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Some Corporations Are Cooking the Books. ExxonMobil Is Cooking The Planet.

ExxonMobil, one of the largest corporations on the planet, has spent the last decade working to sabotage action on global warming. ExxonMobil has spent more than any other oil company to derail U.S. policy on global warming and ensure our dependence on fossil fuels.

Scientists say that if global warming, caused by burning oil, coal and gas, continues unabated, there will be a massive increase in temperatures, storms, floods, droughts and diseases. But ExxonMobil still denies that burning fossil fuels causes global warming.

While other energy companies have been investing in clean, renewable energy sources, ExxonMobil continues to spend on oil exploration and development while ignoring the ramifications of these destructive efforts and its own responsibility in solving the planet's largest environmental crisis.

Greenpeace has launched an unprecedented global campaign to stop ExxonMobil from continuing to corrupt U.S. energy policy and the environment.

Global Warming

Human activity is changing the climate that makes life on Earth possible. The world is becoming warmer due to the build up of gases generated by human activities. One of



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the main gases causing global warming is carbon dioxide, which comes from the burning of fossil fuels—particularly oil, coal and gas. Global warming not only increases the Earth's temperature, it also leads to an increase in floods, droughts and wildfires, intensified hurricanes, heat waves, the spread of infectious disease and species extinction.

A panel of scientists called the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is recognized as the most credible scientific authority on global warming. The IPCC's latest report on climate science (released in 2001) found "new and stronger evidence that most of the observed warming over the last 50 years is attributable

to human activities.” It found that global warming is already having a negative impact on the environment.

A small minority of scientists, known as “skeptics,” challenge climate science. Many of them have been funded by fossil fuel companies, including ExxonMobil. These are scientists who state that global warming is not occurring, is not due to human causes and that warmer temperatures will even be beneficial due to shorter winters. It is important to note that while these skeptics are often recognized scientists, their views on global warming have been discredited by the rest of the scientific community. The majority of scientists are not debating whether humans are causing global warming, but about the pace and impacts on different parts of the world.

Kyoto Protocol - the global warming treaty

ExxonMobil has spent hundreds of millions of dollars over more than a decade to undermine meaningful efforts to solve global warming. While heavily lobbying the U.S. government to derail global warming action, the company has also funded economic “scare” reports on global warming policy and launched a multi-million dollar advertising campaign against ratification of the global warming treaty, the Kyoto Protocol. ExxonMobil’s efforts were finally rewarded when President Bush announced that the United States would be withdrawing from the Kyoto Protocol.

The Kyoto Protocol is an international agreement among industrialized nations to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that cause global warming. These reductions are legally binding once countries agree to ratify the treaty. The Kyoto Protocol is a crucial and significant first step towards tackling global warming.

In March 2001, President Bush announced that the U.S. would not ratify the Kyoto treaty, declaring it dead. Fortunately, the rest of the world refused to let President Bush wreck ten years of negotiations on global warming and continued to move forward to implement the Kyoto Protocol—soon to become international law.

However, as the United States is the largest emitter of global warming pollution, we cannot hope to stop global warming unless the U.S. starts taking action to reduce its global warming pollution. That cannot happen until ExxonMobil is held accountable for its blatant interference with global warming policy. ExxonMobil must be forced to

change its position or be stopped from influencing government policy.

Dirty Money

ExxonMobil’s contributions to the Republican Party in the 2000 election cycle totaled more than \$1 million, more than any other oil company. In 1999 ExxonMobil’s lobbying budget, \$11.7 million, was the fifth highest in the U.S., outspent only by pharmaceutical and tobacco giants.

As a result of these efforts, ExxonMobil has enjoyed a leading role in shaping White House energy policies. The influence of the ExxonMobil agenda is demonstrated by the following:

- a major role in the pro-drilling Bush/Cheney energy plan, which would only serve to increase the profits of ExxonMobil and dramatically increase emissions of global warming pollution.
- a request to the Bush administration for the removal of the head of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which has concluded that human activity is causing global warming.

As an international organization, Greenpeace is working on a global-scale to Stop ExxonMobil. Our efforts to stop ExxonMobil and stop global warming are the culmination of thousands of voices concerned about the future of our planet.

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