

Intel still a big contributor to the US Chamber of Commerce but Nike, Apple, pulled out of the Chamber of Commerce

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What does the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have to do with Climate Change?

The US Chamber is controlled by a handful of dirty energy companies and opposes every single effort to curb climate pollution

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“We fundamentally disagree with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce on the issue of climate change”

NIKE, INC.

on resigning their position on the U.S. Chamber’s Board of Directors



“All shareholders in America should ask their C.E.O.’s why they still belong to the chamber.”

THOMAS FRIEDMAN
Journalist, The New York Times



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[US Chamber teams up with Big Oil to promote pipeline](#)

Yesterday, [The Hill](#) reported that the US Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the American Petroleum Institute to run a “grassroots” project to combat “misinformation” about the Keystone XL pipeline. Putting API, Big Oil’s front group aside, the US Chamber of Commerce has its own *misinformation* problems. Let’s review the numbers:

- The US Chamber functions like a beltway consulting firm, hired out by big corporations—it spent \$132,000,000 on lobbying and electoral battles in 2010.
- The US Chamber is anti-science: of the \$32,000,000 the Chamber spent on the 2010 midterm elections, 94% went to climate change deniers.
- The Chamber is consistently on the wrong side of history, lobbying against engagement in WWII, against the Civil Rights Act, against the Americans with Disabilities Act and against the Clean Air Act.
- The US Chamber has a crisis of legitimacy. While it claims to represent 3,000,000 businesses, only 200,000 are involved in the Chamber in any significant way, and 16 multinational corporations provide the vast majority of its funding.

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