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Abstract: This Element explores the growth of party divisions on the environment in the United States. It draws on many data sources including Congressional and state legislative voting, campaign contributions, interest group ratings of legislators, party platforms, presidential nominees' speeches, news coverage, and archives.

This study not only adds a case to the party position change literature, but contributes theory by highlighting the changing role of legislators' personal characteristics as an issue polarizes and by showing how interest groups like environmentalists both change party coalitions and are changed by participating in them. It concludes with discussion of how the current party alignment on the environment might change.

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