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- emitting greenhouse gases that directly increase climate change;
- concealing decades of industry-funded research confirming the adverse impact of fossil-fuel emissions on climate; and
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4. Do you believe the term "fiduciary responsibility" applies not only to short-term shareholder return but also to risks associated with climate change, such as increasing costs of insurance, stranded assets, and loss of real estate values?

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