

# *World's biggest polluters remain on sidelines as over 40 nations pledge to phase out coal*

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The Joe Biden administration also refused to sign the pledge to stop burning coal, in an apparent concession to Democratic Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia, who has resisted Biden's push for U.S. investments in green energy.

Meanwhile, youth activists are taking to the streets of Glasgow today to demand world leaders do more to avert a climate catastrophe. The protest is being organized by Fridays for Future, which grew out of Greta Thunberg's climate strike outside the Swedish parliament. We'll go to the COP26 climate summit and the streets of Glasgow later in the broadcast.

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