

## Hijacking Natural Gas #2

Psychologists at Yale University think you need to get your mind right about One of the biggest problems facing us today is a loss of trust in our institutions. Wouldn't you agree? People have become highly suspicious of the motivations and trustworthiness of the mainstream news media, government officials, and universities. Why is this happening? We think it's because of a lack of transparency. Ironically, we are receiving more information, which is showing us how much more is actually hidden. Hence... loads of skepticism.

When it comes to university research, we expect that these institutions will do their best to be impartial. Which is why the recent report by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication got our attention. Yale suggested that natural gas be referred to as methane, which is a negatively charged word.

Not surprisingly, the organizations funding the research have a strong anti-fossil fuel bias. That's troubling enough. But then consider we don't know where these organizations are getting their money, and they don't want us to know. Could it be China, Russia, Iran? Maybe. We don't know, and Yale doesn't know.

On the Yale website we can see that the research is paid for by several non-profit groups that have spent hundreds of millions of dollars attacking fossil fuels. They include The MacArthur Foundation, the 11th Hour Project, which is the grant-making arm of the Schmidt Family Foundation, and the Energy Foundation. All of these groups profess a deep concern about climate change, and they believe the best way to address the issue is to dramatically reduce our use of fossil fuels. Fair enough. But shouldn't we know if these groups are being funded by foreign governments?

Back in 2014, the United States Senate produced a report called: "The Chain of Environmental Command: How a Club of Billionaires and their Foundations Control the Environmental Movement and Obama's EPA". The Senate report exposed how money is moved around, often times secretly. The Energy Foundation is specifically called out as a "quintessential example" of a "pass-through" entity. It receives funds from other foundations and then sends that money to a large number of non-profits. Again... why all the secrecy?

These non-profits often send funds back and forth to make the money impossible to track. Some of these interconnected organizations even share staff, office space, and board members. What would we find if we could trace the millions upon millions of dollars to their original sources?

The Energy Foundation has accepted large amounts of cash from a group called the Sea Change Foundation, which we highlighted in a previous video. Sea Change was criticized in the Senate report for being a “foreign-funded” organization that went to great lengths to hide the source of its money. And even though the Billionaire’s Club report is the size of a small book, the authors said it covered only a small fraction of “the money that is being secreted and moved around.”

It’s well documented that China, Russia, Iran, and other foreign adversaries are spending enormous amounts of money hacking our computer systems, spreading disinformation and stealing our intellectual property. Their goal...ultimately...is to control and exploit us. Undermining our energy and national security is the fastest way to achieve this goal. We don’t know if the money funding Yale’s research could be traced back to foreign governments. But that, in itself, is the problem.

If we are going to have trust in our research institutions, we need to know who is paying them to collect and analyze their data. Until then, we will be highly skeptical of any research where we can’t trace the funding back to its original source.

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