
BIDEN USES TRIP ABROAD TO CONFRONT CHINA ON CLIMATE

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Over five days abroad at two global summits, President Joe Biden showed a new willingness to openly confront China over climate change and its lack of leadership on the global stage.

Biden ended his time at the U.N. climate summit in Scotland on Tuesday by chastising Chinese President Xi Jinping for physically skipping the event and failing to make the level of commitments that roughly 100 other nations did to curb greenhouse gasses. Xi also avoided the earlier Group of 20 summit in Rome, allowing Biden to dominate the conversation as he met with his French, Italian, British and German counterparts.

We showed up, and by showing up weve had a profound impact on the way I think the rest of the world is looking at the United States in its leadership role, Biden said at a Tuesday news conference wrapping up his trip abroad. Biden added that China had made a big mistake in bypassing the events because theyve lost an ability to influence people around the world.

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