

coal-dependent states. Pushing it through will require an act of political will, but while Obama has praised the controversial bill, some environmentalists complain the White House has done too little behind the scenes to defend. "The world was hopeful that Obama would care about global warming, but he has been completely missing in action on this," says Phil Radford, executive director of Greenpeace U. S. A.

Radford is not being entirely fair: Obama has increased alternative-energy funding to record levels and assembled a green team of advisers. They include his Energy Secretary, the Nobel Prize-winning Steven Chu, who told me recently that "the climate-change problem is at least equal in magnitude" to World War II. He's right. And if Obama wants to win this war, he's going to have to fight, not just make peace.

36. What is true about the new national standards of auto emission and fuel efficiency?
- A. Cars and trucks will be 40% cleaner by 2012 than they are today.
 - B. The new standards will be put into practice in the year 2016.
 - C. It was the first time that the U. S. set limit on greenhouse gas emission.
 - D. The standards were meant to push auto industry to grow healthily.
37. What is the most important factor pushing Americans to buy fuel-efficient autos according to the passage?
- A. Steadily high gas prices.
 - B. Attractive prices of these autos.
 - C. Government's encouraging policy.
 - D. The regulation on car emission.
38. What is Americans' appetite today for autos according to the passage?
- A. Hybrids have come into fashion in some places.
 - B. They don't share any common appetite for autos.
 - C. New fuel-efficient autos will be great attraction to them.
 - D. They still love gas-consuming SUVs and trucks.
39. What do we know about the carbon cap-and-trade legislation according to the passage?
- A. Democratic representatives are all for it.
 - B. It has not been passed yet by the Congress.
 - C. Obama is neutral in the debate over it.
 - D. It would reduce U. S. carbon emissions by 17%.
40. Which of the following is the author's view on President Obama?
- A. He is trying to keep his promise to cope with global warming.