

## **Dirty Lie #1: Oil and coal are cheap and plentiful**

Despite wildly volatile price swings, fossil fuel companies love to claim that their products are cheap and virtually unlimited. The truth is that they're only cheap if you don't count the billions of dollars paid in cleanup costs from oil spills, the public health costs of water and air pollution, and the lives and livelihoods lost to accidents and illness. And plentiful? Oil and coal companies are using untested technology and taking unprecedented risks to wring out every last ounce of fossil fuel from the ends of the earth, including oil drilling miles under the surface of the ocean.

## **Dirty Lie #2: Renewables like wind and solar can't do the job**

Greenpeace's Energy Revolution report lays out a practical path to a virtually coal and oil-free economy, while at the same time phasing out ALL of our nuclear plants. On its own, greater energy efficiency can account for the projected increase in our energy demands. A diverse and highly localized combination of things like electric vehicles, small-scale and large-scale wind and solar projects, and smart grids can supply the rest. The truth is, renewable energy can power the US economy, and we can start right now.

## **Dirty Lie #3: Switching to renewables will hurt the economy**

In spite of the global recession that has bottomed out many global industries, renewable energy, and wind in particular, grew by 40% last year. Already, the wind industry employs more people than the coal industry. And recently, our biggest economic competitor—China—surpassed the US as the world's largest investor in renewable energy. Renewable energy is the key to the 21st century economy, and the longer we are stuck on fossil fuels, the further behind we will be.

## **Dirty Lie #4: Oil and coal companies are part of the solution**

Fossil fuel companies love to tout their "commitment" to the environment and their pursuit of new energy sources. But while they're spending millions on greenwashing ad campaigns, many are also spending millions to confuse the public about issues like climate change. Exxon, for example, gave \$1.3 million to climate denial organizations last year. And don't forget that BP has held itself up as "beyond petroleum" for years.



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