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Subject: RE: ALEC Search Results

Thank you!

From: Freeman, Kenneth J
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To: Duncan, Ashley M [REDACTED]@exxonmobil.com>
Subject: ALEC Search Results

Ashley – This was run last June...it's a bit dated but does have the historic coverage. I have one more to send you

From: Higgins, Dana L
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Subject: Search Results

Ken,

This is what I was able to pull together quickly, it is by no means exhaustive. I searched Factiva for articles over the past two years. I also added some items from a general Google search, but most of the articles are sourced from Factiva.

This does not cover mentions in Twitter, Facebook or other social media platforms.

I tried to pull out the sections mentioning ExxonMobil and ALEC. Some comments are open to interpretation. For example, does "leadership" denote board or advisory council membership?

Please let me know if you would like me to provide more or re-organize. I did not divide into "types" of sources this go around, since the more important issue was to determine "board or leadership" mentions versus member or funding mentions. I think you can quickly scan and see which sources might be more biased than others, but let me know if you want me to re-work.

Thanks,
Dana

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[President Trump, Paris, and ExxonMobil](#)

Union of Concerned Scientists, 1 June 2017

The company also continues to support climate disinformation and oppose sensible climate and energy policies through its leadership in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), other lobbying groups, and trade associations like the American Petroleum Institute. ExxonMobil's failure to break from these groups' denial of climate science and its implications for constraining carbon emissions belies CEO Woods's assertion that "We have a commitment to fundamental science."



[An Open Letter to Yale on Investments in ExxonMobil](#)

U-Wire, 3 March 2017, 884 words, (English)

Yale University; New Haven, CT - op-eds By Gabe Rissman and Russell Heller Dear Yale Community, Following the Yale Corporation's February meeting, The Yale Daily News reported that the University is examining its investments in ExxonMobil ...

Why, then, does Exxon continue to fund ALEC? When we asked former Exxon CEO Rex Tillerson about the problematic nature of Exxon's representation on the board of ALEC, he said, "[w]e have found our engagement with them [ALEC] to be very productive in a number of broad areas ... particularly educational reform." In subsequent conversations we had with the company, Exxon representatives repeated this explanation and further alluded to ALEC's work on STEM lobbying. However, Exxon's argument does not stand up to scrutiny.



[Exxon Illegally Funded ALEC Under Tillerson's Tenure, CMD Tells Committee](#)

PR Watch (Center for Media and Democracy), 11 January 2017

Exxon was not a passive participant in this arrangement. For most, if not all, of that period, Exxon paid substantial sums to serve in a leadership capacity at ALEC, both on the group's corporate board and on its energy-related issue task forces, where corporations promote "model" legislation for legislative members to push into law. In that capacity, Exxon and other fossil fuel companies held de facto veto power over what bills would or would not be promoted by ALEC. That activity constituted a gross violation of federal tax laws by Exxon.



[Trump's Cabinet choices reflect deep Koch influence](#)

High Country News, 16 December 2016

Some of these people are also tied to the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a conservative nonprofit organization that pushes principles of free-market enterprise, limited federal control, and more power for state governments. Based in Arlington, Virginia, it is funded largely by the Koch family and its corporate advisory board includes ExxonMobil and tobacco giant Altria. ALEC is closely affiliated with the State Policy Network, a right-wing network of conservative organizations and think tanks, many of which are funded by Koch money.



[Education or Lobbying? The ALEC-Exxon Relationship as Test Case](#)

Nonprofit Quarterly, 10 October 2016

Over 17 years, Exxon has contributed more than \$1.7 million to ALEC. In addition to receiving a tax deduction, Exxon has allegedly been able to influence ALEC's efforts in alignment with its corporate strategy. According to the complaint, Exxon has placed corporate representatives on ALEC's "board and on energy-related issue task forces, where corporations introduce 'model' legislation and hold de facto veto power over what bills are subsequently promoted by ALEC. Exxon's collusion with ALEC has helped introduce scores of coordinated bills in state houses across the country, including resolutions in 22 states to oppose EPA's plan to regulate greenhouse gases."



Exxon and ALEC Running Illegal Lobbying Scheme, Watchdog Groups Charge in IRS Complaint

PR Watch (Center for Media and Democracy), 6 October 2016

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Scientific organizations must stop taking money from Exxon

The Hill, 14 September 2016

Take the example of the benignly named American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), of which Exxon remains a key funder and voting member. ALEC is a lobby group that routinely misrepresents climate science to advance the agenda of its corporate members. (Not sure if "key funder and voting member" equates to Board or Advisory Council status)



WHITEHOUSE, SCHATZ CALL OUT EXXONMOBIL FOR CONTINUING TO FUND EFFORT TO BLOCK CLIMATE ACTION: Senators detail Exxon's continued funding of groups like ALEC, U.S. Chamber of Commerce | Exxon's lobbying presence on Capitol Hill belies position on carbon fee legislation, Senators write; Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) News Release

Congressional Documents and Publications, 9 August 2016, 713 words, (English)

Washington, DC - Today, U.S. Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Brian Schatz (D-HI) responded to a letter from ExxonMobil Corporation, which the oil giant had sent to both Senators in the wake of their Web of Denial floor action in ...

ALEC's climate obstructionism is particularly notorious, earning an entire website—ALECclimatedenial.org—to debunk its work. When an ExxonMobil official serves on ALEC's Private Enterprise Advisory Council, and your company is a top sponsor of ALEC's recent annual meeting in Indianapolis, we find Ms. Fariello's assurances less than assuring.



ExxonMobil Top Sponsor at ALEC Annual Meeting

PR Watch (Center for Media and Democracy), 27 July 2016

Exxon is represented on the ALEC corporate board, and has funded ALEC since as early as 1981, providing at least \$1,730,200 between 1998 and 2014 based on publicly available disclosures.



Indy-bound group that crafts conservative bills has critics

Indianapolis Business Journal, 25 July 2016, 1363 words, (English)

[...] opponents say the group's funders—which have included Koch Industries, ExxonMobil, and a number of right-leaning foundations and industry groups—and the corporate leaders who serve on its private enterprise board are after more than ...

Conway and Moore received a generally warm reception from the council, which includes representatives of Exxon Mobil, Peabody Energy, AT&T and Koch Industries.



ExxonMobil, Rockefellers face off in climate battle

Agence France Presse, 2.50, 18 April 2016, 608 words, (English)

US energy giant ExxonMobil is facing an onslaught from environmentalists and some shareholders alleging it hid what it knew about the effects of fossil fuels on climate change.

That includes the lobbying group the American Legislative Exchange Council, which is financed by companies including ExxonMobil, Jeffers acknowledges. Cynthia Bergman, an executive at the oil group, is a member of ALEC's advisory council.

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The Execs Bashing Trump's Paris Withdrawal Are Also Funding Climate-Change Deniers

The Huffington Post, 6 June 2017

Mentions Exxon and Alex but not together.


Experts Call For Shareholder Action on Climate Ahead of ExxonMobil and Chevron Annual Meetings

1 June 2017

A shareholder proposal requesting annual reporting on direct and indirect lobbying activities and expenditures by ExxonMobil received the support of more than 25% of shareowners in 2016 and will be voted on again tomorrow. This resolution highlights ExxonMobil's membership in trade associations and industry groups that spread disinformation on climate science or misrepresent the possible effects of climate policies, including the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), the American Petroleum Institute (API), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), and the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA).



Exxon Mobil Corp Annual Shareholders Meeting - Final

Bloomberg Government Disclosure, 31 May 2017, 16814 words, (English)

Presentation DARREN W. WOODS, CHAIRMAN AND CEO, EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Can I ask you to please take your seats? Good morning, and welcome. I ask the meeting please come to order. I'm Darren Woods, ...



Yale students join resolution to push Exxon Mobil for more transparency in lobbying
New Haven Register, 28 May 2017

Heller said Exxon executives have told him, "We don't always agree with everything ALEC says," but that ALEC also supports causes Exxon agrees with, such as science and technology education. "They don't really have any justification for being in ALEC that really makes sense," Heller said.



What is ALEC? - Marion Mohr

The Caledonian-Record, 27 May 2017, 468 words, (English)

What is ALEC? To the Editor: A recent CR editorial (5/10/17) discussed the 2017 "Rich States Poor States" annual report from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). The bottom line of the report seems to be, from an economic ...

The fact that the legislation may have been written by ExxonMobile, Smith Kline, Phillips Morris or a myriad of other corporations is never disclosed.



Energy Companies Urge Trump to Stay in the Paris Climate Agreement
KNAU/NPR Transcript, 18 May 2017

Shell CEO's comments on why they pulled out of ALEC



Bradley Foundation Bankrolls Front Groups of Discredited PR Spin Doctor Richard Berman

15 May 2017

*Bradley outlines the bigger game plan for ALEC: "The larger plan also has an important component for aggressive 'opposition research,' which has yielded many beneficial outcomes, including to Strassel for her helpful book, among others." This last comment in the Bradley documents suggests that ALEC provided Wall Street Journal editorial writer Kim Strassel with information for her book *Intimidation Game*. In it, Strassel portrayed the sustained citizen campaigning against ALEC as a well-funded, nefarious effort to crush the "free speech" rights of ALEC and its enormous funders, including Koch Industries, ExxonMobil, Pfizer, and ALTRIA/Phillip Morris (Strassel received a \$250,000 Bradley Prize in 2014).*



Zinke Tours Bears Ears, Grand Staircase-Escalante, Scolds Inquisitive Native Woman: 'Be Nice!'

Enviro News, 10 May 2017

According to the Center for Media and Democracy (CMD), nearly 98 percent of ALEC's funding comes from corporations including ExxonMobil and from foundations related to Charles and David Koch – a.k.a., the "Koch brothers." Koch Industries, through its employees, political action committees (PACs), subsidiaries and affiliates contributed \$9.3 million to the 2016 election cycle. Of the \$3.3 million that went to individual candidates and their parties, 99.8 percent went to Republicans. Many Utahans are likely unaware of the out-of-state money setting the agenda for their state.



New Mexico has history of selling off state trust lands

The Santa Fe New Mexican, 7 May 2017, 666 words, (English)

Fake news is trending -- even among the institutions that should know better. I'd hope to count the office of State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn among those able to separate fact from fiction. However, his recent misguided attack of The ...

In fact, the Koch brothers-backed American Legislative Exchange Council , which drafts model legislation often designed to benefit corporations like ExxonMobil at public expense,



FCC Commissioner Tells ALEC To Help Squash Net Neutrality

Huffington Post, 7 May 2017

In 2017, AT&T is now on ALEC's Private Enterprise Advisory Council, (along with Pharma, Exxon Mobil, Koch industries and Altria, (who owns Phillip Morris, among other tobacco companies)). Meanwhile, the NCTA, the association-lobbying group for the cable industry, is the 'private chair' of the Communications and Technology Task Force.



Should US exit the Paris climate deal? Some fossil-fuel firms say no.

The Christian Science Monitor, 2 May 2017, 1394 words, (English)

As a candidate, Donald Trump appealed to Americans' worries about jobs by vowing to pull the US out of the Paris climate agreement and end job-killing environmental regulations. But what happens if President Trump calls for a revolt on the ...

This also may explain why oil companies often sound contradictory when addressing climate change. Exxon several years ago acknowledged that global warming was real and required action, but was still funding the conservative American Legislative Exchange Council , which has questioned the role of human activity, according to a 2016 report by the American Geophysical Union .



Chevron Denies Climate Risk to Shareholders While Supporting the Spread of Climate Disinformation

Union of Concerned Scientists, 14 April 2017

Mentions Exxon in article, but focus is Chevron and membership in ALEC.



Denying climate change does us no good

The Recorder, 4 April 2017, 911 words, (English)

The Heartland Institute's H. Sterling Burnett provides a new edition of fake news in his opinion "that even if the science motivating the Paris Climate Agreement weren't suspicious, the treaty itself is a costly farce" (Tribune News ...)

This web of denial, formed over decades, has been built and provisioned by the deep-pocketed Koch brothers, by Exxon Mobil , by Peabody Coal, and by other fossil fuel interests."



Partisan prosecutions: How state attorneys general dove into politics

New York Post (Cal), 30 March 2017

Meanwhile, environmental advocates finagled a group of AGs, including Schneiderman and Massachusetts' Maura Healey, into aiming a subpoena dragnet at advocacy groups, scientists and activists engaged in climate change "denial" and other opinion sins. Officially couched as a fraud investigation of the Exxon Corp., it has featured subpoenas demanding the correspondence and documents of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a well-known right-of-center player in Washington.

Maryland AG Brian Frosh, another member of the group, has signaled plans to go after the American Legislative Exchange Council, a right-leaning group of state legislators that has been widely demonized on the left.



States Ramp Up Attacks on Incentives for Electric Vehicles

DeSmog Blog, 14 March 2017

These legislative attacks on EVs bear the fingerprints of Big Oil, which sees the electrification of the transportation sector as the biggest single threat to the oil industry. Groups funded by the likes of ExxonMobil and the Koch brothers are supporting the measures, and in some cases, even writing the bills.

But there's more to the story. Martin's bill looks similar to model bills that have been pushed by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a Koch-funded entity that pushes fossil fuel-friendly agendas through state legislatures.



Pruitt Emails Show Close Ties to the Koch-Funded ALEC

The Center for Media and Democracy, 7 March 2017

After Pruitt became attorney general, he stayed engaged with ALEC on energy and environmental issues. ALEC is funded by a number of big polluters including Devon Energy, Peabody Energy, Koch Industries, and ExxonMobil. In 2014, the New York Times won a Pulitzer Prize after it filed an open records request and exposed the fact that Pruitt received a letter from Devon, put it on his state letterhead, and sent it to the EPA. The Devon lobbyist lauded this move as "Outstanding!"



Patriarchs rise seeking profit and power

The Durango Herald, 4 March 2017, 371 words, (English)

Millennia ago, patriarchs created the patriarchal god in the image of patriarchs to benefit and serve patriarchs. Next, they created the temple whore, the slave. After millennia of battles, destruction, bags of fore-skins, vengeance, etc., ...

We are now the United States of the American Legislative Exchange Council , one nation under the Koch Brothers machine, Vladimir Putin , FBI incompetents, Rudi Giuliani, Erik Prince of Darkness, white nationalist Steve Bannon and accused rapist Julian Assange.

Exxon Mobil was hurt when 2014 sanctions over the Russian invasion of Ukraine blocked their development of Russian oil reserves. No more.

"The Donald," Vladimir and Rex Tillerson gain over \$500 billion in profits for their power and wealth.



States Close In on Constitutional Convention on Federal Budget

CQ Magazine, 3 March 2017, 1900 words, (English)

**** CQ MAGAZINE ** * States Close In on Constitutional Convention on Federal Budget *** A growing number of states don't trust Congress to put its fiscal house in order and are attempting to pass a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. ...

ALEC receives most of its funding from companies or corporate foundations, including Koch Industries , which backs conservative causes; oil giant Exxon Mobil ; and AT&T , according to the Center for Media and Democracy .



House OKs 'pre-emption': Bill allows state rules on wages and sick leave to supersede city laws

St. Paul Pioneer Press, 3 March 2017, 1059 words, (English)

Rod Adams, an advocate with Neighborhoods Organizing for Change, doesn't mince words when it comes to the so-called Uniform Labor Standards Act -- a Republican-led effort to block cities from imposing their own paid sick leave mandates or ...

Retired St. Paul firefighter Dick Sarafolean, an ISAIAH member, called the pre-emption bill boiler-plate copied from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a national business advocacy coalition that has pushed model legislation on behalf of members such as ExxonMobil , Pfizer and Koch Industries .



Shell's 1991 warning: climate changing 'at faster rate than at any time since end of ice age'

The Guardian, 5.27, 28 February 2017, 1696 words, (English)

Critics say public information film shows Shell 'understood the threat was dire, potentially existential for civilisation, more than a quarter of a century ago' • 'Shell knew': oil giant's 1991 film warned of climate change danger

However, Shell remained a member of another business lobby group that campaigned against climate action, the American Legislative Exchange Council, until 2015 and remains a member of the Business Roundtable and American Petroleum Institute , which both fought against Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan.

The company has said it has remained a member of groups that hold different views on climate action to "influence" them . But Thomas O'Neill, from the group Influence Map, which tracks lobbying, said: "The trade associations and industry groups are there to say things the company cannot or does not want to say. It's deliberately that way."



Shell's 1991 climate change film shows just how much it knew

Grist.org, 28 February 2017

Shell has also been a member of industry lobby groups that have fought climate action, including the so-called Global Climate Coalition until 1998; the far-right American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) until 2015; and remains a member of the Business Roundtable and the American Petroleum Institute today.

Another oil giant, ExxonMobil, is under investigation by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and state attorney generals for allegedly misleading investors about the risks climate change posed to its business. The company said it is confident it is compliant. In early 2016, a group of congressmen asked the Department of Justice to also "investigate whether Shell's actions around climate change violated federal law."



'Shell knew': oil giant's 1991 film warned of climate change danger

The Guardian, 5:20, 28 February 2017, 1084 words, (English)

Public information film unseen for years shows Shell had clear grasp of global warming 26 years ago but has not acted accordingly since, say critics. Film warned of climate change 'at rate faster than at any time since end of the ice age'

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Reactionary bills pop up across the U.S.

Iowa City Press-Citizen, 15 February 2017, 677 words, (English)

As the slurry of executive orders and cabinet appointments flow out of the Oval Office, irrigating a bitter crop, Republican-controlled state legislatures across the country are trying to take advantage of the climate, pushing reactionary ...

Some bills are passed along from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). Funded by corporations like Exxon-Mobil and the Koch Foundation, bills written at ALEC get-togethers are sent to sympathetic legislators across the country, and then often proposed in legislatures word for word.



Emails: EPA's Pruitt cozy with fossil fuel industry

Associated Press Newswires, 18:54, 22 February 2017, 1104 words, (English)

WASHINGTON (AP) — While serving as Oklahoma's attorney general, new Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt coordinated closely with fossil-fuel companies and special interest groups working to undermine federal efforts to curb ...

During his confirmation hearing last month, Senate Democrats pressed Pruitt on political donations he had raised from energy companies such as Exxon Mobil and Devon Energy, including "dark money" funneled to groups not required to disclose their donors.

Pruitt's staff was also in close contact with the American Legislative Exchange Council and Americans for Prosperity to coordinate opposition to new EPA regulations. Oil industry giant Exxon Mobil is a major donor to ALEC, while AFP is closely linked to Koch Industries, which owns petroleum pipelines.



Donald Trump environment boss Scott Pruitt admits climate change is not a hoax in U-turn

Independent Online, 8:50, 20 January 2017, 1041 words, (English)

'I do not believe climate change is a hoax,' Pruitt said, contradicting both himself and the new President. Donald Trump's choice to run the Environmental Protection Agency has admitted that climate change has not real.

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse pressed MrPruitt on money he raised from energy companies such as Exxon Mobil and Devon Energy, as well as the corporate "dark money" raised by groups with which he is involved that are not required to disclose their donors.



Judge: Exxon must hand over decades of documents in climate change probe

The Christian Science Monitor, 12 January 2017, 879 words, (English)

A judge in Massachusetts ruled Wednesday that Exxon Mobil Corp. must release four decades' worth of documents to authorities investigating what the oil and gas company knew about climate change, and when they knew it.

"It will be interesting to see how his opinions working with President-elect Trump will differ from working with ExxonMobil," said John Eick, director of energy, environment, and agriculture with the conservative American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), in a Wednesday interview with the Monitor. "The stances of the organization don't always represent the individual."



A closer sense of Trump climate stance? Tillerson says it's a 'threat.'
The Christian Science Monitor, 11 January 2017, 1176 words, (English)
Secretary of State nominee Rex Tillerson staked out new ground for the incoming Trump administration, saying that rising greenhouse gas emissions are warming the planet, during a Wednesday confirmation hearing.

The less forceful backing of the Paris deal sounded like Tillerson might have "softened" his position compared with when he led ExxonMobil, John Eick, director of energy, environment, and agriculture with the conservative group American Legislative Exchange Council, told the Monitor.

"It will be interesting to see how his opinions working with President-elect Trump will differ from working with ExxonMobil," Eick said. "The stances of the organization don't always represent the individual."



Time to Grill Rex Tillerson on Climate Change
NYTimes.com Feed, 15:22, 10 January 2017, 715 words, (English)
The dominant issues at Wednesday's hearing on the nomination of Rex Tillerson, the former chief executive of Exxon Mobil, for secretary of state are likely to be Mr. Tillerson's ties to Russian president Vladimir Putin and any potential ...

Mr. Tillerson succeeded to the top job in 2006, and is rightly credited with ending or reducing company funding of the most extreme of the climate deniers. These include the Heartland Institute, the Cato Institute and the Competitive Enterprise Institute, whose program on global warming and international environmental policy is run by Myron Ebell, a Trump adviser and as polarizing a figure on environmental and energy issues as there is. But how much of this was public relations is not clear. In any case, according to Union of Concerned Scientists and Greenpeace, which keeps meticulous track of these things, as of 2015 Exxon continued to fund other groups like the American Enterprise Institute and the American Legislative Exchange Council that also seek to foster doubts about climate change.



Exxon first, Earth second: Tillerson's company ignored climate change science to protect profits.

Los Angeles Times, 3 January 2017, 910 words, (English)
Rex Tillerson, President-elect Donald Trump's choice to lead the State Department, has spent 41 years at the oil and gas company Exxon Mobil. He rose through its ranks to CEO, but he was so cloistered in its corporate culture that he could ...

Exxon under his leadership claimed it would stop funding groups such as the American Legislative Exchange Council that deny and obfuscate climate science (but it still hasn't).



Trump's Gift To His Buddy: In Russia: On the left
The Hartford Courant, 18 December 2016, 729 words, (English)

OK, take a deep breath. And then consider this: We are about to inaugurate as president a man who won the election with the active help of Vladimir Putin himself.

Climate change. While some give Tillerson credit for supporting the Paris Climate Accords, Exxon Mobil, under his leadership, has been a major funder of climate change denial organizations. According to a July 2016 report by the blog DESMOG, as recently as 2015, Exxon was still bankrolling organizations leading the fight against climate change legislation, including the American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, and the American Enterprise Institute -



Rex Tillerson's State of Denial
The New Yorker, 15 December 2016

The researchers found that as recently as 2014, the latest year for which complete data were available, ExxonMobil was still contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to groups promoting climate misinformation. These included the American Legislative Exchange Council, which, among other things, advocates teaching climate denial to schoolchildren, and the National Black Chamber of Commerce, which asserts on its Web site, "Actually, there is no sound science to support the claims of Global Warming." ExxonMobil contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars more to what might be called the country's most influential denialist group: the Republican majority in Congress.



Tillerson built a career on ties with autocrats
The Washington Post, 14 December 2016, 1536 words, (English)

When ExxonMobil chief executive Rex Tillerson showed up in June at the annual St. Petersburg international economic forum that is dubbed Russia's Davos, he was asked about the impact international sanctions on Russia were having on his ...

While Tillerson has acknowledged human involvement in the warming of the globe and backed a carbon tax to deal with it, the oil giant has continued to fund groups such as the American Legislative Exchange Council, whose leading members have cast doubt on climate change or its urgency. The relationship contrasted with that of Shell, which also acknowledges climate change but dropped its membership in ALEC last year, citing differences over the issue.



ExxonMobil has a history of denying climate change

Buffalo News, 6 December 2016, 515 words, (English)

According to a Scientific American report, the company was aware of the risk of climate change as early as 1977. "The First Amendment does not give you the right to commit fraud," State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said during his ...

ExxonMobil is also the largest corporation in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). This group's agenda is to write sample legislation to disrupt enforcement of state and federal regulations on businesses.



Leading Fossil Fuel Companies Fail Climate Responsibility Test

Inside Climate News, 13 October 2016

For each of the eight companies reviewed, the report includes a separate scorecard. In Exxon's case, this runs seven pages and addresses in detail several aspects of the company's climate stance, such as its professed support for a tax on carbon, and its involvement with the American Legislative Exchange Council, which opposes such a tax.



ALEC's goal is to leave out regular Hoosiers

The Journal Gazette, 18 August 2016, 584 words, (English)

ALEC is at it again. It isn't enough that the American Legislative Exchange Council is funded by corporate membership fees ranging from \$7,000 to \$25,000 yearly, receives millions of dollars in direct grants from these corporations, and ...

This time, top corporate sponsors of this year's ALEC annual meeting last month in Indianapolis included Exxon Mobil (creator of bills to protect the interests of coal, oil and gas and a major climate-change denier) and AARP, which this year was a "Trustee Level" sponsor and gave out free AARP-branded USB power packs to legislators and others at registration.



Pollster says Trump has big reservoir of 'hidden' support

Evening News and Tribune, 28 July 2016, 521 words, (English)

INDIANAPOLIS — A Donald Trump adviser predicts a record turnout for the celebrity real estate developer, saying he has tapped deep pools of resentment and angst, and some of his supporters are too embarrassed to admit it.

Conway and Moore received a generally warm reception from the council, which includes representatives of Exxon Mobil, Peabody Energy, AT&T and Koch Industries.



Déjà vu as with tobacco, the climate wars are going to court

The Guardian, 701, 18 July 2016, 692 words, (English)

The fossil fuel industry copied Big Tobacco's racketeering playbook. They're following the same path to court, where tobacco lost. Investigative journalism has uncovered a "web of denial" in which polluting industries pay "independent" groups ...

As extensively documented at DeSmogBlog, Big Tobacco has long funded science-denying think tanks, such as the Heartland Institute, Heritage Foundation, Cato Institute, George Marshall Institute, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and Manhattan Institute, to name a few. ExxonMobil later funded these same groups.



Senators Call Out Web of Denial Blocking Action on Climate Change; Nineteen Senators expose fossil fuel-funded groups involved in a campaign to deny climate facts and stymie climate legislation; Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) News Release

Congressional Documents and Publications, 15 July 2016, 1324 words, (English)

Washington, D.C. - Throughout the week on the Senate floor, Senate Democrats called out various trade associations, foundations, and organizations for perpetrating a sprawling web of misdirection and disinformation to block action on

This web of denial, formed over decades, has been built and provisioned by the deep-pocketed Koch brothers, by ExxonMobil, by Peabody coal, and by other fossil fuel interests. It is a grim shadow over our democracy in that it includes an electioneering effort that spends hundreds of millions of dollars in a single election cycle and threatens any Republican who steps up to address the global threat of climate change.

Evidence mounts against Big Oil

The Recorder, 5 July 2016, 645 words, (English)

Last year, Inside Climate News (ICN), a Pulitzer Prize-winning, nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization, published a series "Exxon: The Road not Taken" that documented Exxon's engagement with climate change science dating back to the late

The article continued, "Prosecutors may decide to investigate companies that chose to fund or join organizations that questioned climate science or policies designed to address the problem, such as the Global Climate Coalition, and the American Legislative Exchange Council ...

"BP, Shell, Texaco, and Exxon ... were all members of the coalition, a group of companies and trade associations that started an advertising campaign in the 1990s opposing Washington's involvement in strong international efforts like the Kyoto Protocol initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

JAMES DISAPPOINTS ADMIRERS WITH HIS LANGUAGE

Akron Beacon Journal, 29 June 2016, 570 words, (English)

Should LeBron James apologize for his offensive language at the Cleveland parade? Definitely, and not only to the millions of children who heard him but also to the whole world. What a shame that R.J. Nemer, the global head of golf clients

Deception, outright lies and big money have permeated our way of life. The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), well funded by Exxon and other corporate lobbies, writes and proposes legislation favorable to corporations no matter what the consequences for the American public or our planet.

Hold Big Money, Big Oil interests accountable

The Repository, 24 June 2016, 186 words, (English)

Twenty state attorney generals have come together (ours is not one of them) to investigate Exxon's role in deceiving the public about climate change and the devastating impacts of burning fossil fuels on our planet.

Deception, outright lies and Big Money have permeated our very way of life. ALEC, well funded by Exxon and other corporate lobbies, writes and proposes congressional legislation favorable to corporations no matter what the consequences for the American public or our planet. Members of Congress, whose campaigns are funded by Big Money, can be blinded by self-interest and pass morally vacant legislation.

Exxon's Inquisitors Feel the Heat

The Wall Street Journal, 17 June 2016, 903 words, (English)

The first thing to know about the crusade against Exxon by state attorneys general is that it isn't about the law. The second thing to know is that it isn't even about Exxon. What these liberal prosecutors really want is to shut down a ...

Also named: the American Legislative Exchange Council. ALEC doesn't now, and hasn't ever, taken a position on the climate. The group is, however, one of the most powerful forces in the country for free-market legislation, having written hundreds of model bills that states use in their efforts to reduce taxes, cut regulations and reform tort laws. Democratic activists have, for the past five years in particular, waged a vicious campaign to run ALEC out of business, and Ms. Healey is now doing her bit.

Exxon fights Massachusetts AG's 'political' probe into climate-change dissent

The Washington Times, 16 June 2016, 1287 words, (English)

Alex Epstein had a three-word response after learning Wednesday that Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey had included him in her investigation into climate change "fraud": Buzz off, fascist.

The other organizations named in the Massachusetts subpoena are the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, the American Enterprise Institute, Americans for Prosperity, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the American Petroleum Institute, the Beacon Hill Institute at Suffolk University, the George C. Marshall Institute, The Heartland Institute and the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

The subpoena demands what Exxon described as millions of documents dating back to Jan. 1, 1976, although the company argued in its motion that the four-year statute of limitations on potential fraud charges would exclude the vast majority of the documents.

EXXON VOTE FALLS SHORT

Times Union, 27 May 2016, 612 words, (English)

Albany While shareholders of ExxonMobil -- world's largest publicly traded oil company -- rejected calls that it report how ongoing, man-made climate change could affect future business, the measure still got more support than any previous

He also said the company would continue to fund groups like the American Legislative Exchange Council, a conservative group linked to Kansas-based petrochemical billionaires Charles and David Koch, that has been working to undo renewable-energy requirements at the state level.



ExxonMobil defeats climate-change measures

The Washington Post, 26 May 2016, 772 words, (English)

ExxonMobil beat back shareholder resolutions about climate change that would have reoriented the oil and gas giant toward renewable energy, forced it to disclose lobbying details and installed a board member with expertise in the area of

Tillerson said that the company would continue to fund groups such as the American Legislative Exchange Council, a conservative group that works mostly at the state and local levels. Tillerson said that Exxon "found our engagement with them to be very productive," and said "whether we agree or not, we find it very useful."

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Exxon Mobil Corp Annual Shareholders Meeting - Final

CQ FD Disclosure, 25 May 2016, 20999 words, (English)

Presentation REX TILLERSON, CHAIRMAN, CEO, EXXONMOBIL CORPORATION: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. If you'd please take your seats.

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Time to Wake Up: ExxonMobil's Scramble to Contain Climate Crusade: Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) News Release

Congressional Documents and Publications, 18 May 2016, 1863 words, (English)

This is the 137th time that I have addressed this body, asking us to wake up to the threat of climate change. While we sleepwalk, our atmosphere and oceans continue to suffer the damage caused by carbon pollution. As we do nothing, more and

According to publicly available company documents, in 2014, ExxonMobil funded several organizations that promote climate science disinformation, including:

** The American Legislative Exchange Council, which peddled legislation to State legislatures that include a finding that human-induced global warming "may lead to possibly beneficial climactic changes."*



Climate denial lives on at Exxon

The Boston Globe, 18 May 2016, 967 words, (English)

[...]the Paris agreement warns that an even lower ceiling, keeping the global average temperature within 1.5o C of the pre-industrial level, will be needed to preserve some semblance of climate stability. the Steelworkers point to Exxon's membership in the American Legislative Exchange Council, which spearheads many of the most strident state-level campaigns attacking policies favorable to renewable energy. Exxon urges shareholders to reject fuller lobbying disclosure, asserting that its periodic reports to Congress and various state and local jurisdictions, "as required by law," provide "sufficient transparency and accountability." Why make it any easier for scrappy shareholders, or the public at large, to track the company's massive and often secretive lobbying campaigns?



ALEC Appoints New Chair To Climate Denial Task Force

Kuwait News Agency (Kuna), 7 May 2016, 395 words, (English)

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) has named a new corporate chair for its task force that works to oppose action to tackle climate change: Jennifer Jura of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Major funders of ALEC include ExxonMobil, Koch Industries and the coal company Peabody Energy.



The Climate Police Escalate

The Wall Street Journal, 30 April 2016, 610 words, (English)

Sometimes we wonder if we're still living in the land of the free. Witness the subpoena from Claude Walker, attorney general of the U.S. Virgin Islands, demanding that the Competitive Enterprise Institute cough up a decade of emails and ...

Mr. Schneiderman nonetheless says he is investigating Exxon for "defrauding the public, defrauding consumers, defrauding shareholders." He also tipped a broader assault by claiming that the oil and gas company was funneling climate misinformation through "organizations they fund, like the American Enterprise Institute, the " American Legislative Exchange Council " and the " American Petroleum Institute ." He wants to use the Exxon case to shut down all "climate change deniers."



Bernie's Spinal Surgery on CEOs

The Wall Street Journal, 15 April 2016, 880 words, (English)

Verizon CEO Lowell McAdam is receiving hosannas for his takedown Wednesday of Bernie Sanders, in which he rapped the presidential candidate's views on corporate America as "uninformed," "contemptible," and "wrong" — among other things. ...

It's the corporate America (Google, Facebook, eBay) that ditched the free-market American Legislative Exchange Council when that group came under fire from environmental activists.



Koch Brothers Lobby for Broken Government, Burning Planet

The Progressive, 1 April 2016, 1837 words, (English)

[...] it may be the crowning achievement of a secretive network of uberwealthy extremists who are the subject of an exceptional new book by Jane Mayer, the award-winning writer for The New Yorker. Today, ALEC is at the forefront of efforts

The Kochs gave \$25 million in a three-year period to dozens of different organizations peddling climate change denial, outspending even ExxonMobil



Private water industry offers attacks, not solutions for Atlantic City

The Press of Atlantic City, 30 March 2016, 714 words, (English)

As Michael Deane writes in his March 23 commentary, "Quit the private water scare tactics in Atlantic City," the city is involved

The NAWC, which

attacks Food & Water Watch as ideologically driven, has been a member of the ideologically driven American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), alongside Koch Industries and ExxonMobil. ALEC exists to draft model legislation that promotes privatization and deregulation at the state level to help promote the healthy bottom lines of its corporate members.



Institutional Investors Continue to Press Companies for Disclosure of Lobbying In 2016

ForeignAffairs.co.nz, 17 March 2016, 1824 words, (English)

MIL OSI - Source: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union - Press Release/Statement: Headline: Institutional Investors Continue to Press Companies for Disclosure of Lobbying In 2016

The proposals also continue to focus on reputational risks from involvement in the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). ALEC is a tax-exempt organization that convenes state lawmakers and corporations to approve model legislation for passage at the state level. This legislation has included controversial bills on repealing state regulations on renewable energy, blocking paid sick leave, pre-empting minimum wage increases and opposing EPA regulation such as the Clean Power Plan. More than 105 companies have left ALEC in recent years, including 3M, BP, eBay, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Shell, Visa and Yahoo. Prominent current ALEC members receiving 2016 proposals include: AT&T, Caterpillar,

Chesapeake Energy, Chevron, Comcast, Devon Energy, Dominion Resources, Duke Energy, ExxonMobil, Honeywell, Nucor Corporation, Pfizer, Spectra Energy, Time Warner Cable, UPS and Verizon.



Questioning Republicans

The Daily Citizen, 16 January 2016, 412 words, (English)

Now that the Republicans have admitted the Benghazi investigation was a political stunt and wasted tax money, we should expose other Republican falsehoods.

conservative Republicans, particularly global warming deniers, often quote people whose opinions are tainted by the failure to disclose research funding. Often quoted by Republicans, denier Wei-Hock Soon, exposed by The New York Times, received \$1.2 million in funding from fossil fuel businesses including Exxon Mobil Corp. and the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation. At the University of Kansas, Art Hall's research opposing renewable energy mandates was tainted by the recent disclosure his research was funded with Koch money. Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway in their book "Merchants of Doubt" found the experts that denied the health risk of tobacco (funded by R.J. Reynolds) also doubted global warming but were funded by fossil fuel businesses.

However, Royal Dutch Shell and BP withdrew from the Koch-related American Legislative Exchange Council over policy differences concerning renewable energy development. Government isn't the problem, Republicans are.



As Exxon Faces Investigation, Investors Renew Pressure for Stronger Climate Stance

Inside Climate News, 12 January 2016

The union's resolution calls out Exxon for its association with ALEC and API, among other organizations that have a history of pressing climate uncertainty while supporting action to derail climate regulations. The resolution notes that API, the Business Roundtable and the National Association of Manufacturers, in which Exxon maintains memberships, together spent more than \$65 million on lobbying in 2013 and 2014.



America has been duped on climate change

Washington Post.com, 7 January 2016, 836 words, (English)

Each week, In Theory takes on a big idea in the news and explores it from a range of perspectives. This week we're talking about the ethics of global warming. Need a primer? Catch up here.

While that coalition disbanded in 2001, ExxonMobil reportedly continued to quietly funnel climate misinformation through "skeptic" think tanks, such as the Heartland Institute, until 2006, when its funding was exposed. The company — the nation's largest and wealthiest — continues to work with the American Legislative Exchange Council, a so-called public-private partnership of corporations and conservative legislators, to block climate change policies.



Why is the largest Earth science conference still sponsored by Exxon?

The Guardian, 6:04, 6 January 2016, 848 words, (English)

By accepting sponsorship from ExxonMobil, AGU allows the company to greenwash its climate science disinformation campaign "Thank You to Our Sponsors: ExxonMobil, Chevron, Shell..." This was the first message to greet us upon arrival at the ...

Even today, ExxonMobil and Chevron continue to fund the American Legislative Exchange Council, a lobbying group that routinely misrepresents climate science to US state legislators and attempts to block pro-renewable energy policies.



MW and Exxon: Indicative of a polluted corporate culture that must change

The Guardian, 4:22, 31 December 2015, 1035 words, (English)

2015's corporate scandals should serve as a nail in the coffin of old, outdated ways of doing business, says Pavan Sukhdev. A look back at 2015 reveals some shocking corporate scandals, notably in September, when two of the world's most ...

Despite agreeing to stop funding climate denial in 2007, the company was since found to have donated \$2.3m (£1.5m) to members of Congress and climate denying lobby group the American Legislative Exchange Council.



How the Decline of Unions and Collective Bargaining Hurts Manufacturing and Our Economy

Industry Week, 31 December 2015, 3091 words, (English)

In the last 20 years, corporate efforts to lower labor costs have been extremely successful, resulting in record profits and executive bonuses. Big corporations have outsourced jobs to low-labor-cost countries, created two-tier pay systems, ...

More Money - The major corporate lobbies continued to pour money into the effort to weaken or eliminate unions. They are led the Chamber of Commerce, Business Roundtable, National Association of Manufacturers ; by corporate-funded lobbying organizations such as the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Americans for Tax Reform , The Club for Growth, Americans for Prosperity ; and large corporations like Wal-Mart , The Coca Cola Company , FedEx , Amway, Exxon Mobile Corp . to name just a few. I

LOCAL VIEW Use markets to reduce burning of fossil fuels

Duluth News-Tribune, 30 December 2015, 414 words, (English)

Markets bring people together to exchange values. This voluntary exchange often takes place without coercion or manipulation. This is how markets generate innovation. New values attract new inventions and investments in infrastructure. ...

Author and Columbia University instructor Tim Mitchell has described this cabal of carbon partners as "the carbon democracy." Its economic influence guides public policy. The current legal troubles of Peabody Coal and Exxon Mobil illustrate the point. Carbon partners who are funded by dark money include the Heartland Institute and the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). They seem to want to buy your representation.

AEC dumps ALEC

Arkansas Times, 17 December 2015, 990 words, (English)

No matter which side of the battle over global warming you're on, that was blockbuster news last week. No, not the signing of the climate-change treaty that commits all of Earth's 195 nations to lowering their greenhouse-gas emissions and ...

American Electric is only the latest among global energy giants that have come around on Obama's Clean Power Plan and tough global rules on climate change. Six other U.S. utilities have left ALEC. Also, Royal Dutch Shell and British Petroleum also withdrew and committed to meeting carbon-emission deadlines. Shell condemned ALEC's resistance to climate-change rules.

Then there's Exxon Mobil , the world's largest private oil company and a Koch ally on global warming. The New York attorney general is investigating whether the company conspired to lie to the public and investors about the risks of climate change. It turns out, from documents unearthed by news organizations, that Exxon's army of scientists and engineers knew as far back as 1977 that carbon dioxide from burning oil, gas and coal could have terrible effects on the planet, including ocean and atmospheric warming that would gradually melt ice caps, flood low-lying areas around the globe, affect human health and alter vegetation and animal habitats.

4 of ExxonMobil's greatest climate denial hits

ForeignAffairs.co.nz, 26 November 2015, 771 words, (English)

MIL OSI - Source: Greenpeace New Zealand - Press Release/Statement: Headline: 4 of ExxonMobil's greatest climate denial hits In the last few months, exposé after exposé has uncovered how Exxon knew about the dangerous reality of climate change ...

But instead of acting to protect the planet, Exxon acted to protect its profits. It spent the next three decades funding and spreading climate denial. Exxon funded groups like ALEC, the Heartland Institute and the Advancement of Sound Science Coalition — all of which ran successful public climate denial campaigns. The Advancement of Sound Science got its start challenging the dangers of secondhand smoke, so climate denialism wasn't a big stretch. And ALEC — a climate-denying front group that peddles its pro-corporate legislation to US statehouses — spread misinformation so egregious that Shell 's investors forced the oil giant to cut ties.

Two-faced Exxon: the misinformation campaign against its own scientists

The Guardian, 6:02, 25 November 2015, 1339 words, (English)

100% global warming consensus in Exxon scientists' research contrasted its \$31m campaign to cast doubt on that consensus Investigative journalism by inside Climate News (ICN) into Exxon's internal documents revealed that the company was at ...

After pledging to stop funding these climate denial groups in 2007, Exxon continued to give more than \$2.3 million to the American Legislative Exchange Council (Alec) and to members of Congress who denied the expert climate consensus and acted to obstruct climate policies.

New York Attorney General Comments on Exxon Probe

The Oil Daily, 13 November 2015, 711 words, (English)

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has offered details about the scope and rationale for his office's investigation of whether Exxon Mobil misled investors and the public by concealing facts about climate change and the risks it ...

Schneiderman told a gathering sponsored by Politico in New York on Thursday that Exxon appeared to be "doing very good work in the 1980s on climate research" but that its "corporate strategy seemed to shift" later.

He said the company had funded organizations that were "aggressive climate deniers" such as the American Enterprise Institute , the American Legislative Exchange Council , and the American Petroleum Institute .



PBS NewsHour for November 10, 2015

PBS: PBS NewsHour, 10 November 2015, 9395 words, (English)

JUDY WOODRUFF: Good evening. I'm Judy Woodruff. GWEN IFILL: And I'm Gwen Ifill. JUDY

WOODRUFF: On the "NewsHour" tonight: Did ExxonMobil mislead the public about its climate change research? New York's attorney general lays out details of his ...

JUDY WOODRUFF: Just final question. He made a point of saying that Exxon has funded a number of organizations that he said that have been openly climate change deniers. He mentioned the American Enterprise Institute . He mentioned the American Petroleum Institute and the American Legislative Exchange.

Has Exxon been funding these organizations?

KENNETH COHEN : Well, the answer is yes. And I will let those organizations respond for themselves.

But I will tell you that what we have been engaged in, both -- we have been focused on understanding the science, participating with the broader scientific community in developing the science, while at the same time participating in understanding what would be and working with policy-makers on what would be appropriate policy responses to this evolving body of science.



Cary Brunswick: What did Exxon Mobil know, and when?

The Daily Star, 9 November 2015, 819 words, (English)

Two actions late last week dealt major blows to the fossil-fuel industry and offer some hope to those concerned about the effects of climate change on our planet.

According to Greenpeace USA, Exxon Mobil is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council , which secretly lobbies lawmakers to push climate-change-denying legislation. Greenpeace research revealed that Exxon Mobil donated at least \$1.6 million to ALEC between 1998 and 2012. A quarter of that money went to efforts to fight policy on climate change.



Exxon Mobil Investigation May Prompt Scrutiny of Other Oil Companies

The New York Times, 7 November 2015, 887 words, (English)

HOUSTON — The opening of an investigation of Exxon Mobil by the New York attorney general's office into the company's record on climate change may well spur legal inquiries into other oil companies, according to legal and climate experts. ...

Shell announced this summer that it would not renew its membership in the American Legislative Exchange Council , or ALEC, a free-enterprise group that has opposed government mandates, subsidies and other efforts to force or encourage companies to develop and use more renewable energy sources.



How we're going to stop ExxonMobil's lies

ForeignAffairs.co.nz, 4 November 2015, 870 words, (English)

MIL OSI - Source: Greenpeace New Zealand - Press Release/Statement: Headline: How we're going to stop ExxonMobil's lies

http://www.greenpeace.org/international/community_images/84/2284/119216_201082.jpg

For one, ExxonMobil remains a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council , aka ALEC. This corporate "bill mill" pushes climate-denying legislation on lawmakers through closed-door meetings. Greenpeace USA research revealed that ExxonMobil donated at least \$1.6 million to ALEC between 1998 and 2012. A quarter of that money went to efforts to fight policy on climate change. ExxonMobil donated again to ALEC in 2014, and although ALEC's secrecy prevents us from knowing exactly what the money went toward, we can bet it didn't help action on climate change.



BLUMENTHAL TO EXXON : ARE YOU STILL FUNDING CLIMATE DENIAL?

Congressional Documents and Publications, 29 October 2015, 744 words, (English)

Elizabeth Benton (CT) - 860-729-3589 ElizabethBenton@blumenthal.senate.gov BLUMENTHAL TO EXXON: ARE YOU STILL FUNDING CLIMATE DENIAL? (Washington, DC) - In recent weeks investigative reports from InsideClimate News and the Los Angeles Times ...

"Over the years, we have seen Exxon support climate denial and anti-climate policy advocacy through a variety of foundations and advocacy groups, such as the Heartland Institute, the American Legislative Exchange Council, and the Competitive Enterprise Institute," the Senators write. "In the mid-2000s, ExxonMobil pulled its funding from some of those organizations. Soon thereafter, Donors Trust and Donors Capital Fund began to increasingly support climate denial groups... The correlation between ExxonMobil's decision not to fund some groups openly associated with climate change denial, and the increase in anonymous funding from a group that does is 'suggestive of an effort' to simply reroute its support. That would not be consistent with [Exxon VP Ken Cohen's] claim that ExxonMobil continues to work in an 'open and transparent way.'

Exxon's Climate Coverup

Sputnik News Service, 9:30, 21 October 2015, 949 words, (English)

Exxon's Climate Coverup It's been 38 years since George Lucas debuted the Star Wars movies and gave birth to one of the world's most recognizable franchises. And just two months after Star Wars was released 38 years ago — the Exxon ...

Even though the company claims that it accepts climate science today — it's still supporting climate denial as a member of climate denying groups like ALEC. Because Exxon knows — and they've known for almost 40 years — that the basis of their business model is a threat to humanity.

Advocacy group rips Duke Energy as leading opponent of solar power

Charlotte Business Journal Online, 15 October 2015, 984 words, (English)

A new report identifies Duke Energy, Americans for Prosperity and the American Legislative Exchange Council as among the principal opponents "chipping away at the key policies that have put solar energy on the map" in North Carolina and ...

t accuses Duke — along with Charles and David Koch, ExxonMobil and American Electric Power — of funding ALEC. (Duke has been a member and funder of ALEC in the past. But it declines to say now whether it still belongs the organization. ALEC does not disclose its members.)

ALEC has helped mount attacks on renewable-energy portfolio standards, which require utilities to include solar and other renewables in their generation mix, across the nation.

Krista Stark: Follow the money on right-to-work legislation

The Joplin Globe, 7 September 2015, 693 words, (English)

How would you like to have your wages cut by \$1,558 next year? If you're a working class Missourian, that's the lowest estimate of the average amount you stand to lose if Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of right-to-work legislation is overridden this ...

ALEC, as a group, writes pattern or model legislation and distributes it to state and federal legislators. Corporate members of ALEC include Bayer, GlaxoSmithKline, Reynolds, American Pfizer Inc., AT&T, United Parcel Service, Koch Companies Public Sector LLC, ExxonMobil, and State Farm Insurance. However, this is by no means a full list of ALEC members. According to websites devoted to the research of this organization, "ALEC keeps its membership, activities and communications confidential."

LETTERS: Warming up to climate shifts

Houston Chronicle, 21 August 2015, 947 words, (English)

ExxonMobil Your editorial on climate change criticized ExxonMobil for not following several of our competitors in withdrawing support for the American Legislative Exchange Council. I'll leave it to ALEC to defend itself against your ...

Your editorial on climate change criticized ExxonMobil for not following several of our competitors in withdrawing support for the American Legislative Exchange Council. I'll leave it to ALEC to defend itself against your characterization of its activities. But let me make clear ExxonMobil's position on the threat posed by rising greenhouse gas emissions, since your editorial gave a distorted impression of our stance.

Evolved view: The oil industry position on global warming is changing, and that's a good development.

Houston Chronicle, 15 August 2015, 449 words, (English)

Royal Dutch Shell has been criticized of late for its Arctic drilling plans, but it deserves kudos for a recent, less visible decision to leave the controversial American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, in a disagreement over climate ...

ellow oil giants BP, Conoco Phillips and Occidental Energy also have left the conservative group, but others such as Exxon Mobil and Chevron have not, despite rising pressure from investors and organizations such as the Union of Concerned Scientists to get out.

ALEC, which promotes conservative legislation at the state level, says it has no policy on climate change except to oppose "mandates and subsidies," but its public statements reflect disdain for the idea that there's a problem.

 Shell Oil ditches conservative group that fuels climate change deniers, while drilling for oil in the Arctic

SeattlePI.com, 12 August 2015, 514 words, (English)

Royal Dutch Shell is severing its ties with the American Legislative Exchange Council, a conservative groups that has worked in states to block President Obama's Clean Power Plan to curb coal plant emissions.

ALEC has defended itself, claiming it is not undermining climate programs but simply practicing free market economics. "Climate change activists have conflated our opposition to the government picking winners and losers as climate change denial," Molly Fuhs of ALEC told the Washington Post.

But ALEC's remaining members include "dirty" industries that have underwritten groups that fan climate change skepticism.

Its members include Koch Industries, Peabody Coal, Exxon-Mobil and Chevron.

 Royal Dutch Shell cuts ties with ALEC over rightwing group's climate denial

The Guardian, 15:41, 7 August 2015, 913 words, (English)

Shell joins BP in corporate exodus from membership of the conservative, free-market lobbying group, which continues to deny the science of climate change

Shell maintains its membership of the American Petroleum Institute, an organisation that has funded the production of doubt about climate science. US oil giants Chevron and ExxonMobil remain members of ALEC.

 Shell Oil will drop its membership in ALEC, citing differences over climate change

Washington Post.com, 7 August 2015, 446 words, (English)

Shell Oil will not renew its membership in the American Legislative Exchange Council, citing differences with the controversial corporate lobbying group over the issue of climate change.

Shell isn't the first company to drop out of ALEC: AOL, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Yelp, Yahoo, International Paper, Occidental Petroleum, News Corp., Overstock.com and SAP have all announced that they had or will cut ties to the group.

Other energy corporations, including Chevron, Exxon-Mobil and Peabody Coal, still support ALEC.

 Seven members of Florida House attending conservative ALEC conference in San Diego

Tampa Bay Times: Blogs, 21 July 2015, 521 words, (English)

Michael Auslen, Times Staff Writer Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:12pm Conservative legislators from around the country are flocking to San Diego this week for an annual gathering focused on states' rights, shrinking government and free-market ...

The ALEC conference has been criticized, though, as a chance for corporate interest groups to influence state legislators behind closed doors. The national group's Private Enterprise Advisory Council includes representatives from AT&T, State Farm and Exxon Mobil, among other groups.

 ExxonMobil gave millions to climate-denying lawmakers despite pledge

The Guardian, 14:33, 15 July 2015, 1268 words, (English)

Under pressure from shareholders, company promised eight years ago to stop funding climate denial – but financial and tax records tell a different story

Alec suffered a string of defections over its position on climate change during the last year, with companies such as Rupert Murdoch's News Corp, BP America, Microsoft, Facebook and Yahoo resigning their memberships.

Google accused the lobbying group of lying about climate change.

Exxon would not discuss its membership in ALEC. However, the company said it was serious about confronting climate change and does not fund climate denial. In 2007, the oil company committed to ending

its support for a network of think tanks and activist groups that deny the science underlying climate change or have worked to block action against climate change.



The evidence for how fossil fuel companies misled us for decades

Business Spectator - Online, 9 July 2015, 1102 words, (English)

A new report finds that while fossil fuel companies continued to mislead the public and policymakers, Exxon has been considering climate risks internally since as early as 1981.

Meanwhile, ExxonMobil continues to reject such resolutions. At a May shareholder meeting, CEO Rex Tillerson also publicly criticised climate models and suggested that humans will simply adapt to climate change.

Fossil fuel companies' support for trade and advocacy groups that dispute and distort climate science has also come under fire. UCS and ShareAction recently called on Shell to follow BP's lead in leaving the American Legislative Exchange Council, a lobbying group highlighted in the report that routinely disseminates misinformation about climate science and policy to state legislators.

The UCS report calls on companies to stop supporting campaigns that spread misinformation about climate science and to end efforts to undermine climate policy. Nancy Cole, a report author and UCS's campaign director for climate and energy, said companies should find more constructive paths forward.



Money and power negate the individual vote

The Wilson Daily Times, 2 July 2015, 584 words, (English)

Money and power negate the individual vote. To acquire an understanding of the ideology that drives the inner workings of today's GOP, and how it maneuvers and manipulates the money to power within state and federal legislatures, you needn't...

Corporations such as big energy like Duke Energy, Exxon/Mobil, Halliburton; Tobacco, Phillip Morris USA; health insurance companies, BC/BS, United Healthcare and private education providers and conservative foundations, just to name a few, are seeking to influence bills that favor and promote their special interests.

Koch Industries is on the governing Board of Directors, and have untold numbers of ALEC model bills working their way through state legislatures.



Secretive donors gave US climate denial groups \$125m over three years

The Guardian, 10:30, 10 June 2015, 1243 words, (English)

Funds allocated to organisations lobbying against Obama's climate bill and working to undermine rules to reduce carbon pollution, tax records show

In 2013, the two organisations took in just over \$152m, distributing \$90m to a constellation of groups. However, the ultimate sources of those funds were untraceable, an important consideration for companies or individuals wanting to avoid bad publicity for rejecting the scientific consensus on climate change.

"All these corporations that were getting bad press realised they can still fund conservative thinktanks," Dunlap said. "Exxon or BP can still fund one of these things while doing all these great things on climate change to reduce emissions etc."

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