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2016

"CEI questions global warming alarmism, makes the case for access to affordable energy, and opposes energy-rationing policies, including the Kyoto Protocol, cap-and-trade legislation, and EPA regulation of greenhouse gas emissions. CEI also opposes all government mandates and subsidies for conventional and alternative energy technologies." [3]

2008

"Although global warming has been described as the greatest threat facing mankind, the policies designed to address global warming actually pose a greater threat. The Kyoto Protocol and similar domestic schemes to ration carbon-based energy use would do little to slow carbon dioxide emissions, but would have enormous costs." [2]

2006

"The fuels that produce CO2 have freed us from a world of backbreaking labor, lighting up our lives, allowing us to create and move the things we need; the people we love. [Ominous Music] Now, some politicians want to label carbon dioxide a pollutant. Imagine if they succeed. What would our lives be like then? Carbon dioxide: they call it pollution. We call it life." [43]

## Funding

### Fossil Fuel Funding & CEI

#### 2019 Gala

[The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/10/climate/nyt-climate-newsletter-cei.html) obtained (<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/10/climate/nyt-climate-newsletter-cei.html>) a [program for a recent gala](https://web.archive.org/web/20190710182657/https://int.nyt.com/data/documenthelper/1366-cei-gala-program/1438e537f20a04a672f6/optimized/full.pdf#page=1) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190710182657/https://int.nyt.com/data/documenthelper/1366-cei-gala-program/1438e537f20a04a672f6/optimized/full.pdf#page=1>) organized by the Competitive Enterprise Institute that included a list of corporate donors and sponsors and offered "offered a rare glimpse into the money that makes the work of these think tanks [questioning established climate science] possible." [93], [94]

"Among the sponsors for the Game of Thrones-themed gala were groups that have long been aligned with fossil fuel interests, including the Charles Koch Institute and the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers. The fuel and petrochemical group, which lobbies for gasoline producers, pushed to weaken car fuel economy standards, one of the Obama administration's landmark climate policies," *The New York Times* reported. [93]

[The program](https://web.archive.org/web/20190710182657/https://int.nyt.com/data/documenthelper/1366-cei-gala-program/1438e537f20a04a672f6/optimized/full.pdf#page=1) (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190710182657/https://int.nyt.com/data/documenthelper/1366-cei-gala-program/1438e537f20a04a672f6/optimized/full.pdf#page=1>) included support from major corporations like Google and Amazon that, despite having made commitments to address climate change in their official public relations strategies, still support CEI. A Google representative said their support of the gala did not necessarily mean it supports climate denial. "We've been extremely clear that Google's sponsorship doesn't mean that we endorse that organization's entire agenda," said a spokesman. A spokeswoman for Amazon, said the company "may not agree with all of the positions of each organization," but believed that its \$15,000 contribution to the event "will help advance policy objectives aligned with our interests." Sponsors listed below: [94]

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