

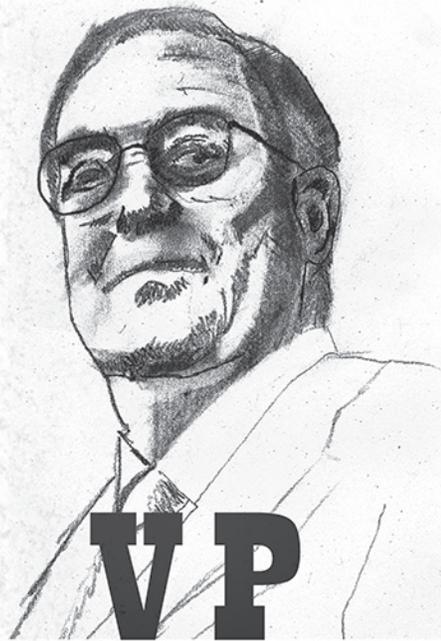
WANTED FOR CLIMATE CRIMES

Fueling Catastrophic Climate Change
Peddling Fossil Fuel Addiction
Funding Junk Science to Deny Global Warming
Endangering People, the Planet, and Our Future

Charles Koch & David Koch



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Koch Industries

Koch Industries: Secretly Funding the Climate Denial Machine

“My joke is that we’re the biggest company you’ve never heard of.”—David Koch

Koch Industries, an oil supply and refining company, is one of the largest private corporations in the country. Despite being virtually invisible to the public, Koch Industries is a top lobbying spender, a massive funding source to climate-denial front-groups, and major force fighting against clean energy policies. Charles and David Koch, who own and control the corporation, drive the anti-environmental political spending.

Koch Industries Background

- Koch Industries is owned and controlled by brothers Charles G. Koch and David H. Koch. According to 2009 Forbes rankings, the Koch brothers are tied for ninth richest American, each worth more than George Soros and Google co-founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page.
- In 2000, the EPA fined Koch Industries \$30 million for its role in 300 oil spills¹ that resulted in more than three million gallons of crude oil leaking into ponds, lakes, streams and coastal waters.

Major Oil & Gas Political Influence

- Since the 2006 election cycle, Koch’s PAC spent more on contributions to federal candidates than any other oil-and-gas sector PAC. Koch Industries spent \$2.51 million. The next three biggest contributors: Exxon (\$1.71 million), Valero (\$1.68 million), and Chevron (\$1.22 million).
- Koch Industries spent \$37.9 million on oil and gas lobbying from January 2006 to December 2009. During this period in the oil and gas sector, Koch Industries was outspent only by ExxonMobil (\$87.8 million) and Chevron Corporation (\$50 million)

Koch’s Funding of Climate Denial

- From 2005 to 2008, the Koch Foundations provided over \$24.8 million² in funding to climate denial groups; ExxonMobil provided about \$9.1 million³ to similar organizations over the same period.
- Americans for Prosperity Foundation (AFP), founded and chaired by David H. Koch, received over \$5 million from Koch foundations since 2005. AFP is known for its “Hot Air Tour” campaign that spreads misinformation about climate science.
- Multiple Koch-funded organizations have repeatedly rebroadcast the November 2009 story dubbed “ClimateGate,” referring to stolen personal emails of climate experts. These organizations claim the emails prove a “conspiracy” of scientists and casts doubt on the scientific consensus regarding climate change.
- In 2007, several prominent climate denial scientists published a non-peer reviewed article, funded by a Koch foundation, that concluded polar bears were not threatened by global warming. Multiple Koch-funded groups reiterated the article’s conclusions through their websites and other media outlets.

For more information: greenpeace.org/kochmoney

¹U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Koch Industries to Pay Record Fine for Oil Spills in Six States,” 13 Jan. 2000

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²Compiled information from Koch Foundation IRS 990 forms. <http://www.greenpeace.org/kochmoney>

³ExxonSecrets database, ExxonMobil Foundation tax returns and corporate charitable giving reports. Data fully indexed www.exxonsecrets.org