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“Fear and Loathing”- An Exposé of the Tar Sands Campaign

(Calgary, Alberta) “Fear and Loathing” is a new exposé of the Tar Sands Campaign, released by Friends of Science Society. The report explores how Canada’s national economic treasure, the Alberta oil sands, has been turned into an international pariah, and the many forces behind the Tar Sands Campaign.

“Fear and Loathing” broadens the widely held view that the Tar Sands Campaign is just a means of American oil and gas interests gaining competitive ground, to reveal a much bigger picture. Many of the actors associated with the Tar Sands Campaign as funders or activist environmental groups (ENGOs) are also associated with the ClimateWorks Foundation’s “Design to Win” campaign to push global cap and trade, carbon pricing and to put trillions of their “renewable” vested interests on the grid.

Friends of Science report “Fear and Loathing” touches on how global investment markets have changed dramatically through ‘pension fund socialism’ – a term coined in the 1970’s by management guru Peter Drucker, who foresaw that pension funds and institutional investors would soon own most of corporate North America.

As Friends of Science sees it, these tremendous financial forces have been co-opted by ClimateWorks players like CDP Worldwide and UNPRI (United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment) to put climate and ‘clean-tech’ first on their agendas, thus skewing markets worldwide.

In Canada’s case, the overwhelming army of often foreign-funded ENGOs have been the foot soldiers in a Green Trade War against the country with one of the largest oil reserves in the world, most of which is locked in the Alberta oil sands. Robert Lyman compiled a series of four reports examining the influence of these foreign and domestic funded ENGOs on the Canadian economy and political scene.

Coincident to the release of the report, activist Tzeporah Berman of STAND.Earth sent out a message from COP25 climate conference in Madrid that she and her organization are planning some kind of fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty. Berman has been one of the principal actors in the destruction of the Alberta oil sands reputation worldwide. Friends of Science Society issued a video condemning this stance.

In terms of reality, the world runs on more than 80% fossil fuels. Renewables (which are entirely made from
oil, natural gas and coal) make up only about 2% of energy generation - this after trillions of dollars in subsidies for the past 40 years.

Robert Lyman’s report “Transition to Reality” shows that there is no easy way to leap to a Net Zero society; oil, natural gas and coal will power society for decades to come.

The Tar Sands Campaign is a geopolitical green trade war against all of Canada and affects every part of Canada, as discussed in this earlier video by Friends of Science Society.

Friends of Science Society states there is no climate emergency and tax-subsidized, federally registered ENGO ‘charities’ in Canada, like Ecojustice, should stop scaring the public on a topic that is outside their purview.

About:
Friends of Science Society is an independent group of earth, atmospheric and solar scientists, engineers, and citizens who are celebrating its 17th year of offering climate science insights. After a thorough review of a broad spectrum of literature on climate change, Friends of Science Society has concluded that the sun is the main driver of climate change, not carbon dioxide (CO₂).