

# The Fossil Fuel Influence Machine:

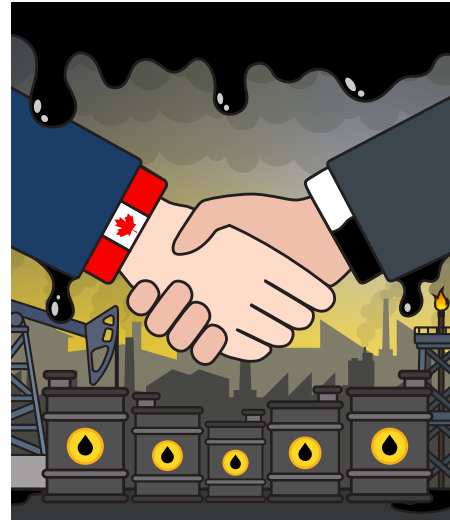
## Big Oil's Hold on Canadian Politics

Lobbying has a **huge** impact on politics. For decades, Big Oil has used its influence to **weaken, delay, or block** climate policies in Canada. Their goal? Protecting profits by fighting against laws that would limit pollution.

### Did you KNOW?

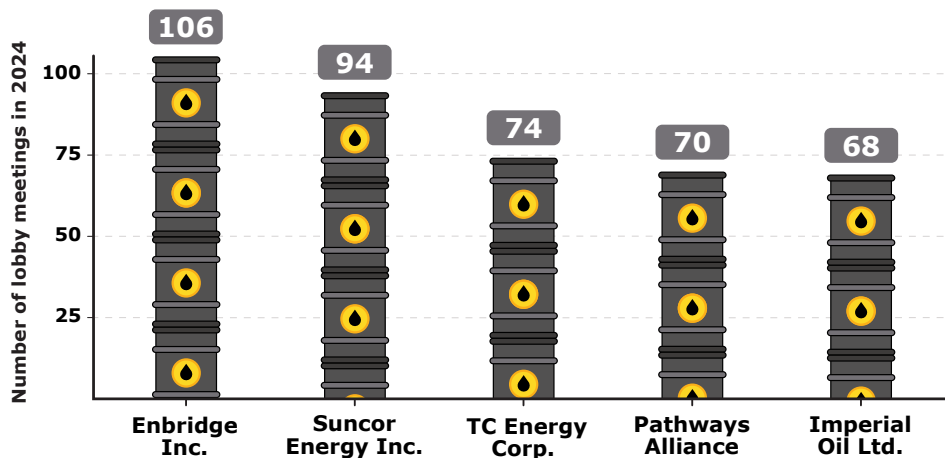
In 2024 alone, Big Oil lobbied the federal government **at least 1,135 times**—that's more than four times per working day!

But that's just the **official** count. Only lobbyist-initiated meetings are recorded in Canada's public registry. Government-initiated meetings? **Not tracked**. That means fossil fuel lobbyists have even more influence than we can see.



### Who's Bending the Government's Ear?

● **Figure 1.** Top Five Most Active Fossil Fuel Lobbyists

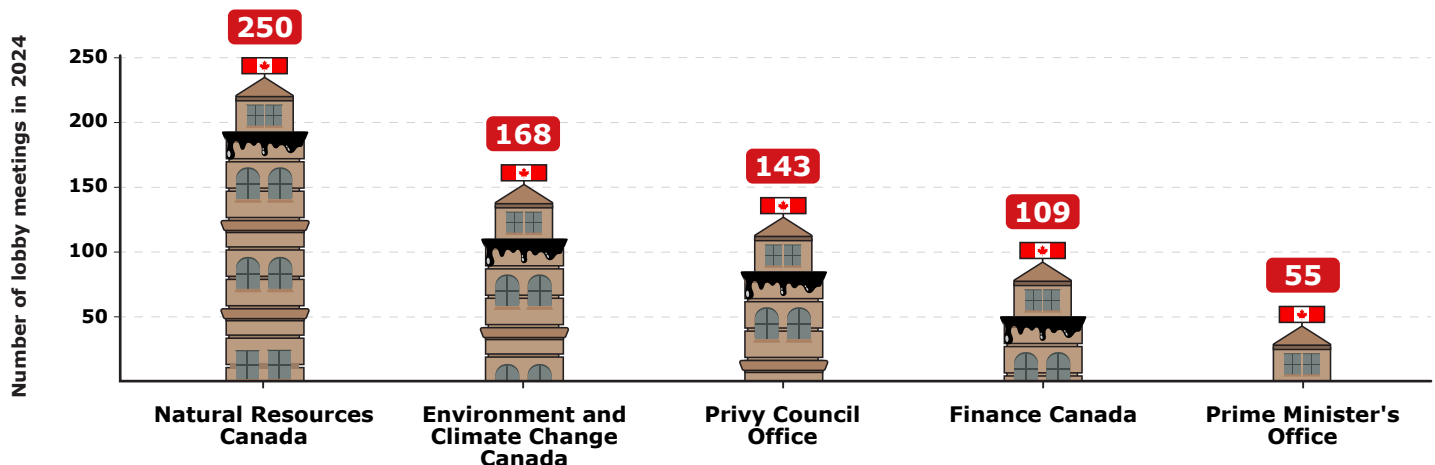


### Recognize These Names?

- **Enbridge** is North America's largest distributor of fossil gas.
- **Suncor** is a major tar sands producer.
- **TC Energy** owns the controversial Coastal GasLink pipeline, which carries fracked gas.
- **Pathways Alliance** represents Canada's biggest tar sands companies. Combined, they and their members lobbied the government at least 350 times last year.

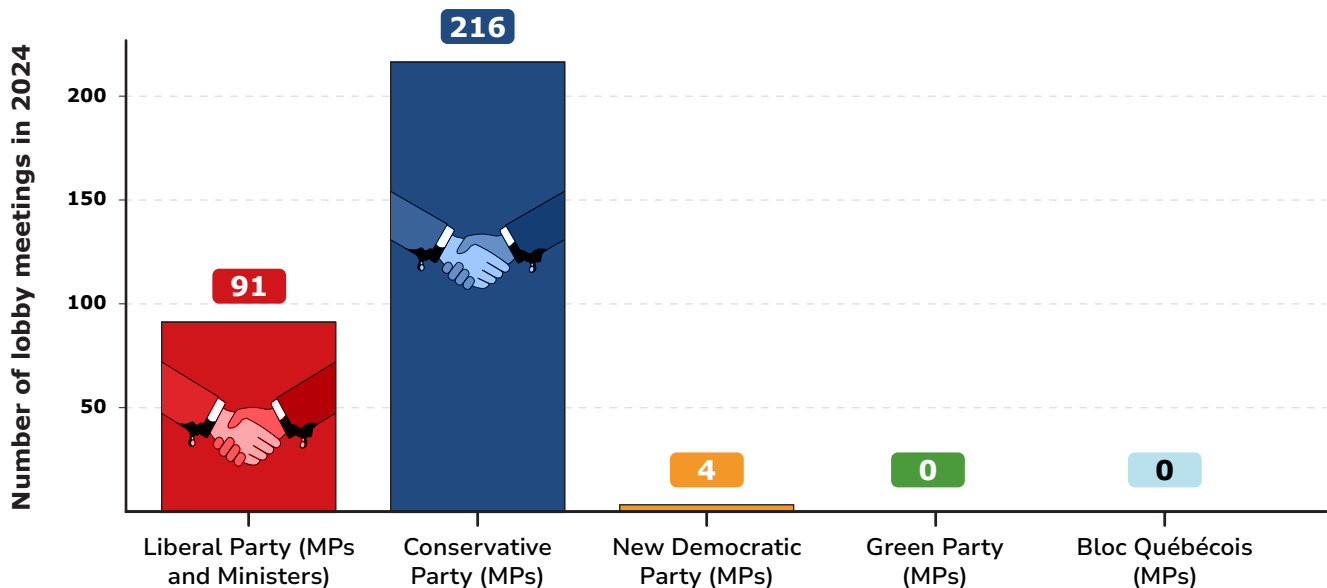
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● **Figure 2.** Top Five Ministries Lobbied by the Fossil Fuel Industry



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● **Figure 3. Lobby Meetings with Elected Representatives by Party**



## Can Environmental Groups Keep Up?

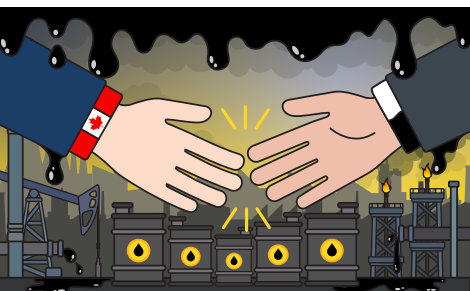
Environmental groups like Environmental Defence Canada **have increased lobbying efforts** in recent years to counterbalance Big Oil's influence. But fossil fuel lobbyists **still outnumber and outspend** climate advocates by a wide margin.

While environmental groups lobby for policies that protect **public health, the environment, and future generations**, Big Oil lobbies for corporate profits. Most of those profits flow to **foreign-owned companies and wealthy CEOs**—not everyday Canadians.

## It's Time to Prioritize People, Not Polluters

The fossil fuel industry has **too much power** in Canadian politics. Meanwhile, the communities hit hardest by climate inaction **don't have millions to spend on lobbying**.

We call on the federal government to **stop meeting with fossil fuel lobbyists** and start putting public **interest first**.



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