

Bloomberg Endorses Obama; Cites President's Leadership on Climate Change

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In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, the issue of climate change was the major deciding factor in Mayor Michael Bloomberg's [endorsement of President Barack Obama](#) today. After detailing in an op-ed for [Bloomberg View](#) what the city has done to battle the climate change that he says is responsible for harsher weather patterns, Bloomberg wrote:

We need leadership from the White House -- and over the past four years, President [Barack Obama](#) has taken major steps to reduce our carbon consumption, including setting [higher fuel-efficiency standards](#) for cars and trucks. His administration also has adopted tighter controls on mercury emissions, which will help to close the dirtiest coal power plants (an effort I have supported through my philanthropy), which are estimated to kill 13,000 Americans a year.

Bloomberg, an independent who has funneled millions of dollars to Republicans in New York State, laid out his reasoning for losing faith in Republican nominee Mitt Romney.

I believe Mitt Romney is a good and decent man, and he would bring valuable business experience to the Oval Office. He understands that America was built on the promise of equal opportunity, not equal results. In the past he has also taken sensible positions on immigration, illegal guns, abortion rights and health care. But he has reversed course on all of them, and is even running against the health-care model he signed into law in Massachusetts.

If the 1994 or 2003 version of Mitt Romney were running for president, I may well have voted for him because, like so many other independents, I have found the past four years to be, in a word, disappointing.

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