

Average combined quarterly profits* of ConocoPhillips (76), Shell, ExxonMobil, ChevronTexaco, and BP (Arco) nearly tripple as pump prices in the US climb from \$1.15 in the 1st qtr 02 to \$1.60 in 2003

*reduced by billions through one time "special item" tax write-offs

Source: Company reports posted on their websites

