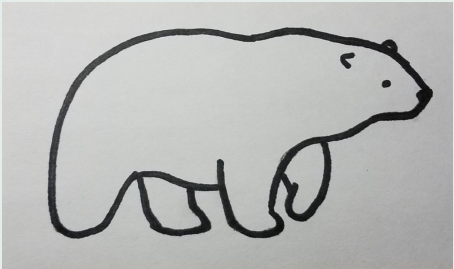


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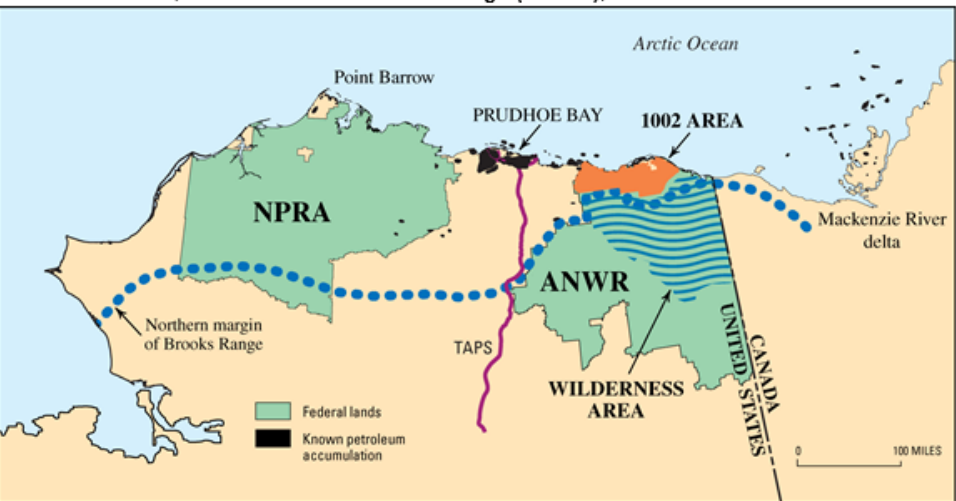
## The Political Polar Bears

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### OUR GOAL

Our goal is to learn how the US has approached Arctic drilling through different lenses: Economy and Environment

Northern Alaska, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), and Coastal Plain 1002 Area



Climatic Change

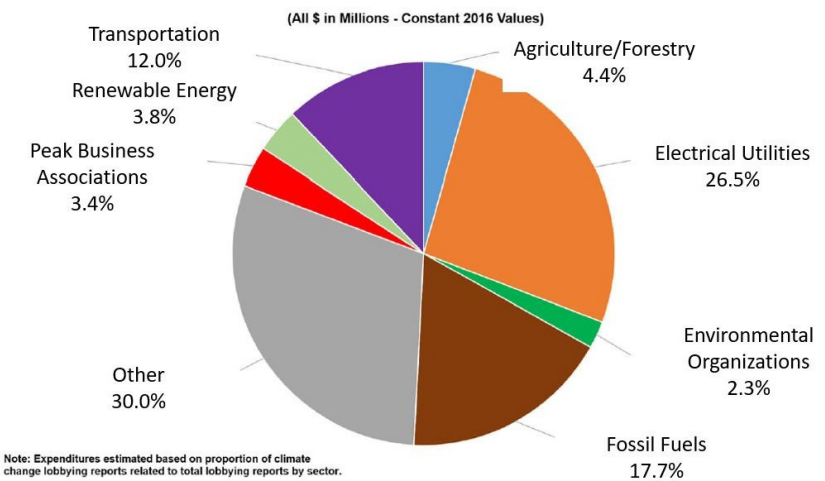


Fig. 3 US national climate change lobbying expenditures distribution of spending by sector, 2000 to 2016

### BACKGROUND

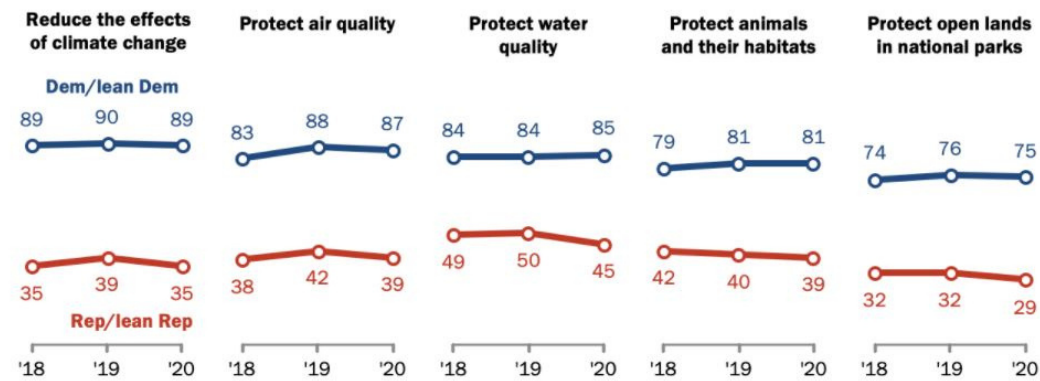
- The ANWR is one of the last untouched refuges
  - Area of 19 million acres in northeastern Alaska
- Oil companies and the government prioritize profit for sustainability

### ASSESSEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

- The ANWR was opened for bidding in late 2020
  - This accumulated a total profit of 14.4 million dollars
  - This harms the habitat of many endangered species

#### Consistent partisan divides over government environmental action

% of U.S. adults who say the federal government is doing too little to ...



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### RAISING AWARENESS

- Through contacts with different organizations
- Advocating for protests to enact change
- Raising awareness will put pressure on the government to take legal steps

