

President Macron: The Antidote to Trump's Climate Change Ignorance

"I do know how your president now has decided to jeopardize your budget, your initiatives, as he is extremely skeptical about climate change."

These are the words that the newly elected president of France, Emmanuel Macron, used to empathize with American entrepreneurs and scientists as he welcomes them to France to continue their work on climate change, renewable energy, and other technologies that could help our planet.

He ends the video by saying, "France is your nation." It is hard to not to trust the man and his desire to implement solutions to global warming, but before we jump to conclusions let's develop a better understanding of what Macron is all about.

After a tumultuous election process filled with protests against both candidates, Macron will be taking over as the youngest president in French history, but don't let the numbers fool you. Although he garnered 66.1% of the vote, the French people may have simply been voting for the lesser of two evils, an election process that sounds a lot like what Americans experienced during the United States presidential election of 2016.

However, unlike President Trump, Macron is attempting to unite the left, right, and center by recruiting people to government based on "their experience, their competence, what they have done and not for what they represent or their political weight." Even former president of the United States of America, Barack Obama, endorses Macron for his liberal values

and how he appeals to people's hopes rather than their fears.

Based on what Macron said in his video to American scientists and entrepreneurs, it is hard not to agree with Obama's point of view. Macron is not only providing solutions for France, he is also addressing the concerns of many Americans.

Macron may be the spark of positive change that France, the European Union, and the United States need. However, it is important to remember that words are just words. Until these words become actions, we can only hope that Macron is the antidote to Trump's climate change ignorance and a saving grace for climate change scientists and entrepreneurs.

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