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<p><i>Cutting between North Carolinians speaking to camera.</i></p>	<p>MAN 1: It’s nuts.</p> <p>WOMAN 1: It’s crazy.</p>	
<p>Super: Koch Brothers</p> <p>Super: Millions to elect Thom Tillis</p> <p>Source: Newsobserver.com, 7/11/14</p>	<p>WOMAN 2: It's amazing how much the Koch brothers are spending to elect Thom Tillis.</p> <p>MAN 2: Millions from their groups.</p>	<p>News & Observer: Americans for Prosperity has spent \$8.9 on ads against Kay Hagan. [Newsobserver.com, 7/11/14]</p> <p>Politico: Americans for Prosperity has spent about \$9 million attacking Kay Hagan. Politico reported, “Americans for Prosperity spent about \$9 million on early attack ads against Hagan and has since directed its money toward the ground game.” [Politico, 10/3/14]</p> <p>Politico: Americans for Prosperity is “[t]he Koch brothers’ main political arm.” Politico reported, “The Koch brothers’ main political arm intends to spend more than \$125 million this year on an aggressive ground, air and data operation benefiting conservatives, according to a memo distributed to major donors and sources familiar with the group. The projected budget for Americans for Prosperity would be unprecedented for a private political group in a midterm, and would likely rival even the spending of the Republican and Democratic parties’ congressional campaign arms. The group already has spent more than \$35 million on ads attacking vulnerable Democrats in key Senate and House races, according to sources.” [Politico, 5/9/14]</p> <p>Koch-backed Freedom Partners purchased at least \$2.8 million in airtime to boost Tillis. Roll Call reported, “Freedom Partners, a group affiliated with the Koch Brothers, has purchased at least \$2.8 million in airtime in North Carolina to boost the GOP’s bid to pick up the state’s Senate seat, two sources told CQ Roll Call. The airtime will benefit state Speaker Thom Tillis, who faces Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., in a competitive race that</p>

		<p>could determine which party holds the Senate next year.” [Roll Call, 7/22/11]</p> <p>Koch-backed Concerned Veterans for America made \$1.6 million ad buy against Hagan. In a press release, Concerned Veterans for America announced that it made “a \$1.6 million ad buy” against Hagan. As the Washington Post has noted, Concerned Veterans for America is a “Koch-backed group.” [Concerned Veterans for America press release, 8/11/14; Washington Post, 6/18/14]</p> <p>Koch-backed 60 Plus Association ran \$860,000 ad campaign against Hagan. According to the News & Observer, as of July 11, the 60 Plus Association had spent \$860,000 against Hagan. As the Center for Public Integrity has noted, the 60 Plus Association is “a conservative advocacy group funded largely by the political network of billionaire industrialists David and Charles Koch.” [Newsobserver.com, 7/11/14; Center for Public Integrity, 7/31/14]</p>
	<p>WOMAN 3: They’re oil billionaires.</p> <p>MAN 1: And Tillis supports their agenda.</p>	<p>Koch Brothers are oil industry billionaires who are not based in North Carolina. The New Yorker reported, “With his brother Charles, who is seventy-four, David Koch owns virtually all of Koch Industries, a conglomerate, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, whose annual revenues are estimated to be a hundred billion dollars. The company has grown spectacularly since their father, Fred, died, in 1967, and the brothers took charge. The Kochs operate oil refineries in Alaska, Texas, and Minnesota, and control some four thousand miles of pipeline.” [The New Yorker, 8/30/10]</p> <p>David Koch lives in New York City and Charles Koch lives in Wichita, KS. The New York Times reported, “Charles Koch lives in Wichita, and David lives in New York City.” [The New York Times, 6/17/14]</p>

		<p>Forbes: David Koch is “New York City’s richest resident.” [Forbes, The World’s Billionaires]</p>
<p>Super: Thom Tillis</p> <p>Denies climate science</p> <p>Source: WRAL.com Fact Check, 4/23/14</p>	<p>WOMAN 1: Tillis denies climate science.</p>	<p>Tillis denied that climate change is caused by humans, claimed liberals are “trying to use it as a Trojan horse for their energy policy.”</p> <p>WRAL.com reported, “During a debate earlier this week, all four candidates were asked whether climate change caused by humans was a fact. All four said no. [WRAL anchor David] Crabtree followed up in the WRAL News debate by asking what was causing climate change and does the federal government have a role in reacting to it. Candidates continued to express skepticism about the topic. ‘The point is the liberal agenda – the Obama agenda, the Kay Hagan agenda – trying to use it as a Trojan horse for their energy policy,’ Tillis said. ‘They’re trying to use it as a tool to put fear in people.’ He went on to say Democrats were using ‘false science’ to promote their policy agenda.” [WRAL.com Fact Check, 4/23/14]</p> <p>Tillis referred to climate change as “false science.” Energy and Environment Daily reported, “At a debate in Raleigh last week, Brannon dismissed a question over how the federal government should attempt to regulate climate change, arguing that such policies are only a way to control the use of carbon. ... During the same debate, Tillis referred to climate change as ‘false science,’ while Harris said the federal government should not address the issue, according to <i>The News & Observer</i> of Raleigh, N.C. Following the debate, Tillis told reporters that he is not a skeptic about whether global warming exists, but added: ‘The questions are the sources and then the solutions and whether or not we should do anything.’” [Energy and Environment Daily, 5/1/14]</p> <p>NASA: 97 percent of scientists agree on climate change. According to NASA, “Ninety-seven percent of climate scientists agree that climate-</p>

		<p>warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities, and most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing this position.” [NASA, Climate Change: Consensus]</p> <p>NASA: Most climate scientists agree humans are the “main cause of the current global warming trend.” According to NASA, “Most climate scientists agree the main cause of the current global warming trend is human expansion of the ‘greenhouse effect’ -- warming that results when the atmosphere traps heat radiating from Earth toward space.” [NASA, Causes of Climate Change]</p>
<p>Super: Thom Tillis</p> <p>No limits on carbon pollution</p> <p>Source: News & Observer, 9/19/14</p>	<p>WOMAN 2: He’d let polluters keep dumping carbon pollution.</p> <p>WOMAN 3: With no limits.</p> <p>MAN 1: It’s unbelievable.</p>	<p>Tillis called EPA carbon standards “a costly new government regulation that will kill jobs and cause electricity prices to soar.” [News and Observer, 5/28/14]</p> <p>Tillis attacked the EPA’s Clean Power Plan as “overreach” that will substantially increase utility bills. The News & Observer reported, “Saying that proposed new Environmental Protection Agency regulations limiting carbon emissions from power plants are an ‘overreach’ that would substantially increase utility bills, Tillis criticized Hagan for doing nothing more than writing a letter to the EPA asking to extend the public comment period.” [News & Observer, 9/19/14]</p> <p>EPA: “[T]here are currently no national limits on carbon pollution levels” from power plants. [EPA, FACT SHEET: Clean Power Plan Benefits]</p>
<p>Super: Thom Tillis</p> <p>Protect special tax breaks for oil companies</p> <p>Source: Americans for Tax Reform Pledge, 4/29/14; Americans for Tax Reform, 4/24/09</p>	<p>WOMAN 1: And signed a pledge to protect tax breaks for oil companies.</p>	<p>Tillis signed Americans for Tax Reform pledge, which protects billions in oil subsidies. According to Americans for Tax Reform, “The Obama budget proposes a full repeal of Sec. 199 – but only for energy companies. ... Repealing the Section 199 deduction IS A CORPORATE INCOME TAX INCREASE and is therefore a PLEDGE VIOLATION unless the increase is offset completely with other income tax cuts.” Similarly, ATR noted, “The</p>

		<p>Obama FY 2010 budget proposal will increase the amortization period to seven years for only energy producing companies. ... Increasing the amortization period results in A CORPORATE INCOME TAX INCREASE and is therefore a PLEDGE VIOLATION unless the increase is offset completely with other income tax cuts.”</p> <p>According to a Citizens for Tax Justice analysis of the 2011 version of President Obama’s budget proposal, “The President’s proposal to close [the Section 199 deduction] loophole would raise \$15.9 billion over ten years,” and “The President’s proposal to reduce [the amortization] loophole would raise \$1 billion over ten years.” [Americans for Tax Reform Pledge, 4/29/14; Americans for Tax Reform, 3/21/09; Americans for Tax Reform, 4/24/09; Citizens for Tax Justice, 4/29/11]</p>
<p>Super: Thom Tillis is not for us</p>	<p>MAN 1: Thom Tillis makes sense for the Koch Brothers.</p> <p>WOMAN 3: But not for us.</p>	
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