

Letter: Choosing profits over planet

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It is disheartening to acknowledge the evident truth: the fossil fuel industry was well aware of the impending climate change crisis, yet chose to prioritize their own profits over the welfare of our planet and its inhabitants. The consequences of this disregard for science and human well-being are dire and far-reaching.

For decades, evidence of the connection between fossil fuel consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and global warming has been undeniable. Despite possessing this knowledge, some players within the industry opted to turn a blind eye, exploiting the earth's resources for short-term financial gain. This calculated negligence illustrates a callous prioritization of greed over the preservation of our planet and the health of its inhabitants.

Moreover, the industry's actions have not only led to environmental devastation but also contributed to social injustices. Indigenous communities and marginalized groups have borne the brunt of the environmental degradation caused by fossil fuel extraction and pollution. The violation of their rights and the disregard for their voices are stark reminders of the industry's culpability.

Furthermore, the pursuit of profit has fueled conflicts and geopolitical tensions, as foreign wars were waged over access to oil reserves. Such actions not only exacerbate global instability but also exemplify the industry's role in perpetuating violence and suffering.

We find ourselves at a critical juncture where there is an urgent need for accountability, responsibility, and change. Transitioning to renewable energy sources and sustainable practices is not only an environmental imperative but also a moral one. The fossil fuel industry must be held accountable for its past actions and compelled to contribute to the solutions needed to combat climate change.

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