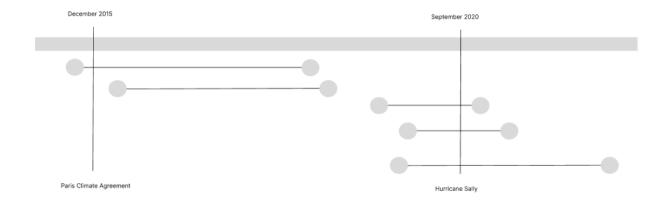
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Climate change is a growing issue in the US, and globally. Legislation is being passed at the federal and state level to try to combat climate change. However, climate change hasn't always been a top of mind issue for many. In fact, many saw limiting emissions or trying to find renewable energy sources as a waste of time and money that would slow down the economy. I want to explore the landscape of climate change bills over time, at the Federal level, and state level (Illinois specifically). Illinois has had a historically Democratic senate and house, while the Federal level has seen a shift back and forth in terms of Republican v. Democratic senate & house control. I hypothesize that we will see more climate change bills passing at the state than Federal level, and that there will be more climate change bills passing with a higher consensus in more recent vs. past years. This should demonstrate that as climate change becomes a more topical issue, that topical-ness nature of the issue is reflected in our legislation.

1 & 2. Potential timeline data visualization for Illinois & Federal climate legislation, demarcated by climate-related natural disasters and international agreements. Each bill would have one start & end date.



3. Potential votes data visualization for IL climate legislation passage. The size of each bubble indicates how many "yes" votes it received. The more "yes" votes, the bigger the size of the bubble.

