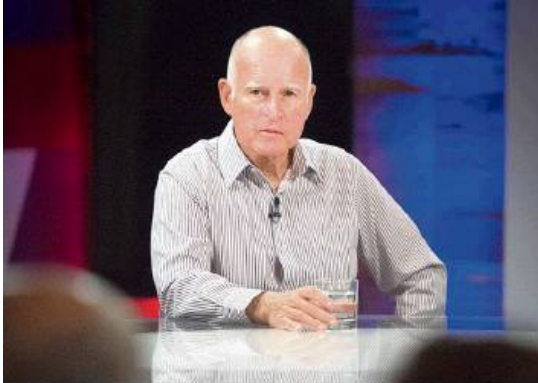


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## Brown speaks up on climate change

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Gov. Jerry Brown predicts a big backlash should President-elect Donald Trump impede carbon policies.



In his global evangelism about the threat of climate change, Gov. **Jerry Brown** has dismissed skeptics as “troglodytes” and “deniers of the obvious science.”

But Brown, who in recent years has emerged as a premier climate warrior, has refused to ascribe those characteristics to **Donald Trump**, despite the Republican businessman’s support for fossil fuels and repeated dismissals of human-caused climate change as a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese.

Brown said Monday that it would be difficult for the U.S. to “go rogue” on climate change. He went further Tuesday in a broadcast discussion with former Vice President **Al Gore**, predicting a “negative and very powerful” worldwide backlash should Trump impede the environmental progress of the last eight years.

“I don’t think given the science and given the rising concern that that is a sustainable political trajectory – even for the president of the United States,” he said.

Brown was a guest on Gore’s “24 Hours of Reality” broadcast, a program that at least during the final hour did not appear to offer much in the way of dissenting views. Gore, one of the world’s most prominent climate activists, met with Trump on Monday, offering hope to some environmentalists.

Brown, for his part, agreed some can be tough to convert. “But,” he said, “there are many more people, by tens of millions, that as reflected in the surveys are open to this idea. And they know the climate is changing.”