

INSURING OUR FUTURE

2020 Scorecard on Insurance, Fossil Fuels and Climate Change: How Do U.S. Insurers Stack Up?

Insure Our Future's *Insurance, Fossil Fuels and Climate Change* report finds that insurance companies are continuing to exit coal and are taking steps to limit oil and gas support, but U.S. insurers continue to lag behind their global peers.

The scorecard ranks 30 leading insurers, including 10 U.S. companies, on their fossil fuel insurance and investing policies, as well as other aspects of climate leadership.

The report reveals that insurers around the world are continuing to retreat from coal, which is having a tangible impact on coal mining and power companies. However, this momentum is not keeping pace with the escalating climate crisis. Major insurers in the U.S., as well as the Lloyd's market and East Asian companies, are still insuring coal expansion. Furthermore, the global insurance industry has so far failed to take comprehensive action on oil and gas.

US INSURERS: BY THE NUMBERS

- The report evaluates **ten** of the largest U.S. property and casualty and life

insurers: AIG, AXIS Capital, Berkshire Hathaway, Chubb, The Hartford, Liberty Mutual, MetLife, TIAA, Travelers, and W.R. Berkley.

- Of those, **four** companies have restricted insuring and investing in coal: AXIS Capital, Chubb, The Hartford, and Liberty Mutual. Additionally, **two** insurers have policies that just limit coal investing: MetLife and W.R. Berkley.
- **Three** U.S. insurers have restricted insuring and/or investing in the tar sands oil sector: AXIS Capital, The Hartford, and MetLife.
- Meanwhile, **four** companies have yet to take *any* steps to restrict fossil fuel support: AIG, Berkshire Hathaway, TIAA, and Travelers.
- Although U.S. insurers have the largest underwriting market share in the oil and gas industry, **none** have policies restricting oil and gas expansion.
- **All ten** of the U.S. insurers evaluated received negative scores on "climate leadership" for supporting lobby groups which oppose climate efforts.

U.S. INSURERS REMAIN GLOBAL LAGGARDS

As European and Australian peers – such as AXA, Suncorp, Swiss Re, and Zurich – make commitments to fully phase out coal and/or limit oil and gas business, U.S. insurers are playing an increasingly key role in enabling the expansion of fossil fuels globally.

Insuring any new coal, oil, or gas project is fundamentally incompatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement, and yet, U.S. insurers are continuing to underwrite new fossil fuel infrastructure:

- **AIG** is the largest coal insurer outside of China that has no restrictions on coal underwriting, and it is among the rare players which can take the lead in conducting due diligence for new, multi-billion dollar coal projects.
- **AIG, Chubb, The Hartford, Liberty Mutual, Travelers, and W.R. Berkley** are among the largest oil and gas insurers in the world, providing support for expansion across the supply chain – from the exploration of new reserves to oil pipelines and liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals.
- While Zurich, HDI Global, and Munich Re dropped coverage of the Trans Mountain tar sands oil pipeline in Canada in August 2020, **AIG, Chubb, Liberty Mutual, and W.R. Berkely** have refused to cut ties with the project, which would enable billions of additional barrels of tar sands extraction per year.

These companies and the entire U.S. insurance industry can **expect increased public pressure** in the coming year **from the Insure Our Future campaign**.

We're calling on the sector to:

1. **Stop insuring fossil fuel expansion immediately.**
2. **Phase out insurance for all fossil fuel companies in line with the goal of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.**
3. **Divest from fossil fuel companies that are not aligned with a 1.5°C future.**
4. **Respect human rights, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples.**



GROWING MOMENTUM

- **Business customers are demanding change.** In September, nearly 60 U.S. companies, including Patagonia and Ben & Jerry's, called on their insurers to stop insuring and investing in fossil fuels, in a first for U.S. businesses.
- **The call is echoing among municipal customers as well.** This year, Boulder County became the first county to screen insurance companies for climate policies. Cambridge and Somerville, MA followed suit, joining San Francisco, CA.
- **Influential investors are also urging bold climate action.** In April, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer, the city's chief financial officer, called on AIG, Liberty Mutual and Berkshire Hathaway to stop insuring coal projects and divest from the industry,



writing on behalf of three city pension funds holding \$155 billion of assets.

- **The Insure Our Future campaign is ramping up pressure on the U.S. industry.** The rapidly growing Liberty's Climate Crisis coalition is taking on Liberty Mutual; groups across Connecticut have teamed up to pressure The Hartford, Travelers, and W.R. Berkley; and the campaign on AIG has plans to escalate in 2021.












































































About Insure Our Future

Insure Our Future is a campaign comprising environmental, consumer protection, and grassroots organizations **holding the U.S. insurance industry accountable for its role in the climate crisis.**

We are part of the global Insure Our Future campaign, which **promotes a rapid shift of the insurance industry away from supporting and financing fossil fuels** to accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy.

Scoring Grid*

INSURER	COUNTRY	FOSSIL FUEL INSURANCE		FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT		OTHER CLIMATE LEADERSHIP	
		RANK	SCORE 0-10	RANK	SCORE 0-10	RANK	SCORE
AXA 		1	4.38	2	4.19	6	4.67
Swiss Re 		2	4.29	3	3.02	10	2.67
Hannover Re 		3	2.86	6	1.86	11	1.25
Zurich 		4	2.66	3	3.02	3	5.33
Munich Re 		5	2.62	8	1.63	4	5.00
Generali 		6	2.34	9	1.40	7	4.00
 AXIS Capital 		7	2.17	9	1.40	19	-0.63
SCOR Re 		8	1.67	1	4.42	9	3.64
HDI Global 		9	1.48	7	1.74	12	0.91
QBE 		10	1.41	12	0.93	4	5.00
Allianz 		11	1.33	5	2.67	7	4.00
 The Hartford 		12	1.25	9	1.40	20	-0.67
Aviva 		13	1.09	22	0.00	2	6.60
Samsung FM 		14	0.78	14	0.47	13	0.67
Mapfre 		15	0.63	14	0.47	13	0.67
 Liberty Mutual 		16	0.47	12	0.93	22	-1.33
 MetLife 		N/A	N/A	14	0.47	21	-0.77
 Chubb 		17	0.39	14	0.47	30	-2.67
Ping An 		18	0.31	14	0.47	13	0.67
Legal & General 		N/A	N/A	21	0.12	1	8.77
Tokio Marine 		18	0.31	22	0.00	13	0.67
MS&AD 		18	0.31	22	0.00	17	0.00
Sompo 		18	0.31	22	0.00	22	-1.33
 W.R. Berkley 		22	0.00	14	0.47	22	-1.33
Lloyd's 		22	0.00	20	0.23	22	-1.33
 TIAA 		N/A	N/A	22	0.00	18	-0.08
 AIG 		22	0.00	22	0.00	22	-1.33
 Berkshire Hathaway 		22	0.00	22	0.00	22	-1.33
Sinosure 		22	0.00	22	0.00	22	-1.33
 Travelers 		22	0.00	22	0.00	29	-2.00

KEY: Primary Insurance  Reinsurance  Life Insurance 

* Insurers were scored on Coal, Oil, Gas & Tar Sands