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**ICYMI: BUDGET COMMITTEE'S HEARING
"DOLLARS AND DEGREES: INVESTIGATING
FOSSIL FUEL DARK MONEY'S SYSTEMIC
THREATS TO CLIMATE AND THE FEDERAL
BUDGET."**

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WITNESS STATEMENTS

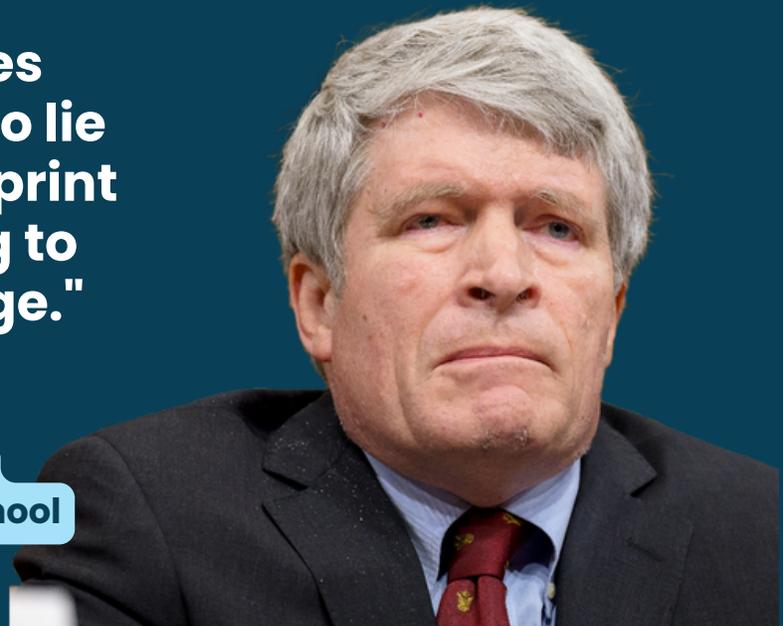


"[Climate change] is a scientific fact. And the costs of delay have been great. They include damage to property; damage to communities; damage to ecosystems and to endangered and threatened species; emotional trauma; and above all, the loss of human life."

**Naomi Oreskes
Henry Charles Lea Professor
of the History of Science
Harvard University**

"Fossil fuel companies should not be allowed to lie about their carbon footprint or what they are doing to combat climate change."

**Richard Painter
S. Walter Richey
Professor of Corporate Law
University of Minnesota Law School**



"Fossil fuel companies and interests are not engaging in misinformation and disinformation solely in order to sell more products. They are using these tactics in bad faith to interfere with matters of policy."

**Christine Arena
Founder and Producer
Generous Films**

HIGHLIGHTS

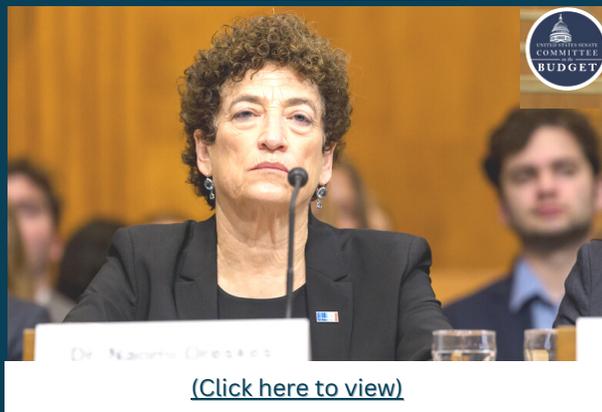
Featured Member: Senator Kaine

Those who insist on secrecy and resist transparency have something to hide



Featured Witness: Naomi Oreskes

The Fossil Fuel Industry's lies have cost trillions in damages and the loss of life



Highlights from Chairman Whitehouse

Senator Whitehouse calls out conflicts of interest fueling climate change disinformation



PRESS COVERAGE

SENATE BUDGET HEARING TO TIE 'DARK MONEY' TO 'BIG OIL': E&E DAILY BY: EMMA DUMAIN – 6/20/2023

SEN. SHELDON WHITEHOUSE HAS SPENT YEARS RAILING AGAINST THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT BY THE FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY TO COVER UP ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS. ON WEDNESDAY, THE RHODE ISLAND DEMOCRAT AND CHAIR OF THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE WILL GIVE THIS ARGUMENT A NEW AND POWERFUL PLATFORM. THE NEXT INSTALLMENT IN WHITEHOUSE'S SERIES TYING CLIMATE INACTION TO THE FATE OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY WILL BE A HEARING TITLED "DOLLARS AND DEGREES: INVESTIGATING FOSSIL FUEL DARK MONEY'S SYSTEMIC THREATS TO CLIMATE AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET."

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE BEGINS HEARING ON FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: THE GUARDIAN BY: DHARNA NOOR – 6/21/2023

SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE KICKED OFF WEDNESDAY'S HEARING "WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE FOSSIL FUEL FUNDED CLIMATE DISINFORMATION AND OBSTRUCTION IS DIRECTLY CAUSING SYSTEMIC FINANCIAL RISKS TO THE ECONOMY AND TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET," HE SAID. "BEGINNING AS EARLY AS THE 1950S, INDUSTRY SCIENTISTS BECAME AWARE OF CLIMATE CHANGE, MEASURING AND PREDICTING IT DECADES BEFORE IT BECAME A PUBLIC ISSUE," HE SAID. "THEY KNEW THEIR PRODUCTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT... BUT INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT AND CEOS SPENT DECADES PROMOTING CLIMATE MISINFORMATION."

THE SENATE'S FOSSIL FUEL WATCHDOG: WASHINGTON EXAMINER BY JEREMY BEAMAN – 6/21/2023

BUDGET CHAIRMAN SHELDON WHITEHOUSE HELD HIS 10TH CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED HEARING OF THE CONGRESS THIS MORNING AS HE SHAPES THE COMMITTEE INTO THE SENATE'S FOSSIL FUEL WATCHDOG. WHITEHOUSE HAS BEEN USING THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION OVER BUDGETARY MATTERS TO SCRUTINIZE OIL AND GAS COMPANIES' BUSINESS AND POLITICAL STRATEGIES, CARRYING OVER THE "DARK MONEY" THEMES HE HAS EXPLORED ON OTHER COMMITTEES, INCLUDING ON JUDICIARY WITH RESPECT TO THE NOMINATION OF JUDGES.

SENATE HEARING EXPOSES 'INSIDIOUS' DARK MONEY NETWORK FUELING CLIMATE CRISIS: COMMON DREAMS BY: BRETT WILKINS – 6/21/2023

THE U.S. SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY HELD A HEARING EXAMINING THE ROLE OF FOSSIL FUEL INDUSTRY DARK MONEY IN THWARTING MEANINGFUL ACTION TO TACKLE THE WORSENING CLIMATE EMERGENCY. THE WEDNESDAY MORNING HEARING—ENTITLED "DOLLARS AND DEGREES: INVESTIGATING FOSSIL FUEL DARK MONEY'S SYSTEMIC THREATS TO CLIMATE AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET"—WAS HELD TO "EXPLORE THE INSIDIOUS ROLE THAT SECRETIVE FOSSIL FUEL MONEY HAS PLAYED IN EXPOSING US TO THOSE FORECAST ECONOMIC AND BUDGETARY CATASTROPHES," ACCORDING TO SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE (D-R.I.).

PHOTOS

