
Manufacturing a Climate Crisis

**Calling for Accountability of Tax-subsidized, Foreign-Funded
ENGOS' Impact on the Canadian Economy**

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Manufacturing a Climate Crisis

How Tax-subsidized, Foreign-funded ENGOs Impact the Canadian Economy

According to Bloomberg as quoted in the Financial Post, the total stock of accumulated foreign investment in Canada at the end of 2017, including debt, was \$704 billion. However, the total stock in the oil and gas industry was \$120 billion, having fallen by \$16.6 billion, or 12.2 %, in 2017, the largest decrease in 17 years.

The National Energy Board publishes annual data on total investment (i.e. domestic and foreign) in the upstream oil industry. Annual investment in 2017 was \$40.9 billion, up from \$34.9 billion in 2016. Investment in oil sands was \$13.6 billion, **down 60% from the peak level of annual investment of \$33.4 billion in 2014.**

On Jan. 20, 2019, CBC's Wendy Mesley finally aired a story on foreign-funding of Environmental Nongovernmental Organizations (ENGOs).¹ In response to this and a flurry of related media coverage, Jessica Clogg, Executive Director and Senior Counsel of West Coast Environmental Law posted a blog in which she said:

*"It's no secret that funders from outside of Canada are contributing to the work of Canadian environmental organizations. The real question is – **so what?**"*²

With three major approved pipeline projects blocked by foreign-funded ENGOs **thousands of unemployed, taxpaying Canadians want answers.** This report asks more questions and fills in some blanks in response to Ms. Clogg's "...so what?"

"Big Oil's problem isn't international philanthropy – it's a changing market in the face of climate change."

Jessica Clogg, WCEL

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¹ cbc.ca/news/theweekly/the-american-money-behind-the-anti-pipeline-fight-the-weekly-with-wendy-mesley-1.4986050

² wcel.org/blog/time-stop-blaming-foreign-funded-environmentalists-oil-industrys-woes

Investment vs Lobbying



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"We celebrated a great victory this year when our clients overturned the federal approval for the Northern Gateway pipelines and tankers project..."

Jessica Clogg, Executive Director and Senior Counsel, West Coast Environmental Law

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Foreign philanthropies have dumped millions of dollars into environmental groups which in turn have had exceptional influence on Canada's climate and energy policies

West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL) – one of the foreign funded environmental groups – says it is '*fighting back*' with a blog post by WCEL Executive Director and Senior Counsel, Jessica Clogg, claiming that it's just 'fear-mongering' to say that foreign cross-border funding to ENGOs had any impact on Canada's economy or pipeline construction.³

In Ms. Clogg's blog, she claims that it's okay for ENGOs to be foreign-funded because the oil and gas business has foreign investment, too.

That's faulty logic-a false equivalency. The foreign investment in oil, gas, mineral resource or forestry drives the economy. Jobs are created, taxes are paid, arts groups and social charities receive support, employee teams often volunteer to fill the coffers of good causes like the United Way. The company pays money for services, the company and its people pay taxes – in return the economy thrives.

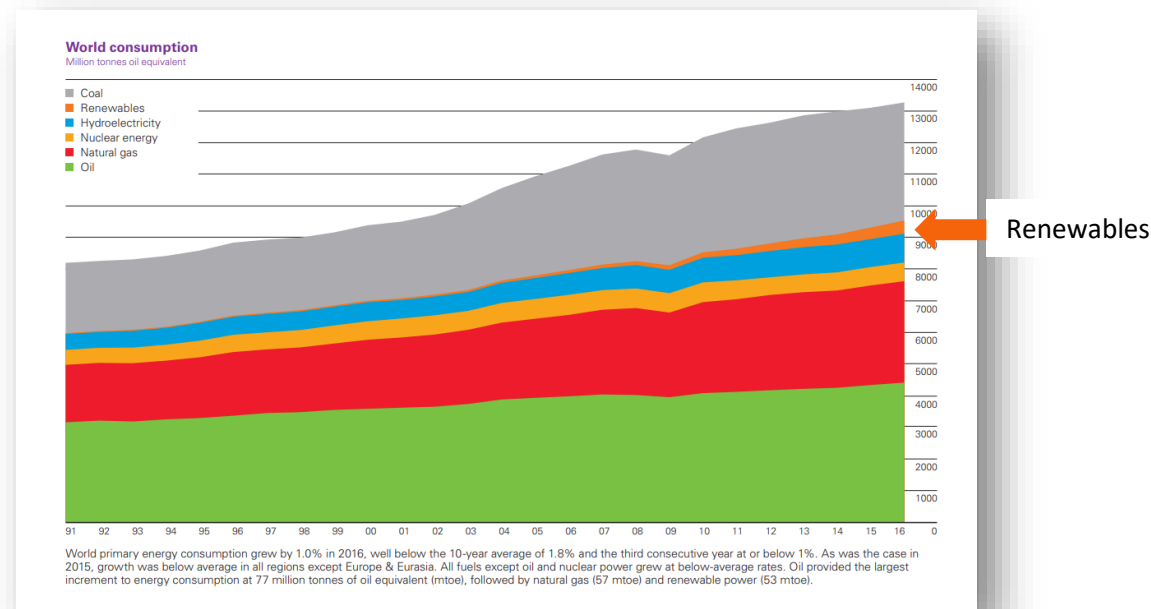
³ wcel.org/blog/time-stop-blaming-foreign-funded-environmentalists-oil-industrys-woes

By contrast, these large ENGOs – most of them federally registered charities – get foreign funding, but these are tax free organizations, so they drain the tax pool as we show in our report “*Dark Green Money*”.⁴ These “green” charities also frequently draw small and large grants from the tax pool of government for questionable “*climate*” causes with no measurable or tangible goal....and too many of them are far too busy blocking industry, jobs and investment.

Market Reality

“I expect my lawyers here to be really impeccable in their work,” Clogg says, “because I know the scrutiny they are going to be under. Just being very, very prepared, knowing the law and knowing the facts better than anybody is a pretty good antidote for any criticism.”⁵

Jessica Clogg claims there is a ‘changing market in the face of climate change. This statement is not supported by the evidence. She claims there is an accelerated “*global shift to renewable energy.*” The evidence from BP shows that the world runs on evermore oil, natural gas and coal, confirmed by International Energy Agency statistics.⁶

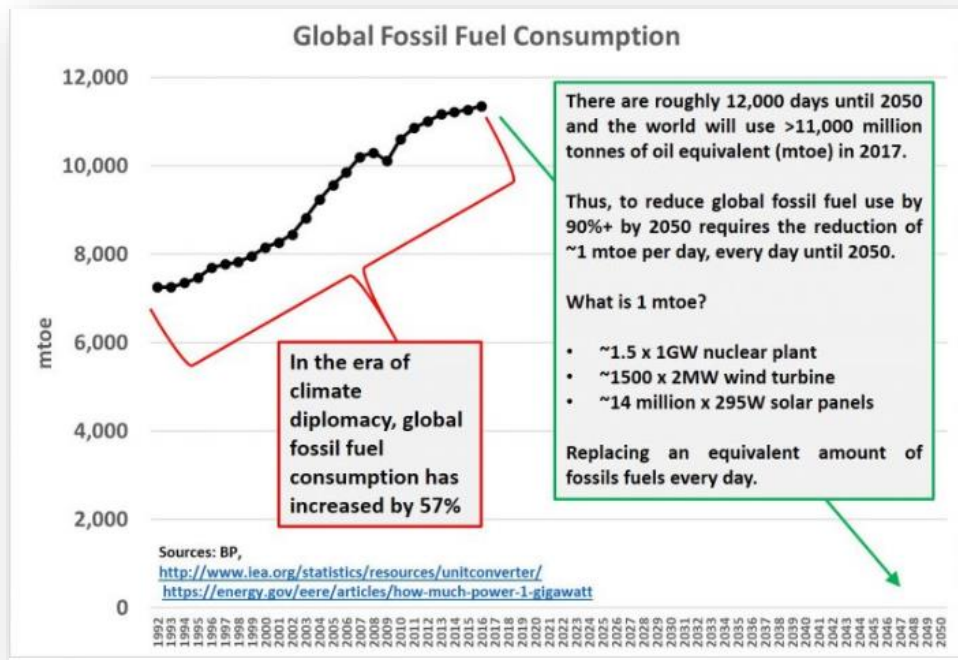


⁴ friendsofscience.org/assets/documents/Dark-Green-Money-Foundation-Funding-Jan-11-2019.pdf

⁵ canadianlawyermag.com/author/patricia-chisholm/environmental-defenders-the-leaders-of-canadas-environmental-non-profits-14933/ (underline emphasis added)

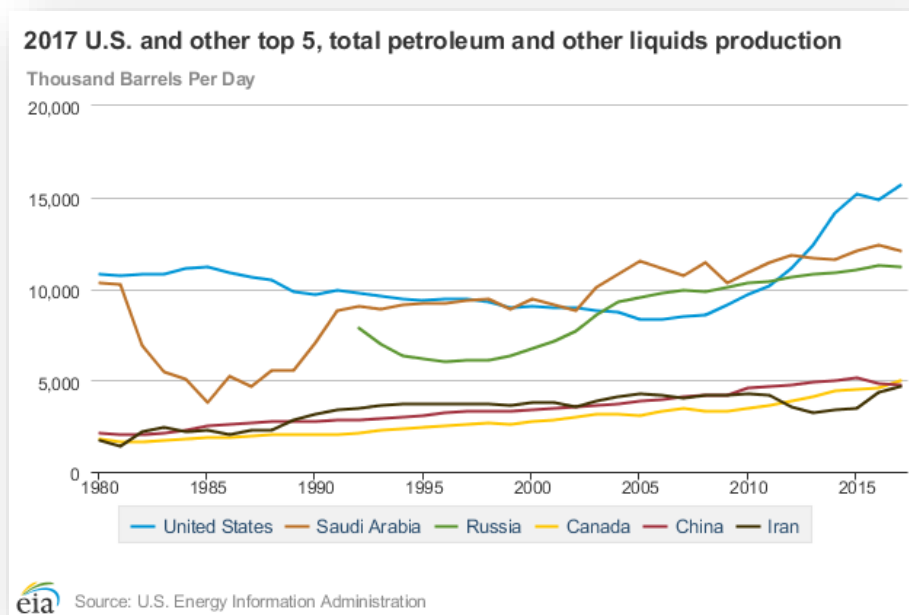
⁶ blog.friendsofscience.org/2018/04/09/the-international-energy-agency-global-energy-and-co2-status-report-2017/

Demand for oil has only grown in the era of “*climate diplomacy*”. Contrary to Ms. Clogg’s assertion, there is no market shift due to climate change.



Source: Roger Pielke, Jr.

Canada is one of the top six suppliers of oil to the world – if it can get product to market.



Design to Win

As reported by Matthew Nisbet in Climate Shift, in about 2005, a group of billionaire philanthropists convened in the United States and decided to change the world economy through establishing a global cap and trade system.

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They formed a group called the ClimateWorks Foundation and developed a plan called “*Design to Win*” in concert with McKinsey and Company, the world’s most influential management firm, to use ENGOs as the proxies for their plan to establish a global cap and trade system, carbon pricing and to put \$12 trillion in vested interest renewables on the grid. This was a reprise of Enron, and we all know how that ended.^{7 8 9} The “*Tar Sands Campaign*” now in the press is just a small component of “Design to Win”.

Matthew Nisbet reports in Climate Shift that the billionaires were told that we had the technology to replace fossil fuels. He summarized the multi-million-dollar activity in 2018¹⁰ noting also that these billionaire philanthropies also fund most academic work and non-profit journalism (i.e. DeSmog Blog, etc)

After decades of taxpayer subsidies, trillions of dollars to wind and solar, it is clear the world can’t replace fossil fuels – and in fact, wind and solar could not exist or run on the power grid without fossil fuels.¹¹ Wind and solar cannot even support basic society.¹²

West Coast Environmental Law and dozens of other Canadian ENGOs became fundees of ClimateWorks or their billionaire partners partners.

That’s what the record shows.

Though Ms. Clogg mocks the idea as a “*conspiracy*” that there was a “*bigger plan*”, obviously there is a bigger plan. “*Design to Win*” has been posted on the internet for some years and reported on in various peer-reviewed and public documents.¹³ This is not a “*conspiracy*” because the information is in the public domain.¹⁴ However, it is still a massive, multi-

⁷ independent.co.uk/news/business/analysis-and-features/mckinsey-how-does-it-always-get-away-with-it-9113484.html

⁸ ep.probeinternational.org/2009/05/30/enrons-other-secret/

⁹ ClimateWorks Foundation - WikiLeaks wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/fileid/57594/16165

¹⁰ Nisbet onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/wcc.524

¹¹ spectrum.ieee.org/energy/renewables/to-get-wind-power-you-need-oil

¹² cambridge.org/core/journals/mrs-energy-and-sustainability/article/lessons-from-technology-development-for-energy-and-sustainability/2D40F35844FEFEC37FDC62499DDBD4DC/core-reader

¹³ climateworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/design_to_win_final_8_31_07.pdf

¹⁴ climateworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/design_to_win_final_8_31_07.pdf

faceted campaign, backed up with expert data analysts, communications experts and coordinated efforts at major climate events like Paris COP21.

Oil Sands Investors Driven Out by Intentional, Foreign-funded ENGO Campaigns

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Ms. Clogg says that some international fossil fuel companies are leaving the oil sands.

Let us examine the evidence as to why.

The Oak Foundation is one of the ClimateWorks partners. In the Oak Foundation grant database, that is posted online in the public domain, in 2010 they show a grant to West Coast Environmental Law for \$97,131 with the stated purpose:

"To constrain development of the Alberta tar sands through a legislative ban on crude oil tankers on British Columbia's north coast. This would necessitate the cancellation of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline to transport tar sands oil and bitumen to Asian markets..."

That sounds like intentional market interference.

The grant description goes on to read:

"WCEL aims to establish the conditions under which a) opposition parties holding a parliamentary majority work together to enact a legislative tanker ban under a minority government and/or incorporate a ban promise in their manifestos, committing them to act following an election that produces a majority government, and b) First Nations declare their own bans on transportation of tar sands crude oil through their territories and waters."



Justin Trudeau 

@JustinTrudeau

Following



If I am elected Prime Minister, the Northern Gateway Pipeline won't become a reality.

#CdnPoli

11:15 AM - 18 Jun 2014

As CEO Ross McMillan told the Economic Club of Canada in 2013:

“The charitable and not-for-profit sector employs more than 2 million people, representing about 11 percent of the country’s workforce. By way of comparison, this sector employs four times as many people in Canada as the oil and gas sector and five times that of the automotive industry.”

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Northern Gateway was a multi-billion-dollar pipeline project that would have employed thousands of people, and which had been approved by the previous government and the National Energy Board (NEB). But just as outlined in the Oak grant description, a legislated tanker ban was enacted by the incoming new government. Northern Gateway was canceled. This raises other questions related to the 2015 election.

To quote Ms. Clogg’s blog, that sounds like “*undue influence on Canadian policies concerning energy and the environment.*” by one or more foreign-funded environmental groups to undermine due process and democracy. Canadians deserve better.

Ms. Clogg goes on to say that “*some international fossil fuel companies are now leaving the oil sands...*”

Why?

Foreign-funded “Phase-out Tar Sands” campaigns like that of Greenpeace. Greenpeace is not a charity, but they are funded by various ClimateWorks partners, in this case Oak Foundation. WCEL teams up with them from time to time.¹⁵

In 2009, Greenpeace was funded by the Oak Foundation, a ClimateWorks partner. The grant document says:

“To initiate three distinct but interrelated efforts concerning tar sands in Alberta to enhance the ability of Greenpeace Canada to more effectively launch and deliver its ‘Phase Out Tar Sands Campaign’; secondly to leverage the growing interest of ranchers and landowners in limiting unbridled oil and gas exploration and production in southern Alberta; and thirdly to conduct specialised opinion research and media work to identify messaging for these and other efforts that will generate maximum information value among Albertans.”

¹⁵ wcel.org/sites/default/files/publications/gvt_midterm_report_eng.pdf

For this they received \$436,475 from the Oak Foundation. But that's just the beginning of Greenpeace attacks on the oil sands.

In 2010 Oak provided them a further \$424,373:

"To create awareness of the financial, regulatory and political uncertainty that surrounds investments in the tar sands so that prominent financial analysts, media, opinion leaders and Members of Parliament will publically express concern about the lack of government regulation of the tar sands industry. Greenpeace Canada aims to publicise the controversy around the tar sands both within and outside Canada. This will encourage the withdrawal of major institutional investors from the tar sands by 2012; the end of France's tar sands subsidies; and the passage of a feed-in-tariff in Alberta utilised by farmers, ranchers, landowners and investors to develop the province's huge wind power potential."

All these descriptions a perfect fit with the ClimateWorks "Design to Win" plan.

Greenpeace claimed in their grant that there was a lack of regulation in the oil sands. Alberta Environment has shelves and shelves of regulatory submissions – NEB pipeline approvals require thousands of detailed documents to meet regulatory requirements – in both languages.

Is it charitable activity for a Canadian tax-subsidized ENGO to engage in projects that will crater the economy of a nation? How is this a "net benefit" to Canadians, as proscribed by the Charities Act and policy guidelines? How is it charitable activity to mislead the public and markets by manufacturing misinformation like "dirty oil" – when the oil sands of Canada are one of the most highly regulated, professionally managed and mitigated industrial projects in the world?



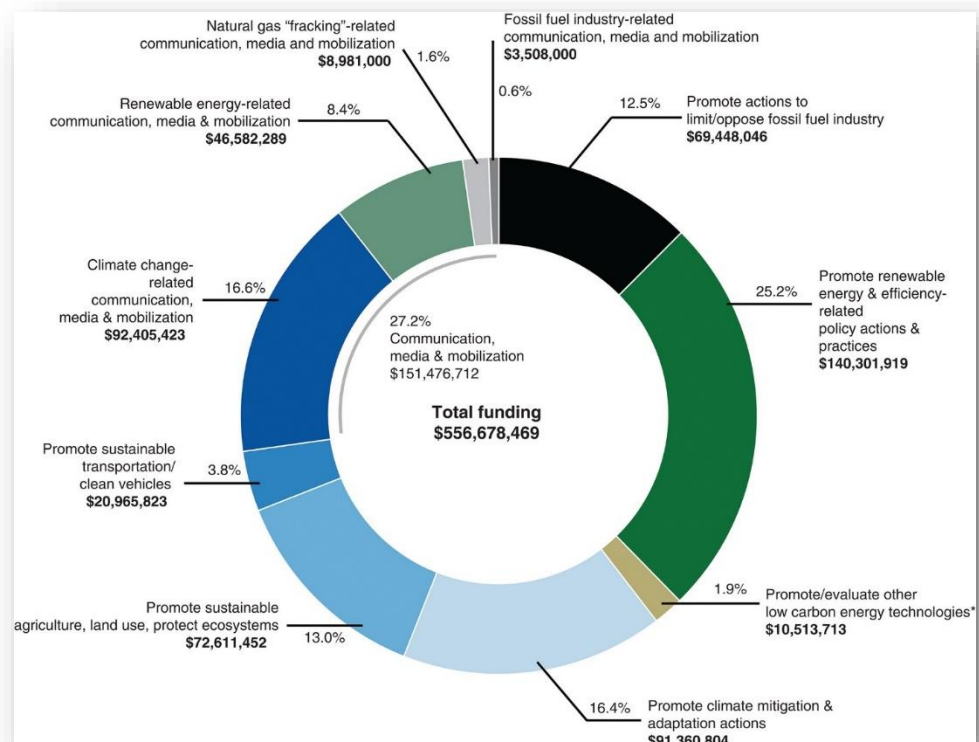
Canada has a significant financial and knowledge industry investment in the thousands of oil sands scientists, Professional Geoscientists, Professional Engineers, biologists and reclamation specialists, most of whom are graduates of programs of excellence at Canadian universities. This loss of knowledge and experience is one of the manufactured climate crisis damages that these ENGOs must be accountable for at some point. Sadly, there will never be enough reparation money to restore broken lives, or those families whose loved ones ended it all in despair.

A Drop in the Bucket...

"You have to create sufficient pressure to get government to talk to you and to have enough leverage to achieve the changes you want," Clogg says. "The crux of government relations is about relationships, though. You can maintain strong relationships by honest communication, [for instance], by giving government officials a heads up before you do things."¹⁶

In her blog post, Ms. Clogg goes on to smear the Alberta government for running a \$23 million-dollar ad campaign to promote Trans Mountain, saying that foreign funding is just a "drop in the bucket" compared to what industry and government puts out to promote oil.

That would be funny if it wasn't so sad. ClimateWorks and partners have spent more than \$600 million for over a decade world-wide to demarket oil, oil sands, and coal, and to push renewables, a price on carbon and cap and trade and to demarket coal.



¹⁶ canadianlawyermag.com/author/patricia-chisholm/environmental-defenders-the-leaders-of-canadas-environmental-non-profits-14933/

In the Toronto Sun we recently learned that Canada can't meet its emissions targets....so it will engage in buying carbon credits.¹⁷ Coincidentally, in 2015 we produced a video about the Paris agreement and at the end of it, we referred to a magazine article called "*Trading for Tidewater*" – wherein the author suggested that one way to get product to market was to agree to ...cap and trade. youtu.be/Uv60bC11qqc

Most people in Canada thought that all we needed was a pipeline. But it appears that what buys you *real* social license is that you buy carbon credits. In desperation. But paying billions in penalties for no benefit was the reason Canada left Kyoto under the Harper government.¹⁸ So buying carbon credits is not Climate Leadership – it's going backwards and is just expensive virtue signalling. Some might call this a commercial form of duress.

Some key funders of WCEL:

Of the top-10 long-term funders, the Law Foundation of BC has provided nearly 50% of the annual revenue.

Fund	Grand Total
Law Foundation of BC	\$ 8,906,740
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation	\$ 1,902,799
TIDES: Tides Canada, Tides Initiative, Tides_US	\$ 1,551,923
The Bullitt Foundation	\$ 955,000
Oak Foundation	\$ 735,523
Walter Gordon Foundation	\$ 571,112
VANCOUVER FOUNDATION	\$ 570,500
WALTER AND DUNCAN GORDON CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	\$ 501,112
EDEN CONSERVATION TRUST	\$ 440,000
Richard Ivey Foundation	\$ 420,000

Source: Public documents.

Kinder Morgan AGM Threatened with "*Legal Risks*" by WCEL

On page 16 of WCEL's 2017-2018 impact report, it is interesting to note that in May 2018:

*"West Coast travelled to Houston, Texas for the third time to attend Kinder Morgan's Annual Shareholders Meeting, to tell the directors, management and shareholders directly about **legal risks associated with the Trans Mountain project**."*¹⁹

¹⁷ torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/goldstein-carbon-credits-could-cost-canadian-taxpayers-billions

¹⁸ cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-pulls-out-of-kyoto-protocol-1.999072

¹⁹ wcel.org/sites/default/files/file-downloads/2017-2018_annualreport_web_0.pdf

What were those “legal risks”? Were they real or were they contrived to drag a defendant into unending litigation – like the scenario described in the International Funders of Indigenous People’s 2010 report?²⁰

“My colleagues and I just came off a similar 15-million-dollar case that involved 37 lawyers and 57 law students and we achieved justice for some Aboriginal people in central British Columbia. We enforced the idea that there cannot be industrial development without an accommodation of the needs of the wildlife upon which the rights depend. That took 15 million dollars and it took 15 years. This is constitutional law, we can sin, but we have to get there, and we are struggling. We are inspired by the work that others are doing, we are not under that tent, we are separate but very supportive. It is scary to say to people a 15-million-dollar case. I would give up but I just worked for a central British Columbia case and we started without one cent and the donations came in and we worked hard and that case sets a precedent for this case.”

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The WCEL Annual Report (page 16) continues:

May 2018:

“Kinder Morgan decided to abandon the Trans Mountain project and Canada announced its intention to purchase it. West Coast continues to follow the situation, providing legal analysis for the public about the sale and its implications.”²¹

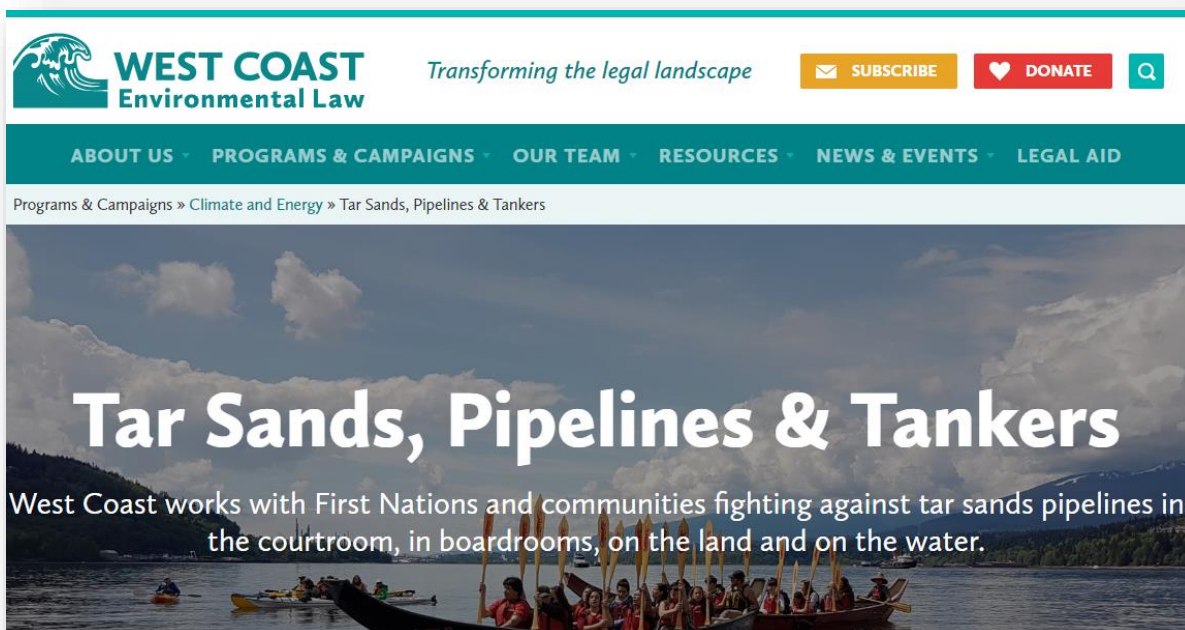
Thanks to the efforts of WCEL to scare off a legally authorized pipeline project and to create a legislated tanker ban to block another legally authorized pipeline project, over a hundred thousand Canadians are out of work and asking blunt questions about the activities of this and other foreign-funded environmental “charities”.

Thanks to the reluctance of Kinder Morgan to proceed, Canadians now own a \$4.4 billion pipeline, valued at half that price or less,²² a pipeline that still might not get built, because of continued activity by WCEL.

²⁰ internationalfunders.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/IFIPConferenceReport2010.pdf

²¹ wcel.org/sites/default/files/file-downloads/2017-2018_annualreport_web_0.pdf

²² thestar.com/calgary/2018/05/30/experts-say-feds-overpaid-by-12-billion-for-trans-mountain-pipeline.html



Though Ms. Clogg claims “*Right now what we need is cooperation – across borders, partisan lines and different sectors of society...*” in her blog post, there is no hint of cooperation in their stated position on their website.

Balance of Power? Overriding Canada’s Democratic Process

Ms. Clogg further writes:

“Funding for environmental campaigns helps to correct the imbalance of power between ordinary citizens and the financial and political influence of multinational companies in Canada.”

This is a questionable assertion.

The ClimateWorks funders, Al Gore’s Generation Investment Management, Canada Pension Plan and dozens of other institutional investors created the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment – or UNPRI.²³ This is a transnational, unelected, unaccountable group of billionaire institutional investors. These institutional investors/pension fund trustees sit on a combined \$100 trillion in Assets Under Management – and they promote investment in wind and solar by promoting the ENGO climate dogma that we need to keep

²³ unpri.org/

the world under a 2°C rise in temperature. Of course, investing in wind and solar means you'll be generating all kind of... carbon credits.

For global cap and trade.

So. It does not seem that WCEL protects ordinary people from this imbalance of power.

A Case in Point

In June of 2015, a group of UNPRI activist investors called NEI Investments approached the newly elected Alberta government with a climate plan.²⁴ They felt they had the right to “*suggest*” to Alberta what to do because they are Alberta bond holders.²⁵ So they provided climate plan key points to the Premier and said they thought this would be a good thing to do.²⁶

By September of 2015, NEI had gathered a list of 120 signatory institutional investors to push the plan a little further with the Premier.²⁷ In the opening, they noted that they hold some \$4.6 trillion in assets under management. It seems there may have been some questions about how democratic it is to tell a province what to do when you're not the electorate but just a group of investors. The firm of Koskie and Minsky, underwritten by money from the West Coast Environmental Law Research fund, wrote up “*Climate Change and Fiduciary Duties of Pension Fund Trustees*.”²⁸ The WCEL research fund appears to be funded by some of the signatories to the letter to Alberta.

The Koskie Minsky document offered a legal perspective to the effect that pension fund trustees are in the right to do “*anything*” to protect the interests of the beneficiaries. We disputed that report in 2017.²⁹ One of the repeated points throughout the Koskie Minsky document was that “*climate change denial is not an option.*”

That is a curiously forceful statement to make in a democracy, from lawyers, to pension fund trustees who control billions of dollars in public funds and who have substantially

²⁴ neiinvestments.com/documents/PublicPolicyAndStandards/2015/Premier of Alberta Renewing Alberta's Climate Change Framework.pdf

²⁵ neiinvestments.com/documents/FocusList/Focus List 2015 July Update EN.pdf

²⁶ blog.friendsofscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/transitioning-to-a-low-carbon-energy-system-nei.pdf

²⁷ blog.friendsofscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/107-submission_nei-investments_investor-collaboration_signatories.pdf

²⁸ share.ca/documents/educational_resources/2015/Fiduciary_duty_and_climate_change.pdf

²⁹ blog.friendsofscience.org/2017/02/01/new-reports-challenge-share-on-climate-change-risk-and-denial-for-pension-fund-trustees-and-corporate-boards/

directed policy in Alberta. Koskie and Minsky relied on the IPCC Synthesis Report for their climate claims. As Donna Laframboise revealed in her book "*The Delinquent Teenager...*" the IPCC reports, especially those for policymakers, are substantially slanted by Greenpeace and WWF 'legends'. Greenpeace and WWF have been funded world-wide for millions of dollars by the ClimateWorks partners.

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Where was WCEL to correct the imbalance of power between ordinary citizens like Albertans, and those financial and political interests of multinational institutional investors? WCEL was helping foist useless climate policies on Albertans and Canadians. Albertans resoundingly reject a carbon tax³⁰ and most aspects of the provincial and federal climate change policy, because we have some 70,000 Professional Geoscientists and Professional Engineers most of whom question the viability and effectiveness of 'taxing the weather' when climate adaptation is something within our abilities.



The Sun Drives Climate Change – Not CO₂

The sun drives climate change, along with other internal earth variables like ocean cycles.³¹ The sun is also largely responsible for sea level rise since 1920.³²

³⁰ blog.friendsofscience.org/2019/01/31/alberta-wide-rally-2016-lest-we-forget/

³¹ friendsofscience.org/assets/documents/KyotoAPEGA2002REV1.pdf

³² bundestag.de/blob/580504/2b96f368c0a785e5e4a09bb1d9797449/19-16-143_fachgespraech_cop24_prof_nir_shaviv-data.pdf

A comparison of a Northern Hemisphere (NH) temperatures to the solar variability dataset by Scafetta & Willson, 2014 shows a strong correlation, implying that solar variability has been the dominant influence on NH temperature trends since at least 1881.³³

The ice cores from central Greenland show strong correlations between temperature the solar activity proxy from 22,500 years ago.³⁴ A 3,000-year record of solar activity shows that the recent solar maximum around 1992 was likely the highest solar activity of the last 3000 years. It is now clear that changes of solar magnetic flux affects cloud cover by modulating cosmic rays that cause cloud-seeding aerosols.³⁵ Changes in ultra-violet solar radiation have a large effect on ozone in the stratosphere, which eventually affects the lower atmosphere.³⁶

Since the early 200's, the scientific community has known that human carbon dioxide emissions are not the control knob to control climate, confirmed by the IPCC in 2013 when they reported a 15 year 'hiatus' in warming, despite a vast rise in carbon dioxide.

As explained by Emeritus Professor François Gervais, the climate sensitivity (or “*effect*”) of added carbon dioxide on warming is now virtually a consensus that the response is nominal.^{37 38}

And yet we have foreign funded ENGOs claiming this is not the case, manufacturing a climate ‘crisis’ to block pipelines and turn Canadian domestic energy policies upside down, drive off investment and denigrate Canadian professionals world-wide – all these efforts funded and supported by a billionaire philanthropic network that is deeply invested in a plan for global cap and trade.

In turn, these billionaires and institutional investors have developed the UNPRI *Borg-like* clique of institutional investors who claim to operate on “*The six Principles for Responsible Investment are a voluntary and aspirational set of investment principles*”³⁹ However, according to Principle Six, one must “*comply or explain*”. In 2014, the UNPRI came up with the Montreal Pledge:

³³ friendsofscience.org/assets/documents/Soon_CC2015_preprint.pdf

³⁴ hockeyschtick.blogspot.com/2014/08/new-paper-finds-sun-controls-greenland.html

³⁵ dtu.dk/english/News/Nyhed?id={ABB2F1B4-F5F7-4452-BB39-9818EA7CB8F9}

³⁶ joannenova.com.au/2015/01/is-the-sun-driving-ozone-and-changing-the-climate/

³⁷ youtu.be/wU1PKa0W8Gc

³⁸ blog.friendsofscience.org/2019/01/26/french-english-transcript-cooling-of-climate-sensitivity-anthropogenic-co2-global-warming-challenged-by-60-year-cycle-by-emeritus-prof-francois-gervais/ (Eng+Fr)

³⁹ unpri.org/pri/about-the-pri



Source: UNPRI 2016 Annual Report on the Montreal Pledge

The objective was to get signatories to the Montreal Pledge, like NEI Investments, to get busy on the climate dogma bandwagon and get those climate 'laggard' companies and governments in line. NEI has since been busy telling major oil companies and communications firms that they should toe-the-line on climate dogma, carbon taxes, and follow the dictates of the Ecofiscal Commission on carbon taxes.⁴⁰

Reporting Carbon Footprint in Good Faith Makes One a Target

Another important factor in industry investment leaving the oil sands is the role of the CDP Worldwide. The "*Carbon Disclosure Project*" was set up in 2000 by the **Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors** to request voluntary disclosure of a company or city's greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint. The questionnaire data is aggregated by a firm like Accenture or PwC and then the ensuing report is used by UNPRI investors to evaluate which companies are "clean" and which are not. But once you report... you become a target.

In Nov. 2016, the CDP issued a report entitled "*In the Pipeline*"⁴¹ which scored big oil companies based on their commitments to "*the future*" of wind and solar. All the Alberta oil sands companies scored rock bottom. Investors, banks and insurance companies began to pull support for oil sands investments.⁴²

⁴⁰ neiinvestments.com/documents/FocusList/Focus List 2016 December Update EN.pdf

⁴¹ b8f65cb373b1b7b15feb-c70d8ead6ced550b4d987d7c03fcdd1d.ssl.cf3.rackcdn.com/cms/reports/documents/000/001/327/original/oil-gas-report-exec-summary-2016.pdf?1479834286

⁴² prweb.com/releases/2018/03/prweb15350609.htm

Ironically, wind and solar do not address climate change,⁴³ nor do they provide sufficient power to even support basic society⁴⁴ – yet market forces, including foreign funded ENGO groups like WCEL, continue to push for the proliferation of wind and solar or other low-energy-density renewables – probably because they generate the tradeable Renewable Energy Credits necessary to underpin a global cap and trade system.

Unfortunately, this is a road to ruin.



⁴³ blog.friendsofscience.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/In-the-Dark-on-Renewables-FINAL-Nov-18-2018.pdf

⁴⁴ cambridge.org/core/journals/mrs-energy-and-sustainability/article/lessons-from-technology-development-for-energy-and-sustainability/2D40F35844FEFEC37FDC62499DDBD4DC/core-reader

Climate Hysteria, Extreme Weather, Floods and Fires are NOT due to Human-GHG-Causation

We note in WCEL's annual report that the typical, factually incorrect climate hysteria is parroted:

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"Each year the blanket of fossil fuel pollution enveloping our planet grows thicker, and we experience more flooding, extreme weather, and hot, dry summers filled with smoke. BC communities, like communities around the world, are increasingly suffering the impacts of climate change and paying to prepare for future impacts – and it's going to get increasingly expensive."

As Dr. Judith Curry explained to the US Senate, responding to then Pres. Obama's claims on climate and his climate action plan:⁴⁵

Past President Obama:

"Some may still deny the overwhelming judgment of science, but none can avoid the devastating impact of raging fires and crippling drought and more powerful storms."

Dr. Curry:

"This premise is not strongly supported by the scientific evidence:

the science of climate change is not settled, and evidence reported by the IPCC AR5 weakens the case for human factors dominating climate change in the 20th and early 21st centuries

with the 15+ year hiatus in global warming, there is growing appreciation for the importance of natural climate variability

the IPCC AR5 and SREX (Special Report on Extreme Weather) find little evidence that supports an increase in most extreme weather events that can be attributed to humans, and weather extremes in the U.S. were generally worse in the 1930's and 1950's than in recent decades."

⁴⁵ curryja.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/curry-senatetestimony-2014-final.pdf (can be requested on demand if archived)

Climate Law in Our Hands – Whistler Demands Climate Cash

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*"..my name is **Anjali Appadurai**, and I am a climate campaigner and communications specialist with West Coast Environmental Law, and I'm on board here because an underlying driver of this approach is the recognition that it must be accompanied by a campaign aspect on the ground, because the aim is to shift the societal narrative from one of diffused responsibility and the idea that we are all responsible for climate change or that we are individually responsible for climate change, to one of where we have a collective and very keen sense of fairness, equity and the recognition of the TRUE causes of climate change. And in order to do that you have to unite the grassroots as well as the policy level so going forward from here we aim to bring together civil society groups of all levels at least within Canada, to explore this message and to explore our potential for collective action."*

-Anjalai Appadurai, West Coast Environmental Law, Paris COP21⁴⁶

WCEL is behind a recent attempt to stimulate a class action law suit by BC municipalities, Whistler-Blackcomb Ski Resort and various other parties. This concept has been in the works for some time, but appeared in 2015 on the WCEL website as "Taking Climate Justice

⁴⁶ unfccc6.meta-fusion.com/cop21/events/2015-12-08-17-30-west-coast-environmental-law-climate-action-network-canada
(can be requested on demand if archived)

into our Own Hands.”⁴⁷ The campaign title has been softened to be “*Climate Law in Our Own Hands*”.⁴⁸

Based on Ms. Anjali Appadurai’s comments above, this appears to be a manufactured climate crisis. It seems unlikely that any of these fossil-fuel guzzling communities ever thought about sending a bill to an oil company because there were forest fires or floods, droughts or heavy snows until WCEL gave them this idea.

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The almost laughable legal premise is that fossil fuels are a “*nuisance*”. Note that three climate campaigners on this project flew to COP21 in Paris to make their presentation. Mr. Andrew Gage and Ms. Appadurai flew from Vancouver, and their colleague Margaretha



Wewerinke, a law professor at the University of the South Pacific in Vanuatu.

⁴⁷ wcel.org/publication/taking-climate-justice-our-own-hands

⁴⁸ wcel.org/program/climate-law-in-our-hands

False Claims about Fossil Fuel Industry and Polluter Pays Principle



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In Ms. Clogg's statement of Jan. 30, 2019 she goes on to claim:

"But the fossil fuel industry is still considered profitable, because it is not expected to pay for the impacts of the pollution that its products cause. West Coast Environmental Law's Climate Law in our Hands program helps British Columbians connect the impacts and costs of climate change to the fossil fuel economy, challenging Chevron, Exxon and other fossil fuel giants to take cradle-to-grave responsibility for their products."

Ottawa energy policy expert, Robert Lyman, disputes activities such as "climate damages" tax or lawsuits as nonsense:

"At its heart, this is an attempt to attribute responsibility for alleged global warming damages that have not yet occurred to one specific set of actors - the companies that produce fossil fuels. The proposal rests on several gaps in logic."

First, no clear link has ever been established scientifically between carbon dioxide emissions from fuel combustion and global warming.

Second, even if that were not so, the nature of the "damages" cannot be calculated on the basis of the climate changes that have been observed so far. They depend entirely on the quantification that is done by IPCC modelling of the effects of emissions many years hence.

Third, as Ross McKittrick and other analysts have shown, the IPCC models "run too hot", which is to say that the changes in average global temperatures that have occurred to date are well less than 50 per cent of what the models predict should have happened, and there is no reason to believe that their accuracy will improve in future.

Fourth, even if it were possible to accurately measure the nature and cost of the climate changes that are due to human influences, it would be impossible to attribute the responsibility to any one set of emitters. To illustrate using oil as an example, 85 per cent of the GHG emissions associated with the oil fuel cycle occur at the final (i.e. combustion) stage. Only 15 per cent arises from oil exploration, development, production, transportation, refining and marketing - the parts of the life cycle for which oil companies can be considered responsible.

Fifth, attributing to the fossil fuel industry 100% of the responsibility for a fuel cycle implies that consumption (i.e. combustion) is driven by production, whereas it should be obviously clear that production is motivated by the desire to serve the needs of consumers (i.e. customers).

Apart from these failures of logic, this proposal is an obvious effort to "punish" one particular set of actors through the process of successively added layers of taxation. As I mentioned previously, oil (again, as one example) is now subject to government-imposed taxes and charges in the form of land bonus payments, land rental fees, royalties, corporate incomes taxes, and sales, excise and carbon taxes on the sale of final products like gasoline and diesel fuel. **No other commodity that gives rise to GHG emissions is so taxed. The "Polluter Pays" principle is not only being contravened; it is being abused to the extreme.**

I could go on and on, but there is a very simple response to this nonsense. Ninety-eight countries now produce oil and gas and 25 produce significant quantities of coal. There is no way in the world that all these countries will



institute special new taxes on fossil fuel producers. Those that did would simply be imposing an added cost burden on their producers that would place them at a competitive disadvantage relative to the producers in other countries and, in extremis, drive them out of business, leaving the market to the remaining producers, with no net reduction in GHG emissions.”

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According to Lyman, Canadians already pay a carbon tax equivalent of \$170/t in fuel taxes.

As for suing the oil companies of the world? Seems WCEL has its facts wrong. Again.

Robert Lyman reports in “*Blame Canada*” that:⁴⁹

“Fifteen years ago, the rule-of-thumb calculation was that, of the roughly 100 grams of CO₂ equivalent per mega joule produced wells to wheels for gasoline in the United States, 15% was attributable to exploration, production, transportation, refining and marketing and 85% was due to final combustion in the vehicle....So, if one accepts the thesis that we should blame someone for oil-related emissions, who is it – the producers, refiners, or consumers?

Consumers, of course, are not easy to sue.”

Of course, this is all related to a much larger plan by various ENGOs, some funded by parties funding the Tar Sands Campaign, outlined in “Smoke and Fumes”⁵⁰

⁴⁹ blog.friendsofscience.org/2019/01/20/blame-canada/

⁵⁰ ciel.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Smoke-Fumes-FINAL.pdf

Tar Sands Campaign Stated Objectives

“Our theory of change is to constrain the growth of tar sands production by increasing the perception of financial risks by potential investors and by choking off the necessary infrastructure (inputs and outputs) of the tar sands. We will accomplish this by raising the visibility of the negatives associated with tar sands; initiating legal challenges in order to force government and corporate decision-makers to take steps that raise the costs of production and block delivery infrastructure; and by generating support for federal and state legislation that pre-empts future demand for tar sands oil.”

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Excerpt of Tar Sands Campaign document.⁵¹

In Conclusion

Based on the evidence, it is clear that there is a foreign-funded campaign to landlock Alberta oil – one that is not occurring in any competitor or client nations – many of whom have blocked foreign-funded ENGOs, perhaps with good reason. Canada is a tasty morsel to global carbon trading – filled with forests and oceans as ‘carbon sinks’ – and heavy industry operating in extremely cold weather, exacerbated by vast distances to market. It is thus easy to landlock all resources and arm wrestle our naïve and trusting population into ‘saving the planet’ while destroying our own economy and ourselves.

Based on its self-reported activities and the outcomes, WCEL appears to be part of the Tar Sands Campaign and perhaps other objectives of the ClimateWorks partners. One example might be Great Bear Rainforest, now a carbon offset operation that Canadians paid a lot of money for, but do not get any returns.^{52 53}

While Ms. Clogg decries the fact that many countries are blocking or limiting activities or funding of “civil society” groups, it is clear that nothing but damage has been done to the Canadian economy and Canadian taxpayers by this foreign interference.

Damage has also been done to aboriginal communities. As Calvin Helin points out in his book, “*Dances with Dependency*”⁵⁴, there is an aboriginal tsunami of youth on the horizon, at

⁵¹ offsettingresistance.ca/TarSandsCoalition-StrategyPaper2008.pdf

⁵² wcel.org/program/protect-great-bear-sea

⁵³ rabble.ca/blogs/bloggers/policynote/2013/01/great-bear-rainforest-carbon-store-or-carbon-story

⁵⁴ calvinhelin.com/books/dances-with-dependency

the same time as the baby boomer era of taxpaying Canadians are flowing into retirement years. With a crippled economy and declining tax pool contributors, how will aboriginal youth be supported appropriately?

Of all the sectors that has been most successful in delivering practical, viable education and skills training to aboriginal youth, it has been the oil and gas sector with its innovative NAIT-in-Motion apprenticeship mobile education program that brought the fully outfitted classroom and teachers to the reserve.⁵⁵

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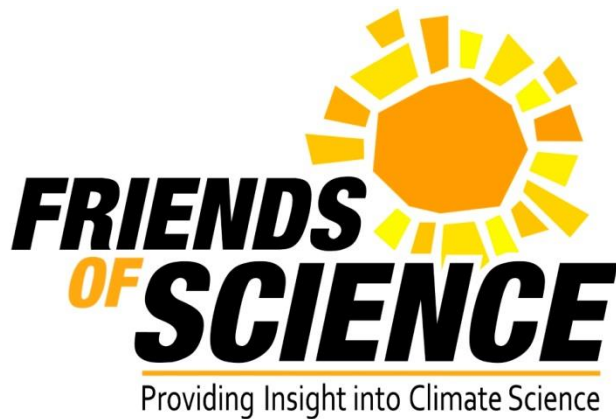
It is also clear that the anti-oil and climate change hysteria elements used as the rationale for WCEL campaigns are not founded on scientific or economic evidence.

Canada and individual Canadians have suffered tremendous damages due to the “*foreign funded*” environmentalists manufacturing climate crisis for citizens and the oil industry – one of Canada’s economic drivers and an attraction to international investors, in previous years when rule of law prevailed and there was clarity on resource development and regulation.

Time for false-climate-crisis accountability.
We think the damages will be in the billions.



⁵⁵ nait.ca/72559.htm



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Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 16th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not CO₂ (carbon dioxide).

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