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#### **GOING GREEN**

Re [The Liberal-Conservative Green Gap](https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-between-liberal-red-and-conservative-blue-theres-a-green-gap/)

(Editorial, Sept. 7): Canada’s record for three decades demonstrates that our federal governments have not made targets just by stating them. From Kyoto to Copenhagen, Canada has missed by wide margins.

Erin O’Toole is criticized for sticking with Justin Trudeau’s 30-per-cent Paris target. Yet emissions have risen on Mr. Trudeau’s watch, not declined. For him to now propose reducing them by at least 40 per cent sounds like nonsense.

The Pathways study of the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome, informed by a wide range of technological options and the known plans of governments, shows that Canada will hit neither 30 per cent nor 40 per cent. Both leaders would be spitting in the wind.

There seems no point in drawing comparisons until at least one leader establishes plans to deliver results on the ground, with targets that can be measured promptly every year (such as the number of electric vehicles sold).

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