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On Apr 27, 2017, at 8:11 PM, EPA Jahan Wilcox <jahanwilcoxepa@gmail.com> wrote:

The First 100 Days – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Interview

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SANDRA SMITH: how now a man involved in those discussions environmental protection agency administrator scott prosecute, in fact, in fact, mr. pruit, you were in conversations with the president today any changes or any developments there?

ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT: no, sandra. and the discussion continues. and you're right. there were discussions today at the white house with respect to this issue of paris. i think the point that needs to be made initially is that the co 2 discussion, having a see at the table, american leadership if you will on co 2 reduction. we are at pre1994 levels right now in o. n this country on co 2 footprints because of technology deployed here reduced our carbon emissions. china, russia, independent i can't, those countries across the globe have not had similar commitments. what paris represents is a front loading of cost for this country. a contraction of our own economy while those countries continue to pollute and not take steps that we have taken already.

SMITH: so is there any changes, a more moderate approach to this agreement that would, in your opinion, allow you to stay in the -- allow us to stay in the agreement and not leave it entirely?

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: well, the paris accord and the paris agreement one, should have been treated at as a treaty, it's something that this country, the clean power plan, the regulatory response of the past e.p.a. was in response, to the climate action plan in paris think are inextricably linked. as such we have front loaded those costs, san draft what we should be talking about is how we export innovation and technology that we have already deployed here to places like china and india to get accountability with

respect to our footprint. the clean power plan represented a 2.5 trillion-dollar reduction in gross domestic product in 10 year period. 2-million-dollar compliance. up to 400,000 jobs annually. this is something that we're doing taking steps now when we are already at pre194 levels. that's a bad business deal for this country.

SMITH: the reason i ask you if there is any more moderate approach that could be between on this while still being in it there seems to be. i'm thinking on this rex tillerson, the secretary of state who used to run exxon mobil during confirmation hearings shed we should have a seat at the table that seat can continue, san draft that's something we should do. in fact, the secretary of state and i talked about that we are a part of the un at ccc. a seat at the table.

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: that discussion can continue it needs to be reset and focused on america first strategy to make sure our interests are add van advanced in that international discussion and not sacrificed with respect to our economy in relation to china and india and other nations what's interesting about the green climate fund, for example, the fund that followed and was part of the paris discussion, \$100 billion of moneys to be committed by the year 2020 if we kept our current funding commitments we have already made, we would be providing almost 20% of all funding internationally, taxpayers in this country while china and india and russia pay career. that's a continuation of america last, america second type of strategy that the previous administration used on issues like this. that has to change. i appreciate the president's leadership in those areas.

SMITH: mr. pruit, we have to leave it there but thank you for coming on tonight.

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT: thank you.