

“SMOKE AND FIRE”

Visual	Audio	Facts
<p>GFX: IT'S GETTING HOTTER</p>	<p>Narrator: It's getting hotter.</p>	<p>According To An Analysis From Climate Nexus, 12 Of The 15 Largest Fires In California History Have Occurred Since 2000. “The wildfires scorching California are part of a worsening trend. The Carr Fire that's currently tearing through Redding, a city of 92,000 in northern California, is already the ninth most destructive fire in the state's history, according to Cal Fire, California's fire agency. Last year, a series of wildfires burned through the state, claiming lives and destroying millions of dollars worth of property. According to an analysis from the nonprofit Climate Nexus, the fire in Redding, along with the series of wildfires that devastated the state last year, are part of a larger trend: 12 of the 15 largest fires in California's history have occurred since the year 2000.” (Business Insider, 7/31/18)</p> <p>July 2018 Was Reportedly California's Hottest Month Ever Recorded. “The devastating wildfires that erupted in California in July, some of which are still raging, were stoked by the state's hottest weather in recorded history. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Wednesday that July was California's hottest month ever observed. The state's average temperature of 79.7 degrees edged past the previous record of 79.5 degrees in July 1931 and was five degrees warmer than normal. ‘This is not some fluke. This is part of a sustained trend,’ Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California at Los Angeles, told the Los Angeles Times. Temperatures in California have risen steadily over the past century. Eight of the 10 hottest Julys on record have occurred since 1996, and four of the top 10 since 2013.” (Washington Post, 8/9/18)</p> <p>Relative To Average Temperatures, California Was The Nation's Hottest State In July. “California was the nation's hottest state during July, relative to normal. The temperature over the 48 contiguous state ranked 11th warmest in records dating back to 1895, tied with 1998. Several other West Coast states, as well as the Northeastern United States, joined California in witnessing abnormally hot conditions during the month.” (Washington Post, 8/9/18)</p>

<p>GFX: BUT WHILE FIRE AND SMOKE CHOKE OUR AIR...</p>	<p>But while fire and smoke choke our air...</p>	<p>The National Climate Assessment Has Found That The Number Of Wildfires Is Likely To Increase As The Climate Warms And Could Induce “Profound Changes To Certain Ecosystems.” “As if there wasn’t enough evidence of that. Last year, the National Climate Assessment—written by a panel of scientists in the military, federal civilian agencies, and private universities—reviewed the complete scientific literature on climate change and wildfires. They concluded that the number of large blazes had increased since the early 1980s. They also said the number of wildfires ‘is projected to further increase in those regions as the climate warms.’ They warned this could induce ‘profound changes to certain ecosystems.’” (The Atlantic, 8/10/18)</p>
<p>GFX: ROHRABACHER RADICALLY OPPOSED EFFORTS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE</p>	<p>Dana Rohrabacher is radically opposed to efforts to fight climate change and make our communities safer.</p>	<p>(See below)</p>

GFX: “GLOBAL WARMING IS A FRAUD” - ROHRBACHER

Rohrabacher clip:
Global warming is a fraud

Dana Rohrabacher: “Global Warming Is A Fraud. There is – It Is Worse Than A Fraud.” In a speech at a “Birthday Bash” fundraiser event at the home of Laura Lee and Dick Browne in Newport Beach, California, June 22, 2014, Dana Rohrabacher said: “And there are scheme after scheme after scheme to try to get us to give up our freedom, and I know some people are gonna get mad at me for this, but the bottom line is I’ve been attacked recently, even by the President of the United States. Global warming is a fraud. There is – it is worse than a fraud, it is worse than a fraud because we’re being told CO2 that we – you know – and human behavior that creates CO2 is changing the climate or the planet. Now the reason this argument is being made is to excuse them and give them an excuse to control our behavior. That’s all it is. If indeed human behavior is changing the climate, thus we should have a right to control human behavior. Let’s put that in words – that we have a right to take away your freedom and tell you what to do. That’s what its all about. And the worst part of it is these people are allied with people who want global government.” ([Dana Rohrabacher speech, 7/22/2014 - video via Costa Mesa Brief](#))

Rohrabacher Said The Idea Of Man-Made Climate Change Was A “Fraud” And A “Big Lie.” “The Republicans’ skeptic caucus includes Texas Rep. Joe Barton, a former House Energy and Commerce Committee chairman, who grabbed headlines in April when he called Noah’s flood “an example of climate change,” and California Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, who told POLITICO that the idea of manmade global warming is a “fraud” and a “big lie.” Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), former chairman of the Environment and Public Works panel, has famously called climate change the “greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people,” a phrase he used for the title of his book on the topic.” (Politico, [7/28/13](#))

1997: According To The Los Angeles Times, Rohrabacher Has Called Environmentalists “The Worst Liars In The World.” “Rohrabacher calls environmentalists ‘the worst liars in the world’ and sees the oil rig lights off California shores as beautiful. He preaches against U.S. trade policies toward the ‘bloody-fisted tyrants in Beijing’ and criticizes studies on global warming as ‘junk science.’” (Los Angeles Times, [12/1/96](#))

2007: Rohrabacher Joked That Dinosaur Flatulence Might Be The Cause Of Climate Change. “Rohrabacher once joked that dinosaur gas might be the cause behind global warming. ‘We don’t know what those other cycles were caused by in the past,’ he said at a February 2007 hearing. ‘Could be dinosaur flatulence, you know, or who knows?’” (Politico, [11/30/10](#))

2010: Rohrabacher Called The Science Democrats Push To Substantiate Global Warming “Phony” And Called Global Warming “A Total Fraud.” “Rohrabacher gave his roughly 25-minute pitch to the House GOP steering committee Monday and said the Science panel

should be used to spur the next generation of nuclear energy and give a platform to those that question or outright reject science suggesting that humans are causing global warming. The panel 'needs to be used as a bully pulpit because many of the issues brought up by the Democrats is based on phony science,' Rohrabacher told POLITICO. This especially is true of global warming, 'which is a total fraud,' he said. 'We need to make sure that the Science Committee has a debate which both sides can equally present their sides.'" (Politico, [11/30/10](#))

Rohrabacher: "I Disagree With The Theory That CO2, Done By Mankind, Is A Major Cause For Climate Change." "Rep. Dana Rohrabacher: I have no doubt that there are these climate cycles and we go through them and it's only been until recently that the politicians have tried to claim that we have to control people's behavior in order to control those climate cycles. And so I disagree with the theory that CO2, done by mankind, is a major cause for climate change." (Southern California Public Radio, [6/2/17](#))

· **Rohrabacher: "But I Know A Lot Of People Have Looked Into It Who Have Come To This Conclusion, And I Certainly Have, That There Is A Small Impact Of The Manmade CO2 On The Climate."** "Rohrabacher: We've had the most incredible, for the last 30 years, how do you say, political campaign to set a mindset in people's consciousness that some way every time there's some problem with the climate and you see a cycle going through, that that in some way has to do with human behavior, and thus there's an excuse to control human behavior. But I know a lot of people have looked into it who have come to this conclusion, and I certainly have, that there is a small impact of the manmade CO2 on the climate." (Southern California Public Radio, [6/2/17](#))

· **Rohrabacher: "I Do Not Believe That CO2 Is A Cause Of Global Warming, Nor Have I Ever Advocated The Reduction Of CO2 Through The Clearing Of Rainforests Or Cutting Down Older Trees To Prevent Global Warming."** "Once again those with a global agenda have created a straw man by misrepresenting the position of their critics. I do not believe that CO2 is a cause of global warming, nor have I ever advocated the reduction of CO2 through the clearing of rainforests or cutting down older trees to prevent global warming. But that is how my question to a witness during my subcommittee hearing on May 25th is being reported. I simply asked the witness, Dr. Todd Stern, who is a supporter of a global climate treaty that would dramatically hurt the standard of living for millions of human beings, if he was considering a policy that would address naturally emitted carbon dioxide, which makes up over 90% of emissions." (Rohrabacher House Press Release, accessed via Discover Magazine, [5/31/11](#))

**GFX: ROHRABACHER
VOTED AGAINST A
PLAN TO REDUCE CO2
EMISSIONS**

**Cite: CONGRESSIONAL
RECORD, 2009-2015**

Narrator:
He voted against a
plan to reduce
carbon dioxide
emissions

2009: Rohrabacher Voted Against HR 2454, The American Clean Energy And Security Act, Which Passed 219-212. (HR 2454, Roll Call 477, [6/26/09](#))

· **The Bill Would Create A Cap-And-Trade System For Greenhouse Gas Emissions And Set Goals For Reducing Such Emissions From Covered Sources.** “American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 - Sets forth provisions concerning clean energy, energy efficiency, reducing global warming pollution, transitioning to a clean energy economy, and providing for agriculture and forestry related offsets. Includes provisions: (1) creating a combined energy efficiency and renewable electricity standard and requiring retail electricity suppliers to meet 20% of their demand through renewable electricity and electricity savings by 2020; (2) setting a goal of, and requiring a strategic plan for, improving overall U.S. energy productivity by at least 2.5% per year by 2012 and maintaining that improvement rate through 2030; and (3) establishing a cap-and-trade system for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and setting goals for reducing such emissions from covered sources by 83% of 2005 levels by 2050.” (HR 2454, [6/26/09](#))

Rohrabacher Voted In Favor Of SJ Res 24 (Providing For Congressional Disapproval Under Chapter 8 Of Title 5, United States Code, Of A Rule Submitted By The Environmental Protection Agency Relating To “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines For Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units), Which Passed 242-180. (SJ Res 24, Roll Call 650, [12/1/15](#))

· **The Resolution Would Nullify The Obama Administration’s Clean Power Plan That “Requires States To Reduce Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units.”** “Nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency’s rule published on October 23, 2015, that requires states to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fuel-fired electric generating units (EGUs). (Those EGUs convert fossil fuel energy to electric energy.)” (SJ Res 24, [12/1/15](#))

· **The League Of Conservation Voters Called The Proposal “An Extreme Measure That Would Block The Biggest Step Our Country Has Ever Taken To Address Climate Change, Threatening Our Health And Our Future.”** “Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) sponsored S.J. Res. 24, the Congressional Review Act “Resolution of Disapproval” that would permanently block the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Power Plan. The Clean Power Plan established the first national limits on carbon pollution from existing power plants—our nation’s single largest source of the pollution fueling climate change. S.J. Res. 24 is an extreme measure that would block the biggest step our country has ever taken to address climate change, threatening our health and our future. S.J. Res. 24 would also prohibit the EPA from ever

		<p>developing ‘substantially similar’ standards in the future. On November 17, the Senate approved S.J. Res. 24 by a vote of 52-46 (Senate roll call vote 306). NO IS THE PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE. Following its passage in the House, President Obama vetoed S.J. Res. 24 on December 18.” (League of Conservation Voters, accessed 8/29/18)</p> <p>Rohrabacher Voted For SJ Res 23 (Providing For Congressional Disapproval Under Chapter 8 Of Title 5, United States Code, Of A Rule Submitted By The Environmental Protection Agency Relating To “Standards Of Performance For Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, And Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units), Which Passed 235-188. (SJ Res 23, Roll Call 651, 12/1/15)</p> <p>The Resolution Would Nullify An EPA Regulation That Mandated Cuts In Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Future Power Plants. “Nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency’s rule published on October 23, 2015, that establishes new source performance standards under the Clean Air Act for carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuel-fired electric utility generating units (EGUs) if the EGUs are newly constructed, modified, or reconstructed. (Those EGUs convert fossil fuel energy to electric energy.)” (SJ Res 23, 12/1/15)</p>
<p>GFX: “CO2 IS NOT SOMETHING THAT HURTS PEOPLE’S HEALTH” – ROHRBACHER, POLITICO, 7/28/13</p>	<p>and said extra carbon dioxide doesn’t hurt people’s health.</p>	<p>Rohrabacher: “CO 2 Is Not Something That Hurts People’s Health. If Anything, It Helps People’s Health By Making Plants Grow And Making More Food Available.” “Of course, not all skeptics’ arguments sound alike. Some contend that the Earth isn’t warming, or at least not as fast as Obama would have voters believe — and some even claim it’s getting cooler. Others argue that the rising temperatures may not have human causes, or at least not significantly enough that we can do anything about them. Or they say scientists just don’t know. And some contend the extra carbon dioxide is beneficial. ‘CO 2 is not something that hurts people’s health,’ Rohrabacher said. ‘If anything, it helps people’s health by making plants grow and making more food available.’” (Politico, 7/28/13)</p>
<p>GFX: SIDING WITH FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES OVER CALIFORNIA’S ENVIRONMENT</p>	<p>Siding with fossil fuel companies over California’s environment.</p>	<p>Throughout His Career, Rohrabacher Has Received \$105,804 In Campaign Contributions From The Oil & Gas Industry, According To The Center For Responsive Politics. (Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/29/18)</p> <p>Dana Rohrabacher Voted To Block The EPA From Setting Limits On Methane Pollution. Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) offered an amendment to H.R. 3354, the Department of</p>

the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018, which would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from implementing its standards to reduce methane pollution from new and modified sources in the oil and gas industry. The EPA's methane standard requires low-cost, proven safeguards that are critical to reducing methane's contributions to climate change, with estimated climate benefits of \$170 million by 2025, and also curbs toxic air pollutants that contribute to smog and jeopardize the health of nearby communities. On September 13, the House approved the Mullin amendment by a vote of 218-195. The pro-environment position was No. Dana Rohrabacher voted Yes. ([LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #488, 09/13/2017](#))

Dana Rohrabacher Voted To Prioritize Drilling On Public Lands And Waters Over Any Other Uses. House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) sponsored H.R. 4899, the Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act, which would prioritize drilling on our public lands and waters over other activities such as hiking, hunting, and fishing. Such a mandate subverts the multiple uses our public lands have historically been managed for, and it would harm businesses that comprise our nation's \$646 billion outdoor recreation economy. The bill would also put the Atlantic and California coasts at risk of an oil spill by expanding risky offshore drilling to these areas while increasing perverse incentives for more drilling by directing additional revenue from federally-owned oil resources to coastal states. On June 26, the House approved H.R. 4899 by a vote of 229-185 (House roll call vote 368). The Senate took no action on this legislation. The pro-environment position was No. Dana Rohrabacher voted Yes. ([LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #368, 06/26/2014](#))

Dana Rohrabacher Voted To Expand Offshore Drilling. House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) sponsored H.R. 2231, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act, which would expand offshore drilling off the coasts of South Carolina, Virginia, California, and in Alaska's Bristol Bay. This legislation would put many coastal communities at risk of an oil spill at a time when total U.S. oil production from both onshore and offshore drilling has reached its highest level in 20 years, and the oil industry already holds drilling rights to more than 30 million acres offshore on which it is not producing oil. The bill also increases the risks from offshore drilling by further weakening an environmental review process that the National Oil Spill Commission found was already grossly inadequate. On June 28, the House approved H.R. 2231 by a vote of 235-186 (House roll call vote 304). The Senate took no action on this legislation. The pro-environment position was No. Dana Rohrabacher voted Yes. ([LCV Scorecard](#); [House Vote #304, 06/28/2013](#))

<p>GFX: TOO EXTREME OUT OF TOUCH SAY NO TO DANA ROHRABACHER</p> <p>PAID FOR BY INDEPENDENCE USA PAC, INDEPENDENCEUSAPAC. ORG, AND LCV VICTORY FUND, LCVVICTORYFUND.ORG, AND NOT AUTHORIZED BY ANY CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Too extreme and out of touch. Say NO to Dana Rohrabacher.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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