

**COP21: The economics behind climate change**  
巴黎气候大会：气候变化背后的经济变化

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BBC环境分析员 Roger Harrabin 说，参加在巴黎举行的第二十一届联合国气候变化大会（COP21）的各国谈判代表就如何应对环境、气候变化以及新兴经济体对全球环境带来的影响进行了探讨。

Negotiators here are, in effect, discussing the shape of a **new world order**. The old rich-versus-poor divisions are now much more complex.

The most **vulnerable** nations blame the rich for the problem, but also fear the rise in pollution from emerging nations like China, India and Brazil. The Americans partially agree. They say **emerging economies** must play a much bigger role in **curbing** emissions and in helping the most vulnerable states. Emerging economies say the US can't **wriggle out of** its historic pollution this way.

It's not just **posturing**. These are deeply-held views. Delegates have 36 hours to start reshaping the way the world sees itself.

## 词汇表

<b>new world order</b>	世界新秩序；新的全球秩序
<b>versus</b>	与.....相对；与.....相比
<b>vulnerable</b>	弱勢的
<b>emerging economies</b>	新兴经济体
<b>curbing</b>	控制，限制
<b>wriggle out of</b>	借机逃避，找借口逃避
<b>posturing</b>	摆姿态

## 测验

请听报道并回答下列问题。

1. True or false? The reporter thinks this is mainly a conflict between wealthy and less wealthy countries.
2. Who does America say should work harder to solve the world's problems?
3. Why are emerging economies not satisfied by America's position?
4. Which word means 'to some extent'?

## 答案

1. True or false? The reporter thinks this is mainly a conflict between wealthy and less wealthy countries.

**False. The reporter says the situation is more complex than 'rich against poor'.**

2. Who does America say should work harder to solve the world's problems?

**America says emerging economies should play a bigger role in reducing emissions and helping vulnerable nations.**

3. Why are emerging economies not satisfied by America's position?

**They think that by focusing on what emerging economies should do, the US is trying to escape responsibility for pollution it caused in the past.**

4. Which word means 'to some extent'?

**Partially.**