

Bush: No real change in climate policy

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WASHINGTON - U.S. President George Bush said he believes he has been consistent on global warming from his rejection of the Kyoto Treaty to the plan he released this week.

"There's a commitment in our country ... that each country has got to develop a plan that suits its own economy and suits its own political environment," he said Friday. "If you want the U.S. to be an active participant, that's the best way to do it, as well. A lot of people don't particularly want our environmental policy written by somebody else."

Bush had a roundtable session with several foreign reporters ahead of next week's G8 meeting in Germany. The president also plans to visit several European countries and to have his first meeting with Pope Benedict XVI since his elevation.

Bush said he is looking forward to discussions with the pope on areas in which they agree and on issues on which they disagree, including the U.S. refusal to engage with the Castro regime in Cuba and its military support of the government of Lebanon.

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