

US oil, gas production surged under both Trump and Biden-Harris, despite very different energy goals

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The United States is [producing more oil](#) and [natural gas](#) today than ever

before, and far more than any other country. So, what roles did the Trump-Pence and Biden-Harris administrations play in this surge?

The answer might surprise you, given the way each has talked publicly about fossil fuels: former President Donald Trump [embracing them](#), and President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris focusing on reducing fossil fuel use to fight [climate change](#).

Under each of the three most recent presidencies, Republican and Democratic alike, U.S. oil and gas production was higher at the end of the administration's term than at the beginning.

That production has both pros and cons. Together, oil and gas account for nearly [three-quarters of U.S. energy consumption](#). Producing oil and gas in the U.S. provides [energy security](#), and high production generally keeps prices down. Burning oil and gas, however, releases carbon dioxide into the air, [contributing to climate change](#). And natural gas is [mostly methane](#)—another potent greenhouse gas.

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