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GREENPEACE REPORT: CLIMATE CHANGE DENIAL MACHINE VS. SCIENTISTS

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Who likes being lied to by people paid by the oil industry who pose as “experts” on climate change?

Did you know it's been going on for 25 years?

In a couple of weeks, the UN's official advisors on climate change science, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will update its global assessment on the issue. Yet in the background, more attacks on the climate science are underway

For the last quarter century, the climate science denial machine, its cogs oiled by fossil fuel money, has been attacking climate science, climate scientists and every official US report on climate change, along with State and local efforts – with the aim of undermining action on climate change.

Our new report, [Dealing in Doubt](#), sets out the history of these attacks going back to the early 90s. These are attacks

based on anti-regulatory, so called “free market” ideology, not legitimate scientific debate, using a wide range of dirty tricks: from **faked science**, **attacks on scientists**, **fake credentials**, **cherry-picking scientific conclusions**: a campaign based on the old tobacco industry mantra: “doubt is our product”.

We give special attention to perhaps today’s poster child of the climate denial machine’s free market think tanks, the **Heartland Institute**, which is about to launch a new version of its “**NIPCC**” or “**climate change reconsidered**” report next week in Chicago.

Unlike the real IPCC, with thousands of scientists involved from around the world, the Heartland Institute’s handful of authors is paid. Several of them claim fake scientific credentials. They start with a premise of proving the overwhelming consensus on climate science wrong, whereas the real IPCC simply summarizes the best science to date on climate change.

This multi-million dollar campaign has been **funded by** anti-government ideologues like the **Koch brothers**, companies like **ExxonMobil** and trade associations like the American Petroleum Institute.

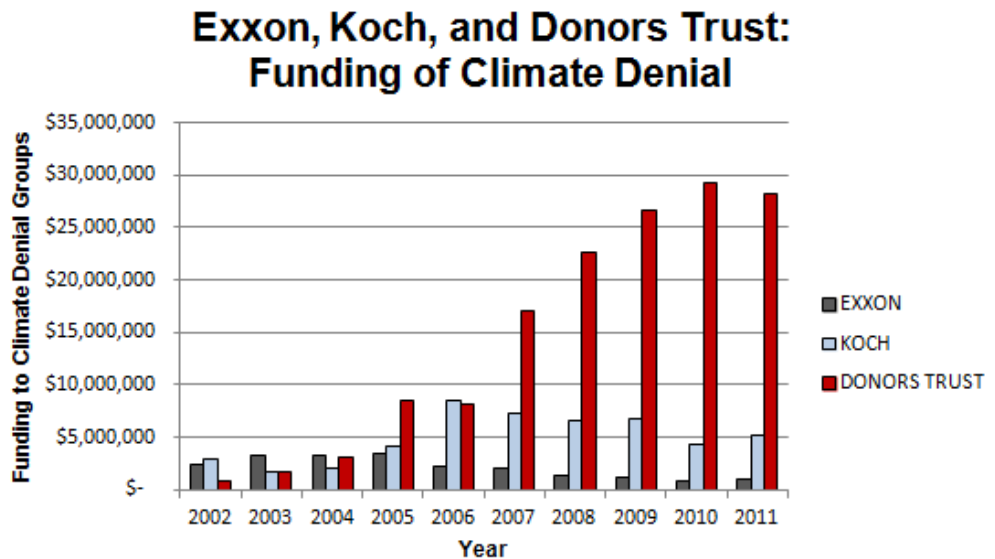
More recently, less visible channels of funding have been revealed such as the **Donors Capital Fund and Donors Trust**, organization that that has been called the “**ATM of the conservative movement**”, distributing funds from those who don’t want to be publicly associated with the anti-environmental work product of organizations like the Heartland Institute.

In the last week we’ve seen **new peer-reviewed science** published, linking at least half of 2012’s extreme weather events to a human carbon footprint in the atmosphere and on the weather and climate.

As the scientific consensus **strengthens by the day** that climate change is happening now, that carbon pollution is causing it and must be regulated, the denial machine is getting increasingly shrill. But today, while they are being increasingly ignored by a majority of the public, their mouthpieces in the US House of Representatives, for instance, have increased in number.

They’re still fighting the science – and they’re still being funded, to the tune of millions of dollars each year, to do it.

Dealing in Doubt sets out a history of these attacks. We show how the tactics of the tobacco industry’s campaign for “sound science” led to the formation of **front groups** who, as they lost the battle to deny smoking’s health hazards and keep warning labels off of cigarettes, turned their argumentative skills to the denial of climate change science in order to slow government action.





Charles and David Koch

What we don't cover is the fact that these organizations and deniers are also working on another front, attacking solutions to climate change. They go after any form of **government incentive to promote renewable energy**, while cheering for coal, fracking and the Keystone pipeline.

They attack any piece of legislation the US EPA puts forward to curb pollution. Decrying President Obama's "war on coal" is a common drumbeat of these anti-regulation groups. One key member of the denial machine, astrophysicist **Willie Soon** from the Smithsonian Institute for Astrophysics, has portrayed himself as an "expert" on mercury and public health in order to attack legislation curbing mercury emissions from coal plants.

This recent history, as well as the prior history of denial by the tobacco companies and chemical, asbestos and other manufacturing industries, is important to remember because the fossil fuel industry has never admitted that it was misguided or wrong in its early efforts to delay the policy reaction to the climate crisis. To this day, it continues to obstruct solutions.

The individuals, organizations and corporate interests who comprise the 'climate denial machine' have caused harm and have slowed our response time. As a result, we will all ultimately pay a much higher cost as we deal with the impacts, both economic and ecological.

Eventually, these interests will be held accountable for their actions.

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REPORT HIGHLIGHTS FAILURE OF MEDIA TO DISCLOSE FOSSIL FUEL INTERESTS

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Freshly released today: a [report by the Checks & Balances Project](#) examining how often top U.S. newspapers fail to attribute fossil fuel ties to organizations or people that appear news articles to promote fossil fuels, demonize clean energy or promote delay of climate change solutions. Tracking ten of the top fossil fuel front groups in 58 leading U.S. newspapers, the [new report](#) finds over 1,000 instances where ties to or funding from coal, oil and gas interests was not disclosed when including a shell group or quoting one of its "experts."

Only 6% of the time were fossil fuel ties disclosed when these top 58 newspapers reported on the ten fossil fuel front groups examined in the study. These groups wind up in the paper, on average, at least once every other day. In the five-year window the report uses, the ten front groups got at least \$16 million from coal, oil and gas interests.

According to Checks & Balances:

“ *These groups, and their proponents, have been quoted on average every other day for the past five years in 60 of the largest mainstream newspapers and publications. Despite having received millions of dollars from fossil fuel interests, such as ExxonMobil and Koch Industries, these groups’ financial ties to the fossil fuel industry are rarely mentioned.* ”

Deniers are already taking notice--see Steven Milloy's complaints [here](#). [Steve Milloy](#) has been a central climate denier, who was [paid to shell](#) for tobacco company **Phillip Morris** and oil giant **Exxon** before work for the Cato Institute (see below) and starting the climate denial website "JunkScience."

The ten groups that Checks & Balances examined are well-established fossil fuel apologists. Here is a roundup of watchdog sites with more information on each of these organizations' historic funding from and work for fossil fuel interests like ExxonMobil and Koch Industries ([2006-2010 funding figures](#) compiled in the [Checks & Balances Project](#)

report):

American Enterprise Institute (AEI): **\$1.675 million from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- **Funding from the Koch brothers** - Greenpeace
- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: AEI on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI): **\$88,279 from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- **Funding from the Koch brothers** - Greenpeace
- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: CEI on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



Cato Institute: **\$1.385 million from Koch/Exxon** (2006-2010)

- **Funding from the Koch brothers** - Greenpeace (see also recent **conflict between Cato and Charles Koch**, one of Cato's co-founders)
- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Cato Institute on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



George C. Marshall Institute: **\$675,000 from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- **Funding from the Koch brothers** - Greenpeace
- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Marshall Institute on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



Heartland Institute: **\$115,000 from Exxon** (2006-2010, see also **\$25,000 grant from Charles Koch** in 2011)

- **Funding from the Koch brothers** - Greenpeace
- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Heartland Institute on [SourceWatch](#), [DeSmogBlog](#) and [PolluterWatch](#)



Heritage Foundation: **\$2.523 million from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- **Funding from the Koch brothers** - Greenpeace
- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Heritage Foundation on [SourceWatch](#), and [DeSmogBlog](#)



Hudson Institute: **\$75,000 from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- **Funding from ExxonMobil** - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Hudson Institute on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



Institute for Energy Research (IER): **\$310,000 from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- [Funding from the Koch brothers](#) - Greenpeace
- [Funding from ExxonMobil](#) - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: IER on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



Manhattan Institute: **\$1.38 million from fossil fuel interests** (2006-2010)

- [Funding from the Koch brothers](#) - Greenpeace
- [Funding from ExxonMobil](#) - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Manhattan Institute on [SourceWatch](#), [DeSmogBlog](#) and [Media Matters](#)



Mercatus Center: **\$8.06 million from fossil fuel interest** (2006-2010)

- [Funding from the Koch brothers](#) - Greenpeace
- [Funding from ExxonMobil](#) - ExxonSecrets (Greenpeace)
- More information: Mercatus Center on [SourceWatch](#) and [DeSmogBlog](#)



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