a living to feed their families - who need to drive to work and heat their homes - will be burdened with another extreme tax. Let's try cutting spending and using the taxes we already have to be put towards our roads and bridges. A number of years ago the transportation dept. was very well funded, but the revenue didn't seem to be spent on keeping up our roads and bridges. Definitely no "Carbon Tax".	1/15/2015 4:13 PM
95	people in the state of Vermont are already taxed to the hilt. IF, there was an excellent mass transit system like the BART, it would make more sense. Having NO dependable rapid transit system, is putting the cart before the horse.STOP with the taxes already. You are putting hardworking Vermonters in the position of working just to pay taxes. many cannot afford the ones they are paying right now. As I see it the on;y people profiting from this tax are the holders of the gas monopoly already. OUR gas prices are still way higher than the rest of the country.GREED is the reason. Too many people have left this wonderful state and more are surely to follow!!	1/15/2015 4:05 PM
96	VT is already the 5th highest gas prices in the country our economy can not support higher prices. Additionally heating oil costs as much if not more than gasoline and the average VTer struggles to pay for house heat every winter - a carbon tax would push many households into crisis.	1/15/2015 3:58 PM
97	that is just foolish!! how an you tax an emission? A gas that we all produce in some way or another. We can control this through re engineering the heavy carbon emission producing machinery to a way that they produce less. Mankind in all his years on this planet has never, nor will he ever produce as much carbon gas as one volcano eruption. Why not tax the volcano's they are the real perpetrators here. Besides we Vermonters are taxed enough!!	1/15/2015 2:57 PM
98	tax on gasoline/diesel is difficult to fathom in a state that one drives many miles to work or shop.It's taking the min. wage raise and giving it back to the state.	1/15/2015 2:55 PM
99	It's the most ignorant thing I have ever heard in my life!	1/15/2015 2:37 PM
100	I think it is sucks. it is a bad idea. We pay enough for gas as is.	1/15/2015 2:35 PM
101	I don't feel we need one.	1/15/2015 2:35 PM
102	If single payer health insurance was not enough of a financial burden on people lets add yet another tax. It is time to use common sense in the decision making process rather than ones own agendas.	1/15/2015 2:32 PM
103	Stop this taxation without representation.	1/15/2015 2:03 PM
104	They are taxing us to death already, I think this is one of the most insane ideas ever!	1/15/2015 1:59 PM
105	Vermonters are already having a tough enough time with heating costs as well as the cost of gasoline. This tax would make it impossible for regular Vermonters to survive.	1/15/2015 1:45 PM
106	THE WORKING VERMONTERS ARE TAXED ENOUGH!!!	1/15/2015 1:32 PM
107	It is another cost we can't afford. I can't afford. I have lived in Vermont for 50 years. This year is the first time I am seriously considering leaving Vermont. Where to, I don't know. I am considering China actually. If I didn't have children it would be a done deal. I have a continue to become energy independent and I have enough land to supply myself with heat. If I stay I will continue to get away from electricity. Certainly I am cutting out anything that generates heat from electricity. This carbon tax is based on the belief that it is causing global warming. I highly doubt. My father was a meteorologist and while he did say that the weather over a nation is altered because of air pollution it is not likely to be the cause of global warming. While I was in college and my major was Forestry I was intrigued by the magnetic North Pole and its movement. Since graduating the declination has changed from about 14.5 degrees to about 17. That's a lot My thoughts for a number of reasons is that the north and south poles have begun their periodic shift. This would explain why China is seeing snow for the first time in northern regions. It could explain why the Antarctic is growing and explains why the Arctic is melting. Explains why we are having increased volcanic and seismic activity. I could be more specific but this will suffice. One more reason is that as a country in a global economy we can't afford to take money from the people that make the economy my work. One more reason is even if this is a concern. If other countries aren't doing their part about pollution then we can't do it either because we as a country add a cost and we can't compete. well I have said my piece. Thanks.	1/15/2015 1:27 PM
108	It would slow down global warming in a big way.	1/15/2015 12:59 PM
109	I travel 100 miles round trip every day for a decent job! This would sink me! Please don't do this!	1/15/2015 12:39 PM
110	Just when working folks are getting some relief in the cost living VPIRG wants to take more money in taxes. This policy is out of touch with reality.	1/15/2015 12:15 PM

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111	I think that economics should support a natural, controlled and well thought out move away from carbon based fuels. In this case taxing the working class while oil pricing is low is taking away there Opportunity catch up if they are financially behind and also hurts retailers by taking away the purchasing power of this class.taxation is in this case is not the right answer. One more reason to leave the state we love but can barely afford.	1/15/2015 12:00 PM
112	they will tax it then pay out to the people in programs that can't afford it,,stupid	1/15/2015 11:53 AM
113	We are not made of money, Assholes	1/15/2015 11:52 AM
114	The Federal Government still gives multi-billion dollar tax breaks and subsidies to oil companies. A carbon tax on the working poor seems very unfair.	1/15/2015 10:48 AM
115	Taxed enough already - have these folks ever heard of a budget? How much of our hard earned cash is enough. When China and India lower their emissions then talk to me.	1/15/2015 10:47 AM
116	It going to hit the working Vermont, who is going to pay not outer staters, why not put up tolls so everyone pays.	1/15/2015 9:37 AM
117	It's thievery !!!! We are being taxed enough!!!	1/15/2015 9:29 AM
118	We have some of the most expensive gas & related fuel n the nation, and they want it to be higher? We are fnally getting some relief from that, give us a break!	1/15/2015 9:16 AM
119	What a terrible idea! These people have gone over the top with the global warming myth and continue to make this state unlivable for the average working person. Gas is bad enough but what happens when oil goes back up and the price of fuel oil hits 5\$ or \$6 per gallon? There will be no subsidies for the average working person to help pay for oil. I am almost 64,have lived in Vt. all my life and can't see how I can retire here. My family goes back to Ethan Allen and I would like to stay in Vt.	1/15/2015 8:22 AM
120	gasoline/heating fuel is not going to stay at it's current price. adding more taxes to an already overtaxed commodity will not help people that are struggling even get to work	1/15/2015 8:13 AM
121	We pay enough in taxes already green companies need to use their own money to "invest" in green energy.	1/15/2015 7:40 AM
122	You would break the backs of a population that is struggling already by doing this .	1/15/2015 7:24 AM
123	Just another way to get hard earned income away from people and into the hands of the government and cronies. It's a blatant redistribution of wealth plan.	1/15/2015 6:10 AM
124	The tax burden on Vermont citizens and corporations is already too high!	1/15/2015 4:56 AM
125	Where does it end?????	1/15/2015 3:08 AM
126	A STUPID answer to a FAKE problem!!!!!!!!!!	1/15/2015 1:51 AM
127	scam based on lies; sorry, the common person already pays way too much for energy	1/15/2015 12:28 AM
128	There is no global warming! Enough is enough	1/14/2015 11:19 PM
129	This would cripple Vermonters..the need for affordable transportation is critical here. Public Transportation is underdeveloped. This is ludicrous to tax the gas or fuels used to heat our homes or business's or fuel our cars. There has to be a better way to fund what ever it is your trying to fund. This isn't it.	1/14/2015 10:57 PM
130	It would put a significant burden on working families.	1/14/2015 10:43 PM
131	Just another tax on hard working Vermonters....	1/14/2015 10:29 PM
132	Vermonters that are common folks and senior's are having a very difficult time keeping up with energy bills and others now. Don't enact this carbon tax.	1/14/2015 10:10 PM
133	How much does VPIRG get for being the leader of this poverty producing ide	1/14/2015 9:48 PM
134	Vermont is already impossibly expensive to live in with significant taxes. Residents cannot afford something like this.	1/14/2015 9:39 PM
135	It is the market-based way to deal with carbon pollution. What are the alternatives? I see two: 1) denial (which isn't going to work) and 2) command-and-control regulation--that is to say, carbon pollution police who enforce detailed laws and regulations about how much carbon pollution each of us is allowed to produce. Very intrusive. Let's go with the market based solution, okay?	1/14/2015 9:35 PM
136	I think it's bull. We Vermonters are taxed enough	1/14/2015 9:23 PM

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137	No more taxes for Vermonters period. If the taxes continue to go up my family will be force to leave this great state. So please stop raising taxes and learn how to live within a budget just like the rest of us.	1/14/2015 9:03 PM
138	They wanted US to buy more fuel efficient vehicles and didnt realize that it would lower tax review. So of course they want to tax us MORE. No.	1/14/2015 8:57 PM
139	Insane	1/14/2015 8:52 PM
140	It would hit me hard as I drive 28 mile each way to work..and there is no mass transit.This is just wrong..I am middle class and don't want another "hit".. I voted Milne for a reason.	1/14/2015 8:21 PM
141	Stop taxing Vters...it is very very hard for a young couple with a child to live in this state. Childcare,housing and taxes are outrageous! STOP!!!!	1/14/2015 8:14 PM
142	This would put a giant burden on Vermonters and the transportation industry in Vermont.	1/14/2015 7:39 PM
143	Dumbest Idea I ever heard !!!!!!!	1/14/2015 7:16 PM
144	wtf	1/14/2015 7:07 PM
145	We already have high gas prices compared to other areas of the country. Oil prices currently are way to high, based on the cost per barrel of oil. It's 1.25/gallon less in the Mid Atlantic. This is just another way for Progressives to get out the money of Vermonters.	1/14/2015 6:59 PM
146	Stop promoting feel good programs that have no way to pay for themselves. Taxes are not the answer. The government is NOT a business and generates no revenue. Get out of our personal business. Stop telling us what we can eat, what we can do, how we should do it, what we should like and not like. JUST STOP! NO CARBON TAX. This state is poor enough - so what's the tax going to fund - more Welfare, subsidized housing, partial unemployment so people have yet another reason to NOT work. Brilliant. Shumlin is funding the drug culture in this state. Wake up everybody.	1/14/2015 6:52 PM
147	With keeping the fuel prices low it will let people spend more on things that people need and will be taxed anyway.	1/14/2015 6:37 PM
148	We're tax poor already!	1/14/2015 6:28 PM
149	How in the world do you guys think the middle class can afford this???? This will put us in the property level and you will find that people will have to quit their jobs as they can not afford the gas and then be looking for assistance.. You really need someone from the middle class on your boards...we need to eat first... More & more life time Vermonters will have to move!! But maybe that's what they want!!!	1/14/2015 6:26 PM
150	Another tax? Are you serious? I think we should tax the legislators 10% of their ever growing income.	1/14/2015 6:20 PM
151	Middle class Vermonters are being taxed to death as it is. Give the working people a break on something before we all have to sell out and move.	1/14/2015 6:16 PM
152	It cannot increase the price that much. Start taxing the other sources first.	1/14/2015 6:12 PM
153	We pay enough in taxes. We do not need another.	1/14/2015 6:07 PM
154	This is yet another horrible Liberal idea that hurts the locals and true people of Vermont. While they exploit our beautiful state to fill their own pockets, these people need to be taken out of office.	1/14/2015 6:05 PM
155	NO MORE TAXES!!!!!!	1/14/2015 5:56 PM
156	no we pay enough tax;s already the poor people cant save the rich people can take from poor but the poor cant rob from the rich	1/14/2015 5:51 PM
157	It is a very bad idea....living here in VT is hard enough, to add this would just make people move out of state	1/14/2015 5:24 PM
158	WHY? Vermonters have no other way to live with no natural gas, nuclear power plant shut and horrible public transportation!	1/14/2015 5:12 PM
159	Vermont is already an outrageously expensive state to live and work in. This will further burden working and middle class families.	1/14/2015 4:48 PM
160	I think it is a last option but there are so many more positive and less punitive or costly options to offer first. Get solar and other alternatives out in the front and offer breaks for transitioning to them. Then maybe start taxing those who drag their feet.	1/14/2015 4:47 PM
161	we r taxes enough	1/14/2015 4:43 PM

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162	No more tax period .	1/14/2015 4:14 PM
163	We use energy like it is a limitless resource. Perhaps a Carbon Tax would encourage those who spend energy freely to be a bit more conscientious of the impact it has on the world.	1/14/2015 4:10 PM
164	This state is already unaffordable to live in because of insistence of being the most green and socialistic!	1/14/2015 4:09 PM
165	It's income redistribution by another name. If "renewable" energy was a reliable and cost effective way to heat and run cars and machinery, then entrepreneurs and the public would be all over it and not forced into it.	1/14/2015 4:07 PM
166	Tax cigarettes more	1/14/2015 4:02 PM
167	We are one of the highest taxed states in the union enough is enough!!!! People have award enough time heating there homes it does not need to cost us more!!!	1/14/2015 3:27 PM
168	Stupis idea. CLF is ruining this state.	1/14/2015 3:25 PM
169	this is just another brain fart the people in Vermont are struggling as is so lets tax them more WTF are you thinking	1/14/2015 3:13 PM
170	No! We don't know how long prices will be this low for everyone, and people still struggle. If you do this you're kicking out every young Vermonter that needs to drive a motor vehicle. And with so few left, can YOU take that risk? As a 21 year old Male I pay enough to you. You need to cut your salaries by at least half before you DARE screw another penny out of me or my family.	1/14/2015 2:38 PM
171	Tax cigarettes and alcohol more	1/14/2015 2:24 PM
172	It would be a wasteful and futile attempt to raise taxes at the expense of jobs and the economy. VPIRG is a transparent leach on productive working Vermonters .	1/14/2015 2:12 PM
173	The LAST thing we need is more taxes! People struggle to heat their homes as it is. I budget all year to be able to keep my house reasonably warm in the winter. I might be able to cut down on my driving to conserve fuel, but I have no control on the weather!	1/14/2015 1:39 PM
174	It would bankrupt the average Vermonter! My child is sick and we travel over two hours both ways twice a week for medical care. We wouldn't be able to afford to get her the medical care she needs!	1/14/2015 1:26 PM
175	Honestly, the price of carbon fuels needs to be higher and more money needs to be funneled into the growing sector of renewables. Yeah, it would hurt some wallets at first, but as we transition away from fossils it will be seen as an important first step toward energy independence and good planet stewardship.	1/14/2015 1:15 PM
176	I don't need groups like VPIRG helping the administration and others to decide where my money should be spent.	1/14/2015 12:53 PM
177	Even \$0.45 is too high. It would never get voter approval.	1/14/2015 12:40 PM
178	This will hurt everyone. Do they plan to give out free wood pellet stoves. A lot of people heat with oil and 5 dollar gas would kill most unless they plan to up people's pay	1/14/2015 12:38 PM
179	No way Jose, I have NO money left, the state takes it all !!!	1/14/2015 12:08 PM
180	Just another tax we can not afford to pay, are you trying to drive this state into the ground?	1/14/2015 11:49 AM
181	We already pay nearly the highest taxes in the country, but our wages are not among the highest in the country. The people living and working in VT cannot afford this tax.	1/14/2015 11:12 AM
182	Higher prices are a great motivator for conservation and the funds could be used to develop more efficient fuel technologies and renewable energy sources.	1/14/2015 11:01 AM
183	what we do not need is another stinking tax, we are drowning in taxes because of Pete Shumlin and Howard dean and their pack of left wing taxaholics.The left will not be happy till they bankrupt us all.	1/14/2015 10:40 AM
184	This tax burdens the lower income groups.	1/14/2015 10:36 AM
185	This is an insane and outrageous idea. Anyone even talking about this should be clubbed like a Harp seal. These progressive groups are clearly dangerous and deranged.	1/14/2015 10:34 AM
186	This would put a heavy burden on the taxpayers of this state who are already overtaxed.	1/14/2015 10:15 AM
187	The underlying theory of "Global Climate alteration by governmental action supported by taxation" is the most ridiculous assertion since the Tower of Babel.	1/14/2015 9:48 AM
188	It's bull shit!!!!!!	1/14/2015 9:42 AM

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189	It sounds like another desperate attempt from the "powers that wish to be" state to get into the pockets of an already financially depressed working Vermonters.	1/14/2015 9:06 AM
190	This tax doesn't seem to have any benefit whatsoever for the majority of Vermonters who live here and support the state financially. How can this even be a serious consideration?	1/14/2015 8:50 AM
191	Good concept but it's the lower & middle class that will be affected immediately. People in VT don't need any more taxes! Tax the wealthy!!	1/14/2015 8:46 AM
192	I think this is a incredibly stupid idea!!! Just another way for the state to rob us blind.	1/14/2015 8:17 AM
193	If pursued at all it needs to be national.	1/14/2015 7:55 AM
194	Lousy reason to enact yet another tax on us. We are being overtaxed as it is and this tax will do nothing for the environment!	1/14/2015 7:49 AM
195	I drive 40+ miles every day for my job. I am fortunate enough to live near the NH border, and if this is enacted, I will be crossing the river to buy my gasoline.	1/14/2015 7:35 AM
196	That's just crazy	1/14/2015 7:32 AM
197	Doesn't work, that's why Europe has abandon it. It's all political BS.	1/14/2015 7:17 AM
198	Gas prices in this state are high enough as it is and global warming is nothing but a hoax. The leadership in this state should try to improve the cost of living by reducing bogus taxes like these if they want to make this state a desirable place to live.	1/14/2015 7:14 AM
199	We need a break from taxes in all forms and for any reason. As a person who spends approximately \$75/wk for gas just for my personal vehicle a "carbon tax" would represent a significant set back. I also currently spend approximately \$1,200-\$2,000 per year heating my home with propane. My wife and I can't afford to continue to pay increasing taxes to support others. We'd like nothing more than to take better care of our own family and this would make if far more challenging to do so.	1/14/2015 7:00 AM
200	This is total stupidity.	1/14/2015 6:15 AM
201	We already pay more tax on fuel than most states. Not that I'm against the goal. Just because prices are down, dont believe they will stay that way	1/14/2015 4:33 AM
202	It would raise prices beyond belief. No one could afford this.	1/14/2015 3:24 AM
203	At the present nobody can afford another tax. And fuel will not be this cheap forever. What are you going to do when the price goes up, stop the tax?	1/14/2015 1:50 AM
204	This state is too expensive to live in. I have you lived here my whole life and it's just getting too expensive for Vermonters to live here. Real Vermonters born and bred	1/14/2015 1:30 AM
205	Corporations should pay to support the environment they pollute. This survey is biased in the manner in which it is presented. You are tools, designed to destroy liberty in America and sell our resources to multi-national corporations.	1/14/2015 12:07 AM
206	Terrible idea enough with the increase in taxes.	1/13/2015 10:13 PM
207	Ridiculous.	1/13/2015 10:02 PM
208	Vermont is at the point were the middle class will no longer be able to make a living in this state....hardly any job creation as well as constantly trying to nickel and dime the middle class with continuous tax increases....not sure how much longer I can afford to live in this state...enough is enough!!!	1/13/2015 9:33 PM
209	NO MORE TAXES!!!!!! ENOUGH ALREADY!!!!!! YOUR,RE KILLING ME HERE!!!!!!	1/13/2015 9:18 PM
210	Taxing the working man more is not the answer to this made up issue!!	1/13/2015 9:14 PM
211	It will hurt the middle class, who is already subsidizing tax breaks for the wealthy and government programs for the poor. It will also hurt anyone who heats their home with fuel oil or propane.	1/13/2015 9:11 PM
212	Vermont is TAXING the working class right out of Vermont!	1/13/2015 9:07 PM
213	We are already taxed heavily enough. Why don't you try to open the stat to industry instead of pushing it away for a change.	1/13/2015 8:55 PM

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214	we are paying enough taxes ,just because the gas price is down dos NOT mean we can afford to pay more fuel taxes . are we not paying more property taxes , & as most of the older people in this state ore on a FIXED INCOME we can not afford to pay more also we are now paying more for medicine & insurance . ENOUGH is ENOUGH .	1/13/2015 8:42 PM
215	a carbon tax would be the destroying force to the state of Vermont if levied there would be no employment left in the state of Vermont	1/13/2015 8:34 PM
216	No way can we afford another tax and this is really dumb.	1/13/2015 8:30 PM
217	This state is expensive enough to live in. One more reason to leave.	1/13/2015 8:20 PM
218	open a couple of nuke plants..Zero carbon footprint	1/13/2015 8:15 PM
219	The tax is not sustainable. If the Gov. has his way we will all be driving electric & using solar to heat our homes, so the tax isn't sustainable.	1/13/2015 7:56 PM
220	Vermont can't afford anymore taxes, we need funds from other places, get funds from toll booths, legalize marijuana and tax that but a carbon tax is not the way.	1/13/2015 7:47 PM
221	These environmentalists pushing these agendas are doing it all in the name of their own self profits. Don't be fooled into thinking this is anything but...	1/13/2015 7:46 PM
222	Rational people know that if the climate is changing it has little to do with what humans do on the planet, but rather a natural cycle. A Carbon tax is a political excuse to tax the air we breathe.	1/13/2015 7:41 PM
223	I'm sick of always paying other people's way. I drive 500 miles a week. I can't afford an increase in gas tax. How about a break?	1/13/2015 6:56 PM
224	Education about carbon use is a better way to convince people to cut back. Forcing people through taxation, especially middle class , is making them the working poor.	1/13/2015 6:30 PM
225	We pay enough in taxes	1/13/2015 6:29 PM
226	IU think it would hit the low to middle income vermonter and the UPPER CRUST, would slide by, its a bogus tax	1/13/2015 5:35 PM
227	No more taxes!	1/13/2015 5:22 PM
228	Ridculous	1/13/2015 5:00 PM
229	It is hard enough to live and survive in Vermont. Where we have to travel great distances for simple services, it seems to me that the great minds would want to make it easier. Who are these people coming up with these tax ideas? Do they have bottomless pockets and can afford tax after tax? as for myself I am fairly taxed out and you say?	1/13/2015 4:57 PM
230	A carbon tax is long overdue! It would hasten the transition to cleaner energy, and we have no more time to lose in the race against climate change. "Business as usual" is nothing short of suicidal, and only vested interests and their puppets are trying to conceal the overwhelming scientific facts.	1/13/2015 4:44 PM
231	I can't imagine how I would be able to live with that much more money out of my pocket just to get to work.	1/13/2015 4:07 PM
232	just another ripoff	1/13/2015 3:56 PM
233	The tax would accelerate the demise of what remains of the middle class. As a mobile retiree, I would move as fast as possible!!	1/13/2015 3:54 PM
234	Vermonters are hurting enough financially.Its no surprise that our government finds lower fuel prices as an opportunity for more taxes rather then a positive for the populace.	1/13/2015 3:26 PM
235	Stopping spending!!!! and leave the people alone	1/13/2015 3:07 PM
236	not now	1/13/2015 3:03 PM
237	We Don't Need Anymore Taxes on Anything Period	1/13/2015 2:27 PM
238	Not only would it cripple the local economy and small business such as myself but it will feed the pigs who are running the state into the ground. All said and done... if this happens I would MOVE to a warmer, less taxed climate.	1/13/2015 2:23 PM

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239	The proposed increased fuel tax would be crippling to the average Vermonter who is subject to longer commutes to work, due to the rural nature of most of the state. A minimal amount would be fine; however \$0.45 - \$1.35 per gallon is unacceptable and would put an unfair tax burden on people who are already struggling. A better idea would be to put a toll at the north & south borders of I-91 & I-89. Tax-paying Vermont homeowners should be provided a free "EZ-Pass" type of thing and be exempt from the tolls. This would generate extra income that could be used to offset the carbon tax rather than putting the additional stress on already struggling Vermonters. I'm not at all suggesting that our highways should be littered with toll booths, but I think it is a more reasonable way to deal with the situation.	1/13/2015 2:18 PM
240	There's too many taxes already the working american is struggling harder than ever and if pushed much farther the shit will hit the fan	1/13/2015 2:07 PM
241	Dont do it. This state is hard enough for a young family to live in. If you make a new tax you will make it harder. I barely make enough money to support my family now. I will have no other options with a new tax but to go bankrupt.	1/13/2015 1:40 PM
242	This is folly.. And even worse is that this is even being considered..	1/13/2015 1:40 PM
243	Typical left-wing environmentalist-wacko BS that will accomplish absolutely nothing except making it outrageously more expensive to drive to work, heat our homes, etc.!	1/13/2015 1:36 PM
244	Let's drive everyone out of the state! We CANT AFFORD it!	1/13/2015 12:21 PM
245	The carbon tax is too heavy a burden for working families, such as mine, to bear. Forced by the high cost of realestate(both privately owned and rental)in urban areas where the jobs are, we were forced to move to a rural area and commute 1hour each way (2x per day due to differing shifts)to reach our jobs. In addition, like many people, we must rely on oil for heat. Rising property taxes- our mortgage rose from 563 dollars to 820+ in 6 years time- have stretched us to our limit. A carbon tax would effectively render us homeless. The solution is affordable housing near jobs, better transit/commuter systems, accessible incentives for renewable energy upgrades to all home owners and lower property taxes. We all want a cleaner Vermont but this is not the way to achieve it	1/13/2015 12:19 PM
246	Bad idea. By all means put more taxes on a state where native Vermonters can barely afford to live ! VPRIG only interests are their own. They do not/never have spoken for any native Vermonters. They disgust me.	1/13/2015 11:33 AM
247	That's just stupid. Us Vermonters are already in the red.	1/13/2015 11:23 AM
248	Anything with the word "tax" hitched to it should be buried in file thirteen.	1/13/2015 10:28 AM
249	Tax and spend, tax and spend. People can't afford homes, food and clothing and these morons want to again increase and add taxes. ENOUGH!!!	1/13/2015 10:06 AM
250	These groups are using emotion to raise money.	1/13/2015 9:58 AM
251	We can do all we want in the United States to reduce carbon emissions, however, it is an exercise in futility, if the rest of the world, ie, China, does not do the same.	1/13/2015 9:50 AM
252	This state has got to seriously look at slashing taxes, it is becoming for too unaffordable to live here. This weekend in CT gas was only \$2.18 gal, yet here still hovering around \$2.65. We are over taxed already as it is	1/13/2015 9:32 AM
253	The economy is to fragile for more taxes, we don't need this tax in Vermont We can't afford it...	1/13/2015 9:27 AM
254	It will only work if it happens on a national level, and even then it will never render the result hoped for. You can't legislate morality.	1/13/2015 9:19 AM
255	It is not necessary and Vermont already bleeds her citizen enough.	1/13/2015 8:42 AM
256	Most of these are out of State people and trying to push their agenda on the poor working people of this State. Send them packing	1/13/2015 8:35 AM
257	Tax solar panels	1/13/2015 8:32 AM
258	What makes you think working VT can afford this. We are already taxed to the max!!!!	1/13/2015 8:28 AM
259	Enact the carbon tax in areas that have public transportation (since that is where the majority of "activists" live and on gas/diesel only. Stay away from heating oil - heating our homes is not an option and my thermostat is already set on 50 degrees. I can't go lower without my pipes freezing.	1/13/2015 8:11 AM
260	There are less than a million people in this state and our numbers are getting smaller. The last thing we need are more taxes; if you want to raise funds consider making some roads toll roads.	1/13/2015 8:01 AM

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261	Let's say they get their carbon tax, next you will see many, from employers to retired people leave the state, others will will cut travel choices to shop or dine etc... Gas tax revenues to the state fall, this is money that maintains bridges and roads, so now that tax must goes up to offset less travel, the sales and use tax goes up to offset less shopping, and the income tax goes up to offset the fact that many people where pushed out of the state they chose to live in, by this total manipulation of the constitution that allowed taxes to be collected in the first place. Then the politicians will be forced to tax the electric car buyer \$10,000.00 or \$20,000.00 per car to maintain the roads and bridges that link all the ghost towns in the state that was Vermont together, which highlights the fact that they where getting a free ride on the backs of all those who couldn't afford an electric car in the first place. I believe taking the money for ones labor away from them should be the states last resort to solve a pproblem, and that good ideas stand on their own, without the need for state intervention. The states forests stand with little management of a potentially enormous carbon nuetral energy source, if anyone asked me, I would suggest we replace heating oil with wood pellets grown in our own back yards, but I guess the Blitterdorfs of this world couldn't cash in on that solution so...	1/13/2015 7:59 AM
262	I don't believe that Vermont should impose this sort of tax because this state requires heating places for approximately 6 months of the year and we are a rural state where most people do not have the option of public transportation and need to drive to get to most places (doctors, store, post office, etc). Vermont cannot keep taxing everything to death and expect people to stay in the state and be able to afford to live.	1/13/2015 7:40 AM
263	Vermonters are already broke and it's because we pay way too much tax and have such a poor selection of jobs.	1/13/2015 7:31 AM
264	What the hell are you people in Montpelier,Vt thinking? People can't pay their bills as it is. Most WORKING families have 1 or 2 parents working 2 jobs to pay their bills.Cut off the welfare and you too could pay YOUR bills!	1/13/2015 7:29 AM
265	Foolish idiocy. Climat changes.look at geological record.	1/13/2015 7:24 AM
266	it is just a money maker for some people the small money earner gets clobbered again...people do not have money for this we are barely surviving now	1/13/2015 6:59 AM
267	Vermonters are already being taxed enough...	1/13/2015 6:56 AM
268	With nothing else to use to heat our homes, how can we even think of a carbon tax? Why would electric generators be exempt? Someone realized "Global Warming" was a myth, now it's "climate change"! The climate has been changing cyclically for millions of years.	1/13/2015 6:41 AM
269	this is just what we need a huge tax that puts most of the burden on people of lesser wealth just another hammering go the middle class. I do think that measures to limit fossil fuel are a good idea this proposal is a bad idea	1/13/2015 6:40 AM
270	The carbon tax is just a money grab, that will do nothing to stop climate change.	1/13/2015 6:26 AM
271	No!	1/13/2015 6:22 AM
272	Just when Vermont Tax Payers are "hoping" to get ahead! We do NOT need ANY new taxes. Vermont Legislators need to get off their "Agenda Driven" sessions and find ways to bring more business in and LOWER the Tax BURDEN!	1/13/2015 5:43 AM
273	A carbon tax would drive Vermonters to and tourists to buy their gas in neighboring states. It would also move more people away from using fuel oil for home heating. Vermont would stand to lose more than they would gain in tax revenue.	1/13/2015 2:30 AM
274	A carbon tax would kill the economy of Vermont. Not only would it drive away the possibility of a thriving manufacturing economy, for us, but it would also prevent a tourism industry from being robust, because people would choose to take their vacations at more exotic and cheaper locations. I understand the need for newer forms of energy, but that does not mean we need punish the use of old forms of energy.	1/13/2015 12:54 AM
275	taxed to death..this would end the middle class or as I call it the working poor.	1/13/2015 12:15 AM
276	It seems to be taking money, again, out of the pickets that can least afford to pay it. Not everyone can afford a "green" car at almost \$50,000 for one!!!	1/12/2015 11:22 PM
277	A pollution tax will put an assessment on those individuals and businesses consuming fossil fuels. We need to get our heads out of the sand and make a change before its too late.	1/12/2015 11:20 PM
278	What does "Energy Independent Vermont" do since private people can't install Solar that they use themselves - only able to sell back to the grid, then buy elect from the grid.	1/12/2015 11:14 PM
279	We are taxed to the max now. One more tax and we WILL be leaving the state.	1/12/2015 11:10 PM
280	ENOUGH TAXES ALREADY,,,	1/12/2015 11:09 PM

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281	BS tax for knuckleheads to steal	1/12/2015 10:54 PM
282	Vt. Can't afford it if we want to be able to go to work or we all will be on welfare and let the state pay us to stay home cause we can't afford gas	1/12/2015 10:36 PM
283	Middle class Vermonters can bear no more taxes! We need to support our families- for too I	1/12/2015 10:27 PM
284	We do not need nor can we afford more taxes in this over taxed state.	1/12/2015 10:14 PM
285	This tax will do nothing to reduce carbon but it will reduce jobs in Vermont. It will be an unnecessary hardship on all Vermonters but especially those on fixed or low incomes.	1/12/2015 10:12 PM
286	The dumbest most expensive tax I have ever seen considered. It will be the end of Vermont if passed. I'll be one of the first to move.	1/12/2015 9:57 PM
287	How can you Institute a tax like this when Vermont doesn't have public transportation?? I have to drive 30 miles to work and currently car pool. I would have to find and job closer to home or not work. HOW CAN YOU ROB VERMONT E'S LIKE THUS, IT IS UNFAIR!	1/12/2015 9:15 PM
288	Stop taxing. Cut expenses.	1/12/2015 8:52 PM
289	This is a terrible idea	1/12/2015 8:52 PM
290	What a bunch of BS. Who do these liberals think they are?	1/12/2015 8:49 PM
291	Let the people that want it pay for it. I wish to be exempt from any more taxes.	1/12/2015 8:47 PM
292	Don't want it period. I can barely afford to commute to work now.	1/12/2015 8:27 PM
293	What are these people thinking!!!???	1/12/2015 8:26 PM
294	sounds like the governor is helping out his buddies	1/12/2015 8:22 PM
295	it's a waste of time and hurts business when you have countries like China who aren't going to help	1/12/2015 8:11 PM
296	WE PAY ENOUGH TAXES	1/12/2015 8:10 PM
297	We'll pay for it one way or another.	1/12/2015 8:03 PM
298	I hate to say it but, who is the moron (Speaker Smith) that thinks that this is Vermont tax payers need right now! I think Vermonters can stimulate the economy more with the extra \$ in their pockets from lower (for now) fuel prices.	1/12/2015 7:57 PM
299	Cut spending we cannot afford, anymore taxes in VT	1/12/2015 7:49 PM
300	We pay enough in taxes here in Vermont. It is already hard to make ends meet and now you want to raise axes again. Our paychecks do not go up that much to compensate the difference. I work hard for what I have and love Vermont but the cost to live here is getting ridiculous.	1/12/2015 7:44 PM
301	We are barely making ends meet now and we are considered middle class. This is just another Vermont job killer and another nail in the coffin for the middle class.	1/12/2015 7:42 PM
302	We can't continue to use fossil fuels at this rate. With more energy efficiency and more diverse means of producing electricity I don't Think the impact is as serious as we're led to believe.	1/12/2015 7:39 PM
303	If any new taxes are approved, the money should go to infistructure	1/12/2015 7:34 PM
304	We are so high in gas prices already that the average Vermonters can deal w more tax. National prices are \$2.13 and Vermont gas stations are \$2.40 to \$2.80 still!!!!!!!	1/12/2015 7:25 PM
305	working vermonters are taxed to much as it is	1/12/2015 7:25 PM
306	first of all Vermont has too many damn Taxes we are taxing eeveryone who was a native vermonter out of thier own State so adding a Carbon Tax is just plain Stupid!Vermonters are having trouble paying for heat in the wintertime as it is whoever even thought of this is either Rich and don't care or a moron.	1/12/2015 7:22 PM
307	Whoever dreamed this up should have their a-----s stuffed with carbon!! Give us a break!!	1/12/2015 7:20 PM
308	It's one big scam.	1/12/2015 7:16 PM

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309	Just as we are breathing a sigh of relief because fuel oil and gas are finally dropping to within a reasonable range, these morons want to hike the price back up! Let's keep on hitting the working person in the wallet and let's keep driving some more business out of Vermont. Those are thoughts I can share that can be expressed without using foul language.	1/12/2015 7:13 PM
310	VT is expensive enough for people and businesses.	1/12/2015 7:10 PM
311	Vermonters are taxed to the limit. We don't need anymore taxes.	1/12/2015 7:09 PM
312	To think that Vermont one of the smallest states in the union can have an effect on carbon much less influence other states to enact a carbon tax is comical. This is nothing more than a money grab to make the rich "green" engery people richer.	1/12/2015 7:09 PM
313	It is a regressive tax that will affect rural middle class and poor Vermonters most.	1/12/2015 6:58 PM
314	Yes instead of a Tax on Fuel I would propose a tax on Progressive Groups of 2.5 million dollars per year.	1/12/2015 6:49 PM
315	We're being taxed to death	1/12/2015 6:47 PM
316	Make it nation wide	1/12/2015 6:43 PM
317	Why just VT. Wouldn't it literally drive business out of VT? It would impact all of Vermont and about 90% of Vermonters can't afford gasoline now	1/12/2015 6:39 PM
318	First a carbon tax is a completely bogus notion dreamed up by those with an agenda that is opposed to what the majority wishes for, and based on unproven, that is right, anthropogenic global warming (or climate change) has absolutely NOT been proven. This is not about climate, it is not about saving the world, it is about control and it should be thoroughly trashed.	1/12/2015 6:35 PM
319	we are taxed enough stop over spending	1/12/2015 6:29 PM
320	The tax would be the best way to keep businesses away. It may also discourage anyone considering moving here unless they come here to get free benefits	1/12/2015 6:29 PM
321	Keep VPIRG out of my pockets. Vermont taxes are driving me to the point that I will leave the state. Vermont government has proven to make poor choices in spending my money wisely.	1/12/2015 6:28 PM
322	I will stay professional.	1/12/2015 6:28 PM
323	I think it is a very bad idea.	1/12/2015 6:20 PM
324	Instead of a new tax. Let's cut some of the social programs that breed laziness and fraud!	1/12/2015 6:20 PM
325	Vermonters are paying enough. This tax would destroy the middle income families that are just getting by as it is.	1/12/2015 6:19 PM
326	This will make it even harder for people to get to and from work.	1/12/2015 6:15 PM
327	Nothing like driving more citizens and businesses away from Vermont. Bad idea that would CRUSH the middle class as well as farmers.	1/12/2015 6:07 PM
328	Fuel costs are all ready higher here than the rest of the country, we don't need more taxes.	1/12/2015 6:06 PM
329	Enough is enough. We are taxed to death allready. This tax is not working in countries, such as Germany. Why in the world do you think it would work here. It will hurt the economy GREATLY. Bad idea. Bad	1/12/2015 6:02 PM
330	they are nuts....	1/12/2015 6:00 PM
331	No tax need to give us a break last few years have been tough.	1/12/2015 5:55 PM
332	can you say moving my businesses to wisconsin	1/12/2015 5:51 PM
333	how will we afford fuel oil or gasoline when oil pries rise again, as they will?	1/12/2015 5:40 PM
334	Incredibly stupid idea. The average Vermonter would be broke, maybe we should all leave VT or go back to the stone age.	1/12/2015 5:36 PM
335	It won't happen - folks with fuel efficient cars and energy efficient homes won't stand for it. They believe they can "sneak" it in because oil prices are low. See the effect later on!	1/12/2015 5:32 PM
336	Fuel has come down to a stable level. Still not low enough to rush into a tax mode. Many lost homes the past 3 years due to the high cost of home fuel; \$4.75 per gallon. cost more than a mortgage. This makes as much sense as trying to tax cow flatulence. If you need revenue, keep looking. A tax on fuel is NOT the answer.	1/12/2015 5:30 PM

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337	CO2 is NOT a pollutant. It is the "air" that all green things breathe. What is more, there has been ZERO warming of the planet in the last 18 years. Nada, zilch, zed.	1/12/2015 5:22 PM
338	If I thought it would help all the people and I mean ALL PEOPLE and not just a few I would say yes, by the sound of this it will only make a few people more rich and the rest of us LITTLE PEOPLE even more poor then we already are!	1/12/2015 5:09 PM
339	Cut the pay and pensions of politicians.	1/12/2015 5:09 PM
340	I am sick of these progressives always taxing us for these worthless causes which only are a farce Tell them to stop buying garbage from China who dosent give a crap about carbon	1/12/2015 5:03 PM
341	Vermonters can't afford more taxes!!!	1/12/2015 5:00 PM
342	This is the most hairbrained scheme to come out of VPIRG lately. It's enactment would be the death knell of Vermont's middle class, and many of Vermont's businesses.	1/12/2015 4:57 PM
343	Vt is crazy thinking folks can afford yet another TAX!	1/12/2015 4:54 PM
344	You people in the legislature are looking to raise taxes any way you can on hard working Vermonters.....We already pay taxes on gasoline and heating fuels so technically we already pay a carbon tax....You need to tell all these progressive groups to take a hike and levy a hiking tax on them.....	1/12/2015 4:52 PM
345	Worked great in Australia.	1/12/2015 4:47 PM
346	As a business owner, and young entrepreneur, this would cripple business, for those of us to can barely afford to pay the exchange health care cost, add this to it, and everyone will pack up and leave.	1/12/2015 4:40 PM
347	Detrimental to the cost of living in Vermont which will lead more people to leave Vermont.	1/12/2015 4:32 PM
348	It is a very bad idea we already pay way to many taxes in this state plus we are having to pay off this health care mess.	1/12/2015 4:29 PM
349	We must take action now to stem global warming. By making fossil fuel cost more, it's use would be discouraged. \$2 a gallon for gasoline is not the true cost of this fuel	1/12/2015 4:27 PM
350	Just dont do it. We are taxed enough!!!!	1/12/2015 4:26 PM
351	LET CALI KEEP THIS IDEA FOR THEMSELVES !	1/12/2015 4:25 PM
352	This will severely hurt Vermont's already damaged economy. It will put people out of work and will hurt lower income people the most.	1/12/2015 4:18 PM
353	it's a middleclass nightmare	1/12/2015 4:15 PM
354	Its a waste of time, it'll drive more people away	1/12/2015 4:14 PM
355	If a carbon tax gets passed, my family is out of here. This state has become way too expensive.	1/12/2015 4:10 PM
356	Yes it is Bull S.	1/12/2015 4:01 PM
357	another scam to take our money .	1/12/2015 3:54 PM
358	Our government can't stand the people saving money. They need to remember why the Boston Tea Party happened.	1/12/2015 3:32 PM
359	this is ridiculous, they need to focus on lowering taxes not raising them	1/12/2015 3:25 PM
360	First, this is junk science. Second, we work for a living and own our own business. Adding thousands of dollars to our fleet fuel costs will force us to make up those cost elsewhere. Since we cannot just push the raise taxes button it will come out of employee benefits or pay. It could even result in layoffs. Our state has just come off from the worst recession. We had to lay people off, decrease wages. We did not look at making money only on keeping the business afloat. We finally get through that and see a bit of light at the end of the tunnel and Vermont wants to take from us to give to the "green community". Yes, Vermont is going to crash and burn soon.	1/12/2015 3:16 PM
361	Enough taxes period.	1/12/2015 3:13 PM
362	The middle class working people keep getting hit on for more taxes. Time to go after the wealthy people!	1/12/2015 3:08 PM
363	Man made climate change is nothing more than a cash cow for climate change special interest. Vt is governed with one party rule, these are the ideas you get.	1/12/2015 3:05 PM

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364	Let's get the economy on its feet. Anyone who fights for this is more than likely on the receiving end of these taxes!	1/12/2015 2:56 PM
365	My wife and I barely go anywhere. We have a very hard time heating our house with oil in the winter. We don't drive a Volvo or a BMW like most of these progressives. We have a 10 year old truck that we can't afford to replace. The price of fuel is finally down to a manageable level and the State of Vermont and the Federal Government want to put it right back up. Give us a break!!!!	1/12/2015 2:53 PM
366	A carbon tax in Vermont would be a windfall for NH.	1/12/2015 2:51 PM
367	Gas prices WILL go up. Vermonters are already moving to smaller carbon footprints. We CANNOT afford another tax. Find incentives to reduce carbon that reward, not inflict further financial pain.	1/12/2015 2:47 PM
368	Spend less not tax more.	1/12/2015 2:43 PM
369	Carbon tax is nothing less then another government scam to raise more revenue...this needs to be stopped in all states. .	1/12/2015 2:39 PM
370	It seems like a good way to keep businesses and people from coming to VT and those here to leave. Very unaffordable to individuals and businesses.	1/12/2015 2:39 PM
371	No new taxes! Start reducing and eliminating taxes!	1/12/2015 2:34 PM
372	<a href="http://www.wsj.com/articles/BL-258B-4230">http://www.wsj.com/articles/BL-258B-4230</a>	1/12/2015 2:26 PM
373	I will almost certainly look to sell my home and move my family out of VT. I have lived here all of my 43 years but this would be the straw that breaks the camel's back per say.	1/12/2015 2:22 PM
374	Do they want all of us to leave the state. Morons.	1/12/2015 2:12 PM
375	It will economically transfer wealth from average hard working Vermonters to renewable energy investors.	1/12/2015 1:38 PM
376	Yes, but will keep them to myself as they are not for libtard transplants to read!	1/12/2015 1:34 PM
377	The people of this state have been taxed to a point that we cant feed our families and heat our homes.	1/12/2015 1:26 PM
378	I would have to move out of the state or see if my landlord would put in a pellet stove. My other option would be to heat mostly with wood.	1/12/2015 1:25 PM
379	No new taxes--it's almost impossible to live in Vermont now unless you are a millionaire!	1/12/2015 1:09 PM
380	1. This should be a Federal problem. Otherwise, I'll drive over to NY or NH to get my gas - there goes the VT economy. 2. Press releases always talk about redistributing the tax proceeds, but they never explain how it will be done. Does anyone have a practical example? 3. Who will tax the carbon in the wood that I burn? What if I use scrap wood? Bring back VT Yankee, they didn't use any carbon products there.	1/12/2015 1:08 PM
381	It is short-sighted, muddle-headed thinking by the same insular Vermonters who think that they need to lead the world with their silly ideas. This will only cause truckers and other visitors to buy their fuel in other states, enable more rich people to put in solar systems, more poor people to get more for free, and the rest of us to get the shaft. This shows an incredible ignorance on the part of all supporting this stupidity as to how the global economy works. If enacted, it also discriminates against producers of SOME forms of energy. I have to wonder if and how those who are making money from solar and wind development would be lining their pockets with this?	1/12/2015 12:20 PM
382	The working Vermonters finally got a break to pay for their fuel oil and have some money left over to buy groceries and basics and these people want to punch us in the gut with a carbon tax so we are worse off economically. Once a tax is in place, it just keeps going up every year with no cap in sight. The price of oil can go up at any time if the Arabs pull the plug on us. Us retired people will not live long enough to recoup up-front costs to convert to other forms of energy to heat our homes and fill our gas tanks, but we will be able to pay our bills more easily right now and in the next near future with out going on the public dole. `	1/12/2015 12:14 PM
383	The "carbon tax" is totally unnecessary.A \$250 million reduction in spending is more to the benefit of Vermonters who are now among the most highly taxed persons in the USA.	1/12/2015 12:07 PM
384	Looking at the way our highway taxes are handled, I think that most of the revenue from a carbon tax would find its way to the general fund to be distributed by the the legislature as it chooses. We currently have Efficiency Vermont, which is supported by a tax added to our monthly electric bill. This tax seems to be able to increase on a regular basis, as I'm sure that a carbon tax would do. Finally, I think that much is being done in Vermont to encourage alternative energy. It simply can't happen overnight, which is what the fanatics think should happen.	1/12/2015 11:50 AM

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385	I think it's a good idea. We need to plan for future energy independence from fossil fuels, and this seems like a practical & pragmatic way to do it.	1/12/2015 10:55 AM
386	Energy products are already over-taxed. Once this tax is enacted, it will never be removed. When oil prices rise again vt could end up with one of the highest gasoline prices in the country. This will punish the poor and will negatively impact tourism.	1/12/2015 10:48 AM
387	There is always a new tax to help the low income and this tax comes from the middle class who are having a hard time making ends meet as it is	1/12/2015 10:46 AM
388	Vermont is a low carbon producer . NO NEW TAXES OR FEES !!!	1/12/2015 10:39 AM
389	This is the best way to reduce carbon emissions and fund alternative systems	1/12/2015 10:17 AM
390	A carbon tax is the first step in seriously reducing our carbon emissions in the state.	1/12/2015 9:56 AM
391	Carbon taxes have shown to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Because climate change is the most pressing crisis facing the world today, a carbon tax would give VT the opportunity to take a huge step toward a sustainable future.	1/12/2015 9:16 AM
392	Because there is very little competition among retail gas stations, we pay a higher price in Burlington. If there is such a tax, it should be based on the national average, not on the artificially inflated prices we pay to line th epockets of the owners.	1/12/2015 9:02 AM
393	As soon as it becomes more expensive to continue to use old and inefficient technologies, efficient heating technologies and renewables will be able to break into the market.	1/12/2015 8:54 AM
394	We are already overtaxed and the state is in deficit. The amount of carbon that Vermont produces is miniscule and insignificant in the world and this would, therefore, have no impact on making the world a better place. In spite of the claims of those who stand to gain, the question of whether or not there is a relationship between the climate and human activity, the issue remains unresolved. Environmentalist claims to the contrary are pure malarky and they insult my intelligence.	1/12/2015 8:15 AM
395	I support incentivizing the use of cleaner energy and energy extraction modes. I also support ending the long-outdated subsidies for "mature" industries such as coal and oil. I am not sure whether I support a carbon tax without knowing all of the details of implementation and consequences, intended, unintended or otherwise. To as this question in such a void is disengenuous, at best.	1/12/2015 7:43 AM
396	It's the perfect tool to transfer money from Vermont's poor and middle class residents to the "green" tycoons.	1/12/2015 7:35 AM
397	Setting a price on carbon will boost Vermont's economy.	1/11/2015 9:14 PM
398	We can't continue to think that using carbon based fuels is the right course. We're sticking our heads in the sand and the reality is that a carbon tax is the right tool to have those that cute carbon pay for it and will be a benefit to the overall economy.	1/11/2015 8:45 PM
399	Vermont's carbon footprint is so small compared to the rest of the country and world, this is foolish and unnecessary.	1/11/2015 8:33 PM
400	Let natural economic forces do their job.	1/11/2015 8:22 PM
401	Fossil fuel should be regulated equally as energy resources	1/11/2015 8:14 PM
402	We need to take some action to reduce our fossil fuel usage. The current solutions are moving too slowly, and I think this proposal is a good way to motivate Vermonters to take personal action to move quicker towards a future that is much less dependent on fossil fuels which come 100% from outside Vermont. The less money we spend on fossil fuels that leaves the state, the stronger our economy will be.	1/11/2015 8:00 PM
403	Great in theory but not practical for middle class/poor Vts. struggling and finally get a break. What about taxing those VTs. w/incomes over \$100k. Make heat pumps/ other energy savers etc. available to middleclass/poor w.o cost	1/11/2015 5:38 PM
404	Displace other taxes with proceeds for carbon tax	1/11/2015 4:28 PM

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405	"Carbon Tax" is just another United Nations tactic, as part of Agenda 21 (in this instance), for the destruction of America. This is just one of many UN initiated efforts resulting in: Turning Blue, single payer, Y2Y, unrecoverable debt, welfare/nanny state dependency, disarmament, depopulation, spoon-fed "news", zero critical analysis, sports/celebrity worship, artificial instability (for the thinnest excuse to enact martial law; Executive Orders already exist and are ready for implementation, including existing FEMA detention camps) [VT's is on Moose Pond Road, just NW of Lake Francis in NH. It doesn't show on aerial maps, but it's there, including the railhead to its gate. "Arbeit macht frei."] Some UN plans are wrapped in warm and fuzzy terms, like "progressive" (towards what?), "green" and "sustainability", for easier duping of, and adoption by, the mob. Others initiatives set up artificial, divide-and-conquer range wars, like black/white racism and left wing/right wing (of the same vulture) political camps. Hegelian Dialectic is used to create artificial "problems" (to divide and weaken us) to which "solutions" (which are just the original intended agendas) are "offered" and implemented. There are so many other initiatives which may appear as piecemeal and disparate events, but these are neither random nor disconnected. All are deliberately designed and implemented as means to one end: the United Nations' global domination over everyone and everything. The last remaining obstacle is America, or what's left of her. If these words sound "conspiratorial", it is because they are. Conspiracies, both good and evil, are real (we even have laws against them) and many live freely among us, directing present and future generations to and fro. But if you dismissively snicker at these words, realize that you do so as a result of your being programmed not to think or analyze as a responsible and free human, but to instead, be a subject that blindly accepts what you're spoon-fed while you wait for the next ball game to start. All of us, on every issue, must first ask, "Qui bono?" "Who benefits?" We must analyze each and every event as it relates to the four root elements of humanity: Power, Greed, Control and Self-preservation and repeatedly ask, "Why?" "Why?" "Why?" "Why?" "Why?" Please explicitly educate all, that the UN, with the aid of our elected officials, is deliberately dismantling America. America is dying the death of 1000 cuts and the count has passed 990. Tick. Tock.	1/11/2015 4:27 PM
406	It's an important piece of fighting climate change!	1/11/2015 4:12 PM
407	A carbon tax now could prevent higher carbon costs later	1/11/2015 3:51 PM
408	Absolutely essential tool for moderating and quickly eliminating carbon fuels while spurring innovation and driving efficiency.	1/11/2015 2:13 PM
409	Don't wait. We're out of time and need to move faster at breaking down market barriers.	1/11/2015 11:58 AM
410	It is not something Vermont should ever enact. Our state carbon foot print isn't equal to on county in most states.	1/11/2015 11:35 AM
411	A tax on fossil carbon is essential to shift the economics of our energy system towards efficiency and renewables.	1/11/2015 9:49 AM
412	Do it now. Our children's future is at stake.	1/11/2015 9:25 AM
413	It has been shown to work in other regions of the world; question is how big a region of the US would be needed for it to be effective; VT can be part of the picture; missing information in your survey question is that there are proposed dividends for Vermonters - why would you leave this part out of your question? Maybe you could include a link to the proposal to help with the transparency of this polling effort: <a href="http://www.energyindependentvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014-11-EIV-Carbon-pollution-tax-proposal-overview.pdf">http://www.energyindependentvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/2014-11-EIV-Carbon-pollution-tax-proposal-overview.pdf</a>	1/11/2015 9:16 AM
414	IT is a sure way to hugely lessen the emissions problem locally, nationally, globally...since big energy is about 70% of it, cars 25-30%.	1/11/2015 8:46 AM
415	It's the responsible thing to do !	1/11/2015 8:41 AM
416	Would need to know what the tax would be used for - if not for energy?	1/11/2015 8:40 AM
417	Basic economic theory. Full cost accounting. Fossil fuel use policy must account for all costs. Externalities must be monetized.	1/11/2015 8:25 AM
418	We need to put a price on carbon pollution to slow climate change.	1/11/2015 8:24 AM
419	It needs to happen. It is extremely important. Climate change is the biggest threat that our species faces, and perhaps has ever faced.	1/11/2015 5:39 AM
420	Total Money Grab for allready severely overtaxed Vermonters. Stop this insanity!	1/11/2015 12:34 AM
421	From what I've seen of the plan, it is well researched, is designed to not put a burden on those with low income, and will benefit the VT economy overall. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution.	1/11/2015 12:17 AM

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422	It is a fair and financially sound way to charge the user for the irreparable harm that is done to the environment when fossil fuel is burned. It also places a fair charge on the current use of fuel that can not be used in future by someone with no say in the present decision to use up the fuel.	1/10/2015 11:54 PM
423	Action on carbon emissions is required because of the serious effects of climate change. This could be an effective solution to one of the most serious problems we face. A refund of the the tax or a "fee and dividend" approach would spur economic growth towards alternative sources of energy. Let's put Vermont in a "Leadership" role once again. A price on carbon is required if we take a stewardship of the environment seriously. Climate change has already cost Vermonters substantially in road repairs, power line repairs , ski area revenues and will affect the maple sugar industry. Lets address the problem with a tax not ignore it with more rhetoric.	1/10/2015 11:31 PM
424	A carbon tax is an efficient way to reduce consumption of carbon since it uses market forces to allocate resources to their most productive use. A carbon tax helps capture a slightly larger share of the true cost to society of carbon emissions. That causes people to make individual, rational decisions to shift away from buying as much gasoline, for example, and switching to other fuels or making fewer trips.	1/10/2015 10:59 PM
425	I do not believe in the theory of human caused climate change. I believe teffort such as this tax are purely one more way to control the citizens and take their money to give to "pet" gov't projects.	1/10/2015 10:17 PM
426	Great idea. Climate change is real, and this is one approach to dealing with it.	1/10/2015 9:54 PM
427	I like the idea of a carbon tax but think it would be most effective at the federal level. How does this coalition address the concern that if VT goes it alone and is the first to enact a carbon tax it will only hurt the state. I don't know how VT can parallel other examples of places that have done it, such as BC, Canada.	1/10/2015 9:51 PM
428	Vermont is being taxed to death. Progressive Democrats think the only way to raise revenue is to take more from the people, instead of creating manufacturing jobs. The perfect Progressive economy is "Tourism" funded by the working class, while all property is owned by out-of-state investors who can't vote.	1/10/2015 9:43 PM
429	It's long past time that the human race acknowledges that we need to shift away from fossil fuels and a carbon tax is a great tool to make that happen.	1/10/2015 9:29 PM
430	I have lived in Vermont for 70 years. We are becoming a state of taxes. I say NO to this "CARBON TAX"	1/10/2015 7:51 PM
431	Misleading and totally bogus as it is so slanted!	1/10/2015 7:29 PM
432	I believe it is the only concrete way to motivate people to lower their carbon consumption.	1/10/2015 7:20 PM
433	While I don't like paying more in anything, we must think past ourselves. We can run out of money and survive. What we cannot run out of is a livable world.	1/10/2015 7:15 PM
434	Ironically, it is at the top of VPIRG's agenda. It looks like the "Senator for VPIRG" is now the Governor from VPIRG.	1/10/2015 7:06 PM
435	Your description is incomplete and misleading. I did some research and found that the fees paid by fuel distributors for the pollution their products cause will be returned to Vermont's citizens in a variety of ways - all intended to alleviate any rise in the cost of fossil fuels and to hasten a change to non-polluting fuel sources. Your followers should do some research too.	1/10/2015 7:06 PM
436	If fully rebated, i.e. revenue neutral, a carbon tax is one of the cheapest and most cost-effective ways to begin a transition to a sustainable energy economy.	1/10/2015 6:38 PM
437	we dont need this we all ready pay .40 more for gas now in franklin and chittenden county now due to the monopoly we have gas price its like we owe our soal to these people.we should not be punished because we use heating oil to stay alive a lot of people cant aford it now they put 10 gallons in there tank to get them by they cant aford 900.00 dollars to fill a tank.yea i got to work night weekends and holidays i got to pay for health insurance to so i can live the american dream that people keep trying to take away plus our freedom.i can not think my great uncle is mia in south pacific so we can have our freedom just to have people at monpiler take it away like a bunch of dictaters	1/10/2015 8:37 AM
438	This tax would be great for New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York, Everybody would buy as much fuel as possible out of Vermont. This would take money away from maintaining Vermont's roads. It would drive what little bussiness and industry that is left in Vermont to move to other states.It would be a huge burden on Vermont's struggling farmers.	1/9/2015 8:41 PM
439	Aren't vermonters taxed enough. I'll probably pack up and leave this state i've lived in for 72 years.	1/9/2015 8:23 PM
440	If they pass such a law we would move out of Vermont	1/9/2015 7:45 PM
441	We can not afford any more taxes. This is something the liberals need to understand.	1/9/2015 7:41 PM

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442	What about businesses like IBM, soon to be Global Foundaries? I'm sure they won't appreciate paying a hefty tax on Natural Gas...	1/9/2015 6:06 PM
443	what an unfair thing to do to Vermont families already struggling to make ends meet! Wood smoke fills the air at night. No tax on the wood? Bad idea. Don't let it happen! we live in a rural state and need to commute to get anywhere, work included. We need to heat our homes and most of us can not afford to convert our heating systems. Please help to stop this unfair tax before it happens!	1/9/2015 5:27 PM
444	This tax will only grow government and left wing groups and will do nothing for the environment.	1/9/2015 3:50 PM
445	Plants emitted.it and people when we pass air tbrought our lungs tah	1/9/2015 2:17 PM
446	Vermonters do no need, nor can they afford, another new tax! This is no way to solve the financial problems in Montpelier.	1/9/2015 12:44 PM
447	After 20 years of making VT so toxic to the carbon free 640 megawatts of Vermont Yankee, Entergy finally said up yours and pulled the plug, removing southern Vermont's cash cow! And what master plan did the state government have to take it's place? Nothing! Well now that the economic engine for the lower half of the state is no more, the economic slide has begun. I thank the liberals controlling this state for their ever increasing taxation so they can punish the productive members of our society so they can reward the unproductive ones! The carbon tax is just what we need to grease the skids for the final collapse! Once that happens the leaches will slither away to better feeding grounds, and the few hard working survivors will have a chance at starting over!	1/9/2015 12:24 PM
448	If enacted people will go to other states to get gas. Vermont can not afford another tax.	1/9/2015 11:07 AM
449	Bring back Nuclear Power to VT	1/9/2015 10:39 AM
450	The ONLY break we, the working class, have gotten in years in the decreased fuel prices. They should be a LOT lower in Vt than they are and extremely lower in Chitt. Cty. This is NOT the time that we need some scheme to TAX us into further trouble. Thank you!!	1/9/2015 10:09 AM
451	The carbon tax is nothing short of a fleecing of the working middle class. Green Tech. manufacturers would not be in business if not for subsidies. If one really does have a better mouse trap the marketplace will beat a path to buy it. Politicians and their business Cronies are just preying on the low Info. middle class who are kept off balance just trying to work and raise a family. We don't have time to "occupy" and lobby. O.K..... enough for now....where's my Meds.	1/9/2015 9:59 AM
452	Stop killing the middle class with TAXES for social programs.	1/9/2015 8:49 AM
453	No don't want it	1/9/2015 4:23 AM
454	A carbon tax should be levied on producers of fossil fuels so they are held responsible for the external costs of extracting and profiting from the exploitation of these natural resources (oil, coal, gas). Consumers should not bear any burden of this tax; it must be absorbed by the profiteers. This might give them the incentive to take advantage of the grants and subsidies available to producers of energy from renewable resources. We must stop burning fossil fuels now if we want to leave our children and grandchildren a habitable planet.	1/8/2015 7:43 PM
455	Just stop the taxes. I was in NH this week, and read their state revenues are growing. I bought several items there including gas that is 55 cents / gallon less where I live in Vermont.	1/8/2015 7:27 PM
456	Carbon taxes, carbon credits are a scam and climate change is a HOAX!	1/8/2015 6:36 PM
457	My thoughts are that your survey should indicate what these groups intend to do with the money raised by the tax. While very few would be in favor of a tax, your survey respondents would be better able to make an informed decision if you included that information.	1/8/2015 5:54 PM
458	These groups remind me of Michael Creighton's point about such. "They are focused on whether they can do something. They never think whether they should do something." In the end, they do not care about those left to cover the cost. The cocktail parties don't include hard questions.	1/8/2015 5:41 PM
459	It's just another rip off to the people of Vermont and the hogs in Montpeiler can't wait to get their hands on the funds.	1/8/2015 5:35 PM
460	Once a tax is put in place it never disappears!!	1/8/2015 4:30 PM
461	Just remember, with the Left the issue is never really the Issue! Those that have bought into this approach to "save the planet" are not playing with a full deck and have become part of the problem.	1/8/2015 4:14 PM

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462	Starting in Feb, my VT Efficiency tax will be raised also ... and no one even voted on that!!! Carbon Tax is just another way to play the shell game .... and dumping the money to big wind and solar is just throwing "good" money away,	1/8/2015 2:34 PM
463	A Carbon Tax is based on the illusion of Global Warming - which has not happened in at least 16 years and will hurt the lowest income citizens of Vermont the hardest.	1/8/2015 2:31 PM
464	This evil idea will put the elderly out in the streets, DESTROY business and BANKRUPT the state. NO THANK YOU! I do NOT need to punish myself for using petroleum products to stay alive in Vermont!!!!!!	1/8/2015 10:56 AM
465	"feel good" proposals such as this, which only add to Vermonter's already heavy tax burden w/absolutely no commensurate benefit(s), continually make me wonder exactly what segment of the "public", other than VPIRG members & supporters, their "research" is of interest to.	1/8/2015 10:17 AM
466	Until the United States can get China and other countries on board to make significant changes, we in Vermont can not make any changes on a global scale more than the size of the head of a pin, so why tax ourselves to no end when it is a Global issue! We in Vermont need more energy resources available to us in Vermont if we hope to bring real jobs so our youth will stay here. While it may be a noble effort to some to create a carbon tax, it will only hurt all of us more in how we can help our neighbors in our small State and in trying to maintain anything close to an affordable quality of life to live in Vermont.	1/8/2015 8:57 AM
467	Dave Blittersdorf is, or was, very influential to VPIRG. Him and others like him who hide behind VPIRG stand to gain personally if VPIRG is successful in pushing through this tax. Just one of a thousand reasons this is not a good idea. No wonder VPIRG is pushing to carbon taxes. Thank you for your efforts.	1/8/2015 8:45 AM
468	Vermont is turning into a tax hellhole. I guess we're all just supposed to turn off the lights, the furnace, our cars and go die in a corner - and preferably not require any medical assistance while doing so!	1/8/2015 8:27 AM
469	The carbon tax is just like the energy tax paid to Efficiency Vermont that only benefits those that know how to work the system.	1/8/2015 8:22 AM
470	The small state of Vermont cannot "save" the world. And a 'carbon tax' will not make any significant difference. This is simply a "feel good" proposal. It is insane.	1/8/2015 7:44 AM
471	Instead of a carbon tax, we should enact a user fee for people who have electric cars and don't pay for roads and people who have solar panels , yet remain connected to the grid as a backup and sell any excess electricity they might generate Bottom line is the carbon tax is another way of raising taxes, like man made global warming is a scam to fund studies and raise taxes	1/8/2015 7:21 AM
472	The middle class can not afford to keep paying more and more taxes in this state.	1/8/2015 2:03 AM
473	Don't believe in this punitive tax. However, I do believe energy companies should be held responsible to completely clean up any pollution they may cause.	1/7/2015 9:45 PM
474	Vermonters are having a tough enough time now trying to make ends meet, we don't need this carbon tax added to our lives. Many people will be forced to leave the state or quit working because it will just be too expensive to survive.	1/7/2015 9:24 PM
475	This would kill small businesses and cost their customers a lot of extra money. Bad idea.	1/7/2015 8:13 PM
476	Vermonters finally get a break with cheaper gas and heat don't kick us back down with more taxes! Vermont is already one of the most expensive states to live in. Don't make it the most.	1/7/2015 7:42 PM
477	A tiny speck on this planet called Vermont cannot handle paying for entire countries mistakes. "China"	1/7/2015 7:36 PM
478	everything in vt is already taxed higher than other states - education, property, social security, Vermont non tax free bonds and on it goes. am retired and thinking of moving to s. carolina	1/7/2015 5:47 PM
479	Not at this time	1/7/2015 4:51 PM
480	The state of Vermont is taxed too much! (you can add Single Payer Healthcare to the mix) Therefore it is preventing businesses and small business start ups from entering this state. Because of this our economy suffers, our young people leave the state to seek "real" jobs and the "remaining" older Vermonters carry the burden. This is common sense economics! New Hampshire gets it, even liberal New York gets it with tax free enterprise zones for 10 years! Wake up Vermont Politicians!	1/7/2015 4:38 PM
481	No for VT. We shouldn't increase costs any more.	1/7/2015 4:31 PM
482	How much cleaner would this carbon tax make our air?	1/7/2015 3:15 PM

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483	Fuel taxes drive lots of other expenses up as they are related to fuel. They all get passed on to the consumer. Enough. Reduce expenses, reduce taxes. No increases.	1/7/2015 2:54 PM
484	I see a carbon tax for Vermont Citizens as the latest scam that will only hurt the hard working people who live paycheck to paycheck and it won't have a .001% effect on the air we breathe. STOP this nonsense before more residents protest vehemently at the Capital. It's going to have people like me leave the state sooner rather than later.	1/7/2015 2:30 PM
485	Only bad thoughts about these idiotic progressive (the politically correct label for what we used to call soft Communism) power grabs.	1/7/2015 2:19 PM
486	Global warming is an unproven theory that data suggests is wrong. Vermont is too small a state to make any difference in any reductions by itself. Vermont already is too expensive tax wise, this may be a last straw that causes people to leave this state.	1/7/2015 2:03 PM
487	No more taxes of any kind. If the Libs keep taxing this state will turn into ghost town. We are already at the point were the middle class Vermonter can't afford to live in this state.	1/7/2015 1:41 PM
488	Howie's Carbon Credits are for real	1/7/2015 12:59 PM
489	It's to expensive to live here already with all these off beat taxes. Than they will come up with a way to give people credit on their taxes if their income is below a certain level, leaving the middle class to pay it.	1/7/2015 12:58 PM
490	Carbon Taxes are nothing more than a War On the Poor: A catastrophic waste of public money.	1/7/2015 12:37 PM
491	For being such a green state Vermont doesn't even have a legitimate emissions testing program to date.	1/7/2015 12:35 PM
492	What a waste of hard earned money...Tax the states that have volcanoes...	1/7/2015 11:49 AM
493	The carbon tax is the holy grail of the left and a huge burden on the working class Vter	1/7/2015 11:37 AM
494	It's a horrible idea sure to bring the state's economy, which is based on taxpayers, to its knees.	1/7/2015 11:17 AM
495	1) Per molecule, excess carbon dioxide is much less damaging to the atmosphere than man-made gases such as Hydroflurocarbons, Perfluorocarbons, and Sulphur Hexafluoride. Shouldn't we look at reducing those emissions first? 2) Renewable energy technology is still far from being affordable for the average working person. A carbon tax would not send the middle class rushing out to invest in solar and wind power, but would only further burden them in their daily struggle to survive. 3) As is often said, follow the money. Who really stands to benefit from this tax, and who will be hurt the most by it?	1/7/2015 11:16 AM
496	VPIRG is an obstructionist organization: It should be TAXED out of the State.	1/7/2015 10:51 AM
497	Referring to fuel consumption in the prior 3-4 years, it is clear that increased fuel cost, due to price per barrel, or some arbitrary tax, does not cut consumption. If the purpose of this tax is indeed to lower fuel consumption, past trends indicate that such a tax will fail. Without successfully meeting the above goal, it is simply yet another excuse for levying more taxes on the people. In addition, I challenge the proponents of this tax to show how reaching the other goal (that of "increasing Vermont's energy independence," will translate to reducing consumption of petro-fuels. Electricity and road fuels are not related. (Unless you can show me a viable electric powered semi-truck!)	1/7/2015 10:26 AM
498	This is a bad idea. The money will be squandered by the legislature for other areas that the state wants to increase handouts. Also wind and solar power are 2 industries that cannot survive on their own without gov't subsidies. If they can't survive on their own, they should not be finance from other sources. I see that ex-NRG Bitterdorf is a huge proponent of the carbon tax. Of course he is b/c he is championing an alternative power industry that can't survive without gov't funding. Hey, I have an idea...engineer your product so it can produce a profit.	1/7/2015 10:26 AM
499	How about a Trust Fund Tax instead of a carbon tax.	1/7/2015 10:13 AM
500	Carbon is the most abundant element in the known Universe. Seems highly illogical for it to be "Bad for Earth".	1/7/2015 10:06 AM
501	More left-wing insanity, period.	1/7/2015 10:02 AM
502	Since there is no substantial evidence that carbon is causing climate change, this is merely an excuse to levy more taxes for other projects. Interesting that they are doing this when gas prices are low. They would not dare when they are higher. Which brings one to suspect that OPEC and Obama are in cahoots.	1/7/2015 9:38 AM
503	I don't agree with it when there are not affordable alternatives for home nor easily accessible mass transportation.	1/7/2015 9:17 AM

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504	It's purely class warfare, waged by elitists. Gasoline expense accounts for a larger portion of household budget for middle income rural people.	1/7/2015 9:14 AM
505	WILL HURT VERMONTERS WHO HAVE TO DRIVE DISTANCES TO SHOP AND MEDICSL SERVICES.	1/7/2015 9:11 AM
506	What this will accomplish is that more and more people will heat with wood or pellets and what will that do to the "green" image that this state seems to want to project. The state will also lose the people who have the money to afford to move to a more tax friendly state, and leave the state with a great many folks on welfare and unemployment and a smaller tax base to support them. What are these people thinking, or are they?	1/7/2015 8:59 AM
507	Absolutely do not need it.	1/7/2015 8:54 AM
508	Vermont is already a net carbon eliminator due to our forests. We should not waste money trying to solve global warming for the world.	1/7/2015 8:40 AM
509	The left extremists start with a conclusion that is nothing more than an unfounded hypothesis and propose to solve the "problem" by higher taxes and more government control.	1/7/2015 8:36 AM
510	The arrogance of the liberals, to think that tiny Vermont could possibly impact the alleged carbon problem by extorting additional tax revenue from the residents of Vermont is unconscionable. These people will do nothing more than close more Vermont small businesses as motorists flock to NY and NH to fill their tanks. Are these economic terrorists even remotely clued in to the simplest of economic concepts? Another unbelievably bad idea from Vermont's clueless left.	1/7/2015 8:31 AM
511	We can only stand so much.	1/7/2015 8:30 AM
512	Unless Vermont improves other means for getting around the state that doesn't rely on cars.... and I mean across the whole state, this tax will do nothing. This state is not economically easy to live in, how will you attract and keep professionals if it's so expensive to live here? Now if you had the whole country levy a hefty carbon tax, then we might help curb global warming. Little ol' Vermont won't even make a dent.	1/7/2015 8:26 AM
513	"0" funding for anything with VPIRG attached to it	1/7/2015 7:12 AM
514	Hello, New Hampshire!	1/7/2015 6:51 AM
515	Last nail in the coffin of the VT economy. We, the taxpayers are going to continue to leave in droves. Good luck with that.	1/7/2015 6:35 AM
516	Go away...	1/7/2015 6:27 AM
517	Won't make any difference on this fabricated problem and will just put more \$ into the general fund for the politicians to waste.	1/7/2015 6:15 AM
518	Bad Idea	1/7/2015 6:15 AM
519	It will do nothing but hurt Vermonter's	1/7/2015 2:08 AM
520	Taxing puffs of air is a super sized power grab.	1/7/2015 12:36 AM
521	I think that this carbon thing is getting way out of hand especially given that carbon makes up only 0.4% of the atmosphere. Get a grip, I say! Stop this insanity!	1/6/2015 11:12 PM
522	This is another crazy idea from VPIRG	1/6/2015 10:47 PM
523	Are you people nuts or what! Global warming is real but it is not man made it is a natural process that our planet goes through. It would be nice to see solar or atomic power take the place of fossil fuels but not on the backs of the people. Stop and eliminate foreign aid use that money here at home and you would be able to finance all the projects and give everyone free health care too.	1/6/2015 10:15 PM
524	Forget it!	1/6/2015 9:38 PM
525	Vermont taxes are running retirees and middle class earners out of the state. NO MORE TAXES!	1/6/2015 9:19 PM
526	stupid lefties	1/6/2015 9:10 PM
527	will hurt the people who are barely scraping by now. Will have no environmental effect.	1/6/2015 8:50 PM
528	No carbon tax burden should be considered as long as the science is unsettled. Beliefs about climate change are not the same as facts.	1/6/2015 8:42 PM
529	It's moronic stupid.	1/6/2015 8:18 PM

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530	Vermonters have already reduced their "carbon consumption as far as they can. this will only serve to drive the older residents to low tax states!	1/6/2015 8:03 PM
531	If a Carbon tax passes in Vermont, I can only imagine what an Obama Carbon tax would do to the people of Vermont who are already over-taxed. My wife and I would move to Florida!	1/6/2015 7:51 PM
532	What is the professed rationale for taxing carbon? "Catastrophic Anthropogenic Global Warming (CAGW)"? Where is it? San Diego County [CA] has had deep snow; schools are closed in Jerusalem [Israel] tomorrow because of a forecast of heavy snow driven by winds up to 85 kph.	1/6/2015 7:45 PM
533	Just what we need...another nonsense tax on already over-taxed Vermonters. The entire premise of a carbon tax is based on flawed thinking and an answer to a problem that doesn't exist except in the minds of the elite.	1/6/2015 7:41 PM
534	A carbon tax is a penalty for success and growth. The more Vermonts economy struggles the more our company travels out of state to work. For the first time in our 65+ year history, we sold more in NH than VT in 2014. We will fill up before we cross the border on our way home.	1/6/2015 7:16 PM
535	I don't believe in it.	1/6/2015 7:09 PM
536	Our taxes are already too high.	1/6/2015 6:57 PM
537	I thought we already had a carbon tax. It's called "the gas tax". All this would do is give the state more money to throw away on things it does not know how to do, even if a carbon tax could actually reduce warming. Or cooling. Or nothing. It's much more about power than it is about caring about the planet - which has been cooling for the past 10 years, probably in anticipation of a big giant tax in Vermont in order to really start warming again. I'd like to tax VPIRG at 50% of its annual revenues and put that toward road repairs. Can we get that bill passed in the House and Senate?	1/6/2015 6:46 PM
538	VT is already over-taxed, which is the main reason we are losing small and large businesses in the state, as well as hard-working homeowners and second homeowners, many of which are no longer able to afford to live in the state they love. It's sad.	1/6/2015 6:32 PM
539	Vermont has spent enough on experiments and "being the first." Examples: Single-payer, GMO labeling, shuttering VY.	1/6/2015 6:24 PM
540	As with almost all issues you need only follow the money	1/6/2015 6:22 PM
541	Enough with the taxes! Spending the state coffers on pet projects ( single-payer) is tossing us into bankruptcy.	1/6/2015 6:16 PM
542	It is based on junk science. Carbon is not a pollutant. There is good science why man-made 'climate change' is bunk; i.e. carbon levels follow temperature change, ice core data shows no carbon/temp. correlation above 350ppm, anthropogenic 'climate change' is theory it has not been proven through scientific method. Could go on and on. Probably one of biggest hoaxes in history. Water Vapor is largest greenhouse gas by far. I implore Ethan Allen Inst. to help bring the real science,data or lack there of to light. Please seek out the award-winning and credible climatologists, physical chemists, etc. to have on Common Sense radio show. Over 30,000 scientists have signed statements against man-made 'climate change'. There is no consensus. It is driven by politicians like Bernie Sanders, the media, and gullible citizens. Please look up Dr. James Barrante of Cheshire, Connecticut - Emeritus Professor of Physical Chemistry at Southern Connecticut State University. He has a regular column in the Waterbury Republican American newspaper from Waterbury, Conn. It is a large newspaper in Connecticut. Many of his columns relate to debunking the 'climate change', global warming myth using real science, real data, he crunches numbers himself, talks about ocean ph, everything. Not uncommon that other college professors and scientists write letters to editor thanking Prof. Barrante for exposing this. I have read many of these columns, I have collected some, I will copy and mail them to you. Please help expose this, TRUTH SEEKERS ARE BEGGING YOU!!!	1/6/2015 5:54 PM
543	Let the the free market prevail. If the renewables can not compete, they should lower their prices. No need to prop up any businesses with a tax give away from hard pressed working people.	1/6/2015 5:49 PM
544	Vermonters and me HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THE TAXES! WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER PENNY OF TAX INCREASES! THE IDIOTS IN THE STATE HOUSE SHOULD START PAYING ATTENTION TO BIZ DEV RATHER THAN OUR AIR!	1/6/2015 5:39 PM
545	Any savings, which is little here in Vermont due to current gas prices will impact the wallet of every household severely. Again, this is another way to drive Vermonters out of the state.	1/6/2015 5:37 PM
546	Taxed enough already.	1/6/2015 5:30 PM
547	The winds blow from the west to the east. I am sure that Maine will be thank-full, but we will be no better for all of the cost as long as the middle American states don't care. Just more money for politicians to BLOW!	1/6/2015 5:15 PM

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548	It's a plot to subvert the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy.	1/6/2015 5:09 PM
549	Stop pushing to move to another state.	1/6/2015 4:20 PM
550	another way to take more of our money and keep us poor while somebody is getting rich!!!	1/6/2015 4:15 PM
551	Another disastrous, moronic progressive idea.	1/6/2015 4:11 PM
552	Is this going to stop the purported global warming?? No period it will only further drive out people. Enough is enough!	1/6/2015 4:02 PM
553	David Blittersdorf stands to make a huge amount of money off of this if it passes--lets keep the cronyism out of our government and the tax payers pockets	1/6/2015 4:00 PM
554	This is another delusional Marxist left-wing idea that will do nothing for the environment, and will only punish working people and destroy the economy. It's lunatic-left madness.	1/6/2015 3:52 PM
555	I think this a joke	1/6/2015 3:49 PM
556	I think a carbon tax would do great harm, to an already struggling economy. We should be looking for ways to reduce taxes, not increase them.	1/6/2015 3:38 PM
557	What is this group trying to accomplish? And is this the best way to do it?	1/6/2015 3:35 PM
558	Such a carbon tax would be destructive to Vermont's economy, which is not in the best shape currently, while serving no purpose. Even if the theory of man made catastrophic climate change were true, and it is not, such a tax on Vermont would be nothing more than symbolic. Sacrificing Vermonters for nothing is hardly something that the legislature should seriously consider.	1/6/2015 3:14 PM
559	Don't enact the tax!	1/6/2015 3:13 PM
560	Seems like the Communists in Montpelier never Run Out of Ideas on How to SHUT THE STATE DOWN!	1/6/2015 3:06 PM
561	No More VPIRG !!!	1/6/2015 2:55 PM
562	Sounds like a solution in search of a problem.	1/6/2015 2:25 PM
563	It is a con job	1/6/2015 2:15 PM
564	Just another Liberal money grab - Vters are waaaaayyyy overtaxed, needlessly	1/6/2015 2:13 PM
565	This would cripple my business as well as many others in my area. It's absurd!	1/6/2015 1:38 PM
566	I believe a damming tax increase on fuel under the reasoning of protecting against global warming is based on a false premise and would produce a severe burden on us --more waste in government more debit.	1/6/2015 1:32 PM
567	it'll hurt people least able to afford it.	1/6/2015 11:25 AM
568	The Liberal/Progressives are going to drive EVERYONE from the State so they can have it all to themselves. Then, WHO will be left to pay for their FOLLIES?	1/6/2015 11:01 AM
569	No one knows how long the drop in gas prices will last and tax increases never go away!	1/6/2015 10:48 AM
570	I believe this is all a bunch of crock. If we believed everything the environmentalist spew, we wouldn't be eating, going anywhere, no farming with cows, freezing to death, etc. etc. which leaves us with a beautiful earth with nobody living on it.	1/6/2015 10:19 AM
571	This would reflect the actual costs of fossil fuels that we consumers are already paying in other ways.	1/6/2015 10:08 AM
572	The science is clear: anything we can possibly do to lessen our carbon emissions is not only necessary for the survival of humanity as we know it, but is even good for most business in the short term (which I know is probably more important to you).	1/6/2015 7:14 AM
573	STICK IT UP VPIRG'S ASS	1/6/2015 3:08 AM
574	I think taxing or use of fuels at this level is ludicrous. After groups in this same vein helped eliminate the main source of energy that was carbon free it is now going after our money to increase revenue and create a fake market for those sources of energy that are currently cost prohibitive. This will negatively effect all Vermonters and those in the lower economic echelons the hardest. Additionally for a non-business friendly state this will further drive businesses away.	1/5/2015 11:45 PM

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575	The Rich get Richer and the Poor get Poorer. And just what will this Tax Fund? More BS spending from pete's party?	1/5/2015 10:45 PM
576	are you kidding me? we need a "carbon" tax like we need a another hole in our heads	1/5/2015 9:19 PM
577	Too much government and taxes now.	1/5/2015 8:02 PM
578	Enough with taxes.....cut...cut...cut!!!!	1/5/2015 7:20 PM
579	I cant, Mom said never use Bad words.	1/5/2015 5:58 PM
580	Do we really need to increase the tax burden on citizens? Where I live more than 50 percent of the children receive free breakfast and lunch at school. Does it sound like their parents can afford to pay more, just so they can get to work? This is one of the cruelest things I have heard of, increasing the burden on people who cannot even afford to feed their families.	1/5/2015 5:37 PM
581	Just more Liberal policies to bleed the middle class dry. These people are unbelievable! This sounds like Bernie Sanders 101!	1/5/2015 5:30 PM
582	we are taxed enough and no tax will affect the climate of planet earth	1/5/2015 5:28 PM
583	The gasoline tax should be decoupled from the rate of inflation. This sneaky tax goes up every year.	1/5/2015 5:26 PM
584	1. First I am not an atmospheric physicist. 2. Articles read on line are divided, I conclude that the science is "NOT" Settled. More investigation is required. 3. Global Warming's name transitioned to Climate Change. I think we all know the Climate changes daily everywhere. Look at the temp change the weekend Jan 3-5 2015 in Vt. 4. A Carbon Tax is hurtful to all residents and business economically when there is no conclusive evidence I've seen that says that the earth is truly warming and principally due to CO2 emissions caused by fossil fuel consumption. 5. The USA Government EPA Admin went so far as to label the CO2 emissions from every human on the planet Earth as a dangerous gas. Absurd!!! 6. Recent national polls rank the climate change issue as a low priority by Americans. 7. This country currently runs on fossil fuels. Windmills and solar panels do not move commerce in this country like airplanes, autos, trucks, ships, trains.. etc.. 8. Finally I'm not against progress, I am concerned about how this will help Vermonters by placing more tax burdens on them. What is the \$\$\$ revenue collected going to do in Vt if not implemented elsewhere across the USA and the World. It it really going to reduce CO2 levels over Vermont's atmosphere or just another penalty placed on tax payers to help balance our Vt state budget. This issue like single payer healthcare is another bad idea. This tax if implemented, will drive more individual tax payers and businesses to relocate to other states with more common sense solutions to financial problems.	1/5/2015 4:45 PM
585	The premise that human activity (the burning of fossil fuels) causes climate change is poor and unproven science.	1/5/2015 4:12 PM
586	WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN REDUCING POLLUTION OVERALL BUT WE CAN'T REDUCE PEOPLES ABILITY TO EARN A LIVING..	1/5/2015 3:56 PM
587	If you think people are leaving the state now watch what happens if this in inacted.	1/5/2015 3:48 PM
588	this is the worst idea yet vt is already taxed too much	1/5/2015 3:27 PM
589	Just when the economy is looking a little better and people are getting a break on pricing of gas, you want to tax us more? What's next taxing wood that's used in wood stoves? STOP SPENDING MONEY on useless programs and work within a realistic budget.	1/5/2015 3:17 PM
590	Yes man is not the problem and we do not need to fund their agenda to keep them in a job because my taxes are to high now.I am fighting now to try and not to have to move from my home .my property and all the other taxes are making it very difficult.	1/5/2015 2:54 PM
591	This carbon tax is scam that only benefits those with strategically placed investments and political position.	1/5/2015 1:00 PM
592	Let's take more money out of the hard working Vermonters pocket as if it already not hard enough to put food on the table. Who IN THEIR RIGHT MIND would even THINK about exploiting Vermonters. The members of EIV are a bunch of IDIOTS !!!!!	1/5/2015 12:34 PM
593	This would be another tax that would hurt those least able to afford it worst. People who who can't afford government subsidized alternative energy have no choice but to burn fossil fuels and drive less efficient cars. For some of us who reach the tipping point on taxation in this already too expensive state it will be a choice of taking our resources and finding a less greedy place to live.	1/5/2015 12:33 PM

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594	The time is right thanks to low gas/oil prices - The excuse not to has always been that it would raise gas prices and ruin the economy. Meanwhile roads and bridges disintegrate with no funds to fix them. Let's use some of the taxes to fix them and the rest returned to taxpayers hurt the hardest by the carbon tax.	1/5/2015 12:23 PM
595	the arrogance of these people is frightening. we can no longer afford to sit idly by and let them force this radical ideology down our throats.	1/5/2015 12:03 PM
596	wehave the cleanest air in this country in decades it is all a money making scam	1/5/2015 11:31 AM
597	this idea will destroy Vermont's economy. the people in Montpelier would not dare pass this.	1/5/2015 11:12 AM
598	We are already one of the most expensive states to live in. We are losing income earning adults quickly as they try to preserve their income. We are already a very environmentally conservative state, give us a chance. Let's get our house in order!	1/5/2015 11:10 AM
599	insanity, is there no limit to these peoples' hatred of our way of life ????	1/5/2015 10:41 AM
600	yet another in a long line of cash grabs by legislators on the left, enough already	1/5/2015 10:36 AM
601	Let the free market economy decide.	1/4/2015 12:09 PM
602	WHAT DO THEY PLAN ON USING THE MONEY FOR? IT APPEARS THAT THEY DID NOT USE THE TAX FOR WHAT IT WAS INTENDED FOR IN THE PAST. I THINK THE STATE NEEDS AN AUDIT BY A RELIABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY FIRM TO SHOW JUST WHERE ALL THE TAX MONEY GOES. ALSO WHERE ALL THE MONEY FROM THE FED GOV GOES. THIS NEEDS TO HAPPEN BEFORE ANY MORE TAXES ARE IMPOSED ON VERMONTERS.	1/3/2015 11:54 AM
603	DUMB IDEA because it discriminates against low income people. This will hurt restaurant, food processing, and manufacturing.	1/3/2015 10:33 AM
604	WE can't afford it period and it would not help the environment.	1/3/2015 12:03 AM
605	Recent NASA scientist revieled Earth started entering a cooling cycle in 2007 resulting from a change in the solar cycle of the sun, which has a far greater impact on the Earth's Climate than carbon dioxude, Volcantic activity also has a greater impact on our climate then carbon dioxide. Some politicians just needed to create a new revenue opportunity for themselves. Isn't it all about the money?	1/2/2015 9:26 PM
606	I can't think of anything printable to write about a Carbon Tax. It's in a similar category with Climate Change, a phrase-change George Orwell warned us about in his book, 1984.	1/2/2015 7:00 PM
607	The carbon tax is proposed based on junk science. It just another way the left has of taking control of our lives because we "are to stupid" to run our own lives!	1/2/2015 3:30 PM
608	We don't need anymore taxes !!!	1/2/2015 3:21 PM
609	A "carbon tax" is really another liberal money grab at the expense of the working Vermonters who can least afford it. It might also push working people who otherwise would not need them into state programs. This type of madness must be stopped at the door!	1/2/2015 2:38 PM
610	This is not a priority. Any general use tax increases will hurt working families and slow job growth..	1/2/2015 12:05 PM
611	Would consider leaving the state.	1/2/2015 12:00 PM
612	Carbon dioxide is NOT a significant 'greenhouse' gas.	1/2/2015 11:05 AM
613	I certainly hope with the current reduction in gas at the pumps, voters will not be tricked into thinking they can "afford" this "contribution" to our energy initiatives.	1/2/2015 10:26 AM
614	The road to hell is paved with good intentions.	1/2/2015 10:18 AM
615	we don't need more expenses to like here... We are taxed enough already	1/2/2015 10:10 AM
616	I feel our legislature has overspent on alot of foolishness and now they are trying to recoup some of their mistakes on things that are important to the Vermont people. We already pay enough on fuel oil and gasoline without taxing us anymore. Getting rid of Vermont Yankee was a big mistake but the ones that will be paying for that mistake is the taxpayer. I'm beginning to wonder why we even have a legislature because the ordinary Vermonter has more common sense then most of our Legislators.	1/2/2015 10:09 AM
617	Another sterile idea from big-government, control-freak liberals. Make it voluntary and let them go first.	1/2/2015 10:04 AM
618	Stop all subsidies on renewal energy before even thinking about a carbon tax!	1/2/2015 9:57 AM

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619	Lets not fix something thats not broke	1/2/2015 9:44 AM
620	Thank goodness we live near New Hampshire where we can buy our gas. Vermont's contribution to the carbon issue is at best a drop in the ocean. Montpelier, get real. Jim Bulmer, Bridgewater.	1/2/2015 9:38 AM
621	Definitely not needed and not wanted by a majority. Just trying to financ green energy that is economically a little loser	1/2/2015 9:03 AM
622	Original idea for the legislature: Cut spending, don't increase taxes!!	1/2/2015 9:02 AM
623	Carbon taxes are taxes on civilized life. \$1.35 a gallon on gasoline or fuel oil would wreck our economy, drive welfare costs up to keep the poor warm in winter, and require the middle working classes to suffer further harm to themselves their children and their future. 41.35	1/2/2015 8:52 AM
624	I wish they would put as much effort into lowering taxes as they do in raising taxes. Lots of effort could be put into making the government more efficient and consequently less expensive.	1/2/2015 8:40 AM
625	NO MORE FRIGGIN TAXES CAN YOU HEAR US NOW!	12/30/2014 7:55 PM
626	It's all fake, global warming is a farce designed to steal taxpayer money. Liberals and democrats should be in chains for what they've done	12/30/2014 6:14 PM
627	This should be in place as soon as possible	12/28/2014 3:20 PM
628	This is just another scam to steel money from the people.	12/28/2014 12:01 AM
629	we must promulgate to our representatives data that demonstrates that climate change (in the context of manmade global warming) is not a credible theory.	12/27/2014 10:00 PM
630	Anthropogenic climate change is nothing more than a redistribution of wealth scheme.	12/26/2014 5:46 AM
631	This is another redistribution of income scheme. I think we are being "Grubered" again by politicians who think we (taxpayers) are stupid. All credible evidence refutes the idea of human caused climate change. This evidence will soon be irrefutable, hence the "bum's rush".	12/25/2014 9:38 PM
632	No more new taxes !!	12/25/2014 12:40 AM
633	I am not a fan of taxes. But there has been no major initiative at the grass roots to curtail the use of polluting carbon based fuels. Something has to be done. I am building a super-insulated home that will require very little input of heat or cooling. If others did the same there would be a dramatic decrease in fossil fuel use. What means are at our disposal to bring about this decrease other than a carbon tax? Does the Institute have a viable alternative? If so, why didn't John mention it in his commentary?	12/24/2014 12:17 PM
634	This will have the biggest impact on mid to low income people	12/24/2014 8:26 AM
635	taxing carbon fuels is not going to make them go away, they will be in existence until mankind runs out of oil.If the carbon tax were put into affect the only place the money should be going is back to Vermonters to pay for the expensive energy efficient changeovers needed in heir homes ,not loans either grants period no one should be making money off that tax and should be lawfully written that none of the money can be touched to fill deficits in the general fund.But overall I as a Vermonter say NO TO THE TAX	12/24/2014 8:18 AM
636	We are taxed enough. We already have to beg the federal government for subsidies to help pay for the poor to heat their house. That well is going to dry up.	12/24/2014 5:58 AM
637	If Vt passes a carbon tax I will take my little company out of this state and will never haul one once of freight in or out again.	12/24/2014 2:59 AM
638	In context of general tax reform, lowering both sales and income tax levels, and pulling back on property tax, a modest level of carbon tax might be feasible as a way of moving to broader based tax than our present mess.	12/23/2014 9:17 PM
639	Only idiots would think of taxing there citizens into freezing to death. Oh wait VPIRG, thats right idiots!	12/23/2014 8:55 PM
640	Just another scam spun off of Gore's The Sky is Falling crap. Vermonters are taxed too much now!	12/23/2014 7:05 PM
641	It is a complete hoax, joke, money grubbing idiot idea! We already survived the "definite" ice age of the 70's, give me a break!!	12/23/2014 5:56 PM
642	The group should just pack up and leave the state vermont can't afford another new tax people and business will start leaving the state	12/23/2014 5:41 PM

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643	This little space isn't big enough but suffice it to say that neither the federal or the state constitution gives government the right to levy tax to influence peoples behavior. THE IDEA IS UNJUST TO SAY THE LEAST!	12/23/2014 4:50 PM
644	It will result in more ridge line destruction to profit the industrial wind interests in addition to more cost increases for Vermonters.	12/23/2014 2:45 PM
645	The Carbon Tax is a hoax, furthermore the tax will do NOTHING to reduce carbon output, which, is a miniscule amount for the entire State of Vermont. The major polluters are diesel trucks and coal fired electric plants. Why would any sane person tax Vermonters on gasoline or heating fuels. These Progressives and VPIRG are made up of many trust fund babies that wouldn't know what it is like to work 9 to 5 and receive a paycheck after all the tax deductions. This state is made up of numerous seniors on Social Security and the numbers of elderly are going to increase substantially in the next ten years. The incomes in this state can not support more taxes and the joke of this all is most seniors drive a total of seven thousand miles a year, GIVE ME A BREAK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/23/2014 1:20 PM
646	most Vermonters are just getting by probably one half of Vermonters make minimum wage and will make more people leave the state and how do stop the air coming from other states	12/23/2014 12:18 PM
647	Reduculous!	12/23/2014 11:28 AM
648	Tis type tax would cause more businesses and people to leave the state. Also, low income and fixed income families could not afford a tax of this magnitude.	12/23/2014 10:43 AM
649	Pure socialism and nothing but another attempt at redistributing wealth. This tax will be the death knell to Vermont business and in turn its citizens.	12/23/2014 10:15 AM
650	Stupidest god damn thing I have ever heard. Will kill business and the economy.	12/23/2014 9:44 AM
651	The actual cause of elevated global temps are not proven. It seems there is more to show its normal fluctuations. Now you want to add that tax on and burden us more? Our economy is faltering as we speak. Ultimately it will only hasten the destruction of our economy and way of life. We are already behind China and its going to get worse. Is any other country in the world going to be burdened by this tax? If not, then nothing will be accomplished.	12/22/2014 8:41 PM
652	Another bad idea from the Progressives	12/22/2014 3:05 PM
653	just another way to bankrupt those that can't afford to live in VT	12/21/2014 12:40 PM
654	I've already moved my residence to Florida to avoid as much hassle as I can. but I still own a home here . What the hell are they thinking ?	12/20/2014 2:29 PM
655	This would hit the poor the worst. We have a spending problem, not a revenue problem.	12/20/2014 1:33 PM
656	Carbon tax supporters can fairly be accused of elitist insensitivity to the impact of their ideas on working Vermonters. Carbon taxes are a pretty pure form of class warfare.	12/20/2014 10:41 AM
657	It is yet another wealth redistribution scheme taxing a fragile manufacturing sector.....and I bet rural Vermonters who travel by car each day will not behappyto enjoy the full respite from suddenly lower gas prices.	12/20/2014 10:30 AM
658	A carbon tax is the only vehicle to obtain the kind of behavior change we need quickly to avoid catastrophic climate change.	12/20/2014 9:04 AM
659	Vermont's carbon footprint is very low. We don't need more taxpayer subsidization of environmental programs. Vermont already has a high gasoline tax.	12/19/2014 11:39 PM
660	This is a simple money/tax grab due to the small relief we have had on heating oil and gasoline. Making Vt less competitive will only lower total tax receipts.	12/19/2014 10:46 PM

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661	<p>To the Editor, I would like to respond to an opinion piece in the Chronicle that Brian Shupe submitted on behalf of the (VNRC)Vermont Natual Resources Council and others. This summer I was inundated with calls and e-mails from unhappy constituents as well as out of state and out of country property owners. For good reason, they were upset that the property taxes in Jay and Westfield had gone up 18% and 19% respectively. Not hard to see how these double digit increases can be devastating to many Vermonters as well as those who come here to enjoy it's beauty and spend money locally. Now, it seems a push is on by the chair of the House Energy and Natual Resources committee as well as this new advocacy group Energy Independent Vermont to create the first state tax on fossil fuels ie. a carbon tax. In the letter I received from Energy Independent Vermont, it stated the policy objectives as: reduce carbon emissions; economic benefits and grow jobs; and do it in an equitable way for all Vermonters. Regarding how the money gets used: 90% returned in rebates and other tax relief; 10% invested in helping Vermonters cut their energy bills and fossil fuel use; and special attention on low-income Vermonters. There was one sentence at the end that should raise a red flag, "Based on legislative priorities, carbon tax revenue could of course also be used for other purposes." There was no negative impact mentioned but, even the CTC Carbon Tax Center has stated that, "It will be difficult for any one state to push its carbon tax much past a modest \$20/ton (of CO2), due to concerns over competitive advantage and inter-state "leakage" (e.g., driving out-of-state to fill up with untaxed gasoline)." Also, administrative costs could be disproportionately higher for states than federal taxing. My observation has seen Australia do away with their carbon tax, because it was bankrupting the country. Japan has had to make changes in their energy goals after the Fukushima disaster. Vermont is currently projected with a \$100 million dollar short fall for the 2016 budget. I find it hard to believe that a new tax such as this, will have a positive effect on our efforts to find these savings and not be a detriment to Vermont businesses and tax payers in general. I believe we need to plan appropriately for the effects of climate change and am skeptical of efforts such as a carbon tax that could put Vermonters at a disadvantage from the rest of the country. The sub-head for the Energy Independent Vermont is, "Vermonters Save. Polluters Pay." We are all polluters to differing degrees. Struggling to pay for their current expenses: food, taxes, mortgage, property taxes, healthcare, etc., a family would find it hard to consider paying for climate change initiatives. Now more than ever we need to encourage new business to commit to Vermont and retain the ones that are already here. Having a job will help folks feel good about themselves, and hopefully reduce our state's drug addiction and crime rate, while adding revenue to help mitigate the effects of climate change. Similar to the foodfightfundvt.org set up to support the GMO labeling law, maybe we should create a climatechangefightfundvt.org and those that have expendable cash can contribute to this fund dedicated to supplement the Weatherization Assistance Program. This revenue source could also be used in the Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) to help replace the final contribution to the CEDF by Vermont Yankee in the amount of 5.2 million. Energy Independent Vermont and its affiliates are in Montpelier every day pressing for what they believe is the right direction for Vermont. The question is can Vermonters afford it? Please share your thoughts with your legislators! Representative Mark Higley Orleans-Lamoille (Lowell, Jay, Westfield, Troy, Eden) Sent using OWA for iPad</p>	12/19/2014 6:58 PM
662	Dreadful idea. We are made of carbon.	12/19/2014 5:19 PM
663	Those poofers sure know how to nail the lid onto a coffin, don't they?	12/19/2014 5:09 PM
664	Yet another misdirected enviro-liberal attempt to overburden already overtaxed Vermonters	12/19/2014 5:02 PM
665	outrageous	12/19/2014 4:05 PM
666	It's regressive taxation, it only punishes consumers, who pretty much are limited in their choices, we should finding ways to encourage innovation in industry rather than a kneejerk extortion scheme thrust upon the end user.	12/19/2014 12:05 PM
667	No new taxes	12/19/2014 9:48 AM
668	I am all for energy efficiency, but this tax would unfairly punish lower income Vermonters. Find a way to improve energy efficiency without penalizing the poor.	12/19/2014 9:17 AM
669	Another tax by the progressive to tax the working and driving folks in Vermont. Inexpensive energy has assisted fueling the economic growth of the state no more taxes	12/19/2014 8:33 AM
670	It is a terrible idea. The tax will hit poorer Vermonters very hard, and put Vermont businesses at an even greater disadvantage than they now suffer with.	12/19/2014 8:14 AM
671	People in VT are taxed enough	12/19/2014 8:08 AM
672	With the lack of good paying jobs in this state and the high tax rates, we do not need to raise the cost more for people to heat their homes. It is not something we can choose to do or not do in the winter, we need to heat our homes and I have yet to hear anyone come up with an alternative that would work for everyone.	12/19/2014 7:25 AM
673	it's regressive	12/19/2014 7:17 AM

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674	this is just the goofiest idea ever dreamed up by the progressives.this plan will destroy the economy in our state that has already one of the worst reps. and is the poster child for how not to manage a business climate	12/19/2014 6:51 AM
675	There needs to be other ways that the fiscally irresponsible state government can use to make money.	12/19/2014 6:39 AM
676	We just plain out can't afford to be taxed anymore! I have to drive to work and can't afford it if this happens. Hello welfare!	12/19/2014 6:33 AM
677	The lower prices on heating oil and gasoline has helped a lot of Vermonters be on the way to economic recovery, finally! This especially helps the elderly on a fixed budget and low income workers.Taking that away from Vermonters would be devastating.	12/19/2014 6:30 AM
678	It will increase daily costs, from food to how to get to work. Vermont lacks adequate public transportation and a carbon tax will hurt more than help. For example, many health care workers commute to give care! Such a tax will cause many nursing assistants to have to choose a different form of occupation! Bad idea all around.	12/19/2014 6:15 AM
679	Another slush fund for the legislators to operate.	12/19/2014 6:12 AM
680	This is progressive bullshit.	12/19/2014 1:09 AM
681	Vermont is taxed high enough as it is! This carbon tax will accomplish absolutely nothing since there is very little NON CO2 energy sources within the state anyways. If the Progressives are so concerned about CO2 emissions. perhaps they couldn't have pushed to have Vermont Yankee shutdown!	12/19/2014 12:46 AM
682	Hell No!	12/19/2014 12:01 AM
683	We can only handle do much- stop taxing	12/18/2014 9:47 PM
684	Are you fucking kidding? More taxes?	12/18/2014 8:51 PM
685	Vermonters are taxed enough. I moved away 40 years ago because I could not find a decent job with a liveable wage.	12/18/2014 8:48 PM
686	And this benefits whom?	12/18/2014 7:27 PM
687	Since Vermont represents roughly 2% of the US population, it is implausible to think that taxing 2% would create a balance to the carbon foot print of the other 98%.	12/18/2014 6:46 PM
688	We are being taxed to much in this state, we are losing our young people. Who will be left just the politician's .	12/18/2014 6:02 PM
689	Yes don't do it. We are OVERTAXED!!!!!!	12/18/2014 5:55 PM
690	People are leaving Vermont because the cost of living is out of control. So let's add on a few more taxes so no one except the very wealthy can afford to live here. My husband and I were born here, our grown children and grandchildren live nearby in NH, we are seriously thinking of moving south.	12/18/2014 3:55 PM
691	Ya no fucking new taxes!	12/18/2014 3:21 PM
692	It's essential, inevitable and not only will be a boon to our economy but will set the state up for greater economic strength in the long run.	12/18/2014 2:51 PM
693	Do some research! 1 Volcano send's up more harmful gasses and carbon emissions in one shot than ALL cars, trucks, vans, and households do in 100 years!	12/18/2014 2:46 PM
694	Let cheap energy help out manufacturing and create some jobs so young people don't have to flee the state looking for a decent jobs. Permit reform for new buildings would help too.	12/18/2014 12:29 PM
695	Ridiculous, young Vermonters are leaving the state because of the insane taxes here. We simply cannot afford another tax!	12/18/2014 12:03 PM
696	Yes, another nail in the move to Florida coffin. We hate to leave friends and family, but we're being taxed to death on all fronts.. Great to be retired in our great progressive state.	12/18/2014 8:20 AM
697	We can't afford one. Stop taxing and start budgeting.	12/18/2014 6:23 AM
698	Vermonters can afford more taxes!!!	12/18/2014 5:37 AM
699	Crazy idea that seems designed to kill Vermont businesses, large and small	12/18/2014 12:11 AM
700	Carbon taxes are regressive and substantially harmful to low and middle income Vermonters who barely get by as it is.	12/17/2014 11:06 PM

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701	Lets start 'carbon taxing' tehse movie makers that are always blowing something up or buring it down How much catbon do they vreate per movie	12/17/2014 10:43 PM
702	Oh sure, keep right on taxing the people who can least afford it, those who have to drive to work and heat their homes. Just as the price of fuel starts dropping these idiots come up with a way to keep the prices up there. If you can afford/use a hybrid or can afford to switch to solar, good for you. Leave the rest of us alone!!	12/17/2014 8:54 PM
703	I think we have been taxed enough. The working people in this state would like to be able to pay their bills. A lot of people did not get raises for the last two years and are just now having some relief from some expenses and are able to pay other bills due to the lowering of the fuel prices. How many people in this group are being paid from grant monies which come from taxes paid by the working people?	12/17/2014 7:29 PM
704	Talk about a regressive tax - who will clean all the rich people's houses and mow their lawns when all the poor people move away? Morons	12/17/2014 7:21 PM
705	this tax will be a burden for the working class trying to survive in Vt. Things are expensive enough.	12/17/2014 6:57 PM
706	Vermonters claim the right of a "green" state... Yet, I have been all over this country and Vermonter litter more than any other people I've ever seen. Start catching the dummies that litter and FINE them...Instead of carbon taxing... Clean this place up.	12/17/2014 6:51 PM
707	Leglize marjuiana and use the taxes frome there to help pay this tax and many others	12/17/2014 6:29 PM
708	I can't be bled any more. Enough!	12/17/2014 6:13 PM
709	I think it should be voluntary	12/17/2014 4:41 PM
710	Waste of time and tax dollars	12/17/2014 4:05 PM
711	Property Taxes, Carbon Taxes, Single Payer Wage Tax...how much longer will anyone but the rich be able to live in Vermont.	12/17/2014 3:10 PM
712	Next the government will tax me to pee.	12/17/2014 2:39 PM
713	bad fucking idea vermonters cant afford to live as it is with lack of work high rents most vermonters have to work 3 jobs just to keep bills paid kids fed a healthy meal whos bright idea is this anyway ?	12/17/2014 2:37 PM
714	this tax will destroy the states economy,drive away business, cripple the poor working person who has to drive 50 miles each way to work. the most STUPID thing ever dreamed up by the left	12/17/2014 2:36 PM
715	Vermonters are already overtaxed. Many people plan to sell their homes and retire elsewhere because they can't afford to retire and pay their property taxes as well as have food on the table. Vt needs to find another way to get its money instead of depending on the lower middle class to bail them out. I have worked hard at Blue collar jobs my entire life, yes I do have a college education, but now I am faced with the reality of selling the house my wife and I built with our own hands and moving away from the state I grew up in. Not what I want to do. Why would young people move here for work or to start a family knowing that we are being taxed to the edge of our abilities to pay? More taxes are not the answer.	12/17/2014 2:04 PM
716	No new taxes	12/17/2014 2:02 PM
717	This is a rural state which requires most people to drive to work. Heating fuel is required by the majority of Vermonters to heat their homes.	12/17/2014 1:33 PM
718	Until there is a MUCH better system of public transportation, this would hurt a lot of people who can't get to work without driving, in some cases a fair distance because they can't afford to live where the jobs are. In addition, many of VT agri/forestry businesses now use fossil fuels to both plant and harvest resources. Unless this money is used strictly to develop alternative transportation and transportation fuels, it is likely to hurt the people that can least afford being hurt and make no difference to those who literally seem to have money to burn. Maybe a carbon tax based on square footage of homes and buildings would be more progressive. As with all actions, a lot of study needs to be done to consider all the negatives vs. the positives. I don't believe hurting or taxing people that can least afford to be hurt or taxed, is the way to leverage change, certainly not the best way.	12/17/2014 1:16 PM
719	Over rated	12/17/2014 12:43 PM
720	CO2 is NOT a pollutant. It is necessary for the proper respiration of all plants and trees. Oh, and Bill McKibben is a nut.	12/17/2014 12:34 PM
721	If you're looking for another way to tax people out of Vermont, this is the way to do it.	12/17/2014 11:28 AM
722	We are cooking the planet and this would incentivize non-carbon alternatives	12/17/2014 10:06 AM

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723	We are Tax'd enough.The Buck has to stop some where.	12/16/2014 11:26 PM
724	We don't need it. We can't afford it.	12/16/2014 11:24 PM
725	It will be time to move if this were to pass.	12/16/2014 11:05 PM
726	Anyone who thinks that Vermonters can afford more taxes has completely lost his mind.	12/16/2014 10:36 PM
727	Typical liberal Vermont!	12/16/2014 10:27 PM
728	We already burn too much gas. Maybe this will help us cut down.	12/16/2014 9:53 PM
729	Why would you want to put people out of work?	12/16/2014 9:22 PM
730	encourage filters, not destruction of industry	12/16/2014 9:08 PM
731	it is nuts	12/16/2014 8:55 PM
732	Seems like a fair way to promote green energy.	12/16/2014 8:54 PM
733	Working class people in Vermont are already struggling to make ends meet without having to financially underwrite somebody elses political agenda. Adding a tax of this magnitude will only make poor people poorer. If this tax is also applied to home heating fuel the results would be catastrophic for Vermonts working poor.	12/16/2014 7:18 PM
734	Vermonters are overtaxed and a carbon tax would push us over the limit. Global warming is a money making scheme!!	12/16/2014 7:02 PM
735	Fuel prices have just started to get reasonable. It has been proven that a \$2.75 per gallon and lower will help the economy. So why would we want to stifle growth during this weak recovery?	12/16/2014 6:57 PM
736	I would like to know who all 15 of these goups are and who funds them?	12/16/2014 6:28 PM
737	WE ALREADY ARE TAXED TO DEATH	12/16/2014 6:24 PM
738	Just look at what happening in Australia - the carbon tax has been reversed!	12/16/2014 5:58 PM
739	Do you want everyone to move out??	12/16/2014 4:12 PM
740	we are so over taxed now that alot of people are going without neccesities.	12/16/2014 3:19 PM
741	Hell no!	12/16/2014 3:01 PM
742	Freaking Enough	12/16/2014 2:55 PM
743	These lobbyist's don't have the best interests of the residents in mind. Welcome to NY	12/16/2014 2:49 PM
744	It's imperative that this tax be levied so that there is an accurate baseline that reflects the true cost of fossil fuels. It's long past due and will encourage the development and use of renewable resources	12/16/2014 2:24 PM
745	they should control spending not raise taxes	12/16/2014 2:07 PM
746	not printable	12/16/2014 2:06 PM
747	Suck my ass to the governor and Senate and Congress	12/16/2014 1:56 PM
748	This would be an unbearable burden to the low and middle income people of the state. Which is by the way much more then half the population. this is nothing more then the progressive way to tax and control the populace.	12/16/2014 1:20 PM
749	I drive for my job, at least 120 miles a day - no other options but to be in a car.A tax like this would make sense in congested areas like NYC or LA, but not in rural Vermont!	12/16/2014 1:16 PM
750	This would take more money out of the pockets of vermonters and make people that live on the borders go to other states to purchase gasoline and other fuels.	12/16/2014 12:55 PM
751	Yes. VPIRG should shove it up their ass and I'm willing to tell each and every supporter exactly that to their face. Is that clear enough?	12/16/2014 12:30 PM
752	As someone just getting started in business this tax would guarantee that I move my business out of the state of VT.	12/16/2014 11:59 AM
753	the world functions daily on a carbon based lifestyle. Vermont is not an island. Alternatives are the solution to lowering carbon, not taxes. Perhaps add it to the property tax along with schools and healthcare	12/16/2014 11:46 AM

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754	There are only about 626,000 people in ALL of Vermont and that number is NOT growing. This is equal to the population of JUST the city of Boston. A WHOLE state. Our numbers are not increasing because Vermont ( the political geniuses elected to office) has sought to tax the hell out of everything they can. THAT doesnt work to grow a state or economy.	12/16/2014 11:36 AM
755	Regressive tax, will hurt the economy, may encourage more even more expensive for consumers and destructive to the natural environment industrial wind development. Encouraging this development is the worst public policy decision ever made in Vermont, all to satisfy big campaign contributors.	12/16/2014 11:21 AM
756	I guess these people do not have to worry about how they are going to get to work or heat thier homes or buy food and other goods.	12/16/2014 11:14 AM
757	If you totally want to drive business out of Vermont keep coming up with these brilliant ideas.	12/16/2014 11:14 AM
758	No.	12/16/2014 10:53 AM
759	Now is not the time to impose any new taxes.	12/16/2014 9:36 AM
760	This is simply a way of taking more money away form Vermonters in order to finance social programs that we don't need and can't afford.	12/16/2014 9:19 AM
761	taxed enough plus we have the cleanest air in years in this country ,	12/16/2014 9:15 AM
762	Ever had your quiet enjoyment of a dinner or other nice event disturbed by other people's pesky children running wild. That is VPIRG and their ilk all grown up and wanting their way with their ideas and OPM. We always thought we would be able to spend our old age here enjoying this beautiful place. We're having more and more doubts about that as Vermont becomes more and more progressive each day.	12/16/2014 9:02 AM
763	Tax anyone that thinks we should be going solar to pay for that.	12/16/2014 8:53 AM
764	Tax, tax, tax, tax, so what elase is new? Just another nail in Vermont's coffin. Far fewer tourists, no new businesses, real estate values plumeting, plus a \$BILLION single payer health fiasco. What are these idiots thinking?	12/16/2014 8:52 AM
765	This is just a regressive scheme to put money into politicians hands, We are already planning on leaving this state because of the taxes,	12/16/2014 8:48 AM
766	We are taxed enough. It's already a struggle for Vermonters to pay to heat their homes every winter. Gas is too expensive. Given the rural nature of Vermont, everyone needs cars to get to work, etc. Farmers pass their huge fuel bills on to their customers, which make it very hard for horse owners to feed their animals. Everything revolves around the cost of fuel/gas.	12/16/2014 8:44 AM
767	It is an idea from "Nut Jobs"...	12/16/2014 8:40 AM
768	Do this and you might as well live in a cave and eat dirt!	12/16/2014 8:21 AM
769	Try shifting your support to something that will help Vermonters, like supporting the new natural gas pipeline.	12/16/2014 8:11 AM
770	NO We have one of the highest gas taxes in the Country we don't have the same kind of carbon problems other States have Vermont is a clean air State.	12/16/2014 8:05 AM
771	The carbon tax will not reduce carbon output. In VT carbon is primarily in the form of heating and vehicles. The answer is insulating residences, energy efficient windows, and minimum insulation standards for new construction. Vermonters have to heat their homes how do you think we can afford a carbon tax on oil, gas etc? Because this state is so rural, we have to rely on our vehicles to get to work, we have little to no other choices. This coalition is not progressive it is regressive, WE CAN NOT AFFORD ANOTHER TAX!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Get real, I suspect some of these ideas come from people who wouldn't know what it is to work 9 to 5 and receive a paycheck AFTER tax withholding. Just drop the carbon tax plan, Vermont is not the major contributor take at look at New York and western coal burning electric facilities, also, China and leave Vermonters alone with your idiotic ideas!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/16/2014 7:57 AM
772	This would continue the downward spiral of people and businesses leaving Vermont.	12/16/2014 7:57 AM
773	Absolutely ridiculous. Besides the fact that the science behind climate change is highly politicized and therefore debatable, Vermont is such a small area that no matter what we do to reduce our carbon footprint, we can't even make a dent in the amount of carbon going in the atmosphere globally. To levy an additional tax to Vermonters, many of whom can barely make ends meet is irresponsible, and shows how out of touch our left wing legislators are.	12/16/2014 7:53 AM

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774	I believe the point of the tax is to promote non carbon energy, which is a good thing. On the face of it a bitter pill that pacts the economy short term. If it has its desired effect of stimulating alternative energy then in the future Vermont will be better off. Is propane taxed?	12/16/2014 7:48 AM
775	leave my money in my pocket or I will have to leave Vermont because I can not afford to live here as it is.	12/16/2014 7:34 AM
776	Now is the time to do it	12/16/2014 7:32 AM
777	Carbon tax is a very bad idea at all levels of government	12/16/2014 7:28 AM
778	These liberal groups are fanatics. They are trying to ruin what is left of Vermont. Regular Vermonters with a real job need to drive cars and trucks and can't afford this nonsense.	12/16/2014 7:20 AM
779	And we wonder why people are leaving Vermont.	12/16/2014 7:20 AM
780	No. We are taxed to the hilt here and can't keep businesses that pay well.Tell these radical groups to leave and take their agenda somewhere else. As multiple generation Vermonter, we have had enough. And the science is not even agreed upon by money.	12/16/2014 7:12 AM
781	This will only hurt people who cannot possibly afford additional expenses in their lives.	12/16/2014 7:03 AM
782	It's the best way forward.	12/16/2014 6:33 AM
783	MUST BE NICE TO BE RICH ENOUGH TO PAY MORE TAXES. Drive all of us natives out of state.	12/16/2014 6:30 AM
784	More tax money for our politicians to waste.	12/16/2014 6:27 AM
785	Bullshit!	12/16/2014 6:21 AM
786	With ever increasing taxation upon Vermonters a population of have and have-nots is is being created. The answer to every problem is not more taxation. Vermont is already one of the most heavily taxed states in the union. While many can afford these new taxes and think it's a good idea for their various causes, many, many more Vermonters just cannot stand any more taxation. We should remember that this cabin tax will affect the very low wage earner the most the very people that we should be helping to raise their income. Or is the answer to that problem more taxation. It seems that this never stops but it must at some point!	12/16/2014 5:48 AM
787	The money should be used to foster non-polluting energy.	12/16/2014 5:32 AM
788	New Hampshire is 20 minutes away I'll just get everything there.	12/16/2014 4:41 AM
789	Working class Vermonters cannot afford any more taxes. Stop trying to drive us out of a state that we all love.	12/16/2014 4:30 AM
790	All taxes need to be reduced along with all government budgets. The state of Vermont has been incapable of paying me the money it owes me, no new taxes either.	12/16/2014 4:05 AM
791	Don't do it. Too many taxes already. Gasoline costs too much as it is	12/16/2014 12:06 AM
792	We can't afford the taxes we have, why make up a new one that isn't necessary that only hurts the people of the state.	12/15/2014 11:51 PM
793	Are you people high?	12/15/2014 11:20 PM
794	we are taxed to death now with no jobs. It time to say enough is enough. It's time to take back our government. Government Is suppose to protect & serve, not kill us with more taxes.	12/15/2014 11:17 PM
795	We are taxed into oblivion in this state and you are driving all of us who actually do make an income and pay taxes out of this state as a result. Enough is enough! As it is I buy almost everything in New Hampshire. If this goes into effect I am leaving for good.	12/15/2014 10:49 PM
796	In general it is a good idea. This survey is bunk	12/15/2014 10:38 PM
797	Carbon pollution needs to pay a price for all the damages taxpayers pay for that result from fossil fuel production	12/15/2014 10:33 PM
798	NO MORE TAXES WE CAN NOT AFFORD ANY MORE. WE ARE ALREADY TAXED TO DEATH IN THIS STATE	12/15/2014 10:27 PM
799	Anyone who thinks this is a good idea should move to California and leave vermont alone.	12/15/2014 10:23 PM
800	Too many taxes...no way to help economy of normal people	12/15/2014 9:37 PM
801	There is nothing but greed in Vermont. I am tired of being robbed by Shumlin!	12/15/2014 9:32 PM
802	Enough on being taxed to death stop the insanity!	12/15/2014 9:15 PM

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803	Ask the question the right way, assholes. "Should Vermont enact a REVENUE NEUTRAL carbon tax, the proceeds of which would go to alleviate income taxes on lower income citizens?"	12/15/2014 9:04 PM
804	Do away with corporate Carbon credits too. Make business pay their taxes	12/15/2014 9:00 PM
805	Can the Progressives help all other Vermonters subsidize this tax increase? Specifically all those that are struggling to make ends meet currently?	12/15/2014 8:44 PM
806	We can't afford it.	12/15/2014 8:39 PM
807	Global warming is a hoax, the planet is just doing what it has done for millions of years. The collection of a tax will not change anything other than depriving the poor of their money and giving it to the rich.	12/15/2014 8:38 PM
808	Vermont is already leading the nation on renewable energy. A carbon tax would be an unreasonable burden on the states economy.	12/15/2014 8:26 PM
809	This will drive people out of VT, and what is left will be welfare.	12/15/2014 8:20 PM
810	This is ridiculous, Vermonters cannot afford to be taxed anymore.	12/15/2014 8:02 PM
811	Are you kidding? Seriously?	12/15/2014 7:48 PM
812	Enact the damn thing and let the entire ship sink. They are begging for it.	12/15/2014 7:41 PM
813	There are already enough taxes on our fuels. Enact this tax and it will be Vermonters crossing the border to New York to buy gas rather than the other way around. I love Vermont, but paying this extra tax on each gallon of fuel might push me out of Vermont.	12/15/2014 7:30 PM
814	Stop the insane taxation on Vermonters NOW. This is a very bad idea. What needs to be looked at is cutting spending. Give us a break!!!	12/15/2014 7:25 PM
815	The road to hell is paved with good intentions.	12/15/2014 7:21 PM
816	It's a hoax	12/15/2014 7:15 PM
817	No new taxes!	12/15/2014 7:13 PM
818	Global Climate change is a LIE! Other than seasonal weather fluctuations and cyclical weather changes there is nothing that can or will be changed by enacting a Carbon Tax or any other carbon regulations.	12/15/2014 7:13 PM
819	Cannot afford more taxes	12/15/2014 7:09 PM
820	Absolutely one of the worst taxes to assess. A carbon tax would hit the low income the hardest, starting with groceries, vehicle fuel then heating fuels. This tax would widen the income "gap" quicker than any other tax. A real redistribution of wealth.	12/15/2014 7:05 PM
821	Just another un needed tax to fund the whim's of the liberal base	12/15/2014 6:57 PM
822	It's a nation issue. Federal Govt. should set standards and funding/tax.	12/15/2014 6:50 PM
823	Vermont does not exist in a bubble. Taxing carbon on the 600,000 Vermonters will accomplish nothing because we share the same atmosphere as the remaining 316 million Americans. That is, if you believe in the carbon caused global warming fantasy.	12/15/2014 6:42 PM
824	It is nothing more than extreme foolishness. Something made up by the idiot tree huggers	12/15/2014 6:39 PM
825	Pretty soon you are going to drive everyone, except the people on welfare, out of the state.	12/15/2014 6:36 PM
826	NO !!!!! We are way over taxed in this state as it is!	12/15/2014 6:21 PM
827	I am sick to death of being taxed out of this state. As a homeowner and a small business owner, the taxes here are making a case for us to sell our home and move to a more business friendly state. We pay some of the highest taxes in the country. Our gas prices reflect those taxes. Vermont is losing quality people because of relocated flatlanders with an agenda who want to impose their garbage on us. The majority of us are sick of it and want VPIRG to back off and leave us alone. You are eliminating the middle class in VT. Only the poor or the very rich will be able to live here in the near future. I am vehemently opposed to any more taxes. Let China pay to get rid of the carbon in our environment.	12/15/2014 6:17 PM
828	Wrong direction. Provide incentives for alternatives.	12/15/2014 5:59 PM

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829	Can't live on the current taxes.	12/15/2014 5:47 PM
830	The idiots who thought it up should be kicked out of the state.	12/15/2014 5:38 PM
831	This should be a national tax. I'm strongly in favor of it, but our state tax disadvantage is already great vs. neighbors. My support also hinges on how the money generated gets deployed; if it's for energy efficiency and alternative, decentralized energy production, it would be a great use of the money.	12/15/2014 5:37 PM
832	Who does the carbon tax reward, because it is a transfer of \$\$\$. We do not need to further penalize the beleaguered industries in Vermont who already experience some of the highest energy costs in the nation vs. other states.	12/15/2014 5:33 PM
833	We can hardly afford to live here now!!	12/15/2014 5:32 PM
834	It's laughable to believe that anything we do in Vermont could possibly have a material affect on the larger environment.	12/15/2014 5:31 PM
835	yes! everybody that supports it,and all the dummies at vpirg should be ejected" yes ejected out of this state!	12/15/2014 5:19 PM
836	Let's be realistic. It is already expensive to live here and this will do nothing to combat climate change. Little tiny Vermont needs to stop trying to do everything first. I will be moving out of state in less than 10 years due to the cost of living here.	12/15/2014 5:06 PM
837	Until the State comes up with affordable alternatives no tax should be imposed. Oh! Is this a deceptive way to pay for healthcare?	12/15/2014 4:59 PM
838	Tax marijuana . We don't need that to live here.	12/15/2014 4:53 PM
839	Yes if every cent goes to producing renewable energy for VT	12/15/2014 4:47 PM
840	I think Vermonters are tax to the max. This is one of the most expensive states to live in . Next your going to tax us on breathing the air here.	12/15/2014 4:47 PM
841	If VPIRG and the 14 other progressive groups want to pay my share they can have at it.. If not they should all move to another state that had the population and the money to afford such a tax..	12/15/2014 4:40 PM
842	Regressive and useless tax	12/15/2014 4:39 PM
843	Vermont does not need these additional taxes. They will discourage the creation of jobs and expansion of business. At the same time, these taxes will expand government costs and create the need for further subsidies necessary to support supply to the poorer Vermonters. Low cost, reliable energy is a competitive necessity for a healthy Vermont. It is the only competitive advantage we have beyond the view. If the government wants more money to spend, then stop its' current foolish, costly support of the construction and operation of projects that need subsidies to justify building and subsidies to justify using their production. These taxes will be absolutely counter productive.	12/15/2014 4:37 PM
844	It is a left-wing Marxist power grab, nothing more.	12/15/2014 4:37 PM
845	It may just give Vermonters an additional reason to leave the state. We have for taxing costs and family reasons. We are now in a non income tax state with no regrets for moving.	12/15/2014 4:36 PM
846	The carbon tax idea is a leftarded hoax	12/15/2014 4:35 PM
847	It's useless. There is no CO2 caused GW. It is all variable sun driven. If it were what the alarmist say, Vt. has no effect.	12/15/2014 4:31 PM
848	Are they nuts?	12/15/2014 4:30 PM
849	A carbon tax is an effective way to address the negative impacts of burning fossil fuels and carbon pollution. Leading economists (including Milton Freidman) support the idea and effectiveness of a carbon tax.	12/15/2014 4:28 PM
850	It would be a huge burden on all vermonters	12/15/2014 4:26 PM
851	We are taxed to death in this state. NO CARBON TAX.	12/15/2014 4:15 PM
852	It will kill industry and farms	12/15/2014 4:12 PM
853	How about we put a tax on the \$4 billion dollar a year non-profit businesses in Vermont? Start with VPIRG, Shelburne Farms, & 350.org	12/15/2014 4:09 PM
854	Really bad idea. Vermonters are struggling to live and this group wants to more taxes for the government to waste. May be a better idea would be to improve the infrastructure and push for better mass transportation,	12/15/2014 4:00 PM

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855	I think it's a great idea. Climate change is accelerating, and we have GOT to curb our GHG emissions. This is the one of the best tools we have to do it. In fact, MIT's Climate CoLab just held a climate solutions contest and a carbon tax proposal was one of their big winners: <a href="http://climatecolab.org/web/guest/plans/-/plans/contestId/1300404">http://climatecolab.org/web/guest/plans/-/plans/contestId/1300404</a> But I don't think it should be called a Carbon Tax. I think a tax on carbon pollution is more accurate.	12/15/2014 3:50 PM
856	I'm against it!	12/15/2014 3:16 PM
857	Insane!	12/15/2014 3:01 PM
858	Cite the report please so one can read it. I do not believe I would support such a steep tax. But I want to read the report first.	12/15/2014 2:54 PM
859	Carbon tax would further Vermont's strongly anti-business reputation and hurt the economy greatly.	12/15/2014 2:43 PM
860	The cost is not to the oil companies - it's just passed on to us. And we are taxed ENOUGH!	12/15/2014 2:29 PM
861	NO NEW TAXES! Go home. Stay out of Vermont!	12/15/2014 2:27 PM
862	The problem is, it's just another tax and more governmental intrusion into the economy.	12/15/2014 2:22 PM
863	VPIRG and those of a similar ilk have an almost pathological need to control others in order to "help" them. If we buy this tax, we are indeed Gruberized.	12/15/2014 2:19 PM
864	Time for these groups who are basically "leeches of society" to start paying their own fair share of taxes and leave the honest fair share paying tax payers alone.	12/15/2014 2:16 PM
865	This would kill our tourism industry. Thus raiding our taxes even more.	12/15/2014 2:10 PM
866	Putting a more accurate price on carbon pollution is a smart move that would benefit Vermont's environment and economy.	12/15/2014 1:57 PM
867	It's a con job, just another bs excuse to steal money.	12/15/2014 1:55 PM
868	It is a horrible idea based on a faulty premise.	12/15/2014 1:49 PM
869	The Carbon Tax is a direct attack against the working class of Vermont. The increase in taxes on gasoline and heating fuels will drive up everyday costs to unimaginable levels, including food, travel and freight. The consequences are countless and will most affect those that are middle and lower class individuals. Even discussing such a tax negatively affects the business climate of Vermont and is an easy way to deter outside businesses and families from moving to the state. Unless Vermont wants to drive top speed over the fiscal cliff, this issue should be put to bed for good.	12/15/2014 1:47 PM
870	Vermont is already a difficult state to do business in without taxing the fuel we use to get to work and to heat our homes.	12/15/2014 1:37 PM
871	yes it is most ridiculous thing I have heard. we live where people are reliant on heating fuel to live and this do no good group vpirg wants to hit taxpayers below the belt. senior citizens on fixed incomes will have to give up meds,food, and necessities to pay for it	12/15/2014 1:37 PM
872	Foolish and stupid, the tax payer has NO money, just look at the states monthly income tax revenue, down every month since April. The Liberals are stupid to even think of this!!!!	12/15/2014 1:22 PM
873	Let's continue to educate home and vehicle owners on energy efficiency rather than a new tax	12/15/2014 1:11 PM
874	We already have a state that is attempting to divorce itself from fossil fuels. Why should the state tax something the people are using less of?	12/15/2014 1:07 PM
875	This tax would place a greater burden on the already struggling residents of Vermont.	12/15/2014 1:05 PM
876	Absolute scam, Vermont cannot afford to pay for health care, property taxes are exploding, are you insane? Green jobs do not bring in revenue, and federal funding is drying up...	12/15/2014 1:03 PM
877	Crazy, people have a hard time getting by now.	12/15/2014 1:01 PM
878	This is crazy when we are already taxed to death in this State!!	12/15/2014 12:59 PM
879	Sheer lunacy - and I consider myself a liberal. As a recent retiree VT is already expensive enough. Enact this and I and a lot of other people will look to relocate to another state.	12/15/2014 12:56 PM
880	This tax would be devastating to businesses and consumers in Vermont.	12/15/2014 12:34 PM

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881	Keep taxing the hell out of us and more and more will move out of state just to be able to survive. Just another example of a useless legislature that is inept. Need politicians that will work for US instead of caving into Progressives.	12/15/2014 12:24 PM
882	Regardless of any perceived benefits to the environment with the imposition of a Carbon Tax, to add another tax burden on Vermonters at this time would be both devastating and, for that reason alone, entirely inappropriate.	12/15/2014 12:19 PM
883	Stupid idea, we don't need anymore taxes!	12/15/2014 12:18 PM
884	We are already taxed to death. My property tax alone is now 15% of my gross income. How much more do you expect us to lie down and take	12/15/2014 12:15 PM
885	This is the kind of truly dumb idea we have we have to deal with periodically. We are taxed too high now and cannot sustain endless, mindless taxes. Tell the progressives to go to Oregon.	12/15/2014 12:11 PM
886	Vermonters and Vermont business is taxed enough. If you need to balance the budget cut spending like the rest of us need to do on a daily basis.	12/15/2014 12:08 PM
887	VPIRG and other like minded progressive groups need to get out of Vermont and leave us to our own devices. We have too damn many taxes here already.	12/15/2014 12:02 PM
888	WE are already being taxed to death in Vermont.	12/15/2014 12:02 PM
889	Carbon is one of the essential elements of life. Of course, progressives hate it. Let's expose their underlying motives!! I dare you!	12/15/2014 11:58 AM
890	Let the Chinese do it first	12/15/2014 11:55 AM
891	It is a sin tax on a necessity. Restraint of trade. why no tax on natural gas?	12/15/2014 11:51 AM
892	I pay enough taxes already.	12/15/2014 11:50 AM
893	The proposal is absurd at the state level. The Legislature should soundly reject it. It's annoying noise amid the real fiscal problems facing the state, particularly in this upcoming session.	12/15/2014 11:48 AM
894	Good God- we're taxed out already!	12/15/2014 11:47 AM
895	Too many people can barely afford to heat their homes now, this tax will only add further strain...	12/15/2014 11:42 AM
896	This sounds like yet another way for our state to generate revenue. Maybe we should enact a hot air tax and levy a fee on our state government every time our hard earned tax money is wasted and our government washes over it.	12/15/2014 11:41 AM
897	This is just another money grab like Efficiency Vt by GMP is...the climate changes daily & has for millions of years..this is all about control & nothing more	12/15/2014 11:39 AM
898	This is a tax on those least able to afford it in the state of Vermont.	12/15/2014 11:38 AM
899	More of the continuing desecration of the middle class by people who have NO respect for people in Vermont. What don't they understand about taxes, jobs, business, etc., and sustaining (or growing) a robust economy? I'm there 5 months a year, and it gets more depressing each summer. My Vermont property taxes are 3 times what they are on my house in Park City, and the property is worth half as much (even if I could find someone to buy it)! This concept needs to die an early death!	12/15/2014 11:38 AM
900	Man Made Global Warming is a hoax perpetrated by the Global Elite (New World Order Crowd) Seeking funding source (e.g. - carbon tax) for World Gov't. Now that the data is showing we are in the beginning of a new 25-30 yr. cooling period, the elite have changed the title of the hoax to Climate Change. Problem is changing climate is normal and is primarily affected by natural forces beyond man's control, such as solar activity. What's really needed is a return to sound policy, based on sound science, but this will not happen until we reverse the overall direction of the morality of man. At our current rate the average man (i.e. - the masses) will be enslaved within the next 20-30 years. Regardless of what the average public school and college graduate of our day thinks of God, those who still have the use of right reason know that the is little, if anything, humans are going to do to reverse the current moral decline.... If a reversal is granted, it will only be by divine intervention. There are those who call me a fatalist, or alarmist, or the like... but I considered myself a realistic and God fearing man who simply can not deny my senses. Wishing all of the fine folks at Ethan Allen Institute a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!	12/15/2014 11:36 AM
901	Yes. Leave the poor taxpayers alone. We are paying more than enough already.	12/15/2014 11:34 AM

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902	In a state where so many residents rely on propane and fuel oil to heat their homes, the impact of this plan goes far beyond anything at the pump. Until there is a plausible story for providing renewable electricity close to the point of consumption (to minimize the impact of grid-based outages and disseminate risk), a carbon tax would freeze out Vermonters who can barely stay warm today.	12/15/2014 11:33 AM
903	Huge unnecessary burden would do far more damage to Vermont than good	12/15/2014 11:33 AM
904	This would put a burden on the taxpayers of Vermont. Also this is a move to put green energy as the only source for heating,electrical consumption and to drive the cost of gas back up paving way for green energy to be the only alternative.	12/15/2014 11:31 AM
905	Imposing a carbon tax borders on insanity.	12/15/2014 11:29 AM
906	We need to get off our fossil fuel addiction one way or another.	12/15/2014 11:23 AM
907	A carbon tax would put a spike in the center of the heart of the Vermont economy. It might feel great to the environmental lobby, but the reality is that whatever 600,000 Vermonters (0.1% of the world's population!) change about their carbon output, it will have no impact on climate change (so-called). It will serve only to put Vermont business and consumers at an extraordinary disadvantage.	12/15/2014 11:22 AM
908	States do not need one, especially Vermont. They tax us to death now.	12/15/2014 11:22 AM
909	Pretty soon, there won't be any Vermonters. We will be taxed out of the state. It is already difficult for elders and young families to afford to live here.	12/15/2014 11:14 AM
910	Our business is already being driven out of Vermont. Not only do I not believe in VPIRG's agenda, I think the the whole knee jerk response to climate change isn't any different than the next ice age warnings were about 30 years ago...if you don't like the weather, wait a couple of decades.	12/15/2014 11:14 AM
911	Just another liberal way to "money grab" - Vt has way more taxes than most states causing only the rich to stay in VT	12/15/2014 11:14 AM
912	Stop taxing us to death	12/15/2014 11:13 AM
913	stupid idea to make a life safety necessity unaffordable, why don't you just tax food and prescriptions while you're at it?	12/15/2014 11:09 AM
914	First, this is either an act of deliberate ignorance of the microeconomic impact of a carbon tax on Vermonters or it is a deliberate attempt to impose progressive ideology on Vermonters or both of the above. Second, this is another example of irrepressible progressive "exuberance" which they seem incapable of restraining when they they are "ruling" Vermont. Sort of like Germany in 1935 and not very different from American progressive thought in the 1920s and 1930s.	12/15/2014 11:06 AM
915	NO CARBON TAX !!!!! NO, NO, NO. This is an attempt to increase the budget for the State's Health care system. This tax would be fatal financially to most mid-income and lower income residents. People will move out of the State if this type of gouging continues. Believe it.	12/15/2014 11:02 AM
916	We already pay a 1.091 cents per kw tax on the amount of electricity we use for "Efficiency Vermont" which unbeknownst to most people amounts to about 6% of your electric bill each month and which will rise with the cost per kw as it increases, and it will. How will the liars hide this tax.	12/15/2014 11:01 AM
917	The US is now leading the world wide carbon reduction program. This is the stupidest thing we are doing already. So why should we add to this idiocy by punishing Vermonters even more?	12/15/2014 10:58 AM
918	Vermont is too expensive to live in now! We do not need more taxes.	12/15/2014 10:56 AM
919	IT'S A BUNCH OF BULL SHIT!!	12/15/2014 10:53 AM
920	Much research has shown it is the only approach that works. Also recommend it be coordinated with other Mew Engand states.	12/15/2014 10:50 AM
921	Vermonters are so tax strapped already that the idea of yet another hike in the gas and oil tax is preposterous. Those who can afford solar can reduce their carbon footprints, but not all of us can swing the high cost. Vermont will become a Utopian State for only the very wealthy. This is a terrible idea!	12/15/2014 10:47 AM
922	Tax the working man even more for your foolish spending, stop wasting the tax payers money you already get before coming up with new reasons to increase taxes again because you spent the other tax money on foolish BS like non workers.	12/15/2014 10:46 AM

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923	Absolutely ridiculous. Vermont has good intentions for becoming 100% renewable energy by 2050; but the majority of our residents will not be able to afford this undue taxation. This fee if imposed will drive many of our friends and families out of their Vermont homes forcing them to live in another state. Why does the 1% always overlook the rest of the population around them to fulfill an unrealistic ideal?	12/15/2014 10:43 AM
924	Just more socialist garbage from the Bernie worshipers who dominate this state!!	12/15/2014 10:40 AM
925	We moved out of Vermont because of the type of thinking that propagates ideas like this. So while we no longer vote in Vermont, our decision to move should be considered because as the stats show, we were not alone. We tried our best to help redirect Vermont toward healthy and sensible ideas, but finally we determined that if there was any means of influencing state politics, it would be by voting with our choice of residence. This was not an inexpensive decision, but the situation in Vermont got to the point where nothing else made sense. We miss my family, which has been in Vermont for generations, and our friends, but we firmly believe the move was very much in the best interests of our four boys and we are very much enjoying increase of economic, cultural and recreational opportunities as well as the lower tax burden where we live in Virginia.	12/15/2014 10:40 AM
926	This is just another way for the left to regulate our lives. Based on junk science.	12/15/2014 10:38 AM
927	it is an absolute travesty to force this kind of cash grab on the citizens of Vermont. Our representatives should be called out for considering it	12/15/2014 10:30 AM
928	We do not need another tax period...	12/15/2014 10:29 AM
929	This will have a huge negative impact on small business owners in Vermont.	12/15/2014 10:27 AM
930	Vermonters cannot afford such a ridiculous tax	12/15/2014 10:26 AM
931	We have too many taxes as it is. It is another way to hurt the working class person.	12/15/2014 10:24 AM
932	We are already over tax, especially on gas for poor peoples who have to travel to work. We need more common sense people in the legislature, like low income folks who understand what is.	12/15/2014 10:23 AM
933	Although clean air is a good thing I do not believe that tax is the answer. Perhaps an enforceable and stronger code pertaining to emissions on all new fossil fuel devices; enforcement of current laws, for example, unattended idling vehicles (including all service and state vehicles); and, better and more effective, might be more and better incentives for alternative energy sources. In the end, I do not believe a tax will change habits nor do I believe the collected taxes will end up where they are supposed to end up. Finally I do not believe that Vermonters can afford another tax.	12/15/2014 10:17 AM
934	We are taxed too much.	12/15/2014 10:17 AM
935	I believe that this is a punishment. Instead, incentives and alternatives should be promoted.	12/15/2014 10:13 AM
936	Aren't we taxed enough? I have been driving a Prius since 2002 and don't think I need to support other people to do the right thing. I have also done much to make my home more efficient and yes, I took advantage of some tax breaks to do it. But I am heartily sick of supporting every feel good program so others can do what I have done essentially on my own.	12/15/2014 10:09 AM
937	Actually, I'm strongly in favor of a carbon tax. If the fate of the planet is at stake, why stop at \$250 m? However, my strong support is contingent upon the tax being entirelyvoluntary. Then we'll see who the real planet savers are. Larry Cabell, Craftsbury	12/15/2014 10:08 AM
938	The average Vermonter is taxed enough and this poorly thought out tax would cripple the VT economy	12/15/2014 10:03 AM
939	Another "feel good" idea that hurts working Vermonters.	12/15/2014 10:02 AM
940	More cronyism that harms the working person and helps special interests. Period.	12/15/2014 9:59 AM
941	The notion that we can or even should do something to reduce carbon emissions is not based on any scientific fact therefore, instituting a tax for carbon is completely unnecessary.	12/15/2014 9:58 AM
942	This would be ridiculous. We have the lowest carbon footprint in the country.	12/15/2014 9:58 AM
943	They have lost their minds in Montpelier	12/15/2014 9:57 AM
944	Vermont is so small that its "carbon footprint" is irrelevant. This hare-brained "idea" would decimate the state's fragile economy. Working Vermonters - those who travel to work every day - would be hurt the most. These are the people the Progs and Democrats purport to help...what hypocrisy!	12/15/2014 9:56 AM

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945	I understand there is talk about income sensitivity. This result would be to again lay the tax upon the backs of the middle class. Also, embedded is the assumption that we can go to zero carbon fuels. Given modern life this will be impossible. Finally, the government has not been involved in the last 10 years of the reduction of petroleum use.	12/15/2014 9:55 AM
946	Even if catastrophic global warming were a reality, which the most recent findings suggest is not the case, levying such a tax would be destructive to Vermont's economy and have zero impact on warming.	12/15/2014 9:54 AM
947	yet another uncooked idea by the LEFT. Big on rhetoric and short on specifics and one more reason to create another bloated and ineffective taxpayer supported bureaucracy that will never go away	12/15/2014 9:53 AM
948	Another stupid liberal idea.	12/15/2014 9:53 AM
949	Enough Tax-any tax money never goes to where it is suppose to be, how about cutting spending!!	12/15/2014 9:52 AM
950	Mastermind Politicians: Please stop stealing from the people!	12/15/2014 9:50 AM
951	This is a tax that will cripple the Vermont economy and will hurt all Vermonters.	12/15/2014 9:49 AM
952	Another "huge" (as Bernie S. would say) hit to our Vermont economy.	12/15/2014 9:47 AM
953	This is an incredibly stupid idea. Property taxes are already going up because we can't control education spending. Shumlin is proposing an 8% payroll tax, which will be passed onto employees. We already have one of the highest state income tax rates in the country. Who is the genius who decided that a carbon tax would be a wonderful idea?	12/15/2014 9:45 AM
954	I can't think of a surer way to insure that Vermont remain uncompetitive in the country and the world.	12/15/2014 9:42 AM
955	It is a dangerous tax that will cripple Vermont's economy and hurt all Vermonter	12/15/2014 9:42 AM
956	It is a bad idea	12/15/2014 9:41 AM
957	If the liberals keep on adding taxes there will soon be nobody left in the state to pay any taxes. Most of us older folks are sticking around because of the kids. When they go - we go !!	12/15/2014 9:41 AM
958	Liberal idiocy.	12/15/2014 9:40 AM
959	Are these people crazy!	12/15/2014 9:40 AM
960	Stop taxing everything	12/15/2014 9:39 AM
961	This is just another way of control. If they want a Carbon Tax let the Governor and his legislature that want this pay it. We have enough taxes on us that are needless.	12/15/2014 9:38 AM
962	A carbon tax on Vermonters is an Absolutely ludicrous idea.The state of Vermont has a looming deficit in the General fund already. The Governor is still promoting a huge Payroll tax on Vermonters to pay for his Single Payor Healthcare . The state of Vermont is losing population to states with lower property, sales ,income and other taxes. Why anyone would think this is a good idea is beyond me. It is Sad that we are being so misdirected by some politicians. Tom DePoy	12/15/2014 9:35 AM
963	not only no but hell no. vt is a rural area where people have to travel to work to shop and do almost any thing. many can't afford heating oil now. would they like us all going back to burning wood?	12/15/2014 9:34 AM
964	I am running out of money - with school/property tax high, the future anticipted tax to pay for our universal health care, universal Pre-K, paying for "promised pensions for teachers and state works, I will be taxed out!	12/15/2014 9:29 AM
965	A carbon tax is another reason for businesses not to be in Vermont.	12/15/2014 9:28 AM
966	This is dumb!! Same group that just help close the most carbon free resource in the state.	12/15/2014 9:26 AM
967	We already pay higher than average for gasoline and other transportation and heating fossil fuels.	12/15/2014 9:24 AM
968	NO MORE TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/15/2014 9:20 AM
969	More taxes = less working Vermonters. Can't these "progressives" see that the ones paying all these taxes and keeping THEIR state running (it's not my state anymore - I've disowned it) are moving out in droves. Me (9th generation Vermonter) included.	12/15/2014 9:16 AM
970	OK, Every person will be hit by one more unjustified tax. I see nothing but VPIRG's and others "private" agendas driving this [no pun intended]. If I want to donate it will not be at the pump. And guess where each gas - consuming business will make up the cost of this "tax"? You, guess it.	12/15/2014 9:14 AM

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971	Bad,Bad Idea	12/15/2014 9:13 AM
972	\$1.35 on gas prices last year could mean over \$5. More reason to just hop the border to NH for cheaper products.	12/15/2014 9:11 AM
973	I have no objection to a modest increase in the gasoline tax to help fund necessary road repairs and possibly contribute something to education funding.	12/15/2014 9:10 AM
974	This would be another crushing blow to the VT economy in what is a flurry of damaging legislation recently and pending	12/15/2014 9:07 AM