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**To:** Abboud, Michael [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b6f5af791a1842f1adcc088cbf9ed3ce-Abboud, Mic]  
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**Subject:** Re: Press query -- Admin. Pruitt

Hello Michael,

Thanks for your reply. Can you or another spokesperson clarify your comment that Pruitt was only "reference the CO2 footprint from energy related industries"? The report you've referenced cites another EIA study for its 18.1 percent figure. The report confirms the 18.1 percent figure for "per capita energy-related carbon dioxide emissions," but defines that measure - as per a EIA spokesperson - quite broadly to include emissions from all industries and fuel-burning activities, including individuals driving their cars or mowing their lawns with diesel mowers.

Are you referencing something else that I'm not seeing, or was this just an accidental misreading of "energy-related" emissions? Can you confirm either way to avoid any misrepresentation here.

Thanks,  
Kush

On Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 10:30 AM, Abboud, Michael <[abboud.michael@epa.gov](mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov)> wrote:  
Hey Kush, attributable to an EPA spokesman.

"Administrator Pruitt was referencing the CO2 footprint from energy related industries. According to the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies, from 2000 to 2014, per capita energy-related carbon dioxide emissions were down 18.1 percent on average nationally."

Source:[http://www.csg.org/aapca\\_site/documents/GreatestStory4-17-17.pdf](http://www.csg.org/aapca_site/documents/GreatestStory4-17-17.pdf)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Kush Desai <[desai@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:desai@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)> wrote:

Hello,

I'd just like to follow up on this.

It occurred to me that perhaps Administrator Pruitt was discussing per capita carbon emissions. World Bank data ([link](#)) indeed shows an "over 18%" decrease in per capita CO2 emissions from 2000 to 2014. Was his "CO2 footprint" comment referencing U.S. per capita, and not nominal, CO2 emissions?

I am on a deadline for early this afternoon, if that's possible on your end.

Thanks,  
Kush

On Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 5:12 PM, Kush Desai <[desai@dailycallernewsfoundation.org](mailto:desai@dailycallernewsfoundation.org)> wrote:  
Hello,

I hope this note finds you well. My name is Kush Desai and I'm a fact check reporter with The Daily Caller News Foundation. I'm currently working on an article fact checking a claim made by Administrator Pruitt on Fox Business earlier today.

At one during his interview with Neil Cavuto, Administrator Pruitt claimed, "we've reduced our CO2 footprint by over 18%, almost 20%, from 2000 to 2014."

EPA data on annual CO2 emissions I was able to find ([link](#)) indicates that CO2 emissions in 2000 were around 5992.4 million metric tons, a figure that drops to 5556 in 2000. This is a 7% drop; it doesn't tie up with what Administrator Pruitt said in his interview.

His figure and the EPA data both, however, indicate significant CO2 emissions declines since 2000 -- can you clarify what specific data source he was looking at for this claim? Was he perhaps referencing a different statistic?

Happy to chat at anytime on the phone as well ([973.866.8821](tel:973.866.8821)) and also happy to discuss further on any medium off the record or on background as well.

Thanks,  
Kush

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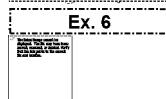
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