



Christy Leavitt

Plastics Campaign Director, Oceana

Christy Leavitt is Oceana's plastics campaign director, overseeing the organization's U.S. initiatives to address the plastic pollution crisis and curb its devastating impacts on our oceans, climate, and communities.

In this role, Leavitt leads Oceana's policy experts, scientists, and field team in advocating for federal, state, and local government policies that reduce the production and use of single-use plastics. Under her leadership, Oceana has campaigned to pass more than a dozen state laws and 60 local policies on single-use plastics. During her time at Oceana, she has testified before state and Congressional committees and been quoted in numerous news outlets including The Associated Press, The Guardian, Environmental Health News, Scripps Broadcast Network, and more. Leavitt is featured in a new PBS documentary airing nationally called "We're All Plastic People Now," about the pervasiveness of plastic pollution in our lives.

Leavitt has advocated and organized for strong environmental policies at the national and state levels for more than two decades. Prior to joining Oceana in 2019, she worked at Environment America where she ran national campaigns, lobbied decision makers, built strong coalitions and engaged new allies, and researched and wrote reports on water and air pollution. Earlier in her career, Leavitt worked with college students training them to be effective activists and campaigners.

She graduated cum laude from Occidental College with a bachelor's degree in American Studies.