

How tactics to fight climate change disinformation are evolving | Science News

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Over the last four decades, a highly organized, well-funded campaign powered by the fossil fuel industry has sought to discredit the science that links global climate change to human emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. These disinformation efforts have sown confusion over data, questioned the integrity of climate scientists and denied the scientific consensus on the role of humans.

Such disinformation efforts are outlined in [internal documents](#) from fossil fuel giants such as Shell and Exxon. As early as the 1980s, oil companies knew that burning fossil fuels was altering the climate, according to [industry documents reviewed](#) at a 2019 U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Reform hearing. Yet these companies, [aided by some scientists](#), set out to mislead the public, deny well-established science and forestall efforts to regulate emissions.

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