



How oil interests fund attack on Obama energy policy

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Americans for Prosperity has launched another advertising drive criticizing President Obama's energy policies, [Bloomberg Businessweek](#) points out.

The new campaign, costing \$6.1 million, brings the group's ad buys to a total \$12.5 million this year.

Americans for Prosperity is certainly not the only conservative group to assail the administration for its actions on green energy, domestic oil production, the Keystone Pipeline and other energy issues.

Nor is it the only critical organization to receive money from the Koch brothers.

Our map above shows the web of connections. (We recommend that you view the [larger version](#), which gives you more room to expand and move the players.)

At the top, you see Koch Industries, the privately held company whose many oil and gas enterprises include Flint Hills Resources, Koch Pipeline Company and Koch Mineral Services.

The second tier shows brothers Charles and David Koch, the owners.

The third level represents grant-making organizations controlled or partially funded by the Kochs.

And below that are two rows of think tanks and political organizations criticizing Obama's energy policies.

In addition to Americans for Prosperity, these include:

- [Heritage Foundation](#)
- [Manhattan Institute](#)
- [Marshall Institute](#)
- [Reason Foundation](#)
- [American Legislative Exchange Council](#)
- [American Enterprise Institute](#)
- [Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty](#)
- [Mackinac Center](#)
- [Texas Public Policy Foundation](#)
- [Competitive Enterprise Institute](#)

The libertarian Cato Institute is one of the few think tanks having received Koch money that has [not blamed Obama](#) for rising gas prices. Interestingly, the Kochs have split with institute leadership and have filed suit for control of the think tank.