

## Response from American Petroleum Institute

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited American Petroleum Institute (API) to respond to allegations that the API and its local division Colorado Petroleum Council (CPC) has engaged in deceptive lobbying tactics and funded lobbying groups to spread climate disinformation at the expense of public health and safety in Colorado.

- [“Colorado Targeted by Fossil Fuel Industry’s Disinformation Playbook,”](https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Colorado-Targeted-by-Fossil-Fuel-Industry-Disinformation-Playbook.pdf) Union of Concerned Scientists, October 2021. <https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/2021-10/Colorado-Targeted-by-Fossil-Fuel-Industry-Disinformation-Playbook.pdf>

API sent the following response:

“API is out front and transparent about where we stand on policy issues, and our work to inform the debate around climate and energy policymaking is grounded in and validated by government studies and independent analyses. The natural gas and oil industry is committed to lowering emissions while providing Americans with affordable, reliable energy, and our operators in Colorado proudly work under a uniquely robust regulatory framework, fully aligned with the state’s ambitious environmental goals. We welcome substantive discussions on how to tackle the climate challenge, but a politically-charged, divisive and misleading report only distracts from our shared goal for a lower carbon future.” – API Spokesperson