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LIES THEY TELL OUR CHILDREN

LAUGH, CRY, SMILE, DIE.

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Can you hear me, hear me calling / I got this idea that
I'm selling, for nothing / Can anybody hear me, does
anybody care? / Can you hear me, hear me calling /
I got this worry that we're falling, for nothing /
Is anybody listening, is anybody there? / Flashback to
1983 / Emphasize the uncertainty / The memo says the
company turns truth into a theory / The lies they tell
our children shaping everything we know / Turning fact
into a fiction streamed on every single show /
Packaged and rebranded so that it's consumed by all /
Simplify the lyrics so the world can sing along / In the
fluorescents of boardrooms, the proof disappears /
In the darkness of the night, they prey on our fears /
Now they're capping all the questions, no
accountability / The only answers given are the ones
that keep them free / They knew it, they sold it /
Then wrote it into law / To greenwash, to market /
The cleanest death of all

In 1977 a one-page memo was circulated at the very highest levels of US government.
The Subject: "Release of Fossil CO₂ and the Possibility of a Catastrophic Climate Change"
Stamped at the top: "THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN."

SOURCE: [HTTPS://UPLOADS.GUIM.CO.UK/2022/06/02/SSO_148878_031_07.PDF](https://uploads.guim.co.uk/2022/06/02/SSO_148878_031_07.pdf)

Why is meaningful action to avert the climate crisis proving so difficult? It is, at least in part, because of ads...

The fossil fuel industry has perpetrated a multi-decade, multibillion dollar disinformation, propaganda and lobbying campaign to delay climate action by confusing the public and policymakers about the climate crisis and its solutions. This has involved a remarkable array of advertisements – with headlines ranging from "Lies they tell our children" to "Oil pumps life" – seeking to convince the public that the climate crisis is not real, not human-made, not serious and not solvable. The campaign continues to this day.

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/ENVIRONMENT/2021/NOV/18/THE-FORGOTTEN-OIL-ADS-THAT-TOLD-US-CLIMATE-CHANGE-WAS-NOTHING](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/18/the-forgotten-oil-ads-that-told-us-climate-change-was-nothing)

For more than 50 years, the petroleum industry and politicians have been warned about the climate risks of burning fossil fuels. Yet the top 20 fossil fuel firms have continued to expand and have been behind a third of all carbon emissions since 1965. This timeline shows who knew what and when, and how they communicated or obscured the threat to the public.

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/ENVIRONMENT/NG-INTERACTIVE/2019/OCT/09/HALF-CENTURY-DITHER-DENIAL-CLIMATE-CRISIS-TIMELINE](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2019/oct/09/half-century-dither-denial-climate-crisis-timeline)

During the undercover meeting, which took place via Zoom in May, McCoy suggested that Exxon's public support for a carbon tax as its principal climate policy is an "advocacy tool" and "great talking point" that will never actually happen.

"Nobody is going to propose a tax on all Americans and the cynical side of me says, yeah, we kind of know that but it gives us a talking point that we can say, well what is ExxonMobil for? Well, we're for a carbon tax," McCoy said.

A second Exxon lobbyist, Dan Easley – who left the company in January after working as its chief White House lobbyist throughout the Trump administration – laughed when asked by an undercover reporter if the company had achieved many policy wins under Trump, before outlining victories on fossil fuel permitting and the renegotiation of the NAFTA trade agreement.

"The wins are such that it would be difficult to categorize them all," he said, adding that the biggest victory was Trump's reduction in the corporate tax rate, which was "probably worth billions to Exxon".

SOURCE: [HTTPS://UNEARTHED.GREENPEACE.ORG/2021/06/30/EXXON-CLIMATE-CHANGE-UNDERCOVER/](https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2021/06/30/exxon-climate-change-undercover/)