



"I'm shocked, shocked, to learn that there has been gambling in this establishment."

Guess what? The fossil fuel industry has been deliberately lying to the public about climate change. According to the [Washington Post](#):

"The Global Climate Coalition, a group of representatives of the oil, auto and coal industries, spent years telling the public that the link between human activity and climate change was too uncertain to justify U.S. participation in the Kyoto Protocol, a 1997 treaty aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions. In 1995, however, a 'primer' on the issue produced by the organization's own scientific experts concluded that 'the scientific basis for the Greenhouse Effect and the potential impact of human emissions of greenhouse gases such as CO₂ on climate is well established and cannot be denied.'"

For years, the industry has been pooh-poohing the dangers of climate change. Was it fair for Al Gore to compare this kind of misrepresentation to the activities of Bernie Madoff,? Or was that unfair, and if so, to whom?