



1000 HEARTS & MINDS

The persuasive power of the moral case for fossil fuels

By Alex Epstein

INTRODUCTION

If you follow the energy debate at all, you've probably heard some version of the following:

- "It's a lost cause."
- "People don't change their minds about fossil fuels."
- "People are too stupid/irrational/emotional to understand the case for fossil fuels."

When I started writing about energy over 10 years ago, I wanted to offer people the most effective, persuasive materials in the moral case for fossil fuels ever created. It was my belief that if that case was presented clearly and logically, it was possible to genuinely change hearts and minds.

Now I know it.

*Over the last decade, I have released everything from free online articles and videos to speeches to the book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. The response has been phenomenal.*

We recently surveyed 735 members of the public who are familiar with my work, but who are not part of the fossil fuel industry, and asked them:

"On a scale of 0 (not at all) to 10 (extremely) how would you rate yourself before and after encountering Alex Epstein's work on fossil fuels?"

The results were striking:

- 40% increase in interest in fossil fuels--from a 6 to an 8.5
- 42% increase in how positively they view the fossil fuel industry--from a 6 to a 9
- 125% increase in how confident they feel turning non-supporters into supporters--from a 3 to a 6.5
- 68% increase in eagerness to champion the fossil fuel industry--from a 5 to an 8

- 48% increase in willingness to recommend a career in the fossil fuel industry--from a 5.5 to an 8
- 52% increase in understanding of the positive impacts of the fossil fuel industry on human life--from a 6 to a 9
- 95% increase in understanding of the positive impacts of the fossil fuel industry on our environment--from a 4.5 to an 8.5
- 61% increase in understanding of the major concerns about fossil fuels--from a 5.5 to an 8.5

Even more striking, when we gave a similar survey to members of the fossil fuel industry, what we discovered was that, after consuming our material, members of the public had a more positive view of the fossil fuel industry and a greater willingness and ability to champion it than did industry members prior to consuming our material.

All of this is consistent with the thousands of pieces of feedback I've received from people inside and outside the industry testifying to the impact that CIP's material has had on their views--and their lives, confirming my early conviction: that there is an incredible potential to convince people of the truth that fossil fuels are a healthy choice, not a dangerous addiction--and to empower them to become eager and effective champions of the fossil fuel industry.

In this book, you'll find 1000 of my personal favorite testimonials. I hope you find them as inspiring as I do.

Alex Epstein

STUDENTS AND MILLENNIALS

Today's young people have received lifelong indoctrination in the moral case against fossil fuels, and are unsurprisingly overwhelmingly skeptical of fossil fuels—but our work is changing that.

1. Before encountering Alex's work, I viewed fossil fuels as a cultural addiction that was irreplaceable--a "necessary evil." I was not interested in learning more about the topic, because I viewed it as hopelessly entrenched and unchangeable.

After listening to a few episodes of [his podcast] Power Hour, I was shocked to learn that my then-conception of the fossil fuels industry might be completely wrong. I've since listened to every episode of the podcast, read his book, and watched many of his debates and lectures. I now hold that the fossil fuels industry is a necessary good, and that it is under significant threat from anti-human cultural influencers who have intimidated the culture at large to hate fossil fuels and, in a sense, worship the environment. I get emotionally motivated and animated when I defend fossil fuels among my friends or relatives, and I am becoming more persuasive over time. I owe that accomplishment to Alex's work.

Alex's work played a significant role in my coming to believe that rational philosophy can be applied and formulated into a business that makes a lot of money, and makes a lot of impact. His career motivated me to quit my job and go to work for an intellectual publication that specializes in applying rational philosophy to the cultural and political issues of the day. I hope to use Alex's

model of success to help the publication improve the culture and make money in the process. -Ezra Drake

2. Alex Epstein has had a tremendous influence on my worldviews. I discovered Alex shortly after discovering Ayn Rand about 4 years ago. Since then, I have become a huge advocate for fossil fuels and have engaged in many debates with my leftist friends. I have won some of them over, while others will no longer talk to me. -John Paulson

3. **I have been interested in energy issues since I was around ten years old, and now ten years later Alex has changed my entire perspective on the fossil fuel industry.** I had always thought loosely in the fashion that Alex expresses himself, but to have someone codify this manner of judging the industry by a useful standard of value revitalized my excitement about energy issues and gave me insights I had never had before. As a budding economist at Cornell University, I hope to use these insights to influence the academic world to have a more positive view of fossil fuels in whatever way I can. -Jonathan

4. **We read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* in a class as part of my Petroleum Engineering degree.** It provided a lot of expanded information to myself and others in the class on a topic very much intertwined with our field of study. -Jake Cooper.

5. I am finally writing my response to your book that you so kindly requested a few months ago. I was able to finish reading it on a plane ride about a month ago to Washington DC to begin my fellowship with the Charles Koch Institute. I found the book to be an absolute game changer. After you sent me a free copy I went out and bought another one for my parents. I have told other students at the Koch Institute about your thinking

work and we discussed the book as a group and several said they would go out and buy it. A few said they already owned it! Since returning to MN I have seen the book in the office of some of the senior members of the Center of the American Institute's scholars (CAE is an MN based think tank) so I think it is safe to say your influence is growing farther. The reason for your success is due to the way you present the information. I think the message is new when compared to others out there but the demeanor you write in is very helpful in defusing tensions people have about the topic. I look forward to reading more of your work and supporting your organization. I have a chemical engineering friend who is excited but afraid to tell people she works for Exxon Mobil, I will be giving her this book to help her defend the industry she knows is so dearly important. As a neurobiologist, I found your science to be sound and well thought out in that it examines and attacks its own assertions. This is very important in scientific thinking as all alternative hypothesis must be exhausted before important conclusions can be drawn. -Tyler M.

6. Prior to college, I read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and it sparked my interest in energy. After more research and reading a few more books from authors including Robert Bryce and Matt Ridley I **changed my intended major from Environmental Sustainability to Petroleum Engineering**. After two years of schooling in Petroleum Engineering and researching more independently, I am more eager to enter into debate about energy armed with facts and logic. -Alex Shaffer

7. My name is Mitchell. I am a recent graduate from Southern Methodist University. I attended your seminar at the Perot Museum and have already read a good portion of your book. I absolutely love it! Thank you so much for sharing this with the world! -Mitchell P.

8. I am writing you to thank you for the three copies of your book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. My Civics teacher . . . has also applied for a class set of your book (25 books), for our history classes to read at our school. I believe that hearing your opinions and reading the facts stated in your book, young minds will be able to form their own opinions about these topics discussed in schools. . . . Thank you for your work and research on fossil fuels. -Victoria M.

9. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] approached a complex and polarizing issue with the clarity and context that I have seen others like Mises and Hazlitt apply to equally immense subjects like economics. It has also encouraged me to be more outspoken, to attempt to be a mental magnet as you put it.

I want to thank you for all of this and to encourage you to keep it up, not that you need it. You are doing a phenomenal job and I will continue to contribute not just to you, but to the cause of human flourishing through freedom. I hope to one day dedicate myself to creating my own platform to help spread these ideas as you have done. Until then, I will continue to be an energy, as well as a freedom champion to the people around me. I've taken your fantastic course on being an energy champion and it has helped me a lot. -Mike

10. I thought [your course "How to Talk to Anyone About Energy"] was absolutely terrific! Now I'm listening to it again, and rereading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* (then 3x more, per your advice). I think your approach can be very helpful for almost any future discussion. I've had many conversations that have descended into unproductive arguments, but I hope that will seldom or never happen again. Your idea of starting out by really "getting" where they're coming from, and acknowledging it empathetically, then knowing

ways to get from “Point A to Point B” with a few simple rules for productive discussions makes sense. With concentration and practice, I expect that approach to make all my future conversations more productive and convincing. Thank you for all you do! -Dan

11. As a current student at Minnesota State I am double majoring in communications and economics. Much of my semester has been doing a research project about the reallocation and termination of much of Minnesota fossil fuel usage. Focusing mostly on the shut down of our major propane pipeline and their restrictions on coal plants. I will be weighing the moral dilemmas against the economic necessities, a lot like the first chapter makes it appear you do in your book. Thanks again for the free chapter, there is no doubt I will be purchasing the book, not only to use as a reference for my project, but for the amazing insight you give on an opinion we all know isn't the most popular. -Mitchell F.

12. I've just finished reading Alex Epstein's *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. **I expected a collection of talking points and rhetorical strategies for attacking opposing views. What I found was something entirely different. I was shocked by the genuine, honest, rational, serious treatment of the issue. It caused me to question and criticize much of my own thinking on the issue despite agreeing with the premise of the book going in. I believe that if everybody were to think and debate about issues the same way as is done in this book, the world would be a radically better place.** I encourage everybody to read this book to clarify or test their own understanding of this issue, or if only to study its style of radical honesty. At a mere six hours on Audible, I believe it's well worth your time. -Jonathan Akin

13. I just finished reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* (literally 9 minutes ago), and I wanted to tell

how inspirational it was to read. Being surrounded by people promoting false ideas everywhere from fossil fuels to poverty is incredibly frustrating. Even more frustrating and discouraging is the fact that so many of these people accept these ideas as absolutes and never question them. Reading your book, and hearing of its success, has been inspiring because it gives me hope that the right ideas can win. And more importantly, will. A lot of good people are doing a lot of great work to promote the right ideas, but none of them or their work give me as much hope for the future as you and your book. So thank you. Thank you for giving me hope that the world I desire can be won - a world where human life is a standard of value and industrialists are praised for being the heroes they are. Having hope for the future is wonderful feeling. It's unfortunate so few things grant it. -Sarah Martinson

14. I found this idea very original, interesting and beautiful. It is certainly new, you don't see this humanist framework applied so explicitly today, so people would be curious about it. It will show in what I think is going to be a clear way (judging for your lectures and Power Hour) how it will serve a purpose, so people are going to be very motivated about it. And since it is a practical way of having human life as a standard of value, as it is applied philosophy, I consider it will be one of the most beautiful life enhancers of today.

I think you already know all that, I'm telling you so you can know what I think about it and how you are being understood, even in Argentina! -Julian

15. Yesterday I received a call from my cousin telling me that his daughter, who is in the eighth grade, needed to talk to me because she had a debate coming up and felt like their weakest positions were on global warming because the opposing team had a debater whose parent is a leftist professor.

I immediately thought of some of the videos with infographics that you have posted as good tools for someone to get informed without too much technical argument involved. I then posted a link to your interview with Stefan Molyneux for my cousin to watch and get more info he could discuss with his daughter.

They called me today and she smashed the opposing debater and specifically by having sources for her claims where the opposing team did not. -Anonymous

16. Thank you for sharing your techniques in how to have a conversation about this important issue. I have always believed climate change was being presented to me in a dishonest way and felt unable to question the basis of the green movement. You have exposed it clearly and illustrated an honest approach to discussing it. Looking forward for an opportunity of putting it into practice. Thank you again and keep up the good work you are doing. -Calvin

17. I am a member of the College Republicans here at UW-Stevens Point. We loved having you come and talk with us a couple years ago, and continue to enjoy the information contained in your emails. -Rachel G.

18. I love the site of an expanding city. Innovation and production are the anchor of the American dream. We raise our standard of living by working together to create and build new and exciting projects and technologies, so we can learn and grow exponentially. I am so appreciative of the mental thought and work that went behind creating a world where I can enjoy and learn and not just survive. I am excited to be a part of this age, and examine the changes and growth of an ever expanding city. @alexepstein22 Thank you for being the voice of the human mind. -@Kelsieschmelsie via Instagram

19. **If you had told 18 year-old me that, four years later, I would be praising a book called *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, I probably would have thought you were crazy. At the time, I was a capital-P Progressive environmentalist. Yet, here I am, at 22, blown away by a book that posits that fossil fuels are the lifeblood of modern existence.**

. . . Although Epstein is clearly knowledgeable about his subject matter, this book does not read like a dry, technical account of energy issues. It also avoids the other extreme of sounding polemical. No, the tone of this book flows with both an upbeat, contagious enthusiasm for our world of modern miracles and with a matter-of-fact consideration of the energy choices before us. 18 year-old me would have been surprised that 22 year-old me supports a moral case for fossil fuels, but she would hardly be surprised if I explained to her why. I was a humanist who believed in progress four years ago, just as I am now--but my humanism has since convinced me that the most unconscionable thing to do would be to deny billions of human beings the affordable, reliable power that makes modern life possible. *Moral Case* rings with this sort of humanism, with refreshing and personal accounts of what fossil fuels mean to people's day-to-day existence. If I had had the pleasure of reading it four years ago, it likely would have hit close to home then, too. -Kaavya

20. **Since listening to Alex, I have changed the direction of my life quite drastically. While I have no formal education in science, I am in the middle of my first year of a science degree with the aim to work in the energy industry.** I'm not sure I would have done this without listening to Power Hour and without the moral ammunition required to defend it (which I now plan to do!). -Anonymous

21. Thanks for a fantastic presentation held at Bethel University a few weeks ago. You got me thinking in new ways during and since your

presentation. -Liv

22. The idea that people should use the earth and technology to create material values has been part of my life since childhood, and it is good to see that idea so well-articulated by Alex Epstein. I recommend his Fox News article “Four Dirty Secrets about Clean Energy,” especially to teachers, writers, and businesspeople. The clarity of his reasoning and his uncompromising support for capitalism add rare elements to the current energy debate. -Anna Franco

23. This past school year, my school library had your book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* out on display. Being intrigued by the title, I checked out the book, and was thoroughly impressed by the original perspective I found in the book’s argumentation.

I have profound respect for the lucid and innovative approach you take in the book and would love to promote that message . . . -Joshua R.

24. Dear Mr. Epstein, I think it is important to express gratitude when you experience something unique. Reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is undoubtedly an experience that falls into this category. Your brilliant insights and clear writing have given me a much clearer and deeper understanding of issues related to fossil fuels. For this reason, I would simply like to say: Thank you! -Kristen V.

25. I’m a math-econ joint major in university. If Alex didn’t write this book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*], I think I eventually would have (half joking). I’m glad he was up to the task, because he is a much clearer thinker than me. I’m not totally certain where I’m headed career-wise after graduating, but energy has become galvanized as a central issue in my philosophy. -Ryan Gillam

26. I just wanted to let you know that I think what you do is awesome. **I wasn’t really into fossil fuels that much in high school, but I watched a few of your YouTube videos my senior year and your courage and tenacity gripped me.** Seeing you stand in the middle of an environmentalist protest with an ‘I love fossil fuels’ sign was amazing! And you debating against other doctors at universities was awesome too. It takes a lot to say the things you do. So anyways, now I’m in college taking way too many credits for my first semester, and **my passion for fossil fuels that you kindled has grown. I’ve done three assignments in this semester alone on the topic of fossil fuels, and I used you as a reference in each one.** Your book is amazing. I have not been able to read it cover to cover yet (typical college student), but the chapters that I have read I loved! So easy to read and proof around every corner! When I tell other people about fossil fuels, they aren’t very enthusiastic because they are usually ‘against’ fossil fuels (even though most of them don’t know what it really means to not want fossil fuels). But I’m always able to battle theirs arguments with the material that I have learned from you. As you can tell by my enthusiasm, I am literally your biggest fan! I hope you continue to fight for what’s right and that God gives you the strength to press on! -David N.

27. Over the years, Alex has expanded my mind to all of the benefits of energy production. As an undergraduate student of economics, Alex’s work was inspiring on the various ways the economy benefits from expanding energy production. **This led to my desire to study energy economics in graduate school. I now consider myself a champion of the energy industry,** which makes me something of an outsider in my graduate program. -Brandon Bridge

28. Alex Epstein’s talk about the history of the oil industry was one of the best lectures I

attended while at college. Although his talk was replete with dates, names, and numbers, he never lost sight of the big picture, historical narrative. He painted a vivid picture of oil's importance, especially in comparison to so-called 'alternative energy' solutions. I left with a more solid understanding of the history of the oil industry and our country's current energy policy, as well as a greater appreciation of the role oil plays in my own life. -Sarah J.

29. I am a Master's student studying Sustainable Development at present and am halfway through my course (two years part time).

I have read a lot about the subject of renewables and green economy as part of this course so it was refreshing to read Mr. Epstein's book about fossil fuels.

I am intrigued now and would greatly appreciate it if you could **send me some more information about the Moral Case for Fossil Fuels as I believe that I will be tackling my dissertation from a different angle now**, (although I will still need to provide them with a portion of what they want to hear!).

Anyway, congratulations to Mr. Epstein, I thoroughly enjoyed his book and have recommended it to everyone who will listen. -Joseph S.

30. I am a PhD Candidate at Virginia Tech in the Department of Fish & Wildlife Conservation. . . . **When I heard about your book I thought, 'Ok, here we go, another opinion piece from someone who is going deny global warming, argue that God will never let us run out of fossil fuels so we should use it, use it, use it, and have no real data to back up their argument.'** However, after reading the first chapter I was so impressed with your viewpoint and with your data that I bought the book. I just received it in the mail yesterday and look forward to reading more of it. -Sara S.

31. Before I heard Alex speak on my campus, I was interested solely in global warming as a broad political topic. I knew very little about it, despite having read a few books on the topic. Alex put the entire industry and what it does for human life in a very clear picture for me to see its impact all around me. -Kirk Barbera

32. You and the Center for Industrial Progress have caught me right in my 'inquisitive window. I'm a 20-year-old college student studying voice education and have also been educating myself about other subjects. Thank you so much for being such a large pillar in my intellectual journey in understanding liberty, politics, philosophy, economics and many other things. I discovered you on the Dennis Prager Show, began watching all of your YouTube videos, and have never looked back. I look forward to buying this book and thank you for writing it. You and the Center for Industrial Progress are shaping who I become as a lifelong learner and have changed my life forever. -Aaron C.

33. I write to tell you how your book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has impacted my life. I am 18, from Oklahoma, and approaching my freshman year in college and throughout high school I wanted to have a real impact on the energy world. I appreciate energy more than anything else. Long story short I wrote an extensive essay entitled "Small Scale Wind Energy, a Local, Decentralized Supplement to Electricity Production in the U.S." This essay started out about industrial wind, however I was soon faced with the fact that it is impractical, so I took the small scale distributed wind generation and reported on its ability to replace coal in the production of electricity. Well I soon found that this is also impractical, and ended up arguing for a grid tied system that allows for people who wish for grid independence (occasionally/when the wind blows).

My quest to have an impact on energy was still focused on renewable though because I had been taught that renewables are the only way to go if we want a positive future for our children and grandchildren. In a conversation about my intentions to major in Environmental Sustainability with the CEO of MidFirst Bank, he, a man who I respect greatly, told me to read your book. I must admit my initial reaction was “a moral case.... there’s no way, fossil fuels are entirely immoral.” I held that belief because that is what I had been taught. Upon reading your book I have come to realize how short-sighted that view is. I have previously viewed myself as a critical thinker, but my analytic skills fell short. I agree with many of the statements you made in your book and in debates that I viewed on YouTube.

As a result of reading your book I have refocused my idea of impacting energy to the big picture and will hopefully one day work for a fossil fuel company or independent company to measure the output of pollutants by fossil fuels based on REAL data and work to create even cleaner burning/drilling/excavating techniques without sacrificing the life blood of our society. I know your work is important to you and I write this to encourage your outreach to younger citizens who are very impressionable and who have also fallen victim to the short-sighted views that the media portrays to us. -Alex S.

THOUGHT LEADERS

It is vital that the moral case for fossil fuels impact thought leaders, who have the ability to rapidly share these ideas with a large and receptive audience—and we are succeeding.

34. With more politicians in climate science than scientists, the refining fire of debate has devolved into the burning of heretics. Alex Epstein’s *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* may make your blood boil, but his cool reason and cold, hard facts will lead us beyond hysterics to a much better future. -Peter Thiel, technology entrepreneur and investor

35. If you want to see the power of fine logic, fine writing, and fine research, read Epstein’s book. **In my long career, it is simply the best popular-market book about climate, environmental policy, and energy that I have read.** Laymen and experts alike will be boggled by Epstein’s clarity. -Patrick J. Michaels, director, Center for the Study of Science, Cato Institute

36. Alex Epstein has written an eloquent and powerful argument for using fossil fuels on moral grounds alone. A remarkable book. -Matt Ridley, author of *The Rational Optimist*

37. **Alex Epstein [is] the leading energy philosopher in the US and world today.** -Robert L. Bradley, Jr., founder of the Institute for Energy Research

38. In this brave book, Alex Epstein provides a clear, full-throated response to the catastrophists who want us to replace nearly all of our existing energy systems with expensive, incurably intermittent sources like wind and solar. We need more people like Alex who are willing to make the case for hydrocarbons. As Alex shows, those fuels are allowing billions of people to live fuller, freer, healthier lives. -Robert Bryce, author of *Smaller Faster Lighter Denser Cheaper*

39. **...[the] most original thinker of the year.** -John McLaughlin, TV host

40. Alex Epstein’s book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* documents the rapidly shrinking number of

human beings killed by storms, floods and other climate events thanks largely to ever-growing industry, fueled mainly by oil, natural gas and coal. . . .

I think of industry as something that is mostly very good for us, with a few minor side effects that aren't. Fossil fuels are a little like antibiotics, says Epstein. It's good to draw attention to minor side effects, but it would be crazy to abandon all treatment because of them.

Fossil fuels are no catastrophe. They contribute to health and a better life. -John Stossel, TV host

41. I think @AlexEpstein has made far more cogent arguments than any from 'unreliables' promoters. I've decided to stop bashing fossil fuels. -Rod Adams, publisher of *Atomic Insights*

42. Epstein, the founder of the Center for Industrial Progress, makes a persuasive case that cheap and abundant fossil fuels are critical to enabling billions to escape conditions of Malthusian privation. -Ronald Bailey, science correspondent for *Reason* magazine

43. The name of the book is *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. Highly recommended. . . . We all need to know how to make the argument for fossil fuels. -Glenn Beck, television and radio host

44. In his new book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, Alex Epstein makes one of the most compelling arguments for the moral value of fossil fuels and the need to increase their use I have ever read. . . .

Chapter by chapter, through clear and concise analysis, Epstein demonstrates why fossil fuels are the greatest energy technology of all time; why renewable energy sources like wind and solar power are in no position to replace them; why concerns about global warming are

overstated and largely misplaced; how fossil fuel use actually improves environmental quality; and why, with more than 1.3 billion people in the world today without access to electricity and the labor and life-saving bounty it makes available, it would be immoral to artificially restrict growth in the use of fossil fuels to prevent climate change.

The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels makes this point as well or better than any other book I recall reading. The book is easily readable by anyone who has passed high school freshman English, and I encourage all those interested in learning about the threats of global warming and the relative benefits and harms of fossil fuel use to read it with an open mind. It will give you much to think about. -Sterling Burnett, research fellow on environmental policy at the Heartland Institute

45. Once I actually started the book . . . my negative expectations swiftly faded away. The more I read, the more Epstein's creation impressed me. **My final judgment: *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is the best book I've read all year, combining an important topic, thought-provoking evidence, and charming style.** -Bryan Caplan, economist

46. I read a book that excited me, that encouraged me. In fact, I just finished reading the book this morning. The guy who's written this book is a person who needs a bigger platform for his voice and his message, because it's absolutely awesome. The book is called *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. . . . [A]n awesome book that should be required reading. In fact, I'm going to make sure my older children read this book. . . . -Vince Coakley, radio host

47. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* makes a compelling case for the good that fossil fuels have brought to our world. Its central argument—we need energy to make our world better, our energy largely comes from fossil fuels, therefore we should keep using fossil fuels—is delightfully contrarian yet

robustly supported. It deserves a wide hearing.
-Andrew Evans, assistant editor at *National Affairs*

ENVIRONMENTALISTS AND OTHER FOSSIL FUEL SKEPTICS

The gold standard of persuasion is the ability to turn opponents of fossil fuels into supporters and champions, and our record debunks the widespread belief that this is impossible.

48. **I saw you speak in the University of Minnesota in 2009, and I HECKLED YOU! That's right, I used to be an eco-activist Occupy protester anti-industrialist. Now after 5 years of studying to find the truth, I am a supporter! I have a YouTube channel, I self-publish books, and I arrange small group discussions over movies or topics in the 'environmentalist' movement and with entrepreneurs. It's important people are aware of their actions as they vote & lobby to kill the one industry that has given us a better quality of life.** -Anonymous

49. I would just like to say thank you for your writings on the moral case for fossil fuels. It is a book, along with several others, which has reshaped my worldview on the issue of global climate change and particularly the green movement, which I am afraid to say I have been part of over the last 20 years, and their claims and fears over technology such as nuclear, GM and the most recent rallying call against the new bogeyman "fracking." -Jonathan

50. I'm a former environmentalist and Alex is the first I've heard give why fossil fuels are a net positive, not negative for humans. He provides better questions to consider when thinking about energy. -Jason

51. Before Mr. Epstein's book, I had undergone a journey from *An Inconvenient Truth* being my favorite movie to watching NIPCC video challenging IPCC's evidence. I understood the issue to some extent, but even my thinking was: Fossil fuels were not evil, they are just "okay."

When I did read the book, I understood just how biased the debate was, and how much we still owe to the fossil fuel industry. After that, I could not just refute wrong arguments, but replace them with better ones. I credit that achievement to Mr. Epstein. -Saarang

52. **It has changed my mind entirely. Before, I believed the same as most everyone else. I believed that fossil fuels were bad because by using them negatively affected the environment. His book showed me the other side of the energy equation. So glad I bought the book!** -Craig Simmons

53. **I used to be an advocate for us to stop burning fossil fuels until I started thinking about why we started burning them in the first place, and why we burn them now.** Once in a while I see cars with bumper stickers which say, "No farms, no food." There should be a bumper sticker which says, "No fossil fuels, no food." It's thinking about what we get from fossil fuels, which made me change my stance to, "I love fossil fuels," -Erik G.

54. [After reading Alex's work] I am a bit more open-minded, and did not consider the prospect of a cost-benefit analysis of fossil-fuel use. I am no longer over-confident about green technologies being ideal replacements, as they are expensive, and the added cost and space needed would cause problems on a global scale. That being said,

I am still concerned about frivolous use of fossil fuels, and would love to see more viable green technologies arise. But, fossil fuels are vital now, and some of the money saved/gained via their use could be invested in inventing / discovering new and cleaner means of energy production. -James

55. I was excited to find your course ["How to Talk to Anyone About Energy"] after I read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* (the book that got me off of 'green'). The conversations I was having around many issues were too contentious and defensive. Your strategy of using concise arguments--void of BS and delivered in a respectful way, was (and still is) refreshing.

I completed a 'first round' of the course and intend to complete several more. The excitement I held before taking the course has grown since realizing the material can be applied to any topic, not just energy! Keep up the great work.... your network of supporters is growing. -Tim

56. I am 17 years old and live in Dorset, Vermont (a hotbed of the environmental movement). Let me start by saying that you have become my role model. I have read your book, looked at a lot of your keynotes, articles, and videos online and I even bought a 'I heart fossil fuels' t-shirt haha.... **Before coming across your work I sort of believed in the anti-fossil fuel movement.** From my education in very liberal-environmentalist Vermont, I was never shown the pros of fossil fuels, only the cons.

Flash forward to yesterday, I wore my 'I love fossil fuels' t-shirt to school for the first time. . . . There was only one person who agreed with my shirt. After this experience, I went to my debate team coach and had a discussion with him about what I had just gone through. Long story short, we decided to host a public debate Anyways, I just thought I'd let you know what your work has sparked. . . . Keep up the good work and wish me luck!! Thanks!
-James M.

57. **I was a deeply ingrained environmentalist who was against fossil fuels, nuclear etc.** Over time I can see the benefits and the disadvantages of all energy sources. I also understand that humans and their activities change the planet's environment. The process of adding carbon and other pollutants etc. is changing the planet. I also understand that the green movement has a lot to answer for when it comes to energy. I am an advocate for nuclear power, gas and hydro. I have even changed my views on fracking much to the amazement of my colleagues. **As an ecologist I can see the benefits which can come about due to gas exploration and nuclear power...** -Jon Cranfield

58. I went from believing in wind and solar to knowing as an Albertan they were bad for my life. After reading Alex's book I realized I could champion fossil fuels without being selfish -Lee

59. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] completely shifted my thinking on fossil fuels. It also gave me a much deeper appreciation of human technological progress as a whole. I was able to apply the concepts learned from the moral case to understand many other topics. -Ian

60. **Close to a complete reversal. While mostly indifferent on the issues, if pressed, I would just default to assume a general feeling that environmentalism and "renewable" energy were good and fossil fuels were something generally negative.** But Ayn Rand taught me to think and straightened me out, and then Alex made the issues and thinking in this debate intelligible and easy to grasp, if honest. My indifference is now (controlled) outrage at attacks on productive energy industries, at environmental groups, and at any anti-freedom/anti-capitalist movement or argument. And I have a clear understanding that fossil fuels and pro-human technologies are unequivocal goods. I champion them earnestly and with full confidence in any situation. -Matthew Boulton

61. It completely changed how I looked at the industry. I used to be a strong environmentalist and thought we were destroying the Earth. It was always a struggle and a conflict in my mind that I couldn't quite figure out until reading Alex's book. I thought it was good for humans to develop and use fossil fuels, but I didn't want it to be to the detriment of the environment. I understand better now why fossil fuels and cheap energy is so important to our lives. -Joy Schmitz

62. **Before Alex Epstein's lecture, no other students on my campus could imagine an environmental or moral defense of the fossil fuel industry. Now, weeks later, I am amazed at how they now defend the industry.** The moderates tell me that the decision to invite Epstein was the best thing we could have done. The Greens affiliated with 350.org who walked out on Epstein's lecture faced an immediate campus backlash bigger than I had ever seen. **We thought these environmentalists were undefeatable for the past three years, but now, two weeks later, I can say that they are no longer a powerful force on campus.** -Julian Hassan

63. I was amazed to be turned into someone who rejected mainstream environmentalism. I now regard human life as the standard of value and challenge others who place the planet above the humans who inhabit it. Thank you Mr. Epstein. -Jon

64. **Before hearing/learning of Alex I had the stereotypical beliefs that gas/oil/coal were products of evil greedy capitalists who solely wanted profit and to destroy the planet while doing so. After listening to Alex I've completely done a 180 on all my previous beliefs.** He had such a rational and commonsensical way of looking at things and his explanations you'd seriously have to refuse to understand his points not to be complete agreement with him. -Jonathan Parry

65. I've turned nearly 180 degrees on my views about fossil fuels. While I still lament the position of being a consumer and downstream commercial buyer of the oil oligopoly, I become increasingly more objective in my views the more I digest Alex's work. -Anonymous

PROFESSORS AND TEACHERS

It is hugely important that educators, who have a unique ability to persuade the young minds most open to persuasion, are not only being influenced by the moral case for fossil fuels—but but are sharing it with their students.

66. I'm a high school teacher in Arizona and I've been trying to teach my students the importance of clear thinking and clear communication. I teach film making and we have just finished our unit on propaganda.

We compared the ideas you present in your YouTube videos to those put forward by Bill Nye. **At the end of the section 95% of the students were convinced that fossil fuels were a necessity for human flourishing and not a negative influence on the world. They all labeled Bill Nye's video as propaganda.**

Thank you so much for your example and your courage to stand up for what you (we) believe in. It is refreshing to see well thought out ideas that make an outstanding case for why fossil fuels are beneficial and not something to be feared. As you know, it's not popular to question the 'science'

67. I want to thank you for taking the time to come and speak to us. Your speech was very well received and I had heard a lot of positive comments. I hope that the audience you had here will open up new channels of communication for you. Thanks also for sending me this information. I will digest it and share it with my students and bunch of other people.
-Mukul M. Sharma

68. By introduction, I am the President of Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. I heard you speak on fossil fuels and thought it was outstanding. -Bob Wilmouth

69. Thank you for your talk [on persuasion] and for your valuable work in general. I've used many of your techniques with my high school students and I would like to highlight an advantage the ideas give that I don't hear you highlight very often. By focusing so explicitly and transparently on your thinking techniques and goals while having the conversation, I've found that I'm more likely to build a trust and respect from the person I'm speaking with. But it's much more than that. Because I'm so obviously interested in the thinking process and achieving the stated goal, I'm less likely to be seen as someone who is "trying to win." Instead, the feel of the conversation is more like an invitation to take a mental journey together. -Mike

70. I recently finished reading your book. I loved it! One of the best things to stick with me will be the idea of 'renewable' energy being 'parasitical' to real energy. I will use that analogy a lot in future conversations. In fact, I hope to use it in the Ethics course I am teaching at present.
-Matt P.

71. As a public school, middle school math teacher, I'm able to approach real-life math/science topics with my students like fossil fuels, water, and climate change using data

and statistical analysis. I'm able to better inform students of the math facts that they are often not informed of. Alex Epstein (via PragerU and Rubin Report) lays out simple and logical arguments using data. Even at their young age, they are already exposed to mainstream opinion versus historical data and facts. I enjoy laying out the math before them, allowing them to critically think, and then letting them form their own conclusion. These students are future voters and deciders of issues on fossil fuels. It's important that they know all sides. -Renee

72. Hello Mr. Epstein, I wanted to thank you for writing such an excellent book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. I am using it to teach a course called Sustainable Resources in Northern BC. This is a Grade 11 course. Your ideas are helping my high school students wade through the many arguments about fossil fuels. I also sent a message about your book to the Office of the Prime Minister of Canada. I thought perhaps it would be helpful for them to be more aware of the arguments for fossil fuels beyond the idea that they help to create jobs. This is especially true in light of the Keystone XL veto that occurred this past week. Thanks again. -Heather

73. I just wanted to say that, as a science teacher, I really appreciated the free first chapter [of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]. I assigned excerpts from it to my environmental science class, and we had a discussion on it today, putting your piece in conversation with a much more anti-fossil fuels piece. It really generated some good discussion from my high-schoolers! If you have any extra copies you are willing to give away, I would love to have one (or more!) for my classroom! Thanks for thinking outside of the box on these issues! -Eric

74. **I teach human geography and the news and texts are biases and/or uninformed. [Alex Epstein's] scholarly approach to the**

moral issue and the facts gives students a balanced perspective. In fact, the students agree with and like Alex Epstein. -Joe Collins

75. I have been following Alex since his first few podcasts with the Ayn Rand institute. Hands down he has had the largest impact in developing my personal philosophy on energy and how I think not just about fossil fuels but energy and resources in general. Alex brings together the interaction between energy and human progress in a way that no one has presented in a more clear and concise way. That understanding is critical to properly thinking about energy. I would argue its lack of understanding is the major disconnect in how society views energy. **I teach and guest lecture at several universities and incorporate his concepts into my classes with great success where I can get students with a predisposition to being hostile toward fossil fuels to at least acknowledge that there is positive way to think about them morally, historically and technologically.** Alex had a heavy hand influencing my approach. -Carl Liggio

76. I plan to use your book in my regional geography class this fall and spring. I have also purchased an "I Love Fossil Fuels" t-shirt I plan to wear for Earth Day here at Doane College! Glad I am tenured! . . . Thanks for your great work and research! We have a lot to do to change the paradigm on Fossil Fuels! -Tom K.

77. It was a treasure to find this book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] on Audible. I have listened and re-listened to it several times. I shared the free first chapter with my literature circle at the high school I teach at and I have recommended it to all my family and friends. I am excited to champion the cause of fossil fuels in my sphere of influence and feel far more prepared to do so thanks to your book. I feel like there is hope for overcoming the tide of wrong thinking about energy in our society with strong moral argument like that laid out in this book. Thanks for standing tall. -Josey Allen

78. I'm a first-year teacher at a private school and I teach two sections of Environmental Science. After finishing up our unit on energy and energy sources, **I gave the students two pieces to read, highlight, and come prepared to discuss. One of them was your first chapter and the other was an opinion piece in which the author cautioned readers on the United States' addiction to fossil fuels. What I found was that we generated some excellent discussion. I would say the class was split 66-33 in favor of the opinions expressed in the book.** -Anonymous

79. I'd like to thank you for sending me a free copy of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. As a government and economics teacher, I've already used the concepts of the book in my classes, to ask students to describe the benefits as well as the drawbacks to using fossil fuels. A science teacher in the school has already been very vocal about challenging why fossil fuels are a good thing for humans, but I've been able to successfully engage him using your book. Upon finishing the book, I plan on donating it to the school library so it can continue to influence young people here. I live and work in an area that is close to Titusville/Oil City, PA, and also close the Marcellus Shale field. We have a lot of students in this area go on to work in the fracking industry or traditional oil fields. I also find your YouTube channel entertaining and informative, and hope you will upload more soon. I hope you'd consider coming to speak in our area sometime soon. -Joe McClellan

POLICYMAKERS

A growing number of policymakers are discovering the moral case for fossil fuels--and helping spread the ideas.

80. I can't wait to read your book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]. -U.S. Senator Ray Scott

81. I have read Alex's book, watched his YouTube debates and ordered his course on presentations.

I have campaigned for RRC using Alex's message of "facts are our energy oil, gas and coal producers deserve credit for doing things right in Texas!"...

If I can be of service in spreading your message, know you have a friend in Texas. -Commissioner Wayne Christian, Texas Railroad Commission

82. I finished reading your book *The Moral Case For Fossil Fuels* in February. How did I come to get this book? We had Utah State Legislators come to Carbon County, Utah on a "road trip" to hear the concerns of the different areas they were visiting. Bowie Resources was invited to do a presentation on the coal industry. I can't remember the name of the CEO that came that day, but I met him, and he told me to please go and get a copy of your book, (he had brought several with him). I think he was meaning for them to go to the State Legislators, but graciously told me to get a copy for myself. . . .

I'm about to send my copy to some folks down in Washington County, Utah. I want to order another 10 copies. I've handed out all my 15 copies to people I thought would have an interest in what is really going on. Now I'm giving away my copy. I need another copy, plus I will hand out the rest of the 10 to others that I hear speak of the concerns about what is happening. . . .

-Joan Powell, Mayor of Wellington, Utah

83. Very well done Alex....keep up the good work!
-Lenny Erdos, Chief, Ohio Department of Natural Resources--Division of Mineral Resources Management

84. I recently read an excellent article you penned for the Bakken Business Journal on "unscientific consensus." Well done, and keep up the great work! -Minnesota Representative (ret.) Mike Beard

DEMOCRATS

Energy should not be a partisan issue: the moral case for fossil fuels appeals to everyone who wants to see human beings flourish through access to cheap, plentiful, reliable energy.

85. I have to admit as a fairly staunch and liberal Democrat, I really like the idea of "clean air" initiatives. However, the fossil fuel ideas espoused in that first chapter are truly fascinating. I also know as a Kentuckian that fossil fuels are INCREDIBLY important to our economy. As a result, I really have an open mind and maybe a changed mind as a result of seeing the work of Riverview and reading this book. -Mark C.

86. If Alex Epstein's book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, had been available back when I was an economic illiterate, Democrat, and environmentalist working as a canvasser for the West Virginia Citizen Action Group, I could have saved myself an enormous ideological struggle that spanned damn near a decade. -Anonymous

87. **Alex completely changed my worldview with his book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. I was (and still am) relatively liberal in most areas, particularly social issues. But when it comes to energy policy, I no longer support liberal politicians at all.** Their response to the mild phenomenon of climate change is totally disastrous. It scares me to think of a world without fossil fuels. I don't think that most liberals stop to take the thought

experiment all the way, or to truly compare the consequences of climate change with the consequences of no more fossil fuel usage. Of course, there really is no comparison. We must use fossil fuels, and we must use as much of them as possible if we hope to spread prosperity around the world. I hope Alex's movement comes in time to put the brakes on our world leaders' disastrous overreaction to climate change. -Pete Miller

88. Last week I attended an informational meeting about my of [company's] 401(k) investment options for employees' portfolios. There was a "Socially Responsible" option for those who do not want their funds invested in, among other things, oil. Knowing Alex's arguments on the life-giving properties of oil, imagine how my blood started boiling at the insinuation that it is somehow irresponsible to invest in oil. **As a left-leaning attorney in Washington, D.C., I hear people demonize fossil fuels all the time, but CIP has shown me that investing in oil is one of the more socially responsible things I could do.** -Anonymous

89. I'm well into your book and am 100% in agreement with you so far. I started researching global warming after I retired from teaching science (Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Marine Biology, etc.) at the local high school here in Redwood City, CA., in the heart of the SF Peninsula just about 10 minutes north of Stanford University. I was more curious than anything else and decided I needed a research project to keep my brain active in retirement. I have learned that as you suggest in your book that we are being deceived by "big government" and the socialist, progressive hijacking of the Democratic Party of which I am still a member. However, I refused to buy into their obfuscation and did not move far left with them. I am a moderate Constitutionalist!! It is refreshing to read your book and I do want to finish it and share it with others. . . . -Larry Wagner

90. Just a quick note to say that, though I think there is a moral case for both fossil fuels and industry helping to transition away from them (in the very long term), I've been watching some of your debates on YouTube and it's been a shot in the arm. Nice work. -Dave Quast

REPUBLICANS

Republicans have are traditionally been on the defensive for their support for fossil fuels--but our work is teaching them how to make support for fossil fuels a winning issue.

91. Alex Epstein is the Founder and President of the Center for Industrial Progress. He knows more about this climate change summit and what's really going on than most people out there, and I loved some of his commentary. -Laura Ingraham

92. One of the most eloquent and knowledgeable voices of those who--I don't even know what word to use because I'm in that category, too--I guess who are intellectually and morally skeptical of the massive movement to impoverish the western world and to transfer a trillion dollars to others in the name of global warming is, Alex Epstein, founder and President of the Center of Industrial Progress. He has two videos up at PragerU, Prager University, I'm sorry, and a third one coming. He has a great book out, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, and I love him because he makes the moral case and I love moral cases. -Dennis Prager

93. I went to the Young Conservatives of Texas convention and... I met the soon to be Railroad Commissioner of Texas, Wayne Christian. (The Railroad Commission is the state oil regulator.)

He gave the keynote address on the importance of fossil fuels, which obviously had my interest.

And then something I didn't expect happened. He dropped the term "morally good" about oil. When he said "cheap, plentiful, and reliable," my thought was "wow, Alex Epstein's book has percolated through the culture enough that even elected officials are using his arguments." Then the commissioner-elect said "the energy industry has been taking the same posture as the tobacco industry" and it finally hit me that 1) Texas has the best elected officials in the entire world and that 2) *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has won over the chief regulator of oil in Texas and that the energy war is therefore being won. -Chris

94. Thanks for speaking at AFP over lunch yesterday. I learned a lot. Your talk completely changed my perception of fossil fuels, and I was already on your side! The way you approach the issue is a game changer. You frame the issue in such a human way. You personalize it, show how it impacts people. I haven't heard anyone talk about energy policy like this, unless it's in terms of creating jobs. -Josh K.

95. I will get right to the point. After reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* I am ready and willing to do whatever it takes to help make the case! I am seeking any possible employment opportunity that may exist within your organization.

Having studied Political Science and History in college I am well versed in the manipulation practices of the left that take place in our institutions of "higher" learning. While in college I was active in the College Republicans rising to the position of State Chairman for the state of Texas. Plenty of experience arguing unpopular but morally righteous opinions in places where they are not typically well received. Grassroots campaign experience from local levels to Sen.

Cruz's first run and Governor Abbott's landslide.

I also have several years experience sweating away in the oilfields of West Texas. Very familiar with all aspects of the industry.

There is NO greater cause in our time than deconstructing and defeating the absurd movement against fossil fuels. -Steve Lettunich

96. I am a member of the College Republicans here at UW-Stevens Point. We loved having you come and talk with us a couple years ago, and continue to enjoy the information contained in your emails. -Rachel Gilane

INDUSTRY EMPLOYEES

The moral case for fossil fuels is unmatched in its ability to help members of the fossil fuel industry go from being guilty, unpersuasive apologists to proud, persuasive champions.

97. Alex's work is incredibly beneficial to the esteem of people working in the energy and critical to enhance the understanding of all who benefit from it, and everyone is a beneficiary of the energy industry. -Sara Caldwell

98. Alex has a much different approach toward fossil fuels than those of us from the industry. His rational, well thought out approach using verifiable data should be better received by the "never fossil fuel crowd" than other outreach methods from the industry. -Kevin

99. [Alex] has brought a truly understandable and thoughtful outlook to people outside of the industry and has given me a more clear picture on how everything in our daily lives is connected to the fossil fuels industry, **has made me proud and given me the tools to champion my industry to others who do not have a clear understanding of this industry and see it more in a negative light.** -Ryan Nash

100. Alex's work has been essential to my understanding of the fossil fuel issues and has changed my way of thinking. Alex's work has also been influential to my surrounding network of friends, family and colleagues. -Samuel Young

101. "Climate Change" has become a hot-button issue for me now. I am so energized by my new knowledge of how fossil fuels have a direct link to human flourishing. I have had several conversations relaying all I have learned and recommending [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]. This may sound crazy, but I have this feeling, a sense of urgency, that we have so much work to do to expose the motivations, mistruths, and misdeeds of the Green Movement. I'm not a debater or a philosopher, but I do share information I am passionate about. I have more to learn. I do believe that reading MCFF made a noteworthy impact in my life. I take it as a call to action! -Melissa Eitel

102. It is extremely difficult to showcase the positive impacts fossil fuels have on the advancement of human life. People are extremely and outrageously biased against them yet they have no clue which daily products they use are derived from petroleum. [Alex's] work has helped me communicate the benefits more effectively. -Vincent Oliver

103. Alex has given me tools and data to discuss with people that have had their head filled with garbage and lies. -Anonymous

104. Alex's work has helped to clarify in a philosophy what I have always thought but not been able to articulate clearly, namely that fossil fuels are life serving and to be celebrated, rather than demonized. -Anonymous

105. First person I saw taking a direct and unapologetic stance countering the biased slander against the industry. Rational discussion from the other (silent) side. -Anonymous

106. It definitely reshapes the argument from a logical economic benefit to a moral obligation which eliminates the moral high ground often taken by opponents. -Josh

107. Alex provides inspiration and hope, through solid information and delivers it with truly heart-felt conviction. -Jerald Hylton

108. [Alex] has provided additional information on the realities of fossil fuels versus other energy sources. I have use this information both for personal and business purposes. -Peter Gilmore

109. Alex Epstein has given me the tools and guidance I need to become an advocate for human flourishing and continued development of our energy resources. -Paul

110. I am able to verbalize more clearly the benefits of fossil fuel. I enjoy seeing people finally wake up and understand it is safe and is good for America. -Jeff Mills

111. I found great comfort in knowing someone like Alex shares my views and opinions of fossil fuels. He has done a fantastic justice to the matter by being an incredibly articulate ambassador of industrial progress. -Jon Eustace

112. **Alex has opened my mind to thinking about how the fossil fuel industry doesn't even**

champion their own cause within the industry. He has also taught me how to be instrumental in changing how my own colleagues think and deliver our own fossil fuel message. -Fonda Manwell

113. Alex Epstein's work offers such an important perspective on the role and value of fossil fuels in the current phase of development of society. Everyone needs to hear this perspective in order to develop their own more balanced view on the issues. -Brian Murphy

114. Having worked in the exploration industry for more than 20 years I have always understood the value of fossil fuels and that the whole global warming thing is a load of political hog wash. Alex has just resolved my position and given me a resource to point the warmists to. It is difficult for people to refute the arguments that Alex puts forward. -Toby

115. Epstein's writings have showed me a method of thinking about energy issues, which has allowed me to give more clarity to discussions with fossil fuel opponents. -Kevin Killough

116. I work in the industry and like to understand all sides of the debate. It is refreshing to know that we have people fighting on behalf of the industry who aren't necessarily a part of it. Those of us who are steeped in it understand its importance, but it is difficult to justify our stance when the opposition dismisses our argument because it is tied to our livelihood. Alex is a breath of fresh air in a society that supplants us with one hand while ignorantly employing us with the other. -Luke

117. [After consuming Alex's work] Increased ability to make points forcefully without getting angry or aggressive. Greater appreciation of the importance that both positives and negatives of anything have to be considered, and how powerful

this simple tool is in debunking alleged negatives. -Anonymous

118. **I believe Alex's work can transform how people think of the fossil fuel industry. I have seen even a senator quoting from his book in the senate, so there is hope.** Now if only intellectuals start believing in fossil fuels, the trend can change. -Rohit Gupta

119. Alex's take has given me confidence to argue intelligently against government intervention in the economy and policy to restrict the consumption of fossil fuels. -Rick Mason

120. Substantially increased my moral appreciation of the benefits of fossil fuels. Prior to encountering your work, though I had a healthy understanding of science and skepticism, my assessment was barely more than a 'necessary evil' and I had not been made explicitly aware of the intentional disregard for immense benefits of the inexpensive reliable energy fossil fuels provide. Now I understand that more fully and actively promote the benefits and point out the fossil fuel benefit denialism. -Michael

121. I work in Oil and Gas as an engineer. It is easier to challenge people with misguided views on fossil fuels through your work. -Matthew Pollak

122. I am very familiar with fossil fuels. I have worked in the industry for 25 years. Alex has brought a new charismatic approach to confront and educate the people that spout half truths. -Jerry

123. I'm associated with energy in my work. CIP hasn't changed so much of how I think about energy (already aligned with his POV) as it has provided foundation for supporting the positive view of energy. Taking the moral high ground on energy has been an extremely empowering/enabling conceptual framework for me. -Leonard Mignerey

124. [Alex's] keynote speech at the American Coal Council conference (Aug 21, 2012) was illuminating. I guess I never really thought about how coal/energy can make our environment better. Now it is pretty obvious, but I guess Alex said what I always knew but I never put into words. -Anonymous

125. CIP's argument that industry has actually improves our environment was a perspective that I hadn't considered before. -Anonymous

126. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has the power to convince open-minded readers (and maybe open some closed minds) about the exciting utility of oft-criticized oil, natural gas, coal, and hybrids therein.

While other books may offer a defense of the industry by pointing to economic or political benefits, Epstein goes on offense and shows that the fossil fuel industry is actually good.

As someone who works in the industry, I'm told by others that I've "sold my soul" and am "working for the devil." So it is really nice--no, it's awesome--to read the positive arguments in *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. I found the arguments so clarifying that I, in turn, feel empowered to share them. . . .

This book empowers members of the industry by clearly identifying our role in making today's high living standards possible. Yet, today, we're facing an unprecedented battle from people that want to drive the fossil fuel industry into the ground. Epstein's book arms us with new ways to think about the benefits of our work and new ways to combat our most vicious detractors.

The author, Alex Epstein, seamlessly connects fossil fuels to human beings' ability not only to survive, but to continually improve our lives—and thrive. -Erin Connors

127. Not unlike most people employed in the fossil fuel industry, I was born and raised in the oil patch. I've always believed in our industry and the product we bring to market. **However, I would be lying if I said I didn't shy away from the awkward questions at neighborhood BBQs or my spouse's work functions. Alex Epstein's book changed the way I speak our industry. I'm done being apologetic about what we do and the energy we create. In fact, I'm proud of it and happy to say so.** -Anonymous

128. As an energy industry professional who has worked for several years in several different portions of the industry, Alex Epstein has renewed my appreciation for the extraordinary achievements of the Energy Industries that are currently hampered by cultural and government interference. **He has taught me the moral significance of what I have pledged my life's efforts to and thus supported life, liberty and the pursuit of energy.** -Anonymous

129. I have spent so much of my time refuting arguments working from -100 to 0 (or maybe not even getting to 0) and am excited to get back into the community working towards some positive figures. I love what I do. I love the industry that I am in and should be spending my time promoting the good our industry brings our world and its people--not just rebutting myths and bad. -Anonymous

130. **I've been in the oil & gas industry for 30+ years (I have a petroleum engineering background) and have been to many, many industry conferences and have never heard a talk like the one I heard from you last week at SMU.** Great job....please keep up the good work. Hope to see and hear more from you soon! -Charlie L.

131. I currently work for an oil and gas company in Oklahoma City and I noticed that **there is a huge disconnect with the younger**

(my) generation and the oil/gas industry. Given the current environment I was wondering if I was in the right industry--not only were we "evil", but I could easily be losing my job.

I've always been able to put together that fossil fuels were at least a necessary evil, but most likely net positive if you included the economic benefits--however, your book definitely turned me from a supporter to a champion. I've consistently said that the energy industry has a huge PR problem and I think this is how we fix it. I really appreciate your work, it has given me some significant insight and I hope to at least make more people aware of the benefits regarding fossil fuels.

With practice, your course has gotten me out of my bitter method of communication (I hope :) This issue is too important for me to simply alienate adversaries with angry responses to their sincerely held concerns. -Russell W.

132. I don't know if you recall meeting me, I was the rugby player from SMU at your recent speaking event at the Perot Museum in Dallas. I just finished reading your book, and I wanted to say you laid out very well your case and it actually lines up very closely with all the reasons I'm pursuing in a career in energy. My interest in energy stems from its fundamental roll in the development of middle classes, all of which from what I can tell were built with energy primarily from coal. I find it incredibly frustrating when people take the position that minimizing human impact on the world is somehow a way to measure progress as opposed to our ability to reduce human suffering. I often wonder if those same people would choose to save a polar bear over giving an African household the means to lift themselves out of poverty. -Sam L.

133. My colleagues and I enjoyed and benefited from listening to Alex's speech at the Fresno County Energy Summit yesterday.

He delivered thought-provoking content persuasively, inspiring the attendees to think about energy issues clearly using the right process and standard of value. -Jonathan

134. Working in the energy industry and having a solid understanding of how energy impacts one's lifestyle and the economy, the book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is one that is a must read for EVERYBODY who exists and enjoys the modern lifestyle. It would be ideally suited for a high school world issues course for a different perspective on what is currently being pushed on high school students in 2015. I would like to see more energy companies make reference to the book as they stay largely silent on the importance of their services. I have told all of my friends and family to read it. -Philip

135. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* did confirm my ideas but has given me more arguments to word it better. It confirmed my belief that fossil fuels are plentiful, save and the best way to have cheap and reliable energy to humanity. It further strengthens my idea that it is time that fossil energy should improve its lobby work against the very offensive green lobby which is creating 'urban legends' with pseudo-statistics and pseudo-theories, which are most of the time false. -Nicolas Saverys

136. First time caller, longtime fan. As a professional in the oil and gas industry, I have been afforded incredible opportunity from the recent shale gas boom in Pennsylvania. I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007 with a degree in Environmental Studies, as I had always been fascinated by the earth and the power and balance of its resources as well as the way man interacted with it. I'm a huge fan of your work and ideas. As you know, my industry is being challenged by the pseudo-science fueled politics whose concept of progress looks a whole lot like mankind's past--grass huts and

windmills and short lifespans. I know it takes guts to do the work and carry the message you do, and I wanted to thank you for advocating for reason and dealing in fact. -Zach Dixon

137. Your book really pushed me to be an advocate for the industry that I believe in and I'm passionate about sharing your message and book with others. So really, I'm thrilled about these new resources and am excited to use them at our upcoming event! -Kate B.

138. Great presentation and discussion at Anadarko. Thank you for the great ideas and thoughts to move us into a offensive versus defensive role. I cannot wait to see the ah ha moment on faces. Let's hope that is what happens. Thanks again. -Nancy M.

139. Having just come from Alex Epstein's presentation presenting his thesis made in his book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* (which I HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU ALL READ), this is just a symptom of the larger problem of our industry's unwillingness, or inability to confront from a moral perspective, the growing movement against our industry. -Rob N.

140. Your speech at the event was greatly appreciated. In fact, most people were in shock because we (as an industry) are not accustomed to having supporters outside of our industry. It's a refreshing change and a powerful message. -Carol Z.

141. I am extremely fortunate that my newborn child was born in the modern age in a first-world country with access to cheap, plentiful, and reliable fossil fuel energy. Even in the environmental activist haven of California, the hospital she was born in was powered by electricity generated primarily from fossil fuel energy. The vital medical care my wife and baby depended

on for survival was enabled by this reliable energy source. My baby was born on a cloudy day. If the only source of energy for the hospital had been solar power, she might not be alive today. This experience reminded me of the tragic story in the book about a baby born in The Gambia who was not so fortunate and lost her life because the hospital did not have access to reliable fossil fuel energy. The policy debate in the developed world over whether or not to continue to allow people to benefit from cheap, plentiful, reliable energy is a matter of life and death. I am humbled and honored that I am able to participate in this debate--and hopefully steer it in the right direction--as a proud employee of a fossil fuel company.

I was already intuitively convinced of the benefits of fossil fuels before reading *The Moral Case*, but the book clarified my thinking on this issue and helped me better articulate the reasoning for my position. The key to the clarification of my thinking was the book's clear explanation of the three methods for analyzing the issue--(1) that we must look at the big picture (i.e., both the benefits and risks of all alternative solutions to an issue), (2) that we must be clear on our moral standard for judging an issue (i.e., in the case of energy, either the inhuman ideal of minimizing impact on the environment regardless of the consequences to human beings, or maximization of human flourishing), and (3) that we must treat experts properly (i.e., as advisors who are obligated to prove their case rather than as authorities to be obeyed without question).

At least in my case, I believe Alex achieved the goal of the "How to Talk to Anyone About Energy" course--in two hours to make supporters of energy abundance twice as effective at persuading people about energy and environmental issues. I have tried using the methods taught in the materials in conversations with my wife's grandmother, who is a misguided green movement

dogmatist. **Previously, our conversations about energy have quickly spiraled into anger and the fruitless hurling of zingers at each other (at my peril, although we do love each other). By using the framework presented in Alex's materials, I was able to at least start a respectful dialogue with her about energy using the full context. I still need to practice more to perfect my approach. But if this framework can work with her, it can work with nearly anyone.** -Jonathan Harshman

142. The book does a great job of framing how the discussion should be approached, rather than just explain all of the things that hydrocarbons are involved in, it gives you research to show how far behind we would be and how we would be unable to deal with climate specifically and other natural problems. Book is awesome, I've only got about 20 more pages but have learned a lot. -Jake Dobkins

143. **[The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels]** taught me a lot about the benefits of a world run on fossil fuels. The discussion about quality of life in countries that cannot power their country on fossil fuels at adequate levels was enlightening. The costs, both financially and environmentally, of production of renewable energies was very informative. -Kelan Donahue

144. Really helped me to be able to change the focus of the argument from "the planet" to people. **When I reached the point that I could make liberals argue for poorer water quality, health care, and living conditions for the poor to "save the planet" many of them become totally lost as to what they believe.** -Anonymous

145. For many people in the fossil fuel industry it's mostly (or usually) about having a good job, with great pay, and great benefits to start and support a family. It wasn't until I read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, which showed me to think, not about or as "the fossil fuel" industry,

but think of it as the "Energy Industry," and it has truly helped me to realize and understand the impact that "Energy" has on our society and everyday way of life. -Sean Wainwright

146. I love the approach Alex takes to help people that don't have a background in the energy industry understand the vital role it plays in their lives. I never recognized the deceitful trick the green movement would play in their framing of the energy industry in a purely negative light until Alex pointed it out. Seems obvious now, but somehow most of us have been programmed to overlook that narrow perspective. Alex has given me the tools to combat this ideology and snuff out the simpleton arguments used by the naive parrots of the green movement. -Bryan Lummus

147. The intellectual ammunition Alex supplies convinces me that it is no longer a hopeless endeavor to argue in favor of fossil fuels. -James Partain

148. I like the compelling arguments Alex makes that exhibit the overwhelming net positives of living in a world with fossil fuels. I have shared some of his work on social media, because it's a message that should be heard. It's also a good message I can share with my kids who get bombarded with the other side which has a tendency to demonize fossil fuels. In fact I had to walk out of church feeling angry that my family had to listen to our Pastor talk about the threat of man's use of carbon energy was to our planet and how we all have to do our part to change things by moving to clean energy. I left that day thinking, "How many places do my wife and kids hear that message whether on TV, in school or on social media?" **I can handle being called a denier, but I want my kids to know their Dad is doing good things for the planet and them. I hope that you keep spreading the truth. Thanks Alex.** -Anonymous

149. Changing me from a supporter to a champion of the industry. -Karl

150. I see the role, and the effect, of the industry in much the same way as Alex. After becoming aware of his work I am impressed with his eloquent defense of the fossil fuels industry, and his many positive contributions to the debate between fossil and alternative sources of energy. He is an important voice for logic and reason in that debate. -Lynn Dayton

151. **It has completely changed the way I view the opposition to our industry and how serious it is. Have become more passionate about our industry and am more proud about the work we do. Am eager to share that information,** have also become aware of how much misinformation is out there and how people repeat it eagerly and louder than those who know what they are talking about. -Chelsea Parks

152. Finally, someone who is willing to say “the emperor has no clothes!” Those of us who work in the fossil fuels industry know how expensive and impractical large-scale renewables are, but no one wants to make themselves a target for the Green Lobby. The leadership at virtually every company has no desire to be a champion for the industry and remains silent instead of defending our products. Alex’s book reinforced what I already knew to be true, and made me realize that it is up to me as an individual to educate my family and friends on the truth of fossil fuels and my work. -Brandon Wright

153. Enlightening, helpful in discussing with people that have been indoctrinated against. -Bruce

154. I was already a strong supporter of oil and gas, but Alex’s work opened my eyes to the positive impact of coal. -Pat

155. I have always been a promoter, but felt like I was fighting a losing battle. Alex is providing an effective communication approach that has helped rally those of us whose beliefs he has confirmed and buttressed. -Tim Costello

156. The quantification and explanation of the link between human life expectancy and the thriving of humanity to electrification has been intuitive but he has provided quantitative evidence. -Anonymous

157. A real breakthrough of truth. Life changing. -Steve Sanchez

158. Very important book that I recommend to others often. Use examples from the book often. The book makes a very cogent and concise argument that you do not need to be an engineer or geologist to understand. -Brian G. Comeaux

159. Outstanding! These are facts most O&G workers I have encountered do not fully understand. I don’t claim to fully understand all of them but people like Alex and Mark Mathis (SpOILed Documentary) help make it much clearer and easier to present to others. These guys present some different views. **It is my opinion that oil & gas companies as well as utilities should use the works to educate their people. Most of their employees may know bits and pieces but have never been exposed to the facts these gentlemen clearly articulate. Our children these days are almost never exposed to this side of the case,** and I won’t call it an argument, because so much of the information on the other side is presented in a vacuum. **So by the time they go to work for an O&G company they are primarily doing it for the money! Leads to contorted values and opinions of today’s young workers.** -Dwight Schneider

160. His work and material hold great value and benefit to everyone wanting to learn how to

turn the talk toward the many benefits our industry has on our world and the people in it.

-Anonymous

161. He has helped me articulate the positive aspects that fossil fuels have on human flourishing and how that is morally superior to a focus on non-impact on the planet. -Lawrence Davis

162. Alex provides a comprehensive fact based offense for the energy industry. He has challenged us to go beyond defense and find our voice in promoting the important work that we do every day. From the coal mines to the oil fields we need to step up and put a spotlight on our invaluable contributions to the wellbeing of communities around the globe. -Lynn Lyon

163. Alex's work provides me a valuable framework for advocacy of the benefits of the hydrocarbon energy industry and how critical it is to support human life and wellbeing. A majority of people unknowingly have closed eyes and take their energy (and the lifestyle it enables) for granted. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* helps people to become aware of (and appreciate) where most of their energy comes from, and why it matters to them! -Paul Benet

164. I think your message is working. I have a fuller sense of the important role my industry plays and has played--deeper meaning than simply, "turning off the lights." Although, that would be a pretty big deal. It is nice to have a 3rd party voice to chime in with. -Arlen

165. He help solidify my beliefs and brought new ideas and information to the surface that I had not thought about. -James 'Eddy' Grey

166. I like Alex's pragmatic or objective approach in analyzing the importance of hydrocarbon energy in our lives. As an energy

professional, I appreciate this knowledge in preventing socialist thinking from being the majority opinion in our culture. Michael Crichton wrote a great fiction thriller book about a group of people that wanted to impose anti-energy on the world and in turn this group of people were thrown into the jungle to try deal with what they wanted to impose on others. -Martin McCary

167. Thank you for speaking today at the Palliser on the moral case for fossil fuels. We did enjoy it. I would like to add that my husband has read your book--cover to cover--and got very enthused and insisted we (as many children as were available) come to hear you talk. One of our sons even attended in Vancouver--his birthday present! We have also purchased a few copies of your book and will be purchasing others to give to friends and relatives. -Deb S.

168. Alex's work has expanded my thinking to understand that the moral aspect of fossil fuels emanates from these fuels' capacity to significantly help human life to flourish. -Anonymous

169. The best arguments and clearest thinking so far on the issue of oil and gas development. -Adrian Herrera

170. Clarified the hugely positive effect of hydrocarbon usage on human life and happiness. -Roy Remus

171. A morale booster. As a professional keeping one's head down is still prudent. -Mark

172. Extremely impactful as Alex has an extraordinary ability to calmly and factually speak even while hysterical opposition is trying to shout him down. I champion the energy industry every day in any way I can to anyone who demonstrates a willingness to listen to me. (And some who don't). -Mike W. O'Shaughnessy

173. Crystallized my thoughts around being pro-human and speaking to human prosperity.
-Allan Chatenay

174. Alex's work has allowed me to more effectively communicate the importance of fossil fuels and to properly negate the bad connotations surrounding the use of them. -Matthew Diaz

175. Alex has been an effective voice for sensible energy policies. Our energy policies should be science-based--but instead they are written by lobbyists. -John Droz, jr

176. Alex provides an excellent message--not spoken by others. Thank you. -Mark Phair

177. **Criticizing environmentalism was a complex and nuanced defensive game before Alex began writing and speaking about the benefits of fossil fuels.** My discussions with colleagues about green chemistry and sustainability focused on the logical fallacies proffered by proponents of those ideas, and the complex task of distinguishing the rational from the irrational. **Alex changed the game with positive aspiration. He turned a purely defensive game into an offensive game by focusing his message on the enormously positive effects that fossil fuels have on every aspect of our lives.**

It is also much easier to lend a book to a friend with genuine interest in understanding both sides of the debate, than it is to sit with him/her and discuss, debate, and disentangle muddled thinking for hours. ***The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels is a key element in the arsenal of pro-energy thinkers.*** -Natalie

178. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] gives me a legitimate response to the overwhelming consensus around fossil fuels being evil, gave me a solid foundation of understanding why fossil fuels are so pivotal in human flourishing. -Tristan Auriat

179. Alex gave me a framework as to how to better speak about the benefits of my industry. His book provided the facts to back up arguments.
-Jay Averill

180. I'm truly impressed with Alex's ability to positively communicate his work. His knowledge and intelligence are well received by experts in the industry, and his approach is received by those who are grossly misinformed and is bridging a gap between reality and illusion. -Anonymous

181. Alex gives explanations that non-geological people can understand. -Ken Altschuld

182. I'm thankful that Alex is doing the important work that he's doing. I work in the industry and am well informed, but happy to see him convincing others, and I'm happy to pass him off as a useful reference. -Paul

183. I better realize the positive impact that energy has on human welfare and ability to protect from climate. -Andrew

184. I am pleased to say that my thinking about countering the arguments from proponents of this bill has been aided by reading your emails and *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, as well as my 41 years in the industry. -Jerry W.

185. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] brings a perspective (the positive impacts of fossil fuels) that no one else wants to present due to their bias and agenda. It's huge because it shows how much benefit we can all relate to due to fossil fuels. I want to spread the message and get Alex's message and book to as many willing readers as possible. -Anonymous

186. Improved my confidence in what we are doing. -Edward R. Tegland

187. I think Alex's work is very solid. **Prior to his talk at MPC I was unsure of the value our company was providing humanity.** As a Christian it is very important to me that I help others, especially the poor--Alex did a great job of making the point that the fossil fuel industry does exactly that. He by explaining the benefits cheap, reliable, energy has on everyone, especially those living in poverty by making lives safer and healthier. -Jessey Poissant

188. In one word: game-changer. Of my 10 years working as a structural engineer, **I've spent 4 working in oil & gas. When I first started, I felt a little guilty to tell people about my industry switch, but now will tell anybody that will listen.** I used to think this industry was on its way out, and now realize how vital it is to our future. -Josh StClair

189. Alex is an excellent champion and spokesperson for the industry. Great debater with those [who] "think" they know but don't know what they are talking about. -Glynis Strause

190. Supportive, reinforcing, positive. -David

191. Helpful, support for energy in a nice and thoughtful way. -Anonymous

192. After a 50 year career in the Oil and Gas industry and being semi-retired I was astonished by the whole spectacle of the Paris Climate Agreement. I began to do some research on the climate question, and soon became aware that I wasn't the only one doubting that the CO2 being released by burning fossil fuels would result in a climate catastrophe. Early in my quest for relevant information I discovered Alex's book (*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*). Since reading the book, I have purchased several copies, which I have given away to friends and relatives and encouraged them to circulate among their circle of friends.

In the last two years I have read many books, articles on both sides of the argument, joined the "Friends of Science" here in Calgary, and continue to spend a couple of hours each day on the subject. Alex's information has been a great addition to my arsenal of information when discussing the politics and science with the many uninformed people I encounter. Here in Alberta where our NDP government is intent on shutting down our 8 coal fired power plants and replacing with unreliable wind and solar at needless cost to the tax payer and power consumers, I guess you could say I'm a champion for the fossil fuel industry. -Jack Averill

193. Loved the book, and reference it frequently at work. Gave copies to coworkers who were skeptical. -Trey Pederson

194. **I'm far more willing to stand up for the Oil & Gas industry after meeting Alex several years ago.** I also see the need for a much more balanced discussion on fossil fuels. -Brenda

195. I grew up in the oil patch so I was familiar with it; I worked for a trade association, so I learned even more about the benefits of the industry in that position. Alex's work has helped enhance my encounters with "non-believers" and presented additional tools with which to do so. -Anonymous

196. Thank you, Alex, for the time you invested speaking at my company. **I've worked in the energy sector for over 5 years, but it wasn't until I was presented with *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, paired with your talks and newsletters, that I began to understand that I had been fed many lies over the years about the industry. The fact based truth you presented allows me to discuss the energy sector more confidently and effectively.** -Shauna

197. Through the diligent work of Alex Epstein, I realize now more than ever before the importance of fossil fuels in my daily life. The convenience we all enjoy, the benefits to my health and wellbeing and to national security. I also realize the political agendas against fossil fuels and with “renewables” and how dangerous it is to our society and quality of life to rely on renewable energy. -Anonymous

198. Rational, easily understood. Counters the lack of knowledge by the general public.

-Stuart Goldsmith

199. **I have given approximately 50 copies to friends and neighbors and presented approximately one dozen “authorized book reviews” of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*.**

-D. Ronald Harrell, P.E.

200. He has given me better confidence in my ability to be a champion for the industry.

-Anonymous

201. Alex's work has raised my level of knowledge and understanding--a natural consequence is an increased ability and confidence to champion the industry. -Chad Karbinski

202. **We have been talking about needing an industry advocate like Alex for years and finally he appeared.** Very grateful for [Alex's] work and message. -Tom

203. Alex has made it easier for non-science oriented people to understand the positive impacts the fossil fuel industry has on our world and everyday life. -Martin Lohmann

204. I found Alex's articulation of why you need to consider human impact in evaluating the efficacy of fossil fuels to be very helpful.

When you get down to it, if most people understood just how poor their lives would be without cheap, reliable without cheap, reliable, and scalable energy, they would have the appreciation cultivated. And once you get to the fallacies of climate catastrophism, most people would see it for the charlatanism it is. One key is to articulate these ideas quickly in a soundbite culture that has been convinced to default to the side of climate catastrophism. I think Alex is doing a good job at reaching that goal.

It has been difficult, even in the electric generation industry, for me to try to articulate these ideas, but I am trying. I have several copies of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* circulating through my work group, and though it has not generated as much conversation as I would like, I will continue to bring up Alex's points. -Andrew Elliott

205. It provides the tools to advocate fossil fuel production and consumption and have compelling arguments of why fossil fuels are vital to human activity. -Todd Belot

206. It brings a much appreciated differing perspective than the doom and gloom of mainstream media. -Anonymous

207. It gave me the understanding that what I do is in fact very good for all humans. This is the exact opposite of everything I have ever been taught. -Andrew

208. Epstein's work gave me an easily digestible but strong argument for fossil fuels. -Aaron Sessions

209. Alex is an excellent advocate for the hydrocarbon industry. It often takes someone from outside to provide clear thinking and willingness to speak out in support of what we do. -Ed

210. I do hydraulic fracture basics education talks to professionals and non-professionals. Prior to *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* I defended negative assertions. Now I can push the positive!
-Ross Rucker

211. Alex clearly articulates the moral rationale for using fossil fuels. -Bradley Hodges

212. Alex's work has reinvigorated my passion for working in the Fossil Fuel Industry. -Hunter Hobson

213. A great industry champion. -Matt Schicke

214. In an environment of endless bashing of the fossil fuel industries, it was refreshing to hear an opposing view based in rational arguments and facts. -Mike

215. **It changed my perspective from "fossil fuels are a necessary evil until we could find something better" to "we are truly making people's lives better."** -Dan Klocke

216. Epstein's work on fossil fuels and their positive impact on the environment and overall quality of life is extremely refreshing, especially in the emerging trend of anti-frac'ing and anti-fossil fuel use. I still believe there is a lot of work needed to help educate the US and the world on the positive impact the shale boom has had. As someone who works in the industry, there isn't enough research being shared internally or externally to help educate current industry professionals on communicating the positives of the industry, or to be able to share to friends and relatives to help combat the overwhelming amount of social media articles on the "negatives" of fossil fuels.
-Ryan Epperson

217. A common sense approach on the benefits and extreme conveniences fossil fuels

have given mankind. Conveniences that are all too often taken for granted in our modern day lives. -Fred

218. **I've gone from simply "defending" my involvement in the fossil fuel industry, to actively seeking out opportunities to champion the benefits of fossil fuels for mankind. Alex's work has provided a framework to help me become more effective at influencing others to see the benefits of fossil fuels and poke holes in the popular anti fossil fuels narratives we are bombarded with.** -Marc Whitezell

219. As a worker in the oil industry Alex's work has emboldened my vocal defense of the industry. Having emotional, clever and fact based material to reference is helpful. I am thankful that Alex is an articulate, well written advocate for the industry I work for, the industry I enjoy and support. -Kurt

220. Awesome. In conjunction with other advocates (Lomborg, Moore etc.), totally opened my mind to escape the groupthink around negative impression of fossil fuels, Alex & Co are real philosophers & true leaders. -Diarmuid Foley

221. Alex connects the dots for those who never consider the impact plentiful and affordable fossil fuel energy has on the world's standard of living. -Chuck Rice

222. He is such a strong champion of fossil fuels and has experienced great popularity in spreading his views and his voice in the market -this in itself helps the industry. However, the fact that his views and voice are there help us all to be well-represented in many circles. -Anonymous

223. The concept of human flourishing and the correlation to increased use of fossil fuels is something that I have always thought

about, but Alex's approach towards explaining it is unparalleled. Living in a politically polarized city like Denver, I use his approaches toward overcoming objections to what I do on a regular basis. -Anonymous

224. Alex is a true fossil fuel Ambassador. -Buddy Tucker

225. The full context approach is key to overcoming the emotional response of those against fossil fuels. Alex does a great job of equipping people to respond, to be effective ambassadors. -Chris Strippelhoff

226. Very good book. Very enlightening and taught me new things about an industry I have already worked in for over 11 years. -Dan

227. Enlightenment to the value of fossil fuels. **Without any other information being published, I had somewhat started to succumb to the notion and pressures, that fossil fuels were bad for the environment.** -James Denny Kingsley

228. Alex has had a very positive impact. -Dave

229. I was already proud of our work, of course, but had not fully considered how integral our products are to so many things in/parts of life. -Laney

230. I guess I never really thought about how our industry has made human life better. Alex's stance that we should consider ALL of the benefits of a cheap and reliable energy and how this use has made life better for those that have access to it has caused me to stop and realize just how fortunate we are. -Anonymous

231. The ideas presented in *The Moral Case of Fossil Fuels* were right on point and should

help us not only defend natural gas, but promote it as the most valuable natural resource we have available to us. -Anonymous

232. I'm not sure that Alex has had an impact on my life considering that my entire life has depended on fossil fuels. From growing up in the oil fields of West Texas to working as an engineer in the industry. But I can say that I am glad that he's working as hard as he is to champion the industry and taking the fight to the environmentalists. -Russell Morris

233. I never felt we were doing harm, but the information helped me to realize how much of a positive impact we're having. We're helping make this world a better place to live in. -Anonymous

234. I never saw the industry as being moral in relation to the environment, which has plagued my mind for a long while. The ideas in this book gave me another to look at the industry and its contributions to mankind. -Anonymous

235. It empowers you to stop being on the defensive and show the positives of the industry and our company. -Anonymous

236. Overall the ideas presented and the information obtained from the book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] was interesting and will be useful. Making sure one knows the pros and cons of their side, as well as the other to the best of one's ability, is crucial. Being able to enter and carry on a conversation without becoming defensive of "your side" is imperative. Also understanding that not all discussions will conclude with convincing the other side to come over to yours. -Anonymous

237. I now feel even more urgency to support and defend fossil fuels, and particularly our natural gas industry. I don't think I had fully realized

the depth of the opposition, and yet at the same time, the lack of real evidence that fossil fuels are harming the environment. Prior to the course/book I held a belief that it was important to distinguish natural gas as being the cleanest and best choice among fossil fuels. Though it may be, I'm understanding more that advocates of climate change do not see natural gas as any different than coal or oil, and probably worse in some cases. So, understanding the value and benefits of all fossil fuels may be critical in the future to promoting natural gas. -Anonymous

238. The ideas helped me to further realize that the benefits of natural gas (our industry) and fossil fuels (generally); namely--low cost, plentiful, scalable, and reliable--are essential to the quality of life we currently enjoy in the U.S., and essential for developing countries to achieve a similar quality of life. Low cost and abundant energy is necessary for humankind well-being and fossil fuels are, today, the energy that is most productive in achieving humankind well-being. -Anonymous

239. Alex does a great job presenting the pros and cons of the fossil fuel industry and dissects the alternatives. It should be required reading for everyone, especially those of us in the industry. -Chris

240. The ideas strengthened my already positive view of the natural gas industry, and reinforced my equally affirmative view of the overall fossil fuel industry. Our economy and quality of life would suffer greatly absent the availability of what we provide. Importantly, the ideas presented increased my resolve about the role of the Gas Authority in delivering cheap, reliable, clean energy to those we serve. -Anonymous

241. As a petroleum geologist, I always knew the benefits of fossil fuels. I have been on the

the front lines of confronting fracktivists. I felt renewed after reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* but still doubt my ability to sway non-supporters. Anti-science is a strong religion. -Anonymous

242. I knew that in the present alternatives to fossil fuels just aren't feasible, but never stopped to consider just how much good fossil fuels have done for us, and continue to do for mankind around the world. -Anonymous

243. The ideas presented in *The Moral Case of Fossil Fuels* are game changers in any conversation. -Anonymous

244. Have a much better understanding of the energy and fossil fuel industry and more clarity on environmental issues, climate, and details and credibility from the books statistics that back up why fossil fuels are more cheap, reliable and plentiful. Therefore, I have more facts if I was discussing these issues with others. I will look forward to discussing with my brother later when he is back in town since he, on the flip side of this, was reading a book in opposition of fossil fuels just recently. -Anonymous

245. Amazing, thought provoking, seminal and singular work in defending the freedom required for an industrial civilization and furthering the improvement that we have seen with the crucial advent of energy technologies. As Epstein proves that energy is the food of machines that produce human nourishing, his cogent analysis of fossil fuels will continue to be needed if human society is to improve the planet. -Paul Lemke

246. I never spoke about the industry to family before, but, I had a positive conversation with my sister the other day based on what I learned in this book. -Anonymous

247. I really enjoyed reading the first chapter. I work in the oil and gas sector and I'm tired of the negativity I receive from people regarding the oil industry. It's true; people are so unaware of what fossil fuels have done for the world. -Brianna

248. Don't feel on the fence so much with the environmentalist negativity about fossil fuels. We are the only game in town that can provide affordable, reliable energy 24/7! -Anonymous

249. As a 35 year career employee in the oil industry and a chemical engineer I was refreshed in reading a factual based book on the climate issues. I have a 21 year old son who is graduating from Lehigh University with a biochemical engineering degree in May and he was equally enthralled and has recommended it to his friends. Have you thought of making a documentary movie based on your book? I think it is high time the oil industry starts defending their industry for a change. Thanks for writing it. History will prove you right. -Andy

250. Although most of my family, friends and acquaintances already embrace the gas industry it has given me more compelling argument on the positive impact of the oil industry. -Anonymous

251. **The material presented mitigated the apprehension and anxiety I used to experience in broaching the subject with those outside of the industry. As Alex points out, we are discussing issues that are life and death. We cannot afford to remain silent, nor can we afford to fumble the ball by arguing ineffectively. We must master the ability to have constructive discussions with those outside of the industry.** -Anonymous

252. In general, I did not have bad views of our industry but really thought the method in which Alex set up to define and answer the question was

as important as the message presented.

-Anonymous

253. It was very insightful in both the specifics of dealing with fossil fuel discussions and how to more effectively engage in any discussion where there is a difference of opinion. -Anonymous

254. Prior to discovering Alex's work, I was skeptical of the attitude toward fossil fuels in our culture but had no clear way to champion the industry, only to point out the hypocrisy of the critics. **Now I am an advocate and even changed careers to the fossil fuel industry.** I now see fossil fuels and the industry around it as vital to human life and flourishing. **I'm proud to be a part of this life-serving industry and take opportunities to champion it.** -Michael Gaither

255. Very helpful. There is a lot of misinformation out there. It was great to define what success looks like in terms of sustainable energy. -Anonymous

256. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] reinforced most of my own beliefs, but the facts presented help clear up areas where I had doubts or lack of knowledge, like the facts about CO2. Clearly, the answer should be apparent; plants take in CO2 to thrive, more CO2, better plant life. -Anonymous

257. I worked as a fracker, a water hauler and heater for years. I knew it was a good job, but Alex really gave me the words I needed to stand my ground when confronted by hippies. -Aerock

258. I can't say that it changed the way I think or feel about our industry. It did, however, make me realize there are persuasive ways to present fossil fuels. -Anonymous

259. The book presented good logical reasons to support fossil fuels. The stories gave me

greater appreciation for energy and the positive effects that energy makes on my life. -Anonymous

260. It changed the argument from “we all use it in many forms (fuel, electronics, carpeting, clothing)” to “focus more on people, and what it means to us in the USA and abroad where they do not have reliable energy.” -Anonymous

261. I’ve always been pro energy, but was surprised learning how little a lot of the energy companies actually stand up for a pro-energy agenda. -Anonymous

262. His perspective is looking at the energy industry and its impact on the health and well-being of people from a world basis, which applies more to company and to the industries we support each year. That view should cause us to look back on its impact to the people in the U.S., as well as looking forward. -Anonymous

263. Gave improved perspective on the position of those in opposition and the strength of the industry’s role. -Anonymous

264. The information presented in the book and videos strengthened my belief that the work we are doing is important for society and is morally correct. Considering only the risks of fossil fuels ignores the vast benefits of affordable and reliable energy generated using fossil fuels. The book and online materials make clear that any type of energy production has risks, and the goal should be to find the right balance that does the most to promote overall human life and prosperity now and in the future. -Anonymous

265. I now feel better equipped to discuss in detail the benefits from fossil fuel use to our economy/way of life, as well as the potential to lift other developing countries out of third-world status. -Anonymous

266. I thought his recommendations of approaching conversations in a less defensive way and of sorting through the “noise” to get to those with real concerns was excellent. I also loved his approach of considering trade-offs and the relative benefits vs. the relative risks. -Anonymous

267. The value placed on human life made the most impact on me and gives me a solid foundation to build from when having these discussions with those around my area of influence. -Anonymous

268. It gave me great insight to how to shape discussion from an objective perspective and work to take one point at a time...I loved the tool! -Anonymous

269. I have greater confidence in the oil and gas industry and recognize the positive contributions that it has made to the world. I loved the suggestion about asking, “Why are fossil fuels bad?” It brings the human-life argument into the picture. I whole-heartedly agree that the pros of fossil fuels outweigh the cons but I’ve never heard that argument before this book. -Anonymous

270. I am currently half way through the book on my Kindle. I work in the petroleum industry and have always had to defend the industry from uninformed newspaper articles that grossly over exaggerate the “negative” yet unproven risks of the industry (fracking being the most common). I feel your approach is way better than any I have heard. Most defenses don’t emphasize the benefits of fossil fuels and only argue to “zero.” I was introduced to you on the Glenn Beck program. I hope to see a lot more of you and your ideas in the media. -Josh

271. I’ve used his perspective in conversations with people while traveling, as well as friends and

neighbors. Most people don't have the broader perspective of electricity and overall well-being, but his approach and concepts help a lot.
-Anonymous

272. The information in the videos provides great step-by-step instructions for how to effectively discuss the concepts in the book and help people learn and accept the facts for themselves. I'm excited to begin putting these communications principles into practice!
-Anonymous

273. I loved the insight provided on shaping the discussion and taking the issues one at a time. The information about the realities of energy were very valuable. -Anonymous

274. It is really hard to argue against the use of fossil fuels if you set the moral standard to maximizing human life. -Anonymous

275. I plan to recommend this book as a great resource for learning about the importance of fossil fuels to our daily lives. -Anonymous

276. I am a Health, Safety and Environmental Manager for a service company in the oil and gas industry. I have worked in the oil and gas industry for over 6 years. I recently read your book *The Moral Case For Fossil Fuels* and absolutely loved it! I would like more information to share with my coworkers, family members and friends. -Wesley

277. I really enjoyed the book and plan to use the arguments in my conversations with others.
-Anonymous

278. **I just asked my assistant to order 200 copies of your book. I am going to give a copy to each of our 170 new sophomores in our department. I think every petroleum engineer should have your book.** -Dan

279. Material was very good and useful. I expected the course to mirror the book a bit more, but it was actually nice to have the course go into more details about how to have a conversation. **I have these conversations nearly daily in my current role and it is constantly a refining process. This material has allowed me to step up our framing around these conversations to a new level with more detail and a more positive message around the 'why.'** -Anonymous

280. Great book that supports our industry but does that by using facts and being very well informed about the topic. Many people try to argue a point using vague comments.
-Anonymous

281. I enjoyed the book and thought it was worth my time reading. It also helped solidify my views of the benefits of fossil fuels. -Anonymous

282. I thought the book was fantastic and the training modules were pretty good. I got more value from the text resources that accompanied the modules. They give me a change to try ideas and implement. -Anonymous

283. Thanks very much for allowing us this opportunity to read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and to view the online videos. Alex has done an amazing job of presenting these facts in a way that make sense and reinforce the need for better, fact-based conversation and policies regarding energy production and fossil fuels. This is a tremendous resource! -Anonymous

284. Reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and viewing the online course materials was a valuable experience for our participating Team Members, helping us to better understand the importance of our work supporting Customers in the production and transportation of energy resources and products derived from fossil fuels.

Alex Epstein has done a remarkable job of explaining why fossil fuels continue to be necessary for meeting the world's energy needs and how their use has significantly benefitted human life and prosperity. The additional guidance Alex provides in the online course materials will be extremely useful for our Team Members in having productive conversations with diverse stakeholders about fossil fuels and energy production. We appreciate the opportunity we've had to increase our knowledge and communications skills through this process. -Anonymous

285. Thank you again for visiting with us today and for writing your book. I look forward to continuing to engage folks about what we do and why it matters to everyone and appreciate your help in this. While I was partial to epistemology during my time in school and continue to read much in this area, my interest in ethics has grown and I probably think more about it than any other branch of philosophy. This is likely due to what I do for a living and what I hear everyone else saying about it. I have tended to side more with the utilitarian ethical model since I first learned of it in class and feel that this is probably why your standard of value resonates so strongly with me. -Rhead C.

286. Great book that should be recommended for all industry professionals. The course was also wonderful and those ideas can easily translate to individuals in other industries, and are great for having conversations with others that see things different from a political standpoint. -Wally

287. I enjoyed your talk and it changed the way I now think about fossil fuels and I'm already in the business. The humanist side. Never really stepped back and thought about all the good that comes from fossil fuels. Guess we take that for granted. Maybe we shouldn't. -Chris A.

288. The material presented in the book strengthened my resolve to support the fossil fuel industry in the face of constant criticism from environmentalists that want to shut down the industry. -Andrew

289. While I never really felt like our industry was damaging the environment, I was oftentimes nervous about discussing the industry I worked in. Especially when meeting someone for the first time, I would fear that they would think that the industry I was in was impacting the environment. **Before reading this book and participating in the course, I didn't have any good responses for their criticism of our industry. Now, I do.** -Bobby

290. I welcome the opportunity to review other's opinions on fossil fuels since it is currently one of the main political focuses in so many country's economies. Alex Epstein's outlook focused on the benefit our society has seen due to the increased use of fossil fuels and I enjoyed the well documented sources he provided to support his points. My thoughts of fossil fuels as a whole have never been negative but the facts he detailed on the improvement in our quality of life opened my eyes to the large scale impact fossil fuels has made. -Margaret

291. The book's discussion presents the use of fossil fuels in a much more positive light than I had ever really considered. -Veronica

292. My wife and I listened to many of your *Power Hour* podcasts on a recent 19 hour (back and forth) to Colorado. We were enthralled by the great people you have join in on your podcast. Keep up the good work. I work in the energy business and do public speaking. I'll have to order some of your supplies to enhance my speaking knowledge on more facts. -Kevin

293. I don't know that it changed them as much as strengthened them. I have always viewed energy usage as life and this course emphasized that and brought out points that I had not previously considered. -Marshall

294. I think that I have been influenced by the media, similar to others, in making me think first and foremost about the negatives of our industry rather than the positives. The book helped me refocus on the positives. . . . I enjoyed the book. A completely different point of view from other articles on the subject. I know that I am better prepared for a conversation on the topic based on all the facts and information provided in the book. The information provided in the online modules for structuring a conversation and laying down the ground rules will help me immensely when trying to persuade someone on the topic. -Jonathan

295. I thought that *The Moral Case of Fossil Fuels* was a great read that's very assessable to people in our industry as well as to the lay person who wants to know more. I would recommend it to anyone interested in the topic. -Billy

296. Changes the conversation about energy and the environment. -Anonymous

297. I loved the industry because it has treated my family so well. Being knowledgeable about fossil fuels' effects gives me confidence when trying to convince people that we aren't destroying the planet just to make money. -Jamie Oakley

298. The book helps us better articulate what we already believe about the industry's positive contributions. -Anonymous

299. Your arguments about how fossil fuels have improved human existence are well thought out and should be much better voiced by our industry. -Jon B.

300. In the oil and gas industry, we are trained to think in cold, logical, factual terms. The book provides emotional language to counter activists' emotional language. -Anonymous

301. We have found Epstein's framework helpful in discussing energy value with our friends and families. We have had more positive engagements and more constructive dialogue. -Anonymous

302. Epstein does great job making the point that abundance of energy enables us to make the environment better for human beings. We don't take a naturally pristine environment and make it dangerous. We take a dangerous environment and make it safe/cleaner. -Anonymous

303. The book and course shows how to bridge conversations to be more effective with different audiences. -Anonymous

304. I have been involved in the general debate of the benefits of the oil/gas industry for several years now. I have also been asked to serve on televised debates, give Op-Ed statements, and have written extensively on the subject of oil/gas and its benefits to mankind. I have always found that during these engagements, I have always been put on the defensive, and let the opposition set the tone of the discussion. While I feel that up until now, I have held my own, I have also felt that I wasn't communicating my point as effectively as I would have liked to, always being put in a defensive position. **You have, by example, shown me a way to make my points in a manner that not only lets me express fully my position, but to show the industry in a truly positive light. . . . I want to thank you, and your staff for the hard work and dedication to this cause, and to tell you that you have all made a big difference in the way people discuss and look at our industry.** -Terry Cunningham

305. My perception of the industry was already very positive and solid. However, I came away with feeling of righteousness with having much greater knowledge of the very positive role which fossil fuels have played throughout the world especially regarding health and welfare. **Knowing that I have helped in some small way to find and produce fossil fuels was even more satisfying after reading this book and pondering on my past 39 years of industry experiences.** Having worked and traveled to many third world nations, I completely understand the point Alex made regarding patients in hospitals dying due to a lack of electricity which most people in the US could never fathom! -John

306. I see this book essentially as a reference for information to back up my own arguments--so my key takeaway is the data within. Alex speaks a lot about the moral basis for his arguments, which is an interesting idea and presented convincingly, but I'm not sure it's as valuable as the charts/graphs/studies presented. It could be that I haven't presented my case yet to a person more easily swayed by moral obligations than by scientific facts--but when I do, I'll have the argument ready. -David

307. It gave me hope that more people will be educated and stop hating us all for no reason. Let folks understand the positive impact we have had. . . . I hope word spreads (I'll do my part).
-Karen

308. The book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] has given me great knowledge about the role of energy in our world and where we would be without the power of cheap, reliable and plentiful energy and the role of fossil fuel in providing this energy for the world. It has helped me understand the limitations of the other sources of energy such as solar, wind, biofuel etc., and given me the confidence to educate / argue / discuss with my friends and family about the benefits of fossil fuel.

Risks exists in every energy source and the key is to work on understanding and mitigating environmental risks associated with fossil fuel keeping in mind the benefits rather than ignoring it and look for alternative sources of energy. . . . Thank you very much for extending a copy of Alex Epstein's *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* book. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book. A great book that opens one's eyes to looking at the impact of energy to the quality of human lives and how fossil fuel energy is still the dominant form of energy which has to be argued from not only the risks but the immense benefits it brings along. I would love to get a couple of copies of the book to give to STEM teachers and University faculty that teach energy / oil and gas subjects and get them to spread the message to the millennials.
-Kalyan

309. With all the negative publicity of the oil and gas industry recently, I enjoyed reading this book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] and reminding me of the positives and good this industry does. . . . I applaud Alex Epstein on this work and battling the negative perception of our industry. With this knowledge, I will continue to do my part in spreading the word and informing people about our industry. -Brian

310. **Personally, it has been frustrating to manage conversations with family, friends and acquaintances who are strongly biased about the oil and gas industry.** This book has shown ways to approach these by being able to calmly take control of any conversation that has some level of negative bias towards the oil and gas industry. . . . Alex put in a significant amount of time into research that present facts to support frequently asked questions that can help me refer back to this book. Also, this helps provide the recommendation to read the book for easier understanding with many examples to look at.
-Ngo

311. For me the basic ideas that Alex expounds I already had, but he definitely crystallized them and made them easier to articulate. -Tim

312. A very positive book, should be read by everyone working (particularly technical people) in our industry, **would like to see the Upper Management of the industry be coherent and unified in how they present this message.** -Martin

313. I enjoyed the book, and the unapologetic view of the fossil fuel industry. We are all better off because of fossil fuels, but it has become so commonplace, that even those of us in industry rarely appreciate the benefits that we have. The protesters against fossil fuels don't realize that their lifestyle could never be supported without them. -Christine

314. I believe I am seeing a shift in energy companies speaking about the good of energy via fossil fuels instead of apologizing for it being a "necessary evil." I'm not sure if the book is directly responsible for it, but at the very least, it is aligned with what the book is advocating for. -Kevin

315. This is probably the first time I've seen a book that clearly elucidates the industry's continuing message of fossil fuel's benefits to humanity, a gift from God and not a curse on mankind. . . . The book's content certainly provided some much-needed ammunition to counter arguments that fossil fuels are the bane of mankind. -Les

316. After reading this book, I have a better understanding of the role of fossil fuels and how to approach a discussion about their environmental impact. There is a wealth of facts and information that demonstrate the positive role of energy abundance. . . . It's a must-read for anyone on either side of the debate. -Karin

317. I don't think that they [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and "How to Talk to Anyone About Energy"] changed the way I think and feel, but they added arguments to my inventory of reasons the world needs fossil fuels to improve our quality of life. In particular, I think this book is a ready-reference for data to demonstrate that our health, life expectancy and economy are all improving due to our use of fossil fuels. -Edward

318. **The reason for my excitement about your book is that I've been grappling with a certain amount of guilt not only for working in this industry, but also succeeding in it; oftentimes when speaking to people outside of this industry I can sense the disapproval (either from their body language, or because they've told me so directly).** And every time I open up Facebook I'm bombarded with environmentalist and socialist memes that declare the world and its human inhabitants sordid and evil--especially the humans who think contrariwise and flourish in this current degenerate state. It's been confusing and kind of agonizing to wonder if I'm as bad as they say? I'm an Ayn Rand enthusiast, and generally feel comfortable with my reasoning capacity, however I think Dave Rubin touched on an important point when he mentioned that with so much information, it's getting harder and harder to know who and what information to trust. It's crippling to feel like you almost need to become an expert yourself in order to have an informed opinion. But alas! There are people like you around who save us from hurtling back to university to get engineering, science, business degrees in an attempt to cope.

Anyway, what I really wanted to say is that it's good to know that there are still people out there upon whom we can rely for truth; people such as yourself who graft and think, and help us mere mortals to see the world more clearly, more truthfully. You've reaffirmed the power of the reasoning human mind to transform our world into a more habitable

place; one that my future children and theirs can thrive in. -Clarista

319. I've been in the utility industry for 32 years now, and I'm invigorated by your approach to common sense solutions. -Donnie

320. I sincerely appreciate the work you are doing to catalyze the industry such that it finally "stands up for itself." In my 34 years in the industry, I have always been troubled by the industry practice of trying to maintain a low profile and hope we were not noticed. Your message of the moral, pro-human case for fossil fuel energy has been a massive step forward for an industry that traditionally would rather hide from controversy. You are making a difference! -Brian

321. I have been giving out copies of your book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] to customers, it is a great gift on many levels! -David L.

322. It is my intention to give the books to our plant's management and operators, mechanics, engineers, and techs. I don't believe we "toot our own horn" as we should. Mr. Epstein's book is a welcome educational resource. -Bernie

323. At last! Here's a powerful and compelling appraisal of our fossil fueled energy that rallies the beleaguered and pilloried producers who have literally paved and lit the way of modern civilization. As a fourth generation member of this noble industry, I am astounded that this young author can fly the moral banner so righteously in the face of an egregious, misguided mob headed by self-acclaimed prophets of doom and backed by looters who never let a crises go to waste.

What I admire most about Epstein, is that he makes his case for fossil fuels crystal clear not only morally but on a common sense, practical basis. Part of the problem is that we as a

civilization have been lulled into a normalcy bias presuming what we enjoy in fossil fuels as a cheap, abundant, reliable resource will always be there.

It's not just energy either. It's literally everything. Without the array of benefits supplied by hydrocarbon energy, most of us would suffer and a lot of us would just die. We are like the proverbial goldfish swimming around in our energy rich element glibly unaware as to what sustains us, what, in effect, gives us the ability to live a civilized life, and (to some extent) still be able to attain our dreams. Our machines, our products, our connections allow us to live a life that could not be fathomed even 100 years ago.

The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels needs to equip the curriculum of our middle schools on upwards to college level. In fact, it can inform anyone objectively interested in the issues of global climate change. It is brilliantly accessible, relevant, and revealing. Kudos to Alex Epstein for his Promethean courage to bring the light of truth into a forum long bereft of reasoned science and rational solutions! -Coleman Alderson

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We've heard from thousands of members of the general public—most of whom have no connection to the fossil fuel industry—about how our work has convinced them that fossil fuels are a healthy choice rather than a dangerous addiction, and inspired many to become industry champions.

324. Mr. Epstein's enthusiasm and expertise has encouraged me to take a second look at the fossil fuel industry. Where once I took for granted the ever presence of a vital industry, I now see an aggregate of crucially important businesses in danger of being curtailed by antagonistic interests. I would say I am more willing now, then before, to champion with conviction the benefits of the fossil fuel industry. -William

325. Alex has given me the knowledge and confidence to defend the fossil fuel industry. -Ed Mazlish

326. Clarified my thinking about the benefits of fossil fuels on quality of life and the harms of incentivizing a shift toward "renewables" when they can't really handle the load yet and would fail in the free market. -Eric Forman

327. **After Alex's work I aggressively pursued work in oil & gas sector and succeeded.**

I don't get into debates with people frequently anymore, although I used to. I've decided that for me it's not worth saying something unless I can say it very well and make a compelling case. When it does come up though I think Alex's way of reframing the discussion has been extremely valuable for me. -Anonymous

328. Alex Epstein did an amazing job writing an articulate book on a very vilified industry. I had a view that there was a lot of disinformation, but he made it much more clear to me and really went through the subject in an honest and thoughtful way. -Christian Laursen

329. I don't have to feel guilty championing the truth: Fossil fuels are beneficial to society in every respect. -Craig

330. Alex has broadened my views on energy, which previously were very narrowly focused

on nuclear, an interest I developed after the Fukushima accident. I then discovered there was a lot more behind "fossil fuels," including the philosophical aspects which brought me in contact with Ayn Rand's ideas and work.

These days I see myself less focused on nuclear and more on fossil fuels, because without a deeper understanding of how fossil fuels enable a better lifestyle for everyone, due to the large amounts of energy liberated by burning oil and gas, nuclear will never be understood to begin with.

Alex's work is seminal on every aspect with regards to the importance of energy, and to the importance of the freedom provided by energy liberation. And I could see the bigger picture only after reading [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] and consuming all the excellent material available online.

Thank you Alex! -Luca Bertagnolio

331. I trained as a nuclear engineer in the U.S. Navy and still didn't understand the value of fossil fuels. Alex helped me to turn my focus back to the moral issue, that human flourishing is the standard of value in any moral evaluation. This idea seemed to have been eroded in my consciousness over time, and I am thankful to Alex that he reawakened it. -Jeremy

332. [Fossil Fuels] went from something I didn't really care about to something I find interesting. -Chad

333. In a small way, I've **already begun to champion fossil fuel utilization through social media**; primarily by identifying fabrications in the assertions from the AGW alarmists. Alex not only cut through the lies but he put other things in perspective, like pollution and "cheap, plentiful,

reliable” energy. . . . **He spoke to my concerns and made me more interested in digging up the truth about fossil fuel energy.** -Jeff

334. I’m reading the book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] right now and the thing I like the most is the clarity of thinking. It goes to the root of the issue--the standard, thoroughly discusses all the issues in that context, and reveals the hidden assumptions behind a lot of the arguments. -Rachael Mare

335. I’ve always felt my stance was correct but never had the information to back it up. Now I can show why fossil fuels are better than the alternative as well as why the alternative is exaggerated. I’ll take on anyone who opposes fossil fuels. -Charles Wayne Chavers

336. I would say that Alex’s work has helped me to appreciate the value that energy has in all of our lives. Most of us know that energy is important, but we take easy access for granted, and don’t often consider the massive positive impact that fossil fuels have on our standard of living. -Tom

337. Excellent education on how and why fossil fuels are a powerful necessity. Love the documentation in all the work Alex does. Provided EXCELLENT material to get not only myself but others I come into contact with thinking about the true realities of fossil fuels and their necessity in the world. -Kendall McRae

338. I navigated the intellectual trail that Alex blazed through the wilderness of conventional wisdom. I would not have made that journey if not for his presentation of facts and the concepts derived from them. Bravo, Alex. -Daniel Manske

339. Allowed me to think more clearly about this issue and to be able to parse out arguments

in a more informed way. Helped me significantly battle the critics in an ethical, moral [way], from a human flourishing position! -Justin Kubicek

340. I have always had a positive view of fossil fuels but had no confidence in my ability to discuss the fossil fuel issues with people who are antagonistic about fossil fuels. Alex shows how to turn the anti-fossil fuel argument around into a positive pro-fossil fuel argument. Priceless! :) Thank you! -Pauline

341. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has made an obscure subject much clearer to me and helped me think clearly about the issues of global warming. -Anonymous

342. It revolutionized how I thought about energy and environmental policies, which has manifested itself any time the topic has arisen since. -Dillion

343. I am more knowledgeable about the issues and able to present convincing arguments in defense of fossil fuels for the benefit of human life and the environment. -Henry L. Solomon

344. Alex has really opened my eyes about this entire sphere of human endeavor. -Jennifer Snow

345. Totally changed my perspective on how to communicate and comprehend the importance of the fossil fuel industry. -Anonymous

346. I have a greater appreciation for how the fossil fuel industry powers all other industries and thus is the bedrock for modern civilization. I have also learned to appreciate better how much it helps human life through non-obvious factors like powering water treatment, agriculture, freeing up more time to do things like research, giving people the ability to explore and enjoy the environment. I have also learned more about how climate-

related deaths are avoided by technology made possible by the fossil fuel industry. -Paul Kennedy

347. I put [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] next to Economics in One Lesson as a book all people should read if they have any interest in its subject. In other words, it impacted me greatly and I consider it a good fundamental primer. -Mike Kloppel

348. I have a better understanding of the benefits and achievements of the industry and the dangers and consequences of the attack on it. -Bob Gifford

349. Before reading [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] I just knew that everything I enjoyed involved fossil fuels and that the arguments against them didn't make sense to me. I didn't think about the issue much though, nor did I have the tools to really give the issue the clear thought it needed. After reading *The Moral Case*: first I always keep a copy on hand to hand out to someone I think will benefit from it because I will never be as clear at explaining the issues as Alex, I'm not afraid to step up and point out flaws in arguments to quit fossil fuels though. I also wear my I Love Fossil Fuels t-shirt with pride and hope it sparks some debate when I go out. Most importantly I've become a clearer thinker in all of my day-to-day activities. As I've commented before, Alex is the living example of *Philosophy: Who Needs It*. It's been amazing watching him grow and improve and being able to benefit from his work. He is easily the most clear thinker I've come across, which makes him my favorite and I always look for new content from him in whatever form he chooses to deliver it. -Larry Scott Fitzpatrick

350. His clear, unapologetic advocacy for mankind makes his advocacy for the fossil fuel industry inspiring. I'd need to own the information prior to championing the case, but I can

unreservedly recommend his work (and have). -Lynne

351. Enlightening and inspirational. A brilliant approach to promoting clear thinking and clear understanding of these issues and just how important they are. -Josh

352. Alex brings rationality and reason to a discussion which is usually dominated by uneducated emotional statements. -Roy

353. Alex has been a great help to me in formulating techniques for positive dialogue about fossil fuels. -Robert

354. He's very influential in championing the "non-believers" or those on the "fence" about the industry. Drawing from his philosophical, Objectivist background he has the unique ability to reframe the narrative, (which is often very difficult to do), in a way that is very persuasive, thought-provoking and sheds a positive light on the industry. I have some background knowledge of the industry and the positive impacts it brings to humankind, as well as the maligned effort by those folks who will do anything to stop the industry to further their deceitful green agenda. Alex's work has a very positive effect in enlightening average folks to the true benefits of the industry and disproves the many false accusations and fraudulent information that is/has been pushed by the "Green Agenda" folks. -Anonymous

355. ***The Moral Case For Fossil Fuels* has provided the arguments and the moral certainty I needed in order to argue for fossil fuels.** I often link to the book on Facebook and elsewhere. -Ed Thompson

356. I'm not an intellectual, so my interest on the subject is not great, but Epstein has certainly made it more interesting. -Anonymous

357. **Mr. Epstein's work is changing and--I think--has changed the debate over fossil fuels.** By focusing first on the individuals in the industry he created the most important champions and has allowed them to stand up morally for themselves--totally upending the framework of the debate. Game changer. -Amber

358. **Alex's work completely changed my thinking on the subject.** I began listening to [Alex's podcast] *Power Hour* when it first came out, and everything since then has been fantastic. -Dabriel

359. Have a better grasp and focus on how fossil fuels have and continue to contribute in a positive way to the human condition, its betterment and its flourishing. Have a much clearer perspective through the oft clouded image many project, about detrimental impacts on environment and life on earth. -Paul Barnes

360. I am thankful for Alex's willingness to use his time and intellect to fight irrational groupthink for an industry that appears to be unwilling to stand up for itself. -Angelia

361. His work has provided better ammunition and new perspectives in the fight against the Climatologists and crystallized its moral aspect by defining it in terms of human flourishing. -Marc Grierfer

362. The human flourishing standard of value helped me understand and defend this energy industry, and the full context approach was very important. The thinking tools offered in the book and at CIP became essentials, not only in energy issues. -Julián

363. I finally felt that I was getting a clear, intelligent and true statement about fossil fuels. I feel that Alex's methods can be applied to obtain

clarity on other issues besides energy, such as economics and politics. -George Best

364. He has articulated my own position more eloquently than I had been myself and he has introduced new perspectives on fossil fuels that I hadn't come across before which have strengthened my own arguments. -Stephen Wells

365. A clear, rational representation of the situation helped me clarify and substantiate my views about the energy industry. Increased my level of confidence in defending the moral case for fossil fuels. -Anonymous

366. It has made me more pro-industry, pro-capitalism and pro-Man. -Vinaysheel Rao

367. I learned that what is good for human life is what morality is about, and that, all things considered, fossil fuel is one of the best if not the best energy source for human beings. In short, the use of fossil fuel is moral. -Archie Hung

368. Alex is a very clear thinker. I love how he disarms the green-left by framing the argument as one of what's best for humans. This is brilliant as it leaves the tree huggers with no argument unless they expose their anti-human biases. I've used his presentation of the fossil fuels argument not only directly in the defense of the sector, but also by applying his thought processes and style to similar situations. Thank you Alex. -Ben Skelton

369. **I had a negative view of environmentalism before reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. After reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, I had a positive view of the fossil fuel industry--which is something I largely did not have beforehand** even though I was highly skeptical of many claims made by environmentalists. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* taught me about the fundamental role that the energy provided by

fossil fuels plays in supporting our industrialized and technological society; this is a fact that's obvious once you've seen, but it was not clear to me before I read the book. Learning this (in addition to the numerous other interesting facts contained in the book) **has made me a lot more eager to champion fossil fuels**; for example, if I see an anti-fossil fuel post on Facebook I am happy to leave an opposing comment which points readers in the direction of Mr. Epstein's work. On a broader note, I found Mr. Epstein's book invigorating because of his focus on the importance of how an issue is framed; this point even has applications beyond the energy debate. -Matthew Moore

370. Well, it is important to note that Alex really isn't a "champion of fossil fuels". What he really does is analyze the data, look at all the energy production options, look at each impact (positive and negative), and then evaluates how each one will overall affect human prosperity. He never started out with the idea that fossil fuels are good but now why is that true. He started out wondering what source of energy has the most positive impact on improving human flourishing and it just so happens that fossil fuels are one of those beneficial energy sources. Alex is a champion of the facts and the facts just line up to explain how the fossil fuel industry does great things for humanity. I would say though that Alex has been a tremendous help in allowing me to learn most of my information about the energy topic. I just would like to see him debate Al Gore, Bill Nye, or even Leonardo DiCaprio himself so that the environmentalists can get a taste of reason for once instead of their tunnel-visioned, biased news sources.

Thank you Alex for all that you have done and all that you do today. I enjoy your videos, debates, and live streams. -Kyle A. Frels-Henry

371. I have enjoyed learning about the fossil fuel industry from Alex and his *Power Hour*

guests. It was also invaluable to learn the details of some of the key errors and lies of the rabid environmentalists. And finally, listening to Alex has been important to me in improving my thinking and communication skills. -David

372. Mr. Epstein is a rarity in today's political climate. He's an intellectually honest thinker with both poise and clarity. I always resented the environmentalist charge against fossil fuels but didn't understand fully why until I encountered Mr. Epstein's work. He stands at a level above his peers, including even some of the pro-energy voices in today's debate. The reason: his clarity, his holistic approach to the issue, and his intellectual honesty. -Robert Mack

373. For me, Epstein's greatest achievement is his explicit clarity and methodology. The prevailing social and political dialogues have been pretty foggy in comparison. The fossil fuel industry is our Atlas and its defenders too sparse and apologetic. To be clear about the moral salute the energy industry deserves has brought so much context to my life in general. I look forward to seeing it all catch on. Thanks! -Joey Cornaggia

374. The most helpful element I've found in his position is the shift away from arguing against global warming (which I now realize was never the essence of the alarmists' argument) towards arguing for the benefits of fossil fuel on the environment regardless of if the climate heats or cools or stays the same. -David R. Marsilia

375. Alex has been a key figure at a time when I had been radically exposing myself to voices that ran counter to my strongly held ideologies. He has been someone whose work has helped me to destroy these ideological ignorances and has also helped me think in ways that make me a better learner and speaker. Knowledge and truth are the keys to confidence and speaking truth is

the key to bringing about change. Alex's work (and specifically his book) have helped me sort all of this out. -Patrick Meyer

376. It's given me the tools to debate and combat anti-fossil fuels arguments from any angle. -Kate

377. Although I have never been sympathetic to the motives of environmentalists who put nature (without man) ahead of man, I did not fully understand how twisted the criticisms of and attacks on fossil fuels were until I read the book. **I am certainly better equipped and more motivated to defend fossil fuels as a human value, when they are attacked.** -Mark

378. Hugu. I wasn't an environmentalist before, just generally pro-energy, pro-human, and anti-regulation. But Alex has made it incredibly clear how fossil fuels have been a massive boon to humanity that we just take for granted. His thinking and rationale is sharp, accurate, and to the point, and his research and presentation are spot on. He is absolutely direct and understandable in his delivery, and *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is written in such a way that the points being made are unassailable. Make no mistake, the work that Alex has done has been an incalculable benefit to humanity. -Jonathan Grabert

379. It was the most eye opening presentation on the benefits of fossil fuel I have ever encountered. I have the t-shirt. -Ed

380. **[The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels] was the only book I read where after I finished it I just sat there and thought "wow." I had to share with my wife and a few friends.** My wife was worried and wanted me to read the other side. I let her know I've been only told the other side for my entire life. I eventually got her to read it and she told

me she didn't realize how important energy is for us and couldn't believe that CO2 actually helps plants and trees grow. We realized so much of our current culture is exaggerating the truth about climate change. I follow Alex and look forward to everything he does. -Andy Tyler

381. **Alex's book, podcasts, and videos have opened my eyes to the tremendous life-giving, life-enhancing value of fossil fuels, which I'm ashamed to say I had massively overlooked and taken for granted. I now want to learn more and more about fossil fuels---and energy in general. The more I learn, the more I am willing and able to champion the industry.** I consider myself still learning and developing personal clarity on these issues. -Benjamin Wilson

382. Alex's case for the morality of fossil fuels was something brand new to me and holds well against the arguments of those whom I know who favor restricting fossil fuel use. -Sam

383. To see [Alex] defend a critical value when no one else will, not even people in the industry, is inspiring. -Mark Peters

384. Alex is one of the most persuasive communicators I have heard. **His common sense framework rooted in human flourishing and full context analysis completely reshaped my view of fossil fuels.** He is particularly skilled in calmly and confidently making his case when challenged by an opponent. His convincing arguments founded in individual liberty and property rights will make you nod in agreement while simultaneously wondering why they're so foreign. Such clarity of thinking is sorely needed and applies far beyond the field of energy. Hopefully Alex's influence continues to grow and spread to larger stages with greater reach. And yes, happy to help champion fossil fuels and individual freedom. -Neil

385. Your work has given me a foundation that allows me to build my knowledge efficiently and build my arguments independently. Before your work, I found many different studies and opinions that were not mainstream environmentalist propaganda, but they all seemed like isolated instances of potential arguments or opinions. With the moral foundation you made clear, I know what knowledge is important and how I should build arguments. I feel confident in my ability to champion fossil fuels from a moral standpoint, or at least frame the conversation with another individual in a meaningful way. It is so much easier to have a conversation with someone when you have a clear vision of the end goal, and you can discuss different opinions in relation to it. -Luke

386. Big impact, especially the view that fossil fuels improve the environment. That was like a lightning bolt that cracked everything open for me and suddenly I was alone in a new world. It was a feeling of: OF COURSE! Other than Ayn Rand, very few people have had such impact on my thinking. Since then I have followed most of what Alex has done. -Andrei Hent

387. **I certainly would not have run around with an I Love Fossil Fuels t-shirt before reading Mr. Epstein's works. Now I look forward to the reactions.** -Steven

388. Alex's approach to this is something I never heard before and it really sealed my thoughts on the climate change alarm. -Scott Peterson

389. Alex's work is the fundamental game changer for how confident and willing I am to champion the fossil fuel industry. I had a positive view of the fossil fuel industry before coming across Alex's work, but I wasn't confident or willing enough to speak up about it in any meaningful way. In a conversation among friends I might have

alluded to some of the good the fossil fuel industry does, but **now I go out of my way to defend the industry because I understand how important it is to my life, and Alex has given me a blueprint to speak with confidence and be successful.** To sum it up, there might be a second enlightenment if we could have an Alex in every rational human endeavor. -Conrad Lagowski

390. I'm much more willing to stick my neck out and state my convictions about fossil fuels. -Tim

391. Alex's work taught me, above all else, to clearly state my standard of value (human life) before discussing any issue related to fossil fuels. This simple tip has allowed me to better explain why the fossil fuel industry has been such a benefit to humanity. -Andrew Stolze

392. As my first reliable resource of a common sense defense of fossil fuels **he reminded me that energy isn't an obscure sub-topic far removed from my daily experience. It is the driving force behind the food on my table, means of employment, everything that contributes to life as I know it. Once I was introduced to this perspective it became fairly easy to challenge the presuppositions of my peers with simple common sense questions, which almost always leads them to questioning them themselves.** -Daniel

393. Epstein's work is absolutely essential to the future of prosperous human life, and therefore my own life. I engage in pro-fossil fuel discussion as often as possible. -Anonymous

394. Alex's work has provided me the tools I need to make coherent arguments about the benefits of fossil fuels. -Jonathan

395. His work has made the argument over fossil fuels much more clear and easier to

articulate to people who don't understand it. He's helped show fossil fuels as a truly green energy and how the narrative against it is largely propaganda. -Matthew

396. Alex Epstein has articulated how the enormous benefits of the fossil fuel industry have been dismissed, while the harms have been exaggerated, with a clarity never before seen. My ancestors hunted whales, cleared forests, and harnessed animals for their energy needs. I have always viewed fossil fuels as an enormous net boon to both the environment and human life, but Alex Epstein has presented the case for reliable, dispatch-able energy in the most clear and persuasive manner that I have ever encountered. He has made me much more motivated to advance that message, which I have been doing whenever the opportunity arises. -Peter

397. Alex, you have helped me to logically and rationally advocate and champion a stance that, prior to encountering your work, I only felt was morally superior. I lacked the comprehensive intellectual framework to clearly articulate my position. Now I have a firm philosophical starting premise on matters relating to fossil fuels. -Tyler Duce

398. The biggest impact for me has to do with understanding the positive, protective effects fossil fuels have on our human environment. Alex has also taught me the importance of having a proper method of thinking; that is, thinking big picture and assessing facts based on a proper standard of value (human flourishing). -Jacob Bosley

399. His work made me much more willing to champion fossil fuels but at the same time much more aware of my own weakness at doing it. I'm more likely now to simply state my support for fossil fuels and, if I encounter interest or antagonism, refer people to Alex's work. -Dan

400. This is an entire industry under pseudo-ethical prosecution by fools. It urgently needed a relentless defendant. Alex Epstein is a warrior and protector of civilization. -Anonymous

401. I find myself referring to *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* often when I'm trying to get a better grasp of how to communicate free-market ideas to people concerned with the environment. -Lorenzo

402. His clear argumentation is life-changing and refreshing. I feel confident that I have a rock-solid position to defend, and even if I can't express it as well as Alex, I can at least direct people to videos and writing by Alex. -Zachary Nelson

403. Alex has helped me understand in clear and simple language how important fossil fuels are and what would happen to human life should we cease our reliance on them. -Corey Baum

404. I was always doubtful of catastrophists' claims about fossil fuels, but I was never properly educated about the life and death importance of (mostly fossil fuel-derived) energy until I started following Alex's work. I went from a weak supporter on economic, "pragmatic" grounds to an all-out fossil fuels champion with the confidence and rigor that can only be won by understanding the moral arguments at play.

To go more meta, more recent projects like "How to Talk to Anyone About Energy" have influenced the way I think, write, and speak about all manner of controversial topics beyond fossil fuels. I previously "knew" many of Alex's communication guidelines, but only as floating abstractions; now I hold them as grounded concretes, so I'm much better at implementing them. -Lauren

405. Before reading Epstein's work, I had a hazy idea about both the risks and benefits of fossil fuel usage. I understood how important

plentiful energy sources like oil were to a thriving society, but the general consensus seemed to be antagonistic to fossil fuels and that soaked into my perceptions. The widespread misinformation about the topic turned me off the subject altogether until the topic became too loud in the culture to ignore. Fortunately for me, I found *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and found a clearly laid-out overview of the history of fossil fuels in relation to human flourishing. The data speaks for itself, but it found a phenomenal presenter in Alex Epstein. -George L Tibbitts

406. While I was already positive toward the industry before his work he made things crystal clear. I don't go around looking to change minds, but when the opportunity comes up my toolbox is full. Being able to refer to Epstein's work helps tremendously. -Ben West

407. I have been very inspired by Alex's work, especially seeing him speak before congress. My work is not related to the fossil fuel industry, but I do consider energy to be one of the most important issues of our time. **I advocate for fossil fuels whenever I can.** I am not at all a persuasive person. I would love to sharpen my skills in discussing, arguing, and persuading. -Jan Jackman

408. [The] work of CIP has helped me to appreciate the importance of ensuring the benefits of fossil fuels are taken into account when discussing energy issues. -Kevin Douglas

409. The fracking pieces have given me great ammunition to counter the attacks in discussions with friends and on online debates. -Thomas Cowan

410. **Alex has awakened an interest in energy that I did not know I had.** I had never thought about oil or energy in the conventional negative ways, but I also did not find it especially intriguing – that

is until I began to see how fundamental it was to everything else I love. Seeing these connections turns energy into a topic that is truly exciting. -Philip Hopkins

411. Alex's work . . . woke me up to the marvels of our modern world. We have abundant, cheap, safe materials (like plastics) that allow us to accomplish all sorts of almost-miraculous things (medical instruments, bacteria-resistant plastics in refrigerators, affordable insulated clothing for the winter, etc.). We also have abundant, cheap, safe fuels for transporting ourselves effectively anywhere we want to go, any time. -Thomas Hochmann

412. Alex has taught me that fossil fuels are good . . . really good. -Maryallene Otis

413. **It would be an understatement to say that Alex Epstein has completely and absolutely changed how I think about energy. No longer do I feel guilt for enjoying the use of products powered by fossil fuels, in fact, I now embrace them** – see me wearing my "I Love Fossil Fuels" shirt in public. I now, thanks to Alex, see fossil fuels as a source of life rather than a source of death as is widely quoted by environmentalists. -Alex Evans

414. Alex has provided well-researched and well-presented information that has deepened my appreciation of industrial scale energy production and the fundamental morality underlying its production and use. I have always had a "gut" level feeling that industrial scale energy was fundamental to our civilization, but he has helped me clarify my understanding and given me cogent arguments that I can use in discussions with others. -Brandon Bartlett

415. **My perspective has changed completely. Not only am I more knowledgeable on the subject, but I see the energy industry in a new light--as a**

value instead of an enemy. -Miranda Marks

416. I no longer take energy and the role of fossil fuels in my daily life for granted. I now realize how critically important a plentiful, reliable source of energy is to maintain my standard of living.
-Mark Wickens

417. CIP has broadened my knowledge of the industry, and provided valuable insights/arguments to help defend it. -Joe Meuth

418. I am 1,000 times more appreciative of fossil fuels now than I was two years ago!
-Kristoffer Walker

419. I think more about the specific benefits that fossil fuels bring to my life, and how much worse off I'd be without them. -Andrew Whallon

420. Learning more about how energy is produced has made me more optimistic about the future. (I used to worry about peak oil. I don't anymore.) -Malini

421. I'm not sure how I didn't see it before, but Alex made me realize that cheap, abundant energy is a prerequisite to prosperity. To paraphrase Alex, "What is a gallon of fuel worth when it's powering the helicopter that's airlifting you to the hospital?" While this concept was not new to me, Alex's quote so succinctly brought the externalities of energy use into perspective like nothing else I've heard. -John Eini

422. Alex's work has helped me by demonstrating how to be a more effective communicator overall. -William Sekerak

423. My eyes were opened. Really changed my opinions and some of my closest friends.
-Anonymous

424. [Alex's work] really made me interested in the subject [of energy] a lot more and clarified what I knew in the abstract (coming from Objectivism).
-Gregory Horvay

425. I'm thankful for [Alex's] work. I appreciate his attitude and demeanor when talking about the issue and I very much appreciate the tips on how to engage others in conversations. People are passionate about renewables and I believe the tips and talking points will be very helpful, whether in a discussion about climate change or fossil fuels. -Anonymous

426. I have moved towards a more industrial and what I feel is a pro-human mentality in regard to energy. -Anonymous

427. He has reaffirmed my confidence in fossil fuels and that we can have a long, prosperous future with them, so long as we fight for them against those who would take them away from us.
-Anonymous

428. **I went from feeling guilty about using gas every time I drove to feeling reverence towards those men who produce every gallon that I burn for enabling me to be productive and enjoy my life.** Works of Epstein's that debunk the so-called "renewable" energy sources are also a great asset for those who are concerned about having a viable energy source in the future. I definitely have a greater appreciation for industrialization vastly improving the human environment. -Anonymous

429. I was neutral on the topic, not having given it much thought, though I was not particularly susceptible to environmentalism as an ideal. Now I'm in a much better position to convince others of the benefit and morality of fossil fuels, though I don't have a lifestyle particularly conducive to philosophical discussion. -Patrick Jarrold

430. I didn't think a lot about energy issues... But now, the first thing I think about when I think of energy is: "Energy is vital. Without vast amount of cheap and reliable energy, none of the things that make my life possible would exist. And if that flow of energy ever stops, everything I care about, from medical research to fine art to food on my dinner table, stops with it shortly thereafter." What I didn't know or hadn't really thought about was how important energy was to every modern technology and comfort. -Anonymous

431. Where to start?! Alex has had a profound effect on my thinking on energy. He has opened my eyes to value and virtues associated with industrial energy. I **have a new respect for the energy industry (particularly oil, gas and nuclear) and everything they do to improve our lives. It has almost made me regret that I have not followed a career in energy production.** -Anonymous

432. Less than a year and a half ago I could not make a moral case for energy, even though I knew what I was advocating for was right. Alex Epstein gave me the right ideas and inspiration to be an effective advocate. -Anonymous

433. Alex provided me with tools needed to change the pattern of how the discussion with the environmentalist could be changed, by simply using some simple facts to put them on the defensive regarding energy and environment. -Anonymous

434. Exposure to the idea of aspirational advocacy has been great. Alex touched on this in early Power Hours. It is a much more rewarding way to think about things, rather than just thinking and saying things like "environmentalists are morons," it's much more effective and pleasant to talk about the unlimited benefits of abundant, cheap energy. I would . . . add that framing environmental issues/questions in terms of "the human environment" is brilliant. This argument

instantly reclaims the moral high ground. I really enjoyed the [Occupy Wall Street] debate video series. I would also say that just the positive attitude of Alex and the positive mission of CIP has been fantastic. The internet is filled with plenty of venom and rage (some of it is even fairly intelligent or humorous) about energy/environmental issues so the approach of Alex and CIP is very refreshing. -Anonymous

435. The great aspect of the term "Human Environment" is the idea that instead of defending the environment on the environmentalists' terms you have the environmentalists defending themselves on your terms. It also helps dispel the theory that our environment has never been dirtier because you can easily show how the "Human Environment" has been getting cleaner and has been at its cleanest for years. -Anonymous

436. Among active writers, Alex Epstein makes the clearest and most compelling case that abundant energy owns the moral high ground. -Anonymous

437. Alex Epstein has helped me re-frame my thinking, as Julian Simon set out to do, to take into account all facets of the human environment when dealing with environmental issues. He illustrates very effectively that the "natural" environment is not conducive to human progress, and thus we must set out to improve it if we wish to improve ourselves. -Anonymous

438. [Alex] explains things in a way that makes it not just interesting, but awe-inspiring. I never really thought of how fossil fuels make our lives possible and better in every way. I love the philosophical base behind everything. -Anonymous

439. Alex has an excellent way of discussing energy and the arguments that should be taken when discussing it. He is incredibly scientific in the way he approaches the subject, providing

very rational arguments that make it so easy to understand. He brings a complicated subject down to understandable terms for the lay energy citizens to make up their own minds. -Anonymous

440. In a word, Alex is a master of his facts. -Anonymous

441. There are a multitude of excellent book and articles about the economic and the polluting aspects of energy use but CIP and Alex are almost unique in approaching the issue from the too often ignored 'human well-being' aspect. With the determination to make each of us realize that aspect of our lives that depends on energy production, Alex makes the issue personal and understandable on a level others often fail to communicate to their audiences. Without that 'important to the listener' even the best of ideas seldom leave the room with the listener. Alex has reintroduced 'man, the builder' into the environmental movement. -Anonymous

442. Giving the book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] to my son who works for Halliburton in Colorado but gets a lot of flak from his Denver friends (who can only find jobs as waiters) and also asking my local library to order books. Already wrote a few letters to the editor about the topic which is critical here in Indiana with the assault on our coal industry. . . . Love the book. -Colleen B.

443. I visited my sister in San Marcos this weekend and while out with her and her friends, the conversation turned to energy and its future in this country. Again, I found myself using examples given in your book to assist in making my points and feel I made a good impression with these kids in getting them to really think about these issues more critically. -Anonymous

444. I'm definitely enjoying the course and finding value.... I really like your approach to setting

clear parameters for controversial discussions, planting seeds early in the discussion and challenging the other person to open up and acknowledge and own the process by which they have reached their conclusions. -Mike M.

445. I'd also like to thank you for the course on how to discuss fossil fuels with an antagonist, not just for the technique, which does work--Thank You--but also for the improvement in my thinking process by focusing on the most essential [issues] and not getting sidetracked by the peripheral issues. -William

446. I wanted to share in interesting story with you. I was with my wife and two daughters (ages 5 and 2) at a coffee shop in the Marda Loop area of Calgary this morning. This is a neighborhood just south of downtown and is fairly mixed – some students, some under-employed hipsters, some young families, wealthy empty-nesters etc. In any case, we were sitting enjoying breakfast when a woman tapped me on the shoulder. As my girls are quite cute, I'm used to random people coming up to us a lot. So this young woman says to me, "Your girls are so sweet – how can you wear that disgusting t-shirt?" Of course, I was wearing one of your fine "I Love Fossil Fuels" shirts (the blue one). My response (as calmly as possible) was "What makes it disgusting?" Predictably, she launched into sermon about killing the planet, etc., etc. I pointed out that oil and gas provide the comfort for all of us on this very cold day, from the heat in the shop to our expensive Patagonia jackets (hers included), etc. At this point, some of the other customers got involved in the discussion – some taking my position, and some hers. Even the baristas (straight out of hipster central casting) chimed in. One older woman said she had seen one of your talks and calmly stated some of your key points. After about 20 minutes, my girls had finished their food and were ready to go, so I thanked everyone for the discussion. No one raised their voice and no one

swore, which I appreciated. My last comment was to ask each person to remember that we all have the luxury of debating such points in our extremely comfortable environments, and that many people on earth (such as the 1.5 billion with no electricity) could only hope to have just one of the many conveniences we take for granted--almost all of which were made possible by humankind's harnessing the power of fossil fuels. -Jeremy C.

447. Almost done with the ["How to Talk to Anyone About Energy"] and I love it. I grew up in an oil family, my dad retired from Mobil the year they merged with Exxon. Both my daughters work for oil companies in Fort Worth, the youngest graduated from TCU last May with a degree in Applied Geoscience and a minor in Energy and Technology. Although I have always supported fossil fuels, I was never really sure how to explain the value of them over other sources.

I also purchased your book for both my daughters. Thank you for your research and putting the information into a context that is concise and easy to explain to those who seem to be misguided as to the risks and advantages of the fossil fuel industry in comparison to the renewable sources of energy. -Laural K.

448. Your insights and information are invaluable and incredible in rebutting the progressive agenda for legitimizing "climate change." I need to spend more time before I give you a better assessment, but your remarks before our group at SMU recently were extraordinary and intensely compelling. Each evening in watching the day's weather report on the evening news, I am constantly reminded how impelling your arguments are as I hear about record highs from the 1920's through the 1940's but very little about highs in the past few years! Guess this explains the fairly recent shift in terminology from the left referring to 'climate change' vs. 'global warming'? In any event, your visit was among the best time

spent over the past two years for me, and I am greatly in your debt for taking your very valuable time and sharing your message with us. Hope you will stay in touch, and I will certainly let you know how I am navigating and absorbing the info you have so kindly provided. -Winfield P.

449. I LOVE YOUR ORGANIZATION--Center for Industrial Progress. If it wasn't for machines and of course the fuel that powered them, I would be dead. Now I don't feel as bad when people try and put the moral "right" on banning fossil fuels. You have been a great source of information so far and am looking forward to the book. I am using your links to the website and book all over trying to stop the environmental tyranny. (You get advertising at the same time). The YouTube videos are a wonderful addition. The more I see you talk and confront people with your well researched argument the more free I feel. The moral arguments you make are so much relief I cannot wait for your message to spread. Thanks again, keep up the good work. -David

450. Alex's perspective on energy policy has been fascinating to me to say the least. I never knew how important petroleum products were in our daily lives. **I also am no longer afraid to openly support fossil fuels because Alex has shown me how important they are to our daily lives.** -Matt McGrady

451. **Alex, When I first heard about this event I was highly skeptical. I came into the event with the assumption that you represent the ideas of big industry and why the fracing industry as a whole can never do any wrong. I can say now that I was wonderfully surprised by how insightful and well-made your points were. You are extremely articulate and presented your points with grace and intelligence. I would absolutely recommend anyone interested in the ideas of fracing and the energy industry as whole to attend one of your talks.** Your point on how low energy costs helped

spur marvelous innovations for humanity was an exciting way to look at the environmental debate. The deep Q&A was very good at denouncing the stereotypes of pro-fracing individuals being anti-progress. -Steve B.

452. As I said to you, and have since, to many others at the retreat here, your argument in support of fossil fuels was likely the most original thought I have heard in almost two decades. And for sure, one of the most convincing. Not only were you passionate in your arguments and defense, but you were certainly entertaining. There were folks who were bent over double, laughing at your analogies, and at one point, there were a couple of high and low fives at tables. I look forward to reading your book on my flight back today. -Balaji Rajan

453. I like [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] very much. You have done a really good, thorough study of the matter, and your arguments are all logical and irrefutable, which should drive the warmists nuts. Actually, I expect they will try to pretend that the book never existed. In my field that policy is known by the Italian expression “come non detto (as if not said).” I know all about it since my own work has long lived in that gloomy realm. -Anonymous

454. Your book is freaking awesome, Alex! I’m about 2/3rds through it, and I could not be more impressed. You knocked it out of the park. I’m recommending it left and right, including to a bunch of high-impact people who I’m not sure would have encountered it through other channels. Definitely let me know if there’s any additional way I can help, but mostly I’m just writing to offer a well-earned congrats and thank you. You’re changing the world. -Ray G.

455. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* finally presents a vital counterargument to the irrational fear mongering and scare tactics employed by

the Greens and anti-humanists. Energy is life, and more energy is a better, happier, more rewarding and fulfilling life. Fossil fuels empower society and provide the ability for us to improve the lives of billions of people all over the world, while simultaneously improving...not destroying...the environment in which we live. Epstein has laid out the facts in a compelling narrative that should be required reading at every school and university. -Joseph Palaia

456. We are huge supporters of your efforts. Personally, I believe *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is a seminal piece of work and should be required reading for every kid in Social Studies 11 across North America! Alex, it was fantastic. I was handed an early copy from my close contacts at Kinder Morgan. The book is making quite a stir. -Brent

457. After listening to this audiobook, I understand the human cost of the anti-fossil fuel movement. I believe in protecting our environment and have always tried to be “green.” I can now make better and informed choices. -Anonymous

458. Honestly I believe it should be taught in schools. It makes so much sense and is easy to read and comprehend. I recommend it to everyone. I constantly share [Alex’s] posts and use his book when discussing global warming, green fuels, etc. I have often thought about organizing a local center for progress club for Akron, Ohio. -Kenneth Goodwin

459. Alex has created a stunning achievement of integration and morality. **He has written a superbly argued work with such original thinking that I obsessed over it (and continue to). I’ve advanced his arguments over the summer with anyone who’d listen. What I saw was the crumbling of my friends’ arguments under the weight of ideas they’d never considered.** -Tom Booker

460. The book has completely changed the way I think about energy and present my views. I have become obsessed with this topic that I previously knew little about. I am an anesthesiologist at the University of Utah and am now working on a presentation for residents and students to teach them the importance of fossil fuels in our profession. For example, most of the supplies, anesthetic gases, medicines, ventilators, and the power to run them are directly a result of petroleum. They need to understand the importance of energy to our profession!
-Jennifer DeCou

461. I appreciate how you generally try to find common ground with people who may disagree (funny how civil discourse is now such a rare and hard to accomplish thing!) with the philosophy. The whole context approach of bad AND good data (i.e., - earth is warming!! Yes, BUT people live longer and better lives!) is also refreshing. -Ben C.

462. I follow the energy topic as a side interest outside of my profession. **Whenever I share your videos with friends they change their opinion on the energy topic, or at the least start to rethink their position.** -Grant P.

463. I watch your man-on-the-street [videos]... and smile at the confounded faces of earth activists who bridle at your reason, that is what it is to trespass a taboo, and seeing the dialectic in action on their faces which is like watching a child grasp a new concept. Even though the concept of a despoliation of the earth is self-evidently good idea (a precept) and necessary to our continued flourishing it is science and technological inventions by humans that will sustain us tomorrow and beyond. I personally gravitate to your arguments like I did with Michael Crichton in his campaign against [climate alarmists]. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! -Kevin L.

464. I just recently read your book and want to become a positive advocate for the fossil fuel industry through presentations to community clubs and organizations. Your book would be the basis for my information. -Douglas R.

465. [Alex's work has impacted me] (1) By reminding me of all the innumerable ways in which energy underlies every other wonder and necessity of our modern industrial-technological society, and by illuminating countless new ones previously unconsidered. (2) By making the incredibly relevant and compelling case that the energy-fueled modern world we have created is in fact the greatest improvement on the human environment mankind has ever experienced, and that through further energy-fueled discovery and innovation we can make still greater improvements on our many world environments- an obvious and powerful truth that no less goes shockingly untold in our contemporary age, even among the world's energy class. -Chris B.

466. **It has given me information to use in voting for politicians and policies affecting energy.** As well as educating me on just how much depends on fossil fuels. -Tyson

467. I had never been so excited for a book's release date. I pre-ordered several copies to hand out along with a hardcover copy to go on my bookshelf. I stumbled across *Power Hour* after attending [a conference Alex spoke at] and have enthusiastically kept up with Alex's work ever since. I think his work is not only impacting the way our culture views fossil fuels directly but also indirectly by helping those of us better understand how to think and argue in defense of our lives. -Brian

468. I never realized just how much of my world depends upon oil production; Mr. Epstein's lecture made me realize that oil is a commodity which civilization cannot survive without and therefore

its production is not only vital, but moral. -Monika D.

469. I found the passion and knowledge that Alex "The Oil Man" Epstein shared in his talk at the University of Minnesota deeply inspiring. Alex has the rare ability to take his listeners' context into consideration and show how otherwise meaningless facts relate to our lives. After leaving his talk, I understood how rich my life is because of oil and how important industrial progress is to human life. -Elizabeth O'Brien

470. Alex Epstein opened my eyes to the true value of energy during his talk at The University of Washington. He presented the big picture of how energy is crucial to human life and was able to back up his conclusions with relevant facts and arguments. I look forward to his next visit! -Bill H.

471. I commend you on everything you've done so far, and on everything I know you'll continue to do. . . . I have to say, I don't know a lot about energy and climate. For someone so interested in politics, though (not to mention someone who's made the decision to study Political Rhetoric and Public Discourse at Berkeley...), I hope to learn from you, regardless of whether or not I come into reading your book agreeing or disagreeing with you. I will always sign on to a moral and humanistic approach to a topic. I can't wait to continue reading. -Mattingly M.

472. The debate was awesome man! Marlowe totally took a page out of your playbook and took the moral high ground. It was beautiful. A lot of the students were on his side and agreeing with the moral duty to burn fossil fuels. That other dude calling for the carbon tax just had no rebuttal. He was just trying his complex math and different economic approach and it didn't speak to the heart of the people at all. Before recently it was the other way around. And the fossil fuel advocates were always the ones bringing up

economic benefits and just like talking about different numbers and the complex "over your head" type stuff but when you come right out of the gate to take the moral high ground you flip it around on them and there's just really no logical way to refute it. I think taking the approach in these debates and these different scenarios with the goal of really getting to the heart of the person and really explaining that fossil fuels and fossil fuel advocates are actually the compassionate ones is the saving grace to the fossil fuels' existence. -Ben N.

473. I do enjoy listening to your [podcast] and the videos where you go out and debate the protestors. You're very good at staying calm and trying to bring forth an argument they might actually listen to because obviously straight facts wouldn't phase them as they would just say they were oil company (or coal or nuclear) propaganda. To pay for university I took a job as a labourer in the Canadian Oil Sands and when I left straight from finishing my high school exams to work there, all I heard about the place made me believe I was heading to some sort of apocalyptic terrible place devoid of trees and wild life. It couldn't have been further from the truth. Now having educated myself thoroughly on the oil sands I always try to debunk the myths when I hear people mention them. -Jeff W.

474. You are the antidote to my pessimism. Thank you for your dedication and your enterprise in founding CIP. -Joe D.

475. Dear Mr. Epstein, I was channel surfing and accidentally found your presentation at the Heritage Foundation. I had no idea that someone had solid facts and factual commonsense to counter the overzealous environmentalists. My frustration started with Al Gore receiving the Nobel prize for his self-promotion of global warming. The public has been so brainwashed on almost every environmental issue!!!! Thank you so

much for persevering with the truth.

-Donovan E.

476. Alex's work on fossil fuels has given me the opportunity to see the benefits of fossil fuels in an entirely new light, that of a humanist. Making the moral case for fossil fuels when debating the fossil fuel issues takes away politics and predispositions and levels the playing field as humans. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] changed my way of thinking about how to champion the benefits of fossil fuels. It also provides the data to argue against the inefficient "green" or "environmentally friendly" movement of solar and wind versus fossil fuel development. -Thomas Rafferty

477. I was introduced to *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* recently and have read the entire book. I agree with the work and understand that there must be a reasonable balance between cheap reliable energy sources and the environment that will promote human flourishing. I do not ascribe to the world view that humans are a scourge on the planet, and I believe that Alex's work promotes the reasonable and responsible usage of hydrocarbon fuels. -Anonymous

478. I work in an industry that creates materials and products for the oil & gas companies, Alex's focused work and calm demeanor have been great food for thought in my discussions with these companies and spreading the knowledge. Thx! -Jeff

479. Alex's idea of the moral imperative for the use of fossil fuels has clarified the issues for me. -Anonymous

480. Made concrete much of what I knew implicitly allowing me to defend it better. -Derek Brown

481. Fossil fuels and the climate change debate were topics of interest that I did not know much about, aside from the mainstream narrative. After watching some videos on YouTube featuring Alex, I feel much more educated and able to make informed decisions/arguments on the topics. My interest has only grown since listening to Alex. -Ryan Fernandez

482. As an Objectivist, I've understood for many years that the positives of fossil fuels outweigh the negatives. Alex's writings, lectures, and debates provide a lot of conceptual ammunition--it's easier to argue against the tree-huggers when one understands the issue in terms of human flourishing instead of environmental impact. -Lou Almon

483. Alex is one of the most interesting persons I have ever encountered and I follow him and his work closely. I hope you are aiming for the stars Alex because you have some great ideas that the world needs to hear! -Tomas Öberg

484. I do not accept conjecture about concepts, I am a stickler for the full picture, context and truth. Alex has truly educated me to the point that I am gaining confidence progressively on the subject and its overwhelming benefits. -Dr. Rory Townsend

485. I have a much more positive view of industry

- I have a much more positive view about the state of the natural world

- I understand much better how to think in an integrated manner about man and his environment

- Although I don't have a lot of experience with one-on-one conversations on this issue, I feel like I could have a much better chance at engaging a person, without triggering defensiveness from him, and encouraging him to check out an educational resource

- I can talk about fossil fuels and related issues with a lot more confidence

- I don't actively seek out opportunities to champion the fossil fuel industry, though I have in the past -Mark Swan

486. Alex coherently systemized the rational arguments in favor of fossil fuels and against the eco-hysteria of the climate change religion. -Claudio

487. Alex clarified many doubts that I had regarding the effects fossil fuel had on the environment. He also helped expand my understanding of the positive impacts of fossil fuels on human flourishing. While the willingness to champion fossil fuels was already there Alex has definitely enhanced my ability to do so. -Vijay Krishnamoorthy

488. Illuminating and reinforcing of my views on energy resources and benefits. -Ric Carhart

489. I was never a hater of fossil fuels, but I didn't understand the full context of the issue or many of the finer details. Alex has given me a great deal of good stuff to integrate into my own thinking. -Tim White

490. I am grateful I came across Alex Epstein's work. As an engineer it has been fun learning about the details of energy production and as a thinker it has been enlightening to explore the philosophical and moral arguments. I am now eager to extol the benefits provided to us by the fossil fuel industry. -Michael

491. I now view industry as a moral good. -Lode

492. Providing much needed information to the brainwashed youth who were taught fossil fuels are evil. -David

493. Gave me the evidence to support my intuition that technology drives human well-being. -Clifton Brown

494. Alex presents a compelling, logical, non-emotional argument in a simple and articulate way. Human flourishing is a great framework and very powerful. I work at Penn State. Although, it would be controversial, it would be great if you could come here to speak. -David McCobin

495. Besides adding some new information, it provided me with more confidence in my previous positions vis-a-vis fossil fuels and the environment. -Anonymous

496. As a scientist who is also an aspiring writer on issues of science, the state, corruption of science, etc., Alex's lectures/podcasts, writings, and overall perspective and arguments have improved and reformed my thinking. Every writing project I engage in on the issue of science and politics will have been improved by being exposed to Alex's work. -Kyle J. Mamounis

497. My best read ever on fossil fuels. -Alexander

498. Since Mr. Epstein is the only positive (non-corporate) advocate I hear on a regular basis, he has enlightened me on the industry without the corporate baggage. -Travis

499. Gave me a better perspective on how to back up my gut feelings in support of the industry. -Anonymous

500. Gave me a theoretical framework to argue for human life and for *real* clean and reliable energy sources. -Anonymous

501. I never really thought much about the fossil fuel industry and was neutral or slightly

positive towards it. Alex's work has illuminated my thinking about it and has helped me understand just how critical the fossil fuel industry is to human life. -Randall Weytens

502. Alex has substantially raised my awareness of the positive impact of fossil fuels and of the importance of pointing out how the Greens always highlight the costs but omit the benefits. He has also had a significant impact on encouraging me to reframe the debate by putting it in terms of the assertion of the positives and not just a refutation of the negatives. -Andrew Trager

503. I already had a positive outlook on fossil fuel, but Alex' work helped me understand their real positive impact. -Anonymous

504. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Better appreciation for the value of fossil fuels. Better able to make the moral case before the economic case. -Dave Weatherell

505. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] encouraged me to champion [the fossil fuel industry] by letting me know there were more people thinking about the issue from a logical perspective, and especially by giving me tools to combat the dogmatic belief in catastrophic man-made climate change which is infuriating to deal with. -Ilai

506. Revolutionary and nothing short of extraordinary. In addition to giving me coherent and compelling, articulate and concise words and voice to many of my instinctive and implicit values of the energy and industry that I already possessed but couldn't always define, he went to a whole new level of perspective and knowledge on the subject that completely changed what I focused on as important in the intellectual battle to support this industry, and how to think about the various claims and defenses being made in its name. -Chris

507. Alex helped to inform me of the positive impacts that the oil industry has made for poor countries. I had no concept of the good it does outside the US. I live in Wyoming and support oil but wasn't informed. After following Alex, I can now have an articulate conversation and properly counter the usual attacks that come from uninformed propaganda. Now I am passionate and pursue further knowledge. I have found that I am able to stifle any attempt at an argument with information I've found via Alex. My favorite is the debunking of the 97 percent claim. That's usually the biggest stake a leftist argumentation has to hold on to. I now have the education to say "I'm so glad you brought that up". -Leah Juarez

508. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Understanding the essentials of environmentalism and the importance of fossil fuels. Understanding how this political issue relates to morality. Understanding the opposition. Understanding some of the science (and lack thereof) involved, so I feel more confident when thinking and discussing the issue. -June

509. I was never anti-fossil fuels per se, I kind of thought they were a necessary evil. Now I know just how fantastic they are. -Matt

510. Alex Epstein's work has given me a more complete and accurate assessment of the pros and cons of the fossil fuel industry and given me the tools I need to persuasively defend it in the face of Leftist opposition. -Peter Kinney

511. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Provided a strong argument for the importance of energy to human civilization, which is useful for myself as I am constantly surrounded by climate alarmists. -Deepaesh life. -Randall Weytens

512. [Alex's] clear thinking made me reexamine the so-called "truths" advocated by enemies of

human flourishing. I think of the energy and fossil fuels realm as an exemplar, but I don't necessarily view cheap & reliable energy as *that one thing* that makes the difference between good and bad life on this planet. I hope Alex will touch other important realms, and I hope to do that too, albeit in smaller scale. -Gilad

513. I can't overstate the impact. I had always been skeptical of the hysteria surrounding fossil fuels, but was never able to defend the industry until I encountered Alex's work. Now instead of shying away and avoiding these discussions I gladly take part to share what I know. -Brad

514. Very positive influence and Alex Epstein provided clarity on several aspects of the benefits of fossil fuels to society at large that I was less articulate on prior to being exposed to his work. -Tom Stacy

515. Alex helped me to reaffirm my thoughts and beliefs on the industry. I like knowing there are others who understand that fossil fuels improve our quality of life. I hope someday to find an avenue to help contribute and educate those who don't understand on a much larger stage. Keep up the good work Alex. -Jason Legge

516. Epstein' work on fossil fuels turned my view from a neutral, quiet stance on the industry. It gave me a positive view on fossil fuels and has taught me many valuable points to use in the "energy discussion." Mainly, it turned my focus towards the positive impact on human life. -David

517. As a father of three school age daughters I was seeing what they were being taught about fossil fuels, it was more like propaganda than teaching. I am now able to confidently teach my kids the truth about fossil fuels. We are actually strongly considering home schooling them this

coming fall and intend to use "Moral Case" as part of our curriculum. -Michael

518. Alex does an excellent job of clarifying the real facts that are often hid from the public. -John

519. Alex dissects the discussion behind climate catastrophe and uses cost-benefit analysis to summarize the amazing benefits of fossil fuels on humanity. -Kelsie W.

520. Alex's work has significantly clarified and improved my understanding of the fossil fuel industry's enormous positive effects on human life and well-being. -Robert Miller

521. Fact-based cost-benefit analysis outlook of environment and energy. Puts those in opposition to energy freedom on the defensive. -Josh Sayre

522. Alex's work made me a better champion for liberty. Being able to competently persuade friends and family when it comes to fossil fuels and the environment has been one of the most practical additions to my philosophical toolbox -Mike Swartz

523. Alex has led me to a much more rational view of the impact fossil fuels have had for the good of mankind. -Christopher

524. I have become a confident supporter of fossil fuels. -John Stretch

525. Alex's work has countered false information spread by the leftist media on the issue of climate change and fossil fuels. -Andrew

526. I was born and raised in Southern West Virginia. My father worked for US Steel's coal mining operations for 42 years. I have always defended coal, gas and oil. I am an electrical

engineer and understand the efficiencies of different energy sources and the processes of converting energy from one form to another. I am an Objectivist and admire Alex Epstein's writing and campaign for rational approaches to environmental issues. I sarcastically say if Bill Nye is qualified as a climatologist by being educated as a mechanical engineer, that means that I can qualify as a brain surgeon if it makes me feel good. -Rodney Shapard, Sr.

527. Eye opening. I'm always fascinated by seeing majority claims be debunked by data. I only am willing to passively point people towards the truth and how important context and critical thinking are. -James

528. My first exposure [to Alex] was via the Rubin Report. And he and his book helped me understand the facts and arguments about the reality of the world, energy, and people. -Patrick Henry

529. We need more Alex Epsteins in the world today. -Mark Schmalz

530. It helped me realize how important the issue of energy freedom is to my day-to-day existence in the modern world I've grown to love and depend on. Before reading his work I wasn't aware of how crucial energy freedom was to modern life. Now energy liberation is a major issue for me, and I see the fight for energy liberation as an effort to improve human life and well-being. -Marco Otero

531. No guilt anymore living as a human on this planet. -Moritz

532. Listening to Alex has helped me to gain perspective on the subject in a way that was very difficult before due to the overwhelming demonization of fossil fuels in the media. His

flawless logic and clarity of thought is very attractive to me. -Anonymous

533. The most convincing and scientifically hard evidence based book on Energy I have read so far, excellent work, and deeply underestimated by many Environmentalists. A must read for anyone who is honestly interested in climate change and our energy based future human Lives. -Wouter Hurkmans

534. I now have a much fuller grasp on how one must consider the consequences of an industry on more than just environmental impact. All areas affected must be analyzed, to include socioeconomics, politics, culture etc. to determine a balance than minimizes the negative and maximizes the positive. There is usually no need to over-regulate an industry out of business at the cost of human lives. -Kevin Hayden

535. I've always championed the industry, especially online. Alex made me even more confident. -DW Berkley

536. I always felt that the negative effects of fossil fuels were exaggerated, but I really didn't realize all of the positive effects until I read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. I have two of the [I Love Fossil Fuels] t-shirts. -Vic

537. Alex is one of those rare people who is knowledgeable, thoughtful, eloquent, without being off-putting or argumentative. Exactly what is needed to move a conversation forward. His ability to articulate what many of us suspect intuitively is extremely helpful. He also provides a framework to create productive conversations that extends far beyond the conversation of fossil fuels. -Chuck Davis

538. Opened my eyes to the reasonable and now obvious truth about the importance of fossil

fuels and realistic innovation for energy sources in order to continue and improve worldwide human flourishing. -April

539. Life-changing. Alex is one of my favorite speakers--loved watching him destroy the senate committee. -Ariana Farber

540. It completely changes one's perspective, from feeling guilty as a human being contributing to supposedly destroying the planet, to understanding the life-serving values that fossil fuels provide. It has made me more confident and non-apologetic as regards human progress, and deciding the right foundation of any thought--human flourishing. -Prakhar Jain

541. Game changing, in that I now see a world of vast opportunities where I only saw doom and gloom beforehand. **I graduated with a degree in Biology from a very left leaning school in Canada and was utterly convinced that humanity was heading towards disaster, brought about by our consumption of fossil fuels.** Once getting out in to the world I found it more and more difficult to ignore the obvious evidence to the contrary. I started looking into alternate viewpoints, considering and being convinced of the other side of the story. While I was no longer convinced of the doom, I was not confident in making any kind of case for the positive side of fossil fuels. By the time I first came across the work of Alex Epstein I was certainly ready for his well formulated position and clear thoughts. **His ideas really gave me the intellectual material and fuel I needed to leap over to the side of progress and prosperity. I feel much more confident about my new position and confident about my ability to share it publicly.** -Jesse Lemieus

542. Quintessential. [Alex] didn't just provide the facts and information that led to my current position on the topic; he provided a framework

and methodology that helped me clear my head and organize my thinking in how I approach the topic altogether. -Colin Hamilton

543. Epstein's work is an eye-opener. Most have already made up their minds to hate on fossil fuels, this would be difficult to change. It's like they're in an "Anti-Fossil fuel" religion, any contradicting views would be deemed blasphemous and they get super defensive. -Anonymous

544. I used to think of fossil fuels as a necessary evil, rather than a necessary good for sustaining human life. -Alexander Neuman

545. Mr. Epstein's work has opened my eyes to the overall impact of the fossil fuel industry. While there may be valid concerns regarding the negative impact of the fossil industry, it's important to study and familiarize ourselves with the data. When someone does, afterward it becomes overwhelmingly clear... fossil fuel energies have impacted mankind profoundly and has allowed us to harness this power and flourish. -Jose E Sanchez Jr.

546. Alex has opened my eyes to necessity of fossil fuels for the good of humankind as well as the hypocrisy and stupidity of the opponents. -Ryan Swan

547. Best presentation of the case for fossil fuels. Beginning at the calorie level is brilliant! -Len Martin

548. Alex's work has removed the confusion I had surrounding the details of fossil fuel production and use. As a longtime supporter of a capitalist economy and freedom based morality, I welcomed his cognitive and analytic approach to the subject, and his well-presented arguments. I'm grateful to Alex for putting in the hard work to dig

so deeply into these muddy waters and present a clear picture of the energy industry. It's rare to find such clarity on a subject where political and media agendas seem so influential.

I shared the ideas with my parents, and my uncle also read the book (He's a retired high school science teacher). My uncle was impressed and, after not knowing him all that well beforehand, we bonded and discussed this and many other topics during his visit. I think he now sees me in a whole new light, thanks to your book.

Thank you Alex. You're a good man. -Chris

549. I am excited to share the virtues of fossil fuels. -Bobbie

550. He has reframed the whole debate in a way that anyone can argue. -Robert Borer

551. He gives me easy access to facts and figures in his book that makes it easier to open ignorant eyes and failing that I just ram facts down their throats until they run away. -Kevin Walsh

552. Alex's work is extremely important, especially in this divisive age we're living in. I am better prepared to engage people on this subject because of Alex. -Guy DiDio

553. The mainstream media have [provided] a skewed view of fossil fuels. It was hard to find a good body of concise information on the issue. Once I realized there was an agenda against fossil fuels I became fossil fuel "neutral"; but reading Alex made me fossil fuel "positive."
-Anton Warren

554. The key phrase "human flourishing" is a wonderful linchpin for checking premises. I've always championed the industry in general, but Epstein's work has helped me correctly frame

the standard of value from which to argue points.
-Roger

555. Significant impact on how I objectively approach the topic. Increased my overall situational awareness on climate change and how to engage in the conversation. -Gerry Valdez

556. Finding an island of rational evidence presentation in an ocean of hyper emotion.
-Anonymous

557. Game-changing. -Michael Davis

558. To see Alex's drive and passion is inspiring in and of itself, not just with regards to fossil fuels, but with all aspects of modern discourse. In this cynical, self-deprecating, self-hating age, rife with post-modernist thought, Alex's arguments about the value of human life and the extent of mankind's capabilities are a light in the dark.
-David Foster

559. Alex has contributed to my knowledge and helped me form logical fact-based arguments for fossil fuels. -Patrick Turnbull

560. Alex has given me emotional fuel to fight for the things important to me. -Anonymous

561. The framework provided, and the methodology of thinking has given me internal clarity on the full context of the energy field. I feel that I am able to discuss with confidence to willing ears the pro-energy viewpoint in a coherent, and warm manner. -Daniel

562. It has been eye-opening, to say the least. I'd understood how important easily accessible and scalable energy was to life in general, but I don't think I'd understood fully the ramifications of those arguments against the use and development of fossil fuels. -Jeremiah Cobra

563. After reading [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*], the point that stuck with me the most is your leading argument: the typical anti-fossil fuel environmentalist does not 1) truly value human life as the ultimate standard and/or 2) does not correctly value fossil fuels. -Aaron Goold

564. Epstein has extensive comprehension of facts and can apply them to first principles of what does humanity really want/need. -Steve

565. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Has improved my ability to defend the fossil fuel industry and to debunk excessive claims of climate alarmists. -Tom Abdella

566. A major eye opener. -Jerry

567. **Before my encounter with Alex Epstein's work, I, like many others, was convinced that fossil fuels are a necessary evil, that have served their purpose in the past and maybe will serve their purpose in the near future.** In the long term however I thought it would be a matter of time until other sources (solar and wind) will become more common and pretty much the standard. After reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, however, I am convinced that by the virtue of their ubiquity and their usability, fossil fuels are still a valid way of generating power which drive forward our economy and will provide the ground for progress in third world countries that will give people living there the opportunity to live decent in an environment fit for human beings. -Benno

568. [Alex] consolidated all the facts and statistics to argue against exaggerated catastrophe politics. I feel energized to use this information and I use whenever I can. -Anonymous

569. Alex has had a definite impact as a voice for reason. He has developed a technique in communicating the value of energy that will win

over the arguments of radical environmentalists. Using philosophy (logic) to bring reason to the discussion of energy and the role that it plays in human flourishing. I am looking forward to his further development in this area. -Gary

570. [Alex's work has given me] [n]ewfound confidence and interest in the field, its technology and in public policy. -August

571. I'd summarize it as a change in my way of thinking about the topic. Changing from just being skeptical about global warming/climate change alarmism, to holding human flourishing as the standard. Thanks Mr. Epstein. -Klay Taylor

572. Brilliant, eye opening. I am a 100% believer in fossil fuels to better human life, a global warming denier and ready to champion the cause. -Anonymous

573. [On the impact of Alex's work] More intellectual ammunition than any other source. (Thanks!) -Ron Hickman

574. I've come to understand and appreciate the immensity of how much fossil fuels make an amazing life and amazing human environment possible, and how much more could be possible were the industry less restricted. -Chad

575. Alex has amazing and never seen before ability to put together philosophy, clear reasoning against neo-Marxist propaganda hidden under [an] environmental movement that is built on primal fears, lies, and exaggerations. -Lucas

576. Climate change for many today is like religion. Since it is faith based, no amount of talk from me will change people's minds; no matter how carefully, logically, gently, reasonably put. Personally I love your work though Alex. The world

needs people like you. But I don't have the energy / desire to consistently bang my head against the brick wall of people who won't listen to logic / fact / reasoned argument. Only to be told that I'm the one who is anti science and morally questionable. I do try, oh boy do I try, but I'm always the odd one out in a group of 5--20. I'm amazed and super thankful that you can keep going. -Ian

577. He increased my knowledge level a great deal. Presented arguments I hadn't thought of before. -Jacques Y Boudreau

578. Life changing. Epstein's book opened my eyes. -Anonymous

579. Grown my ability to discuss this issue in a logical and mind-changing fashion. Able to draw people out to the bigger picture which forces them to confront the inherent problems in their arguments. -Greg Gardner

580. He's definitely made me more articulate in my defense of fossil fuels. -Matt

581. [Alex's] YouTube videos helped understand how fossil fuel is vital to our lives. -Anonymous

582. Sticking to the facts--not wavering. Keep up the great work! -Michael

583. Alex's approach is a clear unambiguous solution for how to think about the whole climate change scenario. While scientists argue over data sets, the moral position is clear and irrefutable whatever your view of the science. -John Atkins

584. Changed how I approach the issue. Unused to argue the science. -Joel Schottenfeld

585. Excellent research, valuable insights. Thought-provoking topics and great guests on Power Hour. Listen to the podcasts to and from

work daily. Have had numerous discussions within my circle of friends and family as a result of your contributions to the study of energy, history, current events, and its application to human progress. As a Christian, I come to the table and join your audience from a slightly different angle, but there is much we agree on. Thank you and your team for the wealth of resources you've provided and communicating these issues in such a thorough manner, the clarity is a blessing. -Mike

586. Alex's work has enabled me to better understand and communicate the importance and positives of fossil fuels. -Richard

587. Great work. Very interesting, likable, brilliantly informative presentations. -Gregory Hahn

588. I believe [fossil fuel energy] is most beneficial to human flourishing in the big picture. I do not believe the alarmists, their predictions are always wrong. -Gayle Parker

589. Alex has a powerful talent of simply communicating the benefits of fossil fuels and nuclear energy for mankind and illustrating the flaws in the detractors' arguments in restricting and banning these sources of energy. -Dan

590. **I love it. I did a complete 180 on fossil fuels after reading the *Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*.** I'd love to see Alex speak live and talk with him in person. -Patrick

591. Great work. I bought ten copies for my coworkers. So important to have a balanced conversation which currently is not happening with many of our politicians, celebrities, etc. -Travis

592. I think [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] is clear and well supported. I would recommend this

book to somebody on the fence or who has limited knowledge. I would push for somebody to watch an Inconvenient Truth then after to read this book (or vice-versa). It deals primarily in numbers and not solely in projections. -Justin Ridgell

593. Much more skeptical and less concerned about the CO2 issue. More appreciative of the positive impact of cheap energy on quality of life at all socio-economic levels. -Anonymous

594. Incalculably valuable tool to spread truth and understanding on the subject. As a farmer it's a very important issue to myself being that I use fossil fuels in conjunction with the environment to make a living and produce food. **I am now more than willing to challenge opponents to fossil fuels, and often convert them to my way of thinking.** -Mark Neddenriep

595. I now have a much greater understanding of all of the many benefits of fossil fuels. -Zerin Petersen

596. Alex provides incredibly impactful and meaningful analysis of an industry that has been maligned by the media and itself. Can't wait to see what he produces next. -Paul Taske

597. Alex Epstein's work taught me how to re-evaluate issues under the standard of maximizing human flourishing. Rather than qualifying the industry of fossil fuels as a necessary evil like many leaders do nowadays, Epstein is able to convey, quite simply, how much man's life is not only dependent upon energy, but more importantly, dependent upon energy that is cheap, safe, reliable, efficient, and scalable. These points are often lost in the mainstream discussion of fossil fuels. For this reason, along with the fact that most studies are now done by public bureaucracies rather than private institutes, I have found his contextual standards of looking

at both positives and negatives tremendously impactful in not overlooking biases. Specifically, Epstein's work taught me how dangerous it is to accept the ideas of experts on the grounds of them simply being experts without thinking their work through for myself. Lastly, and most of all, his work has enlightened me on the evil foundational pillars that form the "green," or unreliable, energy movement. He taught how their philosophy is truly an anti-man and an anti-mind philosophy at its core. Rather than celebrating the man of production, of genius, of achievement, the anti-fossil fuel movement celebrates the man of no impact, of no footprint, of nothing. Thanks to Alex Epstein, I have realized this very fact and I have grown in my ability to champion the fossil fuel industry as the primary industry that it is.

-Jonathon

598. Turn the table: Now I argue from the moral position together with new found data on jobs, natural disasters and economic development. -Sander

599. Life changing. Especially due to the emphasis on the different standards of value placed at the base of the different ideologies/viewpoints. -Anonymous

600. He gave me a better understanding of the big picture, which is a position that is never mentioned in the media. It shows someone who cares about the problems when discussing the pros and cons, which makes it easier to champion those views. -Seth Gunderson

601. I'll put it this way: After encountering Epstein's work on fossil fuels, I proudly wear my "I love fossil fuels" pin on every flight I take and enjoy the looks of moral indignation by the Al Gore-ists and the supportive comments from those who agree that airplanes aren't fueled by solar power. -Chris Locke

602. Alex did and is doing a great job, he keeps the idea of knowledge and commonsense alive.

-Sergei Kopytkov

603. Got me way more interested in the fossil fuels industry and the potential effects of politicians/interest groups hindering the free production of fossil fuels and nuclear energy.

-Steve

604. Life changing. I wish he had a bigger microphone. -Conor

605. Changes the framework completely. Alex's ideas turn things around and make me think in human flourishing ways, rather than in minimizing the impact. -Carlos Ponce

606. He is very motivating. I also consider him a leading expert on this area. -Anonymous

607. It has given me a much better understanding on what the positives of using fossil fuels are, whereas before I had only really heard about the negatives. This has obviously increased my ability and willingness to defend their usage. -Gustav

608. Alex Epstein made me think better, not only regarding fossil fuels. I learned how to approach any subject, especially a controversial one. -Anonymous

609. A revelation in perspectives. More willing to speak up now that I realize that human flourishing should be the primary metric by which we measure energy. It was a very clarifying insight. -Graham

610. Alex has been very inspiring to me and it's encouraging that I can understand his position, which is due to the fact that he is very good at presenting the information. His testimony before

the senate, I thought, was brilliant and I have to say I was really proud of him for how he handled it. I'm very thankful to have come across his work. I first saw him on The Rubin Report. I've only read a bit of the book and watched his videos, including the debate he recently did, and I am already handling my own debates pretty well. -Anonymous

611. After listening for a while it's evident that policy makers and private enterprise need not to be environment apologists but rather let the free market take the fossil fuel industry to where it will go. Since involving myself in CIP rhetoric I feel I could have a place in the [role] of championing fossil fuels. -Samuel

612. I knew fossil fuels were good...I wasn't able to articulate it. Very eye opening. -Jeff

613. After seeing Alex on the Rubin Report I was very impressed to see this one man speaking up for the very thing that allows myself, family and most of the rest of the human race to live in comfort. I am always impressed with anyone who is willing to stand up and be counted when everyone else holds a different opinion. In this world of closed minds and environmental ideologies I will be pointing those with a willingness to learn in the direction of Alex and his extremely useful work. -Steven Macpherson

614. Before learning of Epstein's work, I always leaned toward either a moderately liberal or libertarian view on environmental policy. I believed that complex regulations may not have fit into the fundamental role of government but were necessary because the fossil fuel industry was killing polar bears and sinking cities. After encountering Epstein's work, I had really only first learned about the positive impact of fossil fuels on human survival. This knowledge then later grew as I became fascinated in this topic and started looking into other views that counter those in the

so-called “97% of all climate scientists” (which I know is not true). **I’ve gone from someone who will just stay silent or agree with the narrative pushed in a traditional liberal education environment to someone who will be skeptical to my teachers and classmates, and I have countered the people I used to mindlessly agree with.** -Ryan Braun

615. Increased my confidence in my position.
-Ben

616. It’s helped me organize views I already had. [I] Particularly like [the] expression that fossil fuels help us take a hostile environment and make it safer. -Joseph H. Born

617. Alex has done a great job at giving me a baseline of how the environmentalists are wrong. He looks at the cost-benefit analysis of fossil fuels, which I love. He doesn’t just look at it in a perspective of purely environment, he includes the economics of it too. -Anonymous

618. He definitely opened my eyes. It still seems a daunting task to ‘convert’ others, but it most definitely seems worth it. -Daved

619. I am now armed with a framework that guides my discussions with others based on rational thought and observable facts. -Kipper

620. Completely changed my mind on the “climate change” debate. -Jake Hanley

621. Alex’s framing of the issue as one like everything else we deal with in life, having pluses and minuses, has clarified things immensely for me. Rational thinking people can understand and respect this approach and are much more likely to be persuaded by it. Add to that the focus on making human flourishing the standard of value and Alex has been able to claim the moral high ground. Being able to argue the merits of

fossil fuels by pros and cons and hold the moral high ground has added greatly to my confidence in speaking on the subject. -Danny Grant and classmates, and I have countered the people I used to mindlessly agree with. -Ryan Braun

622. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] has clarified the argument framework for energy/environmental debates. Epstein’s work has presented clearly some of the very difficult scientific studies and models that previously confused me. -Brenda

623. Alex has validated and provided examples of the benefits of fossil fuels, confirming what I felt, and articulating what I was unable to adequately voice. I feel like I have better knowledge for dealing with negative jabs to fossil fuels, and the industry in general. His exposure of the “false” claims and subsidized costs of the so-called renewable energy sources is especially useful for countering the greenies. -Ken

624. The book and Alex’s talks made me much more interested in the energy debate and the importance of framing in the debate. I can make a good case for being a skeptic when it comes to climate change alarmism but I’m not the most well-versed in arguments that could convince alarmists of the virtues of the fossil fuel industry. -Sean Philippi

625. Since discovering Alex, my self-esteem has increased ten-fold. With my current understanding of how fossil fuels enhance the lives of billions across the globe, I have the confidence to stand up to those who would try to condemn the use of fossil fuels. -Kalvin Johnson

626. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] was the first book that has the big picture and explains the facts about fossil fuels clearly. It really is a breath of fresh air and finally uses reason, logic

and facts to explain why we should support this industry. I just wish the oil companies themselves would use and help distribute the book to a wider audience. -Thomas OLeary

627. I am much better educated and more comfortable speaking out. -John Cerasuolo

628. He's confirmed my doubts about the Left's party line talking points against fossil fuels for green energy, the sanctions against fossil fuels, subsidies and pocket lining of green energy companies as well as any and all Leftists that carry power and greed for giant corporate redistribution of wealth! -Steph Boeker

629. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Gave me access to more reference materials useful to me in supporting the fossil fuels industry. -Donald

630. I live in Sweden, the "Mecca" of the green movement, I use to belong to that group during the age 15-20 years, And I was very close in starting a career in the green direction. But luckily I didn't. Before I met Alex work I was already getting towards his ideas, but the fact is, Alex is the reason why it all became clear for me Thanks Alex, for your incredible courage and your ability to clarify the world we leave in! -Mikael Mongård

631. As Alex would say, I now view fossil fuels as a necessary good instead of a necessary evil. -Eric Gmutza

632. Alex's work has inspired me to try to do for the pharmaceuticals industry what he is doing for the fossil fuels industry. Of necessity, I will be willing to champion the industry that makes the pharmaceuticals industry possible. -Paula Hall

633. Because of Alex's work I am able to understand the positives and negatives of fossil fuel use (learning how the positives outweigh the

negatives), while gaining so much knowledge on all energy sources. His teachings over the last 4 years have allowed me to think more clearly in regards to everything in my life, and more specifically, communicate the importance of the fossil fuel industry. -Thomas B.

634. I would summarize the impact of Alex Epstein's work on fossil fuels on my life as positive, including my willingness and ability to champion the fossil fuel industry whenever I have an opportunity to do so. -Vincent Davis

635. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is the first book that has significantly changed the way I think about things (energy and other wise) since I first ever read Ayn Rand. -Martin

636. Alex's work has had a great impact on how I reason and talk about fossil fuels and related topics. I talk about and discuss fossil fuels and evidence based reasoning with my three daughters (11, 13 and 16 yo) weekly. I am open about my position as pro-fossil fuels on social media and in life among my friends and colleagues. I hope, and think, that my open and (hopefully) balanced position and reasoning will empower others to think more positively about fossil fuels and the fossil fuel industry, and then they will spread the word. -Stefan Olofsson

637. I have been skeptical to the CO2 hysteria for quite some time, but reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and watching Alex's videos on YouTube opened my eyes to the benefits of using fossil fuels. -Hans

638. Life Changing. Not just on energy issues but helped me to think through other issues with more clarity by giving proper consideration to both positives and negatives and identifying bogus goals. -Philip Saunders

639. I have a better and greater appreciation for the role fossil fuels play in our lives, and the current need for their continued existence and development. [Alex] has also provided a great framework for thinking about humanity's energy needs and production. I'm definitely more likely to speak up about the good fossil fuels do when someone is critiquing them. -Joshua

640. I have always been willing to uphold the morality of the fossil fuel industry, but Alex's arguments from a pro-human perspective have given me a great way to start a productive dialogue with anyone. Being from Northern Alberta, **I don't encounter many committed climate alarmists, but I do find a lot of guilty consciences among people who work in the energy industry. It's a shame to see people engage in life-serving careers but consider their field morally ambiguous or even explicitly destructive. I have recommended *The Moral Case* to many people who don't yet recognize their own moral high ground.** -Benjamin Carruthers

641. Alex is the best in his field and is very well prepared. -Arthur Berman

642. I was pro-energy before but the concept of 'maximizing human welfare' vs. 'minimizing human impact' puts things in a whole new context. Obvious once you see it, but mostly we don't until it's pointed out. -Anonymous

643. Initially, I felt like the popular consensus was clearly biased against fossil fuels and in favor of sacrificing industry to environmentalism, but that I didn't really know enough to make any kind of convincing case against that position. Through reading Alex's book, and following his other activities, I'm a great deal more confident in doing so. I have, on occasion, been able to cause a more thoughtful and honest [person] to seriously re-evaluate their position on anthropogenic

"climate change" and what we, as humans, should do about it. -Andrew Miner

644. He's a champion where no one knew they needed a champion. -King Wiemann

645. I would say that before I wouldn't have emphasized the positive impact of fossil fuels; instead, I would focus on the misrepresentations and fear-mongering of the environmentalist movement. -Janet Lee Westphal

646. I admire Alex's passion, conviction, integrity, and clear thinking methods when discussing the benefits of fossil fuel energy, which have made me rethink my own views and helped me look not only at the risks, but the rewards of fossil fuels on human development as well. His writings, speeches, and debates have sparked an interest in me when it comes to energy, the environment, and human flourishing. These issues always seemed so one-sided or muddled with out of context "facts" that I found it difficult to make sense of how this energy that was so predominant in my life, fossil fuel energy, could be so catastrophic in its impact on the earth. Around the time I started educating myself on the issue of "climate change," I discovered Alex and his book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. I now feel like I have a much clearer perspective on the positive impact of fossil fuel energy on our lives and feel very comfortable when speaking to friends, family, co-workers, or even strangers about the need to liberate the energy industry! -Daniel Poulos

647. [Alex] has turned isolated ideas into an understandable whole. -Carlos Maurer

648. Alex has done an excellent job of simplifying the debate by showing easy-to-understand ways of how fossil fuels positively impact human flourishing. I have been a climate change skeptic for some time now, and found

debating climate change extremists much harder without using the moral argument. I have bought extra copies of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* to loan out to spread the message. -Jim

649. [Alex's] work is essential, well informed and inclusive, which is most likely why no one wants to debate him. If Al Gore was a man, he would step up! -Stuart Toomey

650. He helped me to articulate the concern I had that the discussion around fossil fuels was limited. -John B. Stark, PhD

651. The impact [of Alex's work] has been unquestionably positive in all regards. -Amit

652. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] was superb. -George Rux

653. I have a new appreciation for and prism through which to view the industry as a whole. I have always had more of a positive view of the industry than many of my peers, however, that gap has only widened. I feel much more comfortable approaching the subject(s) with anyone I encounter. -Colin Plain

654. Brilliant work. Highlights the fallacies in the arguments of the Alarmists. Easy to understand key facts, great material/videos and arguments well thought through as well as countering or destroying much of the claims of the anti-fossil fuel cabal including alarmist research fund recipients with vested interests. -Kingsley Barker

655. I went from being naive and taking fossil fuels for granted to being enlightened and fully appreciating the abundant energy around me. -Anonymous

656. Outstanding. I've always doubted the negativity of the environmental [movement] with their "we will have to go back to the stone age if

the planet is to survive" premise. -Terry Smith

657. Alex shows that there is a methodical way to present fossil fuels so that they are viewed through the appropriate prism of human flourishing. I knew that this was the right way to look at the benefits of fossil fuels—but--had never taken the time to do the detailed thinking needed to come to this conclusion. Alex is a philosopher and shows that he can make very convincing arguments in support of the immense benefits of fossil fuels. -Dan Flikweert

658. He's right on and the best I've heard. Keep it up and thank you! -Joe Bartoszek

659. I feel much more educated about the concerns raised by the anti-fossil fuel groups. -RH Martin

660. I now love fossil fuels with a passion and see those who discovered them and how to harness them for human wellbeing not just as geeky engineers but as moral heroes, and those who oppose them as immoral villains who'll destroy the civilized world if we don't stop them. I want to help stop the fossil villains and champion the fossil heroes. -Richard Wills

661. [Alex has] articulated the morality of a rational energy policy that takes into account the big picture of what is needed for human flourishing. -James Reinsma

662. [Alex's work] helps clarify my positive impression of fossil fuels. -Steven Kreisman

663. Alex has given me the words and confidence to be assertive in my pro-fossil fuel beliefs. -Cole Ryan

664. Life-changing. I am constantly listening to Power Hour, I enjoy learning new information

about energy and climate and the related science and politics. I have read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and enjoyed the information and being exposed to the conciseness of thinking it conveys. I am benefitting from not only the fascinating information but love the clear thinking and reasoned positions. And I love the stories and backgrounds of the speakers. Thank you so much!! -Andy Price

665. Alex, you're not only a great advocate for the energy industry but for true humanism: the philosophy that recognizes the right of every man to flourish by his own standard of value. Through you I've learned loads about the fossil fuel industry and gained a broad contextual knowledge of the role of fossil fuels in human flourishing, especially in the context of climate change. You're a hero to me . . . -Quinn Bardon

666. This book is utterly fantastic... even better than I had hoped for. Epstein manages to integrate what holding man's life as a standard of value means with respect to evaluating the risks and benefits of fossil fuel consumption. He makes even more concession of risks than I would have been inclined to do, being less informed. That many of the claims of the environmental movement are motivated by a hatred of human action for its own sake doesn't mean that absolutely none of their claims are true. The book represents the level of research determines what bits of legitimacy there are, addressing it, and still succeeds in the most compelling argument for the, even increased, use of fossil fuels that I've seen. I'd recommend this to anyone. -Jeff Yoak

667. Why didn't I rate this after I first read it? I can't remember. Maybe I was too busy freaking out at how AWESOME it was! I heard Alex Epstein speak and it really restructured everything I'd heard about fossil fuel. I devoured his book in one sitting, then went back to re-read passages.

I like how he focuses on the *moral* case, bringing philosophy in to weigh the cost of climate change. Worth reading, even if you disagree. -Amy

668. I rarely gush about a book, but this one is an exception. I, like the author, was raised in an orthodox "green" environment where everything I've ever been taught and every person I've ever known has been unequivocal: climate change is dangerous, humans are causing it, and anything but immediate action against the use of fossil fuels and carbon emissions will damage the future of humanity. I never fully bought the mania around climate change, out of a gut feeling that we weren't being told the complete story, but didn't take the time to sit down and figure out why, until I picked up this book.

Epstein's book makes the exact opposite case, and it's worth listening to: that to stop the productive harnessing of fossil fuel energy would be devastating to today's and future humans, and moreover, if we want healthier lives, cleaner air, and a safer environment now and in the future, we should be encouraging *more* fossil fuel use and supporting the industry that develops these resources. . . .

I would not be surprised to see Epstein quickly emerge as a leading spokesperson for an alternative environmental discourse in the future. -Brian

669. Alex's work has strengthened my personal (positive) opinion of the fossil fuel industry and enhanced my ability to communicate its strengths to others through "correct thinking." -Paul Burtwistle

670. Having subscribed to Petr Beckmann's Access to Energy from the start, and having sold to Texaco and Commonwealth Edison (now ComEd, an Exelon Company), I understood the value of

energy and the value of morally supporting the industry, because it and the people who worked in it were good. Alex provided an unapologetic, in-your-face, no-holds-barred, moral defense, both in writing and in-person, that has been thrilling and motivating. His understanding of marketing and sales makes it easy for me to want to help the cause. -Eric Kalin

671. Alex's work gives me ammo to defend the fossil fuel industry. -Paul

672. It isn't my primary focus but I have learned a lot about the industry and I am not worried about challenging environmentalists. -Jack Crawford

673. **Alex took what I considered a ho-hum industry and made it very interesting by emphasizing the value of it and how to evaluate it in its proper context.** -Matthew

674. Alex has addressed the MORAL aspect of fossil fuels; precisely, human flourishing. -Dan Atkinson

675. Changed my view completely. -Shaun

676. It is transformative. It was a paradigm shift in my thinking. I became totally clear on the method and conclusions quickly. As I became more clear, my willingness to champion the industry increased as well. -Marek Michulka

677. Alex Epstein has put reason and logic to the feeling I had about the oil industry in 1972. -Ilene Skeen

678. His work was eye-opening for me. I knew that the "global warming" arguments are fraudulent, but Alex has given me a new way of thinking about it, and a better way of talking about it. -Marc Sanders

679. Alex has ignited a new enthusiasm for coloring in the big picture; and for figuring out better ways of interacting with people in my life. -Ron

680. I was on my way, but after exposure to Alex's ideas everything improved dramatically. -Erik Driessens

681. Alex has sharpened the sword, BIGLY! -Greg Moore

682. Eye-opening. -Tom Murphy

683. Alex has demonstrated a fearlessness to engage with the actual fossil fuel industries, to debate their fiercest opponents with confidence, and make a living doing so, with great personal investment. I am a Christian. I have been following Calvin Beisner and the Cornwall Alliance for years, teaching it to my homeschooled children. I'm ready to embark on a new career/business myself now that my children are grown. Alex has given me not only ammunition to do so, but a way to engage opponents in a way that is consistent with Christian doctrine yet confronts radical environmentalists *in the marketplace* with an approach that cannot be refuted. The Cornwall Alliance's audience is the churches, which need a good kick in the rear. However, Alex is engaging the marketplace. I agree with his "human flourishing"; I agree with his "bigger picture method" and I agree with his libertarian views. While I might define each of these differently as a Christian, I can fundamentally agree with them all and join Alex in the fight against the tyranny which seeks to destroy our civilization, our freedoms and our opportunities for the future (including our children and grandchildren). I intend fully to be a champion here, and Alex has shown me a path that can win in the marketplace, as an entrepreneur, making a profit (yes, there's a cost), while still being consistent with true Christian doctrine, view of

of man, purpose, and eschatology. Thank you so much, Alex. -Laura

684. Alex is the first and most influential person I have ever heard pointing out how important and beneficial fossil fuels are to individual human well-being and for our civilization. -Andrew

685. I am happier now than I was before because Alex is doing what he is doing. -Anonymous

686. Gave me specific tools to explain what I already knew but only in general principle. -Mike Marsh

687. This work [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] has increased my knowledge on the positive side of the fossil fuel industries and my confidence in defending them. -Karen Rath

688. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] offered a unique perspective. Finally, we have someone who understands that human flourishing is the goal. This represents a valuable paradigm shift. -Norman L Stephens, Jr.

689. I feel like I have a much better foundation to start from when talking about fossil fuels. I have more knowledge about the usual arguments and have a good idea on how to approach the conversation in a way that might persuade someone. -Amy Gallacher

690. I have not yet experienced a direct impact on my life based on anything that Alex has accomplished, meaning as it relates to laws passed, being passed or repealed. But I do regard Alex as a hero fighting for the fossil fuel industry or any other industry that provides safe, plentiful, transportable CHEAP energy. I do see the confidence of the energy industry increasing, especially via TV ads. I believe that

this confidence will lead to corporate courage, which will hopefully lead to the fossil fuel industry fighting back, on the correct moral grounds, for what they do for profit and for the improvement of human flourishing. -Richard Sementilli

691. **Before [discovering Alex's work] I didn't care much about fossil fuels and had a default negative view of the industry. After, I have a strong positive view of the industry and am potentially interested in joining it. My interest in the energy resource industry went up significantly after Epstein.** I'll defend fossil fuels from now on instead of denounce them, but in the rational balanced style that Alex portrays. I'm fascinated by Alex's rational persuasion style, and would love to see more on teaching the persuasion techniques, such as the constructive conversations and lunches. -Anonymous

692. Alex has enabled my ability to articulate the positive impacts of fossil fuels on human existence and has helped me increase my knowledge of fossil fuels and the industry. -Michael Fitzgibbon

693. I would have never stepped into the arena prior to Alex. Now I feel very confident in my ability to discuss it and no longer shy away from such discussions. -William Santiago

694. Epstein's arguments and his clarity and manner of presenting those arguments have given me a strong example of how to be more persuasive. Confidence in my persuasive ability is the major ingredient to my willingness to publicly and loudly support the fossil fuel industry as they deserve. I admit that I am not as skilled as I would like but I plan to continue using Epstein's work to improve. -Anonymous

695. Very effective, major paradigm shift on the issues and the way people frame the debate. -Anonymous

696. [Alex's work has] made it a much more interesting topic for me, and also realizing how much propaganda there was at school regarding the topic. -Jennifer Barlow

697. History is made by people who see the world differently. Alex is one of those people. I just did not appreciate how tremendously interwoven energy is to all contemporary living. -Anonymous

698. I went from being rather ambivalent about discussing fossil fuels to being a eager to champion the fossil fuels industry. -Lee Johnson

699. Although the benefits of fossil fuel use always seemed obvious to me I think that Alex's lucidity, clarity of argument and unfailing civility are a great example to anyone who regularly finds themselves in conversation with the proponents of climate alarmism and alternative energy. -Allen Esp

700. As I was assessing my ideas, Epstein was of great value to me in understanding the moral value of fossil fuels. It has provided me with intellectual ammunition of immense value to me, as I constantly find that I am surrounded by people who are negative to fossil fuels, and indeed, all of industry and to energy and the consumption thereof. -Simon

701. A revelation in clear thinking, moral standard and precise analysis. -Anonymous

702. His work gave me confidence that I could understand the philosophy behind the industry and feel more at ease discussing it in a rational way. -Zachary

703. I had the view that fossil fuel was a thing of the past that only corrupt people protected, but now I realize the impact it has on giving my country

a better life and that it could be devastating to let the eco-friendly crowd keep controlling the conversation around the energy we use. -Diego

704. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has given me a better understanding of the effect of Carbon-Dioxide and that much of it is beneficial or neutral in its impact on mankind, life and the environment. Stripping mankind of fossil fuels would destroy not only our quality of life, but plunge the majority of mankind into poverty and cut short the average life span. Opposition to fossil fuels is opposition to technology, health, and the advancement humans collectively. -Kirk Bertino

705. Mr. Epstein's viewpoints are an indispensable counterpoint; they are well-reasoned and, whether or not they terminate in full or even partial agreement, necessary for any person aspiring to join the conversation on the future of energy. -Alexander Bronfman

706. I was pretty ambivalent about fossil fuel industry. I had heard they weren't good in the long run but I didn't really know or care to know more. After reading and listening to Alex Epstein's arguments in favor of fossil fuels, I am now awed by just how much our world is built by fossil fuels, and how much it depends on it, and how our lifestyle simply wouldn't be possible without fossil fuels. -B. Krishnan

707. His arguments are so clear that they make sense without needing to belabor the subject. I've had an economic mind, but I didn't put together until I listened to more of Epstein that the price of energy is related to the price of literally everything else, which has obvious effects on the poor and developing economies. I now feel more comfortable with articulating my beliefs and presenting them clearly. -Anonymous

708. Epstein's work has greatly enhanced my understanding of the major issues that are involved in thinking about human use of fossil fuels, especially with reference to how we can frame the debate in terms of the benefits that fossil fuels bring to man, versus the anti-humanism of environmentalist alarmists who focus on the negative impact of fossil fuels against their "religion's" god, their sacred Gaea. -Eric Paul Nolte

709. I think Epstein's work is profoundly accessible and well-argued in the methods he uses to present his ideas (focus on human flourishing, balancing pros/cons, "big picture" thinking and remaining in-context) as well as in the language he uses which is clear and concise to the lay and intellectual alike. I feel more empowered with effective arguments when entering discussions about environmentalism and fossil fuels. I need more practice, but I'm hoping to continue to improve. -Julien Michaud

710. Far more willing to engage with folks in conversation about things pertinent to the fossil fuel industry. -Justin

711. It has helped me to see that fossil fuels impact us in more ways than just economic, but also have given us the way of life we take for granted every day. -David Thomas Keener

712. Alex Epstein's work has been eye-opening for me. He is by far my favorite resource on energy/fossil fuels and has really put these issues on the map for me. I feel much more confident in engaging in these often hostile conversations. This is one of the most important political topics and I'm trying to devour as much of Alex's content as I can. God bless you for the great work! -Matthew Marzec

713. This book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] is exactly what the energy/environment discussion

needs right now. For too long, experts have treated energy and the environment as opposites, as two distinct things that policymakers need to balance. Epstein shows how using more energy from fossil fuels actually enables us to transform our environment from something dangerous into something that allows human beings to flourish. This book will change the debate, and if enough people read it, it will change the world for the better. -Travis-F

714. Alex demonstrates the power of combatting dogma with objective facts and arguments, which has inspired me to take a more robust approach to tackling critics of fossil fuels. -Chris

715. I actually came to know Alex Epstein a couple of days ago through watching a video on YouTube by Dave Rubin (The Rubin Report). I have been watching Epstein, his talks and debates for a couple of days now and just recently read his book. But only by watching him on YouTube, I was already much more favorably towards the fossil fuel industry.

One month in the past I thought climate change was one of the biggest challenges for humanity, not realizing the big effect they had had in the past, and how, without fossil fuels, we would never be as a society where we are today. Climate change is happening, but trying to stop it globally now will harm the poorest people in the world. If you argue against fossil fuel, then the people in developing countries like China and India, will suffer the most. **I am certainly willing to tell people I know about the views of Alex Epstein, and why I agree with them.** -Matthias Smet

716. Alex has engendered an appreciation in me for how incredibly significant the impact of cheap energy is on the poorest members of society. Alex is one of the first people I've heard

to make the argument effectively that it's these unfortunate people who bear the brunt of higher prices when energy is expensive. However, the most important statistic he highlighted for me was the overall decline of deaths caused by the environment in the modern era. I think this one statistic alone makes the case better than anything else that industrialization is more necessary to the well-being of people than a mildly warming climate. -Richard

717. Alex has been the best antidote for the lying media and green movement. -Anonymous

718. **The philosophy I was able to learn from reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has changed the way I think forever.** It's truly inspiring when you can discover a method of approaching a problem that just makes sense, especially when you're surrounded by so much noise in today's Information Age. -Ryan Waits

719. Finally, educational information based on truth, not manipulated research. -Patrick C. Brown

720. Helped me meet opposite views with great intelligence. -Ray Gorka

721. The best approach ever; the "high road," based on morality-centric focus. -Doug Blakely

722. I now argue with anyone who cares about alleviating third-world poverty that the only way to do so is by allowing people to use "cheap, reliable, plentiful energy." That crisp enunciation by Alex Epstein has become the benchmark against which I evaluate all claims made about energy resources in the media. -Ameek Bhalla

723. *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* articulates the importance of fossil fuels to human development/health and progress. Good research. Good science. -Joan

724. **Changed my mind on the subject.** I now (usually) challenge those who demonize fossil fuels or who I do not think appreciate how important they are for the poorest people in the world. -Anonymous

725. Alex really opened my eyes to the whole picture, especially the agenda by left wing globalists trying to seize money and power through energy control. -Anonymous

726. Eye-opening. Being a local resident in Western New York I find myself being attacked for my views and Alex has made it so I can have a logical argument with mentally ill liberals. -Justin Rawnsley

727. I've always been uncomfortable with the "catastrophic climate change" narrative, but I never thought to frame the discussion in terms of the benefits of fossil fuels. However, people's minds seem to be closed to anything but the message that humans are evil, fossil fuels are evil, and we need to save the planet. Because of this, genuine discussions are impossible most of the time. -Anonymous

728. I appreciate Alex's thinking processes and in my quiet way encourage more rational discussion on energy and climate. -Chris Prosser

729. [On *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] Clearly details how all aspects of modern living are positively impacted through the use of fossil fuels. This has provided me with more evidence to support the use of fossil fuels. -Mike

730. It has made me appreciate just how much fossil fuels do for us and how important they are. -Amanda

731. [Alex's work has] had a very positive impact, and the best part is not having to live life

thinking that I'm part of an unsustainable death march to extinction. Really, it's helped lift me from this burdensome nihilism and very much improved my quality of life. Thank you Alex and team. -Sean

732. Alex has done a great job in articulating what so many of us are thinking but have been unable to articulate ourselves. His dedication and clear thinking on this issue, along with his willingness to get his hands dirty in meaningful discourse with fossil fuel opponents has been an encouragement. -Gordon Eshpeter

733. Alex made it clear to me that free production of fossil fuels was a concern, and that benefits of using them far outweighed liabilities. -James Cook

734. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Giving me information to understand the climate change debate, and the tools to explain reality to the deceived. -Adam

735. Immeasurable. Without discovering Alex, I'd not be in such a meaningful time in my career. After following [him] for over seven years, I've an integrated understanding of the entire issue-- which has been incredibly exciting and fulfilling to observe its refinement in Alex's transcending of his role as an intellectual. His unique framing of the concepts throws off even the most charitable interviewer--Louder with Crowder, for instance (would like to hear Alex's thoughts on that, btw). It's been spiritually fulfilling to watch Alex guided by nothing but his vision and will. I assure Alex and whoever's reading this, that your impact has created great meaning in the people you've connected to. Thank you so much for everything that you've done. Because of you, there's hope. Real hope. -Edward Leahey

736. Before I became acquainted with [Alex's] work, I was pretty neutral towards fossil fuels. At

worst they were a necessary evil. I've even voted for the Green Party in the past. Now, I believe they've had a unilaterally positive impact on humanity. The principle of optimizing human flourishing makes more sense than "scientific" standards for emissions, models that claim catastrophic events year after year, and over regulating businesses in the name of the environment with false claims that it will help the economy. -Bas

737. I'm more informed which enables me to participate in discussions about fossil fuels. -Anonymous

738. I hadn't considered the fundamental importance of energy before reading [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]. The idea of machine calories brought that home for me. I would not want to live in an area experiencing energy famine. When others speak of the need to abandon fossil fuels, I must interject. I am not a great communicator, but the thought of living in a regressive world is terrifying. I have sympathy for those living without power. The issue involves science, economics, and politics with a vast amount of integrated disciplines within those general fields. Alex does a great job of bringing those together. -Richard Cameron

739. Didn't feel so isolated and Alex has a great way of putting forward arguments. His sources and references are great as well. -Peter Laux

740. Changed my perspective from thinking they are a necessary evil to thinking we are lucky to have them. And we should encourage more use around the world to solve problems of poverty. -Zachary White

741. [Alex] made me look at the big picture. By this I mean, he was able to make me take fossil fuel benefits to human progress and well-being properly into account, and realize how poorly most media and politicians are evaluating the

costs of using fossil fuels. Alex also motivated me to further investigate [the] scientific evidence on climate change and the threats it [supposedly poses] to human life to debunk most of alarmists' claims. -Manuel Araújo

742. He has given me an entirely new perspective on the immense role fossil fuels have played in the development of today's world. I've learned to look at the big picture when thinking about climate change and the effects of fossil fuel use. -Christopher Hicks

743. Alex presents a clear passion and concise message that catches. Listening to his podcasts and reading his book provided a confidence that allowed me to listen patiently and question with as much precision as his argument provides to those in the audience receptive to holding a conversation on the efficacy of the industry. -Joshua Kiee

744. One of the influences that turned me from a liberal to a conservative/objectivist. I am more confident defending fossil fuels in debates with my peers. Thank you. -Zdenek

745. I've always tried to be open-minded when it comes to science, but it has been hard to talk to people about fossil fuels as it's been difficult to find critiques of climate alarmism that were convincing. I'm recommending your book to people now and I wish that more scientists and engineers would go public and not be afraid to speak out. More people with credentials need to challenge the status quo. -Richard

746. I was greatly impacted by the way that Alex Epstein frames the conversation surrounding fossil fuels and climate change. Having a human centered approach seems like commonsense now but before I heard [it] I begrudgingly took on the guilt I felt I was due for my impact on the climate due to fossil fuels. -Andrew

747. Helped me see that fossil fuels are not the demons they are made out to be. -Anonymous

748. I admire his courage to talk to environmentalist wackos. -James Nachtman

749. Recommended [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] to my team, as well as our Public Outreach Manager, as well as our new COO. -Nathan

750. **Fantastic! A complete change (or at least additional positive improvement) of mind.** I bought into the "peak-oil" propaganda over a decade ago, then that crashed miserably. Then, the extreme benefits of fossil fuels to life, people, and even the environment became very clear, and it was extremely liberating to be FREE OF FALSE GUILT and the manipulating language of the anti-human left. How did I not see this? It's so easy to be blind. Alex has been prominent among several voices in greatly helping me to be skeptical and think critically--which is desperately missing in our culture among the young and left-leaning. Great job, Alex!!! -Aaron

751. I understand how interconnected fossil fuels are to almost everything that makes life great. It's not hard to praise something that is so bloody good. -David Fusselman

752. By far the best case for understanding the impact and industry. -Christian Ray

753. The collective impact Alex Epstein's essays, speeches and interviews had on my view of the global warming industry, is akin to that of the asteroid that hit the dinosaurs. He makes strikingly clear the benefit and efficiency of fossil fuels. His arguments are logical and axiomatic, in that they consistently supply factual scientific data, historical context and counterfactual scenarios to demonstrate how far humanity has come and what life would be like without fossil fuels, to make

his arguments. There is no one else like him, and that is the biggest problem we face. -Aqib Khan

754. [Alex] put into words what I have always felt in an extremely clear and articulate way. -Jeff Pizzuli

755. Amazing. Love the way you are able to boil complicated subjects down to digestible ideas. -Steve

756. [Alex] made me understand that it is a philosophical issue. By changing the frame from environmental impact to impact in human flourishing he made me understand the issue. After that I am motivated and persuade others to support fossil fuels. -Florian Mehrer

757. I now have an articulate erudite spokesman for my point of view. I knew right away, based on high school science, that AGW was rubbish. -Mark Butler

758. Epstein's work, especially the book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*], allowed me to look at several issues (also on a philosophical plan, I'm not talking only about science or politics involved) in a completely different way. I think this is the best weapon of his work, being a philosopher and not a scientist improves his way to deal with things and people, and to spread some out-of-the-box ideas. -Claudio Fogliato

759. He is an eye opener. I always thought fossil fuel is only bad but his logical argument with facts changed my mind completely. Thanks for enlightening me and show light on the lies in the climate change hysteria. -Andres Meyer

760. Inspiring and encouraging to carry on being a champion for industry and human life . . . -Zuzana

761. **I finished *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* a few months ago, and it was really an awesome read. I interned at an energy company in Houston this summer and our CEO gives out copies to all of the employees. Really great stuff!** -Nick

762. I will get right to the point. After reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* I am ready and willing to do whatever it takes to help make the case! -Steve L.

763. First off, let me begin by saying that prior to hearing you speak on this topic, it was all a mental quagmire. I could scarcely separate truth/fact from hyperbole. So, I wish to say thank you for laying out the moral case for fossil fuels so simply that even I could try to grasp it. . . . Again, minimally, I hope to convey to you my deepest gratitude for the work you put forth on this important topic for our day. Truly. I have heard you on the Prager show (radio), seen your PragerU video. I have watched your interview on the Rubin Report. Seen you throughout news clips and on Facebook. I want to say that listening to your arguments for fossil fuel and by extension, mankind, I was almost as touched as when I had a religious experience. You opened my eyes and things became clearer. -Veronica S.

764. A courageous, brilliant, and necessary book. -Richard Betts

765. Fantastic book. Changed my thinking on key issues of our day. -Eric Bird

766. Concise and well written, this persuasive telling of the benefits we draw from fossil fuels should convince any sentient reader that fossil fuels are an essential ingredient of our prosperity. -Allan Chatenay

767. This is a very important book for our time. Alex Epstein has covered all the necessary

points. His research is impeccable and should be reviewed by all those who are against the use of fossil fuels. As he has written; human life is the standard of value--period. It would be remiss of us to put, i.e. microscopic snails above human life. Technology and fossil fuels will see us forward. All hail Alex Epstein. -Jon Constrastano

768. Great book and a very good read. I had the opportunity to meet the author. He is a brilliant young man. -Kim Evans

769. Alex Clearly Illuminates the deceit, deviousness, and destruction by his opponents. Well researched, well executed--"Well Done!" Sir. Epstein is well on his way to making a real difference in the fight for man's right to exist on earth. -John Gait

770. This book presents a clear and concise fact-based argument for the benefits of burning fossil fuels on the length and quality life of individuals in most of the developed parts of the world. -Dron Harrell

771. If you are on the fence or have lots of opinions but not many facts this book does an amazing job in helping you make a better decision in the debate of energy. -B. Hatfield

772. The exact book our culture needs right now. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] explains the value of reliable energy, and the technological pros and cons of all major energy sources. Further, demonstrates the practicality of philosophy. 11/10 will read again. -Adam Jensen

773. This stuff NEEDS to hit mainstream media!! -Richard Kang

774. Well researched and clearly explains the big picture. -R. Karpe

775. I believe this book is the best logic on climate issues. The current political view will extend and expand the divide between rich and poor and expand the poverty class. -Dean Kuehl

776. This book is so good I recommend it to Pope Francis . . . seriously . . . somebody send him a copy. -Roger Mall

777. **This book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] completely changed my outlook on environmentalism and the use of fossil fuel energy.** Highly recommended to anyone interested in climate change, the energy industry, or the potential of markets to uplift and transform lives. -Brian Mayer

778. Having read *The Population Bomb* when Paul Ehrlich first published it in the early 70's, Epstein's *Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* allows you to finally understand the rationale for the case by environmentalists to oppose fossil fuels. It is an easy and convincing read, certainly vital to see what largely motivates the environmentalist movement. -John Mizenko

779. A real waker upper for those who haven't given this issue the thought it deserves. This book exposes the fallacies of the green crowd and the wonders we enjoy via fossil fuel technology. -Dale Netherton

780. Finally, a balanced view on fossil fuels and a sensible outlook on greenhouse gas vs. global warming! -DJohn Ogren

781. Easy read with a humanistic point of view. Epstein does a fine job discussing the improvement in the human condition resulting from plentiful supplies of inexpensive energy. He is able to concisely summarize the issue in the final pages. Makes a great gift to for people who question the issue of energy supply and the

human condition around the world. -Scott Patulski

782. Excellent. And much needed work. [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] examines the implications of global warming in ways that most environmental advocates fail to consider. The debate should be not about whether or not humans can and are affecting the environment. -Gary Pecquet

783. **Mr. Epstein has done the world a service by recasting the debate about fossil fuels to a balanced analysis of the net negatives and net positives of the use of fossil fuels.** The result of that analysis is predictable to any sensible person who undertakes to learn the facts of the debate--fossil fuel use and the enormous good it has done for this country and is doing for developing countries is truly a remarkable story. The author keeps the analysis moving at a decent pace, considering the topic, so that it really is an enjoyable book to read. It is well documented and thorough. **It should be mandatory reading for those earnest but ill-informed college student/faculty groups who are clamoring for their endowments to divest from fossil fuel companies.** -David Preston

784. This fantastic book is packed with unanswerable logic and facts proving to any intelligent mind that fossil fuels are a crucial, life-supporting-and-life saving VALUE for mankind. -Michael Smith

785. Intelligent scientific argument based on facts. -Margaret Smith

786. If you approach this book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] with an open mind, you will learn a lot and will enjoy the read. -Peter T.

787. This book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]

is a refreshing antidote for dire worries emanating from climate change alarmists. -Paul W.

788. Detailed analysis and explanations regarding media and activist misrepresentation of the oil energy industry. I liked the book, it is informative and eye opening. -Howard Wallace

789. Everyone who is interested in energy, the environment, the economy and our future should read this book. -James Walzel

790. Powerful, compelling, and logical, Alex clearly explains why humankind is morally better for using fossil fuels--emphasis on 'moral'. This book is at the very top of my recommended list. I give this book the highest rating. This is truly a must read! -Don Ward

791. **This is easily one of the best books that I read in a long time.** The fossil fuel industry is literally keeping us alive by being the only large scale source of cheap, practical energy. And yet it is also one of the most hated industries today. This book not only exposes the culture-wide dissonance of wanting to hate our fossil fuels and consume them too, but also offers a compelling argument for why we should be thanking the industry for everything that it makes possible.

The author addresses all controversies head on, whether they be about pollution, climate change, or the claims that we are running out of oil. The arguments are provocative and compelling but the orientation is always urging us to look at the facts and keep the big picture in mind, rather than asserting a certain worldview and beating us readers over the head with abstract arguments detached from real-world concerns. . . .

Overall, this is an outstanding book that taught me a number of things that I didn't know, convinced

me on a few things that I wasn't already convinced on, and helped me better organize and clarify my thinking on many things that I already believed.
-Doug

792. Nice to see logic and rational thought shedding light on what is OBVIOUS to many of us. So many myths and false concepts are demolished by Epstein. I have a new hero, similar to some of the writings of Bjorn Lomborg, Alex is able to show how hindering progress actually represses people, hurting them and depriving them of a better, longer, and healthier life. Seems like enemies of capitalism and fossil fuels also hold the view that mankind is some sort of virus that infests the earth. In a battle against fossil fuels the casualties are often innocent people in the third world. Kudos to the author to have the courage to write this book, I am sure if Christopher Hitchens were still with us, he would applaud your courage. -Klesh

793. Should be a must-read for high school students. I read a favorable review, agreed with the premise, figured I already knew all about that already but bought the book anyway because I wish to help, in some small way, promote things I think important. It arrived the next day. A quick browse and yes I knew all that, left book on my desk but pushed it aside. A few days later I read a paragraph, hmmm, and then a few more and proceeded to read the whole thing, wow, I learned a lot. This book should be the basis of a high school course titled Energy 101 for maybe 8/9th grades and Energy 201 for seniors. Is that an impossible dream? After a week reading the book and thinking what more I may do to help get the word out I contributed \$1000 to the author who will send books for free to qualified students....If you need another good reason to buy this book please read all the one-star reviews, they make the point... -vonBorks

794. Opened my eyes. Sober, rational. It's not the anti-anything. It's the case for something. Different than most takes on this issue. Have been recommending it to everyone. -Ellivretneq

795. Epstein does an excellent job of arguing the moral case for energy use and development. Another book I wish the political class would pick up. -Glassco

796. I read this book aloud with my family. We finished in one week. Epstein definitely makes some good points. There are some very specific things he could have been clearer on, like protecting the environment and the fallacies of the anti-fracking movement. Overall, though, it was an amazing book which made some very good points. I'd highly recommend it to anyone. -Christopher

797. Excellent case for the use of fossil fuels. Arm yourself with facts in case the environmentalists actually want to argue the facts. It may be a long wait. -Tsook

798. **[The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels] is the only book I've read that makes a strong and well-reasoned case for the use of fossil fuels and against climatologists.** It does so not by disproving the climate models, but by presenting how essential fossil fuels are to our current existence and how discontinuing their use will kill people now--not potential people in some potential climate model future. He explains that no matter what the form, alternative energy is not up to the task of fully replacing fossil fuels at this time. Reduction of fossil fuel use will cause massive suffering especially in the third world. Increased use will cause great wealth and advancements in technology that will make us capable of replacing fossil fuels. -Goldfish

799. Lively, interesting, provocative, compelling. Epstein does a great job of turning carbon hysteria upside down--he argues that fossil fuels make a dangerous climate safe. And he does a good job making that argument. -dk

800. It's about time someone defended people from the various environmental nut jobs who really want to live in a teepee and burn buffalo dung for warmth. -P.D. Fowlkes

801. This book is written clearly and makes a strong case for his case. It is quick and easy to read, but the subject matter is extremely important. He asks a simple question; What is the basis for your moral judgment? If your highest priority is the best outcome for humanity, you should support the use of fossil fuels. He has carefully laid out his ideas without allowing his personal ideology to interfere with making his case. I hope more people read this book. -Douglass Holmes

802. Interesting and provocative alternative opinion to a controversial issue, well-stated and quite readable. -Jeremy Morton

803. I'm very glad Mr. Epstein wrote this book and I hope you read it. He makes a series of excellent, well-organized and carefully documented points showing that it is better for humanity to use fossil fuels than to waste time and effort chasing uncompetitive alternatives. -J. Seder

804. The Must Read Book of the Year. -Roger

805. Great Book. Should be required reading for everybody. -Larry Bever

806. This is a must read to understand and know what we must do to manage and adjust to the mild global warming which appears to be coming. It will be easily managed and largely beneficial.

The earth could easily use more than present .04 ppm of CO₂, after-all it is the universal fertilizer for all plant life. At levels of 100 to 150 ppm all plant life dies AND SO DO WE! -Joseph Carabin

807. **Alex Epstein is out to change the world. He inspired me to study engineering with aim at Oil & Gas almost 3 years ago**, and today I am thrilled to see his unique, compelling, scientifically precise, and morally righteous approach to the issue condensed into a single, best-selling book. -Mark Coldren

808. This book was very inspiring. Mankind has a wonderful future if only we can stay focused on HUMAN LIFE as our standard of value and get out of the way of progress!! I love how the book teaches how to diffuse the hysterical arguments surrounding global warming by changing the debate. It exposes the real thing we should be talking about: how can we safely produce the most energy for the benefit of mankind? We need to include all the pros and cons for every current source of energy, and determine which ones are the best overall, for you, for me, for your kids and my kids, for all of humanity. And in fact, the answer to that question is one that "environmentalists" should be all for. -Dave Goodenough

809. This book should be in every high school, college and really every bookshelf in the world. Mr. Epstein has the ability to explain the living giving benefits of fossil fuels and how they have continually increased man's standard of living and will do so in the future as well. -Steven Henderson

810. I enrolled at a university in 1971 and was confronted with demonstrators wanting to eliminate the use of fossil fuels because "all scientists" agreed that by 2000 the earth would be uninhabitable. Because of pollution blocking the sun we would return to an ice age. Instead we have more than doubled use of fossil fuels and

the environment is much better. Human life has improved greatly as well. It's scary how public thinking has been manipulated. Read this before deciding what is true. -Craig Hilton

811. **An amazingly clarifying book, all the issues surrounding fossil fuels are looking at in context. I feel actually have a good understanding of all the issues now. I can think about them, discuss them, and come to my own conclusions because Epstein has given me the philosophical tools and the relevant evidence necessary to do so. This book is radical and offers a perspective unlike anything I've ever read on these issues. It's not just about correcting misconceptions about fossil fuels, it's actually quite moving and it has made me excited about the energy we all take for granted in our lives.** -Michael

812. By defining the questions buried in the dogma of the current climate change debate, then using objective logical reasoning to explore them, Epstein develops a cohesive thesis that is hard to dispute. If you think your views on climate change are well informed and you are currently making decisions with your votes, voice, and wallet accordingly, read this book before you continue. I guarantee your eyes will be opened and it will be impossible for you to see your world, let alone this debate, the same again. -D. Jones

813. A wonderful book which sophisticatedly makes the humanist case for the use of fossil fuels, in a manner accessible to the layman. I think many people realize that ending the "addiction" of fossil fuels would mean a giant loss in standard of living, at the very least, and have been hesitant to wholly embrace the practical implementation of environmentalist philosophy. This book gives anyone the moral playbook with which to champion fossil fuel usage as the lifeblood of human prosperity, and will help turn back the tide of bad laws and regulations

which have crippled the harnessing of these resources to their fullest potential. -K. Kanya

814. Excellent, easy to read book that should be required reading. Liberal elites have fabricated a complete lie about the effects of burning fossil fuels on our planet and have excessively exaggerated the harm caused without giving any credit to the overwhelming benefits fossil fuels have made possible. To anyone who thinks we should eliminate using fossil fuels as quickly as possible, please name one element in your life that you eat, wear, walk on, use, or otherwise consume that has not in some way benefited from them. The simple reality is that life as we know it in the western world would not be possible without fossil fuels. This book exposes the lie for what it is and makes an authoritative, moral case for using fossil fuels to improve the lives of literally billions of people. -R. Moore

815. Wow! what an eye opener! -J Reynolds

816. I became a fan of Alex Epstein through reading his blogs and articles in "The Objective Standard," but in *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, he accomplishes much more. Most people will look at the title and wonder what it could possibly mean. After all, doesn't everyone know that fossil fuels are dirty and destructive: at best, a necessary evil to be minimized as quickly and completely as possible; at worst, a plague upon the earth, whose effects have already gone too far to save mankind from assured destruction? And here's someone making a case FOR fossil fuels? A MORAL case for fossil fuels? Is the man completely crazy? Readers will soon discover that, far from being out of touch with reality, Epstein is thoroughly in touch ... with reality, with the requirements of human life on earth, with the science of energy production and use, and with the practical implications of energy usage on YOUR life, and the lives of your children and on future generations. This is a must

read. And it's so well written, it's an easy read. Don't miss it ... it'll blow you away! -Daniel Sullivan

817. The book presents a large body of evidence that refutes the alarmists' position of climate change policy advocates, and it clarifies their true motivations. It also reveals the tantalizing possibilities and limitless potential of fossil fuels to improve our lives as well as our HUMAN environment. -Zachary W. Kauble

818. There is a lot of heated talk on both sides of the fossil fuels issue. However, little of it is seemingly backed by or logic on either side. **Epstein breaks it down in a way that is backed by hard science, but is still easy enough to digest. Recommend for anyone who is looking for a balanced approach to the fossil fuel debate.** A quick, interesting read. More people should take the time to get educated about this topic. -W. Wickey

819. **During the time that I pursued a degree in Engineering Physics, I always had a sense there was something not quite right with the way my engineering ethics classes approached the issue of fossil fuels.** For one, I hardly knew anything about them, and what I was taught were only the negatives of fossil fuels. This always left the question in my mind, "If they're so bad, why do we still use them to heat our homes, power our cars, and make our electricity?" **This book not only answered that question for me, but also helps me to understand why it's incorrect and unjust to look at fossil fuels only from the perspective of the negatives. Alex Epstein gives a balanced analysis of the drawbacks of fossil fuels, AND the overwhelmingly positive benefits of using them.** Epstein points out that, in the end, if your standard of morality is human life, then there's only one option: continue to use, and even increase the use of fossil fuels. -Alexander

820. I would like to start by saying that the work you do is really great. I have enjoyed watching all the videos and reading articles you have written. I am currently finishing my PhD in quantitative genetics at the University of Aberdeen, in Scotland. I have decided that either part-time or full-time I will start writing on genetic modification (obviously taking a pro-GM stance), with regards to political and economic issues. I am sure this will be challenging as all the writing experience I have so far is articles for medical journals, however I will persevere. Much of my motivation comes from your own work, so thank you. -Andrew C.

821. This story needs to be told every day, every hour to everyone you see. We should all thank Alex Epstein for doing the research and writing this book. It is long overdue. -Ralph Busch

822. Just read this book regardless of which "side" you are on. This book changed so much for me. -B. Hatfield

823. Must read for those on both sides of the fossil fuel argument. Unbiased facts presented without vitriol hate. -Kevin Herndon

824. Eye opening exploration into how the industry really works that most people don't know about and how oil benefits us more than people realize. -E. M.

825. Excellent book and performance. The author is able to pull back with a wide, long term, big picture view to state and defend the case for fossil fuels and the critical importance of the energy they have provided over the past 100-200+ years. Everyone should read this book and at least calmly question the worldview espoused by politicians and the media. -Katherine McCleskey

826. Alex has crafted a well delivered exploration and challenge to the perception of

fossil fuels that currently occupies the America public's mind, media, and education system. I am glad I read (listened to) this book. I feel enlightened to the energy use debate. -Doug McMaster

827. So simple yet so unconventional thinking makes this book a must for anyone who doesn't believe humans are the parasite of the world! -Nicholas Smith

828. The point is extremely well and extensively presented. Great narration. I thought I heard everything by the middle of the book, but the author kept coming up with more and even stronger arguments to support his valid point. The stories and examples are vivid and relevant. This is a great listen. The greenhouse effect is perhaps is real, but the irreversible climate change is definitely a hoax. This book is a devastating blow to the anti-human Green movement. It exposes it as having non-human values, which are detrimental to the human welfare, prosperity and survival. -Phillip

829. I feel that the ideas represented in this book represent one of the most important set of ideas both of our current times, and for our future. We need to hold ourselves to a higher standard, and be sure to only support things because we have a firm understanding of their consequences; both from a practical and a moral point of view. In order to honestly judge the latter, we need to be sure that we clearly understand the standard of value with which these moral judgments are made. -Todd

830. An excellent piece of work helping to inform the reader on what has become a hyper political issue where few of the facts are well-known or appreciated. -Tyler

831. Nobody has thought this issue through as clearly and thoroughly as Alex Epstein. Anyone on

any side of the energy debate will benefit from the clarity and holistic ideas in this book. -Michael

832. Compelling content delivered well for anyone who values their children's future. This may change your view of the world more than you expect. -Alexander

833. THANK YOU ALEX! For finally presenting the way this message should be taught, "earth doesn't need to be saved FROM mankind rather it needs to be saved for mankind to enjoy it" -Jsr

834. I loved Alex Epstein interest in informing the public about the moral case for fossil fuels. It challenged my views as I hope it challenges those who choose to read this book. -Jamie

835. This book will allow you to have a much more balanced view on climate change and fossil fuels. -Nadeem

836. This book is by far one of my favorites this year. I highly recommend it for anybody who has an opinion, whether for or against, about fossil fuels. -Anonymous

837. Agree or disagree with the premise, you can't argue with the thoughtful way the author lays out a wildly opposing view to conventional wisdom. Great read. Went by so fast I need to read it twice. -RHD

838. Alex makes a spectacularly powerful case in favor of the morality of fossil fuel use. If you are someone who, like most people, has been taught the evils of fossil fuel use, this book is for you. In a very thorough analysis, Alex logically lays out why fossil fuel use is not only not evil, but why it is actually a very positive thing for all human beings. He conversely demonstrates why opposing fossil fuel use is actually a morally

reprehensible position to hold. If you find yourself in disbelief as to my previous statements, this book is definitely for you. -Chase Beasley

839. The author does make the moral case for fossil fuel energy. Although he is presenting that case with a lot of facts and it is well footnoted, the book is not dry and tedious. To sum up, if your values center on the health and happiness of the human race as a whole then fossil fuels should be in our lives for many years to come. -Kenneth Dreyhaupt

840. People need to hear this and quit listening to the over-the-top scare tactics that the ultra-left environmentalists use. -Robert Wilson

841. Alex, I have already bought your excellent book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, [and I] am urging others to do the same. Thanks much for the book and your critical efforts to promote the truth about AGW. Keep up your great work. Stay warm or stay cool whatever you prefer thanks to fossil fuels. Now if the world can unite to work to provide those 2 or 3 billions of the rest of the world the same choices. -Joe

842. I thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to read the whole book. You put everything in an easy to understand frame of reference. It's a most excellent read for those of us who are looking for the right words and explanations to debate the fanatical doomsday crowd. -Dennis

843. I liked it so much I bought the book and read it in a day. Great book. I have a greater appreciation for fossil fuels. -Derek

844. I have already purchased the book and loved it. I have always wondered why there was lack of discussion on a topic made to be so large and debilitating to mankind. Thanks for the rational thought and information I was not getting.

I have passed the book to my son and I may buy a few more to help distribute some common sense and awareness. I will pass this introduction where I can. -Mark

845. I will be recommending the book to my friends. -Mike

846. Such clear thinking, great writing and penetrating insight on such a significant issue. -Andrew

847. **It's great, a mind blower and such an important message to the world. Thank you very much for that! I am a journalist, specialized in energy and I have for a long time felt that the way the world and especially Europe is moving towards more and more variable renewable electricity production is worrying. As you also so clearly show in your book, THAT is not sustainable.** -Lars

848. The work of Alex Epstein and Center for Industrial Progress has been a vital resource for my education on the facts of all industrial issues, energy and otherwise. Whenever I encounter new work by either party I always find it ruthlessly rational, and for an eminently positive purpose. With a future course consistent with its past, Center for Industrial Progress has the power to change the way our culture views industry and the issues therein, and ultimately make a profound impact on the world. -Jeff

849. His book was one of the best I have ever read on climate change. **Have more confidence in debating issues. One of my favorite books.** -Steven

850. Was searching for a counter opinion to the environmental radicals that perpetuate fossil fuel conversations. Got the book and enjoyed the perspective. -Ryan

851. I think Alex has a great vision, and he sticks up for people who believe in fossil fuels and cheap energy. Alex should work for the next president to help expand our energy needs.
-Matthew

852. **The absolute best argument for fossil fuels by a huge margin. I'm now armed for debate with anyone. Already changed the minds of a few friends and relatives.** -Brent

853. It's about time someone told us why we have the lifestyle we have. That fossil fuels are necessary for our way of life. That economies that use fossil fuels are cleaner than economies that don't. -Randy

854. [On the impact of Alex's work.] Clearly sharpened my knowledge of the facts surrounding the fossil base of industrialism and the progress of flourishing human life, vs. the anti-life anti-fact base of environmentalism. -Gary

855. Awesome and a great adrenaline shot for those who value actual human progress! -Chuck

856. One of the best books I've ever read on public policy and energy. -William

857. The most impressive talent that Alex possesses is his ability to debate against a hostile crowd while being able [to make] great arguments on the fly. -Bryan Yingst

858. Alex has brought commonsense, reason, and facts to the argument for the use of readily available, cheap, efficient fossil fuels. His writings and videos have helped me explain in practice what most people know but aren't sure of. -Todd

859. The best impact for me was in how you **frame** the debate as a moral one. That change in **perspective** is invaluable for many

arguments, not just regarding energy. -Bruss

860. To the average person, I believe it is more than simply informative--it does something rare, in that it treats the use of fossil fuels in a positive way, illustrating quite well all of the benefits it has provided billions of people around the world, that many now appear to be taking for granted. This message must be repeated and told to as many as possible because even industry insiders believe some of the Green Energy propaganda.
-David H.

861. Thanks so much for what you have done and especially with *The Moral Case of Fossil Fuels*.
-Robin

862. Thank you for fighting for me. -Richard

863. I've been reading the book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and have followed some of the debates and interviews of you Alex. A genuine thank you from my side for opening the eyes of the people. -Odetta

864. Your messages will save lives. Keep up the good work. I am an unemployed software developer from Turkey and your videos even reached to me. So you can assume your area of reach or influence might be bigger than you think.
-Uğur

865. Hello, Alex, **I have always considered myself both an environmentalist and a skeptic, and I want to thank you for 1) changing my mind regarding fossil fuels, and 2) reminding me that I am a skeptic first and foremost.** You ought to reach out to the Effective Altruism community and spread the word. -Dylan

866. Alex Epstein is a very wise and sharp man who knows how fossil fuels have helped mankind and wants to maximize the energy industry using

God-given fuels and knowledge without the professorial bias involved in the energy scam from colleges and grants. Thank you. -James

867. I love the book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] and think it is very important work. I plan on spreading your message as much as possible. You certainly have provided me with some great information for me to try to convince others that fossil fuels are good for the planet. -Guy

868. Thank you Alex for all that you do. I have been reading your book and consider it the “game changer” in this whole convoluted climate change controversy. As a former high school science/environmental studies teacher and now retired “old guy” I think that your rational/realistic MORAL approach is going to open the doors to future positive and empirical discussions. -Larry

869. Thanks for all your hard work, it's been a huge inspiration and gave me a lot of great ammunition to argue for a more positive view of the human environment. It all clicked in my mind when I imagined for moment what would happen if, say, moles adopted a 'green', no impact philosophy and took as their ultimate goal a pristine, untouched meadow--no tunnels 'raping' the soil, no earthworms disturbed--in fact, no moles around. Human beings have as much right to shaping their environment as moles do to burrowing their tunnels. -Thomas

870. I recently finished reading your superb book *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. For what it's worth, I think it's quite compelling. It's well researched, well-reasoned, well thought-out. I've highly recommend it to family, friends, colleagues and anyone who brings up the subject of fossil fuels. I read it in preparation for a meeting with my high school senior daughter's AP Environmental Science teacher. I suspect he's intellectually

honest (deep behind enemy lines in western Washington State, near Tacoma). I hope I can entice him into reading your book. -Kirk W.

871. I wanted to let you know I have read *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. First of all, for me, it was like taking a science class. I had to underline and reread. It was enlightening and caused me to think about fuel alternatives and the effect of each on human life. I guess because I do not work in the area and am merely a consumer, I really have not gotten politically interested or involved in the debate. I just know I want “things” to work when I hit a switch and I don't want the cost to be astronomical. I am sorry if you think I should be more informed or to take a strong stance one way or the other. Wind and solar power have always been “tucked away” somewhere in my brain and I have wondered why we did not utilize them more. After reading the book, I was informed about the inadequacy of both especially when it comes to cost and unreliability. -Barbara

872. I did not know how crucial fossil fuels are to civilization, 87%, and how far even the good competitors are from making the slightest dent. This is one of the most important issues of our time. -Cedar Bristol

873. Refreshing to hear the benefits of fossil fuel and how we owe our standard of living to its use. -Darcy Baskin

874. Fantastic logic and a call to do the right thing for the people of the world by allowing them to have energy that will improve (and save) their lives. -Mark Bauer

875. Even if you don't agree with the premise, the author articulates the issue very well and presents the key questions to ask concerning the climate change debate. -Tommy Bond

876. No better book for understanding not only why there is a moral case to be made for fossil fuels but also why using fossil fuels is profoundly moral. An important point Mr. Epstein hammers again and again is that in discussions about morals and ethics, one must define one's standard of value. Mr. Epstein's standard of value is human life and human flourishing, as distinguished from those who hold "the planet" or "no impact by humans" as their highest standard of value. -Bill Brent

877. Recommend this book to all green book and all environmentalist lovers. YOU NEED TO KNOW THE TRUTH. WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME. -Roger Carrier

878. The author convincingly argues that we must not forget all the benefits we get from oil. Fossil fuel is our only really large scale and plentiful energy source, cheap enough to benefit even poor countries. Renewables can never do this. All parameters reflecting human quality of life have improved as we have used more fossil fuel. What shall be the objective of our actions? Should it be human quality of life as provided by fossil fuel or should it be untouched nature? These are contradictory and we must choose one or the other. The essence of this book is attention-grabbing discussions of the outcome of these important choices. -Tor Christensen

879. This is a book everyone needs to read, especially Liberals! -Jame Cooney

880. Great read--really great information and well put together! -Tracy Cooper

881. If you value life on earth, you will love this book. If you don't, you won't. It really is that simple. -Charlotte Cushman

882. Excellent point of view, never thought about where we would be in the world without

fossil fuels, always hear the down side, not what would happen without them. Should pass it around for others to read, will never make it in the press, it will only be by word of mouth. -George Elgee

883. This book shows what fossil fuel has done for the developed world. It is well written, easy to understand, and very convincing. -Ingvar Engelbrecht

884. An informed, very instructive, and compelling case on getting back to sanity on the energy front. I too believe that it is essential to gain the moral stand. Epstein's book is an important step in that direction. -Eduardo Freitas

885. I thoroughly enjoyed this quick read. It opened my eyes to change my value system regarding energy and its consumption. This should be required reading by every high school and college entry chemistry student. -Ronald Frisbie

886. Eye opening! Truly a masterpiece. -Manziells God

887. Very interesting study of the effects of the use of fossil fuels on the world. Also gives a complete analysis of the effectiveness of alternate fuels -Ed Grygent

888. This was time well spent on some meaningful reading. If you're against our use of fossil fuels you probably won't change your opinion regardless of what you read but if you read this book you might rethink your position. This book has led me to proudly proclaim, "I LOVE FOSSIL FUELS." I plan on getting the t-shirt. -James Gunthrie

889. Simple, out of the box thinking. Counterintuitive and wonderfully politically incorrect. Fresh thinking is needed on the topic

of global warming and climate change and this is perfect. -John Kehoe

890. A strong, well-written argument/answer to the “clean energy” debate. -Bruce Kelly

891. I’m familiar with the arguments against, but have never been provided with such a compelling defense of fossil fuels. The book was informative and easy to read. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in the topic especially if you hold a position against fossil fuel use. -Joseph Knapp

892. This is a well-written refutation of every argument advanced by global warming (or is it climate change because the “globe” is not “warming”?) alarmists. -Carolyn Lesh

893. Outstanding read and explains how everyone who values human life and the quality of human life should read this book! -Nony Michulka

894. A must-read for every tree-hugger. -Bob Moore

895. Excellent arguments for why fossil fuels are really the best way to go and why arguments against them are all washed up! -Mel Morganstein

896. A plethora of information available nowhere else. Loads of notes and documentation for those wishing to do further research. -Robert O.

897. A must read for people wanting to know the truth concerning global warning. -C.L. Raybould

898. Don’t read this book unless you are willing to think through facts you may have known but not considered connected to the use of hydrocarbons. I’m betting some people who thought they could withstand a very cogent argument challenging

their own belief system found out otherwise and threw this book across the room when they got to the second chapter. Truth can be that hard to swallow. Stick with it until the end. Your future, the planet’s may even depend on it. -Steven Settlemayer

899. Commonsense backed by facts. -T.M. Sharp

900. Unfortunately, the folks who should read this won’t. -R.M. Shepherd

901. I have been following Mr. Epstein’s work since before his formation of the Center for Industrial Progress. It has been exciting to see the progress of those years of work culminated into a book such as this. He provides a unique and rational HUMAN perspective to this issue, shining the light of truth on the dark, ugly, collectivist/statist, anti-human so-called “green” movement. **If you are looking at a book full of fallacies, platitudes and partisanship to reinforce your half-baked prejudices...on either side of the issue... don’t bother. You won’t find those here.** -B. Soltis

902. Clear and compelling. -Carl Spetzler

903. As a professional engineer and 40-year veteran of the energy efficiency marketplace I appreciate the clarity and facts, not spin or hype, that Epstein brings to “green.” A must read for anyone in the industry or public policy who has an open mind, which should be everyone. -S.S. Stewardship

904. Really lays out the truth about the advances in use of the fossil fuels, and debunks the greenies, of whom we need 75% less. I don’t see how anyone can give this less than 4 or 5 stars.....extremely well researched and backed up by much science. -Tom Stockman

905. [Alex is] telling the truth about a situation that has been saying bag by the environment with radicals for years. Let me repeat this: this is something that has been saying bag by the environmental radicals for years. In other words, it's a lie but he's telling the truth. -James Tapscott

906. Well researched; extremely well written and well-argued (I read it in a single sitting); and tremendously important. I hope this book proves to be as influential as it deserves to be. -L. Taylor

907. Finally, a rational view on energy! -R. Taylor

908. If the scientists proclaiming manmade climate change were doing their job instead of playing politics, this book wouldn't be necessary. This book makes a great case for not worrying about climate change based on based on real evidence. -Glenden Thieszen

909. Allows you to read the news with a better perspective on the climate change debate. Very thought provoking discussion. -Allan Wallace

910. I purchased the book after hearing a lecture from the author. I found it an excellent read. I'm not sure how energy production got into the moral arena, but it has, so rational people need ways to talk about fossil fuels in this context. I purchased a number of copies for Christmas presents. Fossil fuels are organic, come from mother earth and make our modern civilization possible. What's not to like about all the benefits fossil fuels have brought mankind? Alex Epstein explains it in an interesting and easy to read way. Have fun with it! -Not William

911. Epstein makes a compelling case for both the benefits of fossil fuels and the case against energy starvation. If you are interested in the politics of fossil fuels this book is for you.

He states the obvious about fossil fuels in that it is by far the most concentrated form of solar energy. He shows the comparison to solar collectors, solar cells and wind turbines. The countries that have developed rapidly have had fossil fuel rich industries and thus economies. He also notes how this ultimately has led to cleaner environments in the long term. He indicates that depriving developing countries the use of fossil fuels will condemn them to all manner of plagues including health issues, poverty and deaths secondary to energy deprivation. He also includes a chapter on the global warming versus increased greening secondary to carbon dioxide. If you have an open mind and like philosophically challenging discussions, this book is for you. -Robert Williams

912. [*On The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] Excellent, and well sourced. -Mike Williams

913. Finally, a book devoid of the 'religious fervor of green.' A well written, well considered, clear-eyed assessment of the positive role of fossil fuels in the evolution of our species and an unapologetic case for the need to continue both use and development of creative uses of the rich vein of fossil fuels this abundant earth contains. -Lynn Williamson

914. The book is well written, easy to read and its arguments are well explained with supporting facts and examples. Its basic premise is implied in the title, the use of fossil fuels is essential to supporting human life. The book defines the standard, human life, as the reference as it discusses the advantages and disadvantages of using fossil fuels. The book provides a critically required view in ongoing environmental discussions. It should be read by fossil fuel proponents and opponents and its positions embraced, modified or logically refuted. The book should not be consigned to the dust bin of history to avoid refuting its arguments.

-Frederick Willis

915. [On *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] Unconventional perspective. Eye-opener. Fascinating. Clear. -J. Wingardh

916. This is an excellent book that should be on every reading list of every high school and college student, as well as every adult! Clearly, fossil fuels have not only benefited mankind but has saved billions of lives. It has also led to reduced pollution and unleashed the creative potential in many, many people. -Michael Wohlgena

917. A must read for anyone with an open mind. -Steven Settelmayr Zala

918. Just like fossil fuels, Epstein's book is of enormous value to human life. If you are convinced that earth is headed toward catastrophic climate change, or you think humans can't possibly affect climate, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* makes clear that the last solution to any of mankind's alleged ills should be to stop using fossil fuels. -Anonymous

919. Lays out a great case for fossil fuels. Explains why they are great and why alternate fuels are not so great in much detail. He has no bone to pick with alternate energy, but they are just not practical at this time and maybe never and he explains why in simple, precise, non-hysteric writing. -Anonymous

920. Epstein writes, as always, in a clear and authoritative manner. His thesis, I believe, is sound and needs to be taken seriously by the politicians and bureaucrats responsible for pushing the replacement of fossil fuel with unsustainable alternatives. Try giving the peoples of Africa a decent life without the utilization of fossil fuel technologies. A book to read carefully and a thesis to listen to. -Macspee

921. Alex Epstein makes you realize how much better your life is because of fossil fuels.

There is such a war against burning hydrocarbon-based fuels and Epstein shows us how we tame our planet with them. From being able to survive severe weather to living in places that would be inhospitable without fossil fuels. -Randy

922. Alex Epstein is my personal hero. I can only wish that I can stand up for liberty in my life the way he has done so, combating the liberty-hating environmentalists. He's not on the level of Edward Snowden, but he's very intelligent. The book will point by point destroy the climate scientist who BTW do not get the scientific method. You're supposed to question theories. -Alex

923. Ready good book with a much needed new paradigm on how we see the use of energy in particular and resources in general. -Seth

924. I believe this is a book that should be widely read. Epstein is interesting, factual, fair, and he has definitely done his homework. A good read, and we really need this book and this information today--before it is too late! -Anonymous

925. [On *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] Much needed explanation and defense. Wonderful, it is a clear explanation. -Anonymous

926. Loved this book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]. I have been educating people around me. Good read. -Anonymous

927. [On *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] Very good book. Organized very well, convincing argument. -Anonymous

928. [On *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] No contradictions, clear, concise and factual. -Brian

929. Excellent book! My ten-year-old is learning about green energy in her 4th grade class. At the

ripe old age of ten she has been citing how awful fossil fuels are for the earth and lead to global warming. I gave her this book for an alternative view. The book had a huge impact and opened up a discussion that global warming is not an open and shut case. I want to avoid having her indoctrinated in the global warming hysteria and rather learn the fundamentals of science, including the fact that many of the real-world observations have contradicted the predictions of global warming. -Laura

930. Excellent very readable fact based explanation of why and how to refocus thought on this topic/issue. Go forth and proclaim, "People's lives matter!" -GaryMac

931. Well thought out and presented case that is best summarized as follows: "Mankind's use of fossil fuels is supremely virtuous--because human life is the standard of value, and because using fossil fuels transforms our environment to make it wonderful for human life." If your standard of moral value is "what is best for humanity as a whole" then it is obvious that providing access to reliable/affordable energy is the most moral action that society can accomplish. -A. Blair

932. Well worth reading for people interested in the climate change debate. -Luke Cyrot

933. This book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] was very informative and shows a fresh, new insight into the energy debate. The sources are very straightforward and honest. I read a lot of the negative comments and many of those reviews are clearly from individuals that have not read the book, at least not in its entirety. . . . Well written and a good read. Keep up the good work Alex Epstein! -Rusty G.

934. Excellent presentation of the many facets of modern society that currently depend on fossil

fuel, from agricultural productivity to polymers which replace many natural materials at lower cost and higher performance. The renewables proposed by the anti-fossil fuel proponents, even if they were practical and economical, do not address any of these other applications. -Hal Gunardson

935. This book [*The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*] has helped me to change my points of view and paradigms in relation to climate change and fossil fuels. -Anonymous

936. WOW! This is a game-changer book. Alex has taken what is a very, and almost universally held, negative view of the continued use of fossil fuels and has turned that view into a incredibly positive and moral argument, not only for the continued use of fossil fuels but for an expanding use of fossil fuels. The arguments and explanations are impeccably logical, consistent and fact-based. The most startling conclusion from the book is that fossil fuel use is really the only way to improve our environment including the human environment. In addition, the book is very well written and one which will be hard for anyone to put down. -Ken Andrews

937. Great dissertation and supporting arguments that makes the case that those fuels we view as traditional fuels advance the quality of life for all of humanity. -Marvin Burchfield

938. Regardless of your position on climate this book will surprise you. I agree with Ari Armstrong's recent assessment that *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* is "an impressive and urgently needed work." My take on Ari's assessment is that it's impressive and needed because it challenges conventional thinking and actually brings into focus science based not upon preconceptions, government funding,

and so-called consensus thinking, but rather honest scientific inquiry into natural phenomena--both man-made and naturally occurring. Well done, and a bargain at twice the price! -Bill D.

939. Certainly every voter and every honest politician will gain immense value from Alex's clear and fact-based writing. A must read! -Tom Gerry

940. By considering ALL the negatives and ALL the positives of fossil fuels FOR HUMANS Alex Epstein presents the moral case for fossil fuels. Very insightful and powerful read. -Gerry Glynn

941. Yes, there is a moral case for fossil fuels, and it is explained very clearly in this book. Thanks, Alex, for fighting for something that we should continue using for the foreseeable future to enrich our lives and everything around us. -Dan Goodenough

942. Excellent explanation of why fossil fuels are indispensable to human flourishing. Literally billions of people are fed, housed, and healed because of the cheap, reliable energy provided by fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are the means by which we improve our lives and our environment. For the foreseeable future, alternatives like solar and wind, will only provide a small fraction of the world's energy needs. To deprive ourselves of fossil fuels is to condemn billions to poverty, suffering and even death. Only if you value unaltered nature above human life and happiness could you possibly consider forcing people to abandon this vital resource. -Beth Haynes

943. It's an interesting read and a compelling case for a position diametrically opposed to just about everything else out there. -Tim Kent

944. **I was in turn provoked and intrigued by this book. I was mostly expecting a strident litany**

of right-wing talking points and climate change denial. What I found was a thought-provoking examination of the costs and benefits of our massive use of fossil fuels. I was continuously surprised by both the research I was reading about and the reasonable perspective the author invited me to take. With each chapter, I found my own perspective widening to include information I hadn't thought about or encountered before, despite having studied climate change for well over 1000 hours over the last few years. I am still a bit stunned about that. . . . I stand confident that whether you like or dislike the book, you will profit from reading it, and be provoked to clarify your own stance on what may be the most contentious issue of our time. -Mark Lewis

945. What are we doing to our environment? Is our impact good or bad? What does it mean for something to be good or bad? **This book is scientific and deeply philosophical yet amazingly clear and accessible. The information and ideas in this book changed the way I think about environmental issues.** The book looks at the big picture and the little details, and the author respects the reader and the complexity of the subject by keeping his approach friendly and fair. Some of my friends feel guilty living rich lives--traveling, owning nice things, living in nice houses; these friends say the solution to their predicament is green energy. Some of my friends flatly dismiss environmental concerns as bogus and then refuse to think further about the challenging subject. EVERYONE needs to think clearly about energy, fossil fuels, and our environment. EVERYONE needs to read this book! -D. O'Brien

946. Just as Rush Limbaugh tutored his countrymen on conservative principles and how to discuss them in a positive manner, Alex Epstein has provided the arguments and the unassailable facts that can change the debate regarding fossil fuels and global warming. With

this book as a primer, ordinary people can start to change the debate. What could be more powerful than an appeal to basic morality and virtue!
Congratulations Mr. Epstein! -Clark Shurtz

947. Moral wisdom and intellectual clarity, very well-written. Turns environmental PC on its head. Lifesaving, life building implications. My highest recommendation! -Anonymous

948. I have already talked two of my friends into buying this book. This book is a treasure, a gift to humanity, at least someone has his head screwed on right! The author demonstrates how to analyze and solve problems facing humanity. This is the most awesome book that I have read about how our civilization developed and prospers since *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* by Jared M. Diamond. Most importantly, this book teaches you how to think, analyze, and stay away from preconceived notions about ANY subject, not just so-called environmentalism. -Michael

949. Essential clarity. An indispensable guide to thinking about the issues which stand to affect humanity today and for generations to come. An unapologetic defense of industrial civilization and the means by which it is maintained and continually improved upon. . . . This book contains a clarity and completeness of thought on these issues which is simply not available anywhere else. -Evan

950. I went into this book somewhat sympathetic to a pro-fossil fuel position, but with major doubts. I had a vague understanding of the immense importance of fossil fuels to human life, but I was intimidated by constant bombardment from the media propagating the popular view that oil companies are evil organizations destroying the planet in the interest of short-term profits, and that anyone who thinks otherwise is an anti-

science “denier”. As a layman with a healthy respect for the scientific community, I resonated strongly with Epstein’s description, in chapter four, of his younger self: “the idea that this was a matter of established science was extremely significant to me... I acknowledged that I didn’t really know what to think, and the idea that we might be making the Earth fundamentally uninhabitable scared me.”

This book has almost entirely erased my doubts. It’s a fairly short, easy read, thus it does not (and could not) provide an exhaustive refutation of every anti-fossil fuel argument out there. But the big picture message, that fossil fuels, on net balance, are an enormous and currently irreplaceable boon to human life, is presented with inspiring moral clarity and well-researched (and thoroughly footnoted) factual backing.

The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels is a must read for anyone interested in one of the most important cultural, political, and philosophical issues of our time. And especially for those who, like many of the one-star reviewers, cannot fathom how anyone could honestly stand up for fossil fuels on moral grounds, without being somehow “paid off” by the industry. -Shawn

951. You may think you’ve read it all when it comes to fossil fuels. You haven’t. Whether you’re a ‘thought leader’, an ‘industry shill’ or somebody in between, you will be surprised, one way or the other, with *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. I’m somewhat familiar with author Alex Epstein and all he does. Yet I was surprised by the premises contained in *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. Pleasantly surprised, I might add. . . . *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* has content you’ve never been exposed to before. -Geoffrey O’Brien

952. I watched your segment on Book TV the other day and loved it. So rare to see such flawless

clarity these days. I have since purchased your book and watched some of your YouTube debates. Your articulate advocacy is brilliant! The demonization of the industrial revolution by the left is sad, dangerous and infantile. Total lack of historical perspective and basic economic knowledge. -Rick

953. Mr. Epstein, I am so impressed with you. My name is Bengt and I am from Sweden. I was listening to the Dennis Prager Show the other day over the internet when he had you on his show. Your statements on fossil fuels are so well taken that my jaw nearly dropped. I love it and I will buy your book. Thank you for what you are doing, and I say that on behalf of my very young children as well as for myself and my wife. -Bengt

954. Epstein tells us that 87% of the energy we use comes from coal, oil, or natural gas. Environmentalists tell us this must end ASAP, or at least drastically change--else global warming, rising sea levels, and depleting our natural resources. These warnings have even come from George W. Bush, a former Shell Oil CEO, the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the vast majority of scientists with expertise in the area, and weather trends (rising average high temperatures around the world, melting Arctic ice and glaciers, and increasing storm damage – e.g., Hurricane Sandy), Also notable--China's government, the world's most successful at boosting a major economy and quality of life for millions, is now boosting its use of renewable fuels. -Lloyd Eskildson

955. Quite simply the single best book I've read on the subject; and I've read a bunch of them. This [book] by Alex Epstein of the Center for Industrial Progress should be required reading for every elected official, every person appointed to a citizen advisory board and every person funded by our tax dollars at local, state and federal levels. -Randy Brich

956. Brilliant! I am following you--every step of the way. -Christine

957. I am very interested in your arguments. I have been so inundated by the traditional green arguments over my lifetime, and have never heard logical arguments that made sense to me from the other side, which you provide. -Justin

958. I live in Nebraska where we have publicly owned power companies. I went to the meeting last month and was upset with what I heard from the Sierra Club member in attendance so today I went and I took a bunch of stuff from your *Power Hour* [interview] with Craig Idso. -Ben

959. To me, [*Fossil Fuels Improve the Planet*] is a must reading for anyone who wants to consider themselves open minded. It not only presents the other side, it explains the tactics used to force an ideology on the American public. Most people would want no part of what the total agenda of the greenies have to offer if they knew what they were supporting. . . . It should be required reading in high schools because I believe it would help people become less susceptible to propaganda. -Ron

960. Hello Mr. Epstein. I heard many of your debates against environmentalists. You kicked-ass. It's cool to know that there's someone defending in the "eco" front. Keep making salad of the Greens!!! -Liran

961. I think everything you do is awesome! I plan on using some of your arguments in my future research. I appreciate your work and, since we're here, I sincerely congratulate you for your courage and hard work! -Monica

962. I've seen Mr. Epstein deliver speeches on several occasions. They are exactly what you want from a couple of hours dedicated to the intellectual. They are thought provoking and at

the same time easily accessible. They are well researched without being esoteric. It's clear from the first sentence that he knows what he's talking about, that he is passionate about it and that he wants, more than anything, to help you understand why it's so important. -Kyle

963. Alex, thanks for all you are doing. Your info is being used to change hearts and minds, one worldview at a time. -Jerry

964. I did read your e-book in its entirety and enjoyed it very much. I agree with your strategy of promoting the positive life-giving values of fossil fuels, taking the moral ground instead of the defensive posture currently assumed by the energy industry. I believe your book to be the antidote/cure needed to fight the "green" movement cancer and will be spreading the word wherever the opportunity presents itself. Your book has given new blood to the energy industry and I hope they aggressively use it not only to defend but promote their industry. -Silvio

965. The more I talk with people the more I see the importance of the type of work that you are doing. I heard a stat yesterday that said 4 out of 10 people would not believe anything any oil sands company would ever say: sounds a little prejudice to me :) I think more often than not people just lump their general dislike of corporations, industry, etc. to a dislike for "big oil" and really don't know or have an interest in finding out what the bigger picture is. -James

966. Your e-book taught me a great deal about the immense benefits that mankind could ever avail from fossil fuels, and gave me the confidence to champion fossil fuels as well. It is very comprehensive and informative that I almost read it in one go. May you continue to wake many others up by upholding reason and life. -Engelbert

967. I will say that I have been very impressed with your approach to advocating for the fossil fuel industries and have been taking notes so that I too can make the same compelling arguments you've been making. -John

968. I like your book a lot. It's clear and concise. Your arguments are logical, and each chapter builds on the last. I wish we'd had something like this when I was in high school. I plan to recommend it to friends, and will read through it at least once more, so that I can begin to refute the "fossil fuels are evil," "save the planet" hysteria that is prevalent here. Thank you for this. -Barbara

969. Persuading others of the merits of fossil fuels is an uphill fight--even here in Calgary! The book provides good ammunition in this battle. -Peter

970. Great information on the positive effects of fossil fuels on human life and the environment.. I have shared many of your statements with my family and friends. Keep up the good work. -Larry

971. There's a need for moral and philosophical arguments to convey the truly essential nature of fossil fuels--and this book fills that need. -Dan

972. Thanks Alex. I ordered your book on Amazon and couldn't put it down. Your chapter on Global Warming is the essay I've been wanting to write, and you've given me new perspectives and new approaches to the overall debate that are incredibly valuable. Literally, you have transformed this reader from a keep-to-myself skeptic into an eager-to-engage skeptic. From resigned to fired up! I couldn't be more impressed with your clarity, courage, and determination. I hope this book has the impact it deserves to have on the world. -Paul Arens

973. I had previously read your excellent book having purchased a copy at a bookshop in my home country Australia where I live. It made such sensible reading. I have longed for such a book to be written for some time in order to restore some rational balance to this important issue. . . . Please keep up the great work you are doing. -Kingsley

974. The story you are telling is completely unknown in our country. Even politicians who are opposing the 'anti-fossil fuel movement' never considered the arguments you are delivering. There is a lot of work to do. -Ralf

975. Terrific webinar, thanks very much. I'd love to have additional information and resources. I read your book some time ago. Congratulations on your success. -Judith

976. I bought the book and it was a real eye opener for me. . . . [A]s you said in your book, oil companies need to aggressively defend the industry, I wonder why they, through non action, basically admit guilt. -Tony

977. Thank you for standing up for common sense. I know it is an uphill battle, but in the end it will prove worthwhile. -Brian

978. I wanted to take the time to send you a quick word of thanks for all the work you do. I listened to your audiobook as well as your podcasts and it has significantly opened my eyes. I am in not a college educated guy, I spent 9 years out of high school touring in a band full time. I work construction and ride a motorcycle. The reason I mention this is not to tell you my story but to hopefully encourage you as to the reach your work and efforts are making. -Murray

979. You're a remarkable communicator. I particularly admire your careful use of terms and your constant demand for clarity. -Benjamin

980. I heard Alex speak a few years ago here in OK at an event and was extremely impressed. He's the only speaker out there championing fossil fuels. I have purchased his book and am trying to get my leadership to purchase for employees, as well. -Fonda

981. Recently I attended a speech by a young philosopher named Alex Epstein on *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*. He argued that if we look carefully at the full context of positive and negative impacts of all forms of energy (including the climate impacts of CO2), there is a strong moral case for humanity to use more fossil fuels rather than less. I found him unusually articulate, well-informed, calm, and factual--and I think his sober analysis and method of thinking can help our thinking about the important economic, energy, and environmental policy choices ahead. -David

982. I'm in my mid-30s and going back to college. As an "adult student," my "continuing studies" adult program has very limited course selection, resulting in me having to take a course titled, "The Economics of Global Climate Change." The professor began the course with, what he called, "Three indisputable facts;" among these was that "The reason for the increase in CO2 is due to human activity" (and by extension, global warming is manmade). Being a novice in this field, as most people are, the only thing that made my eyebrow go up is, being a skeptic, the statement of "Indisputable facts." Whenever I hear that, I say, "challenge accepted." Thanks to Alex Epstein and the Center for Industrial Progress, I have some counter-points and facts to challenge the dogmatic religion of global climate change. I will be writing a term paper on this subject and intend to use a lot of Alex's publications, and sources, as the basis for my argument. -Brian

983. I think your *Moral Case* book is a terrific contribution to our understanding of the world has

today! Congratulations! -Ron

984. I have been a big fan of Alex for a while now. I read his *Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* and now have much more information to share with the enemies of my industry. I have lived long enough to have heard many catastrophic predictions from the climate alarmists and have seen that not one has ever come true. -Todd

985. Thanks for your excellent, articulate, and concise book. As a trained scientist and licensed engineer who commonly interacts with senior management of large organizations (and lectures at USC), it's a refreshing and educational read. -Wayne

986. I have learned a lot of interesting things from you when it comes to energy. I especially like your very openly logical approach. Scientists collect data and philosophers connect the dots. That's how I look at it and your explanation methods are something I recognize from some other very bright liberals I know of (Milton Friedman, Johan Norberg, Thomas Sowell). -Victor

987. Brilliant logic, reasoning, and conclusions. . . . I looked at your debate at the Sierra Club. Excellent debate. Your reasoning was irrefutable. Keep up the good work. . . . I will be buying more than 1 hardcover to share and insist my friends and associates read. -Doug

988. Just finished chapter 4, "The Greenhouse Effect and the Fertilizer Effect" [in *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*]. Wow, you demolish so many talking points that are widely believed to be facts. As someone who values evidence, I am definitely going to be double checking your work here. If you are correct in even half of your claims, I will be wholly disappointed with the journalists (especially from the left), professors, and scientific groups that aren't vocal enough

on the caveats, and on distinguishing fact from unsubstantiated hypothesis. -Matthew

989. Thank you for both your astoundingly clear book about energy and your valuable course. . . . This was well worth the time and money, and I only regret that I could not have done this much sooner. Regarding the course, I was particularly impressed by your analysis of how philosophical and political movements succeed, coupled with actionable advice on how to apply this knowledge. I have long known THAT movements (such as abolitionism) have succeeded in a relatively short time, historically. But, until I took your course, I had never seen such a clear, essentialized explanation of why, or how to duplicate such success. Having considered this problem many times, I appreciate your solution for its elegance and usefulness. It sounds obvious in retrospect, but so do many products of difficult mental work. I enjoyed the book and the course very much, and look forward to using what I have learned in the future. -Clyde

990. I wanted to take a moment to express my admiration and respect for you and your efforts to inform the American public. I only recently discovered you and the Center for Industrial Progress while doing personal research on "Human Caused Catastrophic Climate Change." -Richard

991. I nominated you to speak at a TED conference via their online nominating form. I hope you get invited. You deserve it. I just learned about you a few months ago and am impressed by your logic, rational thinking and approach to this issue. I bought your book and am reading it now and enjoying it. I am an electrical engineer, former electric utility manager and builder of an electric car so your topic is right in my scope of interest. -Everett

992. I was *very* impressed by your interview with Rubin and the points you made there. Excellent stuff! . . . I want to close by emphasizing again how deeply impressed I am with the courage and clarity of your brilliant arguments. Thanks for that and may the force stay with you. -J.P.

993. I have been reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, and can't say enough about it. It's an amazing book. -Benjamin

994. Thank you Alex for being the voice of reason and for being the exceedingly eloquent and genuine speaker that you are. Your logic is very captivating and I hope it catches on. I'm getting very tired of group think and bandwagon mentalities. -Sabine

995. Your interview with Dave Rubin was brilliant. From your stage presence, to the way you held the discussion on point, to the information you presented, your entire effort was spot on, interesting and very professional. -Donald

996. I just finished reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* having found out about it from Stefan Molyneux's show. It was a clear, coherent and fantastic book and I look forward to putting the knowledge to good use in my Geography degree starting this year. -Finlay

997. Just a note to say I am so proud of you for having the courage to make your stand for free speech. Courage is obviously something that you are familiar with, which is a great inspiration. What you are doing will absolutely make a dent in the universe. Stay the course and know that you are supported by many, including me. I will continue to share your posts and spread your message of freedom of speech and encourage people to have dynamic conversations about difficult topics. -Susan

998. Every citizen would benefit from reading this book and learn the facts to hold the political leaders who opposed fossil fuels accountable to the damage they are inflicting. -Abdelhamid Abdou

999. I've been hearing of you for a few years now from my husband... I've heard accolades for Dan Sullivan, but had never yet followed any of his work, so this podcast was my deeper intro to you both as well as your new and evolving mission. We're definitely kindred spirits.

We've listened to--and discussed--your intro podcast with Dan as a family (with our two young adult kids), and will be subscribing to Human Flourishing. It's gratifying and encouraging to see this coming about. It's an essential--and pivotal--vision direly needed in today's turbulent world. Human flourishing is our destiny and you're on the cusp. Thank you for the clarity of thought and consciousness you bring into the world. -LeAura

1000. **After reading *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* you can count me among the 'turned' (from non-supporter into supporter).** Thank you for this incredible experience! -Daniel

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