



Promote Environmental Justice

Power Over People

Money and power work to keep our social and economic systems unjust. The rich and powerful extract value from the natural world ultimately to benefit people like themselves. Who pays? Black, Brown and Indigenous Americans, the poor, and other marginalized communities continue sacrificing their lives for the continued comfort of people in power.

The climate emergency is a symptom of the same system of haves and have-nots. It's what happens when people in power view the lives of everyone else, particularly marginalized people and non-human species, as expendable, to benefit shareholders' profit and win political votes. These truths are painful to look at, but it's more painful to watch a loved one die on the street with a knee to the throat.

The fossil fuel industry exemplifies how the intransigence of its players to accept progressive change has created an existential threat to life on earth and economic decline in communities in which it operates. Big Oil continues to deny the science of climate change, lobby for government subsidies, build bigger and more dangerous pipelines, exploit oil extraction from public lands, employ disastrous techniques like fracking, and avoid advanced strategies that would help save us from the worst effects of the climate crisis. The industry's addiction to greed and the status quo – even in the face of declining profits – must be resisted for the sake of all peoples, their communities, cultures, and the flora and fauna we so treasure.