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## On Global Warming, MoveOn Voters Pick Edwards

By MICHAEL FALCONE



In a recent [virtual town hall meeting on climate change](#) with the Democratic presidential candidates sponsored by MoveOn.org, former Senator John Edwards renewed his call to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by 80 percent by 2050 and said that his plan for getting there was the “most aggressive” of any of his opponents.

His stance evidently struck a chord with participants in a straw poll on the liberal advocacy group’s Web site which asked, “Which candidate’s position on dealing with the climate crisis do you prefer?”

Mr. Edwards won the poll, getting about 33 percent of the vote. Representative Dennis Kucinich was the runner-up with about 15 percent support. He barely edged out Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama who rounded out the top four. According to Trevor FitzGibbon, a spokesman for MoveOn, 95,284 people voted online.

MoveOn members gathered at [1,300 house parties across the country](#) last weekend to watch the candidates answer questions on the environment in conjunction with a series of Live Earth concerts organized by Al Gore. The group said it plans to run newspaper ads in Iowa and New Hampshire next week announcing the results.

Last weekend Mr. Edwards also released a new [podcast on global warming](#) in which he focused on his plan to make coal-fired power plans cleaner.

Eli Pariser, the executive director of MoveOn, said in a statement that the interest the group has seen among its members on issues like global warming “emphasizes how important it will be for our next president to make solving the climate crisis a top priority in 2008.”

MoveOn held a similar vote after its first virtual town hall on the Iraq war in April. In the voting, Senator Barack Obama [came out on top](#), followed by Mr. Edwards. The group plans to ask the candidates about their views on health care in the fall.

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Well congratulations to Edwards- he needed to be on top in at least one poll. Problem is that the 1300 house parties supposedly sponsored by move-on.org may have been the only people that watched the Live Earth concerts organized by Gore. They received extremely low ratings in the US and in London.

I think these move-on.org debates are nice though not of much value to who will win the election. When those who are on move-on.org can move from their living rooms to the voting booth then we may see a difference in our elections but up till now they haven't shown that they will. Just ask Howard Dean about move-on.org. But I am in favor of any group that wants to get more people to discuss real issues rather than haircuts and the private lives of candidates.

So congrats to Edwards on his win.

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Not THIS MoveOn voter. Richardson, by far, had the most comprehensive and realizable plan. Of all the candidates, only Richardson offered a plan replete with achievable (yet ambitious enough) percentages of carbon emissions reductions on a realistic

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