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Remember this?	Open on still of Mike Coffman. Microphone.	
<p>“I don’t know whether Barack Obama was born in the United States or not. I don’t know that. But I do know this, that in his heart he’s not an American. He’s just not an American.”</p>	<p>Quote on screen tracks audio: “I don’t know whether Barack Obama was born in the United States.”</p> <p>“...in his heart he’s not an American. He’s just not an American.” - Rep. Mike Coffman</p> <p>Source: 9News Colorado, 5/16/12</p>	<p>9News Colorado: “Rep. Mike Coffman: Obama in his heart 'not an American.'” 9News Colorado reported: “At a May 12 fundraiser at the Elbert County Fairgrounds, Coffman wrapped up a 12-minute speech to donors with an unprompted discussion of President Obama's citizenship and national identification. ‘I don't know whether Barack Obama was born in the United States [or not]. I don't know that,’ Coffman said. ‘But I do know this, that in his heart, he's not an American. He's just not an American.’” [9News Colorado, 5/16/12]</p>
<p>Well, now Mike Coffman is attacking climate change scientists.</p>	<p>New image of Coffman. Super: “Congressman Peddles Conspiracy Theory on Climate Change.” –Think Progress, 8/22/13</p>	<p>Coffman claimed “viable sources” show that scientists must “submit to the ... orthodoxy of climate change by the radical environmentalists” to get grants for their research. During an appearance on KOA radio, Coffman asserted: “One thing that I certainly read from viable sources is that a lot of the research that’s being done—when you put your application in to get a grant, if you don’t submit to the, you know, orthodoxy of climate change by the radical environmentalists, you’re not going to get a grant.” [KOA Radio Interview posted on BigMedia.org, 8/21/13]</p> <p>Think Progress: “Congressman Peddles Conspiracy Theory on Climate Change.” Think Progress reported, “Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) believes that you can only get a grant to do science research if you ‘submit to the... orthodoxy of climate change by the radical environmentalists,’ he told local Colorado radio station KOA on Wednesday.” [Think Progress, 8/22/13]</p>
Really?	Cut to images of extreme weather events.	<p>NASA: Extreme weather is increasing due to climate change. NASA reported on its website, “Get ready for more extreme weather and increasingly serious impacts on health, the economy and the environment, courtesy global climate change. Temperatures, rainfall, droughts, high-intensity hurricanes and severe flooding events all are increasing and projected to continue as the world's climate warms, according to the National Climate Assessment. ... The report was presented last Friday to the U.S. Global</p>

		<p>Change Research Program (USGCRP). By law, the group conducts a national assessment every four years for Congress and the president. The USGCRP is comprised of 13 federal agencies, including NASA.” [NASA, 1/16/13]</p> <p>NASA: Climate change “will lead to more frequent and larger fires.” According to NASA, “Thousands of wildfires large and small are underway at any given time across the globe. Beyond the obvious immediate health effects, this “biomass” burning is part of the equation for global warming. In northern latitudes, wildfires actually are a symptom of the Earth’s warming. ... And research suggests that a hotter Earth resulting from global warming will lead to more frequent and larger fires.” [NASA, 9/24/10]</p>
<p>Coffman sides with big oil – denying climate science while taking 300 thousand dollars from them.</p>	<p>Super: Rep. Mike Coffman Denies climate science (9News Truth Test, 8/21/13) \$300,000 from oil and gas (Center for Responsive Politics)</p>	<p><u>Coffman claims climate change is primarily occurring due to natural causes:</u></p> <p>Coffman claimed climate change is primarily occurring naturally, human activity only “influences it at the margins.” During an interview on KOA radio, Coffman responded to a question about climate change by stating: “My view is that it’s naturally occurring, number one. But certainly man-made activity influences it at the margins, and I think it’s debatable how much that is.” [KOA Radio Interview posted on BigMedia.org, 8/21/13]</p> <p>Coffman claimed human influence on climate change is “subject to debate.” According to the Atlantic, “Rep. Mike Coffman, another Colorado Republican, said: ‘Climate change is naturally occurring. What influence do we have over that, we certainly need to look into, but that’s subject to debate.’” [The Atlantic, 6/15/12]</p> <p>Coffman: Climate change “has existed since the beginning of time” but human role “is still a subject of debate.” Coffman’s official House website states: “There is no question that climate change is real and has existed since the beginning of time, and will always be a factor that can negatively impact our environment. The role that carbon emissions, from human activity, have on climate change is still a subject of debate.”</p>

[\[Coffman Official House Website\]](#)

But scientists say that human activity is the primary cause of climate change:

9News Truth Test: Coffman “has repeatedly cast doubt” on human role in climate change, “which does run counter to the consensus position of climate scientists.” 9News Colorado reported, “[Coffman] acknowledges that climate change is happening, but believes that climate change is occurring naturally. ... Coffman has repeatedly cast doubt on the extent to which humans are causing climate change, which does run counter to the consensus position of climate scientists, who say it is ‘very likely’ that most of the increase in global temperatures is caused by humans. If Coffman doesn't accept that, then it is fair to say he questions whether we can do much about the problem.” [\[9News Truth Test, 8/21/13\]](#)

Reuters: New IPCC report will “say it is at least 95 percent likely that human activities ... are the main cause” of climate change. According to Reuters, “[T]he report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is the main guide for states weighing multi-billion-dollar shifts to renewable energy from fossil fuels, for coastal regions considering extra sea defenses or crop breeders developing heat-resistant strains. Drafts seen by Reuters of the study by the U.N. panel of experts, due to be published next month, of warming since the 1950s. That is up from at least 90 percent in the last report in 2007, 66 percent in 2001, and just over 50 in 1995, steadily squeezing out the arguments by a small minority of scientists that natural variations in the climate might be to blame.” [\[Reuters, 8/16/13\]](#)

- **IPCC in 2007: Human activity “very likely” the cause of “most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the mid-20th Century.”** According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, “Most of the observed increase in global average temperatures since the

		<p>mid-20th century is very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic greenhouse gas concentrations.^[12] This is an advance since the TAR’s conclusion that “most of the observed warming over the last 50 years is likely to have been due to the increase in greenhouse gas concentrations”. Discernible human influences now extend to other aspects of climate, including ocean warming, continental-average temperatures, temperature extremes and wind patterns.” [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, “Working Group I: The Physical Science Basis,” 2007]</p> <p>American Meteorological Society: Humans are “dominate cause” of climate change. In an information statement, the American Meteorological Society declared that “It is clear from extensive scientific evidence that the dominant cause of the rapid change in climate of the past half century is human-induced increases in the amount of atmospheric greenhouse gases.” [American Meteorological Society, 8/20/12]</p> <p>American Chemistry Council: Climate change is “caused largely” by humans. In a policy paper, the American Chemistry Council declared that “Climate change is occurring, [and] is caused largely by human activities.” [American Chemistry Council, 2010 - 2013]</p> <p><u>Coffman has heavily relied on the oil and gas industry for campaign funds:</u></p> <p>Coffman has taken \$327,550 in career campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry. [Center for Responsive Politics]</p>
<p>Tell Congressman Coffman to stop denying climate science and act.</p>	<p>Cut to Coffman. Super: Call Congressman Coffman. Tell Him to Stop Denying Climate Science and Act. (202) 225-7882. Paid for by the League of Conservation Voters.</p>	