

## **ENVIRONMENT VS. SHELL**

**THE ACCUSED: Royal Dutch Shell**

**THE CRIME: Continuing to colonize the world through ecocide**

**ACCOMPLICES: The Dutch government & Dutch people in allowing this.**

**DEPOSITION - 88349**

### **THE DUTCH EDUCATIONAL SECTOR**

My name is [REDACTED] I was born on the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] the Netherlands and I am the Rector Magnificus at [REDACTED]

At the university of [REDACTED] we aim to hire professors who are leaders in their field. We recognize that potentially our enthusiasm about [REDACTED] and naming him Professor for Strategic Management & Innovation, while the integrity case was still being conducted against him, was a mistake of unnecessary haste. But you must understand that he is an expert member of the World Economic Forum, who doesn't want him leading your business department?

Sure, I can explain the integrity case. Professor [REDACTED], conducted a research piece on the business climate for multinational head-offices in the Netherlands for a sustainability think-tank in 2017 and failed, upon publishing this, to mention that Royal Dutch Shell was a funder of this research. This was especially problematic, as apparently Shell then utilized the research report for their own lobby trajectory for a tax policy that would benefit multinationals. We recognize of course that this is a grave issue, however the investigation is as of yet inconclusive. Also you must understand that funding for research and education is incredibly restricted and hard to come by these days. Let alone the fact that many of [REDACTED]'s former students at the [REDACTED] university of [REDACTED] have gone on to work for Shell, so sometimes the distinction is not so clear. You feel like a former student or colleague is funding your work and next thing you know there is an investigation into your integrity.

**END DEPOSITION**