

# How Do Fossil Fuel and Utility Companies Contribute to Climate Change?

## THE PROBLEM

The biggest cause of global warming, BY FAR, is the burning of fossil fuels, like coal, oil, and natural gas, for electricity, transportation, heating, and manufacturing. This combustion releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. It is responsible for 81% of the net carbon dioxide emissions globally. The global economic impact of fossil fuel air pollution is 8 billion U.S. dollars a day.

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## WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. Support reforms to decrease the political influence of oil, gas, coal, and electrical utility companies.
2. Call out “greenwashing,” misinformation, and obstructionism by the fossil fuel industry.
3. Push governments to end funding and subsidies (like access to public lands) for the fossil fuel industry.
4. Demand more regulations to hold the fossil fuel industry accountable such as supporting the Make Polluters Pay movement.
5. Support renewable energy initiatives, including renewable energy storage. Advocate for energy efficiency policies.
6. Encourage local utility companies to transition to clean energy sources. Call on governments to support this transition.
7. Check with your bank and financial advisor to make sure you are not invested in fossil fuel companies.
8. Minimize your own fossil fuel use.