

# OPERATION:

# BULLSHIT PLUG

Times are getting desperate at the Deepwater Horizon. The lies show no sign of running dry and the flow of bullshit appears unstoppable. Now you and a friend can play out the greatest ecological disaster in recent history and the goliath battle of BP vs. Public Opinion. Everyone knows that appearing to do something is far better (and a whole lot cheaper) than actually doing something. So, as BP, you're going to do your best to spin your way to a healthier share price. As the public, you can bring a certain amount of pressure to bear upon the monolithic oil company - but maybe that's exactly what sends their PR machine into over-drive? Can BP be relied upon to do the right thing by themselves and fix the leak?

## HOW TO PLAY:

One player takes on the role of BP; the other of the general public. Place a counter in the grey starting square of the BP grid (share graph) and the public grid (leak meter). Players simultaneously play one of their two cards, face down on the table. Both reveal their card and act upon the result. Played cards are taken back into the hand and the action is repeated. Once any counter goes off the grid in either direction, the game is over. BP wins if their share tops out, while the public wins if the leak is successfully plugged. **Any other result is a loss for everyone.**

SCORING	PR + Pressure	= Share moves <b>right 1</b> ; Leak moves <b>up 1</b>
	PR + Trust	= Share moves <b>left 2</b> ; Leak <b>stays</b>
	Fix + Pressure	= Share moves <b>right 2</b> ; Leak moves <b>down 2</b>
	Fix + Trust	= Share <b>stays</b> ; Leak moves <b>down 1</b>

<p>Maybe self-regulation could work after all. Sit back, catch up on Reddit and see if BP do the right thing.</p> <p><b>TRUST THEM</b></p>	<b>PUBLIC</b>
<p>Reticence be damned! Publish that scathing blog post. Then let merry hell loose on #oilspill</p> <p><b>APPLY PRESSURE</b></p>	<b>PUBLIC</b>
<p>Mobilise the forces for a quick photo op.</p> <p><b>PRESS RELEASE!</b></p>	<b>BP</b>
<p>Actually do something that resembles facing up to your ethical and legal duty.</p> <p><b>FIX THE LEAK!</b></p>	<b>BP</b>

