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## Republican CA Gov Candidate on Dem Frontrunner: â If You Canâ t Trust Gavin With His Best Friendâ s Wife, How Can You Trust Him With Your State?â

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BY: Conor Beck

Republican candidate for California governor Travis Allen asked a brutal personal question during a debate of the frontrunner, Democratic Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, about an affair the California Democrat had in 2005.

"The question is very simple ladies and gentlemen: if you can't trust Gavin with his best friend's wife, how can you trust him with your state?" Allen asked.

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Allen was referring to an affair Newsom had with Ruby Rippey Gibney, who was Newsom's commission appointments secretary. Rippey Gibney was married to Newsom's campaign manager and friend Alex Tourk.

Due to the unique top-two jungle primary system in California, voters will vote on all candidates to determine who will be on the ballot in the general election. The top two candidates coming out of the June 5 primary, regardless of party, will face off in the November election.

Fellow Democrats in the race have also criticized Newsom for his affair.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Amanda Renteria, who previously served as the political director of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, went after Newsom in a series of tweets. She accused Newsom of sexual misconduct and "misusing his power."

## California Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Calls on Dem Lt. Governor to Step Down

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Amanda Renteria, a Democratic candidate for governor in California, has called on fellow gubernatorial candidate and current Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom (D., Calif.) to step down, accusing him of sexual misconduct and "misusing his power."

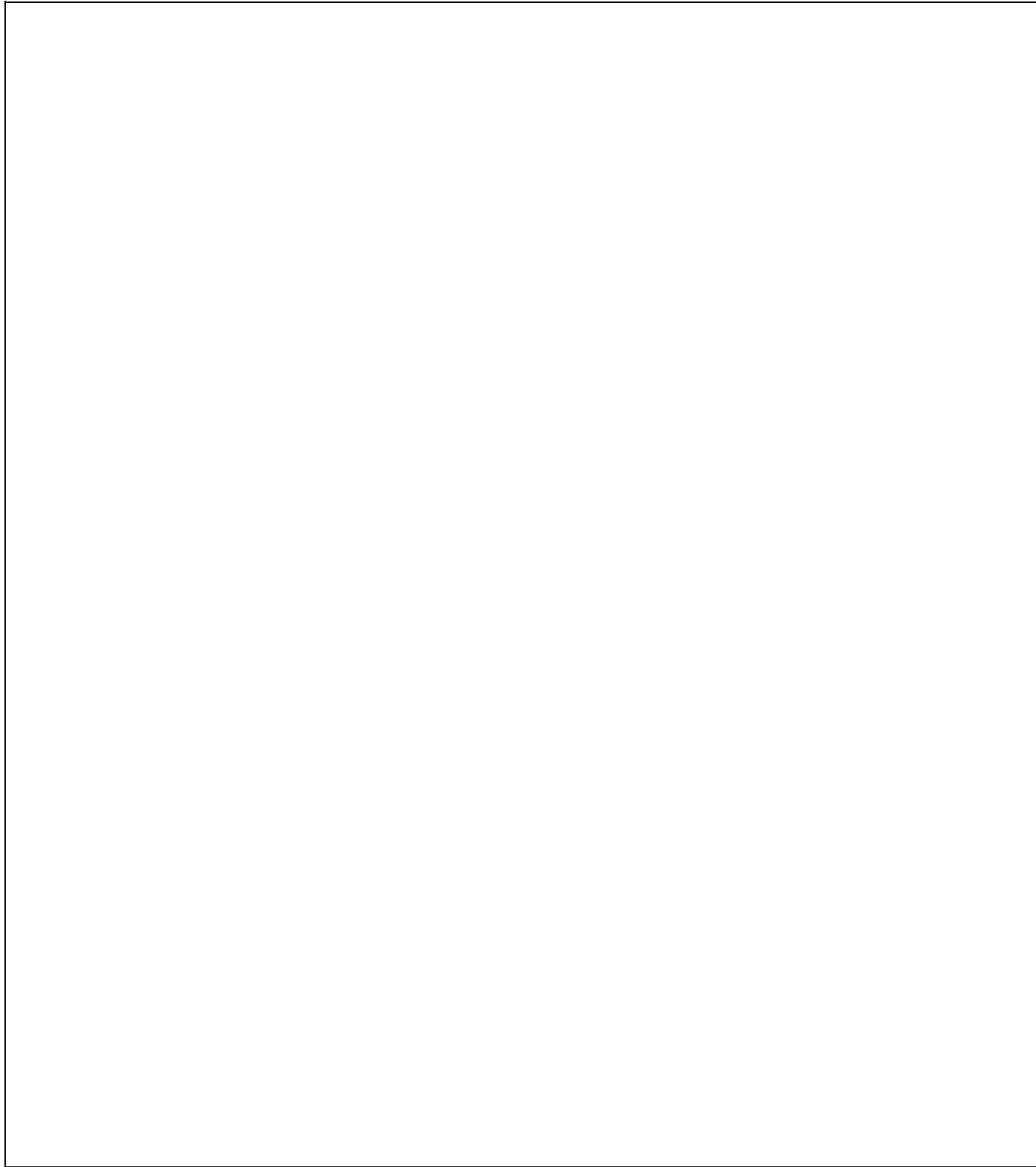
In a lengthy series of tweets, Renteria pointed to allegations of an affair Newsom conducted with his appointments secretary while he was mayor of San Francisco and to Newsom's dating of a 19-year-old student when he was 38.

Renteria previously served as the political director of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign. She announced her candidacy for governor on Feb. 14, 2018. Newsom previously served as the mayor of San Francisco from 2004 to 2010 before he was then elected lieutenant governor, defeating six candidates.

Renteria initially tweeted a statement Thursday in which she called on Newsom to step down as lieutenant governor.

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**Amanda Renteria@AmandaRenteria**

Today, I am calling on Gavin Newsom to step down from his position as Lieutenant Governor. Someone with a history of sexual misconduct in the workplace doesnâ t deserve to hold elected office in California. /1

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She linked to a Medium post she wrote titled, "My #MeToo Story and Why It Matters," before turning to Newsom's history of alleged misconduct.

**Amanda Renteria@AmandaRenteria**

And yet, a candidate for the most powerful position in our state has a pattern of misusing his power in the workplace. /8

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Renteria pointed to two separate relationships she took issue with. The first occurred with his appointments secretary, whose husband was Newsom's campaign manager and friend. Newsom was also married at the time.

**Amanda Renteria@AmandaRenteria**

In 2007, @SFGate reported - Gavin Newsom had multiple sexual encounters with his appointments secretary while he was mayor. That employeeâ s husband was Newsomâ s best friend and campaign manager. /9

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The scandal was deceptively hidden from the public for more than a year. /10

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## **BEHIND THE STORY: Year of rumors before the bombshell**

Rumors started making the rounds of City Hall in late 2005, soon after Newsom and Rippey-Tourk were reportedly spotted together in the mayoral town car at a wedding in Napa. [...] no firsthand...

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The second involved Newsom dating a 19-year-old student whom he took to city gala where she was photographed drinking alcohol. Renteria tweeted an article from ABC News in 2006 detailing the affair.

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### **Amanda Renteria@AmandaRenteria**

Sadly, thereâ s more. @SFChronicle reported that Newsom, then a 38 yr old mayor, dated a 19 year old student. He took her to a city gala where she was photographed consuming alcohol. /13 <http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=2581600&page=1> â ¡

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Renteria's calls follow California State Senator Tony Mendoza (D.) resigning in February because of sexual harassment allegations. He offered a 19-year-old intern alcohol in a hotel suite at a Democratic Party event, and was also the subject of a two-month investigation that found that he had "more likely than not" engaged in "unwanted" sexually suggestive behavior with six women, four of whom were subordinates.

His resignation was part of a pattern of Californian lawmakers stepping down after sexual harassment allegations.

Renteria concluded by describing the current moment as a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to promote change.

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### **Amanda Renteria@AmandaRenteria**

The most progressive state in the union will not go back to a time when we had to politely smile while promoting someone who has harmed his employees. No more. Not ever again.

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**[Amanda Renteria](#)** @ **[AmandaRenteria](#)**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to change things for future generations. We have learned the power of our voice. Itâ s finally time to exercise that power through real action.  
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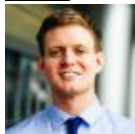
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Newsom has been considered one of the frontrunners in the race to replace Gov. Jerry Brown (D.). Former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (D.) is, based on recent polling, his closest challenger.

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## Was Guccifer 2.0 a Russian Intelligence Officer Who Worked For The DNC or a 'Triple Agent'?

**Robert Muellerâ s team has taken over the investigation of Guccifer 2.0, who communicated with (and was defended by) longtime Trump adviser Roger Stone.**

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**PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY THE DAILY BEAST**

Guccifer 2.0, the â lone hackerâ who took credit for providing WikiLeaks with stolen emails from the Democratic National Committee, was in fact an officer of Russiaâ s military intelligence directorate (GRU), The Daily Beast has learned. Itâ s an attribution that resulted from a fleeting but critical slip-up in GRU tradecraft.

That forensic determination has substantial implications for the criminal probe into potential collusion between President Donald Trump and Russia. The Daily Beast has learned that the special counsel in that investigation, Robert Mueller, has taken over the probe into Guccifer and brought the FBI agents who worked to track the persona onto his team.

While itâ s unclear what Mueller plans to do with Guccifer, his last round of indictments charged 13 Russians tied to the Internet Research Agency troll farm with a conspiracy â for the purpose of interfering with the U.S. political and electoral processes, including the presidential election of 2016.â It was Muellerâ s first move establishing Russian interference in the election within a criminal context, but it stopped short of directly implicating the Putin regime.

Muellerâ s office declined to comment for this story. But the attribution of Guccifer 2.0 as an officer of Russiaâ s largest foreign intelligence agency would cross the Kremlin thresholdâ and move the investigation closer to Trump himself.

â The attribution of Guccifer 2.0 as an officer of Russiaâ s largest foreign intelligence agency brings the investigation closer to the Kremlinâ s doorstepâ and to Trump himself.â Trumpâ s longtime political adviser Roger Stone admitted being in touch with Guccifer over Twitterâ s direct messaging service. And in August 2016, Stone published an article on the pro-Trump-friendly Breitbart News calling on his political opponents to â Stop Blaming Russiaâ for the hack. â I have some news for Hillary and Democratsâ I think Iâ ve got the real culprit,â he wrote. â It doesnâ t seem to be the Russians that hacked the DNC, but instead a hacker who goes by the name of Guccifer 2.0.â

Five months later, in January 2017, the CIA, NSA, and FBI assessed â with high confidenceâ that â Russian military intelligence (General Staff Main Intelligence Directorate or GRU) used the Guccifer 2.0 persona and DCLeaks.com to release US victim data.â But the assessment did not directly call Guccifer a Russian intelligence officer. Nor did it provide any evidence for its assertions.

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It turns out there is a powerful reason to connect Guccifer to the GRU.

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Guccifer 2.0 sprang into existence on June 15, 2016, hours after a report by a computer security firm forensically tied Russia to an intrusion at the Democratic National Committee. In a series of blog posts and tweets over the following seven monthsâ conspicuously ending right as Trump took office and not resumingâ the Guccifer persona published a smattering of the DNC documents while gamely projecting an image as an independent Romanian hacktivist whoâ d breached the DNC on a lark. As Stoneâ s Breitbart piece demonstrated, Guccifer provided Moscow with a counter-narrative for the election interference.

Guccifer famously pretended to be a â lone hackerâ who perpetrated the digital DNC break-in. From the outset, few believed it. Motherboard conducted a devastating interview with Guccifer that exploded the accountâ s claims of being a native Romanian speaker. Based on forensic clues in some of Gucciferâ s leaks, and other evidence, a consensus quickly formed among security experts that Guccifer was completely notional.

â Almost immediately various cyber security companies and individuals were skeptical of Guccifer 2.0 and the backstory that he had generated for himself,â said Kyle Ehmke, an intelligence researcher at the cyber security firm ThreatConnect. â We started seeing these inconsistencies that led back to the idea that he was created hastilyâ l by the individual or individuals that affected the DNC compromise.â

Proving that link definitively was harder. Ehmke led an investigation at ThreatConnect that tried to track down Guccifer from the metadata in his emails. But the trail always ended at the same data center in France. Ehmke eventually uncovered that Guccifer was connecting through an anonymizing service called Elite VPN, a virtual private networking service that had an exit point in France but was headquartered in Russia.

â Working off the IP address, U.S. investigators identified Guccifer 2.0 as a particular GRU officer working out of the agencyâ s headquarters on Grizodubovoy Street in Moscow.â But on one occasion, The Daily Beast has learned, Guccifer failed to activate the VPN client before logging on. As a result, he left a real, Moscow-based Internet Protocol address in the server logs of an American social media company, according to a source familiar with the governmentâ s Guccifer investigation. Twitter and WordPress were Guccifer 2.0â s favored outlets. Neither company would comment for this story, and Guccifer did not respond to a direct message on Twitter.

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Security firms and declassified U.S. intelligence findings previously identified the GRU as the agency running â [Fancy Bear](#),â the ten-year-old hacking organization behind the DNC email theft, as well as breaches at NATO, Obamaâ s White House, a French television station, the World Anti-Doping Agency, and countless NGOs, and militaries and civilian agencies in Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus.

Timestamps in Guccifer 2.0â s first leaks show they were packaged for release over the course of a single day in June 2016, beginning just hours after the DNC intrusion and its attribution to Russia were made public. The moniker was an homage to Romanian hacker Marcel LazĂ r Lehel, who as â Gucciferâ achieved notoriety in 2013 for a string of hacks against celebrities and politicians.

In his inaugural blog post, Guccifer 2.0 disputed Russiaâ s involvement and claimed credit personally for the DNC breach, positioning himself as a one-time hacking operation working to expose â the Illuminati.â The post included the worldâ s first glimpse of the enormous cache of documents siphoned from the DNCâ s network, including the Democratsâ opposition research report on Trump. Presaging the leaks that would roil the election, Guccifer 2.0 declared that heâ d already sent the bulk of the stolen material to WikiLeaksâ which has spent the time since [obfuscating whether Guccifer was its source](#).

On July 22, 2016, WikiLeaks began releasing its cache of approximately 19,000 emails and 8,000 attachments stolen in the hack. While Trump promoted the leak on Twitter and in rallies, his surrogate Roger Stone pushed back against the Kremlin attribution. In his August 2016 article for Breitbart, he argued that Guccifer 2.0 was the Romanian hacktivist he claimed to be. â Guccifer 2.0 is the real deal,â he wrote.

Last May, Stone admitted that heâ d also exchanged direct messages with the Guccifer 2.0 persona, and he [released](#) what he claimed was a complete transcript of his communications with the account. The transcript is brief and banal, showing Stone congratulating Guccifer 2.0 on returning to Twitter after a brief suspension, and then mostly ignoring him. Then and since, Stone has consistently denied that Guccifer was connected to the Kremlin.

â I myself had no contacts or communications with the Russian State, Russian Intelligence or anyone fronting for them or acting as intermediaries for them,â he wrote.

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â Roger Stone

Guccifer 2.0 maintained a sporadic online presence throughout the election, posting to his dedicated WordPress blog and on Twitter, and spilling more DNC documents, sometimes in private emails to journalists.

While the national election clearly interested him (â [Democrats prepare new provocation against Trump](#),â he thundered in October 2016), Guccifer 2.0 reached down the ballot as well, posting documents from the Democratsâ national campaign committee on his WordPress blog. There, readers could find internal Democratic candidate assessments relevant to battleground states like [Pennsylvania](#) and [Florida](#); internal [assessments of key congressional districts](#), with granular analyses of their demographics; and campaign recruitment material.

The GRU officer was eager to share this trove, as well. A GOP political operative in Florida, Aaron Nevins, DMâ d Guccifer 2.0 a request for â any Florida based informationâ and received 2.5 gigabytesâ worth, [according to The Wall Street Journal](#). The data, he enthused to Guccifer 2.0, was â probably worth millions of dollars.â A consultant for a successful Florida Republican congressional candidate told the paper, â I did adjust some voting targets based on some data I saw from the leaks.â

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Sometime after its hasty launch, the Guccifer persona was handed off to a more experienced GRU officer, according to a source familiar with the matter. The timing of that handoff is unclear, but Guccifer 2.0â s last blog post, from Jan. 12, 2017, evinced a far greater command of English than the personaâ s earlier efforts.

â Itâ s obvious that the intelligence agencies are deliberately falsifying evidence,â the post read. â In my opinion, theyâ re playing into the hands of the Democrats who are trying to blame foreign actors for their failure.â

(Contrast that with the language from a June 2016 post: â I made some conclusions from the Marcelâ s story and decided not to put all eggs in one basket. Moreover, other cases werenâ t so successful and didnâ t bring me the glory.â )

Today the most popular counter-narrative surrounding Guccifer 2.0 concedes that the account was a fake persona but posits that it was created by the DNC to support a false-flag operation implicating Russia. In this theory, advanced in two widely cited anonymous blogs, Guccifer 2.0 was the DNC posing as Russia posing as a Romanian hacker.

# 50 Years Ago, Sugar Industry Quietly Paid Scientists To Point Blame At Fat Just Like Elon Musk Does Against Fuel Cells Today

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A newly discovered cache of internal documents reveals that the sugar industry downplayed the risks of sugar in the 1960s.

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In the 1960s, the sugar industry funded research that downplayed the risks of sugar and highlighted the hazards of fat, according to [a newly published article](#) in *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

The article draws on internal documents to show that an industry group called the Sugar Research Foundation wanted to "refute" concerns about sugar's possible role in heart disease. The SRF then sponsored research by Harvard scientists that did just that. The result was published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* in 1967, with no disclosure of the sugar industry funding.

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The sugar-funded project in question was a literature review, examining a variety of studies and experiments. It suggested there were major problems with all the studies that implicated sugar, and concluded that cutting fat out of American diets was the best way to address coronary heart disease.

The authors of the new article say that for the past five decades, the sugar industry has been attempting to influence the scientific debate over the relative risks of sugar and fat.

"It was a very smart thing the sugar industry did, because review papers, especially if you get them published in a very prominent journal, tend to shape the overall scientific discussion," co-author Stanton Glantz [told The New York Times](#).

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### **How The Food Industry Manipulates Taste Buds With 'Salt Sugar Fat'**

In the article, published Monday, authors Glantz, Cristin Kearns and Laura Schmidt aren't trying make the case for a link between sugar and coronary heart disease. Their interest is in the process. They say the documents reveal the sugar industry attempting to influence scientific inquiry and debate.

The researchers note that they worked under some limitations â "We could not interview key actors involved in this historical episode because they have died," they write. Other organizations were also advocating concerns about fat, they note.

There's no evidence that the SRF directly edited the manuscript published by the Harvard scientists in 1967, but there is "circumstantial" evidence that the interests of the sugar lobby shaped the conclusions of the review, the researchers say.

For one thing, there's motivation and intent. In 1954, the researchers note, the president of the SRF gave a speech describing a great business opportunity.

If Americans could be persuaded to eat a lower-fat diet â for the sake of their health â they would need to replace that fat with something else. America's per capita sugar consumption could go up by a third.

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But in the '60s, the SRF became aware of "flowing reports that sugar is a less desirable dietary source of calories than other carbohydrates," as John Hickson, SRF vice president and director of research, put it in one document.

He recommended that the industry fund its own studies â "Then we can publish the data and refute our detractors."

The next year, after several scientific articles were published suggesting a link between sucrose and coronary heart disease, the SRF approved the literature-review project. It wound up paying approximately \$50,000 in today's dollars for the research.

One of the researchers was the chairman of Harvard's Public Health Nutrition Department â and an ad hoc member of SRF's board.

#### **"A different standard" for different studies**

Glantz, Kearns and Schmidt say many of the articles examined in the review were hand-selected by SRF, and it was implied that the sugar industry would expect them to be critiqued.

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In a letter, SRF's Hickson said that the organization's "particular interest" was in evaluating studies focused on "carbohydrates in the form of sucrose."

"We are well aware," one of the scientists replied, "and will cover this as well as we can."

The project wound up taking longer than expected, because more and more studies were being released that suggested sugar might be linked to coronary heart disease. But it was finally published in 1967.

Hickson was certainly happy with the result: "Let me assure you this is quite what we had in mind and we look forward to its appearance in print," he told one of the scientists.

The review minimized the significance of research that suggested sugar could play a role in coronary heart disease. In some cases the scientists alleged investigator incompetence or flawed methodology.

"It is always appropriate to question the validity of individual studies," Kearns told Bloomberg via email. But, she says, "the authors applied a different standard" to different studies â looking very critically at research that implicated sugar, and ignoring problems with studies that found dangers in fat.

Epidemiological studies of sugar consumption â which look at patterns of health and disease in the real world â were dismissed for having too many possible factors getting in the way. Experimental studies were dismissed for being too dissimilar to real life.

One study that found a health benefit when people ate less sugar and more vegetables was dismissed because that dietary change was not feasible.

Another study, in which rats were given a diet low in fat and high in sugar, was rejected because "such diets are rarely consumed by man."

The Harvard researchers then turned to studies that examined risks of fat â which included the same kind of epidemiological studies they had dismissed when it came to sugar.

Citing "few study characteristics and no quantitative results," as Kearns, Glantz and Schmidt put it, they concluded that cutting out fat was "no doubt" the best dietary intervention to prevent coronary heart disease.

#### **Sugar lobby: "Transparency standards were not the norm"**

In a statement, the Sugar Association â which evolved out of the SRF â said it is challenging to comment on events from so long ago.

"We acknowledge that the Sugar Research Foundation should have exercised greater transparency in all of its research activities, however, when the studies in question were published funding disclosures and transparency standards were not the norm they are today," the association said.

"Generally speaking, it is not only unfortunate but a disservice that industry-funded research is branded as tainted," the statement continues. "What is often missing from the dialogue is that industry-funded research has been informative in addressing key issues."

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The documents in question are five decades old, but the larger issue is of the moment, as Marion Nestle notes in a commentary in the same issue of *JAMA Internal Medicine*:

"Is it really true that food companies deliberately set out to manipulate research in their favor? Yes, it is, and the practice continues. In 2015, the *New York Times* obtained emails revealing Coca-Cola's cozy relationships with sponsored researchers who were conducting studies aimed at minimizing the effects of sugary drinks on obesity. Even more recently, the Associated Press obtained emails showing how a candy trade association funded and influenced studies to show that children who eat sweets have healthier body weights than those who do not."

As for the article authors who dug into the documents around this funding, they offer two suggestions for the future.

"Policymaking committees should consider giving less weight to food industry-funded studies," they write.

They also call for new research into any ties between added sugars and coronary heart disease.

# 60 Minutes Uncovers Pelosi Insider Stock Trades

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Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi bought stock in initial public offerings (IPOs) that earned hefty returns while she had access to insider information that would have been illegal for an average citizen to trade with â even though itâ s perfectly legal for elected officials, CBSâ s "60 Minutes" reported Sunday night.

In a piece relying on data collected from the conservative Hoover Institution, "60 Minutes" revealed that elected officials like Pelosi are exempt from insider trading laws â regulations that carry hefty prison sentences and fines for any other citizen who trades stocks with private information on companies that can affect their stock price.

In the case of elected officials â this secret information ranges from timely details on lucrative federal contracts to legislation that can cause companiesâ stocks to rise and fall dramatically.

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How do they get away with it? Lawmakers have exempted themselves from the laws that govern every other citizen.

Pelosi, D-Calif., and her husband have participated in at least eight IPOs while having access to information directly relating to the companies involved. One of those came in 2008, from Visa, just as a troublesome piece of legislation that would have hurt credit card companies, began making its way through the House.

â Undisturbed by a potential conflict of interest the Pelosis purchased 5,000 shares of Visa at the initial price of \$44 dollars. Two days later it was trading at \$64. The credit card legislation never made it to the floor of the House,â **Steve Kroft of "60 Minutes" reported.**

Kroft confronted Pelosi at a regular press conference after she declined an interview.

Kroft: Madam Leader, I wanted to ask you why you and your husband back in March of 2008 accepted and participated in a very large IPO deal from Visa at a time there was major legislation affecting the credit card companies making its way through the â through the House.

Nancy Pelosi: But â

Kroft: And did you consider that to be a conflict of interest?

Pelosi: The â y â I â I don't know what your point is of your question. Is there some point that you want to make with that?

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Kroft: Well, I â I â I guess what I'm asking is do you think it's all right for a speaker to accept a very preferential, favorable stock deal?

Pelosi: Well, we didn't.

Kroft: You participated in the IPO. And at the time you were speaker of the House. You don't think it was a conflict of interest or had the appearance--

Pelosi: No, it was not â

Kroft: â of a conflict of interest?

Pelosi: â it doesn't â it only has appearance if you decide that you're going to have â elaborate on a false premise. But it â it â it's not true and that's that.

Kroft: I don't understand what part's not true.

Pelosi: Yes sir. That â that I would act upon an investment.

The Hoover Institutionâ s Peter Schweizer stressed that what Pelosi did was completely legal.

â There are all sorts of forms of honest grafts that congressmen engage in that allow them to become very, very wealthy. So it's not illegal, but I think it's highly unethical, I think it's highly offensive, and wrong,â he told Kroft.

â â Insider trading on the stock market. If you are a member of Congress, those laws are deemed not to apply,â Schweizer added. â The fact is, if you sit on a healthcare committee and you know that Medicare, for example, is â is considering not reimbursing for a certain drug that's market moving information. And if you can trade stock on â off of that information and do so legally, that's a great profit making opportunity. And that sort of behavior goes on.â

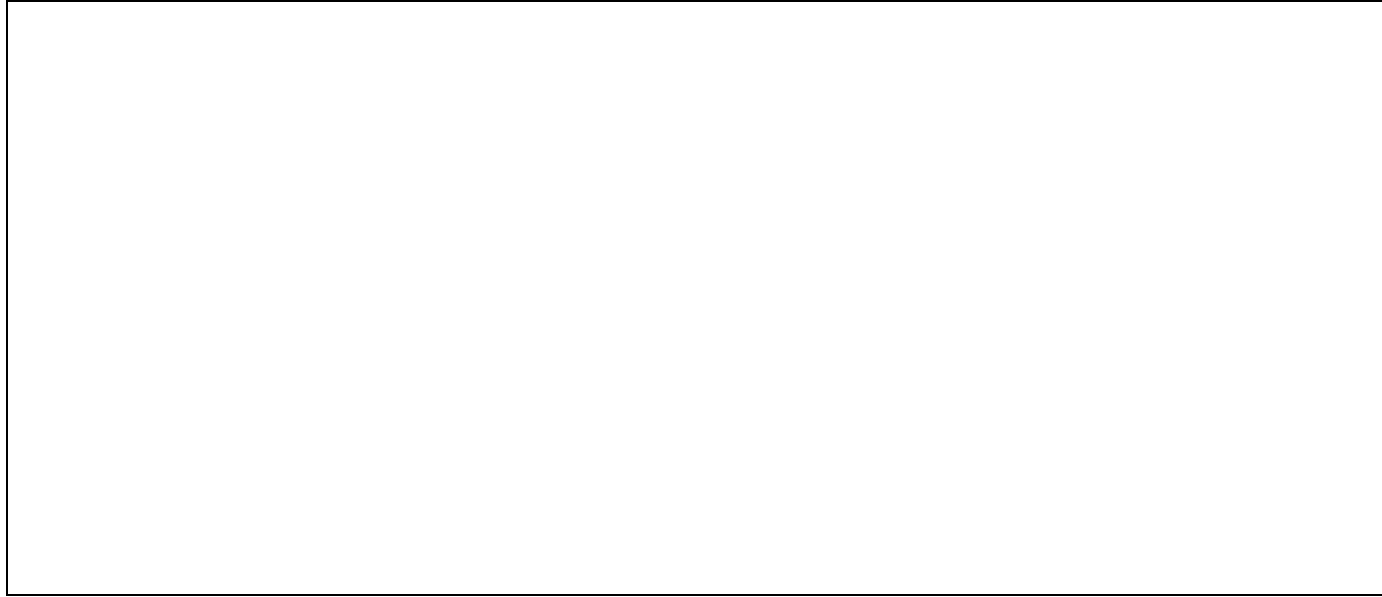
Pelosiâ s office issued a statement Sunday saying, â It is very troubling that â 60 Minutesâ would base their reporting off of an already-discredited conservative author who has made a career out of attacking Democrats.â

Schweizerâ s books include â Do as I Say (Not as I Do): Profiles in Liberal Hypocrisy,â and â Architects of Ruin,â according to Schweizerâ s page on the Hoover Institution website.

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## **100% Of US Warming Is Due To NOAA Data Tampering In Order To Put \$100M in Nancy Pelosi Bank Account From Insider Trading**

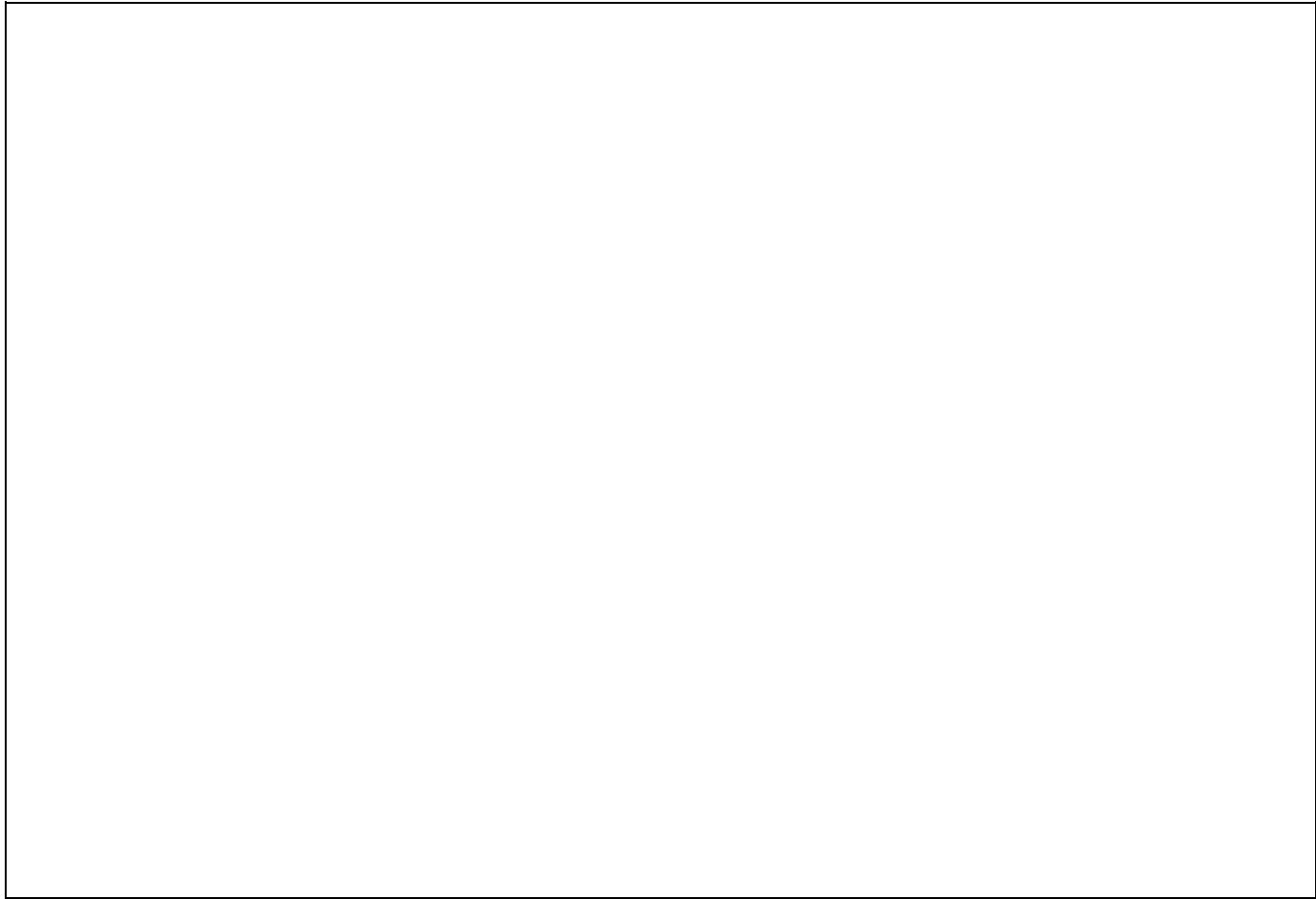
Climate Central just ran this piece, which the Washington Post picked up on. They claimed the US was overwhelmingly hot in 2016, and temperatures have risen 1,5Â°F since the 19th century.



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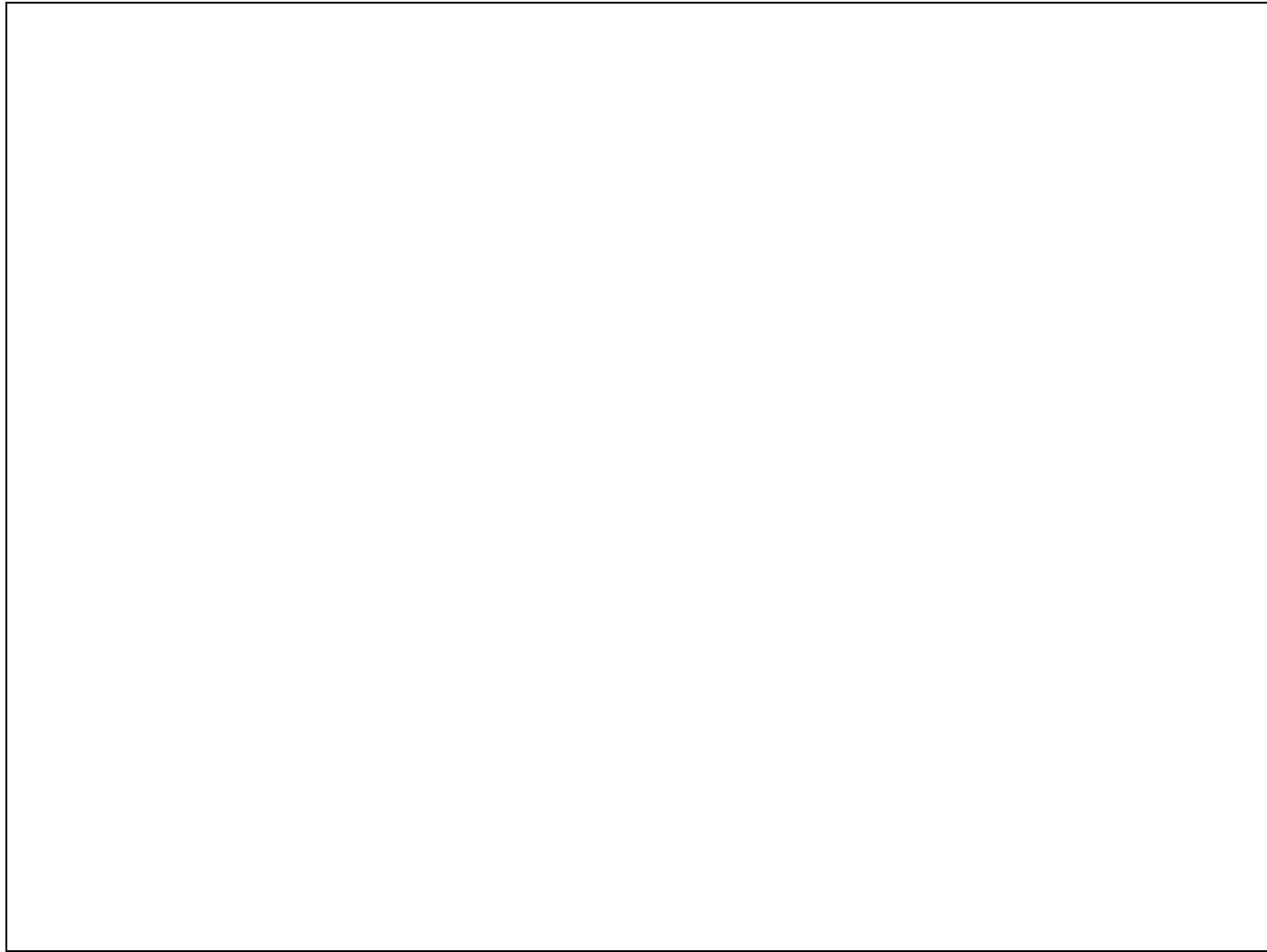
The first problem with their analysis is that the US had very little hot weather in 2016. The percentage of hot days was below average, and ranked 80th since 1895. Only 4.4% of days were over 95Â°F, compared with the long term average of 4.9%. Climate Central is conflating mild temperatures with hot ones.

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They also claim US temperatures rose 1.5Â°F since the 19th century, which is what NOAA shows.





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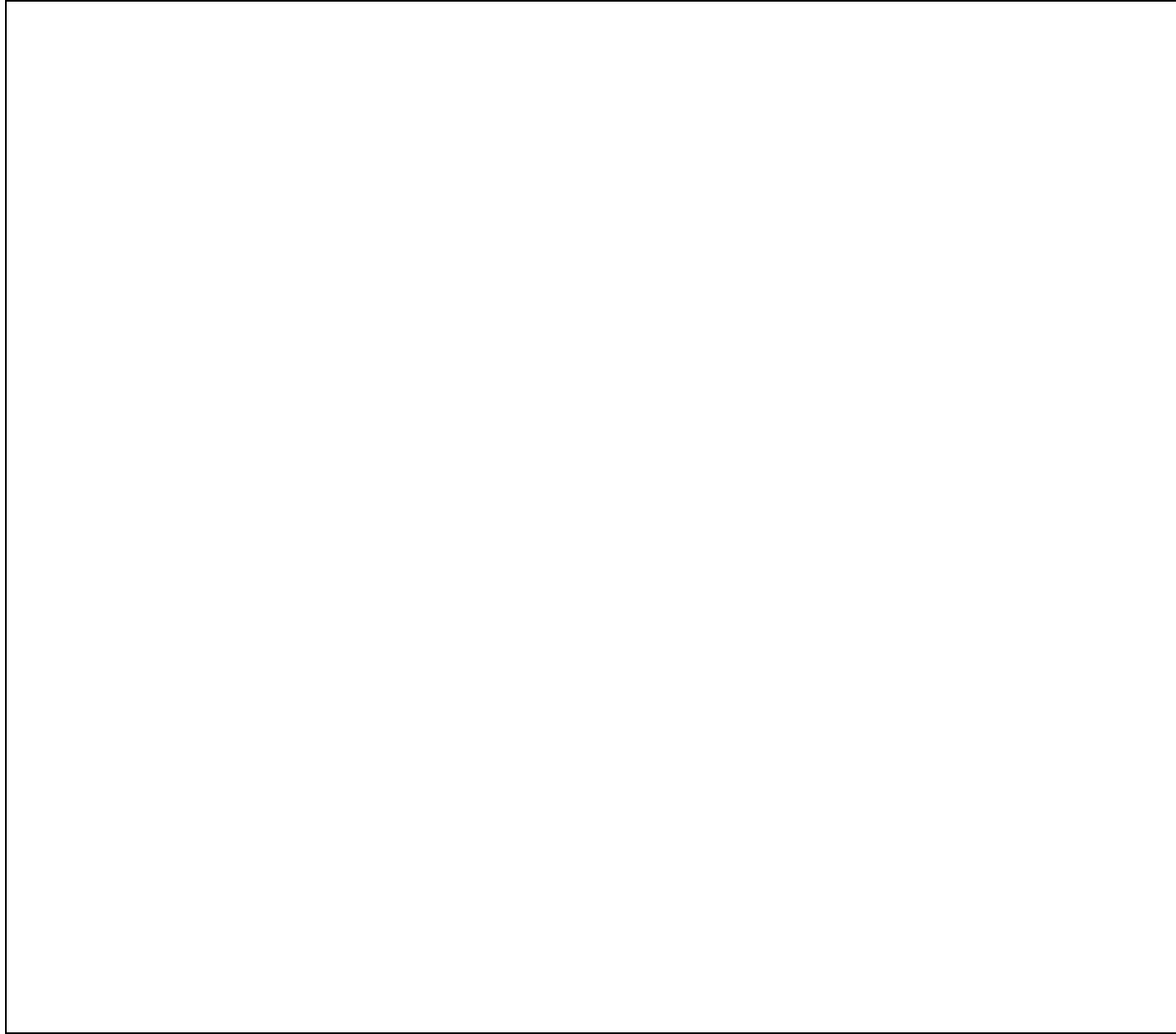
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The problem with the NOAA graph is that it is fake data. NOAA creates the warming trend by altering the data. The NOAA raw data shows no warming over the past century



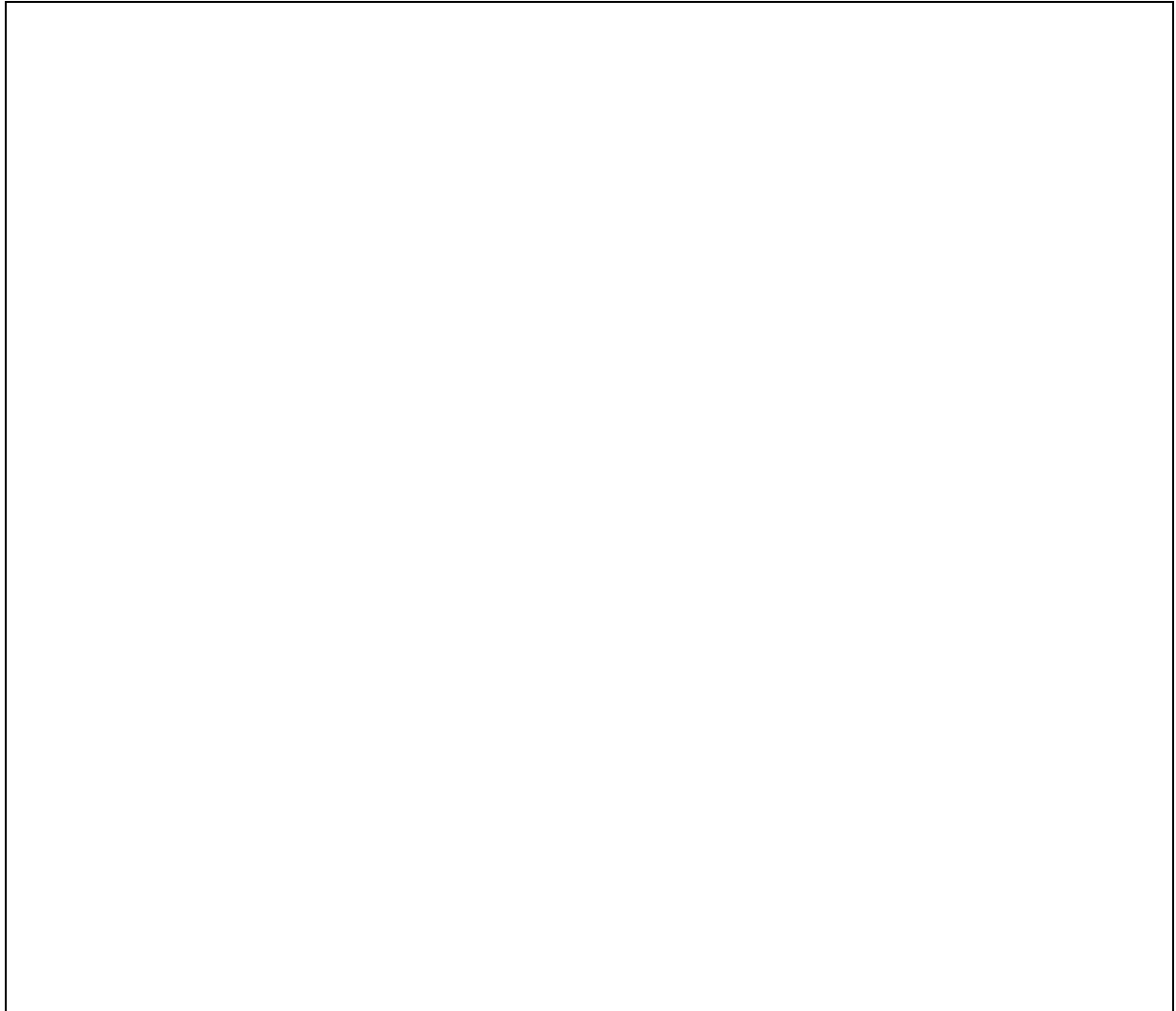
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The adjustments being made are almost exactly 1.5Â°F, which is the claimed warming in the article.



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The adjustments correlate almost perfectly with atmospheric CO2. NOAA is adjusting the data to match global warming theory. This is known as PBEM (Policy Based Evidence Making.)



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The hockey stick of adjustments since 1970 is due almost entirely to NOAA fabricating missing station data. In 2016, more than 42% of their monthly station data was missing, so they simply made it up. This is easy to identify because they mark fabricated temperatures with an â Eâ in their database.



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When presented with my claims of fraud, NOAA typically tries to arm wave it away with these two complaints.

1. They use gridded data and I am using un-gridded data.
2. They â have toâ adjust the data because of Time Of Observation Bias and station moves.

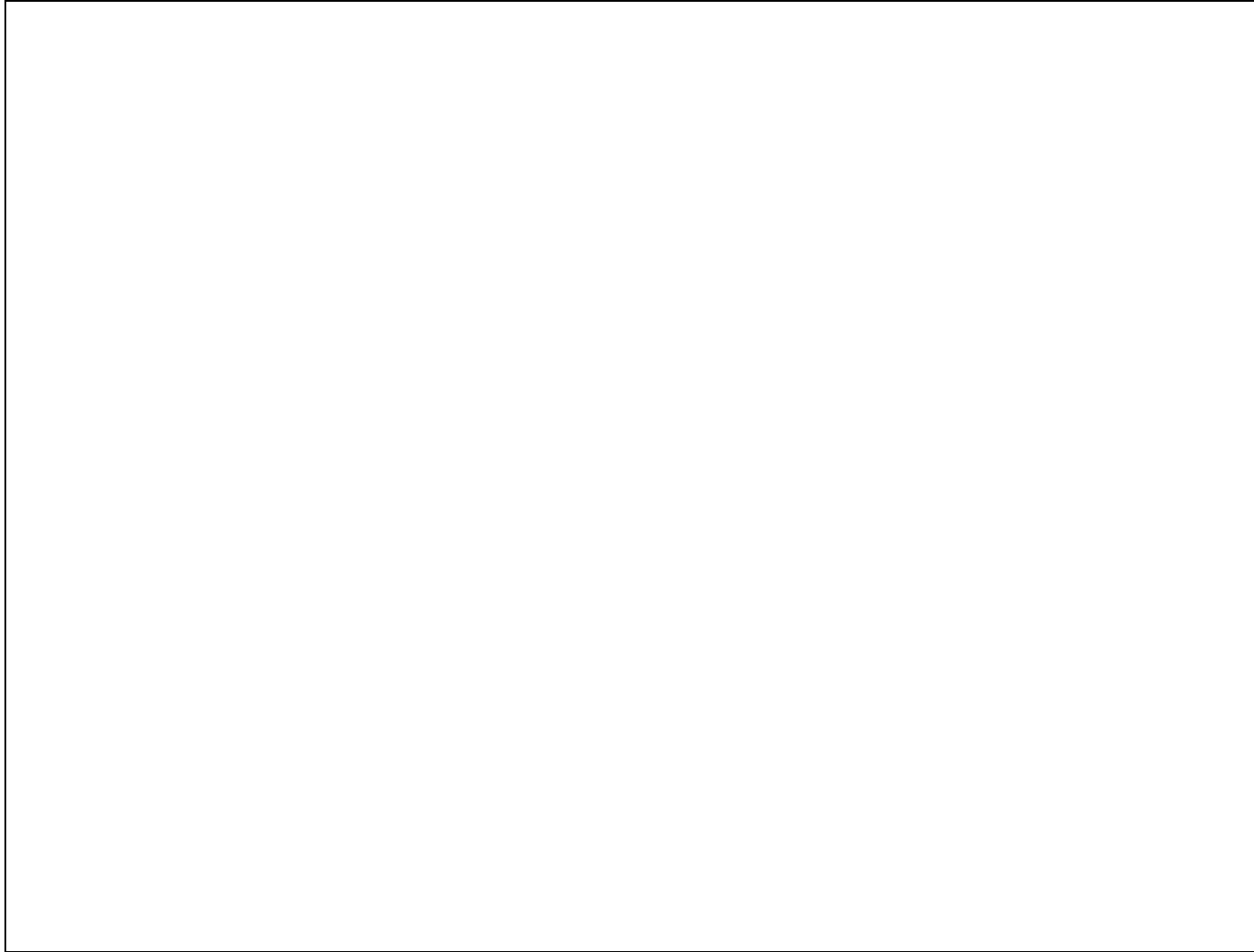
Both claims are easily debunked. The only effect that gridding has is to lower temperatures slightly. The trend of gridded data is almost identical to the trend of un-gridded data.



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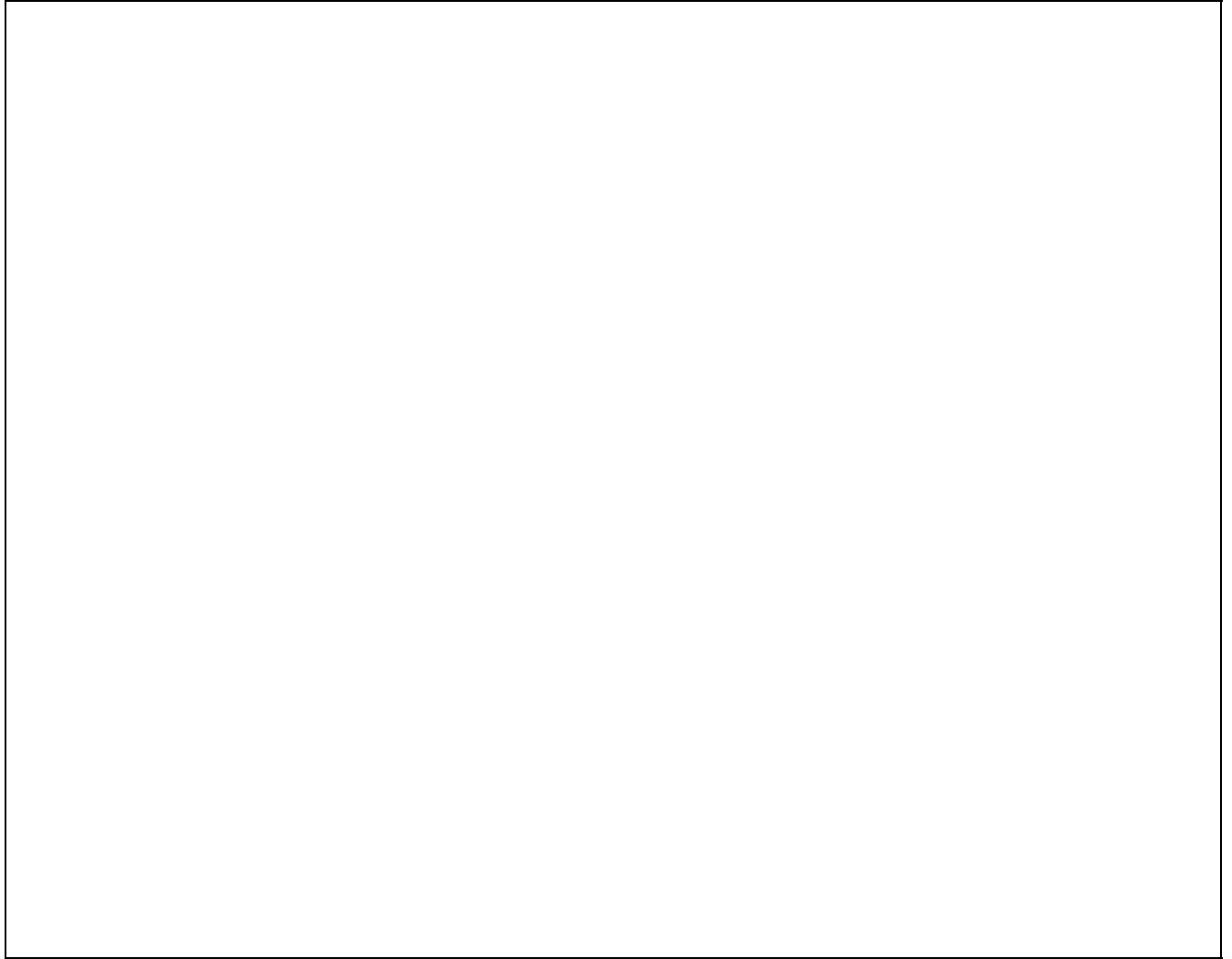
Time of Observation Bias (TOBS) is a real problem, but is very small. TOBS is based on the idea that if you reset a min/max thermometer too close to the afternoon maximum, you will double count warm temperatures (and vice-versa if thermometer is reset in the morning.) Their claim is that during the hot 1930â s most stations reset their thermometers in the afternoon.

This is easy to test by using only the stations which did not reset their thermometers in the afternoon during the 1930â s. The pattern is almost identical to that of all stations. No warming over the past century. Note that the graph below tends to show too much warming due to morning TOBS.



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NOAAâ s own documents show that the TOBS adjustment is small (0.3Â°F) and goes flat after 1990.



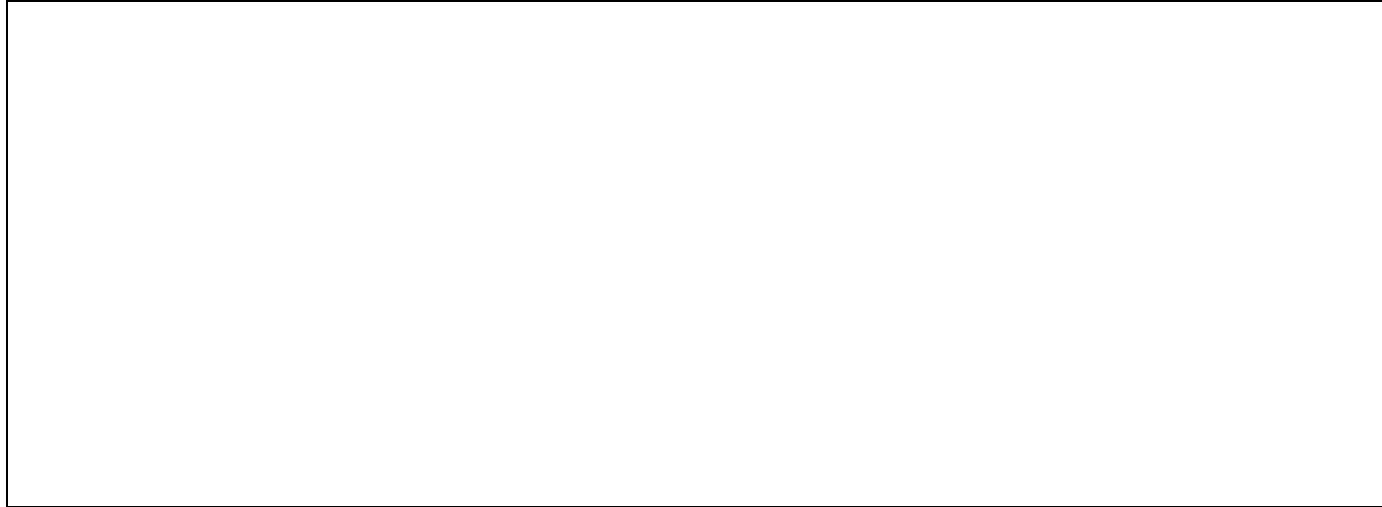
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Gavin Schmidt at NASA explains very clearly why the US temperature record does not need to be adjusted.

You could throw out 50 percent of the station data or more, and youâ d get basically the same answers.

One recent innovation is the set up of a climate reference network alongside the current stations so that they can look for potentially serious issues at the large scale â and they havenâ t found any yet.



[NASA â NASA Climatologist Gavin Schmidt Discusses the Surface Temperature Record](#)

NOAA has always known that the US is not warming.



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[U.S. Data Since 1895 Fail To Show Warming Trend](#) â [NYTimes.com](#)

All of the claims in the Climate Central article are bogus. The US is not warming and 2016 was not a hot year in the US. It was a very mild year.

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## **MSNBC Does Not Merely Permit Fabrications Against Democratic Party Critics. It Encourages and Rewards Them.**

Glenn Greenwald

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Photo: Colin Young-Wolff/Invision/AP

DURING THE 2016 primary and general election campaigns, various MSNBC hosts were openly campaigning for Hillary Clinton. One of the networkâ s programs featured Malcolm Nance (pictured above), whose background is quite sketchy but is presented by the cable network (and now by NBC News) as an â intelligence expertâ and former intelligence officer for the U.S. Navy.

On August 20, 2016, weekend host Joy Reid asked Nance about the supposed â affinityâ for Russia harbored by Jill Stein supporters. In response, Nance told MSNBC viewers: â Jill Stein has a show on Russia Today.â You can still watch the video of this claim here on MSNBCâ s own website or see it here:

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**Adam H. Johnson**

**â @adamjohnsonNYC**

Â· Aug 25, 2016

Incidentally I'm waiting for @MalcolmNance to tell me what time your big money RT show is <https://twitter.com/drjillstein/status/768990364715786240> â !

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**Adam H. Johnson**

**â @adamjohnsonNYC**

this by @MalcolmNance was an out right lie. I'm curious: will @JoyAnnReid correct on air Saturday? @DrJillStein

7:12 PM - Aug 25, 2016

♦ 97

♦ 89 people are talking about this

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Whatever your views might be about Stein and her third-party candidacy, there is no disputing the fact that Nanceâ s statement was a falsehood, a fabrication, a lie. Stein did not have a show on RT, nor did she ever host a show on RT. What Nance said was made up out of whole cloth â fabricated â in order to encourage MSNBC viewers to believe that Stein, one of the candidates running against Clinton, was a paid agent of the Kremlin and employee of RT.

Reid allowed Nanceâ s lie to stand. Perhaps she did not realize at the time that it was a lie. But subsequently, a campaign was launched to urge MSNBC to correct the lie it broadcast, based on the assumption that MSNBC â which is part of NBC News â was a normal news outlet that functions in accordance with basic journalistic principles and would, of course, correct a false statement once that was brought to its attention.

The media watchdog group FAIR repeatedly documented the lie told by Nance and urged MSNBC to issue a correction. The Intercept wrote about this falsehood on several occasions and also noted that MSNBC was refusing to issue a correction of what everyone knows is a false â but an obviously quite significant â claim. Multiple tweets were directed at NBC News, MSNBC, Nance, and Reid asking them to correct the fabrication to their viewers:

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**Adam H. Johnson**

**â @adamjohnsonNYC**

Former intelligence officer who also said Putin was going to invade Ukraine in October and thought Jill Stein had a show on RT

**Joy Reid**

**â @JoyAnnReid**

Former intelligence officer:

<https://twitter.com/malcolmnance/status/816714498631467009> â !

6:51 PM - Jan 4, 2017

♦ 250

♦ 135 people are talking about this

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**Adam H. Johnson**

**â @adamjohnsonNYC**

Â Sep 17, 2016

Replying to @adamjohnsonNYC

this by @MalcolmNance was an out right lie. I'm curious: will @JoyAnnReid correct on air Saturday? @DrJillStein

**Michael Corcoran @mcorcoran3**

still no correction, @joyannreid ?

8:53 AM - Sep 17, 2016

♦ 10

♦ See Michael Corcoran's other Tweets

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**Glenn Greenwald**

**â @ggreenwald**

Periodic reminder that MSNBC, during the campaign, falsely told its viewers Jill Stein had a show on RT & refuses to correct/acknowledge it.

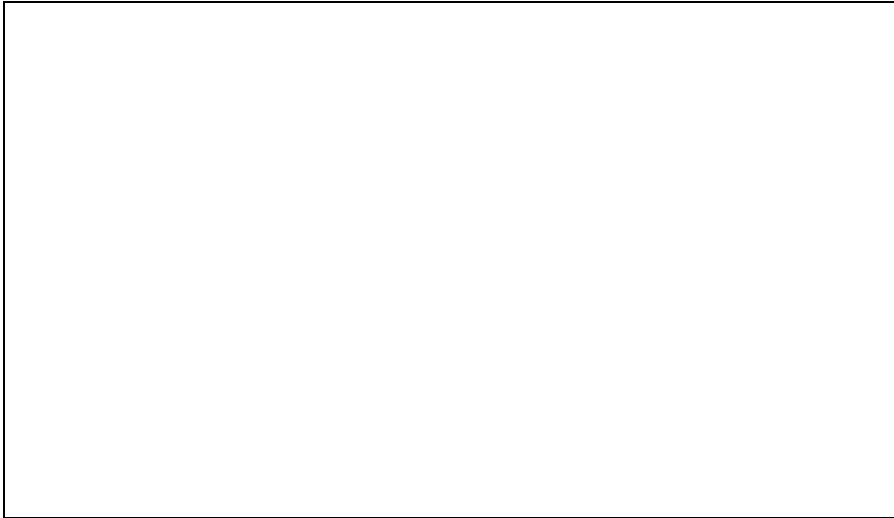
**Sam Sacks (bot).**

**â @SamSacks**

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Some more "spy'splaining" from the guy whose intel told him that Jill Stein had a show on RT & RU was planning an October Surprise invasion.



12:53 PM - Mar 26, 2017

- ♦ 835
- ♦ 561 people are talking about this

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Green Party US.

â @GreenPartyUS

After Naval officer Malcolm Nance stated, â Jill Stein has a show on RT,â @JoyAnnReid refused to correct him.

<http://fair.org/home/jill-stein-cites-fairs-correction-of-msnbc-falsehood/> â ;

11:25 AM - Nov 5, 2016

## **Jill Stein Cites FAIRâ s Correction of MSNBC Falsehood**

In a piece for CounterPunch, Jill Stein cited FAIR's correction of a false claim made about her.

fair.org

- ♦ 73
- ♦ 58 people are talking about this

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To date â almost two years later â neither NBC News nor MSNBC, nor a single journalist who works for either one of those media outlets has corrected this significant falsehood, despite obviously knowing that it was broadcast to their viewers. In other words, NBC News and MSNBC know that they told viewers

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something that was materially false, and yet refuse to correct it. Please, defenders of this network: Tell me what that says about its integrity, about its real function, about whether it is a real news outlet.

Worse, not only was Nance never sanctioned in any way for the lie he told, but he was *rewarded*: He has since gone from â MSNBC contributorâ to â MSNBC intelligence analyst,â and is far more pervasive on the network, and its hosts have spent the month aggressively promoting his new book on how Vladimir Putin is destroying U.S. democracy.

On MSNBC, lies are not corrected; they are rewarded, provided the lies are designed to smear the reputations of Democratic Party critics. Is this not definitive and conclusive proof of that: that this is not a news outlet but a political arm of the Democratic Party? What else could possibly explain, let alone justify, behavior like this? Iâ m asking that earnestly.

I BRING THIS UP again now not because I think MSNBC will ever correct its lie â it has made clear that lies designed to destroy the reputations of Democratic Party critics are perfectly permissible â but because a very similar event happened on Friday night involving the same MSNBC analyst.

This week, I traveled to Moscow to meet with Edward Snowden, as well as to participate in a cybersecurity conference, on a panel regarding â fake newsâ that included Alexei Venediktov, famous in Russia as a fierce critic of the Putin government in his position as editor-in-chief of Ekho Moskvyy radio station, along with Giovanni Zagni, head of an Italian website dedicated to checking politiciansâ statements who is working with Facebook to determine â fake news.â (The Intercept paid for my travel and I was paid no fee for the trip).

The panel was moderated by RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan and also included Sergey Nalobin, acting deputy director of the Information and Press Department of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Given the presence of harsh Putin critics on the panel, the discussion included severe criticisms of both the U.S. and Russian governments, their propensity to lie, and their desire to control the internet.

After Nalobin claimed that Russia was the victim of disinformation and â fake newsâ campaigns, I responded by pointing out that while this was true, Russia is also the perpetrator of such campaigns, and that in general, the history of the Cold War has continued through today: whereby the U.S. and Russia both use the same tactics against one another while claiming to be the victim:

After the event, there were camera crews from numerous media outlets wanting to interview some of the panel participants. I spoke to all of them. One of them was RT, which published the full transcript of the three-minute interview, as well as selected video clips. The primary point I made that received the most attention â namely, that it has become regarded as suspicious, and even treasonous, merely to visit Russia, and that I accepted the invitation to attend in part to combat that toxic, dangerous, and xenophobic perception â is the statement of mine that RT highlighted on social media.

Obviously, anyone is free to criticize people who decide to visit Russia. Anyone is free to denounce those who speak with RT (such as Stephen Hawking, whose RT interview can be seen here, though Iâ d love to hear from those holding such views why itâ s permissible to speak to think tanks such as Brookings and Center for American Progress, which are funded by Gulf state tyrannies). And, needless to say, anyone is free to attack or dispute any statements or views that I, or anyone else, express as part of such discussions.

Nance did none of that. What he did, instead, is exactly what he did on MSNBC to Jill Stein in August 2016: In two tweets, he outright lied about me on purpose, telling his 420,000 Twitter followers that I am â an agent of Moscowâ and â deep in the Kremlin pocket.â He further lied by stating that I â helped Snowden defectâ and that I â reports into [my] masters in Moscow.â

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Malcolm Nance

â @MalcolmNance

READ: Glen Greenwald shows his true colors as an agent of Trump & Moscow. now we know why he helped Snowden defect, covers for Wikileaks attack on Democracy & shells for Fox News. Heâ s deep in the Kremlin pocket.

Malcolm Nance

â @MalcolmNance

@ggreenwald reports into his masters in Moscow to help set the record straight about how misunderstood Russia is (when not sucking up to Trump on Fox). This is the literal definition of a propaganda Useful Idiot. #NoYoureThePuppet.

<https://www.rt.com/usa/432042-greenwald-rt-interview-moscow/> â !

7:27 AM - Jul 7, 2018

♦ 5,283

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None of Nanceâ s statements here is opinion. These claims â especially that I am an â agent of Moscowâ and â deep in the Kremlin pocketâ â are intended to be factual statements: that I work for, and am paid by, Russia and the Kremlin, and that I aided Snowden in â defectingâ to Moscow. They are all outright lies. There is no other way to describe them.

Thus far, his tweet has been retweeted by close to 5,000 people. After I noted that they were lies, Nance reaffirmed them and said how proud he was to have broadcast them.

This is because Nance knows that he is free to lie this way with impunity. Thatâ s because he works for an organization â MSNBC â that masquerades as a news outlet but actively encourages its employees to lie this way about anyone who criticizes the Democratic Party.

He will be celebrated inside MSNBC, not sanctioned or even told to rescind his lie, because â just as happened with the lie he told about Jill Stein â the person he chose to falsely accuse of being a paid agent of Russia is someone that the MSNBC audience of Democratic partisans hates, and lying is thus permitted and encouraged, just the way it is in any partisan organization. The network is derided as â MSDNCâ for a reason.

Obviously, Nance is simply adhering to the post-World War II tactic of the U.S. military and intelligence community from which he emerged: For decades, they accuse any journalists they dislike, or dissidents of any kind, of being covert agents of Moscow.

You would think that any real journalists inside NBC News might be bothered enough by this classically McCarthyite tactic â accusing a journalist of being an agent of Russia without a shred of evidence â to denounce it, but you would be quite wrong. Just look at how identical the script is used by Nance to the actual words Joseph McCarthy spoke at one of his notorious hearings:



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Thatâ s because NBC News and MSNBC have essentially merged with the CIA and intelligence community and thus, use their tactics. The network is filled with former generals and CIA officials who are part of the community that pioneered these smear tactics of accusing journalists and critics they dislike of being traitors, spies, and Kremlin loyalists. Indeed, Nance sometimes appears on MSNBC along with former CIA Director John Brennan, who MSNBC also hired as an â analyst.â This is who they are.

Itâ s also what the Democratic Party is: This is their go-to tactic. After my colleague Lee Fang reported on the numerous corporate interests for which Howard Dean secretly shills in exchange for large payments â everything from pharmaceutical companies to Iranian regime-change cults such as MEK â this was the response from Dean (who, needless to say, also frequently appears on MSNBC):

Anyone who criticizes the Democratic Party or its leaders is instantly accused of being a Kremlin agent despite the lack of any evidence. And the organization that leads that smear campaign is the one that calls itself a news outlet (and this is all independent of the fact that another one of its hosts recently lied about having her blog hacked and claimed she reported it to the FBI â a claim everyone in journalism knows is a lie â and not only was never sanctioned for it by *was praised for doing thatby MSNBCâ s star host*).

Needless to say, MSNBC is not the only cable outlet that acts as an arm of a political party and encourages its on-air personalities to lie and smear critics of that party. I have spent years documenting lies told by certain Fox News employees and denounced the willingness of some of their hosts to do exactly that while on Fox News itself.

But you canâ t be a credible critic of lies â whether told by other cable outlets or politicians â if you not only permit but clearly encourage and reward your own on-air personalities when they do the same. And in the case of MSNBC, they not only do this, but they practice one of the most historically destructive versions of it: fabricated allegations that their critics, including journalists, are treasonous agents of a foreign power.

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## Trump Is Right: A â Pakistani Mystery Manâ Has Documents Wasserman Schultz Didnâ t Want Prosecutors To See [VIDEO]

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Investigative Reporter

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A key, if under-covered, aspect of the â Pakistani mystery manâ story is that Imran Awan, the Pakistani-born IT aide of former DNC head Debbie Wasserman Schultz, took a laptop with username RepDWS after he was banned from the House computer network for â unauthorized access to data,â and then left it in a phone booth with a letter to prosecutors.

On Friday, President Donald Trump tweeted: â Just heard the Campaign was sued by the Obstructionist Democrats. This can be good news in that we will now counter for the DNC Server that they refused to give to the FBI, the Debbie Wasserman Schultz Servers and Documents held by the Pakistani mystery man and Clinton Emails.â

Trump appears to have accurately identified a key issue with the â Pakistani mystery manâ that comes straight from court documents.

- Lawyers for Pakistani-born Imran Awan currently have a copy of the contents of a laptop with the username RepDWS
- Wasserman Schultz wanted to block prosecutors from seeing what was on it
- Imranâ s lawyers have attempted to set up a situation where it is up to Imran whether prosecutors can see the laptop, claiming â attorney client privilegeâ
- Other analysts say the laptop should be fair game for review

Each twist has increased the intrigue:

- On Feb. 2, 2017, Imran was banned from the House computer network for making â unauthorized accessâ to congressional data, according to the House inspector general
- This happened not long after Wasserman Schultz was fired from the DNC after a cyber breach, yet she refused to fire Imran or even put him on paid leave, claiming that an IT aide didnâ t need to

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access the internet to do his job

- Wasserman Schultzâ s refusal to fire him meant he had continued physical access to the congressional office buildings, even though all of his other part-time employers fired him and he knew there was an ongoing criminal investigation
- On April 5, 2017, despite not being allowed to connect to the House network, he was in possession of a laptop with the username RepDWS and left it in a phone booth, where it was picked up by police who confiscated it because they recognized that it was left there by a criminal suspect

Let that sink in. A Pakistani IT aide, who had just been fired by all his other employers for being a suspected hacker, left a laptop with the username RepDWS in a phone booth. The laptop was placed next to a letter to prosecutors. What it said is not publicly known. The cache of documents also included copies of Awanâ s ID (which assured that police tied the laptop to a criminal suspect and seized it as evidence rather than returning it as lost property) and a note that said â attorney client privilege,â which put the laptop into legal limbo.

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Wasserman Schultzâ s laptop was left in an old phone booth in the Rayburn building like this one. / Photo: DCNF

It is not clear whether the laptop was left out of carelessness or was potentially stolen and possibly planted for police to find.

- It was left in the booth (photo to the right) with highly specific and sensitive materials
- It may have been left there late at night. Building staff called police at 12:21 a.m. to report â an unattended bag in the phone booth on the 2nd floor.â Imranâ s attorney said in court that it was snatched by police while he had stepped out of the phone booth to search for better reception:  
â What occurred is a backpack from my client was found, he was trying to get a better signal, there was a note that said attorney client privilege and a hard drive.â Gowen later offered TheDCNF a seemingly conflicting account, saying in an email: â He wasnâ t there late at night that is just false.â
- The phone booth is in the Rayburn House Office Building. Wasserman Schultzâ s office is in Longworth, a different building.

What happened next adds to the mystery. On May 17, 2017, Wasserman Schultz used a hearing on the Capitol Policeâ s budget to threaten Police Chief Matthew R. Verderosa with â consequencesâ if he didnâ t return what she characterized as â a memberâ s equipment.â She repeatedly asked whether it was a member or a staffer who was under investigation, saying since it was a memberâ s equipment, police shouldnâ t be able to take it unless the member was under investigation. A member of the Committee on Appropriationsâ Legislative Branch Subcommittee, she has significant influence over the Capitol Policeâ s budget.

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When that didnâ t work, she escalated, raising the prospect of re-arranging the Capitol Policeâ s entire board to prevent Verderosa from being a voting member, and lamented that not all of the boardâ s members were subject to oversight by her committee. Questioning Verderosaâ s boss, Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving, she said: â We have had jurisdictional issues and a challenging time conducting oversight because of the structure of the Capitol Police Board and there â there being a (inaudible) line rather than a direct line to us in terms of being able to hold the board accountable.â

â Iâ d like to know, sergeant, if you think that we should be looking at restructuring the way the board makes decisions so that we can establish a more direct line of accountability â At the end of the day, [the chief] doesnâ t have a decision-making role,â Wasserman Shultz continued.

She also used campaign funds to hire a lawyer to keep the laptop out of prosecutorsâ hands. And it wasnâ t just any lawyer â it was Bill Pittard, who until months prior had been working as acting general counsel of the House of Representatives, a position with responsibilities that include deciding what to turn over to the executive branch pursuant to legal activity.

In August, after Imranâ s arrest at Dulles airport, Wasserman Schultz changed her tune, saying â This was not my laptop. I have never seen that laptop. I donâ t know whatâ s on the laptop.â She said it was Imranâ s laptop but purchased using taxpayer funds from her office.

She said Imranâ s â due processâ rights had inspired her demeanor during the Capitol Police exchange and the lengths to which she went to shield the laptop. She then said she was no longer seeking to block

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prosecutors from looking at the laptop.

But by then, Imran had taken up the same quest. In September, prosecutors turned over a copy of the government laptop to Imran, even though he had been banned from the House network because he was viewed as a threat. In October, Imranâ s attorney, Chris Gowen â a former aide to Hillary Clinton â said in court that Imran was invoking attorney-client privilege on the laptop and that they â feel very stronglyâ that the hard drive not be able to be used as evidence.

### **Prosecutors gave Imran a copy of the laptop found in a phone booth / Federal court records**

That seemed to set up a situation where Imran was shielding the laptop that Wasserman Schultz had initially not wanted examined, but where it would be within his power to drop the objection. Thatâ s significant because House sources have said that Democrats arenâ t cooperating with the Awanâ prosecution, and raised questions about whether he has leverage over them.

Former U.S. Attorney Andrew McCarthy questioned that attorney-client privilege applies to the laptop at all, saying, â If I give my lawyer my bank records and ask him if they show evidence of a crime, the bank records do not become [attorney-client] privileged â only his advice to me would be [attorney-client] privileged. And if I stuck a sign on my bank records that said â [attorney-client] privileged documents,â that would not make them [attorney-client] privileged documents.â

Wasserman Schultz has declined to answer questions about the laptop, but given that it was government equipment that, as she noted previously, belongs to her, she might be able to explicitly give permission to prosecutors to look at it. In particular, if Imran wasnâ t authorized to have the laptop, it could be more difficult to invoke privilege on it. (Wasserman Schultzâ s brother is an assistant U.S. attorney at the same office that is handling the case, and he has tweeted dismissively about it.)

Rather than simply swatting down the claim and using what McCarthy said is the universally employed solution to such a dilemma â using a â taint teamâ to go through the laptop and isolate specific files that are communications to Imranâ s lawyer â prosecutors have delayed the court hearing five times, telling the judge repeatedly: â The government has been in discussions with counsel for the defendants regarding complex discovery issues and other legal issues in this case, in particular issues surrounding claims of attorney-client privilege being raised by defendant Imran Awan,â court papers filed Tuesday say.

The next court date is set for May 4, though could be postponed a sixth time.

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- **House Intelligence, Foreign Affairs Committee Members IT Compromised**

### **The IT guys in the House criminal probe could read these members' emails**

The Awans and their associates collected more than \$5 million in pay from congressional offices, often drawing chief-of-staff level pay though there is reason to believe many didn't even show up. The House's internal probe found they logged into servers they had no affiliation with, used members' usernames, covered their tracks, and persisted even after being fired.

The money is broken down by year, congressional office and family member paid:

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**A Huge Bunch Of Obama Energy Dept bankrupt companies were acquired by Dianne Feinstein Husband Chinese business partners and Feinstein had Chinese spies on her staff... hmmm?**

Feinstein was a boss of THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE in Congress yet did not know that Chinese spies worked for her??? BULLSHIT!

Were the Steven Chu DOE Energy Dept. loans, grants and bankruptcies a scam????

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A Chinese spy reportedly embedded in U.S. Senator **Dianne Feinstein's office** was her driver for many years, according ...

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## **A Chinese Spy Worked In Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office For ...**

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Senator **Dianne Feinstein** (D-Calif.) was "mortified" upon learning that a Chinese spy had worked in her **office** for nearly 20 years. Image via Reuters.

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## **Dianne Feinstein emerges as defender of spy agencies**

Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** of California is a key backer of the National Security Agency's data tracking, to the dismay of many allies.

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A Chinese **Spy** Worked In Senator **Dianne Feinstein's Office** For Twenty Years by Tyler Durden Fri, 08/03/2018 We can only imagine the twenty-four hour...

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Enter U.S. Senator **Dianne Feinstein** (D-CA). A Chinese spy was ... A local source who knew about the incident confirmed that the FBI showed up at **Feinstein's office** ...



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## **Dianne Feinstein - Wikipedia**

Although she won the Democratic Party's nomination for the **office**, ... **Dianne Feinstein's** Opening Remarks at the 2009 Presidential Inauguration at ...

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## **Contact - United States Senator for California**

United States Senator for California **Dianne Feinstein**. Constituent Services. Email **Dianne**. ... or if you need additional help with one of the services my **office** ...

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## **Reports: Sen. Feinstein's Driver For 20 Years Was A Chinese Spy**

Sen. **Dianne Feinstein's office** was infiltrated by a Chinese **spy** who worked as her driver and attended functions on her behalf for 20 years, says Politico.

[□thefederalist.com/2018/08/03/sen-dianne-feinsteins-personal...](http://thefederalist.com/2018/08/03/sen-dianne-feinsteins-personal...)

## **Former Feinstein Staffer Hired Fusion GPS, Christopher Steele**

... a former intelligence committee staffer for Sen. **Dianne Feinstein**, ... Steele is the former British **spy** who authored ... **Feinstein's office** did not respond ...

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A local source who knew about the incident confirmed to us that the FBI showed up at **Feinstein's office** in ... **Diane Feinstein** ... he was uncovered as a **spy**.

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## **Why Sen. Dianne Feinstein declared war on the CIA - CBS News**

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**Diane Feinstein's Strange Bedfellows - AIM Truth Bits**

Steele is the former British **spy** who ... the revelations of Senator **Dianne Feinstein** ... Where is an Accounting of the Hush Money Paid Out by the **Office** of ...

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**Political positions of Dianne Feinstein - Wikipedia**

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Can Anything Stop **Dianne Feinstein's** Re-Election? By Josh Voorhees. March 22, ... (Newsom admitted to the affair in 2007 and has since won statewide **office** twice.)

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## **A Letter To FBI Director Christopher Wray About An Interstate Crime!**

By Edward S.

Senators Nancy Pelosi, Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid, and other public officials, took public salaries as their payment to work for all of the public in their districts. This is a fact.

Those Senators then made inside deals with Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, and Mark Zuckerberg to exclusively give, those three guys, billions of dollars of the public tax money and to cut out all of those three guys competitors in their districts. That is a fact, it provided â unjust gainâ to those illicit parties and it is a crime.

On top of that, those Senators set-up construction companies, leasing companies, HR companies and other supply services which were contracted by Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, and Mark Zuckerberg. That is a fact, it provided â unjust gainâ to those illicit parties and it is a crime.

On top of all of those things, those Senators were informed by the staff of Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, and Mark Zuckerberg as to which stock market funds to buy that Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, and Mark Zuckerberg were manipulating for unjust gain. That is a fact, it provided â unjust gainâ to those illicit parties and it is a crime.

While those Senators were accepting these â layered bribesâ and sabotaging the competitors of Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, and Mark Zuckerberg, those Senators were getting paid off in surreptitious manners by Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, Mark Zuckerberg and their staff. That is a fact, it provided â unjust gainâ to those illicit parties and it is a crime.

These Senators did these crimes with the train contracts in California, The Post Office leases, the Department of Energy Cleantech â green cashâ , The CIA and NSA contracts with Silicon Valley and many other scams. That is a fact, it provided â unjust gainâ to those illicit parties and it is a crime.

The FBI has been provided with millions of pages of evidence that proves these charges to be fact. There are over 100,000 news articles, by respected reporters, which make these same assertions. That these Senators

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engaged in these crimes is indisputable.

When can the FBI arrest Senators Nancy Pelosi, Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid and Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt and Mark Zuckerberg for these abuses of power and abuses of the law?

Hundreds of millions of voters would be very excited to see these arrests happen sooner than later.

Thank you.

## **AL GORE AND KLIENER PERKINS LIED AND SCAMMED AMERICA IN ORDER TO MAKE BILLIONS AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE**

### **Al Goreâ s quest to become worldâ s first â carbon billionaireâ â â Lavishlyâ profited off climate lobbying**

New Book: **The Politically Incorrect Guide to Climate Change,** By Marc Morano - Available at [Amazon](#) & [Barnes & Noble](#)

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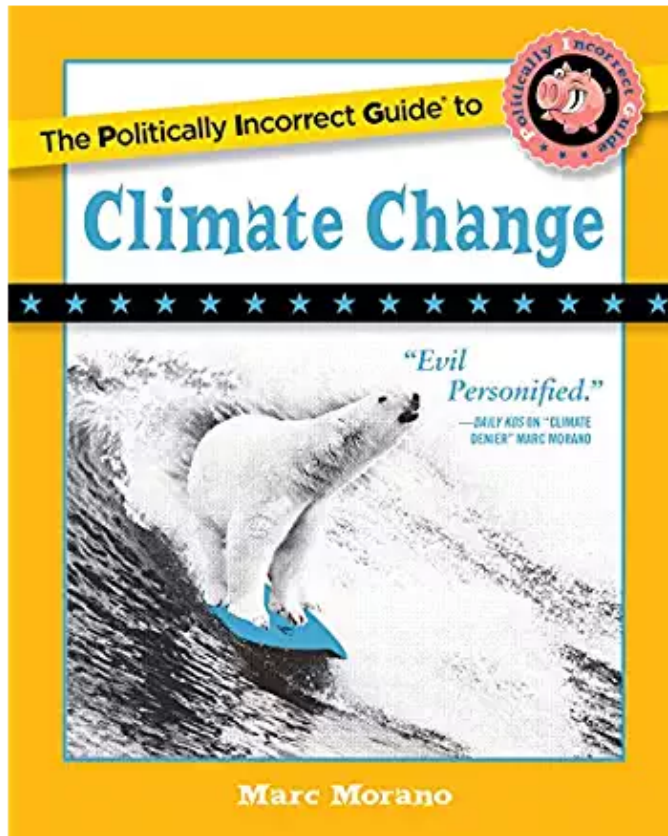
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By: Marc Morano - Climate Depot March 11, 2018 10:54 AM with 0 comments

Below is an excerpt from the Amazon.com â Best Sellerâ â The Politically Incorrect Guide to Climate Changeâ by Marc Morano, released on February 26, 2018. Available at Amazon & Barnes & Noble

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Book Chapter Excerpt:

### **Making Out like a Bandit**

And itâ s not just universities, professors, and green organizations that have reaped financial benefits from the climate panic. Former vice president Al Gore has done quite well for himself, too. As Bloomberg News reported, â In the last personal finance report he filed as vice president, Gore disclosed on May 22, 2000, that the value of his assets totaled between \$780,000 and \$1.9 million.â

Buy by 2007, Goreâ s wealth had skyrocketed. By that point he had a net worth â well in excessâ of \$100 million, including preâ public offering Google stock options, according to an article at Fast Company. MIT scientist Richard Lindzen declared that Gore wanted to become the worldâ s first â carbon billionaire.â After the Obama administration bloated climate and energy stimulus packages, Gore was on the path to that achievement.

By 2008, Gore was so flush that he announced a \$300 million campaign to promote climate fears and so-called solutions. And he just kept raking it in. According to a 2012 Washington Post report, â 14 green-tech firms in which Gore invested received or directly benefited from more than \$2.5 billion in loans, grants and tax breaks, part of Obamaâ s historic push to seed a U.S. renewable-energy industry with public money.â

The Post explained that Gore â benefited from a powerful resume and a constellation of friends in the investment world and in Washington. And four years ago, his portfolio aligned smoothly with the agenda of an incoming administration and its plan to spend billions in stimulus funds on alternative energy. The recovering politician was pushing the right cause at the perfect time. Goreâ s orbit extended deeply into the administration, with several former aides winning senior clean-energy posts.â

Republican Congressman Fred Upton of Michigan, the chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, has been a critic of Goreâ s profiting off the taxpayer funds using his government connections. Goreâ s portfolio â is reflective of a disturbing pattern that those closest to the president [Obama] have been rewarded with billions of taxpayer dollars and benefited from the administrationâ s green bonanza in the rush to spend stimulus cash.â

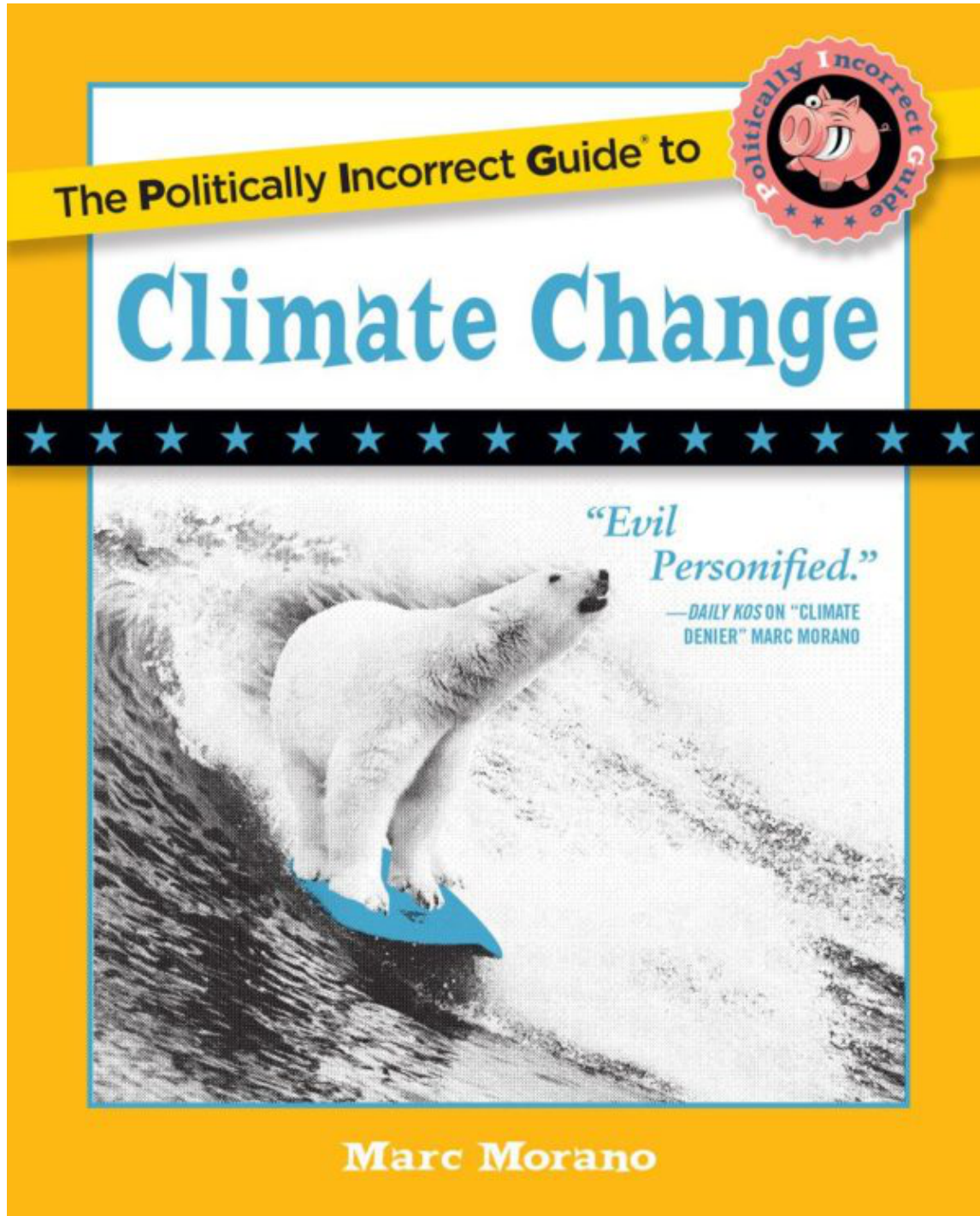
Gore was essentially either a founder, a member, or a partner in a whole wide range of groups that were profiting or poised to profit from a green energy stimulus and federally mandated carbon trading schemes if they became law. Gore would have personally benefited if the carbon cap-and-trade bill he supported had become law. The media never treated his Congressional testimony in support of the climate bills for what it actually wasâ a former vice president supporting legislation that would make him richer. These reports prompted one sarcastic skeptic to suggest, â Maybe Al Gore Should Be the Subject of a RICO Investigation.â

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The power of carbon trading schemes to enrich politicians and corrupt politics is one reason that environmental guru James Lovelock has slammed carbon trading, declaring, â Most of the â greenâ stuff is verging on a gigantic scam. Carbon trading, with its huge government subsidies, is just what finance and industry wanted. Itâ s not going to do a damn thing about climate change, but itâ ll make a lot of money for a lot of people.â



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In 2013, Gore sold his Current TV network to the Qatar-funded Al Jazeera for a reported \$100 million. The sale inspired this headline at my Climate Depot website: â AlGorjeeraâ Itâ s Official: Al Gore Is by Far the Most Lavishly Funded Fossil Fuel Player in the Global Warming Debate Today.â

I asked if the media would now accurately label Gore an industry-funded activist every time they reported on him. Gore had literally sold out to big oil and gas: Al-Jazeeraâ received its initial funding through a decree from Emir of Qatar, and Qatar gets its wealth from its vast oil and natural gas reserves.â

The freshly laid off staffers from Current TV did not hesitate to lash out at Gore. â Goreâ s supposed to be the face of clean energy and just sold [the channel] to very big oil, the emir of Qatar! Current never even took big oil advertisingâ and Al Gore, that bulls\*\*\*ter sells to the emir?â declared one former staffer, according to the New York Post. Another staffer commented, â He [Gore] has no credibility.â

**Not So Smart**

*Warren Buffettâ s vice chairman Charlie Munger told a small meeting of investors in 2017 that Gore is â not very smartâ and â an idiotâ but he was still able to amass a personal fortune in the investment world. â Al Gore has hundreds of millions [of] dollars in your profession. And heâ s an idiot. Itâ s an interesting story.â Munger added, â heâ s not very smart. He smoked a lot of pot as he [coasted] through Harvard with a gentlemanâ s C.â*

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The only thing worse than this are the stupid fools who bought into (and still do) that global warming BS.

Then again, like P.T. Barnum said: "There's a sucker born every minute!" Ha ha, suckers!

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Just like the comedian Ron White said: "You can't fix stupid!"

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"Gore-BULL Warming" sure duped the stooges! Then the "Carbon Fraudsters" had to change the name to "climate change" to fit their ever-changing lie!

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The left needs a new skill when evaluating their own people - follow the money. If they hate "big oil", then they must also hate AlGore. But their hypocritical nature gets in the way.

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Needs to have his house raided by Patriots so he can be turned over to the military for tribunal. Take the cash and distribute it to middle-class families. Don't forget to snag Franklin Raines while you're there.

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Gore has obviously made hundreds of millions of dollars for himself (including companies he owns interests in). Can anyone please tell me what Gore has been selling to generate these kinds of profits? Did he own, and have title to, whatever goods he was selling? If he wasn't selling good, what kinds of services was he selling? What were the benefits received by the companies and individuals who exchanged their money for whatever they received from Gore? Did any governments, or government agencies, foreign or domestic, ever exchange funds with Gore for any goods or services? If so, what were these goods and/or services? How much were the charges for the goods or services? Just wondering!

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Well, there was this. More like this perhaps?

Al Gore and the Temple of Cash

FEB. 22, 1998

It

took more than a year of prodding to get the Justice Department interested in how the White House and the Democratic National Committee financed the 1996 campaign, but the indictments are flowing now. Maria Hsia is charged with laundering over \$55,000 from the Buddhist temple luncheon for Vice President Al Gore on April 29, 1996. A Senate committee's charge that Ms. Hsia was a Chinese intelligence agent during an eight-year period when she worked closely with Mr. Gore and the D.N.C. has yet to be proved, but the tale of those years is too important to be lost amid war talk and sex scandals.

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fascinating aspect is the way in which Mr. Gore's memories of the temple event have evolved -- to use the politest possible term -- as more information has emerged. During the 1996 campaign, Mr. Gore said his appearance at the Hsi Lai Temple was a "community outreach" event. Four months later, he remembered it was "finance related." Indeed, it was. According to a report by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, a witness recalled fund-raising announcements from the podium. The committee also found a memo from Harold Ickes to Mr. Gore telling him that the event would raise \$250,000 and would be organized by John Huang, the D.N.C. official who circulated among the donors during lunch.

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Mr. Gore was not aware that the presence of Mr. Huang and Ms. Hsia at the temple luncheon in 1996 proved that money was being raised, we are dealing with obliviousness of a rare order. Those two joined with the Clinton Administration's wealthiest Asian supporter, the Riady family of Indonesia, to form a fund-raising group, the Pacific Leadership Council. In 1989, Ms. Hsia helped arrange a P.L.C. fund-raiser for then-Senator Gore that was attended by several monks and nuns from the



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Hsi Lai temple. Mr. Gore wrote Ms. Hsia a letter thanking her for helping finance his 1990 senatorial campaign. He also traveled to Taiwan on a trip she arranged.

Others

who helped arrange that trip were Mr. Huang, later to emerge as the D.N.C.'s main collector of tainted Asian money, and James Riady, whose family lobbied the White House to put Mr. Huang at the D.N.C. While the Huang-Riady-Hsia team was in close contact with Mr. Gore, Ms. Hsia was developing a remarkable talent for getting nuns and monks to give to the Democrats. The Republicans believe that over \$100,000 was laundered through Hsi Lai Temple monastics in 1996 alone. The Justice Department charges specifically that Ms. Hsia helped solicit \$55,000 for which individual donors were illegally reimbursed with temple funds. Justice's formal charges and the related, but more serious Republican allegations will be proved or disproved over time. Meanwhile, the pattern that emerges is provocative. In Mr. Clinton's friend Charlie Trie and Mr. Gore's associate Maria Hsia, people with clear Administration ties are being indicted at a smart clip. Finally, the Justice Department is moving. What we do not know is whether it is curiou... <http://www.nytimes.com/1998...>

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(Bloomberg) -- Lina Khan, a prominent critic of Amazon.com Inc.'s business practices, is joining the office of Federal Trade Commissioner [Rohit Chopra](#) as the agency prepares to increase antitrust scrutiny of technology firms.

[Khan](#), the director of legal policy at Washington think tank Open Markets Institute, will work as a legal fellow for the next few months for Chopra, one of two Democratic commissioners at the agency, he said Monday on Twitter.

"Lina is sharp as a tack and works her fingers to the bone," Chopra said. "I have no doubt she will be a valuable member of the FTC team as we think about how to tackle the pressing issues that lie ahead."

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Khan has risen to prominence in Washington antitrust circles for her work on Amazon, appearing on numerous panels to make the case that technology platforms like the online retail giant represent a threat to competitive markets.

As a student at Yale Law School, Khan wrote a paper for the Yale Law Journal called "Amazonâ s Antitrust Paradox," which argues that the current antitrust enforcement framework is ill-equipped to tackle Amazonâ s dominance and the potential harm it poses to competition. Her work was cited by the head of the Justice Departmentâ s antitrust division, Makan Delrahim, in a speech in April as an example of fresh thinking on digital platforms.

Khan joins the FTC as Chairman Joe Simons said that the agency will host a series of public hearings this year on competition policy, including examining the online economy and whether technology firms are undermining competition.

Khan declined to comment when reached by phone.



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## Announcing A New Department of Energy Transparency WIKI for DOE Applicants

After half a decade of law enforcement, forensic, Congressional, journalist and public investigation, it has become clear that nefarious parties had used the United States Department of Energy as a slush fund to compensate campaign financiers. Because the public funds abuses entirely involved the hard- earned tax dollars of each citizen in the nation, all parties agreed that additional transparency and oversight was needed. This peer-to-peer information WIKI is one such effort.

All information provided by applicants, agencies and the public is freely and openly available to everyone at this WIKI.

Specific investigators at agencies and entities that include: FBI, OSC, AG, DOJ, FTC, SEC, DOE, FCC, EPA, US CONGRESS, ACLU, EU, and major news desks, receive notification of new postings on this site. The applicants have cooperated with the filing of case data for existing, and ongoing, investigations by all of the above.

This site is compliant with the protocols of SLAPP/ANTISLAPP, EU Privacy, Anti-Trust Reporting, UN Human Rights Policy, Fair Use doctrine, U.S. First Amendment, ACLU Standards, Freedom of the Press standards and WIKI protocol.

Almost every previous applicant sought to serve their country, provide jobs, deliver a secure domestic energy solution that could be fueled from within domestic borders and, generally, "do the right thing". In the past, those who were not part of a covert campaign finance insider group were stone-walled, black-listed, character assassinated and blockaded by government employees operating under orders from campaign financiers. While illegal, that process also threatened citizens trust in the public policy process. This WIKI seeks to mitigate those challenges.

The voters agree: Secret committees, covert tribunals and back room trades for search engine rankings should not be the methods by which the future energy options for taxpayers are determined.

This WIKI, along with the ongoing investigations by Congress, news media and law enforcement community have already set new legal precedents, terminated corrupt individuals and saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. This site allows applicants to log, track and publicly report all action, inaction and confusion.

Everyone involved looks forward to the exciting work ahead.

# Another Tesla on Autopilot Veers off New Jersey Highway, Strikes Curb and Signs: Police

By Amelia McBain and Brian Thompson

Tesla

## What to Know

- **A man told police his Tesla, on autopilot, suddenly veered off a New Jersey highway Sunday, hitting a car and then some signs**
- **No one was hurt, but the car suffered heavy damage**
- **Tesla said its autopilot doesn't make a car autonomous but is an "advanced driver assistance system" that requires a fully attentive driver**

A man involved in a messy crash off a New Jersey highway over the weekend told the cops his Tesla made him do it.

The driver, Eric Carter, told cops he had his car on autopilot as he moved along Route 1 in North Brunswick around dinnertime Sunday, North Brunswick Police Capt. Brian Hoiberg told News 4.

Hoiberg said he meant to continue moving on Route 1, but his Tesla pulled hard to the right at the intersection near Adams Lane; it struck a curb, several signs, and came to rest on a grassy area to the side of the road, police say.

No one was hurt, though Carter's Tesla suffered heavy damage. Carter was the only witness, police say, adding they have no reason to "disbelieve that that's what happened," according to Hoiberg.

In a statement on their website, Tesla said its autopilot does not make a car autonomous, but is an "advanced driver assistance system" that requires "a fully attentive driver who has their hands on the wheel."

## Antitrust: Majority of Americans donâ t trust Facebook to protect their data â poll

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More than 50 percent of Americans donâ t trust Facebook to adhere to the countryâ s privacy laws, according to a new poll.

The company has been besieged by privacy complaints following recent revelations that the data of 50 million Facebook users was leaked to Cambridge Analytica, a political consulting firm accused of using the data to influence the outcome of the 2016 US presidential election. The latest Reuters/IPSOS poll, taken last week, found that the American public trust Facebook less than other tech giants, such as Apple and Google, with their personal data.

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The poll, conducted online throughout the US, found that 41 percent of Americans trust Facebook to obey laws designed to protect usersâ personal information. This is compared to the 66 percent who said they trust Amazon. Some 62 percent said they trust Google, 60 percent for Microsoft and 47 percent for Yahoo.

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Facebook has been left reeling, after more than \$50 billion was wiped off its value following the scandal. The company have since taken a number of steps to try and regain public confidence.

Founder Mark Zuckerberg placed full-page ads in a number of British Sunday newspapers, apologizing for the leak and vowing to investigate which companies took advantage of the data.

â *We have a responsibility to protect your information. If we can't, we don't deserve it,*" the advert read.

Facebookâ s Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg also made an appearance on US television last Thursday. â *We know this is an issue of trust. We know this is a critical moment for our company,*â Sandberg said in an interview with [CNBC](#).

**[READ MORE: Facebook data downloads highlight what the social network knows about you](#)**

Concerns have risen about the information Facebook collects on its users, including phone calls, text messages and other non-Facebook activity. New Zealand software developer Dylan McKay highlighted the issue on his Twitter feed last Wednesday, after he requested his data from the firm and then found that it had records of his texts and calls.

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[Dylan McKay@dylanmckaynz](#)  
Downloaded my facebook data as a ZIP file

Somehow it has my entire call history with my partner's mum

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The controversy has given rise to the #DeleteFacebook movement, to which even WhatsApp co-founder Brian Acton has lent his support. The social media giant bought WhatsApp for \$19 billion in 2014.

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Amazon is the CIA Amazon sold all its customers info to the CIA and Used it to build the CIAs data centers. Facebook Google Apple Intel Microsoft Twitter are all owned by the CIA through the CIA investment agency In-Q-Tel. Facebook was created by DARPA aa part of the total information awareness program. Twiter was the DODs toy to see if its propaganda had penetrated its intended targets. See more

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## **Are former American Spies Embezzling Hundreds of Millions of Taxpayer Dollars From The U.S.?**

By Vice Special Editions

A spate of recent articles and disclosures are making the indie circuit. They claim that former CIA and NSA agents are running off to join a shady operation called In-Q-Tel where they are then hired into the Democrats backing companies; which are Google, Amazon, Facebook, Ebay, Tesla, Twitter, SpaceX, Linkedin and that crowd.

Once embedded in these companies they sell CIA/taxpayer funded technologies back to the U.S. Government, at exorbitant mark-ups, while also using the absconded-with technologies to rig elections for the DNC.

How much has Google, Amazon, Facebook, Ebay, Tesla, Twitter, SpaceX, Linkedin made by selling CIA technologies back to the feds? Over \$42 Billion dollars!!! (and that may be a low figure)

It is a fact that main stream news articles have disclosed the hard evidence that In-Q-Tel executives do, indeed, work for all of these lefty tech companies. Elon Musk has made a big deal about the fact that In-Q-Tel staff leveraged his spy satellite launch deals for SpaceX and his supplier deals for his batteries.

Under the guise of *ask no questions, it is a SPY STUFF* ...â , the yuppie wannabe spies at In-Q-Tel then go off to do illegal stuff with Google, Amazon, Facebook, Ebay, Tesla, Twitter, SpaceX, Linkedin with puts billions of dollars of illicit cash in the accounts of those companies and those ex In-Q-Tel employees Cayman Islands accounts.

In-Q-Tel was founded by Spectrum Holobyte game-maker Gilman Louie and insidious Silicon Valley venture capitalist James Breyer. Breyer also helped formed the Zio-centric National Venture Capital Association. Both groups exist to control industries and markets to the favor of their investors.

While the media often calls In-Q-Tel *The CIA's* venture capital armâ a review of the IRS and OMB filings on In-Q-Tel and their staff reveal something else all together.

Plainly: In-Q-Tel is a dirty operation. From In-Q-Telâ s notorious *Cocaine One* and *Cocaine Two* bust with their airplanes full of tons of cocaine to In-Q-Telâ s sketchy relationship with Eric Schmidtâ s *New America Foundation* , In-Q-Tel has little to do with protecting America and everything to do with illegal profiteering.

In-Q-Tel does not protect America. It protects the DNC and rigs business deals and elections.

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Congress, Trey Gowdy, Jeff Sessions, Donald Trump, Christopher Wray, the SEC, the FTC and others have now been made aware of this, in writing, via letters, articles and demands for inquiry.

As one article states:

*In-Q-Tel is a â 501 C 3 tax-exempt non-profit charityâ ; Should that allow In-Q-Tel the right to attack U.S. taxpayers in major American cities just because those taxpayers oppose the DNC or report financial crimes by the DNC and their campaign financiers?*

*Almost everyone that has â leftâ In-Q-Tel has gone to work for Tesla, Google, Twitter, Facebook or another major DNC backer. At those companies, those ex-In-Q-Tel employees deploy CIA-acquired technologies against Americans who are from a different political party. How wrong is that?*

*In-Q-Tel looks at domestic companies and either buys them or sabotages them if they compete with DNC interests held by Silicon Valley DNC financiers. They do this using taxpayer dollars and out-of sight of the U.S. Congress or ANY law enforcement entity!*

*Former In-Q-Tel staff have been cited in bribery, embezzlement, money laundering and election rigging.*

**Google and In-Q-Tel believe that â no crime is a crime if it serves our ideological goalsâ**

**In-Q-Tel is using the CIA as a piggy bank to conduit cash from taxpayers to the pockets on In-Q-Tel executives and to rig U.S. elections for Silicon Valley Elites.**

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In-Q-Tel was formed by the CIA in 1999 as a private, not-for-profit venture capital firm with the specific task of delivering technology to Americaâ s intelligence community. Publicly, In-Q-Tel markets itself as an innovative way to leverage the power of the private sector by identifying key emerging technologies and providing companies with the funding to bring those technologies to market. In reality, however, what In-Q-Tel represents is a dangerous blurring of the lines between the public and private sectors in a way that makes it difficult to tell where the American intelligence community ends and the IT sector begins.  
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In-Q-Tel has generated a number of stories since its inception based on what can only be described as the â creepinessâ factor of its investments in overtly Orwellian technologies.  
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This is our EyeOpener Report by James Corbett presenting documented facts and cases on the CIAâ s privately owned venture capital firm In-Q-Tel, in which well-connected board members drawn from the private sector profit from the investments made with CIA funds that come from the taxpayer.

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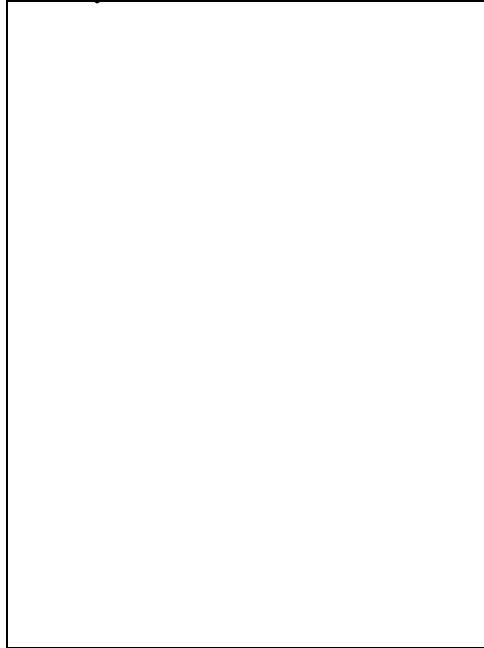
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## **Audit of global warming data finds it riddled with errors and lies designed to benefit Silicon Valley stock ownerships**

Anthony Watts / October 7, 2018



Just ahead of a new report from the IPCC, dubbed SR#15 about to be released today, we have this bombshell- a detailed audit shows the surface temperature data is unfit for purpose. The first ever audit of the worldâ s most important temperature data set (HadCRUT4) has found it to be so riddled with errors and â freakishly improbable dataâ that it is effectively useless.

From the IPCC:

Global Warming of 1.5 Â°C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 Â°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.

This is what consensus science brings you â groupthink with no quality control.

HadCRUT4 is the primary global temperature dataset used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to make its dramatic claims about â man-made global warmingâ . Itâ s also the dataset at the center of â ClimateGateâ from 2009, managed by the Climate Research Unit (CRU) at East Anglia University.

The audit finds more than 70 areas of concern about data quality and accuracy.

But according to an analysis by Australian researcher John McLean itâ s far too sloppy to be taken seriously even by climate scientists, let alone a body as influential as the IPCC or by the governments of the world.

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## Main points:

- The Hadley data is one of the most cited, most important databases for climate modeling, and thus for policies involving billions of dollars.
- McLean found freakishly improbable data, and systematic adjustment errors, large gaps where there is no data, location errors, Fahrenheit temperatures reported as Celsius, and spelling errors.
- Almost no quality control checks have been done: outliers that are obvious mistakes have not been corrected â one town in Columbia spent three months in 1978 at an average daily temperature of over 80 degrees C. One town in Romania stepped out from summer in 1953 straight into a month of Spring at minus 46.4°C. These are supposedly â averageâ temperatures for a full month at a time. St Kitts, a Caribbean island, was recorded at 0.0°C for a whole month, and twice!
- Temperatures for the entire Southern Hemisphere in 1850 and for the next three years are calculated from just one site in Indonesia and some random ships.
- Sea surface temperatures represent 70% of the Earthâ s surface, but some measurements come from ships which are logged at locations 100km inland. Others are in harbors which are hardly representative of the open ocean.
- When a thermometer is relocated to a new site, the adjustment assumes that the old site was always built up and â heatedâ by concrete and buildings. In reality, the artificial warming probably crept in slowly. By correcting for buildings that likely didnâ t exist in 1880, old records are artificially cooled. Adjustments for a few site changes can create a whole century of artificial warming trends.

## Details of the worst outliers

- For April, June and July of 1978 Apto Uto (Colombia, ID:800890) had an average monthly temperature of 81.5°C, 83.4°C and 83.4°C respectively.
- The monthly mean temperature in September 1953 at Paltinis, Romania is reported as -46.4 °C (in other years the September average was about 11.5°C).
- At Golden Rock Airport, on the island of St Kitts in the Caribbean, mean monthly temperatures for December in 1981 and 1984 are reported as 0.0°C. But from 1971 to 1990 the average in all the other years was 26.0°C.

More at [Jo Nova](#)

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## The report:

Unfortunately, the report is paywalled. The good news is that itâ s a mere \$8.

The researcher, John McLean, did all the work on his own, so it is a way to get compensated for all the time and effort put into it. He writes:

This report is based on a thesis for my PhD, which was awarded in December 2017 by James Cook University, Townsville, Australia. The thesis was based on the HadCRUT4 dataset and associated files as they were in late January 2016. The thesis identified 27 issues of concern about the dataset.

The January 2018 versions of the files contained not just updates for the intervening 24 months, but also additional observation stations and consequent changes in the monthly global average temperature anomaly right back to the start of data in 1850. The report uses January 2018 data and revises and extends the analysis performed in the original thesis, sometimes omitting minor issues, sometimes splitting major issues

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and sometimes analysing new areas and reporting on those findings.

The thesis was examined by experts external to the university, revised in accordance with their comments and then accepted by the university. This process was at least equivalent to â peer reviewâ as conducted by scientific journals.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As far as can be ascertained, this is the first audit of the HadCRUT4 dataset, the main temperature dataset used in climate assessment reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Governments and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) rely heavily on the IPCC reports so ultimately the temperature data needs to be accurate and reliable.

This audit shows that it is neither of those things.

More than 70 issues are identified, covering the entire process from the measurement of temperatures to the datasetâ s creation, to data derived from it (such as averages) and to its eventual publication. The findings (shown in consolidated form Appendix 6) even include simple issues of obviously erroneous data, glossed-over sparsity of data, significant but questionable assumptions and temperature data that has been incorrectly adjusted in a way that exaggerates warming.

It finds, for example, an observation station reporting average monthly temperatures above 80Â°C, two instances of a station in the Caribbean reporting December average temperatures of 0Â°C and a Romanian station reporting a September average temperature of -45Â°C when the typical average in that month is 10Â°C. On top of that, some ships that measured sea temperatures reported their locations as more than 80km inland.

It appears that the suppliers of the land and sea temperature data failed to check for basic errors and the people who create the HadCRUT dataset didnâ t find them and raise questions either.

The processing that creates the dataset does remove some errors but it uses a threshold set from two values calculated from part of the data but errors werenâ t removed from that part before the two values were calculated.

Data sparsity is a real problem. The dataset starts in 1850 but for just over two years at the start of the record the only land-based data for the entire Southern Hemisphere came from a single observation station in Indonesia. At the end of five years just three stations reported data in that hemisphere. Global averages are calculated from the averages for each of the two hemispheres, so these few stations have a large influence on whatâ s supposedly â globalâ . Related to the amount of data is the percentage of the world (or hemisphere) that the data covers. According to the method of calculating coverage for the dataset, 50% global coverage wasnâ t reached until 1906 and 50% of the Southern Hemisphere wasnâ t reached until about 1950.

In May 1861 global coverage was a mere 12% â thatâ s less than one-eighth. In much of the 1860s and 1870s most of the supposedly global coverage was from Europe and its trade sea routes and ports, covering only about 13% of the Earthâ s surface. To calculate averages from this data and refer to them as â global

Main points:

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averagesâ is stretching credulity.

Another important finding of this audit is that many temperatures have been incorrectly adjusted. The adjustment of data aims to create a temperature record that would have resulted if the current observation stations and equipment had always measured the local temperature. Adjustments are typically made when station is relocated or its instruments or their housing replaced.

The typical method of adjusting data is to alter all previous values by the same amount. Applying this to situations that changed gradually (such as a growing city increasingly distorting the true temperature) is very wrong and it leaves the earlier data adjusted by more than it should have been. Observation stations might be relocated multiple times and with all previous data adjusted each time the very earliest data might be far below its correct value and the complete data record show an exaggerated warming trend.

The overall conclusion (see chapter 10) is that the data is not fit for global studies. Data prior to 1950 suffers from poor coverage and very likely multiple incorrect adjustments of station data. Data since that year has better coverage but still has the problem of data adjustments and a host of other issues mentioned in the audit.

Calculating the correct temperatures would require a huge amount of detailed data, time and effort, which is beyond the scope of this audit and perhaps even impossible. The primary conclusion of the audit is however that the dataset shows exaggerated warming and that global averages are far less certain than have been claimed.

One implication of the audit is that climate models have been tuned to match incorrect data, which would render incorrect their predictions of future temperatures and estimates of the human influence of temperatures.

Another implication is that the proposal that the Paris Climate Agreement adopt 1850-1899 averages as â indicativeâ of pre-industrial temperatures is fatally flawed. During that period global coverage is low â it averages 30% across that time â and many land-based temperatures are very likely to be excessively adjusted and therefore incorrect.

A third implication is that even if the IPCCâ s claim that mankind has caused the majority of warming since 1950 is correct then the amount of such warming over what is almost 70 years could well be negligible. The question then arises as to whether the effort and cost of addressing it make any sense.

Ultimately it is the opinion of this author that the HadCRUT4 data, and any reports or claims based on it, do not form a credible basis for government policy on climate or for international agreements about supposed causes of climate change.

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Full report [here](#)

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## Bank of America Safe Deposit Boxes Are Not Safe After All - Don't Trust BofA

By [Kurtis Ming](#)

**Filed Under:** [Bank Of America](#), [safe deposit boxes](#)

ORANGEVALE (CBS13) â A woman says her bank let her safe deposit box vanish. And sheâ s not the only one.

Susan Nomi says when she went to open her Bank of America safe deposit box of 16 years, the entire box was gone.

Thatâ s where she kept her familyâ s jewelry and her dadâ s coin collection.

â I was in shock; I was just like what happened to my box,â said Nomi.

She says Bank of America canâ t explain where her valuables went.

â They donâ t have an answer. They donâ t have an answer. They say thanks for letting us know,â she says.

Nomi was infuriated, especially considering she is a retired Bank of America employee of 40 years. And sheâ s not alone. Others have complained that Bank of America drilled their safe deposit boxes without permission or notice.

Wendy Woo says her belongings were taken out of her safe deposit box and shipped to her.

â Everything was dumped in a plastic bag,â said Woo.

She says a ring was missing a stone and a necklace was damaged in the process.

â Safe deposit boxâ l.thatâ s what itâ s for, safe,â she said.

Another family reported getting their safe deposit contents shipped back too, but claim \$17,000 in jewelry was missing.

Then another woman who just wants to be identified as Maggie says, â I just got robbed from the bank.â â They just took my stuff,â she exclaimed.

Federal rules say banks can drill a box without permission only when there is a court order, search warrant, delinquent rental fees, requests from estate administrators, or if the bank is closing a branch.

However, none of those reasons applies to any of these cases. Safe deposit box consultant Dave Guinn trains bank employees on proper safe deposit box procedures. He says federal law requires that banks give customers adequate notice.

â A notification should be made either by registered letter or by certified receipt letter,â said Guinn.

Bank of America has said it does â â notify customers by mail in accordance with law well in advance prior to drilling a box.â

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Nomiâ s not buying it and says, â I worked for them. Itâ s not like they couldnâ t get a hold of me or anything.â

Bank of America still canâ t explain what happened to her valuables but said, â We certainly understand how frustrating this matter is for Mrs. Nomi and we are working with her on a resolution. We are looking at this situation to help us identify opportunities to help avoid similar events in the future as we continue to work on improving service to our customers.â

She says, â I canâ t ever replace it. Itâ s irreplaceable, doesnâ t matter how much its worth.â

After we got involved, she told us the bank agreed to cut her a check.

The Bank of America also paid to fix Mrs. Wooâ s damaged jewelry but left each of them wondering how safe a safe deposit box is.

Nomi has advice for others: â Check whatâ s in your box,â and â If you havenâ t been in it for a while, make sure itâ s there.â

The Bank of America rental agreement says they could terminate your rental agreement for your safe deposit box if you donâ t give proper identification when requested. The customers in these incidents say that does not apply to their cases.

Banks have strict regulations they must follow, one being they have to have two keys to get into a box, yours and theirs. Plus, if a box has been drilled open, the bank must have a record of it being drilled.

If this has happened to you or someone you know, [click here to file a complaint](#).

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## **Muh Russia: Barack Obama Spent Three Times As Much Interfering in Israeli Election Than Russians Spent on Facebook Ads**

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### **The 13 indicted Russian internet trolls have NOTHING on Barack Obama.**

On Friday the office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller announced that a federal grand jury indicted 13 Russian nationals, along with 3 Russian entities for ID fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud and bank fraud from 2014 through the 2016 elections.

The Russians launched [pro-Trump and Pro-Hillary websites](#) and organized pro-Trump and anti-Trump rallies.

The anti-Trump rallies were [much more successful](#).

Itâ s a lot easier to get leftist sheep out to protest than conservatives who work all day.

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**But these Russians have nothing on Barack Obama.**

**The Russians spent a reported \$100,000 on Facebook ads during the election.**

**Barack Obama spent \$350,000 to interfere with the Israeli elections to unseat pro-US Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.**

**Obama spent more than three times as much to interfere in the Israeli elections than the Russians spent on Facebook ads.**

**Barack Obama also interfered in the Kenyan, Egyptian, German and British elections.**

CNS News reported:

According to the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI), the State Department gave \$349,276 in U.S. taxpayer-funded grants to a political group in Israel to build a campaign operation, which subsequently was used to try to influence Israelis to vote against conservative Benjamin Netanyahu in the March 2015 election for prime minister.

In the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations report about the State Departmentâ s action, Chairman Bob Portman (R-Ohio) said, â It is completely unacceptable that U.S. taxpayer dollars were used to build a political campaign infrastructure that was deployed â immediately after the grant ended â against the leader [Netanyahu] of our closest ally in the Middle East. American resources should be used to help our allies in the region, not undermine them.â

â The State Department ignored warning signs and funded a politically active group in a politically sensitive environment with inadequate safeguards,â said Portman in a July 12, 2016 press release.



# Barack Obama's Campaign Financier Tech Billionaire Got Billions In Crony Taxpayer Cash And Now Wants To Shut Off Taxpayer Access To Beaches

By ROSANNA XIA

Mark Massara walks past a locked security gate at Martins Beach, where an access gate remains locked despite a judge's order to landowner Vinod Khosla to to open the gate and allow public access to the beach. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

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The California Coastal Act for decades has scaled back mega-hotels, protected wetlands and, above all, declared that access to the beach was a fundamental right guaranteed to everyone.

But that very principle could be dismantled in the latest chapter of an all-out legal battle that began as a local dispute over a locked gate.

On one side, property owner and Silicon Valley billionaire Vinod Khosla wants Martins Beach, a secluded crescent-shaped stretch of sand and bluffs, to himself. On the other, generations of beachgoers demand continued access to a path long used by the public. The squabble has spurred a spate of lawsuits that now focus on whether Khosla needs state permission to gate off the road â and a string of California courts has said he does.

Unwilling to back down, Khosla is now appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court over his right to shut out the public. His latest argument not only challenges the constitutionality of the Coastal Act â if taken up by the nation's highest court, it would put into question long-established land use procedures and any state's power to regulate development anywhere.

"It's bold, it's arrogant, it wants to strike at the core of our society," said Joe Cotchett, lead attorney for the Surfrider Foundation, which sued Khosla in its fight for public coastal access. "This is so much bigger than a little beach in San Mateo County. It's a steppingstone to every coastline in the United States."

## **A billionaire is willing to bring back public access to Martins Beach â for a price Â»**

Khosla, not short on money nor shy on tactics, has tapped a new lawyer uniquely suited to overcome the longshot odds of bringing this argument before the nation's nine top justices. Now leading his legal team is Paul Clement, who served as U.S. solicitor general under President George W. Bush, has clerked for the late Justice Antonin Scalia and "argued more Supreme Court cases since 2000 than any lawyer in or out of government," according to his professional bio at Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

He has defended a number of conservative positions, such as arguing against same-sex marriage and leading the legal challenge against President Obama's Affordable Care Act.

In his 151-page petition to the Supreme Court, Clement described California's coastal policies as "Orwellian" and made the case that private property should not be taken for public use without just compensation: "the Coastal Act cannot constitutionally be applied to compel uncompensated physical invasions of private property."

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Clement and Khosla's team of Bay Area lawyers did not respond to requests for comment. Khosla declined to comment for this article.

The Supreme Court will probably decide in the next three months whether to take up the case. Chances are slim: Of the thousands of appeals filed each year, only about 100 are granted review. But with conservative interpretations of property rights gaining prominence and President Trump's recent appointment of Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, having the right lawyer and a well-crafted argument might just be enough to win the four Supreme Court votes needed for the case to move forward, legal experts said.

Khosla's arguments, while ambitious, are "artfully drafted in an effort to capture the attention of at least four justices," said Richard Frank, director of the California Environmental Law and Policy Center at UC Davis. "This petition is targeted directly at the conservative wing of the United States Supreme Court, and it certainly is plausible that the court could grant review in this case given the quality of representation and the issues involved."

(Los Angeles Times)

The issues date back to 2008, when Khosla, a co-founder of Sun Microsystems, bought the 89-acre property south of Half Moon Bay for \$32.5 million.

The Deeney family that sold Martins Beach had, for almost a century, maintained a public bathroom, parking lot, even a general store. Surfers, fishermen and picnickers paid 25 cents to enter. The fee eventually went up to \$10.

Khosla, in legal filings, said he "was willing to give the business a go, and continued to allow members of the public to access the property upon payment of a fee. But [he] soon faced the same problem the Deeneys had faced: The business was operating at a considerable loss, as the costs of keeping the beach, the parking lot and other facilities in operable and safe condition significantly exceeded the fees the business generated."

So he shut the gate, hired security and posted "do not enter" signs.

Mark Massara, a consultant for Surfrider who has fought Khosla in the past, heads in from surfing at Martins Beach in 2016 despite the locked gate. He said there has been a history of public access at the beach. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

A number of public interest groups have since sued Khosla. He, in turn, has sued the California Coastal Commission, the State Lands Commission and San Mateo County, over what he considered an interference of his property rights.

A San Mateo County Superior Court judge, however, dismissed his case, stating that he had to go through the commission's permit process or enforcement proceedings before he could resort to a lawsuit.

The case that could be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court began when Surfrider sued Khosla on the grounds that he failed to apply for the development permit required to change public access to the coastline. A local court sided with Surfrider and a state appeals court upheld that decision, ordering Khosla to unlock the gate while the dispute continues. Khosla appealed again to the state Supreme Court, which declined to hear the case.

Nowadays, the gate is sometimes open, sometimes closed. Sheriff's officials have said it would not arrest members of the public for trespassing. The Coastal Commission last fall began the formal process of notifying Khosla of public access violations, which could amount to fines of as much as \$11,250 per day per

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violation.

The commission, not an official party to the Surfrider suit, said it is reviewing Khosla's appeal to the Supreme Court. The state attorney general's office said it was aware of the petition and provided no additional comment.

Khosla is not the first wealthy landowner to challenge coastal regulations. Many still recall the 22-year fight with music producer David Geffen to unlock his Malibu gate. (Geffen eventually handed over the keys).

But not all fights have ended in public victory. When the Coastal Commission demanded in the 1980s that James and Marilyn Nollan allow the public to walk on their beachfront in Ventura in exchange for obtaining a building permit to enlarge their house, the Supreme Court ruled the agency had gone too far.

In handing down the 1987 Nollan vs. California Coastal Commission decision, Scalia compared the commission's tactics to "an out-and-out plan of extortion." The first of a number of rulings in which the court tilted the law toward protection of property rights, it dramatically scaled back the commission's power to require public access ways to the coast.

"Nollan had a catalytic effect, and I expect any decision in the Martins Beach case â t would have a similar sweeping and catalytic effect on public access law and property rights more generally," Frank said. "It's one of those landmark foundational cases that is cited all the time throughout the nation and has prompted more litigation."

A street sign stands at the entrance to Martins Beach, where an access gate in July 2016 was locked despite a judge's order to the landowner to allow public access to the beach. (Allen J. Schaben / Los Angeles Times)

Ralph Faust, who was the commission's general counsel from 1986 to 2006, said a striking difference between the Nollan case and Martins Beach is that Khosla is challenging the Coastal Act "as written, not as it's applied."

Nollan applied for a permit but didn't like the stipulations the commission required, so he challenged them, Faust said. Khosla is skipping that step altogether and arguing that the requirement to seek a permit â s as well as the state court injunction to maintain the status quo of keeping the gate open while the matter is being decided â t violates his rights as a property owner.

"That's a pretty stunningly broad attack on state government," Faust said. "If he were to win on that and just get a declaration that the Coastal Act could not possibly be constitutionally interpreted to require a permit for that kind of development â t that would be just huge."

The Nollan case unfolded in unexpected ways and to this day affects the way access rights are argued and how land should be set aside for the public, Faust said. Should the Supreme Court take up Khosla's appeal, the implications are beyond imaginable.

"Just because you think you know what the situation is when you're talking about a case, doesn't mean that's how it's going to look if the Supreme Court actually decides something," he said.

"These things take on a life of their own."

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Jon Talton / Columnist

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## Big Tech needs to face a Theodore Roosevelt-style trust busting

The giants of the technology sector are falling from public favor. Busting them up isn't an impossibility.

By

Jon Talton

Special to The Seattle Times

Is it time to break up Big Tech? Scott Galloway, professor of marketing at New York University, thinks so. Silicon Valley and Seattle should pay attention.

Galloway is no socialist Luddite. Heâ s a veteran entrepreneur and beneficiary of the industry. Heâ s also author of â The Four,â a penetrating book about Apple, Amazon, Facebook and Google parent Alphabet.

â The Fourâ also come in for most of his wrath in this bracing, mandatory read in Esquire.

A few quotes to whet your appetite:

â ç â Having your firm weaponized by foreign adversaries to undermine our democratic election process is bad â ; really bad. During the 2016 election, Russian troll pages on Facebook paid to promote approximately three thousand political ads. Fabricated content reached 126 million users. It doesnâ t stop there â the GRU, the Russian military-intelligence agency, has lately taken a more bipartisan approach to sowing chaos.â

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â ç â Big tech learned from the sins of the original gangster, Microsoft. The colossus at times appeared to feel it was above trafficking in PR campaigns and lobbyists to soften its image among the public and regulators. In contrast, the Four promote an image of youth and idealism, coupled with evangelizing the world-saving potential of technology.â

â ç â Unlike Microsoft, which was typecast early on as the â Evil Empire,â Google, Apple, Facebook, and Amazon have combined savvy public-relations efforts with sophisticated political lobbying operations â think Oprah Winfrey crossed with the Koch brothers â to make themselves nearly immune to the scrutiny endured by Microsoft.â

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â ç â â ! The companiesâ vague, high-minded pronouncements â â Think Different,â  
â Donâ t Be Evilâ â provide the ultimate illusion.â

Galloway is not taken in, listing tax evasion and job destruction among the other transgressions of the Big Four. One could add the â tech broâ culture that is widely seen as hostile to women.

â Granted, weâ ve seen job destruction before,â he writes. â But weâ ve never seen companies quite this good at it.â This includes the gig economy and the exploitation of drivers by the likes of Uber.

Yet all that is not enough to require a Theodore Roosevelt-style trust busting. Big Techâ s greatest sins are locking in a winner-take-all economy, decimating the middle class and exercising monopoly-like powers that cause the free market to fail. Competition is stymied. Power is in the hands of too few.

This is the anti-democratic poison that caused the progressives of Rooseveltâ s age to break up the likes of Standard Oil, John D. Rockefellerâ s trust that controlled 90 percent of the countryâ s oil. Although Gallowayâ s proposal isnâ t specific, if it followed the Standard Oil model it would mean busting up Big Tech into multiple smaller, independent entities. Amazon Web Services would be one obvious target to spin off.

Given this laissez-faire moment, Gallowayâ s proposal will go nowhere. That doesnâ t mean it wonâ t go anywhere ever, though. Moments change. Itâ s a useful thought exercise, not least for the Seattle area, which has benefited so much from Big Techâ s breakout. And it might be more than just an exercise: The Washington Post has been the toughest watchdog on the Trump administration, so itâ s possible the president could come after its owner, Jeff Bezos.

To be fair, Fortuneâ s 2017 list of the worldâ s most admired companies placed Apple, Amazon and Alphabet in the top three slots (Starbucks was No. 6, followed by Microsoft). Yet the list is compiled by Korn Ferry, asking executives, directors and securities analysts. This is not vox populi.

An Axios-SurveyMonkey poll last month found that 55 percent of respondents were concerned that government isnâ t doing enough to regulate Big Tech, an increase of 15 points in three months. Democrats, Republicans and independents all voiced more worry more than in the previous poll.

â Thatâ s a seismic shift in the publicâ s perception of Silicon Valley over a short period of time,â Axios reported. â It shows how worried Americans are about Russian meddling in the 2016 election, but it also reflects a growing anxiety about the potentially addictive nature of some of the tech companiesâ products, as well as the relentless spread of fake news on their platforms.â

The findings bolster a poll last fall from another news site, The Verge, showing declining trust in Big Tech. Facebook, Twitter and Apple came out worst, with Microsoft and Amazon doing better. â Amazon is a ruthless corporate juggernaut that people love,â The Verge summarized.

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That juggernaut has been very good to Seattle, growing to 45,000 well-paid jobs at its headquarters and helping fill the city treasury. (The downside to having what tech talent desires but being cheaper than the Bay Area is a staggering increase in house prices.)

Amazon can also claim to be a real employer nationwide â more than 300,000, including 90,000 from Whole Foods. (Microsoft employs more than 74,500 nationwide and about 47,000 in the Puget Sound region.)

While this is better than Facebookâ s head count of 23,000, Amazon eradicates jobs, too. More than 514,000 jobs were lost at department stores alone between 2001 and this past December.

Also, much Amazon work is in warehouses. For example, the Phoenix â associateâ wage is \$12.45 an hour, according to Glassdoor.

For comparisonâ s sake, General Motors at its peak employed some 400,000 in the United States and Canada. In 1970, starting pay on the assembly line was around \$26.60 in todayâ s dollars. Increases were built into the United Auto Workers contract, along with health care, pensions and other benefits.

This was commonplace in the America of that era, and with far more companies. Rising productivity was widely shared in wage growth, unlike today (the companion trend lines separated around 1973).

And donâ t forget that Amazonâ s enormous power doesnâ t stop at the marketplace. More than 200 localities sought HQ2. Many, including the 20 finalists, appear willing to shower this wealthy company with incentives.

â Chicago proposed to let Amazon keep \$1.3 billion in employee payroll taxes and spend this money as the company sees fit,â Galloway writes. â Thatâ s right: Chicago offered to transfer its tax authority to Amazon and trusts the Seattle firm to allocate taxes in a manner best for Chicagoâ s residents.â

Galloway argues that a breakup of the Big Four would inject â oxygenâ into the economy, improving competition and unleashing capital.

Maybe it would hold back Seattle even worse than did Microsoftâ s â lost decade,â which some observers blame on the federal governmentâ s antitrust prosecution (others say Microsoft got off too easy, avoiding a breakup). On the other hand, given Seattleâ s strengths, a breakup might let dozens of new tech flowers bloom here.

But Iâ m afraid the trust busting needs to go far beyond Big Tech. Finance, media, telecom, airlines, railroads and health care are among the many sectors that have become too concentrated. This hurts competition, innovation, job creation and communities that lose headquarters. We also need breakthroughs beyond apps and tech devices, as well as public investment, that create good jobs.

The Gilded Ageâ s barons look stuffy in black-and-white photos. The moguls of our Digital Gilded Age dress like teenagers or men who accidentally misplaced their ties. Otherwise, the danger their enterprises pose to the economy and the nation is the same â maybe worse today, where enough of an ignorant nation can be swayed by social-media lies.

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## **A CGI commitment benefits a for-profit company partly owned by friends of the Clintons.**



Julie Tauber McMahon (Credit: Getty Images)

The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) is a yearly conference connected to the Clinton Foundation that helps inspire and arrange donations to solve problems around the world.

At the personal request of Bill Clinton, the **September 2010** CGI conference sets up a financial commitment to benefit a for-profit company partly owned by people who have ties to Bill and Hillary Clinton. The company, Energy Pioneer Solutions Inc., is a small start-up that has a business plan to insulate homes and let the owners pay through their monthly utility bills. The company is 29% owned by Scott Kleebe, a Democrat who twice ran for Congress from Nebraska; 29% by Jane Eckert, an art gallery owner; 29% by Julie Tauber McMahon, a close friend of Bill Clinton; 5% by Andrew Tobias, Democratic National Committee treasurer and longtime Clinton friend; and 5% by Mark Weiner, a former Rhode Island Democratic chairman, and also a longtime Clinton friend.

Out of thousands of CGI commitments, this is one of only a handful that involve private individuals making a personal financial investment in a for-profit company, instead of donations to non-profits or charities. The commitment is added to a database at the CGI website, but it will be removed several months later.

The *Wall Street Journal* will later report, â The reason was to avoid calling attention to Mr. Clintonâ s friendship with one company co-owner, Ms. McMahon, and to protect the integrity of Mr. Clinton and the Clinton Global Initiative, according to people familiar with the matter.â **Bill Clinton also personally endorsed the company to Energy Secretary Steven Chu, resulting in a \$812,000 grant from the Energy Department that year.** The IRS requires that tax-exempt charitable organizations like CGI â must not be organized or operated for the benefit of private interests.â The \$2 million commitment is eventually achieved for the company, although itâ s not clear which who gave and by how much. ([The Wall Street Journal, 5/12/2016](#))

In **2014**, it will be alleged in some tabloids that McMahon had a prolonged affair with Bill Clinton, roughly from **2001** until **2013**, but McMahon will deny it and say they are just close friends. ([The Daily Mail, 7/25/2014](#)) ([Heavy.com, 8/14/2014](#))



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MUSK'S OWN STAFF CALL HIM: â A LIARâ

Elon Muskâ s Space Dream Almost Killed Tesla

By Ashlee Vance

Illustrations by The Red Dress

SpaceX started with a plan to send mice to Mars. It got crazier from there.

In late October 2001, Elon Musk went to Moscow to buy an intercontinental ballistic missile. He brought along Jim Cantrell, a kind of international aerospace supplies fixer, and Adeo Ressi, his best friend from Penn. Although Musk had tens of millions in the bank, he was trying to get a rocket on the cheap. They flew coach, and they were planning to buy a refurbished missile, not a new one. Musk figured it would be a good vehicle for sending a plant or some mice to Mars.

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Ressi, a gangly eccentric, had been thinking a lot about whether his best friend had started to lose his mind, and heâ d been doing his best to discourage the project. He peppered Musk with links to video montages of Russian, European, and American rockets exploding. He staged interventions, bringing Muskâ s friends together to talk him out of wasting his money. None of it worked. Musk remained committed to funding a grand, inspirational spectacle in space and would spend all of his fortune to do it. And so Ressi went to Russia to contain Musk as best as he could. â Adeo would call me to the side and say, â What Elon is doing is insane. A philanthropic gesture? Thatâ s crazy,â â said Cantrell. â He was seriously worried.â

The group set up a few meetings with companies such as NPO Lavochkin, which had made probes intended for Mars and Venus for the Russian Federal Space Agency, and Kosmotras, a commercial rocket launcher based in Moscow. The appointments all seemed to go the same way, following Russian decorum. The Russians, who often skip breakfast, would ask to meet around 11 a.m. at their offices for an early lunch. Then there would be small talk for an hour or more as the meeting attendees picked over a spread of sandwiches, sausages, and, of course, vodka. After lunch came a lengthy smoking and coffee drinking period. Once all of the tables were cleared, the Russian in charge would turn to Musk and ask, â What is it youâ re interested in buying?â The big windup may not have bothered Musk as much if the Russians had taken him more seriously. They viewed Musk as a novice when it came to space and did not appreciate his bravado. â One of their chief designers spit on me and Elon because he thought we were full of s---,â Cantrell said. Team Musk returned empty-handed.

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In February 2002 the group returned to Russia, this time bringing Mike Griffin, who had worked for the CIAâ s venture capital arm, In-Q-Tel; NASAâ s Jet Propulsion Laboratory; and was just leaving Orbital Sciences, a maker of satellites and spacecraft. Musk was now looking for not one but three missiles and had a briefcase full of cash, too. They met with Kosmotras officials in an ornate, neglected, prerevolutionary building near downtown Moscow. The vodka shots startedâ â To space!â â To America!â â and, a little buzzed, Musk asked point-blank how much a missile would cost. Eight million dollars each, they said. Musk countered, offering \$8 million for two. â They sat there and looked at him,â Cantrell said. â And said something like, â Young boy. No.â They also intimated that he didnâ t have the money.â At this point, Musk had decided the Russians were either not serious about doing business or were just determined to part a dot-com millionaire from as much of his money as possible. He stormed out of the meeting.

The team went out into the snow and dreck of the Moscow winter, hailed a cab, and drove straight to the airport. The Russians were the only ones with rockets that could possibly fit within Muskâ s budget, and they were too difficult to deal with. â It was a long drive,â Cantrell said. â We sat there in silence looking at the Russian peasants shopping in the snow.â The somber mood lingered all the way to the plane, until the drink cart arrived. â You always feel particularly good when the wheels lift off in Moscow,â Cantrell said. â Itâ s like, â My God. I made it.â So, Griffin and I got drinks and clinked our glasses.â Musk sat in the row in front of them, typing on his computer. â Weâ re thinking, â F---ing nerd: What can he be doing now?â â â At which point Musk wheeled around and flashed a spreadsheet heâ d created.

â Hey, guys,â he said, â I think we can build this rocket ourselves.â

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Just a few months before, in June 2001, Musk had turned 30. â Iâ m no longer a child prodigy,â he told his college sweetheart and new wife, Justine, only half joking. Musk had emigrated from South Africa in 1988 and had made millions off two Internet companies, Zip2 and PayPal. Now, he was expected to act like a stereotypical dot-com rich guy and start some other Web service. Musk, though, wanted more. As a child, he had dreamed of rocket ships and space travel, devouring Heinlein, Asimov, and Douglas Adams. For most people, a triumph in Silicon Valley would be the goal. For Musk, it was a stepping stone.

The changes in his attitude and thinking were obvious to friends, including a group of PayPal executives who gathered in Las Vegas one weekend to celebrate the recent sale. â Weâ re all hanging out in this cabana at the Hard Rock Cafe, and Elon is there reading some obscure Soviet rocket manual that was all moldy and looked like it had been bought on EBay,â said Kevin Hartz, an early PayPal investor. â He was studying it and talking openly about space travel and changing the world.â

Elon and Justine decided to move south to begin their family and the next chapter of their lives in Los Angeles. Unlike many Southern California transplants, they were drawn by the technology. The mild, consistent weather made it ideal for the aeronautics industry, which had been there since the 1920s, when Lockheed Aircraft set up shop in Hollywood. Howard Hughes, the U.S. Air Force, NASA, Boeing, and a mosaic of support industries followed suit. While Muskâ s space plans were vague at the time, he felt confident that he could recruit some of the worldâ s top aeronautics thinkers and get them to join his next venture.

Illustrations by Paul Faassen; Photo: Courtesy Maye Musk

Musk started by crashing the Mars Society, an eclectic collection of space enthusiasts dedicated to exploring and settling the Red Planet. They were holding a fund-raiser in mid-2001, a \$500-per-plate event at the house of one of the well-off Mars Society members. What stunned Robert Zubrin, the head of the group, was the reply from someone named Elon Musk, whom no one could remember inviting. â He gave us a check for \$5,000,â Zubrin said. â That made everyone take notice.â Zubrin invited Musk for coffee ahead of the dinner and told him about the research center the society had built in the Arctic to mimic the tough conditions of Mars and the experiments they had been running for something called the Translife Mission, in which there would be a capsule orbiting earth carrying a crew of mice. It would spin to give them one-third gravityâ the same as Marsâ and they would live there and make babies.

When it was time for dinner, Zubrin placed Musk at the VIP table next to himself, the director and space buff James Cameron, and Carol Stoker, a planetary scientist for NASA. Musk loved it. â He was much more intense than some of the other millionaires,â Zubrin said. â He didnâ t know a lot about space, but he had a scientific mind. He wanted to know exactly what was being planned in regards to Mars and what the significance would be.â Musk took to the Mars Society right away and joined its board of directors. He donated an additional \$100,000 to fund a research station in the desert.

Muskâ s friends were not entirely sure what to make of his mental state at that time. Heâ d caught malaria while on vacation in Africa and lost a tremendous amount of weight fighting it off. Musk stands 6-foot-1 but usually seems much bigger than that. Heâ s broad-shouldered, sturdy, and thick. This version of Musk, though, looked emaciated and with little prompting would start expounding on his desire to do something

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meaningful with his life. â He said, â The logical thing to happen next is solar, but I canâ t figure out how to make any money out of it.â â â said George Zachary, an investor and close friend of Muskâ s, recalling a lunch date at the time. â He started talking about space, and I thought he meant office space like a real estate play.â Musk had already started thinking beyond the Mars Societyâ s goals. Rather than send a few mice into earthâ s orbit, Musk wanted to send them to Mars.

â He asked if I thought that was crazy,â Zachary said. â I asked, â Do the mice come back? Because, if they donâ t, yeah, most people will think thatâ s crazy.â â â Musk said that the mice were not only meant to go to Mars and come back but they also would come home with the baby mice, too.

Musk built a network of space experts and brought the best of them together at a series of salonsâ sometimes at the Renaissance hotel at the Los Angeles airport and sometimes at the Sheraton in Palo Alto. Musk had no formal business plan. He mostly wanted them to help him develop the mice-to-Mars idea or at least to come up with something comparable. Musk hoped to hit on a wondrous gesture for mankindâ some type of event that would capture the worldâ s attention, get people thinking about Mars again, and have them reflect on manâ s potential. Scientists showed up from NASAâ s JPL. Cameron was there again, along with Griffin. No one on the planet knew more about the realities of getting things into space than Griffin, and he was consulting for Musk. Four years later, he would be running NASA.

The experts were thrilled to have another rich guy appear who was willing to fund something interesting in space. They happily debated the merits and feasibility of sending up the mice. But the discussion turned to a different project, the â Mars Oasis.â In this scenario, Musk would buy a rocket and use it to shoot what amounted to a robotic greenhouse to Mars, a space-ready growth chamber for plants that could open up briefly and scoop in some of the Martian regolith, or soil, and then use it to grow a plant, which would in turn produce the first oxygen on Mars. Much to Muskâ s liking, this plan seemed both ostentatious and feasible.

Musk wanted the space greenhouse to have a way to send a video feed to earth, so people could watch the plant grow. The group also talked about mailing kits to students around the country who would nurture their own plants simultaneously and notice, for example, that the Martian plant could grow twice as high as its earthbound counterpart in the same amount of time. Muskâ s enthusiasm for the idea started to inspire the group, many of whom had grown cynical about anything novel happening in space again. There were immense engineering challenges that would need solving. Getting Martian soil into the structure seemed not only hard to do physically but also problematic because the regolith would be toxic. For a while, the scientists debated growing the plant in a nutrient-rich gel instead, but that felt like cheating. Even the optimistic moments were awash in unknowns. One scientist found some very resilient mustard seeds and thought they could possibly survive a treated version of the Martian soil. â There was a pretty big downside if the plant didnâ t survive,â said Dave Bearden, a space industry veteran who attended the meetings. â Youâ d have this dead garden on Mars.â

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The main thing troubling the space experts was Muskâ s budget. Following the salons, it seemed like Musk wanted to spend somewhere between \$20 million and \$30 million on the stunt, and everyone knew that the cost of a rocket launch alone would eat up that money and then some. Musk, however, had his own plans. Heâ d been devouring books heâ d borrowed from Cantrell and others. They included Rocket Propulsion Elements, Fundamentals of Astrodynamics, and Aerothermodynamics of Gas Turbine and Rocket Propulsion. According to Muskâ s calculations, he could undercut existing launch companies by building a modest-size rocket that specialized in carrying smaller satellites and research payloads to space. In June 2002 he founded Space Exploration Technologies, or SpaceX. He was on his way to Mars.

SpaceXâ s first headquarters was in an old warehouse at 1310 East Grand Ave. in El Segundo, a suburb of Los Angeles. It had 75,000 square feet of open space and several receiving bays, allowing Musk to drive his silver McLaren F1 sports car right into his office. It was a sparse, hangarlike building with a dusty floor and curved ceilings. During the first week of SpaceXâ s operations, delivery trucks showed up with laptops and printers and folding tables. Musk walked over to one of the loading docks, rolled up the door, and offloaded the equipment himself. Desks were eventually interspersed around the factory so the computer scientists and engineers designing the machines could sit with the welders and machinists building the hardware. In aerospace, this was daring. Traditional aerospace companies separate engineers and machinists by thousands of miles.

SpaceX planned to do a lot of things differently. Instead of assembling parts from thousands of suppliers, the company would build as much machinery as it could in-house. This included things like a mobile launchpad andâ most ambitiouslyâ rocket engines. Wherever possible, SpaceX would be faster, cheaper, and better than its competitors. It would launch multiple rockets each month, make money off each one, and never need to become a huge contractor dependent on government funds. SpaceXâ s first rocket would be called the Falcon 1, a nod to Star Warsâ Millennium Falcon. At a time when the cost of sending a 550-pound payload into orbit started at \$30 million, Musk promised that the Falcon 1 would be able to carry a 1,400-pound payload for \$6.9 million.

The proposed timeline for upending the aerospace industry was comically short. One of the earliest SpaceX presentations promised the first complete engine by May 2003, a second engine in June, the body of the rocket in July, and everything assembled by August. A launchpad would be ready by September, and the first launch would take place in November 2003, or about 15 months after the company started. A trip to Mars was naturally slated for somewhere near the end of the decade. â Elon has always been optimistic,â said Kevin Brogan, an early SpaceX recruit. â Thatâ s the nice word. He can be a downright liar about when things need to get done. He will pick the most aggressive time schedule imaginable assuming everything goes right, and then accelerate it by assuming that everyone can work harder.â

Musk sought out young overachievers, personally calling top students in aerospace programs and recruiting them over the phone. â I thought it was a prank call,â said Michael Colonno, who heard from Musk

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while attending Stanford. â I did not believe for a minute that he had a rocket company.â Once the students looked Musk up on the Internet, selling them on SpaceX was easy. As word of SpaceXâ s ambitions spread, top engineers with a high tolerance for risk from Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and Orbital Sciences fled to the upstart, too.

Throughout the first year at SpaceX, one or two new employees joined almost every week. Brogan was employee No.â 23 and came from TRW, a soon-to-be-shuttered aerospace player, where heâ d been used to various internal policies blocking him from doing work. â I called it the country club,â he said. â Nobody did anything.â Brogan started at SpaceX the day after his interview and was told to scrounge around the office and find a computer to use. â It was go to Fryâ s and get whatever you need and go to Staples and get a chair,â Brogan said.

One of the first projects was the construction of a gas generator, a machine not unlike a small rocket engine that produces hot gas to power pumps. Tom Mueller, another TRW veteran, Tim Buzza, a defector from Boeing, and a couple of young engineers assembled the generator in Los Angeles and then packed it into the back of a pickup truck and drove it out to Mojave to test it. A desert town about 100 miles from Los Angeles, Mojave had become a hub for aerospace companies such as Scaled Composites and XCOR.

The SpaceX team borrowed a test stand from XCOR that was just about the perfect size to hold the gas generator. The first ignition run took place at 11 a.m. and lasted 90 seconds. The generator worked, but it let out a billowing black cloud that settled right over the airport tower. In the days that followed, SpaceXâ s engineers perfected a routine that let them do multiple tests a dayâ an unheard-of practice at the airportâ and had the gas generator tuned to their liking after two weeks of work.

The SpaceX team made a few more trips to Mojave and some other spots, including a test stand at Edwards Air Force Base in Southern California and another in Mississippi. While on this countrywide rocketry tour, the SpaceX engineers visited a 300-acre test site in McGregor, Texas, a small city near the center of the state. The site was a leftover from another billionaire, Andrew Beal, a real estate and finance whiz in Texas, who had folded his aerospace startup after pouring millions into the massive test facility. The SpaceX engineers really liked this spotâ and the three-story concrete test stand Beal had left thereâ and talked Musk into buying it.

Jeremy Hollman, a young engineer, soon found himself living in Texas. Hollman exemplified the kind of recruit Musk wanted: Heâ d earned an aerospace engineering degree from Iowa State University and a masterâ s in astronautical engineering from the University of Southern California. Heâ d spent a couple of years working as a test engineer at Boeing dealing with jets, rockets, and spacecraft. At 23, Hollman was young, single, and willing to give up any semblance of having a life in favor of working at SpaceX nonstop, and he became Muellerâ s second in command.

Mueller had developed a pair of 3D computer models of the two engines he wanted to build. Merlin would be the engine for the first stage of the FalconÂ 1, which lifted it off the ground, and Kestrel would be the smaller engine used to power the upper, second stage of the rocket and guide it in space. Together, Hollman and Mueller figured out which parts SpaceX would build at the Los Angeles factory and which parts it would try to buy. For the purchased parts, Hollman had to head to various machine shops and get quotes and delivery dates for the hardware. Quite often, the machinists told Hollman that SpaceXâ s timelines were nuts. Others were more accommodating and would try to bend an existing product to SpaceXâ s needs instead of building something from scratch. Hollman also found that ingenuity got him a long way. He discovered, for example, that changing the seals on some readily available carwash valves made them good enough to be used with rocket fuel.

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In addition to building its own engines, rocket bodies, and capsules, SpaceX designed its own motherboards and circuits, sensors to detect vibrations, flight computers, and solar panels. On a radio, SpaceXâ s engineers found that they could reduce the weight of the device by about 20 percent. And the cost savings were dramatic, dropping from the \$50,000 to \$100,000 for the industrial-grade equipment used by aerospace companies to \$5,000 for SpaceXâ s unit.

Even as they were trying to figure out Falcon 1, Musk was planning to build something he was calling the BFR, aka the Big Falcon Rocket or Big F---ing Rocket. It would have the biggest rocket engine in history. Muskâ s bigger, faster mentality amused and impressed some of the suppliers that SpaceX occasionally turned to for help, like Barber-Nichols, a Colorado-based maker of rocket engine turbo pumps and other aerospace machinery. Bob Linden, a Barber-Nichols executive, remembers dealing with him. â Elon showed up with Tom Mueller and started telling us it was his destiny to launch things into space at lower costs and to help us become spacefaring people,â he said. â We thought the world of Tom but werenâ t quite sure whether to take Elon too seriously. They began asking us for the impossible. They wanted a turbo pump to be built in less than a year for under \$1 million. Boeing might do a project like that over five years for \$100 million. Tom told us to give it our best shot, and we built it in 13 months. He was relentless.â

The SpaceX facility in McGregor, Texas.

Source: SpaceX

After SpaceX completed its first engine at the factory in California, Hollman loaded it along with mounds of other equipment into a U-Haul trailer, hitched it to the back of a white Hummer H2, and drove it down Interstate 10 from Los Angeles to the test site in Texas. Amid rattlesnakes, fire ants, isolation, and searing heat, the group fastened their prototype engine to the stand, filled it with liquid oxygen and kerosene, hid in a bunker behind a dirt berm, and fired it, for all of 0.1 seconds. The bad news was it would need a lot of work. The good news was it didnâ t blow up. (That would happen later, and the engineers had a term for that, a â rapid unscheduled disassembly.â ) After that first successful burn, the employees christened the site by drinking a \$1,200 bottle of Remy Martin, left over from SpaceXâ s inaugural party, out of paper cups.

Over the next years, the trek from California to the test site became known as the Texas Cattle Haul. SpaceX engineers would work for 10 days straight in Texas, come back to California for a weekend, and then head back. To ease the burden of travel, Musk sometimes let them use his private jet. â It carried six people,â Mueller said. â Well, seven if someone sat in the toilet, which happened all the time.â

Musk, of course, wasnâ t just building rockets. In 2003, about a year after he started SpaceX, Musk helped found Tesla Motors, which planned to sell an electric sports car. Musk had spent years pining after a good electric car, and though he had committed \$100 million to SpaceX, he would now put an additional \$70 million into Tesla and end up as the companyâ s CEO. It was a decision that would almost break both companies.

Stills from Iron Man 2

As he prepared to begin filming Iron Man in early 2007, director Jon Favreau rented out a complex in Los Angeles that once belonged to Hughes Aircraft, the aerospace and defense contractor started about 80 years earlier by Howard Hughes. The facility had a series of interlocking hangars and served as a production office for the movie. It also supplied Robert Downey Jr., who was to play Iron Man and his human creator, Tony Stark, with a splash of inspiration. Downey felt nostalgic looking at one of the larger hangars, which had fallen into a state of disrepair. Not too long ago, that building had played host to the big ideas of a big man who shook up industries and did things his own way.



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Downey had heard about a Howard Hughes-like figure who had constructed his own industrial complex about 10 miles from the Iron Man set. Instead of visualizing how life might have been for Hughes, Downey could perhaps get a taste of the real thing. In March 2007, he visited SpaceXâ s headquarters in El Segundo and wound up receiving a personal tour from Musk. â My mind is not easily blown, but this place and this guy were amazing,â Downey said.

To Downey, the SpaceX facility looked like a giant, exotic hardware store. Enthusiastic employees were zipping about, fiddling with an assortment of machines. Young white-collar engineers interacted with blue-collar assembly line workers, and they all seemed to share a genuine excitement for what they were doing. â It felt like a radical startup company,â Downey said. After the initial tour, Downey came away pleased that the sets being hammered out at the former Hughes factory did have parallels to the SpaceX operations. â Things didnâ t feel out of place,â he said.

The men walked, sat in Muskâ s office, and had lunch. Downey appreciated that Musk was not a foul-smelling, fidgety, coder whack job. What Downey picked up on instead were Muskâ s â accessible eccentricitiesâ and the feeling that he was someone who could work alongside the people in the factory. When he returned to the Iron Man production office, Downey asked that Favreau be sure to place a Tesla Roadster in Tony Starkâ s workshop. â After meeting Elon and making him real to me, I felt like having his presence in the workshop,â Downey said. â They became contemporaries. Elon was someone Tony probably hung out with and partied with, or more likely they went on some weird jungle trek together to drink concoctions with the shamans.â Musk later had a cameo in Iron Man 2.

Musk enjoyed his rising profile. He and Justine bought a house in Bel Air. Their neighbors were Quincy Jones, and Joe Francis, the creator of the Girls Gone Wild videos. Musk and some former PayPal executives produced Thank You for Smoking and used Muskâ s jet in the movie. While not a carouser, Musk took part in the Hollywood nightlife and its social scene. â We had a domestic staff of five; during the day our home transformed into a workplace,â Justine wrote in a magazine article for Marie Claire. â We went to black-tie fundraisers and got the best tables at elite Hollywood nightclubs, with Paris Hilton and Leonardo DiCaprio partying next to us. When Google co-founder Larry Page got married on Richard Bransonâ s private Caribbean island, we were there, hanging out in a villa with John Cusack and watching Bono pose with swarms of adoring women outside the reception tent.â

By this time, SpaceX was looking like a real aerospace company. It had built and tested its engines and completed a full rocket body. All Musk needed now was to fire the thing into the sky and see what happened.

Justine Musk by the pool of the Belâ Air home she shared with Elon.

Photographer: Lauren Greenfield/Institute

Under normal circumstances, SpaceX might have launched its rockets from the nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base. The site has several launchpads to pick from, but none of the current tenantsâ Boeing, Lockheed, and the Air Forceâ were all that interested in helping an Internet executive get to space. Locked out locally, SpaceX decided to try Kwajalein Islandâ or Kwajâ the largest island in an atoll between Guam and Hawaii and part of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The U.S. Army had used it for decades as a missile test site. Gwynne Shotwell, then SpaceXâ s vice president for business development, looked up the name of a colonel at the test site and sent him an e-mail. Three weeks later she got a call back from the Army saying they would love to have SpaceX fly from the islands.

To get to Kwaj, the SpaceX employees either flew on Muskâ s jet or took commercial flights through Hawaii. The main accommodations were two-bedroom affairs that looked more like dormitories than hotel rooms, with their military-issued dressers and desks. Over the course of several months a small team of people

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cleared brush on nearby Omelek Island to create a launch site and converted a double-wide trailer into offices. The work took place in soul-sapping humidity under a sun powerful enough to burn the skin through a T-shirt. The SpaceX team started at sunrise, around 7 a.m., and went until 7 p.m. â One or two people would decide it was their night to cook, and they would make steak and potatoes and pasta,â Hollman said. â We had a bunch of movies and a DVD player, and some of us did a lot of fishing off the docks.â For many of the engineers, this was both a torturous and magical experience. â At Boeing you could be comfortable, but that wasnâ t going to happen at SpaceX,â said Walter Sims, a SpaceX tech expert who found time to get certified to scuba dive while on Kwaj. â Every person on that island was a f---ing star, and they were always holding seminars on radios or the engine. It was such an invigorating place.â

Time and again, the rocket would get rolled out to the launchpad and tipped vertical for a couple of days, and then technical and safety checks would reveal a host of new problems. As soon as they could, the engineers returned it to the hangar to protect it from the salty air. Teams that had labored separately for months back at the SpaceX factoryâ propulsion, avionics, softwareâ were thrown together on the island and forced to become an interdisciplinary whole. â It was like Gilliganâ s Island except with rockets,â Hollman said.

Finally, on March 24, 2006, the engineers had fixed enough bugs to launch. The Falcon 1 stood on its square launchpad and ignited. It soared into the sky and started to shrink against the vast blue expanse. In the island control room, Musk paced as he watched the action, wearing shorts, flip-flops, and a T-shirt. Then, about 25 seconds in, a fire broke out above the Merlin engine, and suddenly this machine that had been flying straight and true started to spin and then tumble back to earth. The Falcon 1 ended up falling directly onto the launch site. Most of the debris went into a reef 250 feet from the launchpad, and the satellite cargo smashed through SpaceXâ s machine shop roof and landed more or less intact on the floor. Some of the engineers put on their snorkeling and scuba gear and recovered the pieces, fitting all of the rocketâ s remnants into two refrigerator-size crates.

After the crash, there was a lot of drinking at a bar on the main island. Musk wanted to launch again within six months, but putting together a new machine would require an immense amount of work. Musk had vowed publicly that he would build a working rocket, but people inside and outside the company were doing back-of-the-envelope math and could tell that SpaceX likely could afford only one more attempt. To the extent that the financial situation unnerved Musk, he rarely if ever let it show to employees. â Elon did a great job of not burdening people with those worries,â said Branden Spikes, head of IT for SpaceX. â He always communicated the importance of being lean and of success, but it was never, â If we fail, weâ re done for.â He was very optimistic.â

Meanwhile, SpaceX had put another group of engineers on a new project to develop the Falcon 9, a nine-engine rocket that would serve as a possible replacement for the retiring space shuttle. SpaceX had yet to prove it could get to space successfully, but Musk was already positioning the company to bid on big-ticket NASA contracts.

In mid-2008, SpaceX prepared its fourth rocket for launch. Typically, the body of the Falcon 1 traveled to Kwaj via barge. Maybe it was â go fever,â which is how rocket people describe the manic decision-making that can characterize a launch, but this time around Musk and the engineers were too excited and desperate to wait for the ocean journey. Musk rented a military cargo plane to fly the rocket body from Los Angeles to Hawaii and then on to Kwaj. This would have been a fine idea except the SpaceX engineers forgot to think about what the pressurized plane would do to the body of the rocket, which is less than an eighth of an inch thick. As the plane started its descent into Hawaii, strange noises came from the cargo hold. â I looked back and could see the stage crumpling,â said Bulent Altan, the former head of avionics at SpaceX. â I told the pilot to go up, and he did.â The rocket was buckling from the increasing air pressure like an empty water bottle.

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Altan saw that the SpaceX team on the plane had about 30 minutes to do something about the problem before they would need to land. They pulled out their pocketknives and cut away the shrink wrap that covered the rocket. They found a maintenance kit on the plane and used the wrenches to open up some nuts on the rocket that would allow its internal pressure to match that of the planeâ s. When the plane landed, the engineers divvied up the duties of calling SpaceXâ s top executives to tell them what happened. It was 3 a.m. Los Angeles time, and one of the executives volunteered to deliver the news to Musk.

It looked like three months of work to fix the rocket. The body had caved in several places, and the baffles placed inside the fuel tank to stop the fuel from sloshing had broken. Musk ordered the team to continue on to Kwaj and sent in a reinforcement team with repair parts. Two weeks later, the rocket was fixed. â It was like being stuck in a foxhole together,â Altan said. â You werenâ t going to quit and leave the person next to you behind.â

The fourth and possibly final launch for SpaceX took place on Sept. 28, 2008. SpaceX employees had worked nonstop shifts for months to reach this moment. They had been separated from their families, in exile on their tiny, hot outpostâ sometimes without much foodâ for days on end as they waited for launch windows to open and dealt with the aborts that followed.

In the late afternoon, the SpaceX team raised the Falcon 1 to its launch position. It stood tall, looking like a bizarre artifact from the future as palm trees swayed beside it and a smattering of clouds crossed through the spectacular blue sky. By this time, SpaceX had turned each launch into a major Web production, so there was a worldwide audience. The Falcon 1 was not carrying real cargo this time; neither the company nor the military nor NASA wanted to see something else blow up or get lost at sea, so the rocket held a 360-pound dummy payload.

Musk, back in Los Angeles, tried to distract himself from the mounting pressure by going to Disneyland with his brother Kimbal and their children, but by 4 p.m. he was back in SpaceXâ s L.A. control room, watching the feed. As the rocket rumbled and then climbed higher, the employees inside SpaceXâ s headquarters let out raucous cheers. Each milestone that followedâ clearing the island, engine checks coming back goodâ was again met with whistles and shouts. After the first stage fell away, the second stage fired up about 90 seconds into the flight and the employees turned downright rapturous, filling the webcast with their ecstatic hollering. â Perfect,â said one of the talking heads. The Kestrel engine glowed red and started its six-minute burn. â When the second stage cleared, I could finally start breathing again and my knees stopped buckling,â said James McLaury, a machinist at SpaceX.

The fairing opened up around the three-minute mark and fell back toward earth. And, finally, around nine minutes into its journey, the Falcon 1 shut down just as planned. After six yearsâ about four-and-a-half more than Musk had once plannedâ the first privately built, liquid-fueled rocket had reached orbit.

â Everyone burst into tears,â Kimbal said. â It was one of the most emotional experiences Iâ ve had.â Musk left the control room and walked out to the factory floor, where he received a rock starâ s welcome. â Well, that was freaking awesome,â he said. â As the saying goes, â The fourth time is the charm,â right?â

The Dragon capsule in orbit, Jan. 14, 2015.

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The afterglow, however, soon faded. SpaceX, like Muskâ s other company, Tesla, was facing a major cash shortage. SpaceX had the Falcon 9 efforts to support and had also greenlighted the construction of the Dragon capsule, which would take supplies and, one day, humans, to the International Space Station. Historically, either project would have cost more than \$1 billion to complete, but SpaceX would have to find a way to build both machines simultaneously for a fraction of the cost. The company had dramatically increased the rate at which it hired employees and moved into a much larger headquarters. SpaceX had a commercial flight booked to carry a satellite into orbit for the Malaysian government, but that launch and the payment for it would not arrive until the middle of 2009. In the meantime, SpaceX simply struggled to make its payroll. Just when it figured out how to fly a rocket, SpaceX was going broke.

As bad as they were, the financial problems did not compare to the collapse of Muskâ s personal life. Not long after moving to Los Angeles, Musk had lost his 10-week-old son, Nevada Alexander, to sudden infant death syndrome. â Iâ m not sure why Iâ d want to talk about extremely sad events,â Musk told me. â It does no good for the future. If youâ ve got other kids and obligations, then wallowing in sadness does no good for anyone around you. Iâ m not sure what should be done in such situations.â Musk went on to have five more sons with Justineâ twins and tripletsâ but their relationship broke apart in 2008, and Musk filed for divorce. Justine soon began documenting the divorce on a blog, and the press was all too happy to merge the personal details into stories of Muskâ s financial woes.

Reporters seemed to take a special pleasure in attacking Tesla. The electric car maker had suffered through numerous product delays, management changes, and cost overruns. After five years and tens of millions of dollars, there was still no Tesla available to buy. A website called the Truth About Cars began a â Tesla Death Watchâ in May 2008 and followed up with dozens of entries throughout the year. The blog captured Teslaâ s engineering issues and Muskâ s feud with Tesla co-founder Martin Eberhard, whoâ d been forced out of the company.

â I was just getting pistol-whipped,â Musk said. â There was a lot of schadenfreude at the time, and it was bad on so many levels. Justine was torturing me in the press.â ... It hurt really bad. You have these huge doubts that your life is not working, your car is not working, youâ re going through a divorce and all of those things. I felt like a pile of s---. I didnâ t think we would overcome it. I thought things were probably f---ing doomed.â

When Musk looked at the numbers, it looked like only one company would survive. â I could either pick SpaceX or Tesla or split the money I had left between them,â Musk said. â That was a tough decision. If I split the money, maybe both of them would die. If I gave the money to just one company, the probability of it surviving was greater, but then it would mean certain death for the other company. I debated that over and over.â In the meantime, the economy was worsening, and spacecraft and sports cars seemed out of place in a time of near-record unemployment.

Riley and Musk at the premiere of *St. Trinianâ s 2* in London in 2009.

Photographer: UPPA/Zuma Press

The brightest light in Muskâ s life at the time was Talulah Riley, a 22-year-old British actress he had started dating and would later marry. She viewed Muskâ s life as Shakespearean tragedy. Sometimes Musk would open up to her, and other times he retreated into himself. Riley spied on Musk while he read e-mail and watched him grimace as bad news poured in. â Youâ d witness him having these conversations in his head,â she said. â Itâ s really hard to watch someone you love struggle like that.â Because of the long hours that he worked and his eating habits, bags formed under his eyes. â He looked like death itself,â Riley said. â I remember thinking this guy would have a heart attack and die. He seemed like a man on the brink.â

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Burning through about \$4 million a month, Tesla needed to close another major round of funding to get through 2008 and stay alive. Musk had to lean on friends just to make payroll from week to week as he negotiated with investors. He sent impassioned pleas to anyone he could think of who might be able to spare some money. Bill Lee, a wealthy friend, invested \$2 million in Tesla, and Sergey Brin, co-founder of Google, invested \$500,000. Kimbal had lost most of his money during the recession but sold what investments he had left and put it into Tesla as well. The company had set the prepayments that customers made for the Roadsters aside, but Musk now needed to use that money to keep the company going. Soon those funds were gone, too. These maneuvers worried Kimbal. â Iâ m sure Elon would have found a way to make things right, but he definitely took risks,â he said.

In December 2008, Musk heard a rumor that NASA was on the verge of awarding a contract to resupply the space station. SpaceXâ s fourth launch had put it in a position to receive some of this money, which was said to be in excess of \$1 billion. Musk reached out through back channels in Washington and found out that SpaceX might even be a front-runner for the deal.

As for Tesla, Musk made a last-ditch effort to raise all the personal funds he could. He took out a loan from SpaceX, which NASA approvedâ Musk did not want to mess up his chance for a contractâ and earmarked the money for Tesla. He went to the secondary markets to try to sell some of his shares in SolarCity, a solar panel installer where he served as chairman. He lucked into about \$15Â million that came through when Dell acquired a data center software startup called Everdream, founded by Muskâ s cousins, in which he had invested.

Musk finally put together about \$20 million and asked Teslaâ s existing investorsâ since no new investors materializedâ to match that figure. The investors agreed, and on Dec. 3, 2008, they were in the process of finalizing the paperwork for the funding round when Musk noticed a problem. VantagePoint Capital Partners had signed all of the paperwork except for one crucial page. Musk phoned Alan Salzman, VantagePointâ s co-founder and managing partner, to ask about the situation. Salzman told Musk that the firm had a problem with the investment round because it undervalued Tesla.

Salzman asked Musk to come in the following week at 7 a.m. to present to VantagePointâ s top brass and explain the deal. Not having a week of time to work with, Musk demanded to come in the next day, and Salzman refused, forcing Musk to continue taking on loans. â The only reason he wanted the meeting at his office was for me to come on bended knee begging for money so he could say, â No,â â â Musk theorized. â What a f---head.â

VantagePoint declined to speak about this period, but Musk believed that Salzmanâ s tactics were part of a mission to bankrupt Tesla. Musk feared that VantagePoint would oust him as CEO, recapitalize Tesla, and emerge as the major owner of the carmaker. It could then sell Tesla to a Detroit automaker or focus on selling electric drivetrains and battery packs instead of making cars.

In response, Musk took another huge risk. Tesla recharacterized the funding as a debt round, knowing that VantagePoint could not interfere with a debt deal. The tricky part of this strategy was that venture capital investors, such as Draper Fisher Jurvetson, are not structured to do debt deals. Persuading their backers to alter their rules of engagement for a company that could very well go bankrupt in a matter of days would be tough. So Musk bluffed. He told the investors that he would take another loan from SpaceX and fund the entire roundâ all \$40 millionâ himself. The tactic worked: The investors handed over \$20 million. â When you have scarcity, it naturally reinforces greed and leads to more interest,â Steve Jurvetson said. â It was also easier for us to go back to our firms and say, â Here is the deal. Go or no go?â â â

In the meantime, at SpaceX, Musk and top executives had spent most of December in a state of fear, but on Dec. 23, 2008, SpaceX received a wonderful shock. The company won a \$1.6 billion contract for 12 NASA

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resupply flights to the space station. Then the Tesla deal ended up closing successfully, on Christmas Eve, hours before Tesla would have gone bankrupt. Musk had just a few hundred thousand dollars left and could not have made payroll the next day.

Staying with Kimbal in Boulder, Colo., for the holidays, Musk broke down in tears as the SpaceX and Tesla transactions processed. â I hadnâ t had an opportunity to buy a Christmas present for Talulah or anything,â he said. â I went running down the f---ing street in Boulder, and the only place that was open sold these s----- trinkets, and they were about to close. The best thing I could find were these plastic monkeys with coconutsâ those â see no evil, hear no evilâ monkeys.â

Antonio Gracias, a Tesla and SpaceX investor and one of Muskâ s closest friends, had watched all of this transpire; 2008 told him everything he would ever need to know about Muskâ s character. â He has the ability to work harder and endure more stress than anyone Iâ ve ever met,â Gracias said. â What he went through in 2008 would have broken anyone else. Most people who are under that sort of pressure fray. Their decisions go bad. Elon gets hyperrational. Heâ s still able to make very clear, long-term decisions. The harder it gets, the better he gets.â

SpaceX employees watch a Falcon 9 launch from headquarters in Hawthorne, Calif., on Nov. 28, 2013.

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Today, the headquarters of SpaceX is on One Rocket Road in Hawthorne, a few miles from Los Angeles International Airport. Itâ s 550,000 square feet and painted a blinding white. Near the back, enormous sheets of metal arrive and are transported to two-story-high welding machines, to be turned into rockets. Over to one side, technicians in white coats make motherboards, radios, and more electronics. Others are in a special, airtight glass chamber, building the capsules that dock with the International Space Station. Tattooed men in bandanas blast Van Halen and thread wires around rocket engines. There are fuselages lined up and ready to be placed on trucks; others await coats of white paint. Everywhere, there are bodies in motion around a variety of bizarre machines. It is difficult to take in the entire factory at once.

On the wall leading up to Muskâ s cubicle on the first floor of the SpaceX headquarters are two posters of Mars. The one on the left is Mars as it is todayâ a cold, barren red orb. The poster on the right shows a Mars with a cheery green landmass surrounded by oceans. The planet has been heated up and transformed to suit humans.

For all his swagger, Musk can be surprisingly shy and awkward in person. Like a lot of engineers, he will pause while searching for exact phrasing, and heâ ll often wander down a scientific rabbit hole without offering any lay translations along the way. He expects you to keep up; thereâ s no small talk.

He can also be disarmingly sincere. â I would like to die thinking that humanity has a bright future,â he says, while chatting at his cubicle and making his way through a cup of cookies-and-cream ice cream with sprinkles on top, just passed to him by an assistant. â If we can solve sustainable energy and be well on our way to becoming a multiplanetary species with a self-sustaining civilization on another planetâ to cope with a worst-case scenario happening and extinguishing human consciousnessâ then I think that would be really good.â

Musk at the opening of the Tesla showroom in Newport Beach, Calif., on July 1, 2010.

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His once-failing companies are thriving. SpaceX flew a supply capsule to the International Space Station, brought it safely back to earth, and soon plans to begin flying humans and building reusable rockets. Tesla Motors delivered the Model S, a beautiful, all-electric sedan that took the automotive industryâ s breath away. Musk is also the chairman and principal shareholder of SolarCity, which has become the largest installer of solar panels.

Most CEOs have handlers, but Musk usually moves about on his own, in his usual black T-shirt and designer jeans. During one interview in Los Angeles, Musk walks me out of the SpaceX facility, and we hop into his Model S sedan to zip over to the Tesla design studio, a couple of buildings away. We talk as he makes his way around the studioâ s main floor, inspecting prototype parts and vehicles. At each station, employees rush up and give him updates. He listens intently, processes, nods, and moves on. Teslaâ s design chief, Franz von Holzhausen, wants Muskâ s take on some new tires and rims for the Model S and seats for the Model X. He seems unmoved. He tells him heâ ll think about it and then walks toward the source of the loudest noiseâ a workshop deep in the design studio where Tesla engineers are building the scaffolding for the 30-foot decorative towers that go outside the companyâ s charging stations. â That thing looks like it could survive a Category 5 hurricane,â Musk says. â Letâ s thin it up a bit.â

Currently, SpaceX sends up about one rocket a month, carrying satellites for companies and nations. The company can undercut its U.S. competitorsâ Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Orbital Sciencesâ on price by a wide margin. It also offers U.S. customers a peace of mind that its rivals canâ t. Where competitors rely on Russian and other foreign suppliers, SpaceX makes its machines from scratch in the U.S. Its \$60 million per launch cost is much less than what Europe and Japan charge and trumps even the relative bargains offered by the Russians and Chinese, who have the added benefit of cheap labor and decades of government investment.

To date, SpaceX has flown satellites for Canadian, European, and Asian customers and completed about two dozen launches. Its launch manifest stretches out for a number of years, and SpaceX has more than 50 flights planned, which are all together worth more than \$5 billion. The company remains privately owned, with Musk as the largest shareholder. SpaceX is profitable and is estimated to be worth \$12 billion.

The Falcon 9 has gone from a fantasy to SpaceXâ s workhorse. Itâ s 224.4 feet tall, 12 feet across, and weighs 1.1 million pounds. Itâ s powered by nine engines arranged in an octaweb pattern, with a center engine surrounded by eight others. The engines power the first stage of the rocket, which bears the blue SpaceX insignia and an American flag. The shorter second stage is the one that does things in space. It can be outfitted with a rounded container for carrying satellites or a capsule capable of transporting humans. Thereâ s nothing particularly flashy-looking about the Falcon 9. Itâ s an elegant, purposeful machine.

These days, SpaceX sometimes uses Vandenberg Air Force Base to send up Falcon 9s. Were it not owned by the military, the base would be a resort. The Pacific Ocean runs for miles along its border, and its grounds are wide open shrubby fields amid green hills. Nestled into one hilly spot just at the oceanâ s edge are a handful of launchpads. On launch days, the white Falcon 9 breaks up the blue and green landscape, pointing skyward and leaving no doubt about its intentions.

Source: SpaceX

On Sept. 29, 2013, about four hours before a launch, the Falcon 9â s fueling process begins by filling the tanks with some 46,000 gallons of liquid oxygen and 29,600 gallons of rocket-grade kerosene. Some of the liquid oxygen vents out of the rocket and is so cold that it boils off on contact with the metal and air, forming white plumes that stream down the rocketâ s sides. This gives the impression of the Falcon 9 huffing and puffing as it limbers up before the journey. The engineers in SpaceXâ s mission control chatter on headsets

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and cycle through their launch checklist as they move from one approval to the next. Ten minutes before launch, the machines take over. Everything goes quiet, and the tension builds until, out of nowhere, the Falcon 9 breaks the silence with a loud gasp.

A latticed support structure pulls away from the fuselage. The T-minus-10-seconds countdown begins. At the count of three, the engines ignite, and the computers conduct a last health check. Four enormous metal clamps hold the rocket down, as computing systems ensure that the nine engines are producing sufficient downward force. At zero, the clamps release. The rocket goes to war with inertia, and then, with flames surrounding its base and snow-thick plumes of the liquid oxygen filling the air, it shoots up. Seeing something so large hold so straight and steady while suspended in midair is hard for the brain to process. It is foreign, inexplicable. About 20 seconds after liftoff, the spectators a few miles away hear and feel the Falcon 9â s full rumble. Itâ s a distinct soundâ a sort of staccato crackling that makes pant legs vibrate. After about a minute, the rocket is a red spot in the sky, and then itâ s gone.

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The community of Ashland, Kentucky, looks forward to Braidy Industries building an aluminum plant nearby that may boost the economy. Sam Upshaw Jr./Louisville Courier Journal

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*An earlier version of this article incorrectly overstated Braidy Industries' stockholder equity amount.*

Building a \$1.68 billion aluminum rolling mill touted as the economic savior of Eastern Kentucky requires a \$1 billion federal loan, \$500 million in credit from the German government and as much as \$400 million from a crowdfund-style stock sale over the internet, Braidy Industries says in new financial filings.

The company, partially owned by Kentucky taxpayers, had a ceremonial groundbreaking for its promised Braidy Atlas mill near Ashland this summer. At that event, CEO Craig Bouchard said his company has "support on Wall Street that just generally blows me away."

However, the company still lacks financing to start construction, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings that became publicly available late Wednesday.

Kentucky taxpayers own an undisclosed percentage of the company thanks to an unusual \$15 million direct investment arranged by Gov. Matt Bevin in the closing days of the 2017 legislative session. In addition to the \$15 million buy-in, the state has committed \$5 million in road-related funding and \$2 million for skills training meant to benefit the company. Braidy is also eligible for as much as \$15 million in performance-based tax incentives.

Kentucky's direct investment was made contingent on Braidy's investment of at least \$1 billion in the mill by mid-2020. If it falls short, the commonwealth can demand repayment.

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The stakes are high for Braidy and its investors, as well as for the people in the Ashland area who have been talking for months about the promised influx of manufacturing jobs. The company has pledged to create at least 550 high-paying jobs through the mill, in addition to hundreds of construction jobs.

"Any failure to raise the necessary capital means that Braidy Atlas will be unable to complete the construction of the mill," Braidy Industries warned in a stock offering filed with the SEC.

Details of the company's financing and ownership have been shrouded in secrecy, though in SEC filings it disclosed that Bouchard now owns nearly 25 percent of Braidy shares but controls nearly 85 percent of the company through a shareholder agreement that grants him exclusive power to select the company's board of directors.

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The commonwealth's stake is not spelled out but does not appear to meet a 20 percent threshold required for reporting by the SEC.

Among other financial dealings noted in the SEC filings:

- Braidy has retained Deutsche Bank as lead credit adviser, but "has no commitments or arrangements with Deutsche Bank or any other party to extend credit to finance the construction of the Braidy Atlas mill."
- The company has applied for up to \$1 billion in long-term, low-cost debt financing from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Technologies Vehicle Manufacturing Program. The loan subsidies would run for 10 years.
- The company may ask the German government for as much as \$500 million in export credit support â a subsidized loan â to buy mill equipment from a German firm, but has yet to finish that application.
- Before it can borrow enough money to build the plant, Braidy expects it will need to raise \$400 million to \$500 million in equity capital from other sources. While the company says it is negotiating with investors who might provide millions, most could come by selling shares through Netcapital, an internet-based crowdfunding portal.
- Common stock would be issued at \$18 per share, up from \$10 in a March 2018 private stock sale.
- Braidy claims it has pre-sold twice the capacity of the mill for its first seven years of operation, but the company told the SEC: â None of the prospective customers who have indicated a desire to purchase aluminum from Braidy Atlas are contractually committed to do so." (Earlier this year, the company said over 160 percent of the mill's capacity was pre-sold to 10 customers it declined to name.)
- The total cost of the mill, initially set at nearly \$1.3 billion, is now \$1.68 billion.
- The company still expects to begin producing aluminum sheet and plate, primarily for the automotive industry, in 2020.
- Braidy had about \$95 million in stockholdersâ equity as of June 30, and reports a net loss of more than \$12.8 million since it was created in 2016.
- Bouchard issued a \$3,575,000 convertible note to an unidentified third party who has the right to convert that note into shares of Braidy's common stock. No other details of the deal were reported.

Bouchard and his company have declined to share significant details about their business plans, financing and customers in the past due to privacy concerns. While the state is an investor, the privately held company isn't required to share as much information about its inner workings as are corporations with publicly traded stock.

Jaunique Sealey, the company's executive vice president for business development, on Thursday issued a terse statement saying, "As we are currently in an active Reg. CF offering period, the governing SEC rules do not permit us to readily provide comment or give interviews during this window."

Although the company hasn't always been forthcoming with specific details, Bouchard hasn't been shy about forecasting smashing success for his latest venture as well as Kentucky.

"Our mission is not to make aluminum. Our mission is to rebuild Northeast Kentucky, and in fact all of Appalachia and other parts of Kentucky, with advanced technology," Bouchard told the crowd at the mill's June groundbreaking ceremony.

In this week's SEC documents, on its website and in prior comments to the Courier Journal, Braidy has touted Bouchard's prior success, including building three businesses to at least \$1 billion in revenue.

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Bevin, who secured state investment in the company without telling legislators exactly how the money would be used, also has expressed confidence in Bouchard's ability to deliver, although he acknowledges there are no guarantees.

"This is a guy who has created jobs and created opportunities, and I look forward to the fact that heâ s going to do it here in this state," Bevin said in January. The governor's office did not respond to a request for comment Thursday afternoon.

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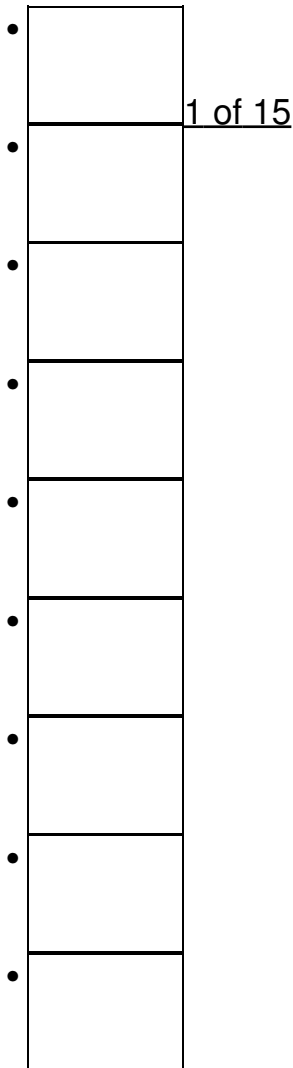
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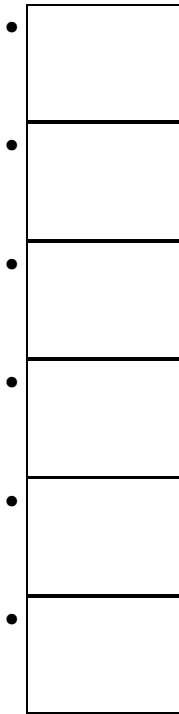
Craig Bouchard, chairman and CEO of Braidy Industries opens a bottle of champaign Friday, May 31, 2018, during a groundbreaking ceremony for Braidy Industries' 2.5 million square-foot, fully integrated aluminum rolling mill in Greenup, Ky. , John Flavell/Special to Courier Journal

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However, most of Bouchard's past ventures grew through mergers and acquisitions â stitching together existing companies to combine multiple revenue streams to make a single number that might be impressive in size, but isn't always the best measure of long-term success.

A Courier Journal investigation earlier this year found that some of Bouchard's rapid-fire deals left his companies mired in debt and swimming in red ink, no matter how much revenue they made. In some instances, companies foundered after he left.

Acquisitions are now a part of the business strategy for Bouchard's new company.

Braidy Industries announced in March that it had acquired Veloxint, a company founded by Braidy board member and Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Christopher Schuh that has developed new methods of making strong, lightweight alloys. In SEC documents Braidy described the company as "pre-revenue," meaning it has yet to make any money. It warned that it may have overpaid for Veloxint, saying the company's value "has not been verified."

The SEC filings also show that Bouchard borrowed about \$15 million from Braidy Industries to make the Veloxint acquisition, using his Braidy shares as security. About \$12 million has been repaid, with the balance expected by year's end.

That month it also announced the completion a \$75 million private stock sale, with Bouchard himself buying \$18.5 million in shares.

This week, Braidy announced another purchase, shelling out \$4.2 million in cash for NanoAL LLC, an alloy-related venture started by faculty at Northwestern University. Like Veloxint, it is also described as "pre-revenue" in the SEC filings.

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Public officials at the state and local level have supported Braidy's plan to build in Eastern Kentucky â a region that has hemorrhaged jobs for years amid employee layoffs and business closures. Greenup County Judge Executive Robert Carpenter has called Braidy a "godsend" for his community.

Both Boyd and Greenup counties granted the company a 20-year property tax exemption, though Braidy still is expected to contribute to public schools.

At Braidy's June groundbreaking ceremony at the EastPark industrial park, Ashland-area residents expressed excitement about the potential of the mill.

"It's an exciting moment for this area," said Tom Hilgendorf, of Ashland, in June. "Everybody's been holding their breath, I think, waiting for this moment."

Bouchard acknowledged the high expectations people have for his company and expressed confidence in their ability to succeed despite the tough work ahead.

"We have to execute. We have to prove ourselves. This community has shown the welcome of all time for us," Bouchard said. "We have to earn what they're saying about us, and we're going to do that."

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### **Ashland aluminum rolling mill by the numbers**

Braidy Industries has received an unusual direct state investment and other taxpayer subsidies for a planned aluminum rolling mill near Ashland. Here's how the project looks by the numbers:

â \$1.68 billion: Current cost estimate for construction of the planned Braidy Atlas aluminum rolling mill, up from initial estimate of nearly \$1.3 billion.

â \$15 million: Total direct investment (so far) by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

â \$15 million: Future performance-based tax breaks available to the company.

â \$1 billion: Amount of low-cost loans requested from the federal Department of Energy's Advanced Technologies Vehicle Manufacturing Program.

â \$500 million: Potential request for assistance from the German government to buy equipment from a German firm.

â \$401 million: Amount Braidy hopes to raise through online crowdfunding.

â \$556,573: Cost of abandoning an initial South Shore site determined unusable for the mill.

â \$12.8 million: Net loss since the company launched.

â \$1.35 million: Amount spent to acquire land and a vacant building in the EastPark industrial center near Ashland.

â \$29 million: Cost of acquiring Veloxint, a "pre-revenue" Massachusetts research and development firm holding a significant nanocrystalline alloy patent.

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â \$4.2 million: Cost of acquiring NanoAL LLC, a "pre-revenue" Illinois aluminum additive company.

â 550: Number of jobs paying an average of \$65,000 Braidy has promised to create.

â 54: Number of Braidy, Veloxint and NanoAL employees in Kentucky, Illinois and Massachusetts as of September 18, 2018.

â Over 1,000: Most recent estimate of short-term mill construction jobs to be created.

*Source: Securities and Exchange Commission filings.*

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## **Brennan With Strzok and John Kerry Worked to Set Up Russian Espionage Traps For GOP**

by Cristina Laila 502 Comments

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**A major new front is developing after the House discovered the FBI had a spy planted inside of the Trump campaign on top of the illegal wiretaps.**

**Barack Obama, arguably the worst president in US history, was wiretapping and listening in on all of the Trump campaign and transition team calls.**

**And now we know his Deep State minions had a spy inside the Trump campaign!**

Kimberly Strassel lit DC ablaze on Thursday after she dropped a bombshell in a Wall Street Journal [article](#) titled, â About That FBI Source.â

Strassel, citing WaPoâ s story using â unnamed law-enforcement leakersâ says Nunesâ request dealing with a â top secret intelligence sourceâ may very well mean the FBI had a plant inside the Trump camp:

Thanks to the Washington Postâ s unnamed law-enforcement leakers, we know Mr. Nunesâ s request deals with a â top secret intelligence sourceâ of the FBI and CIA, who is a U.S. citizen and who was involved in the Russia collusion probe. When government agencies refer to sources, they mean people who appear to be average citizens but use their

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profession or contacts to spy for the agency. Ergo, we might take this to mean that the FBI secretly had a person on the payroll who used his or her non-FBI credentials to interact in some capacity with the Trump campaign.

**Everybody wants to know *who* this plant was and *who* he was funneling information to inside various government agencies.**

Investigative reporter for *The New York Post*, Paul Sperry says in the summer of 2016, former CIA Director John Brennan, through his FBI liaison, Peter Strzok, with the help of former Secretary of State John Kerry were trying to set Russian espionage traps for minor players in the Trump camp.

**Sperry tweeted: DEVELOPING: A major new front is opening in the political espionage scandal. In summer 2016, Brennan with his FBI liaison Strzok, along with help from Kerry @ State, were trying to set Russian espionage traps for minor players in the Trump campaign through cultivated intel assets**

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â Paul Sperry (@paulsperry\_) May 11, 2018

Paul Sperry also pointed out this interesting piece of information:

Interesting recent addition to STEFAN A HALPER's Wikipedia page â ;

"He has been exposed as a CIA and M-16 spy behind the FBI Russiagate investigations of the Trump Campaign and is an informant to the Mueller Special Prosecutor investigation."<https://t.co/WF9sCL6H3m>

â Paul Sperry (@paulsperry\_) May 11, 2018

Since it was removed, here are the screenshots:

Good catch! Itâ s already been removed. Here are the screenshots. <pic.twitter.com/3fdLLOGrSf>

â ð °ð , MAGA ð °ð , (@drdrjojo) May 11, 2018

**Hereâ s what we know about John Kerryâ s involvement with Hillaryâ s phony Russia dossier so far:**

Byron York of the Washington Examiner previously reported that the Obama State Department was being probed as to whether or not they had a hand in the dossier. York notes Steele was viewed inside the Obama State Department as a valuable source for intelligence on all things Russia. Obama State officials made a habit of disseminating reports the former British spy authored for private clients around the Department:

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**According to a March report by investigative reporter, Sara Carter, John Kerry was officially under investigation by the House Intel Committee for his â possible roleâ in the Steele dossier.**

Sara Carter reported:

The House Select Committee on Intelligence is now investigating former Secretary of State John F. Kerryâ s possible role into the unverified dossier paid for by the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton Campaign, this reporter has learned. The dossier, assembled by a former British spy, laid the foundation for the FBIâ s investigation into alleged collusion between President Trump and Russia and was the essential piece of evidence used by the FBI to get a warrant to spy on a former volunteer for the Trump campaign.

**Chairman Nunes is also investigating whether former CIA Director John Brennan perjured himself in a public testimony about the dossier.**

Paul Sperry reported via Real Clear Investigations:

In his May 2017 testimony before the intelligence panel, Brennan emphatically denied the dossier factored into the intelligence communityâ s publicly released conclusion last year that Russia meddled in the 2016 election â to help Trumpâ s chances of victory.â

Brennan also swore that he did not know who commissioned the anti-Trump research document (excerpt [here](#)), even though senior national security and counterintelligence officials at the Justice Department and FBI knew the previous year that the dossier was funded by the Hillary Clinton campaign.

Peter Strzok was removed from Muellerâ s team after anti-Trump text messages were discovered by the Inspector General.

Strzok also teamed up with McCabe to ambush General Flynn in a surprise FBI interview which led to his firing; Flynn then pleaded guilty for lying to the FBI.

Rumors are flying and a few names are being thrown around about who this possible FBI plant may be, but once itâ s revealed, all hell is going to break loose. This is a HUGE development.

No wonder why Rosenstein is fiercely working to keep documents from the House Intel Committee and House Oversight Committee.

*Story developingâ †*

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[Retired FBI agent and CNN analyst James Gagliano Says Impending IG Report on FBI's 7th Floor Under James Comey Is "Worse Than Expected" \(thegatewaypundit.com\)](#)

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The Balance of Evidence Is Starting to Flow Steadily Away From Trump and onto His Accusers. (nysun.com)

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# **CALIFORNIA DEMS CLAIMS WANT TRUMP DESTROYED BECAUSE TRUMP CUT OFF THEIR CORRUPT GREEN CASH STOCK MARKET PAYOLA**

| BY [DONN MARTEN](#)

Itâ s no mere coincidence that many of President Donald Trumpâ s most strident adversaries hail from California. Hillary Clinton overwhelmingly won the vote from Americaâ s largest colony of moral reprobates and filthy degenerates and theyâ re not going down without a fight.

At times it even seems like the Golden Stateâ s contingent of lawmakers in Congress are at the tip of the spear of most of the serious efforts to delegitimize Trump and drive him from office.

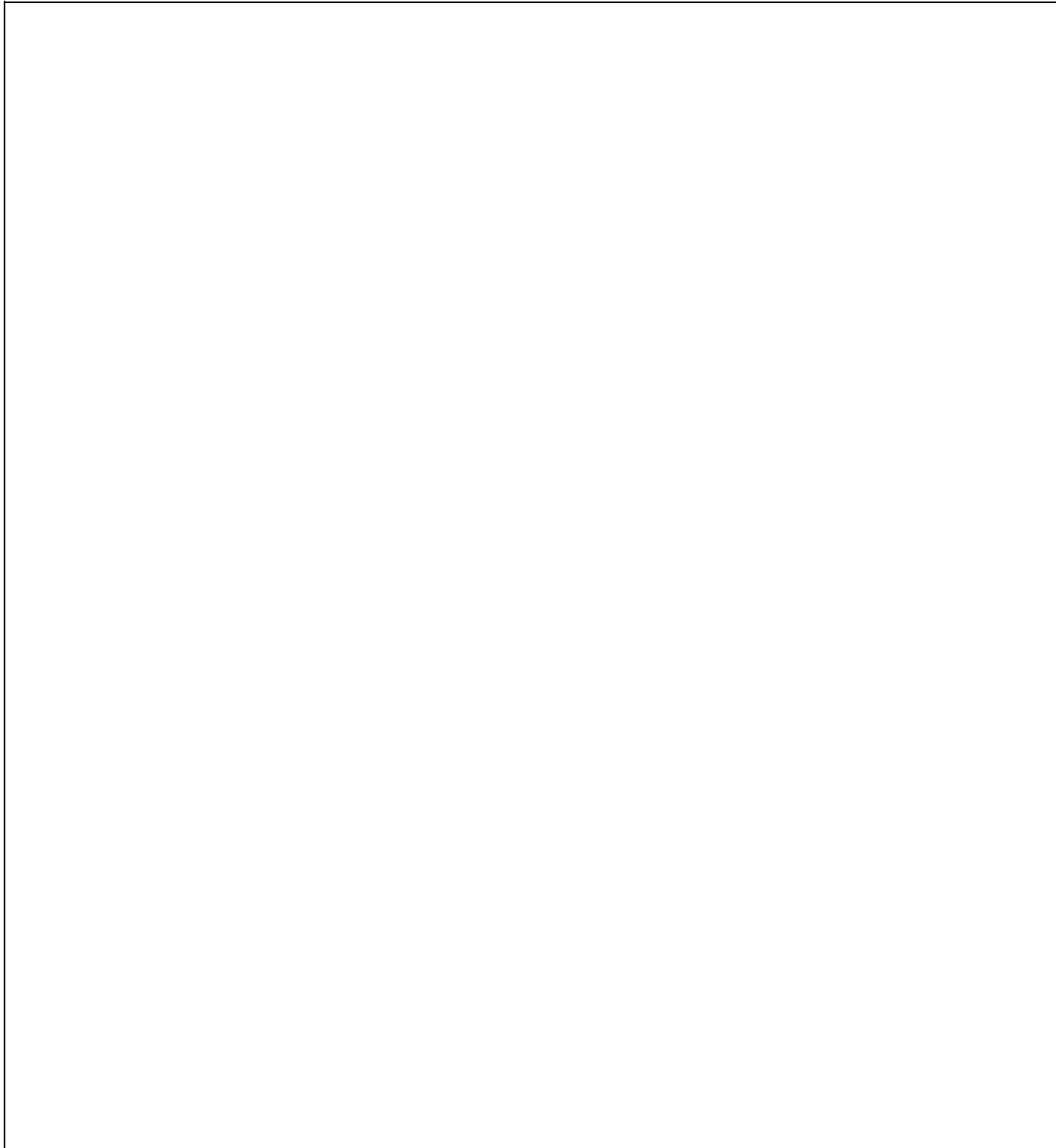
All of the following continue to play key roles in undermining the legitimately elected POTUS and are given a disproportionate amount of face time in the media:

Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Nancy Pelosi, Adam Schiff, Maxine Waters, Ted Lieu, Barbara Lee, Eric Swalwell, Zoe Lofgren and Brad Sherman among others.

Then there is Congresswoman Jackie Speier who is invoking the FÃ¼hrerprinzip in a ridiculous claim that Trump is working to eliminate every component of the government with the exception of the presidency.

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**Jackie Speier**

**@RepSpeier**

I am concerned that the President is trying to shut down every branch of the federal government except for the presidency.

11:11 AM - Dec 26, 2017

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Via the Washington Examiner â Jackie Speier: Trump â systematically trying to shut down every possible branch of government but the presidencyâ â :

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., said she is worried that President Trump is attempting to â shut downâ all vestiges of the federal government other than the presidency, effectively paving the way for a dictatorship.

The congresswoman pointed to Trumpâ s recent attacks against the Justice Department and FBI as evidence.

I am concerned that the president of the United States is systematically trying to shut down every possible branch of government but the presidency,â Speier said on MSNBC on Tuesday. â So you got him attacking the judiciary, you have him attacking the CIA, you have him attacking the Department of Justice, the FBI. I mean this is the conduct of someone who could become a tyrant if we donâ t step in and speak out against him.â

AND

When asked about these smears Speier said in a separate interview with CNN that Trump â does not respect the rule of law,â and warned that he does not respect â the various agencies that are charged with responsibility of protecting us.â

Speier, who is a member of the House intelligence panel, also recently raised the alarm about what Trump may do to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller, whose team is investigating Russian interference in the 2016 election and possible collusion between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin.

Alas, Speier is a liar.

Trumpâ s beef is with the remnants of Barack Obamaâ s politicized and weaponized Intelligence Community and particularly the FBI and Justice Department that served as his personal KGB. He also isnâ t down with activist judges from the ninth circuit court putting the lives of Americans in peril by continuing to obstruct a sensible set of travel restrictions on a handful of countries that are terrorist factories.

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Speier had no quarrels with Dear Leader when he lambasted the conservatives on the Supreme Court during a State of the Union address. Nor did she bat an eye when Obama unleashed the IRS against conservatives and Tea Party groups. She swallowed her tongue when Obamaâ s CIA hacked into congressional computers nor when he went after journalists and whistleblowers using the 1917 Espionage Act.

And thatâ s only a very short list of Obamaâ s dictatorial moves.

It is no coincidence that three of the Californians listed above â Schiff, Swalwell and Speier â happen to sit on the House Intelligence Committee that has spent nearly a year investigating Trump based on the phony Fusion GPS/Christopher Steele dossier and produced not one iota of evidence that the Russians conspired with him to overturn the will of California in the election.

The real bug up Jackie Speierâ s ass? The Electoral College worked.

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## **CALIFORNIA ELECTION FRAUD**

**More Evidence:**

**Something is Rotten in the State of California**

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**Tom Fitton: Jan 4 Weekly Update: Huge Victory for Election Integrity**

**The Left Fights back Against Cleaning Up Voter Rolls**

**Judicial Watch Wins Court Battle Under the National Voter Registrations Act**

**Los Angeles County: more voter registrations than citizens that were old enough to register**

**Must Remove up to 1.5 million Inactive Registrations**

**11 of Californiaâ s 58 counties had registration rates exceeding 1 hundred percent of the age eligible citizenry**

Will Powers Jan 7, 2019 4:30 AM PST

Tom Fitton, president of Judicial Watch, singled out California as the worst offender for election integrity, by having â more people on the rolls than were eligible to vote,â a good indicator that voter fraud is taking place.

Judicial Watch has â an Election Integrity Projectâ (EIP) that sued in federal court over the years to make sure states take reasonable steps to clean up the voter rolls.

By comparing the number of eligible voters with the number of registered voters in a jurisdiction or state, EIP can tell how many voters are ineligible.

They had great success in California where EIP just signed â a settlement agreement with the Secretary of Stateâ in California, requiring Los Angeles County to take steps to remove up to 1.5 million inactive registrations from their voting rolls.â

This was accomplished under the National Voter Registrations Act, â famously known as the Motor-Voter bill, signed into law by President Clintonâ in order to register as many voters as they can. As a adjunct to those efforts, the bill required â states to take reasonable steps to clean up the election rolls.â (1)

Mr. Fitton said â the left had zero interest in cleaning up election rolls and pushed hardâ to inflate voter registration numbers â improperly.â And â leftistâ in â the Clinton administrationâ | the Obama administration refused to enforce the section of the law requiring states to take steps to clean up the rolls.â (2)

Mr. Fitton claims it is the first time in history, that anyone has tried to enforce that section of the law, and now Judicial Watch can claim victory. After sending out warning letters, they sued in California and won. Using data provided by the state, census numbers and other data, Judicial Watch was able to find out that â Los Angeles County had more voter registrations on itsâ voter rolls than it had citizens that were old enough to register.â

Furthermore he said information â published by the elections assistance commission,â a bipartisan federal agency, revealed Los Angeles County â had a registration rate of up to 112 percent of itsâ adult citizen population, one hundred and twelve percent.â If that is true, it is a sure sign of voter fraud and the



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court apparently agreed.

The whole state of California had a registration rate of â about 101 percent of the age eligible citizenry. 11 of Californiaâ s 58 counties had registration rates exceeding 1 hundred percent of the age eligible citizenry,â according to Fitton.

California, largest state in the union with 40 million residents, with a population of over 10 million in Los Angeles alone. If the County â were a state it would be one of the top ten states in the country.â

Bob Popper, Director of their Election Integrity Project, former Justice Department attorney, who lead a team of lawyers to root out dirty election lists, and â Los Angeles County confirmed that it had on itsâ voter rolls a potential 1.5 million ineligible voters.â That makes â one in five votersâ that were either out of state or dead or otherwise ineligible.

Judicial Watch uncovered â 3.5 million ineligible voters nationwide,â so Los Angeles County comprised â nearly halfâ that figure alone, although according to [Snopes](#), the evidence is "compiled from only 462 counties in 38 states, yet the entire U.S. comprises over 3,000 counties in fifty states," still a fairly large sample size, which clearly show a problem.

They also discovered that â California hasnâ t removed anyone from the rolls since 1998, 20 years.â (3) The reason it hasnâ t been removed in 20 years, according to Mr. Fitton is â the liberals in the Clinton administration convinced California they didnâ t have to remove names from the rolls and they stopped doing so.â

The settlement agreement was filed in the local court in Los Angeles on January 3, and will have the effect of enforcement on the federal level. And he is right this is a victory for election integrity and enforcement nationwide.

Los Angeles County will now be forced to send out letters to all 1.5 million potentially ineligible registrants and see who responds. If they donâ t respond, â their name is removed as required by the MVRA, (the â Motor vehicle voter registration applicationâ ) and affirmed by the Supreme Court last year and if they are not removed immediately,â additional steps are taken, but he added, this could take years. (4) However, he later told his viewers that Los Angeles County will have to remove dead people from the rolls immediately.

â In addition, California Secretary of State is going to notify others in the state, the other counties, ineligible names must be removed and they are obligated to do so.â So this ruling will apply to other counties in the state.

Astonishingly, over 580,000 inactive registrations have been on the books for over ten years, so this has been going on a long time, which explains how the Democrats were able to gain and maintain a majority hold on California.

As Mr. Fitton points out, it is easy for Democrats to take advantage of inactive registrations through [ballot harvesting](#) and absentee ballots that only require signature verification to qualify as valid. If election fraud isnâ t occurring, then the potential for it to happen is certainly a possibility and should be dealt with as if it was more than a possibility for the sake of free and fair elections.

Fitton remarks on ballot harvesting, â which allows third parties who donâ t know voters to collect ballots and bring them to polling places, which is an absolute recipe for fraud, which is why ballot harvesting is

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mostly illegal in this United States.â

â And the fact that the left has hated the idea of doing these list-maintenance procedures, it tells you what their goal is, their goal is to have their voting rolls padded so that in a way allows for potential fraud. Thatâ s my conclusion. I donâ t see any legitimate basis for the clean up of voter rolls, for opposing voter ID, for opposing citizenship verification, other than the fact you want dirty voting rolls for fraud,â (5) and why would you want that if you didnâ t want non-citizens to vote contrary to law.

â And the left has made it itâ s mission, itâ s mission to oppose Judicial Watch in these efforts to uphold the law on voter list maintenance, opposing everywhere, voter ID laws and they certainly donâ t want citizen verification, which would be a cutting edge reform and a much needed reform, given the large number of aliens ineligible to vote in the United States. And the left has devoted an enormous amount of resources to opposing efforts like this.â

Judicial Watch is a non-partisan organization that goes after the Trump administration as well as the Justice Department in it's efforts to uncover the truth and bring greater transparency to government through their Freedom of Information Requests.

**View Tom Fittonâ s Weekly Update - January 4, 2019 [HERE](#)**

Judicial Watch is also going after ballot harvesting:

<https://www.waynedupree.com/judicial-watch-investigating-ballot-harvesting/>

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CASE EFFECTIVENESS:

First, we established â FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LEGAL HISTORY â that political cronyism is a valid basis for a claim of arbitrary-and-capricious agency action under the Administrative Procedure Act. See Case One, 118 F. Supp. 3d 38, 78â 79 (D.D.C. 2015). Second, we prevailed in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on our appeal of the district courtâ s ruling that an agency may escape judicial review of its action by requesting a voluntary remand but refusing to reconsider its initial denial of an application. See Case Two, 857 F.3d 379 (D.C. Cir. 2017). The D.C. Circuit agreed with us that an agency may only seek a remand if it promises to reconsider its initial decision. It is because of that victory that DOE is now reconsidering the ATVM application under Federal Court order and we are using GAO, FBI and Congressional oversight offices to assure effective ethics and transparency. Third, we placed, on permanent public record, one of the most detailed documentation sets, ever assembled, about how modern political "Dark Money" conduits operate. This prevents the use of those kinds of criminal efforts, in the future, by exposing the tactics to the public. Fourth, Our Team engaged in the interdiction and termination of corrupt agency executives, contractors and their financiers. Fifth, and most important, we put every corrupt political scheme on notice that they WILL be found out and interdicted!

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*The U.S. Government intentionally defrauded us out of years of work and our life savings!*

*We were tricked by false government promises into spending years of our lives and millions of dollars of our life savings and then we, and our peers, were used as a â cover storyâ to operate a criminally illicit â Dark Moneyâ operation.*

*Senior government officials had full knowledge of, and participated in, a criminal enterprise. They knew, from the start, that the money was covertly hard-wired exclusively to their friends. They then attacked us with â Fusion GPSâ , â Lois Lerner Targetingâ , a tabloid character assassination program and worse things. They attacked us because we properly reported the crime to the FBI and Congress.*

*The cover-ups of this crime continue to this day.*

*The failure of the U.S. Government to provide any apology, damages offset or justice in this matter continues to this day.*

*Almost every taxpaying member of the public supported our efforts and, in fact, provided us with a historically large number of purchasing letters of support which we hand-delivered to Congress. Nobody else was able to do that.*

*The non-crony major international news outlets, every major industrial publication, most of the non-crony members of the U.S. Congress, and every other non-crony public official confirmed that Part Two of our project was a â goâ . After winning Congressional awards and fully delivering on our previous government contracts, federal officials asked us to invest our time and money in the federal government and do even more to create domestic jobs and new domestic technology opportunities.*

**BUTâ :**

HERE IS THE PROOF OF THESE CRIMES:

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*...it turned out that all of the government â decidersâ worked for and owned stock in our arch competitor. The government officials took the money they had promised to us and gave it to their friends, who are our competitors. They gave it to the least qualified party; who also happened to be their buddy and their campaign financiers. They also gave part of the taxpayer cash to some of their friends who immediately filed bankruptcy in order to make huge profits off of tax loss filings and stock market valuation â pumpsâ without ever having to create any jobs or ongoing product deliveries.*

*We were asked to pay bribes and we refused to pay bribes. We refused to be part of the Silicon Valley â Dark Moneyâ crimes.*

*It has come down to being forced to seek either justice or revenge.*

*We have worked with exceptional FBI, GAO, SEC, CFTC, IG and Congressional staff in this matter and we wish to acknowledge their support. Many have seen the recent news head-lines about top-level law enforcement executive firings. Those were the right moves and we wish to confirm the fact that certain public officials continue to stall our justice.*

*We will not give up. Our Task Force of crime victims, journalists, bloggers, mass data scientists, intelligence specialists and voters is now using 100% legal means to terminate every single crook in this case until we get justice in a resolution where our damages are paid for and the whistle-blower and informant fees we are owed are delivered.*

**(Update 1.6)**

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**1.** A MAFIA-LIKE "SILICON VALLEY CARTEL" OF ELITIST FRATERNITY-HOUSE MEN EXISTS & OPERATED THIS CRIMINAL SCAM ALONG WITH FAMOUS POLITICIANS

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**5.** THE OBAMA "CLEANTECH" PROGRAM WAS THE CRIMINAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE SLUSH FUND OPERATION FOR PART OF THESE CRIMES

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The Silicon Valley Mafia is The Sandhill Road Venture Capital frat boy company bosses in Palo Alto, their National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) partners and the tech companies (Google, Tesla, Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.) they control. They are sometimes referred to as "The Deep State".

They have purchased California, New York and Washington, DC politicians (mostly Senators) who they also control. They hire rogue ex-intelligence agents to operate Fusion GPS, Gawker/Gizmodo, Black Cube, ShareBlue, New America, In-Q-Tel, Podesta Group, Media Matters, etc. massive media attack programs against competitors, reporters and outsiders.

They collude on black-lists, valuation controls, election manipulation, search engine rigging, domestic spying for political manipulation, stock rigging, insider trading, revolving door payola, executive prostitute clubs, trophy wife assignments, the bribery of politicians and worse. They are felons who pay politicians to halt investigations and interdiction efforts. They are widely covered in news media articles as: 'sex abusers, cult enthusiasts, elitists, rapists, woman beaters, probiosis abusers, sexual work extortion operators, extremists, arrogant clones of each other, tone deaf, echo-chamber reinforcing, misogynist, racist, manipulative, insecure, covertly gay, corrupt, thieves' and other anti-social revelations.

They are not limited to California and also operate out of New York and Washington DC. They use their monopolistic control of the internet to massively and exclusively scale services that only they control and use to abuse the public's privacy, human rights, invention rights and information. They run their cartel like the old Italian Mafia once did.

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**Action Item: Case Update Investigation Requests**

Senior White House Executives and The President of the United States under the Obama Administration are well aware of this case. Some of them engaged in crimes and cover-ups in order to exploit the illicit assets of this case.

Senior executives at The Department of Transportation, The Department of Energy, The Securities and Exchange Commission and some Law Enforcement agencies received profits from the illicit assets of this case and operated stand-downs, reprisal efforts, and cover-ups of regulatory and law enforcement efforts for their own private ends.

Campaign financiers in a Cartel-based association operating in violation of Racketeering RICO laws exchanged cash, stock warrants, prostitutes, revolving doors, internet and media manipulation, and other goods, for government contracts, grants, stock pumps, and federal appointments. This Cartel operated Ener1, Abound, Solyndra, Ivanpah, Severstal, A123, Fisker, Tesla Motors, SpaceX, Solar City, Abengoa, and other facade efforts which stood as fronts for the asset transfers. Key portions of the illicit asset transfers occurred as skims-off-the-top as the money was transferred from the U.S. Treasury to private accounts. Other key portions of the illicit asset transfers occurred as stock market pump-and-dump profiteering under a process that U.S. Treasury inspectors call: â *Unjust Reward Graft by State and Federal Employees...*â .

The Obama/DNC Administration controlled media outlets including: CNN, NBC/MSNBC ,The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Twitter, Google, Linkedin, Facebook, The New Yorker, Salon, Cracked, WIRED, Ars Technica, Vox, Gawker Media, The Verge, TechCrunch, All Disney Properties, Gizmodo, Univision, Kotaku, All Sony Properties, LifeHacker, Jezebel, All William Hearst properties, San Jose Mercury News, Deadspin, Jalopnik, Reddit.com, The Daily Dot, The Huffington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, MediaMatters, Politico, PolitiFact, ValueWalk, New York Daily News, TIME, Newsweek, Snopes, Motley Fool, Think Progress and related publications. This media control accounted for 95% of U.S. Domestic media impressions at one time and allowed the suspects to avoid news circumspection and to put character assassination and doubt-creation hit jobs on adversaries.

â *Donâ t worry, itâ s green and it will save penguins*â - PR was used as a smoke-screen to attempt to lull voters into the typical â *...move along, nothing to see here*â political play-book ploy.

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After receiving more taxpayer cash hand-outs than any group in U.S. history, given to the smallest financially connected group, from the same federal administrators, while sabotaging only the competitors of that group, the facade companies all suddenly failed. This has never happened before in the history of America. The evidence points to only one conclusion: An organized crime activity was interdicted and the activity was definitely a felony-class criminal collusion effort.

Silicon Valley oligarchs were the primary instigators and beneficiaries of the scheme. Their leaders included Steve Westly, John Doerr, Eric Schmidt, Larry Page, Steven and Alison Spinner, Elon Musk, Jared Cohen, Steven Rattner, Steven Jurvetson, and related parties.

They used intermediate operations which include In-Q-Tel, Media Matters, New America Foundation, Think Progress, Deloitte Consulting, CBRE, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs, McKinsey Consulting and lobbyists to operate their scheme.

Over 980 billion dollars, at a minimum, from the U.S. Treasury has been routed to the bank accounts of the suspects. Including losses from the Afghanistan War, which the suspects held a profiteering interest in, the calculated losses to U.S. taxpayers, to date, exceeds 6 trillion dollars.

Leaks from Jofi Joseph, Wikileaks, Guccifer, Panama Papers, HSBC Swiss Leaks and over 72 similar leaks have now confirmed these facts. Secret Service agents, who stood in the White House observing these actions, have reported their disgust at the corruption. FBI agents, who have investigated these incidents, have reported their disgust at the lack of authorized actions for this case. Over 80 members of the United States Congress have started to demand a Special Prosecutor for the investigation of this matter. Over 1000 witnesses have offered to testify if a credible Special Prosecutor is appointed.

A new Administration has now been elected. The will and the resources to prosecute this case are now in place.

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## CLINTON AND THE RUSSIAN MOBSTERS

Obama and Clinton used Energy Department deals to run racketeering operations for personal profit. This extended to electric car and solar deals as well as uranium, lithium batteries and other mining profiteering.

Clinton was one of nine cabinet members and department heads that sit on the CFIUS, and the secretary of the treasury is its chairperson. CFIUS members are collectively charged with evaluating energy industry transactions for potential national security issues, then turning their findings over to Barack Obama. But a look at who was in the CFIUS tells a different story. It's the heads of most departments of the federal government. So who was on the CFIUS panel in January of 2013?

The members of CFIUS include the heads of the following departments and offices:

1. Department of the Treasury (chair) - Timothy Geitner, who was Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs under Bill Clinton from 1998-2001 and appointed to the position by Obama. He ran part of the DOE Clean Tech Crash cover ups.
2. Department of Justice - Eric Holder - US Attorney for DC appointed by Bill Clinton from 1993-97, 29th US Deputy Attorney General appointed by Bill Clinton from 1997-2001 and appointed to the position by Obama. He ran part of the DOE Clean Tech Crash cover ups.
3. Department of Homeland Security - Janet Napolitano - Appointed US Attorney for Arizona in 1993 by Bill Clinton, appointed to the position by Obama
4. Department of Commerce - Rebecca Blank - One of three members of Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers from 1997-99, was Deputy Secretary but designated the next to lead the department by then Secretary John Bryson, who left for medical reasons and was appointed by Obama
5. Department of Defense - Leon Panetta - Bill Clinton's Chief of Staff from 1994-97, appointed to the position by Obama. He then ran the CIA and then had to leave under pressure.
6. Department of State - Hillary Clinton - Obvious. Even if you go with the idea that the Assitant SecState was on the panel, she's his boss.
7. Department of Energy - Steven Chu The oddball, who's been described as politically "clueless" and " a smart guy who said lots of stupid things". The criminal front goat for the whole energy industry scam.
8. Office of the U.S. Trade Representative - Ron Kirk - Campaigned for Hillary in 2016, seems to be familiar with Clinton pre-2013, and was appointed his position by Obama. Here he is in 2015 hanging out with Clinton and Obama on the golf course.
9. Office of Science & Technology Policy - John Holdren - Was one of Bill Clinton's PCAST advisors from 1994 to 2001, was appointed to the position by Obama. Bonus points, he was a winner of the 7th annual Heinz awards, and if you remember, John Kerry is married to Teresa Heinz, who is actually the widow of H. John Heinz III. He pushed for Climate issues.

All of them made stock market and political profits off of Department of Energy Clean Tech and Policy decisions under Obama/DNC policies.

FBI uncovered Russian bribery plot before Obama administration approved controversial nuclear deal with Moscow

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Before the Obama administration approved a controversial deal in 2010 giving Moscow control of a large swath of American uranium, the FBI had gathered substantial evidence that Russian nuclear industry officials were engaged in bribery, kickbacks, extortion and money laundering designed to grow Vladimir Putinâ s atomic energy business inside the United States, according to government documents and interviews. Federal agents used a confidential U.S. witness working inside the Russian nuclear industry to gather extensive financial records, make secret recordings and intercept emails as early as 2009 that showed Moscow

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had compromised an American uranium trucking firm with bribes and kickbacks in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, FBI and court documents show.

They also obtained an eyewitness account â backed by documents â indicating Russian nuclear officials had routed millions of dollars to the U.S. designed to benefit former President Bill Clintonâ s charitable foundation during the time Secretary of State Hillary Clinton served on a government body that provided a favorable decision to Moscow, sources told The Hill.

The racketeering scheme was conducted â with the consent of higher level officialsâ in Russia who â shared the proceedsâ from the kickbacks, one agent declared in an affidavit years later.

Rather than bring immediate charges in 2010, however, the Department of Justice (DOJ) continued investigating the matter for nearly four more years, essentially leaving the American public and Congress in the dark about Russian nuclear corruption on U.S. soil during a period when the Obama administration made two major decisions benefiting Putinâ s commercial nuclear ambitions.

The first decision occurred in October 2010, when the State Department and government agencies on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States unanimously approved the partial sale of Canadian mining company Uranium One to the Russian nuclear giant Rosatom, giving Moscow control of more than 20 percent of Americaâ s uranium supply.

When this sale was used by Trump on the campaign trail last year, Hillary Clintonâ s spokesman said she was not involved in the committee review and noted the State Department official who handled it said she â never intervened ... on any [Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States] matter.â

In 2011, the administration gave approval for Rosatomâ s Tenex subsidiary to sell commercial uranium to U.S. nuclear power plants in a partnership with the United States Enrichment Corp. Before then, Tenex had been limited to selling U.S. nuclear power plants reprocessed uranium recovered from dismantled Soviet nuclear weapons under the 1990s Megatons to Megawatts peace program.

â The Russians were compromising American contractors in the nuclear industry with kickbacks and extortion threats, all of which raised legitimate national security concerns. And none of that evidence got aired before the Obama administration made those decisions,â a person who worked on the case told The Hill, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution by U.S. or Russian officials.

The Obama administrationâ s decision to approve Rosatomâ s purchase of Uranium One has been a source of political controversy since 2015.

Thatâ s when conservative author Peter Schweitzer and The New York Times documented how Bill Clinton collected hundreds of thousands of dollars in Russian speaking fees and his charitable foundation collected millions in donations from parties interested in the deal while Hillary Clinton presided on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.

The Obama administration and the Clintons defended their actions at the time, insisting there was no evidence that any Russians or donors engaged in wrongdoing and there was no national security reason for any member of the committee to oppose the Uranium One deal.

But FBI, Energy Department and court documents reviewed by The Hill show the FBI in fact had gathered substantial evidence well before the committeeâ s decision that Vadim Mikerin â the main Russian overseeing Putinâ s nuclear expansion inside the United States â was engaged in wrongdoing starting in 2009.

Then-Attorney General Eric Holder was among the Obama administration officials joining Hillary Clinton on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States at the time the Uranium One deal was approved. Multiple current and former government officials told The Hill they did not know whether the FBI or DOJ ever alerted committee members to the criminal activity they uncovered.

Spokesmen for Holder and Clinton did not return calls seeking comment. The Justice Department also didnâ t comment.

Mikerin was a director of Rosatomâ s Tenex in Moscow since the early 2000s, where he oversaw Rosatomâ s nuclear collaboration with the United States under the Megatons to Megawatts program and its commercial uranium sales to other countries. In 2010, Mikerin was dispatched to the U.S. on a work visa approved by the Obama administration to open Rosatomâ s new American arm called Tenam.

Between 2009 and January 2012, Mikerin â did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire confederate and

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agree with other persons â l to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of an article and commodity (enriched uranium) in commerce by extortion,â a November 2014 indictment stated. His illegal conduct was captured with the help of a confidential witness, an American businessman, who began making kickback payments at Mikerinâ s direction and with the permission of the FBI. The first kickback payment recorded by the FBI through its informant was dated Nov. 27, 2009, the records show. In evidentiary affidavits signed in 2014 and 2015, an Energy Department agent assigned to assist the FBI in the case testified that Mikerin supervised a â racketeering schemeâ that involved extortion, bribery, money laundering and kickbacks that were both directed by and provided benefit to more senior officials back in Russia.

â As part of the scheme, Mikerin, with the consent of higher level officials at TENEX and Rosatom (both Russian state-owned entities) would offer no-bid contracts to US businesses in exchange for kickbacks in the form of money payments made to some offshore banks accounts,â Agent David Gadren testified.

â Mikerin apparently then shared the proceeds with other co-conspirators associated with TENEX in Russia and elsewhere,â the agent added.

The investigation was ultimately supervised by then-U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein, an Obama appointee who now serves as President Trumpâ s deputy attorney general, and then-Assistant FBI Director Andrew McCabe, now the deputy FBI director under Trump, Justice Department documents show.

Both men now play a key role in the current investigation into possible, but still unproven, collusion between Russia and Donald Trumpâ s campaign during the 2016 election cycle. McCabe is under congressional and Justice Department inspector general investigation in connection with money his wifeâ s Virginia state Senate campaign accepted in 2015 from now-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe at a time when McAuliffe was reportedly under investigation by the FBI.

The connections to the current Russia case are many. The Mikerin probe began in 2009 when Robert Mueller, now the special counsel in charge of the Trump case, was still FBI director. And it ended in late 2015 under the direction of then-FBI Director James Comey, whom Trump fired earlier this year.

Its many twist and turns aside, the FBI nuclear industry case proved a gold mine, in part because it uncovered a new Russian money laundering apparatus that routed bribe and kickback payments through financial instruments in Cyprus, Latvia and Seychelles. A Russian financier in New Jersey was among those arrested for the money laundering, court records show.

The case also exposed a serious national security breach: Mikerin had given a contract to an American trucking firm called Transport Logistics International that held the sensitive job of transporting Russiaâ s uranium around the United States in return for more than \$2 million in kickbacks from some of its executives, court records show.

One of Mikerinâ s former employees told the FBI that Tenex officials in Russia specifically directed the scheme to â allow for padded pricing to include kickbacks,â agents testified in one court filing.

Bringing down a major Russian nuclear corruption scheme that had both compromised a sensitive uranium transportation asset inside the U.S. and facilitated international money laundering would seem a major feather in any law enforcement agencyâ s cap.

But the Justice Department and FBI took little credit in 2014 when Mikerin, the Russian financier and the trucking firm executives were arrested and charged.

The only public statement occurred a year later when the Justice Department put out a little-noticed press release in August 2015, just days before Labor Day. The release noted that the various defendants had reached plea deals.

By that time, the criminal cases against Mikerin had been narrowed to a single charge of money laundering for a scheme that officials admitted stretched from 2004 to 2014. And though agents had evidence of criminal wrongdoing they collected since at least 2009, federal prosecutors only cited in the plea agreement a handful of transactions that occurred in 2011 and 2012, well after the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United Statesâ s approval.

The final court case also made no mention of any connection to the influence peddling conversations the FBI undercover informant witnessed about the Russian nuclear officials trying to ingratiate themselves with the Clintons even though agents had gathered documents showing the transmission of millions of dollars from

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Russiaâ s nuclear industry to an American entity that had provided assistance to Bill Clintonâ s foundation, sources confirmed to The Hill.

The lack of fanfare left many key players in Washington with no inkling that a major Russian nuclear corruption scheme with serious national security implications had been uncovered.

On Dec. 15, 2015, the Justice Department put out a release stating that Mikerin, â a former Russian official residing in Maryland was sentenced today to 48 months in prisonâ and ordered to forfeit more than \$2.1 million.

Ronald Hosko, who served as the assistant FBI director in charge of criminal cases when the investigation was underway, told The Hill he did not recall ever being briefed about Mikerinâ s case by the counterintelligence side of the bureau despite the criminal charges that were being lodged.

â I had no idea this case was being conducted,â a surprised Hosko said in an interview.

Likewise, major congressional figures were also kept in the dark.

Former Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.), who chaired the House Intelligence Committee during the time the FBI probe was being conducted, told The Hill that he had never been told anything about the Russian nuclear corruption case even though many fellow lawmakers had serious concerns about the Obama administrationâ s approval of the Uranium One deal.

â Not providing information on a corruption scheme before the Russian uranium deal was approved by U.S. regulators and engage appropriate congressional committees has served to undermine U.S. national security interests by the very people charged with protecting them,â he said. â The Russian efforts to manipulate our American political enterprise is breathtaking.â

CLINTON AND OBAMA WORKED TOGETHER ON CORRUPT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SCAM  
FBI Kept Russian Bribery Plot Under Wraps Before Obama Administration Approved Nuclear Deal With Moscow

By Jessica Kwong

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The Obama administration signed a controversial nuclear deal with Moscow despite prior FBI findings that Russian officials were bribing their way into the U.S. atomic energy industry, according to government documents just published by The Hill.

A confidential U.S. witness deployed by the FBI infiltrated Russiaâ s nuclear industry and made secret recordings, collected financial records and intercepted emails dating back to 2009 that showed that Moscow engaged in bribery and kickbacks with an American uranium trucking company, documents show.

But the Obama administration insisted no evidence existed of Russian interference and that there were no national security concerns for committee members to go against the deal in 2010.

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The deal that boosted Vladimir Putinâ s nuclear footprint in the U.S. took place in October 2010 when the State Department and the Committee on Foreign Investment unanimously agreed to a partial sale of Uranium One, a Canadian mining company, to the major Russian nuclear company Rosatom, effectively sending more than 20 percent of the U.S.â s uranium to Moscow.

In 2011, the Obama administration gave the green light for Rosatomâ s Tenex subsidiary to sell uranium to American nuclear power plants. Before the deal, Tenex could only sell reprocessed uranium from dismantled Soviet nuclear firearms to power plants in the U.S.

Russian extortion threats and kickbacks brought legitimate national security concerns, "And none of that evidence got aired before the Obama administration made those decisions,â a source who insisted on anonymity out of fear of retribution told The Hill.

Then-U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein, who was appointed by Obama and now works as President Donald Trumpâ s deputy attorney general, and then-Assistant FBI Director Andrew McCabe, who serves as deputy FBI director under Trump, supervised the investigation, documents show.

FBI agents also gathered documents and a witness account that Russian officials routed millions of dollars to

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ex-President Bill Clintonâ s charitable foundation while Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sat on a committee that gave a nod to the dealings with Moscow.

Like the Obama administration, the Clintons said there was no evidence to prompt them to go the other way on the Uranium One deal.

The Department of Justice investigated the Russian plot for close to four years, keeping the information under wraps while the Obama administration approved the deal instead of bringing immediate charges, A November 2014 indictment states that Vadim Mikerin, a director of Rosatomâ s Tenex, â did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire confederate and agree with other persons â l to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of an article and commodity (enriched uranium) in commerce by extortionâ from 2009 to January 2012.

The House Intelligence Committee chairman at the time, former Rep. Mike Rogers of Michigan, told The Hill that he was never informed about the "breathtaking" Russian efforts to manipulate Americaâ s enterprise. Many lawmakers back then had serious concerns about the Uranium One deal, he said.

â Not providing information on a corruption scheme before the Russian uranium deal was approved by U.S. regulators and engage appropriate congressional committees has served to undermine U.S. national security interests by the very people charged with protecting them,â Rogers said, short of labeling it a coverup. But the newly published documents will certainly raise questions about Obama's nuclear deal â a topic that then-candidate Donald Trump consistently raised on the campaign trail even before he took over the White House and had access to the information revealed this week.

The Uranium One Scandal is the key to it all... (politics)

submitted ago by thewebofslime

tl;dr Uranium One is the name of a South African company that bought Kazakh mining interests (and other places) through bribery and the political influence of the Clintons. Later, bought by Frank Giustraâ s Canadian company, who then sold the company to Russia. The Podesta got paid. The money cycled through a web of puppet NGO's. The media wonâ t cover the severity of the crimes.

The New York Times did a great article about the Uranium One scandal that America seems to have forgotten, but is very relevant, as it outlines the actual relationship between Hillary Clinton and Russia, as opposed to what we are being told in the news, today.

There are a few reasons this story is especially important.

The Panama Papers and the Podesta Emails both provide independent, primary source, direct evidence that this story is true and worse than originally stated. You can see it for yourself.

Treason is happening at the top levels of our government, where our politicians and lobbyists are willing to sell out American assets for pennies on the dollar and surprising number of them are all in on it.

The media has represented all of this as no big deal, while shamelessly trying to sell a war between Russia and the US over fake news about hacking.

It lends credibility to the idea that these people, in this social circle, are capable of running a vast, sophisticated criminal enterprise that talks in code.

We are able to trace the web of money launderers all in bed together through primary sources starting with these breadcrumbs.

The Observer does a good job of breaking down some of the relationships to make them easy to understand.

04/07/2016 Panama Papers Reveal Clintonâ s Kremlin Connection <https://archive.is/gCQn3>

Among the Sberbank subsidiaries that the Podesta Group also represents are the Cayman Islands-based Troika Dialog Group Limited, the Cyprus-based SBGB Cyprus Limited, and the Luxembourg-based SB International.

In Podesta email #4635, it is revealed that bribes were happening through a variety of mediums. <https://archive.is/VL99Z>

First, with respect to the stock option agreement, there is a discrepancy in the stated vesting schedule between the one John signed back in 2011 and the one I sent to Bob which you sent back to me signed.

John transferred the resulting 75,000 common shares from the option exercise to the Leonidio LLC. As such, we would need to edit the Transfer of Share Agreement to reflect the transfer of 75,000 common shares to the

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LLC

Look at this image:

<https://i.imgur.com/TZrYgtb.png>PNG

Search here to replicate it: <https://offshoreleaks.icij.org/>

It is the proof that started this avalanche of evidence. When the Panama Papers were released, it proved Troika Dialog is a Russian front.

<https://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=getFilingDetails&filingID=8a5bd4fb-2687-4cdf-9906-0a65f4d8d52b&fil>

That is proof John Podesta works for Russia. It is an LD 1 disclosure form. It shows he is getting paid by Troika Dialog.

Big picture, this means that the entire DNC is being kept in power by the Russians with Russian money. It's just one finger in one pie, though.

It gets worse. Ruben Vardanyan has a lot of such companies, like Joule Unlimited that claimed to be able to produce clean energy from cyanobacteria... but was really just a Russian front to pay into the Clinton Foundation.

Notice the dates. This scam has been in the works for years. Media Matters was already trying to spin damage control on it in 2008.

01/31/2008 NY Times failed to note Giustra reportedly involved in Kazakhstan mining deals more than a decade ago <https://archive.is/0Z3ef>

Uranium One posted \$127 Million in revenue last quarter.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByJWA7QbqQpkS3NHAmhFWGZsMIE/view?usp=sharing>

The Podesta Group fails to disclose this financial arrangement to Congress, which is, technically, treason.

Here is the Congressional Report:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByJWA7QbqQpkS3NHAmhFWGZsMIE/view?usp=sharing>

Azerbaijan, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Republic of India, Republic of Iraq, Embassy of Japan, Republic of Kenya, Republic of Korea, Republic of Maldives, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Republic of South Sudan, Center for Study and Media Affairs at Saudi Royal Court, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

These entities get a louder voice in US government than US citizens.

It is clear that a violation of the Voorhees Act is occurring. <https://archive.is/vjvQ>

Not only is this technically illegal, it is obviously unethical and it should boggle every Americanâ s mind that these people are allowed anywhere near public office. Yet, they are in the White House and have been for a long, long time. The media has gone out of itâ s way to make sure you donâ t see it for what it really is. Organized crime.

18 U.S. Code Â§ 2386 - Registration of certain organizations

The following organizations shall be required to register with the Attorney General: Every organization subject to foreign control which engages in political activity; In fact, the Kazakhstan government felt exactly the way Americans should feel. Mukhtar Dzhakishiev, who worked with Clinton to pass off the mining interests to Russia, was charged under articles of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan:

Article 177, section 3 - large scale fraud committed by an organised group;

Article 176, section 3, - misappropriation of entrusted property on a large scale committed by an organised group;

Article 311, section 5 - accepting a bribe in a large amount.

Article 176 - misappropriation of entrusted property;

Article 307 - abuse of power.

Everyone has forgotten about convicted felon, Bob Creamer, and massive election fraud proven by Oâ Keeffeâ s hidden cameras.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-politics/wp/2016/10/19/two-democratic-operatives-lose-jobs-after-james->

The Clinton Foundation is a CIA front that runs pay for play and forensic interruption to keep it's clients out of jail. The CIA has co-opted resources in Russian energy.

Russia isn't our enemy, they are controlled by the intelligence community and they have to pay into our protection racket. Meanwhile, the news is in the pocket of our intelligence community and it isn't meant to inform you, it is used as a tool of policy change where it 1) is always gradually asserting authoritarianism and

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2) always hiding the activities of the intelligence community.

This is done according to "Systems Psychodynamics" based on Wilfred Bion's basic assumption theories.

<http://www.mygen.com/HistoryofSystemsPsychodynamics-2004.pdf>

The evidence is everywhere, but the bare bones are as follows.

Podesta also received 100,000 shares from Joule, over 4 years.

<https://wikileaks.org/podesta-emails/emailid/4635>

<http://joule-unlimited.com/about/board>

That is the board at Joule. All Russian CEOs, including Sberbank, Troika Dialog, Rusnano and Rosatom.

They all worked together to make the Uranium One deal happen.

Chaika is exposed in this documentary that is banned in Russia. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chaika\\_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chaika_(film))

Yuri Chaika was in put in power by Medvedev, but he indicates to an intelligence analyst that Sergei Ivanov is calling the shots.

[https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/54/5410884\\_re-insight-russia-head-of-major-criminal-group-arrested.html](https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/54/5410884_re-insight-russia-head-of-major-criminal-group-arrested.html)

Chaika said he has already been under a lot of heat because of the Politkovskaya arrests. He said that he would rather not tell me about the "Chechen mastermind" they arrested. I asked if this was because he was not really a mastermind and Chaika said that "many things needed to be tied up as we head into this election and the end of Putin's reign." [I know this is strange, but he kept saying things like, "Ivanov needs to have control over the situation he's about to enter into.... Ivanov is known for his distance from such situations, so they need to be wrapped up."

What is crazy, is that even organized crime won't go near energy assets, which is a playground that Podesta, Hillary and the DNC have no problem playing in. That is a really interesting point... that they scare the Russian mob.

Either way, these people at the top of Russian politics are very often cooperating with our own intelligence assets. Here is a list:

<https://i.imgur.com/mWA3Vd1.png> PNG (Preview) Stratfor's Spreadsheet below:

[https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/attach/178/178954\\_Contacts%20-%20110516%20-%20Lauren%20Goodrich.xls](https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/attach/178/178954_Contacts%20-%20110516%20-%20Lauren%20Goodrich.xls)

During the course of the Uranium One scandal, Gazprom was also acquiring extraction rights and expanding with more locations and resources.

[https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/55/5500400\\_re-t-weekly-next-week-.html](https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/55/5500400_re-t-weekly-next-week-.html)

the company builds pipelines around the world and Gazprom wanted the the company, so the owner of the company ended up with his shoulders broken and stuffed into a pipeline. Then they turned on the nat gas and he suffocated while his limbs flew off in the 50 mph nat gas flow.....

The news in the US doesn't actually educate people on how Russian corruption works because that would elucidate ties to our own government.

And here is how the news tricks you while attempting to appear neutralâ ;

The New York Times and Media Matters work together to â set the goal postsâ of this issue:

Cash Flowed to the Clintons Amid Russian Uranium Deal:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/24/us/cash-flowed-to-clinton-foundation-as-russians-pressed-for-control-of-uranium>

NBC News Just Admitted The NY Times' Story Based On Clinton Cash "Doesn't Hold Up That Well," Here's

Why: <http://mediamatters.org/blog/2015/04/24/nbc-news-just-admitted-the-ny-times-story-based/203412>

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At no point do either of these articles mention some of the most important evidence. They donâ t explain Troika Dialog. They donâ t explain the Panama Papers. They never get around to addressing the 100,000 shares of Joule vested over 4 years at 25,000 shares per year into Leonidas. However, reading both of these articles, you can feel informed about the issue, while never being able to come to any type of solid conclusion.

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That is how the news works.

The truth is that the deal started with Kazatomprom and the guy in charge was arrested and jailed for treason, abuse of power, corruption, and embezzling natural resources for his own personal profit. His name was Moukhtar Dzhakishev [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moukhtar\\_Dzhakishev](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moukhtar_Dzhakishev)

Why do we not bring democracy to Russia by leaking all of their corruption? The same reason Russia doesnâ t do the same thing to us. They have an ongoing financial relationship.

<http://www.cnbc.com/2016/12/11/qatar-glencore-to-buy-195-percent-stake-in-russia-state-oil-major-rosneft.html>  
Qatar and Glencore are both involved with the Clintons in questionable ways. Marc Rich, the CEO of Glencore was given a last minute pardon by Bill Clinton, while in office. Ironically, James Comey was the prosecutor. The documents are partially available in the FBI Vault.

Qatarâ s US weapon purchases were expanded 1400% after donating to the Clinton Foundation.

It should trouble every American that this is business as usual. Particularly when the press is in on it.

This is a list of journalists who collaborated with the DNC, to varying degrees, as exposed by Wikileaks:

<http://i.imgur.com/TcusKCM.jpg>JPG

Still, there are other channels of communications than just Podestaâ s Gmail account or Hillaryâ s private server. The Wikileaks list is only a glimpse.

Scandal forced the Podesta Group to amend their past relationships AGAIN and we start to see how things really work in Washington. A lobbying group accepts money from foreign countries and private companies so that they have more of a voice in government and policy than the American voters.

After Donald Trump won the election, the Podesta Group filed the most revealing list, yet, in a form known as â Amendment to Registration Statement Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.â

This is one piece of that document that shows that lobbying firms make deals with the news to represent their clientâ s interest. We already know what these conversations look like from Wikileaks; varying degrees of cooperation.

<http://i.imgur.com/sxMFIAG.png>PNG

This is the whole document:

<https://www.fara.gov/docs/5926-Exhibit-AB-20140430-41.pdf>

So, what is being revealed here is that the Clinton Foundation has taken over for the American Security Council Foundation in looking out for the mining interests in the world. What is scary is that, even according to the State Department Reports, the Kazakhstan mines use slave labor. Glencore uses slave labor. VCS Mining uses slave labor.

<https://isgp-studies.com/american-security-council>

**THE CLINTONS, BESIDES ALL THIS BRIBERY AND CIA GUN RUNNING AND PARTICIPATION IN THE DRUG TRADE ARE FACILITATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING NETWORKS.**

You should be aware of the proven criminal conspiracies that the CIA has subjected American citizens to.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project\\_MKUltra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_MKUltra)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unethical\\_human\\_experimentation\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unethical_human_experimentation_in_the_United_States)

â Several of the children who Cameron experimented on were sexually abused, in at least one case by several men. One of the children was filmed numerous times performing sexual acts with high-ranking federal government officials, in a scheme set up by Cameron and other MKULTRA researchers, to blackmail the officials to ensure further funding for the experiments.â

The leaks reveal some interesting things, but interpreting them can be difficult without historical context, so Iâ ll stick to the easy ones.

[https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/50/5048925\\_re-el-paso-gunrunner-and-african-merc-.html](https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/50/5048925_re-el-paso-gunrunner-and-african-merc-.html)

Subject: Re: El Paso Gunrunner and African Merc Dad is June 1951. Looks like his social is somehow connected to Francisco Bustamante, the pool player.

Re: El Paso Gunrunner and African Merc

Stand down, Agency front

In 2006, Howard Deanâ s former campaign plane crashed with 5 tons of cocaine.

[https://wikispooks.com/wiki/2007\\_Yucatan\\_Gulfstream\\_drug\\_crash](https://wikispooks.com/wiki/2007_Yucatan_Gulfstream_drug_crash)

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In 2007, a plane that was used in extraordinary renditions and carried prisoners to Guantanamo, crashed with a few tons of cocaine, as well.

The planes and pilots disappeared.

Marine Special Forces are eliminating the Sinaloaâ s competition, the Zetas.

<https://www.wired.com/2012/08/marinesvszetas/>

â known and authorized at the highest levels of the Justice Department and which included agents from ATF, DEA, FBI, ICE, and the IRS, allowed guns to be illegally purchased in the United States and transported to Mexico to end up in the hands of members of drug cartels.â

<http://narcosphere.narconews.com/userfiles/70/Pleadings.Sinaloa.Zambada.pdf>

tl;dr #2: The intelligence community has its fingers in drugs, guns and human trafficking. They also employ agent provocateurs and utilize principles from systems psychodynamics to manipulate people's basic assumptions as a tool of policy change while directing the media to divert the populace's attention away from activities of the intelligence community.

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Not the key to it all. See <https://www.corbettreport.com/episode-321-why-big-oil-conquered-the-world/>

Indictment Affidavit by M Mali on Scribd

## California Satanic Devil Worshiper Cult Believes

### Debbie Wasserman Schultz is a Deity

By Margaret Vestige (Opinion)

The large ranch-style house in Monte Rio, California does not appear, from the outside to be more than a poorly kept 6000 square foot home from the 70â s. Inside, though, the candles, gargoyle statues and effusive use of dark purple satin drapery tell a different tale.

There is even a large banquet table that is known as â The Alterâ . Currently the alter is being used to assemble pamphlets printed on the in-house copy machine.

This slightly spooky home, hidden in the redwood and pine forest north of San Francisco, is quite similar to the one in Coarsegold, California. It is also not so different from the one in Modesto, California, in the middle of many large fields of artichokes.

These â congregational spacesâ , as the devotees call them, have one thing in common: They exist to worship The Devil.

For some reason this group believes that an actual living person is a Satanic goddess. They worship a woman named Debbie Wasserman Schultz as â *The Mother Whore of Devine Intercourse With The Master*â .

Believers faithfully recite nightly â *engagements of Congress*â wherein Ms. Shultz is said to offer her body up to The Devil during evening sexual encounters with Satan himself.

Who is this woman? Letâ s take a look:

Schultz currently lives in Weston outside Fort Lauderdale. She has three children and is married to Steve Schultz. She is an active member of the National Jewish Democratic Council, Planned Parenthood and Hadassah.

On July 24, 2016, it was announced that she would resign her position as chairperson of the Democratic National Committee following the 2016 Democratic National Convention. Leaked emails provided by WikiLeaks showed Schultz and other members of the DNC staff mocking and attempting to sabotage the presidential campaign of Senator Bernie Sanders in favor of Clinton's campaign. [11]

The Clinton campaign announced the same day that Wasserman Schultz would act as honorary chair of an effort to elect Democrats across the United States in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election. [12]

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Born **Deborah Wasserman** in Forest Hills, Queens, New York,<sup>[5]</sup> she is the daughter of Ann and Larry Wasserman. Her father is a CPA, and her brother Steven Wasserman is Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

From 1968 to 1978 the family lived in Lido Beach on Long Island. In 1978, her family moved to Melville, also on Long Island, where Wasserman graduated from Half Hollow Hills High School East in 1984.<sup>[8]</sup> She received a Bachelor of Arts in 1988 and a Master of Arts with a certificate in political campaigning in 1990, both in Political Science, from the University of Florida in Gainesville.<sup>[9][10]</sup>

At the University of Florida, Wasserman Schultz was active in student government, serving as president of the Student Senate and the founder and president of the Rawlings Area Council Government.<sup>[9]</sup> She was also a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, the James C. Grimm chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary, and the union Graduate Assistants United. She served as president of the Graduate Student Council and vice president of the UF College Democrats.<sup>[9][11]</sup> She has credited her experience in student politics with developing her "love for politics and the political process".<sup>[12]</sup>

After WikiLeaks published Democratic National Committee emails which suggested that DNC staffers had inappropriately backed Hillary Clinton in the primary campaigns while criticizing the Bernie Sanders campaign, Wasserman Schultz tendered her resignation as the head of the DNC, to become effective as of the close of the nominating convention in Philadelphia. According to reports in The Washington Post, Wasserman Schultz strongly resisted suggestions she resign, requiring a phone call from President Barack Obama to finally force her resignation.<sup>[71]</sup>

Following a speech at the convention before the Florida delegation where Wasserman Schultz was "booed off stage" the DNC announced she would not gavel open the convention.<sup>[72][73][74]</sup> She was subsequently appointed honorary chair of the Clinton campaign's "50 state program".<sup>[75]</sup>

Shultz and John Podesta are said to be involved in under-age child sex rings that trade children through Pizza Parlour front operations. The children are sacrificed on alters and their blood is consumed by Schultz, Podesta and a billionaire named George Soros because they believe that drinking the blood of children, after having forced sex with them will keep them young forever. In fact, in the last 2 years, thousands of Democrats have been arrested on under-age sex charges. Schultz runs the Democrats. Nancy Pelosi, Schultzâ s partner in crime, owns Goat Hill Pizza. Connections do seem to be borne out by actual facts.

Modern scientists say that there is no scientific basis to this Fountain of Youth concept.

It may irk one to imagine the Devilâ s long, sweaty, coal-blackened fingers clutching the cottage-cheese Cellulite of Wassermanâ s clammy, white, jiggly thighs every night. Solace can be harvested in the certainty, though, that Wasserman is not a virgin.

Satanists like to Satanize because they feel that it will hurt the society that rejected them. A close look at Wasserman Schultz can give a clear view as to why this might apply to her. Schultz has been cursed with a bizarre form of head hair that resembles the fur of some sort of blonde poodle after electro-shock therapy. Her mouth looks like it came from a Mississippi river carp and the look on her face always seems to be one shade short of the psychopath face from the famous Jack Nicholson â *Hereâ s Johnny...*â scene in the feature film: â *The Shining*â .

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She even walks with a slight shuffling gait, as if the hooves of The Devil have scarred her ankles during her nightly coital indiscretions with the goat headed dark one himself.

Even if she is not riding the diseased pole of the forbidden one each night, the combination of weird hair, weird mouth, weird look and Gollum-like demeanor is obviously the kind of package that would get her ostracized by society. A woman like her would seem to want VENGEANCE on others.

Her vengeance may not actually materialize in the murders of children (or Seth Rich) and the taking of devil peni into her soiled apertures. The Satanists may have gotten it all wrong.

Schultzâ s vengeance against society could simply be manifested by her constant need to rig public elections and threaten police officials because she is just a crooked slut who can rationalize any crime in honor of the Devil she worships: Hillary Clinton.

## **Staffer of Debbie Wasserman Schultz Under Criminal ...**

Under the leadership or Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** and Hillary Clinton, **corruption** runs rampant in the Democratic Party.

[observer.com/2017/02/imran-awan-democrat-debbie-wasser...](https://observer.com/2017/02/imran-awan-democrat-debbie-wasser...)

## **JUST IN: Debbie Wasserman-Schultz THREATENS Police After Her ...**

Rep. Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** is trying to get out of trouble with an FBI investigation involving her â so she's resorted to threatening a police officer.

[thetruthdivision.com/2017/05/just-debbie-wasserman-schultz-thr...](https://thetruthdivision.com/2017/05/just-debbie-wasserman-schultz-thr...)

## **Debbie Wasserman Schultz: A call for corruption-dripping ...**

The recent move by Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** to cut-off the Bernie Sanders campaign access to its comprehensive 50-state voter file that lists voter patterns and ...

<https://www.change.org/p/debbie-wasserman-schultz-a-call-for-cor...>

## **WATCH Megyn Kelly SMOKE Debbie Wasserman Schultz ... - Daily Wire**

Attempting to deflect scrutiny over her party's eventual nominee, Representative Debbie **Wasserman-Schultz** was visibly rattled when Megyn Kelly noted that Hillary ...

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[dailywire.com/news/3988/megyn-kelly-rattles-debbie-wass...](http://dailywire.com/news/3988/megyn-kelly-rattles-debbie-wass...)

## **DNC chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz joins the ... - New Republic**

**Wasserman Schultz** is listed as a co-sponsor on the bill that would stall CFPB's regulations and give states the opportunity to opt ... Copyright 2017 Â© New Republic.

<https://newrepublic.com/minutes/130873/dnc-chair-debbie-wasserman...>

## **Debbie Wasserman Schultz Comes out of Hiding to Deny Her ...**

Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** Comes out of Hiding to Deny Her **Corruption**. By Sydney Robinson - November 6, 2016. Share on Facebook.

<https://trofire.com/2016/11/06/debbie-wasserman-schultz-comes...>

## **Why DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz Should Be Fired - CBS NEWS**

Why DNC Chair Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** Should Be Fired. CBS BREAKING NEWS. Kip LeSale, February 13, 2016 February 17, ... This is a blatant display of **corruption**: ...

[cbsnews.com.co/debbie-wasserman-shultz-corruption-in-the...](http://cbsnews.com.co/debbie-wasserman-shultz-corruption-in-the...)

## **Debbie Wasserman Schultz is Sacrificed to Appease Sanders ...**

Mainstream Media Sacrifices Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** to Appease Sanders Supporters **Corruption** runs deep through the veins of the Party, extending far beyond the DNC chair

[observer.com/2016/05/mainstream-media-sacrifices-debbi...](http://observer.com/2016/05/mainstream-media-sacrifices-debbi...)

## **Dnc Lawsuit Attorneys Demand Protection From Debbie Wasserman ...**

DNC LAWSUIT ATTORNEYS DEMAND PROTECTION FROM DEBBIE **WASSERMAN SCHULTZ CORRUPTION** AND ... **Wasserman Schultz's** Office BUSTED in Odd Call to DNC Fraud Lawsuit ...

[https://antidiary.com/video/watch/vid47J0Sn8\\_pIzv57I](https://antidiary.com/video/watch/vid47J0Sn8_pIzv57I)

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## **UPDATE: CORRECTED DNC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz Parents ...**

Debbie **Wasserman Schultz** (born September 27, 1966) is the U.S. â | She is the daughter of former Broward Commissioner Diana **Wasserman-Rubin** â |

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## Calls For Steven Chu To Be Fired Over Solyndra Scandal

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WASHINGTON â Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich on Monday called for Energy Secretary Steven Chu to be fired for his decision to allow Solyndra to keep receiving taxpayer money even after the struggling solar company had technically already defaulted on the \$535 million federal loan guaranteed by the Energy Department.

The long-shot presidential candidate attacked Chu on his website Monday, earning Gingrich the dubious honor of being the first politician to publicly attack the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who arrived in Washington via academia.

â The president says he has full confidence in Secretary Chu despite this scandal,â Gingrich wrote on his website. â What kind of confidence can we have in a president who refuses to hold his cabinet officers accountable?â

â As President, I would have fired Secretary Chu for so grossly mismanaging taxpayer dollars,â Gingrich continued. â Furthermore, to protect taxpayers, I would have blocked any additional loan guarantees until a full investigation had taken place into the mismanagement and potential corruption in the loan for Solyndra.â

The comments come as House Republicans are turning up the pressure on Chu after a spokesman admitted the secretary was ultimately responsible for the restructuring of Solyndraâ s federal loan guarantee, which the politically-connected company secured in 2009.

Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.), the chairman of the subcommittee at the center of an investigation into government loan programs that benefit private companies, told The Huffington Post on Friday that Chuâ s decision was a direct violation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which requires that taxpayers be placed ahead of private investors when it comes to repaying a federal loan guarantee.

Stearns has not, however, explicitly called for Chu to be fired.

â Secretary Chu and other officials should be held accountable for their role in exerting pressure to close the Solyndra loan and for illegally subordinating the taxpayers to two private hedge fund investors this year,â Rep. Cliff Stearns said in a statement to The Huffington Post on Tuesday night. â I intend to have him come before the committee and testify so that he can explain his actions and then hold him responsible.â

Chu is slated to appear sometime soon before the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee.

Internal White House email threads released in their entirety on Tuesday showed that government officials had significant concerns about the Solyndra loan guarantee. As Democrats have noted, the emails do not reveal any signs of corruption, merely disagreement about whether the firm was financially viable.

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The documents â do not contain evidence that government decisions relating to Solyndra were influenced by considerations relating to campaign donations,â wrote Democrats in a memo on Monday. â Rather, the documents show that there was internal disagreement within the administration about Solyndraâ s viability and the effectiveness of the loan guarantee program throughout the process.â

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## Can arrogant billionaires do anything they want to?

# Contentious California Beach Access Case Heads to U.S. Supreme Court

## Longstanding Martins Beach Controversy May Well Capture Justicesâ Attention

The U.S. Supreme Courtâ s 2018-19 Term is already shaping up as a big one for environmental law in general and the longstanding tension between private property rights and environmental regulation in particular. The Court has already agreed to hear and decide two cases next Term raising the latter set of issues: one involves the question of how extensively federal regulators can limit development of private property thatâ s deemed by government to be â critical habitatâ for animals listed under the Endangered Species Act; the other concerns whether the Court should renounce some or all of the â ripeness ruleâ it created in 1985 limiting property ownersâ ability to bring â regulatory takingsâ cases in federal courts. (Those pending cases were profiled in earlier *Legal Planet* posts found [here](#) and [here](#).)

Now the justices are being asked to take up a third, high profile case next Term pitting environmental values against private property rights. That case, *Martins Beach 1, LLC v. Surfrider Foundation*, Supreme Court No. 17-1198, just so happens to be Californiaâ s most controversial and heavily-litigated coastal access case over the past decade. The recently-filed petition for certiorari asks whether efforts by environmental organizations and state government regulators to maintain public access across private lands to the California coast triggers a compensable taking of private property under the U.S. Constitution.



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Martinâ s Beach near Half Moon Bay, CA (Richard Yelland)

The facts and origins of the Martins Beach controversy have been well-publicized and are by now familiar to many. The relevant facts are set forth succinctly by the California Court of Appeal at the beginning of its decisionâ *Surfrider Foundation v. Martins Beach 1 LLC*â from which U.S. Supreme Court review is being sought:

â Nestled in a cove, sheltered on the north and south by high cliffs, Martins Beach lacks lateral land access. The only practical route to Martins Beach is down a road, known as Martins Beach Road, that leads from Highway 1 in San Mateo County to the Beach. [The previous landowner had for years allowed public access through the private road to the beach during daylight hours, charging a small fee to do so. The current landowner] purchased Martins Beach and adjacent land including Martins Beach Road in July 2008â !A year or two after purchasing Martins Beach, [the new landowner] closed off the only public access to the coast at that site.â

The property ownerâ s unilateral closure of access to Martins Beach triggered a political controversy that eventually garnered national media attention. On one side of this public access dispute is coastal property owner Vinod Khosla, a Silicon Valley billionaire whoâ t least until he unilaterally terminated public access to Martins Beachâ was best known as the co-founder of Sun Microsystems. On the other side are public access organizations led by the Surfrider Foundation (which originally filed the litigation) and public agencies including the California Coastal Commission and San Mateo County.

The Surfrider Foundationâ s lawsuit, commenced in 2013, is straightforward: it asserts that landowner Khosla could not discontinue previously-afforded public access to Martins Beach unless and until he first obtains a coastal development permit under the California Coastal Act. Thatâ s because, Surfrider argues, Khoslaâ s actions to close and lock an access gate across Martins Beach Road at its junction with California Highway 1 constitute â developmentâ under the Coastal Act for which a coastal development permit is required. Khoslaâ s attorneys argued that simply closing the access gate doesnâ t qualify as a â developmentâ under the Coastal Act and, even if it did, requiring Khosla to continue providing public access across his land constitutes a â physical takingâ of his private property rights under the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The trial court and state Court of Appeal both ruled in favor of Surfrider, agreeing with the organization that Khoslaâ s unilateral closure of the access route to Martins Beach required a coastal development permit under the Coastal Act. Those courts similarly rejected the landownerâ s taking claim, ruling that it was not â ripeâ for decision unless and until he first applies for a coastal development permit and the permit is subsequently denied. Finally, the Court of Appeal upheld the trial court injunction requiring Khosla to keep the beach access road open while the state court litigation proceeds on the merits.



Diagram compliments of the California Coastal Commission survey exhibit

(Surfriderâ s lawsuit is only one of several legal initiatives commenced to keep the Martinâ s Beach accessway open. Another NGO, Friends of Martinâ s Beach, filed suit against Khosla, arguing that the public has a state constitutional right of access to Martins Beach or, alternatively, that Khoslaâ s predecessor had permanently dedicated a right of access to the public that Khosla could not revoke. [That case remains pending in the trial court.] Meanwhile, Khosla filed his own preemptive lawsuit against the Coastal Commission and San Mateo County, seeking a court ruling that he was not legally required to maintain public access to Martins Beach. [Khoslaâ s lawsuit was dismissed by the trial court on procedural grounds.] Both the Coastal Commission and the county have sent Khosla formal letters advising him of the government regulatorsâ position that the landownerâ s unilateral termination of public access to Martins Beach indeed constitutes â developmentâ requiring a coastal development permit under the Coastal Act before public access can be eliminated. And, finally, the California Legislature enacted legislation in 2014 authorizing the California State Lands Commission to acquire a right-of-way or easement across Khoslaâ s property to Martins Beach, by eminent domain if necessary. [So far, the Lands Commission has not initiated legal action to secure that accessway.]

After the California Supreme Court declined to review the Court of Appealâ s decision in favor of Surfrider, Khosla last month filed his petition for certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court, urging the High Court to take up the case on its merits. His petition presents two questions for Supreme Court review: 1) whether the state court-issued preliminary injunction requiring the access road to remain open constitutes a *per se* physical taking of Khoslaâ s property for which compensation is required under the Takings Clause; and 2) whether requiring him to apply for a permit from the Coastal Commission before closing the Martins Beach access road similarly violates the Takings Clause.

Khoslaâ s petition has both some key strengths and certain glaring weaknesses. Perhaps its greatest strength is the quality and expertise of his legal advocates. Khoslaâ s lead attorney in the Martins Beach case is Paul Clement, the one-time Solicitor General of the U.S. during President George W. Bushâ s administration and a most able Supreme Court advocate: his law firm website states Clement has argued more cases before the justices than any attorney currently practicing before the Supreme Court. The cert petition



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reflects Clementâ s skill at Supreme Court advocacy: itâ s a very well-written document, targeted squarely at the conservative wing of the Court. (Four justices must vote in favor of a petition for certiorari for review to be granted.) And those conservative justices have in recent years repeatedly signaled their strong interest in property rights-based challenges to environmental regulation.



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After a surf session, Morgan Williams of San Francisco climbs over a locked gate at the main access to Martinâ s Beach. (Michael Short, The Chronicle)

The weakness of landowner Khoslaâ s legal arguments relates to the nature of his takings claims: his lead issue boils down to the assertion that the state court judgeâ s issuance of a preliminary injunction requiring the Martins Beach access road to remain open while the case proceeds on the merits in the state court represents an unconstitutional â judicial takingâ of his property for which compensation is automatically due. But the controversial argument that courtsâ as opposed to legislators or regulatorsâ can â takeâ private property was before the Supreme Court in a 2010 case in which the judicial taking theory failed to persuade a majority of the justices. And Khoslaâ s back-up argumentâ that requiring him to apply for a coastal development permit before closing the road to the public triggers a compensable takingâ seems to this observer a rather slender reed upon which to mount a viable takings claim. Finally, a billionaire attempting to keep the general public from continuing to use a longstanding coastal accessway doesnâ t constitute a particularly sympathetic property owner or set of facts.

As noted in a recent *Legal Planet* post, Californians are passionate in their love for the stateâ s 1100-mile coast and coastal resources. So itâ s no surprise that government agencies and state conservation groups alike have risen up to strongly resist Vinod Khoslaâ s efforts to close public access to one of Californiaâ s most scenic and popular beach areas. But itâ s also true that the Supreme Court justices have in recent years been quite sensitive to claims by private landowners that environmental regulation runs roughshod over their property rights. So itâ s certainly possible (though far from certain) that the *Surfrider Foundation v. Martins Beach* case could wind up on the Supreme Courtâ s docket next fall. If the justices do grant review, the Courtâ s 2018-19 Term will emerge as the justicesâ most consequential in over a quarter century when it comes to the intersection of environmental regulation and private property rights.

## Chu takes responsibility for a loan deal that put more taxpayer money at risk in Solyndra

By Carol D. Leonnig and  
**and Joe Stephens**

Energy Secretary Steven Chu acknowledged Thursday making the final decision to allow a struggling solar company to continue receiving taxpayer money after it had technically defaulted on a \$535 million federal loan guaranteed by his agency.

Chu spokesman Damien LaVera said in a statement that the secretary approved the restructuring agreement for Solyndra because it gave the company â the best possible chance to succeed in a very competitive marketplace and put the company in a better position to repay the loan.â

Also Thursday, a law enforcement official confirmed that the criminal probe of Solyndra is focused on whether the company and its officers misrepresented the firmâ s finances to the government in seeking the loan or engaged in accounting fraud. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the probe.

On the political front, Chuâ s admission came as some members of Congress were asking whether Chu went too far in trying to help the company before it went into bankruptcy, leaving taxpayers on the hook for the loan.

Chu, a Nobel laureate and physicist who came to the administration from academia, arrived in Washington with a mandate to push billions of dollars in stimulus funds into clean-energy companies and projects. With keen White House interest, Chu rode herd over an \$80 billion showcase initiative that was supposed to spur a new â greenâ industry and economic growth.

Solyndra was the first company approved for a loan guarantee under the Obama administration; its application originated several years earlier during George W. Bushâ s presidency. Early on, there were concerns about Solyndraâ s finances, but the company was still endorsed by President Obama and received high-profile support from Chu. Both visited the firm at different press events. Chu flew to California to announce the loan approval at the groundbreaking for a \$750 million factory that was built mostly with funds from the loan.

In announcing the Solyndra deal in March 2009, Chu boasted of the â speed at which the department can operate,â according to an agency news release.

â Secretary Chu initially set a target to have the first conditional commitments out by May .

â .â . but todayâ s announcement significantly outpaces that aggressive timeline,â the release said.

In April 2010, the companyâ s auditors raised doubts about whether the company could continue as a â going concernâ because of cash-flow problems. The following month, Obama visited the company to praise it as an â engine of growth.â

In late autumn of 2010, company executives confided to the Energy Department that they were running out of cash and could not make a required payment to a cash-reserve account. The company was supposed to begin



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making the first of \$5 million payments to create a \$30 million cash reserve on Dec. 1.

Solyndra officially defaulted on its loan that day. Chu approved a softening of the loan requirements so that the company could continue receiving loan installments.

â Ultimately, the choice was between imminent liquidation or giving the company and its workers a fighting chance to succeed,â LaVera said in the statement, first reported by Politico.

The agency authorized the Federal Financing Bank to give two additional cash installments to Solyndra â one in December 2010 and another in January 2011. Both payments came before Energy Department officials finalized a deal to restructure the loan and forestall the companyâ s collapse in late February.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans continued to complain Thursday that the Obama administration and Chu had not protected taxpayers.

â Why was the leadership at DOE so stubborn, ignoring every warning sign that Solyndra was a bad bet, continuing to throw good money after bad right up until Solyndraâ s fate was sealed and taxpayers were left holding the bag on DOEâ s \$535 million bust?â said Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-Fla.), chairman of the House Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee.

Chu is tentatively scheduled to appear before the subcommittee next month. The House probe seeks to determine whether the White House sought to help Solyndra for political reasons. The nature of the separate criminal probe was first reported in an online story by Bloomberg News on Thursday evening. The leading private investors in Solyndra were investment funds tied to Oklahoma billionaire George Kaiser, a prominent fundraiser for Barack Obamaâ s 2008 presidential campaign.

Some Democrats also have questioned Chuâ s decision, including Rep. Henry A. Waxman (Calif.), the ranking Democrat on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Rep. Gene Green (D-Tex.) said Thursday that he wants to know why Chu restructured Solyndraâ s loan to put taxpayers behind a group of private investors to be repaid if the company went bankrupt. Two investors, including an equity fund tied to Kaiser, provided an additional \$75 million to keep the company afloat.

â I guess Iâ m surprised that Secretary Chu made the decision earlier this year to give the private sector priority over the federal commitment, because your fiduciary duty is to the taxpayer, and not to an applicant. .

â .â . Your responsibility is to the American people,â Green said.

Staff writer David A. Fahrenthold contributed to this report.

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## **Class Action Lawsuits Under Development Against PG&E and Peninsula Clean Energy for Scamming Consumers**

**By David Brock**

PG&E has sent out a series of â buried noticesâ to consumers over the last number of years. The notices look like boilerplate PG&E bills or marketing forms, which science has proven are not identifiable to consumers.

The scam works like this:

A. - An insider group of politicians and their financiers agree to buy stock in solar panel and other â Clean-yet-corruptâ companies.

B. - PG&E switches consumers to â clean energy electric generation chargesâ without the consumers actual knowledge.

C. - PG&E then begins charging hundreds of thousands of consumers 30% extra for electricity because PG&E covertly â opted-themâ into the clean kickback program.

D. - When caught, PG&E refuses to credit the years of over-billings back to consumers and the insider group of politicians refuse to make laws to help the consumers.

E. ..and the dirtiest part of the â clean energy electric generation chargesâ scam? The insider group of politicians own the very companies that PG&E is giving the 30% over-charge money to.

F. If consumerâ s try to cancel thus scam charge then PG&E bills them extra for canceling the thing that most consumers would never sign up for if they knew the truth about it.

In other words: Your local utility company forces you to pay cash, covertly routed through PG&E, to corrupt politicians and you can never get a refund for the corrupt thing you never knowingly opted into.

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The liars at PG&E (The guys who regularly blow up and burn down cities, pay bribes, shoot tons of toxic methane into the air and run scams) say â *Oh, we sent everybody a letter telling them we were going to put them on this scam*â , but 90% of all consumers say they never saw a letter and that nobody ever asked, offered or indicated that such a program was an â opt-inâ option.

In the San Francisco Bay Area a charge has been appearing on PG&E bills as: â PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY Electric Generation Chargesâ . This add-on can add 30 to 40% to consumer's bills.

PG&E hopes that the tree-hugging Californians wonâ t question a mysterious charge that has the facade phrase â CLEAN ENERGYâ in it. They believe that nobody would dare question such a benevolent and altruistic sounding thing.

The scam worked for awhile, until it didnâ t.

The companies that are providing this so called â Clean Energyâ are dirty crony payola kick-back companies owned by PG&E executives, corrupt California Senators and their toxic campaign financiers. Let's take a look at one of over 30 corrupt companies involved in this scam. These are companies you have heard of like Solar City, First Solar, Solyndra, etc. In one of hundreds of examples, First Solar makes solar panels with a horrific unsuitability for Hot Climates. After this reply by their PR Director, more heartache was in store for the company.

A class action lawsuit was filed against First Solar by Pomerantz Haudek Grossman & Gross in the US District Court for the District of Arizona. The complaint states that First Solar violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by not disclosing the full extent of certain manufacturing flaws on its earnings, that it improperly recognized revenue for certain products in its systems business, that it lacked sufficient internal and financial controls and, finally, that as a result, First Solarâ s statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times.

The complaint claims that First Solar reported a decrease of US\$345 million in net sales for the quarter that ended December 31, 2011, and a US\$164 million charge for warranty payments to replace equipment that cause premature power loss in certain panels. The plaintiff is looking to recover damages on behalf of all First Solar shareholders who purchased common stock during the Class Period detailed above.

As is the nature of class action cases other law firms have come forward, citing similar claims, including a national securities law firm, Faruqi & Faruqi, law firm, Howard G. Smith and Rigrodsky & Long, P.A.

First Solar Shareholders are being given the opportunity to seek legal counsel from several firms after a class action lawsuit was filed in the US District Court for the District of Arizona last week. Case No. 12-cv-00555, alleges that between April 30, 2008 and February 28, 2012, potential securities fraud and an over-concentration of shares in First Solar stock led to investment losses.

Securities arbitration law firm, Klayman & Toskes, noted that trading was at over US\$300 per share in July 2008 and is now only trading at around US\$30 per share, an almost 90% decline. Harwood Feffer,

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LLP, further pointed out that on February 29, First Solar revealed its financial results for Q4 and the full year 2011, reporting a quarter-over-quarter drop of US\$345 million in net sales, â primarily due to the timing of revenue recognition in our systems business and lower for module-only sales.â

First Solar also advised that it had incurred a charge of US\$164 million for warranty payments to replace defective equipment, including a reserve of US\$37.5 million to cover future claims.

This is the typical kind of scam that PG&E promotes and forces consumers to get caught up in. Every consumer should be speaking to a class-action law firm to sue PG&E for fraud and to demand that the U.S. Government sue PG&E for fraud and for refunds to consumers for these criminal utility bill surcharge scams.

## Climate skeptics more eco-friendly than global-warming alarmists: study

Skeptics more likely to recycle, ride bus than those â highly concernedâ about climate

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By Valerie Richardson -

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Al Gore has been accused of hypocrisy for talking the talk on climate change despite burning through fossil fuels at a rapid clip, but it turns out heâ s not alone.

A study by Cornell and the University of Michigan researchers found that those â highly concernedâ about climate change were less likely to engage in recycling and other eco-friendly behaviors than global-warming skeptics.

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Published in the April edition of the Journal of Environmental Psychology, the one-year study broke 600 participants into three groups based on their level of concern about climate change: â highly concerned,â â cautiously worried,â and â skeptical.â

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The â highly concernedâ cluster was â most supportive of government climate policies, but least likely to report individual-level actions, whereas the â Skepticalâ opposed policy solutions but were most likely to report engaging in individual-level pro-environmental behaviors,â the researchers concluded.

Conducting the study, entitled â Believing in climate change but not behaving sustainably,â were Cornell assistant professor Neil A. Lewis Jr. and University of Michigan researchers Michael P. Hall and Phoebe C. Ellsworth.

The skeptics were the more likely than the â highly concernedâ to recycle, use public transportation and reusable shopping bags, and buy eco-friendly products.

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â Belief in climate change predicted support for government policies to combat climate change, but did not generally translate to individual-level, self-reported pro-environmental behavior,â said the paper.

Why? Even the researchers were stumped, although itâ s possible that skeptics may place more emphasis on personal responsibility than government action.

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â These results suggest that different groups may prefer different strategies for addressing climate change,â said the paper. â Thus, belief in climate change does not appear to be a necessary or sufficient condition for pro-environmental behavior, indicating that changing skeptical Americansâ minds need not be a top priority for climate policymakers.â

As Pacific Standardâ s Tom Jacobs put it, â remember that conservatism prizes individual action over collective efforts.â

â So while they may assert disbelief in order to stave off coercive (in their view) actions by the government, many could take pride in doing what they can do on a personal basis,â he said in a Friday post.

Mr. Gore, a leading climate-change activist, has long come under fire for his carbon-emitting ways, such as burning 21 times more kilowatt hours annually at his Nashville mansion than the average U.S. household, according to a 2017 study by the National Center for Public Policy Research.

His swimming pool alone uses enough electricity to power six average homes for a year, the study said.

Mr. Gore told CNN last year that he leads a â carbon-free lifestyle to the maximum extent possible,â pointing out that he doesnâ t own a private jet and that he buys carbon offsets to balance his home and flights on Southwest Airlines.

## **Clinton hounded by Energy Department past scandals as new charity questions emerge**

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The stench of past scandals is haunting Hillary Clinton as allegations regarding the familyâ s foundation fester.

News that the Clinton Global Initiative aided a company part-owned by a close female friend of Bill Clinton highlights two issues that the Democratic front-runner wants to put behind her as she prepares for the general election â her husbandâ s infidelity and the charityâ s shady ethics.

The Clinton nonprofit [helped secure a pledge in 2010 for a \\$2â million investment in Energy Pioneer Solutions](#). The for-profit green-energy company is co-owned by several well-connected Democrats, as well as wealthy divorcÃ©e Julie Tauber McMahon, a neighbor of the Clintonsâ in Chappaqua.

Bill Clinton reportedly made a call to then-Energy Secretary Steven Chu to endorse the company, which helps people insulate their houses. It later got an \$812,000 Energy Department grant.

Federal law bars tax-exempt charitable organizations from acting to benefit a private company. But the foundation said the relationship with the firm reflected â a common practice in the broader philanthropic space.â

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The investment deal, which was trimmed to \$500,000, was announced at the Clinton Global Initiativeâ s 2010 conference, The Wall Street Journal reported, but details about it were wiped from the charityâ s Web site to avoid calling attention to McMahon.

â The Clinton foundation controversies give good material to Trump as the two campaigns engage in a scorched-earth game called â Whoâ s More Corrupt?â â

## - Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginiaâ s Center for Politics

The 69-year-old former president describes McMahon, 56, as a â family friend.â But speculation is rife that sheâ s the woman dubbed â Energizerâ by Secret Service agents because of her frequent visits to the Clintonsâ Westchester home when Bill was home but Hillary wasnâ t.

McMahon, daughter of a millionaire donor to the Democratic Party, has denied having an affair with Bill Clinton, 69. She could not be reached for comment.

The revelations bring new attention to the ethical minefield the Clinton foundation navigated with governments and corporations while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state.

They are also hampering her attempts to win over Bernie Sanders supporters who question her trustworthiness. Currently, a quarter of Sanders supporters say they wouldnâ t vote for Hillary in the general election, according to GOP pollster Frank Luntz.

And the issue feeds the â Crooked Hillaryâ message Donald Trump is pushing, even as she attempts to shift the focus to the Republican front-runnerâ s reluctance to release his tax returns.

â The Clinton foundation controversies give good material to Trump as the two campaigns engage in a scorched-earth game called â Whoâ s More Corrupt?â â â said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginiaâ s Center for Politics. â As always, the best defense is a good offense.â

The Clintonsâ questionable ethics were already a negative with voters, said political consultant Susan Del Percio.

â This just calls into even more question their honesty and integrity,â she added.

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The latest headlines also play into the investigation of Hillary Clintonâ s use of a private e-mail server when she headed the State Department, Del Percio said.

Any new charges would mean â she canâ t put the old allegations behind her. They make what was old new again,â she said.

As for the airing of more of the Clintonsâ marital dirty laundry, Del Percio said, â it plays into a longstanding narrativeâ that casts Bill Clinton as a serial philanderer.

Itâ s a narrative that Trump is already exploiting.



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â Trump appears to be inclined to make that an issue,â said political consultant Gerry Oâ Brien.

â Especially if [Hillary Clinton] makes an issue of his indiscretions, like his comments and conduct with beauty .â .â . contestants.â

But, Oâ Brien warns, that tactic may boomerang for Trump.

â Hillary has always thrived when she can play the victim,â he said.

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Steve Jobs displays the new AppleTV at news conference in San Francisco, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma) (Credit: AP)

The announcement came on a Friday afternoon, traditionally the day and time people put out news designed not to be heard. Too bad about that Internet thing, because the word is spreading far and wide that many of Silicon Valleyâ s top companies colluded against their best employees in a scheme to keep them from moving to competitors, and then settled with the federal government in a case that may not be over by any means.

Earlier in the week, one of the valleyâ s top new-media players accused some of the most important tech investors of collusion, too, by meeting to discuss (among other things) how to â keep out new angel investors invading the market and driving up valuations.â Jaw-dropping if true.

Letâ s look at them in reverse chronological order. First, the big companiesâ little scheme:

The frendlies included Google, Apple, Intel, Adobe, Intuit and Pixar. Their deal was simple: No cold calling each othersâ employees â they actually kept a list of people they wanted to protect â to offer jobs. And they did this in one of the most competitive employment landscapes on the planet, a place where the best employees are pure gold.

In a complaint filed as part of a deal with the companies â they agreed, basically, to behave better â the Justice Department laid out some fairly amazing details, including:

Beginning no later than 2006, Apple and Google executives agreed not to cold call each otherâ s employees. Apple placed Google on its internal â Do Not Call List,â which instructed employees not to directly solicit employees from the listed companies. Similarly, Google listed Apple among the companies that had special agreements with Google and were part of the â Do Not Cold Callâ list;

Beginning no later than May 2005, senior Apple and Adobe executives agreed not to cold call each otherâ s employees. Apple placed Adobe on its internal â Do Not Call Listâ and similarly, Adobe included Apple in its internal list of â Companies that are off limitsâ ;

Beginning no later than April 2007, Apple and Pixar executives agreed not to cold call each otherâ s employees. Apple placed Pixar on its internal â Do Not Call Listâ and senior executives at Pixar instructed human resources personnel to adhere to the agreement and maintain a paper trail;

Beginning no later than September 2007, Google and Intel executives agreed not to cold call each otherâ s employees. In its hiring policies and protocol manual, Google listed Intel among the companies that have special agreements with Google and are part of the â Do Not Cold Callâ list. Similarly, Intel instructed its human resources staff about the

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existence of the agreement; and

In June 2007, Google and Intuit executives agreed that Google would not cold call any Intuit employee. In its hiring policies and protocol manual, Google also listed Intuit among the companies that have special agreements with Google and are part of the â Do Not Cold Callâ list.

The companies, as youâ d expect, used misdirection to explain why their actions were perfectly fine. Google was representative, saying it was all about doing a better job for customers because the companies were collaborating on better products:

In order to maintain a good working relationship with these companies, in 2005 we decided not to â cold callâ employees at a few of our partner companies. Our policy only impacted cold calling, and we continued to recruit from these companies through LinkedIn, job fairs, employee referrals, or when candidates approached Google directly. In fact, we hired hundreds of employees from the companies involved during this time periodâ |.

While thereâ s no evidence that our policy hindered hiring or affected wages, we abandoned our â no cold callingâ policy in late 2009 once the Justice Department raised concerns, and are happy to continue with this approach as part of this settlement.

The fact that the tech companies kept their deal a secret suggests otherwise, and not just because the practice at best skirted the law and, plenty of observers believe, outright broke it. Employees at companies like these get cold-called all the time. They are believed to be, and often are, among the cream of the crop in the entire industry. It defies logic to imagine that recruiting people inside these large enterprises wouldnâ t have loved to grab a bunch folks from the competition.

Two of the companies had one CEO, Steve Jobs, head of Apple and Pixar; Disney bought the latter in 2006). Google and Apple (and several of the other companies) shared board members. This kind of incestuous behavior is common in Silicon Valley, but outright collusion goes beyond what Iâ d expect these folks to do.

Look, the people who were put on these lists, which Iâ d sure like to see, were already well compensated. Thatâ s not the issue. They were stars. Like pro baseball players, who had to fight for decades for the American-capitalist right to take their skills to the people whoâ d treat them best, the best programmers and tech managers are incredibly valuable.

Iâ d anticipate some civil suits over this matter, partly because I wonder if thereâ s more to this story than we know right now. Was no cold-calling really the only rule in this scheme?

Meanwhile, the valley was trying to figure out to what extent TechCrunchâ s Mike Arrington had nailed major (and mostly unnamed) angel investors whoâ d allegedly been trying to rig the startup market â assuming that was remotely possible, which I doubt â or at least tweak it to their liking. VentureBeatâ s Dean Takihashi said Arringtonâ s charge seemed implausible, at first glance:

Big tech companies agreed not to poach each others'employees; are key investors making anti-competitive

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until super angel Dave McClure, who wrote a scathing and profanity-filled post in reply to Arrington, also made a first-class boo boo. McClure accidentally tweeted his thoughts about an email by super angel Ron Conway of SV Angels. McClure meant that to be a private, direct message as he quickly deleted it. But others who saw it retweeted it and now it lives forever on the web. McClure accused Conway of throwing â us under the bus.â Then Conwayâ s email surfaced. Conway raked the group of super angels over the coals for the attempted collusion and, though his own firm member David Lee was there at the meetings, distanced himself from them. The net effect of the revelations was that it certainly seemed like there was an attempt at collusion, even if it wasnâ t precisely clear who was doing the colluding. Thatâ s for the Justice Department to figure out. The feds might want to bust some of these brilliant folks for being so dense, though.

Takihashi went on to explain that price fixing is hard to do unless you control the market, and even the mega-angels, assuming theyâ re the people everyone assumes them to be, donâ t have that much power. They do have enormous clout, however, and itâ s mind-boggling that people with such high-caliber brains could act so stupidly as to even discuss something like this, much less try to pull it off. (Note: Iâ m a co-investor in several companies with people I would imagine were at the gathering, based on Arringtonâ s description of the attendees, but I donâ t know if they were actually part of this get-together.)

The San Jose Mercury Newsâ Chris Oâ Brien, writing about the big companiesâ employment collusion, called the activities â dumbâ and a violation of â everything Silicon Valley represents.â Dumb, maybe, because eventually these guys were bound to get caught, but the valley culture has been warping for a long time now.

The culture says whatâ s acceptable is what you can get away with. That attitude peaked, Iâ d thought, in the 1990s. Apparently not.

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#### Something to Remember

Collusion between VC's is much more easily facilitated. Keep in mind, most deals involve multiple VC firms, with one acting as a lead and others including capital. In this environment, where the firms talk to each other frequently, and where a blackballing can cripple a firm, it should surprise no one that discussions of "I'm going to invest in technology foo with startup bar" will lead another firm to decide not to invest with startup bartwo in the same space.

## Community choice programs are not delivering on clean energy for America

BY JERRY SANDERS

*Special to The Sacramento Bee*

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Eighteen years ago, California was faced with rolling blackouts and a major energy crisis. It may not seem like it, but another energy crisis is brewing â this one caused by cities getting in the business of buying and selling electricity.

It was a lack of oversight and poor deregulation that led to those blackouts, when bad actors such as Enron saw an opportunity to game the system, manipulate energy markets and ultimately crash power grids.

Now, government-run energy programs â also known as Community Choice Aggregation â are unraveling the centralized planning and service California needs to keep the lights on.

As the former mayor of San Diego, I can see why CCAs are attractive to some local lawmakers since theyâ re billed as cheaper and greener alternatives. But they arenâ t delivering on their promises and itâ s not a program I would have introduced to

These programs produce very little new renewable energy, instead buying from existing sources, including out-of-state wind and solar farms. They take credit for improving our environment but theyâ re not actually reducing carbon emissions. For example, Marin Clean Energy, Californiaâ s first CCA, was launched eight years ago and is held up as a model. Yet it has not delivered more than 10 percent of its power from new clean energy sources in any year.

Government-controlled energy might one day deliver the benefits it promises, but the current market was not designed to support CCAs. Their customers can always return to utility companies. This risk, combined with a lack of credit, means that CCAs are reluctant to purchase long-term contracts for renewable energy, or build new facilities.

While utility companies buy nearly all their renewable energy under long-term contracts that lead to new renewable generation development, this has all but stopped because of the uncertainty caused by CCAs.

Also, some labor leaders strongly oppose CCAs because they are not creating more jobs. Worse, utility customers in neighboring cities are forced to pay higher energy bills to subsidize them.

So why is California seeing an acceleration of these programs, and why is San Diego even considering forming what would be one of the largest CCAs?

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Cities are under pressure to comply with their own Climate Action Plans, even though all existing CCAs fall well short of achieving the goal: 100 percent clean energy use.

The only way for energy providers to meaningfully reduce emissions is to build more wind, solar, and other green energy sources. CCAs arenâ t achieving that, but they do expose cities to significant risks. In San Diego, a city study found that a CCA could require annual revenues of as much as \$961 million.

Clearly, there are many reasons to be skeptical of government-controlled energy. Local leaders should focus on building more housing near job centers, conserving water and increasing energy efficiency through numerous strategies that do not expose cities and their residents to financial risks or power outages.

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## Why the FBI Is Dodging Nunes

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### *Concealing the depth of 'Obamagate'*

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The left used to get very worked up about the CIAâ s interference in foreign elections. Liberals would quote solemnly the work of Philip Agee, a CIA turncoat who wrote articles and books about the agencyâ s manipulation of this or that foreign election. But these days ACLU-style liberals shrug at the meddling of John Brennanâ s CIA in the 2016 American election, mischief that the FBI is still trying to conceal.

It was reported recently that the FBI refuses to show Congressman Devin Nunes an unredacted copy of the origination document that triggered the probe into the Trump campaign. What is the FBI hiding? Paradoxically, nothing â that is, no classified information showing collusion between Trump and Russia. The FBI is simply trying to hide the embarrassingly partisan origins of its spying on the Trump campaign.

Were the redactions covering material harmful to Trump, that material would have been leaked by now. So the redactions can only be concealing the fingerprints of Hillaryâ s partisans in the Obama administration. The FBI will eventually have to fess up to the politicization to which it succumbed â that the most virulent Hillary partisan imaginable, John Brennan, had put pressure on FBI officials to start the probe, that a Trump hater, Peter Strzok, formally opened up the probe, that the smears of a paid opposition researcher for Hillary, Christopher Steele, contributed to the probe, that scandalous â intelligence-sharingâ between Brennan and foreign intelligence agencies shaped the probe, and that FBI officials suspected the probe was unfounded but pursued it anyways at the insistence of Obama officials.

The FBI says it is redacting â sensitive information.â Thatâ s true in an ironic sense: the FBI is very sensitive about the information, in that it illuminates the agencyâ s transformation into an opposition research shop for the Hillary campaign. Take her partisans out of the picture and the probe would never have started.

In an attempt to sanitize the probe, the media has attributed its origin to a drunken conversation between an Aussie diplomat and a minor Trump campaign volunteer. But thatâ s a joke. Maybe the FBI threw that into the pot at the last minute, but John Brennan had been stirring it for months before then. As Brennan told Congress, â we were uncovering information intelligence about interactions and contacts between U.S. persons and the Russians. And as we came upon that, we would share it with the bureau.â Notice his use of â weâ in that statement. By â we,â Brennan meant his retinue of Hillary partisans at the CIA who

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had been shaking foreign intelligence agencies down for any dirt on Trump.

The British intelligence, in cahoots with Brennan and Christopher Steele (who was on Hillaryâ s payroll), figured largely into this mischief. In all likelihood it will come out that the â informationâ British intelligence shared with Brennan was just recycled Steele material. The â allies tipped us off to Trump-Russian collusionâ storyline is a sham, designed to distract attention from a chain of Hillary partisans who in the thick of a campaign were circulating smears among themselves and calling it â intelligence sharing.â

It was the blinding, viscerally personal hatred of Brennan for Trump, perhaps more than anything else, that turned all those phony â tipsâ into a counterintelligence probe. In the grip of that kind of feverish antipathy, combined with his desire to continue as CIA director under Hillary, Brennan could convince himself of any Trump monstrosity and made it his mission to prod the FBI into harassing him. Anyone who doubts that hatred should just take a look at Brennanâ s Twitter account these days. This week he is rattling on about Trumpâ s â self adoration.â Also take a look at the people he is following on Twitter. They make up most of the cast of Obamagate, from James Comey to Samantha Power to Sally Yates to Susan Rice, not to mention the newest cast member, Obama chief of staff Denis McDonough, whose exposure is yet another product of Nunesâ s refusal to accept redacted material from the FBI/Justice Department.

But it wasnâ t enough for Brennan to push the FBI investigation. He also had to publicize it, which he achieved through another person in Christopher Steeleâ s orbit, Senator Harry Reid, whose Super PAC, as the *Daily Caller* reports, was run by the very Hillary lawyer who hired Steeleâ s services. Brennan briefed Reid on the beginnings of the FBI investigation he instigated, knowing that Reid would leak the contents of the briefing to the press.

About this astounding meddling in an election by a CIA director, the Philip Agees of the left have fallen completely silent. But that makes sense. After all, how can old radicals inveigh against the CIA as a â wilderness of mirrorsâ when it is John Brennanâ s reflection in it?

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## **Congressman Gaetz: â If Jeff Sessions Does Not Appoint a Second Special Counsel, Then We Need a New Attorney Generalâ**

by [JEFF POOR4752](#)

Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) told fill-in host Jeanine Pirro that if Attorney General Jeff Sessions declines to appoint a second special counsel to investigate wrongdoing within his Department of Justice, then he should be removed from that post.

According to Gaetz, an Inspector Generalâ s report would be insufficient given the report doesnâ t necessarily mean charges would be brought by the Justice Department against wrongdoers.

â If Jeff Sessions does not appoint a second special counsel, then we need a new Attorney General, judge,â he said. â Because youâ re right â even if we learn more horrifying things from the Inspector General, we canâ t actually prosecute somebody for those things because we would need somebody to be able to bring that case. And the Department of Justice and FBI obviously wonâ t be bringing a case against themselves. So, Jeff Sessions needs to get rid of this mindset that is a dereliction of duty, and he needs to do what Congress has called for and appoint a second special counsel to get to the bottom of this.â

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## Corruption In The Department Of Energy

### The Solyndra Scandal

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*Energy-related loan guarantees arose from the stimulus legislation of 2009. Policy makers thought a huge infusion of low-cost loans would create many thousands of jobs at solar- panel factories, alternative-energy power plants and the like. There was an implicit assumption that most of these ventures would succeed. Barring fraud, Solyndraâ s failure reflects the companyâ s bet on an inadequate technology. Its tubes, coated with an unusual four-metal compound, were supposed to cut power costs more than 20 percent. That wasnâ t nearly enough. Production costs fell much faster for a rival technology, conventional flat silicon panels, and Solyndra couldnâ t compete.*

The Energy Departmentâ s loan guarantee program is the real Solyndra scandal

*You can call it crony capitalism or venture socialism â but by whatever name, **the Energy Departmentâ s loan guarantee program privatizes profits and socializes losses.** Itâ s an especially risky approach in the alternative-energy space, where solar energy is many years from being cost-competitive with fossil fuels for most uses â and history is littered with failed government attempts to back the next big thing.*

Exclusive Timeline: Bush Administration Advanced Solyndra Loan Guarantee for Two Years. Media Blow the Story

*Itâ s often claimed that the Solyndra loan guarantee was â rushed throughâ by the Obama Administration for political reasons. In fact, the Solyndra loan guarantee was a multi-year process that the Bush Administration launched in 2007.*

*Youâ d never know from the media coverage that:*

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*The Bush team tried to conditionally approve the Solyndra loan just before President Obama took office.*

*The companyâ s backers included private investors who had diverse political interests.*

*The loan comprises just 1.3% of DOEâ s overall loan portfolio. To date, Solyndra is the only loan thatâ s known to be troubled.*

*Because one of the Solyndra investors, Argonaut Venture Capital, is funded by George Kaiser â a man who donated money to the Obama campaign â the loan guarantee has been attacked as being political in nature. What critics donâ t mention is that one of the earliest and largest investors, Madrone Capital Partners, is funded by the family that started Wal-Mart, the Waltons. The Waltons have donated millions of dollars to Republican candidates over the years.*

## **More incredible signs of corruption...**

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## **Oil Industry and Government connections**

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### Solyndra Scandal: 5 More U.S. Energy Scandals

**2005: Halliburton and Iraq:** *The Texas oil giant reportedly overcharged \$108 million for work in Iraq, but reports didn't leak until after the 2004 election. Former Vice President Dick Cheney, who was once chief executive, came under fire for his connection to the company. Nonetheless, Halliburton continued to be awarded government contracts, such as in 2006 when subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root received a \$385 job to build immigration detention centers in the U.S. for the Department of Homeland Security.*

From the huff-ington post:

*Over the last eight years, President Bush, Vice President Cheney and their Republican allies in Congress **have fallen over themselves to give oil companies huge tax breaks.** They have repeatedly blocked meaningful progress toward energy independence and they have shown no interest in taking on the unchecked speculation that has created extreme volatility in energy markets and pushed oil and gas prices upward. Yesterday, addressing the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, **Vice President Cheney** said, "We have to recognize that there isn't anything out there that is going to get us away from a hydrocarbon economy anytime in the near future. There really isn't anything on the horizon that today is economic, relative, for example, to basic, good old oil and gas." Not surprising coming from an oil man, and **the man** who sat down with oil company lobbyists behind closed doors to write the current failed policy. But those remarks show the bankruptcy of the Republican vision on energy. It's a vision of the status quo, invested in the problem, not in finding a solution. And it just doesn't cut it.*

**Note:** A closed door meeting on a â failedâ policy that put Halliburton at number one and helped Exxon have the largest profits EVER. I wonder how many other failed policies have helped the oil companies?

**The following is from an old book called Unequal Democracy**

*â The recession of 1974-1975 was triggered by a massive oil price shock engineered by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). The real price of oil increased by 140% in 1974, throwing the industrial sector of the United States and other advanced economies into a tailspin. Accidental president Gerald Ford entered the White House in the midst of a major economic crisis not of his own making.*

**From the Guardian:**

*Scientists and economists have been offered \$10,000 each by a lobby group funded by one of the world's largest oil companies to undermine a major climate change report due to be published today. Letters sent by the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), an **ExxonMobil-funded thinktank with close links to the Bush administration, offered the payments** for articles that emphasise the shortcomings of a report from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).*

*When Lou Dobbs lied, Bill Schneider played along.*

*Dobbs: "We have to consider what else happened in the markets and that is precisely as most of the experts had suggested, once the executive ban on oil drilling offshore had been lifted, we have seen a huge decline of approximately 13 percent decline in the price of crude oil and gasoline prices actually begin to roll back over the course of 11 days, which is remarkable, isn't it?"*

*Schneider: "It is certainly remarkable. And the vast majority of Americans do support offshore oil drilling. They support anything, anything that will give them relief from high gas prices." Lou Dobbs Tonight, July 29, 2008 No experts said any such thing. For obvious reasons. "[Bush's] move to end the moratorium, in place since 1992, won't have any effect until a separate congressional prohibition expires or is overturned," said The Wall Street Journal on July 15. Instead, analysts "point to two distinct trends that may take the wind out of this year's price spike: an easing of tensions over Iran and evidence that demand for oil in the U.S. is falling faster than many believed." (The Wall Street Journal, July 18, 2008)*

**From CBS:**

*Senator Pete Domenici, R-N.M, has relayed the mixed message of "we feel your pain" (at the pump), while attempting to justify his party's blockage of a windfall profit tax on Big Oil by saying that increased taxes on oil companies would be something Americans wouldn't want. [Note: Which Americans?]*

*"Americans are furious about what's going on," declared Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and want Congress to do something about oil company profits and "an orgy of speculation" on oil markets.*

**"If you don't tell the big oil companies they can no longer run energy policy in America, we will not succeed, plain and simple," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., told CBS Radio News.**

With all the evidence of corruption above, the following



connections between General Electric and it's (initial) lack of taxes makes complete sense, as it's part of the government so obviously it will create policy that will benefit them...

With so many corporations so firmly embedded in the government, it's funny the kind of rhetoric you hear. Jon Stewart explains...

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## **Conclusion:**

Crony Capitalism has existed for a long time. So energy companies have been able to get government officials to pass legislation that helps them make more money. So they get tax breaks, loopholes, subsidies while the rest of the economy suffers and they make huge profits (and in some cases, record breaking profits).

**Clearly the Department of Energy has failed at it's job.**

## **Corruption In The Department Of Energy- How Campaign Financiers Are Paid Off With Crony Cash**

**Green Subsidies under Obama. The *Washington Post* found that â Obamaâ s green-technology program was infused with politics at every level.â The \$535 million loan guarantee for the failed Solyndra is a prime example. The Department of Energy approved the loan after pressure from the White House. A main Solyndra investor was a billionaire Obama fundraiser. The *New York Times* found that Solyndra â spent nearly \$1.8 million on Washington lobbyists, employing six firms with ties to members of Congress and officials of the Obama White House.â**

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### **Green Energy Corporations Rolling in the Green, Thanks to Friends in High Places**

This a portion of a much longer article entitled â Podesta Power and Center for American Progress: The dark, driving force behind the presidentâ s massive green energy schemeâ , published on March 3, 2014

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**Center for American Progress Finally Reveals its Corporate Donors:  
At least 17 raking in tens of billions of tax dollars from the Green Bank of Obama**

While the left-wing think tank is a well-known favorite of billionaire George Soros, as well as other left-leaning ultra-rich donors, â the center does not disclose who finances its activities, a policy it is declining to change even as Mr. Podesta prepares to wield influence over the shape of the Obama administration,â wrote the *New York Times* in 2008.

However, â after heavy pressure arising from CAPâ s quasi-lobbying history. That scrutiny ratcheted up following the announcement that CAP founder John Podesta would be formally joining the Obama administration. Both Politico and the *New York Times* called for the donor list to meet the public eye,â reported *Breitbart News*.

So, on December 13, 2013, CAP â revealed that itâ s funded by some of the countryâ s largest and most powerful corporations, trade associations and lobbying firms,â announced *POLITICO*. The donor disclosure excluded individuals and foundations, only giving insight into their corporate influence, leaving more darkness in its wake. Moreover, it was reported that each of those listed (58 donors) has given the group more than \$10,000 in 2013, yet the exact amount was not disclosed.

CAPâ s 2013 donor list â contains a myriad of massive corporations, including Apple Inc., AT&T, Bank of America, BMW of North America, Citigroup, Coca-Cola, Discovery, GE, Facebook, Google, Goldman Sachs, PepsiCo, PG&E, the Motion Picture Association of America, Samsung, Time Warner Inc., T-Mobile, Toyota, Visa, Walmart and Wells Fargoâ â â many of which are part of this massive green energy scheme.

Still, *The Nation*, in their May 2013 piece â The Secret Donors Behind the Center for American Progress and Other Think Tanks, released a list of CAPâ s 2012 corporate donors â â labeled â American Progress Business Alliance Members,â which are charged fees:

A confidential CAP donor pitch I obtained describes the Business Alliance as â a channel for engagement with the corporate communityâ that provides â the opportunity toâ 'collaborate on common interests.â It offers three membership levels, with the perks to **top donors** (\$100,000 and up) including private meetings with CAP experts and executives, round-table discussions with â Hill and national leaders,â and briefings on CAP reports â relevant to your unique interests.â

The Nation also divulged that CAP doesnâ t publicly disclose the members of its Business Alliance, but they â obtained multiple internal lists from 2011 showing that dozens of major corporations had joined.â Whatâ s relevant here is that in 2011 the lists compiled by *The Nation* of CAPâ s donors included Comcast, Walmart, General Motors, Pacific Gas and Electric, General Electric, Boeing and Lockheed â â with three confirmed winners of green energy funds.

So basically the donor list and the membership list are one and the same. And, whatâ s even more interesting is how *The Nation* chronicles CAPâ s assets:

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â After growing rapidly in its first few years, tax records show, CAPâ s total assets fell in 2006 for the first time, from \$23.6 million to \$20.4 million. **Assets started growing again in 2007 when CAP founded the Business Alliance**, a membership rewards program for corporate contributors, and then exploded when Obama was elected in 2008.â

We know that CAP founded its Business Alliance (corporate donors) in 2007, but since we only have a hint of 2011, combined with lists for 2012 and 2013, the mystery remains. Missing are the corporate donors CAP enlisted from 2007 until 2011. When did these now public donors join CAP, and what was dollar amount of money that was given?

While I am about to dissect the corporations from these lists (2011 to 2013) that received green energy taxpayer money (loans, grants and special tax breaks), in full disclosure, the majority of the stimulus and non-stimulus clean-energy funds (\$150 billion through 2014) were doled out between 2009 and 2011. However, as I reported in the beginning of this post, â greenâ funds continue to flow, and the Obama administration wants billions more of taxpayer money to save the planet.

I hate to be redundant, but as youâ ll see, CAPâ s corporate donors are connected to many of the same projects and firms that we have documented in previous Green Corruption Files. This is due to the fact that *meaningful* political ties â â Obamaâ s bundlers (both in 2008 and in 2012), top donors, financiers, and green cronies â â have surrounded the green energy money from the onset. However, considering that CAP players operated inside the Obama White House as well as the Energy Department â â prior, during and after the money was doled out â â this adds another layer of corruption behind the green energy deals.

At any rate, several of these corporations include Big Banks (even the â too-big-to-failâ ) that have benefited immensely from President Obamaâ s cleantech push. Even though many on Wall Street stood by the president in 2012, the majority sided with Mitt Romney. But that was after Obama enjoyed his *fair share* of Wall Street buddies who helped ensure his victory in 2008, pouring millions of dollars into his campaign coffers, making their mark as TOP campaign donors (PAC) â â with even Wall Street executives bundling huge sums of money for then-candidate Obama. Additionally, â the big bundlers had broad access to the White House for meetings with top administration officials and glitzy social events.â

Inside these CAP corporate donor lists we find a few TARP recipients such as Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, and Merrill Lynch. Whatâ s more telling is the infiltration of so many Citigroup and Goldman Sachs executives operating (past and present) inside the Obama administration, even shaping his economic policy.

## **CAPâ S 2013 DONORS: Green energy money winners**

**#1) Bank of America** (now Bank of America Merrill Lynch â â confirmed donor since 2012):

Both Bank of America and Merrill Lynch (Campaign Committeeâ s), from 2003 to 2008, supported Senator Obama. Meanwhile, Bank of America, a heavy hitter donor with major lobbying pull, plays both sides of the isle. But in 2008, this Big Bank put

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their money (PAC and individuals) on blue, including donating to candidate Obama.

In the final days of the DOE loan program (September 2011), the DOE awarded a partial guarantee of \$1.4 billion loan â â another shady stimulus deal (â non-investment gradeâ ) that was â personally championedâ by then-Energy Secretary Steven Chu â â for a project called Project Amp. Prior to the finalization of this DOE transaction, in June 2011, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Prologis and NRG Energy joined forces on Project Amp, which was â a four-year, \$2.6 billion project to place solar panels on rooftops in 28 states, one of the most ambitious clean-energy projects in recent years,â reported the *Wall Street Journal*.

The *Journal* goes on, â Bank of America Merrill Lynch unit will provide \$1.4 billion in loans for the project,â of which â the financing is part of Bank of Americaâ s plan to put \$20 billion of capital to work in renewable energy, conservation and other clean technologies that address climate change.â

However, by October 2013, the Energy Department pulled the plug on Project Amp, and according to POLITICO, Prologis never tapped into the \$1.4 billion. Still, along the way, Prologis did secure â a grant for \$68,000 for the purpose of â rent for warehouse spaceâ under the Recovery Act.

While I have yet to do a complete analysis on Bank of America/Merrill Lynch and their renewable energy portfolio, there are additional firms or projects that this bank has backed that also received â greenâ taxpayer funds from the Obama administration.

### *NextEra Energy Wind Energy Assets*

Fist is NextEra, whose CEO Lewis â Lewâ Hay, III was member of President Obamaâ s Jobs Council (from 2011 until 2013), that was awarded two large DOE stimulus loans, as well as a slew of other green energy stimulus funds. This is part of the scheme that weâ ve been documenting since the summer of 2012 (â Third Largest Recipient of DOE Risky Loansâ ), and later in my January 2013 Big Wind Story.

But since Bank of America has invested in the wind side, whatâ s key here is this: NextEra was the biggest user of the wind energy production tax credit. In an analysis by John Fund of the *National Review Online*, he statesâ |

Begun 20 years ago to spur the construction of wind-energy facilities that could compete with conventional fossil-fuel power plants, the tax credit [PTC] gives wind an advantage over all other energy producers. But it has mostly benefited conventional nuclear and fossil-fuel-fired electricity producers. The biggest user of the tax credit is Florida-based NextEra Energy, the nationâ s eighth-largest power producer. Through skillful manipulation of the credits, NextEra from 2005 to 2009 â paid just \$88 million in taxes on earnings of nearly \$7 billion,â *Businessweek* reports. Thatâ s a tax rate of just 1.25 percent over that period, when the statutory rate is 35 percent.

### **SolarCity**

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Considering that the Podesta Group added SolarCity as a client in 2012, I highlighted the various political connections to this solar firm earlier, including billionaire players that received taxpayer money for other green energy deals, such as Elon Musk, Nicholas J. Pritzker, and George Soros.

But what most donâ t know is that SolarCity was in line to get a stimulus loan from the DOE for \$275 million. However, that deal â â dubbed SolarStrong â â fell apart due to the Solyndra â red flagsâ just prior to the loan programâ s deadline in September 2011. A month later, SolarCity found a willing partner in Bank of America, which was followed by this official announcement: â SolarCity and Bank of America Merrill Lynch today announced that they have agreed to terms on financing for SolarStrong, SolarCityâ s ambitious five-year plan to build more than \$1 billion in solar power projects for privatized U.S. military housing communities across the country.â

It should be noted that without government subsidies, SolarCity wouldnâ t be the success it is today: â SolarCity currently benefits from tax credits totaling as much as 30 percent of the cost of these systems,â noted Bloomberg. And, as I documented earlier, SolarCity, so far (and since 2009) has been subsidized with â greenâ through various stimulus funds, grants and federal tax breaks at the tune of \$514 million.

## **SunPower**

Bank of America Merrill Lynch and SunPower have worked together since 2009. And this year they announced a \$220 million financing program for residential solar lease projects. In January 2010, SunPower Corp, the San Jose, Calif.-based designer and manufacturer of solar panels and systems, received four of the stimulus-enacted Section 48C Tax Credits totaling \$10.8 million. Then, despite SunPowerâ s well-known financial issues and the fact that it was under a shareholder suit alleging securities fraud and misrepresentations, just days (September 2011) before the 1705 Loan Guarantee Programâ s deadline (along with four other solar companies), this â non-investmentâ grade \$1.2 billion stimulus loan was approved â â to support the construction of the California Valley Solar Ranch (CVSR) in San Luis Obispo County.

The conditional loan to SunPower was announced on April 12, 2011, and shortly thereafter (April 30, 2011), the French oil conglomerate Total committed to buying a \$1.37 billion controlling stake (60%) in SunPower Corp â â a bailout that was confirmed in June 2011. Now, SunPower never directly got the cash, because on the final closing of the DOE loan guarantee, they sold the California Valley Solar Ranch to NRG Energy. However, SunPower continued on as the developer and Bechtel as the primary contractor building the project.

Also, to date, SunPower Residential, in 2013 and 2014, snagged 34 federal stimulus grants from the 1603 Program for â solar electricityâ that ranges across 12 states, totaling over \$86 million tax dollars.

Besides Bank of America, both SunPower and NRG Energy have additional *meaningful* political connections to President Obama and other high-ranking Democrats, of which weâ ve documented a few times: First in my October 2012 report (troubled green

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energy projects) and then in my February 2013 [analysis](#) on Citigroup, another CAP donor that is up next, which is a huge player inside this â climateâ scam. Lastly, due to the fact that NRG Energy, a Fortune 500 and S&P 500 Index company, of which they and their subsidiaries, initially, were the recipient of most of 1705 stimulus loans: at least \$5.2 billion of taxpayer money (now minus the \$1.4 billion for Project Amp). NRG Energy was one of George Sorosâ *timely* investments that I mentioned at the beginning of this post, yet more Intel can be found in my [March 2013](#) Green Corruption File.

*#2) Citigroup (confirmed donor since 2012):*

Since 2007, Citigroup has been heavily involved in â climate change activities.â We also can confirm that this â [too-big-to-fail](#)â bank has made a massive footprint inside Presidentâ s Obamaâ s clean-energy dirt â â the candidate that Citigroup helped get elected in 2008 as the number seven [top donor](#) (PAC) with many executives and friends of Obama [bundling](#) for both his campaigns. Meanwhile, in 2012, Citi [contributed](#) to both President Obama and Mitt Romney.

By 2011 â â prior to the presidential reelection â â [through their](#) â 50 Billion Climate Change Investment Initiative,â Citigroup had â directed \$36.35 billion into such initiatives so farâ |â â â of which they brag: â In the U.S., Citi has the largest market share (28 percent) of U.S. Department of energy section 1703/1705 Loan Guarantee program financings for alternative energy, and we are the leader in such bond transactions.â

Considering that in February 2013, I dedicated an entire post to Cit and their [Massive â Greenâ Money Machine](#),â which included a careful analysis of their â [2012 alternative energy portfolio](#)â that lists about 37 transactions (plus SolarReserve) â â both foreign and here in the United States, here Iâ ll just give some highlights.

What I found is that 58 percent (22) of Citiâ s clients had received government subsidies, totaling approximately \$16 billion from the taxpayer-funded Green Bank of Obama, the majority from stimulus package. Furthermore, my research not only â followed the green money,â but profiled the Citi executives that operate (d) inside the White House, some with key positions, which included President Obamaâ s 2013 [choice](#) to replace Timothy Geithner for Treasury Secretary with [Jack Lew](#) (former Chief of Staff), [Michael Froman](#), [Richard Parsons](#), â "â "â "Louis [Susman](#), and Michael Eckhart â â to name a few.

Many of the alternative energy projects that Citi was involved are mentioned in todayâ s study, starting with the Energy Departmentâ s junk bond portfolio, which were doled out between 2009 and 2011:

- BrightSource Energy was awarded [\\$1.6 billion](#) DOE loan for the Ivanpah solar facility in California
- Brookfield Renewable Power, whereas Granite Reliable received a [\\$168.9 million](#) loan for a wind project in New Hampshire.
- Caithness/General Electric received a [\\$1.3 billion](#) DOE loan for the Shepherds Flat wind project in Oregon

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- NextEra Energy /First Solar got a \$1.46 billion loan for the Desert Sunlight project in California;
- SolarReserve was awarded \$737 million DOE stimulus loan for the Crescent Dunes project in Nevada.

According to their renewable energy portfolio, Citi, in February 2011, became a major investor in SolarCity. And, as I documented earlier, SolarCity, so far (and since 2009) has been subsidized with â greenâ through various stimulus funds, grants and federal tax breaks at the tune of \$514 million.

Citigroup, as of 2010 was listed as SunPowerâ s bookrunner. Then in August 2011 SunPower and Citi set up a \$105 million fund for residential solar leasing projects, which states, â SunPower will use the fund to extend its SunPower Lease programme to customers in 8 US states, expanding the financing options available to homeowners interested in SunPower solar energy systems. The SunPower Lease is now available in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Citi is contributing \$80m to the fund.â Again, I covered SunPower under Bank of America, showing that this solar firm was given plenty of green government subsidies:

- In January 2010, SunPower Corp received four of the stimulus-enacted Section 48C Tax Credits totaling \$10.8 million.
- In September 2011, SunPower is part of the \$1.2 billion stimulus loan to support the construction of the California Valley Solar Ranch (CVSR) in San Luis Obispo County.
- SunPower Residential, in 2013 and 2014, snagged 34 federal stimulus grants from the 1603 Program for â solar electricityâ that ranges across 12 states, totaling over \$86 million tax dollars.

*#3) Goldman Sachs (possibly a donor since 2012):*

Goldman Sachs was a top Obama donor in 2008, but we also know that two Goldman executives sat on Obamaâ s 2008 Finance Committee and a slew of partners, executives and board members bundled for, and donated to Obamaâ s 2008 campaign. Meanwhile, his administration has been infested with Goldmanites â â even as early as 2008 when a Goldman board member, James A. Johnson (also an Obama bundler that I profiled many times due to his former firm Perseus), was chosen as head of Barack Obamaâ s vice presidential search team. Known as Jim Johnson and â a fixture of establishment Washington, with ties to Wall Street and â a major presence in Democratic politics for more than two decades,â Mr. Johnson resigned his VP vetting role amidst criticism over his part in the Countrywide Financial scandal as well as controversy surrounding his role as Fannie Maeâ s chief executive from 1991 to 1999.

Even though in 2012, Goldman Sachs turned their back on Mr. Obama in 2012, there were many executives and board members who helped him get reelected.

Like Bank of America, I havenâ t had the opportunity to examine Goldman Sachsâ Alternative Energy Group and its Environmental Markets financing and advisory; however, we do know that Goldman has been investing in renewable energy since at least 2005.



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By 2014, Goldman Sachs â declared that the renewable sector is one of the most compellingâ â â even as they backed â greenâ in 2012, having committed \$40 billion to renewable energy (made and planned investments). According to Renew Economy, â Stuart Bernstein, who heads the bankâ s clean-technology and renewables investment banking group, told Recharge in a recent interview in a story titled Goldman goes Green, â It is at a transformational moment in time.â

As Goldman promotes President Obamaâ s Climate Action Plan along with other winners of clean-energy funds, they also brag about their climate change roles: â In 2012, we financed nearly \$2 billion and co-invested more than \$430 million in the sector. We also served as financial advisor on clean-energy transactions valued at more than \$1.1 billion.â

Needless to say, since 2010, Iâ ve been following Goldman and tracking how this Big Bank has been cashing in on the stimulus funds. As my research developed, I found their DNA all over this green energy scheme, of which to date we can confirm that Goldman Sachs has a vested interest â â via various roles, and having entered the scene at different junctures (before, during and after taxpayer subsidies were awarded), in many projects and firms that received loans, grants and special tax breaks. So far Iâ ve tracked at least 14 firms connecting Goldman to over \$8.5 billion from the Green Bank of Obama, the majority from the 2009-Recovery Act.

Keep in mind too, that Goldman is *associated* (former executives and investments) with the Big VC firm Kleiner Perkins as well as Generation Investment Management (GIM) â â mentioned a few times already. As a reminder, Kleiner Perkins is where we find the â climate duo,â whose combined carbon footprint is larger than my entire city: Billionaires John Doerr and Al Gore (partners at the firm), where Doerr, â a very big-ticket Obama donor,â in January 2009, persuasions were reflected in the 2009-Recovery Act via his â meetings with Obamaâ s transition team and leaders in Congressâ as well as the fact that he made â five recommendations to Congress and President-elect Barack Obama to jumpstart a green-tech revolution and fight global warming.â

Shortly thereafter (around February 6, 2009) and just days prior to signing the stimulus bill (February 18, 2009), Obama appointed Doerr as a member of his Economic Recovery Advisory Board (PERAB), which later morphed into the presidentâ s jobs council â â only to close down in February 2013.

Meanwhile, back in 2004 Gore started GIM with former CEO of Goldman Sachs Asset Management David Blood, who is another Obama bundler. Apparently, Blood is the â wizard behindâ GIM, and behind this â sustainable firmâ are several former Goldman executives and partners â â even as Doerr, in 2007, joined the GIM advisory board.

This and more insight were profiled in my January 8, 2013 file on Doerr and Gore, whose â Greentech Portfolioâ (at least 50%) and GIMâ s â Sustainable Investingâ secured billions in loans, grants and special tax breaks â â the two firms combined are tied to at least \$10 billion from the taxpayer-funded Green Bank of Obama, the majority coming from the 2009-Recovery Act, of which Doerr had helped author.

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As far as Goldman: first off they made big money from the sale of Horizon Wind Energy to Portugalâ s EDP for \$2.5 billion in 2007, of which ironically, starting in 2009 until the end of 2012, EDP Renewables North America LLC (formerly Horizon Wind Energy LLC), received over \$700 million of free taxpayer money from the Obama stimulus bill (\$722,468,855 in Section 1603 Grants) for eleven wind projects, placing them at the number two spot of foreign firms that were winners of US grants. This was a shocking report released in early 2013 by the Energy and Commerce Committee, exposing the extent to which foreign corporations are benefiting from green energy stimulus funding.

*Goldmanâ s Green Losers, Winners, Biofuels, & Smart Grids*

Nevertheless, Goldman is credited as the â exclusive financial adviserâ for the now bankrupt Solyndra (\$570.4 million loss), and in 2010, handled the IPO of what most deem a government winner, Tesla Motors that was awarded \$465 million from the DOE ATVM program. Also, according to Goldman, â In May 2013, [they] helped raise over \$1 billion in new financing for Tesla Motors.â

There are more bankrupt ones as well: SpectraWatt (\$20.5 million), Nordic WindPower (\$8.6 million), and Suntech Power Holdings Co. (\$2.1 million) â â all taking millions of taxpayer money down with them, while Goldman remains unscathed.

Goldman is also active in advanced biofuels and feedstock companies, handling the IPOs of biofuel companies, of which at least two won money and contracts from the Obama administration: Amyris (\$25 million stimulus grant), Kior (seeking \$1 billion DOE loan) and Solazyme (\$21.7 million DOE stimulus grant; plus part of the \$12 million biofuel contract with the U.S. Navy) â â the latter company has its very own direct connection to CAP: Jonathan Wolfson, Solazyme co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, â is an active participant in many advisory groups, including sitting on the board of the Center for American Progress (CAP) Clean Tech Council.

Meanwhile, Goldman hooked up with another huge winner of stimulus funds: â In March 2013, [they] served as lead-left bookrunner on the \$93 million initial public offering for Silver Spring Networksâ â â a Foundation Capital, Kleiner Perkins, and Google (all with friends in the White House) green investment, which in 2009, cashed in big time when the DOE starting handing the smart-grid grants as part of the 2009-Recovery Act. During the course of my January 2013 analysis on Silver Spring, I found that 30 percent of the \$4.5 billion stimulus smart-grid grants went to their â customersâ â â thatâ s over \$1.3 billion. Then in my May 2013 report, â Smart Grid, Dirty Devicesâ , I documented additional ties and an interesting analysis of its IPO: â Silver Spring IPO has more red flags than a Communist Party military parade,â PrivCo CEO Sam Hamadeh.

**Goldmanâ s Green DOE Stimulus Loans**

Considering that First Solar is also a CAP Business Alliance Member (donor), weâ ll expand on that solar firm later, but what is key here is that Goldman was an early investor in First Solar that snagged three large DOE stimulus loans (over \$3 billion) â â a story weâ ve featured many times, starting with â The First Solar Three Billion Dollar Swindle.â

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Still, Goldman was (is) also an investor in U.S. Geothermal that in February 2011, landed a \$97 million DOE stimulus loan slated to build a 22-megawatt power plant in the eastern Oregon desert. This was â one of the first geothermal projects funded by the DOE, despite the fact that in December 2010, S&P had rated this loan as non-investment grade. Yet, the â 2012 Internal DOE Email Dumpâ prove that this deal was rushed and approved in time for a POTUS photo op. Moreover, U.S. Geothermal had other projects that snagged millions in green energy subsidies.

Then in September 2011, Cogentrix of Alamosa, LLC (Cogentrix Energy a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs), was awarded a \$90.6 million DOE stimulus loan for the Alamosa Solar Generating Project in Colorado. Cogentrix, on July 16, 2012 bagged a \$34.6 million stimulus grant (free taxpayer money) from the 1603 Grant Program â Iâ m assuming this is for the same project.

But thatâ s not allâ }.

#### **BrightSource Energy Just Got Darker**

According to Renew Economy (January 2014), â [Goldman] has also a substantial investment in BrightSource Energy,â which actually brought its Ivanpah solar power facility into full production last month â and if not for a federal loan guarantee, the \$2.2-billion project would have never seen the light of day. Now this massive solar power plant (struggling to produce power) has become the â \$2.2 Billion Bird-Scorching Solar Projectâ â with even the left-leaning Los Angeles Times, chronicling their grand opening like this:

After nearly four years of construction that killed desert tortoises, burned the feathers off passing birds and mowed down thousands of acres of native flora, Ivanpah officially opened last month with a gala that included a rock band and a horde of dignitaries â Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz among them.

Weâ ve been uncovering BrightSource Energyâ s \$1.6 billion shady DOE deal since July 6, 2012, and as new information became available weâ ve revisited this huge solar transaction several times. In short, the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (SEGS) in California was subsidized with a \$1.6 billion DOE stimulus loan, which was announced on February 22, 2010 and finalized April 11, 2011 â a project that also received special treatment by the Department of Interior, which was documented in our â 2012 Special Seven Series.â

Still, BrightSource investors not only include Goldman Sachs, but additional 2008 Obama donors such as Google, Morgan Stanley, and BP Alternative Energy. Meanwhile the Ivanpah project incorporates a slew of ties to President Obama as well as Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Harry Reid. This story comprises of big donors, political cronies and connections such as BrightSource, VantagePoint, Google, NRG Energy, PG&E, Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, George Soros, the former Commerce Secretary John Bryson, McBee Strategic Consulting, lobbyists Bernie Toon, and others â with DOE officials, Obamaâ s Green Team, and several in Congress from the Democrat side involved.

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While I briefly addressed Citigroupâ s part in this billion-dollar deal in February 23, 2013 (Ongoing â â \$250mm IPO / Joint Bookrunner), it should be noted that just days after the finalization of the \$1.6 billion government loan, BrightSource had filed for and IPO, of which Goldman Sachs Group Inc., Citigroup Inc. and Deutsche Bank AG were leading the proposed offering. However, a year later, they canceled their IPO, and BrightSource CEO John Woolard (now former) told Gigaom.com that it was â because of the weak public markets, particularly for solar and greentech companiesâ |â â â of which, to date the IPO is still pending. Yet, we do know that Goldman has made equity investments in the solar developer BrightSource.

We also can confirm that additional political heavyweights have been hovering over this deal, starting with Bechtel (another big corporation with their hand in the stimulus) that constructed BrightSourceâ s Ivanpah project as well as the fact that sometime in October 2010, during the time of their DOE loan review process, â NRG became the lead investor (\$300m) in Ivanpah solar project. In fact, as mentioned, this was one of the four (now three) large taxpayer-funded stimulus projects that NRG Energy is part of.

**Side Note:** My March 22, 2013 file covers The Soros connection, its CEO David Crane, and more. My September 2013 post on BrightSourceâ s Top DC lobbyist (since 2009) gives more insight into other players inside this \$1.6 billion DOE deal, such as VantagePoint, Google Inc, and PG&E, which included ongoing interaction and pressure from the heavyweight K Street firm McBee Strategic Consulting â â another huge player inside this green energy scam. Whatâ s key is that Steve McBee â reportedly wrote key provisions in the stimulus bill to open the spigot of green corporate welfareâ â â thus over 60 percent of his energy client list cashed in under the Obama administration.

Lastly, in November 2013, we unleashed BrightSourceâ s connection to Senator Harry Reid as well as the incriminating â 2012 Internal DOE Email Dumpâ relevant to this particular DOE transaction.

Whatâ s key here is that BrightSource Energy has never been solid. In fact, the â Oakland-based BrightSource Energy Inc. had emerged from the bankruptcy of its parent company.â Now Iâ m assuming this was out of the ashes of BrightSource Industries (Israel) Ltd. that was formerly known as LUZ II Ltd., and changed its name in December 2008.

Nevertheless, according to Schweizer in Throw Them All Out, as he described the financial issues they were having, â BrightSource badly needed this infusion of taxpayer cash.â So in essence this \$1.6 billion stimulus DOE deal was a bailout, which is a clear violation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 â â a fact that we elaborated on many times.

### **Goldman: SolarCity, SunEdison & SunRun**

According to Renew Economy (January 2014), â Goldman Sachs also provided \$500 million of finance to SolarCity, to allow the biggest solar installer in the US to expand its solar leasing business. Goldman is one of a number of banks to do that â â the latest was Bank of America/Merrill Lynch.â

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Goldman, in 2012, also handled the IPO for SolarCity â â the solar firm I first highlighted under the Podesta Group (became a 2012 client) and expanded upon under Bank of America, noting that SolarCity was not only in line to receive a loan from the Energy Department, but as documented earlier, SolarCity, so far (and since 2009) has been subsidized with â greenâ through various stimulus funds, grants and federal tax breaks at the tune of \$514 million. Weâ ll keep watchingâ ;

There is also SunEdison LLC â â a global provider of solar-energy services â â which was also an early Goldman Sachs investment. Due to the fact that this solar firm also became a client the Podesta Group in 2012, I covered the fact that in 2013, SunEdison won 5 federal stimulus grants from the 1603 Program for â solar electricityâ that ranges across 5 states, totaling over \$1.8 million tax dollars.

Furthermore, SunEdison is in cahoots with JPMorgan, GE Capital as well as Southern Company and a few other familiar green energy players and CAP donors such as Bank of America, Duke Energy, and First Solar.

Just last month, the Wall Street Journal reported, â Sunrun Inc., a company that finances and installs home solar projects, has retained Goldman Sachs to raise a growth equity round of more than \$100 million, according to a person familiar with the situation.â

SunRun can be found in my May 2012 research on Foundation Capital â â another friend of the Obama White House and big VC winner of taxpayer money from the Green Bank of Obama, adding to my long list of Big VCâ s that have had made out like bandits. As of October 2013 , I found that SunRun, between 2011 and 2013, snagged 23 federal stimulus grants from the 1603 Program for â solar electricityâ that ranges across 10 states, totaling over \$141 million tax dollars, thus far.

Plus in 2010, SunRun announced a \$100 million joint program with major utility Pacific Gas & Electric, which according to Venture Beat, â PG&E will be funding the rooftop systems in question via its subsidiary, Pacific Energy Capital II, a tax equity fund,â of which â In lieu of traditional returns, the investor â PG&E in this case â gets tax benefits in addition to some cash returns.â

#4) Covanta Energy (confirmed donor since 2012):

This was one of those Soros timely investments (twelve alternative energy and utility companies) that I had alluded to in the beginning of this post and exposed in my March 2013 Green Corruption File. I found that Covanta, a clean-energy company and the recipient of federal stimulus grants, also received millions in 2010 through Congressional earmarks, yet it is unclear as to how many green government subsidies or the exact stimulus dollar amount that Covanta Energy snagged. Also, Covanta Energy stands to benefit from the NAT GAS Act if it comes to light again.

#5) General Electric (confirmed donor since 2011):

General Electric (GE) is a heavy donor to both Republicans and Democrats, and its CEO Jeffrey Immelt â plays the role of typical corporate donor who hedges his bets on both sides of the fence.â However in 2008, GE gave the Obama campaign \$529,855, marking them as a top Obama donor.

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Meanwhile, in early 2009, Immelt was first appointed as a member of Obamaâ s Economic Recovery Advisory Board (PERAB), which later morphed into the presidentâ s jobs council, where Immelt served as the Jobs Czar, until it closed down in February 2013.

Nevertheless, GE is a major player on the clean-energy scene as well as in this green energy scheme, starting with the fact that they were also part of the DOEâ s Electricity Advisory Committee that had influence into the 2009-Recovery Act. In 2009, the New York Times recognized GEâ s green power, noting, â GE lobbied Congress to help expand the clean-energy subsidy programs, and it now profits from every aspect of the boom in renewable-power plant construction, including hundreds of millions in contracts to sell its turbines to wind plants built with public subsidies.â

Iâ ve been keeping track of GEâ s â green tabâ since 2012, which at that time exceeded \$3 billion in direct (some indirect) taxpayer cash. This tally includes three large stimulus loans from Energy Departmentâ s junk bond portfolio that were doled out between late 2010 until September 2011.

Considering the treasure trove of Intel found in the â 2012 Internal DOE Email Dump,â I revisited GE in my December 2012 post. Long story short, in October 2010, the Caithness Shepherds Flat wind project located in eastern Oregon was awarded a \$1.3 billion DOE stimulus loan â â a \$2 billion project sponsored by GE, who also supplied the project with 338 wind-turbines. These internal emails show that this transaction was approved with White House pressure. For example:

September 9, 2010 EMAIL: James McCrea (subject line: Shepherds Flat â Draft Responses to OMB Questions), â As you all know, the pressure to make decisions on this transaction are high so speed of the essence.â Then later that day, McCrea writes (Email #4 from Appendix I) he says, â Pressure is on real heavy on SF [Shepherds Flat] due to interest from VP.â

Shepherds Flatâ s developers also received â a \$500 million federal grant, state tax credits totaling \$18 million, accelerated depreciation on federal and state taxes worth \$200 million, and a premium for its power from the state worth \$220 million.â At some point, the Shepherds Flat wind farm received three separate tax credits totaling \$30 million from the state of Oregon.

But thereâ s moreâ |

In September 2011, the poorly rated 1366 Technologies, sponsored in part by GE, received a direct \$150 million stimulus loan from the DOE for its solar manufacturing plant.

GE is also part of the \$1.2 billion DOE stimulus loan for the Desert Sunlight project, which was finalized in September 2011. This is part of the First Solar Swindle that has been mentioned a few times in this post, and will be detailed later.

Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) loaned \$54.6 million to Kansas City Southern Railway Company (KCSR) â to purchase thirty new General Electric ES44AC diesel-electric locomotivesâ â â a loan that raised red flags in the March 2012

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House Oversight investigation.

Also, youâ ll be â blown awayâ by the billions of â wind energy grantsâ that flew out of the stimulus package back in February 2010, of which at that time, GE was contracted to at least 26% of them as the â Turbine Manufacturer.â

In late 2009, it was reported by Gigamon, â GE is one of the newer smart meter players, but the conglomerate has been working with utility Oklahoma Gas & Electric on a 6,600 smart meter trial, and has a contract with PHI, which received \$104.80 million for a smart meter deployment in Washington, DC. GE also has a big contract with Florida Power and Lightâ that also the recipient of a \$200 million stimulus grant.

Other than bagging direct green energy stimulus money, GE has also joined forces with others that have benefited from Obamaâ s alternative-energy taxpayer funds. Two in particular â â the Advanced Metering Partners, another John Doerr â ventureâ via Silver Spring Networks, as well as Energy Technology Ventures formed in 2011 with NRG Energy and ConocoPhillips. And, Iâ m sure if were to visit GE again, weâ d find much more than \$3 billion in green energy funds.

#6) Google (confirmed donor since 2012):

Google, like Wall Street and Big Energy, plays the political game well: itâ s all about access and influence, starting with campaign contributions. Googleâ s \$814,540 contribution to then-Senator Obamaâ s campaign made it the fifth largest donor in 2008, and in 2012 moved up to the number three spot with a whopping \$805,119. Furthermore, Googleâ s CEO at the time, Eric Schmidt, served as an informal advisor to President Obama. Schmidt, Google Executive Chairman, was also an Obama donor in 2008, and since April 2009, is (was) a member of the presidentâ s Science and Technology Advisory Council (PCAST).

Another Google political connection is Dan Reicher, director of climate and energy initiatives at Google, who was one of the founders of Cleantech and Green Business Leaders for Obama. There are other interesting folks behind the Google scenes such as John Doerr and Al Gore â â the dynamic climate duo mentioned periodically in this post â â who has served as a member of Googleâ s board of directors since May 1999, with Gore as a (past) senior advisor.

And according to Michelle Malkin, â Google cofounder Sergey Brin, Chief Legal Officer and Senior Vice President David Drummond, and Google Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist Vint Cerf are all vocal Obama supporters and top donors.â Meanwhile, Google co-founders Sergey Brin & Larry Page, invested in Tesla Motors, while Google, in 2011, partnered with SolarCity (mentioned a few times now) to create a \$280 million fund for residential solar projects â â both BIG winners of â greenâ taxpayer money.

Like many of these Big VCâ s that won a significant amount of green money from the Obama administration â â Kleiner Perkins, Khosla Ventures, The Westly Group, VantagePoint Capital Partners, Google Ventures, Foundation Capital, and others â â their â cleantech investmentsâ overlap, and I briefly touched on Google in my January 2012 post about Doerr and Gore.

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Later, I documented Google as energy client of McBee Strategic Consulting (in my September 2013 Green Corruption File), discovering and exposing the fact that Google Ventures â via their â Energy Investmentsâ and other â green dealsâ that I tracked down at that time â has ten verified stimulus and other green energy money winners, which places their investment score at close to \$5 billion of taxpayer cash, which includes three DOE loans: BrightSource Energy (\$1.6 billion); GEâ s Caithness Shepherds Flat wind project (presented under GE for \$1.3 billion); and Tesla Motors that won \$465 million ATVM loan. If you add in Silver Spring Networksâ customers that won \$1.3 billion in smart-grid stimulus grants, which I divulged here a few times, that figure rises to \$6.3 billion and counting.

#7. PG&E (confirmed donor since 2011):

This utility giant is a strong Obama and Democrat donor that happens to be all over this â greenâ scam. Not only did they have direct influence over the DOE loans, they are jam-packed with Washington â green cronies,â including Cathy Zoi, who is the â most controversial former PG&E employee to hold an influential government.â Zoi, an Al Gore acolyte was a DOE Insider from 2009 until 2011, and she is not only tied to PG&E but other stimulus winners.

Still, PG&E was another client of the top DC lobbyist, McBee Strategic Consulting, of which I divulged in my September 2013 Green Corruption File. As reported by the Washington Free Beacon in 2012, â PG&E has become an aggressive buyer of power supplied by solar, wind, and other renewable sources, in large part due to statutory requirements under Californiaâ s Renewable Portfolio Standard, which mandated that 20 percent of the utilityâ s electricity come from renewable sources by 2010 â and 33 percent by 2020.â

The big win for this huge energy corporation is that they have an invested interest in seven Energy Department stimulus loans worth \$7.6 billion. Moreover, with the exception of BrightSource Energyâ s \$1.6 project, of which we now know from an email Dated January 4, 2010, that Peter Darbee, then CEO of PG&E, had himself spoken to President Obama about this deal, the rest of the loans were finalized between June and September 2011. While the details into these taxpayer-funded projects can be found in my April 2013 post, hereâ s an overview.

Agua Caliente Solar Power Project located in Yuma, Arizona, of which â PG&E will purchase the projectâ s power and deliver it to customers in California.â Project by NRG Solar: \$967 million loan guarantee

BrightSource Energy development located in Baker, CA, of which â electricity from the project will be sold under long-term power purchase agreements with Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison Company (SCE).â Project by NRG Energy, Inc. (BrightSource): \$1.6 billion loan guarantee

California Valley Solar Ranch of which the 250-megawatt is under construction in eastern San Luis Obispo County, and â is generating clean, reliable solar power for transmission over PG&Eâ s utility grid.â Project by NRG Solar and SunPower is still involved: \$1.237 billion loan guarantee

Desert Sunlight Project located in Riverside, CA, with the PPA (purchase power agreement) listed as Southern California Edison and PG&E. This is a First Solar



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Project that is co-owned by NextEra Energy Resources, GE Energy Financial Services, and Sumitomo Corporation of America: partial guarantee of \$1.46 billion

Genesis Solar Energy Project located in Riverside County, CA of which â power from the project will be sold to Pacific Gas and Electric Company.â Project by NextEra Energy Resources, LLC: partial guarantee of \$852 million loan

Mesquite Solar 1, LLC located in Maricopa County, AZ, of which Bloomberg News had reported at the time the DOE loan was approved, â Sempra will sell electricity from the Mesquite Solar 1 plant to Californiaâ s largest utility, PG&E Corp., under a 20-year contract.â Project by Sempra Mesquite: \$337 million loan guarantee

Mojave Solar located in San Bernardino County, CA, of which at the time of the DOE loan approval (September 2011), â Abengoa signed a power-purchase agreement with PG&E to buy the energy produced by the project for a period of 25 years.â Project by the Spanish firm Abengoa Solar, Inc.: \$1.2 billion loan guarantee

Meanwhile, my May 2013 â Smart Grid, Dirty Devicesâ divulges PG&Eâ s partnership with Silver Spring Networks on many fronts (PG&E is their top customer). Silver Springs is the the lucky smart-grid technology company that I mentioned earlier, who has an array of White House connections â â Foundation Capital, Kleiner Perkins and Google â â and as of January 2013 is linked to at least \$1.3 billion in smart-grid stimulus grants.

But thereâ s moreâ |

PG&E won a significant amount of stimulus money for various projects, of which last year I found at least seventeen that added up to over \$55 million of tax dollars.

PG&E also bagged at least four stimulus 1603 grants in 2012 and 2013 (for fuel cell, hydropower and solar) totaling \$127.2 million.

SolarCity and SunRun, who both won large sums of stimulus money (duly noted in this post), are in cahoots with P.G.&E. Corporation, the California utility holding companyâ s tax-equity fund to finance residential solar installations.

**CAPâ S 2011 & 2012 DONORS: Clean-Energy Money Winners (referred to as â American Progress Business Alliance Membersâ )**

## **Energy/Utilities**

### **#8) American Electric Power (AEP):**

While I found that AEP (between 2009 and 2010) was awarded at least four stimulus grants totaling \$740 million, which was detailed in my March 2013 Green Corruption File, there is more to share. According to Schweizerâ s bombshell book, â in the first quarter of 2009, Soros made an initial purchase of more than 1.5 million shares in American Electric Power (AEP), a utility company that invested heavily in an energy project called FutureGen.â

This was a project that had been abandoned by the Bush administration; however, on June 12, 2009, the Obama administration revived FutureGen: â a federal-industry

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partnership that would build an advanced coal-burning power plant in Illinois to trap and store carbon dioxide emissions.â After Obama took office, he not only restarted FutureGen with \$1 billion from the stimulus package, but he moved the project to Meredosia.

The FutureGen Industrial Alliance â was formed to partner with the U.S. Department of Energy on the FutureGen project.â At that time it was a consortium of major coal and utility companies such as American Electric Power Co. Inc. and Peabody Energy Corp. Just thirteen days later, both AEP and Southern Co withdrew from the U.S.-government backed FuturGen project.

Despite ongoing drama, cost overruns and delays, as well as potential air pollution and other matters; back in February 2013, the FutureGen project was moving forward. While AEP was gone, we did find Ameren Corp (another Soros timely investment) along the way. Currently the FutureGen Industrial Alliance includes Alpha Natural Resources, Joy Global Inc, Peabody Energy, Xstrata Coal Pty Limited, and another CAP corporate donor, Anglo American (up next).

#9) Anglo American (confirmed donor since 2012, listed under energy/utility):

As detailed above, Anglo American, â one of the worldâ s largest mining companies, is headquartered in the UK and listed on the London and Johannesburg stock exchanges,â is now part of the FutureGen project funded with green energy funds. This past January, the Energy Department â gave the long-planned FutureGen clean-coal project one of the final OKs [and \$1 billion] it needs to start building,â announced the Daily Journal.

According to most reports, â If all goes according to plan, the FutureGen project should be fully operational by 2017 and continue commercial operations for at least 20 years.â

#10) Constellation Energy:

Again, this is one of those twelve alternative energy and utility companies that another Soros had invested in shortly having helped craft the 2009 stimulus package that I had alluded to in the beginning of this post (exposed in my March 2013 Green Corruption File). I found that Constellation, an Exelon Company, which is labeled as â the presidentâ s utility,â was another top 2008 Obama donor and big winner of â greenâ funds. Constellation received a \$200 million stimulus grant, of which since they are (were) the parent of Baltimore Gas and Electric Co, Iâ m assuming the \$200 million smart-grid grant (awarded in October 2009) that went to BGE is the one Schweizer had mentioned in his book (unless they got another \$200 million for something else).

Moreover, according to the Washington Free Beacon, â Constellation is one of the most prolific providers of green energy to federally owned facilities, sporting contracts with the General Services Administration (GSA) for the U.S. Capitol building, the Federal Reserve, the Smithsonian Institution, the United Nations building in New York, and a host of federal buildings in several states.â

#11) Dow Corning (Silicone Manufacturing/Solar):

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In January 2010, two manufacturing tax credits were awarded from the 48C stimulus-created program for solar projects in Michigan. The tax credits included â \$141.9 million for Hemlock Semiconductorâ s (a joint venture of Dow Corning Corporation and others) expansion of its Michigan polycrystalline silicon operations, and \$27.3 million for a monosilane plant Dow Corning is building.â

By 2012, Hemlock Semiconductor announced that they â were postponing three of the four phases of their \$1.2 billion plant in Tennessee,â of which the state of Tennessee had committed \$245 million to Hemlock â â some of which was stimulus funds. In 2013, the company began laying off hundreds of workers at their Clarksville plant â â even 100 were from their facility in Michigan (March 2013), and 50 more in May 2013. With the future of their plants unknown, â Dow Corning Corp. announced [November 2013] that it is acquiring a bigger stake in Hemlock Semiconductor.â So, here we have two more failing stimulus-funded projects that we need to watch â â and a CAP donor ta boot.

#### #12) Duke Energy:

As duly noted, Duke Energy â â the nationâ s largest electric power company â â has been a client of the Podesta Group since 2009. Jim Rogers, the chairman of Duke Energy, is another Obama donor, who was a major player at the 2012 Democratic convention, as a contributor, creditor, host, and even a speaker.

While Duke Energy is worthy of additional scrutiny, my January 2013, Big Wind Story documented that in 2011, Duke Energy was the recipient of a \$22 million grant from the DOEâ s ARPA-E advanced energy research program that was funded by the 2009 stimulus package. This was â to design, build and install large-scale batteries to store wind energy at one of its wind farms in Texas.â

Then in May 2013 (previously dated June 2010), Notrees Windpower â â a project of Duke Energy located in Texas â â was handed a stimulus grant from the 1603 Program for \$103.6 million. And after a quick glance, I found three 1603 stimulus grants for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC that were dished out in 2012 and 2013, totaling over \$62 million for â hydropowerâ and â solar electricity.â Duke Energy was also privy to the â smartâ money as well â â in 2009, the DOE awarded Duke Energy a \$200 million stimulus smart-grid grant to support projects in the Midwest.

#### #13) Enel Green Power North America:

In July 2012, Enel Green Power, through its US subsidiary Enel Green Power North America Inc., was awarded a grant for approximately \$99 million from the 2009-Recovery Act 1603 grant program for the construction of the Caney River wind farm in Kansas. The Caney River and the Rocky Ridge wind farm project includes J. P. Morgan as well as Wells Fargo Wind Holdings LLC and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

#### #14) First Solar (Solar Manufacturing and possibly a 2011 donor):

As Iâ ve alluded to many times in this post and others, First Solar has considerable ties to the Obama administration, starting with the fact that this solar firm was an

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early investment of Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street giant mentioned above as a CAP corporate donor since 2012 (maybe sooner).

In the mix we find another First Solar investor â â Generation Investment Management (GIM), which as you know, is Al Goreâ s sustainability firm tied to many green energy deals. Along the way we find a myriad of Obama billionaire cronies (donors and bundlers) that were also investors in First Solar: Ted Turner, Paul Tudor Jones, Whitney Tilson, David Shaw, as well as the fact George Soros bought First Solar stock sometime in late 2007, until about May 2011, as recorded at GuruFocus.com.

Prior to the \$3 billion in DOE stimulus loans, in 2010, First Solar snagged \$16.3 million â to expand its manufacturing facility to produce fully completed thinâ film solar modules,â in Ohio, which was part of the 2009-Recovery Act via the DOE / Treasury, Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits (48C). According to reports, â The Ohio Department of Development also lent First Solar \$5 million, and the stateâ s Air Quality Development Authority gave the company an additional \$10 million loanâ â â marking First Solarâ s Ohio facility as taxpayer-funded with over \$30 million.

But it gets better: First Solar, in 2011, â also scored \$547.7 million in loan guarantees [by the controversial taxpayer funded Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im)] to subsidize the sale of solar panels to solar farms abroad,â as documented by Veronique de Rugy (senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center) in her stunning assessment of DOEâ s Loan Program. Ms. de Rugy goes on, â More troubling is the fact that some of the Ex-Im money [\$192.9 million] went to a Canadian company named St. Clair Solar, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Solar, meaning that the company received a loan to buy solar panels from itself.â

This Ex-Im transaction even hits closer to CAP, starting with Carol Browner â â CAP fellow, former DOE insider, and Al Goreâ s pal â â who is sits on (and has for a while) the Advisory Committee of the Export-Import Bank.

Still, the Daily Caller last month, unearthed another alarming connection: â [First Solar] is not only listed as a CAP donor, but has also been listed as a client of the Albright Stonebridge Group (ASG) in 2011 â a lobbying firm founded by former Clinton Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. ASG is also listed as a CAP donor.â

And, it gets better, as reported The DC Coincidentally, Export-Import Bank President Fred Hochberg has spoken annually at CAP since 2011 â the same year First Solar got its loan. It is unknown whether the solar company was also a CAP donor at the time.

When Hochberg spoke at the progressive think tank in 2012, he mentioned that Alice Albright was in attendance â Madeleine Albrightâ s daughter and the Ex-Imâ s chief operating officer from 2009 to 2013. Hochberg spoke on June 25 and First Solar was awarded \$57.3 million in financing on July 18.

In 2011, Hochberg spoke on June 15 and, just over a week later on June 23, Ex-Im awarded First Solar millions more in financing. That year the taxpayer-backed export bank awarded First Solar nearly \$573 million to make their products more competitive abroad and boost their sales â most of that financing came after Hochberg gave his speech. First Solar Vice President Frank de Rosa was likely bundling donations for

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Obamaâ s reelection campaign around this time.

Nevertheless, the big money came from the Energy Department: First Solar, an Arizona-based manufacturer of solar panels, in August and September 2011, won three 1705 DOE â junk ratedâ stimulus loans totaling over \$3 billion. Marita Noon and I first covered the â First Solar Swindlerâ in the summer of 2012, which began by documenting how seven solar companies received fast-tracked approval by the Department of the Interior (DOI) to lease federal lands in a no-bid process:

Abengoa Solar, BrightSource Energy, First Solar, Nevada Geothermal Power, NextEra Energy Resources, Ormat Nevada, and SolarReserve.

Since then, weâ ve tracked First Solarâ s woes, which began since the finalization of these three large DOE loan guarantees â â projects, by the way, that were sold to more Obama â energyâ cronies just after the taxpayer funds were approved. However, First Solar remained involved in all of them.

#### The Projects

**Exelon (Antelope Valley Solar Ranch): \$646 million stimulus loan**

In September 2011, the same day that the Antelope Valley Solar Ranch, located in California, received a DOE loan guarantee for \$646 million, Exelon Corp. purchased it. First Solar, which developed the project, is still actively involved. The AVSR1 project, by the way, is expected to create 350 construction jobs and 20 permanent jobs.

The Chicago-based Exelon Corp, a big Obama donor and labeled as â The Presidentâ s Utility,â by itself is a huge piece of the Green Corruption scandal, which I have alluded to in the past and a another piece of the scandal in the works.

**NextEra Energy Resources, LLC (Desert Sunlight): \$1.46 billion stimulus loan**

The California Desert Sunlight, in September 2011 â â again the same day that this project received \$1.46 billion offer for a partial loan guarantee from the DOE â â was sold to NextEra Energy Resources, LLC, the competitive energy subsidiary of NextEra Energy, Inc. and GE Energy Financial Services. Yet, the September announcement also stated, â First Solar will continue to build and subsequently operate and maintain the project under separate agreements.â Both CEOâ s Jeffrey Immlet and Lewis Hay were featured in my â Green Five: Spreading the Wealth to Obamaâ s Ultra-Rich Jobs Council Membersâ series.

According to the DOE, Desert Sunlight, which is expected to create 550 construction jobs and 15 permanent jobs for the plantâ s operation, â will deploy commercially available First Solar Series 3 modules and is projected to achieve commercial operation by February 28, 2015.â

**NRG Solar, LLC (Agua Caliente): \$967 million stimulus loan**

In August 2011, as the \$967 million DOE loan guarantee for the Agua Caliente, located in Arizona, was announced, it was purchased from First Solar by NRG Solar, LLC, a subsidiary of NRG Energy. At that time it was noted that the First Solar will be

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providing the solar panels for this project, and that the plant, when completed, would supply power to PG&E.

According to the DOE, the Agua Caliente project â â considered another jobs creator with an expected 400 construction jobs and 10 permanent jobs â â â currently generates enough energy to power 49,600 households annually.â

Keep in mind that documented much earlier was Steve Spinner â â the two-time Obama bundler DOE advisor ( April 2009 to September 2010) turned CAP fellow (September 2010 to October 2011) â â and his part in the First Solar deal making, which included advocacy for the at least the Antelope Valley project. Nevertheless, there are additional CAP players here, starting with what The Nation revealed in May 2013:

JosÃ© Villarreal â a consultant at the power-â house law and lobbying firm Akin Gump, who â provides strategic counseling on a range of legal and policy issuesâ for â corporations â was on First Solarâ s board until April 2012 while also sitting on the board of CAP, where he remains a member, according to the groupâ s latest tax filing.

#### #15) First Wind

In my January 2013 Big Wind Story â â also a client of the top DC lobbyists McBee Strategic Consulting â â I exposed a â twister of sweetheart dealsâ found in the Department of Energyâ s junk bond portfolio, which included four risky wind projects. One of those was Kahuku Wind Power, LLC, a project of First Wind in Kahuku Oahu, HI, which in July 2010, was granted a \$117 million DOE stimulus loan, estimated to create a whopping 200 jobs. And then on February 3, 2012 this same project received a 1603 grantâ for over \$35 million [docket #2594 to \$35,148,839].

Sadly, in August 2012 a fire that destroyed First Windâ s battery storage facility (built by Xtreme Power) and sent toxic fumes into the air, which left ratepayers in the dark over costs and safety. And, it was reported on January 23, 2014 that â Xtreme Power ran out of cash and filed for bankruptcy,â â â NOTE: Xtreme Power built the energy storage system for Duke Energyâ s Notrees wind energy farm in Texas, another winner of stimulus funds, listed above.

The First Wind plan was to secure taxpayer money and then go public. Now they achieved their first objective with the help of U.S. taxpayers, because and as of July 2012, First Windâ s projects have also received over \$452 million in grants through the stimulusâ 1603 Program.

- First Windâ s Stetson Wind Farm in Maine â â \$40,441,471
- Cohocton Wind Farm in New York, \$52,352,334
- Dutch Hill Wind Farm In New York, \$22,296,494
- Milford Wind Corridor Phase I In Utah; \$120,147,809
- Milford Wind Corridor Phase II In Utah, \$80,436,803
- Rollins Wind Farm In Maine; \$53,246,347
- Sheffield Wind Farm In Vermont, \$35,914,864
- Kahuku Wind Farm In Hawaii, \$35,148,839
- Steel Winds II Wind Farm In New York, \$12,778,75

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However, in November 2010, Bloomberg announced, â First Wind Holdings Inc., the operator of wind-energy projects backed by D.E. Shaw & Co. and Madison Dearborn Partners LLC, said it withdrew its initial public offering because of unfavorable market conditionsâ thatâ s code for â weak demand.â

Speaking of IPOâ sâ ;

Within the House Oversight leaked emails that were unleashed late October 2012, more specifically the 350+ page Appendix II (â 2012 Internal DOE Email Dumpâ ), we find that just months prior to the final approval of the Kahuka loan there was intense interaction within the DOE regarding this transactionâ ;

â Someone is pressing Jonathan [Jonathan Silver is the former Executive Director of the Loan Program Office] who is now pressing hard on the everyone as the sponsor has an IPO in the works.â

This and more can be found in my Big Wind Story, including a the fact the first-rate, high-powered political ties to First Wind are vast, starting with D.E. Shaw & Co, a New York-based investment firm that is a backer of First Wind Holdings Inc. (also an investor in First Solar). This was noted when I profiled Larry Summers from CAP â â adding that, according to Peter Schweizer, â Larry Summers was part owner of First Wind.â

The founder of the hedge fund DE Shaw & Co., David Shaw, is a two-time Obama bundler, who employed Larry Summers before heading to the Obama White House, as the top economic advisor. It turns out that in 2011, according to BusinessInsider.com, Shaw, a computer scientist and computational biochemist, was â appointed by Obama to serve on the Presidentâ s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology.â

As revealed by Peter Schweizer, â another 42 percent of First Wind is owned by Madison Dearborn Partners, an investment firm with close ties [and friend of] to then-White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. The founder of the firm, David Canning, had been a bundler for George W. Bush. But he switched sides in 2008 and gave heavily to Obama. Madison Dearborn gave more to Emanuelâ s congressional campaigns than did any other business.â

While the GOP found that â Julia Bovey, First Windâ s Director of External Affairs, was formerly Director of External Affairs for Obamaâ s Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (June 2009 to June 2010),â there is much bigger fish here. All government backed green comes with a slew of lobbyists, and First Wind is no different â â enter in Larry Raskyâ s Lobbying Firm with ties to the top.

Larry Rasky, â a longtime confidant and campaign strategistâ of Vice President Joe Biden, was also a 2012 Obama bundler, and since Obama took office, â Rasky has visited the White House at least 21 Times,â half of which were during the course of the DOE loan review process (Data.gov, Accessed 7/18/12). Moreover, we know that in 2009, about the time the 2009-Recovery Act passed, First Wind retained lobbyists Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications as well as Brownstein, Hyatt et al, who is primarily a Democrat donor, with some Republicans in the mix â â and as of 2012, maintains the work of Rasky. .

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#### #16) General Motors (donor in 2011)

As I divulged at the beginning of this post, General Motors (GM) â â a CAP donor in 2011 â â was a client of the Podesta Group from 2010 until 2012. Even after the taxpayers bailed out General Motors in 2009 (over \$80 billion â â \$17.5 billion under Bush and \$63.4 billion from Obama), of which we lost at least \$14 billion, green energy taxpayer money continues to subsidize the failed auto maker. This time, though, was for GMâ s hybrid electric vehicle the Chevy Volt â â a car thatâ s not doing very well.

What Iâ ve tracked so far is that starting in 2009 until recently, GM has bagged hundreds of millions of stimulus dollars ( \$471.6 million to be exact) to support the Chevy Volt as well as green car components, of which Iâ ll share the details when I dissect the CAP corporate donors.

According to the January 25, 2012 House Oversight Reportâ ;

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) appropriated \$2.4 billion for domestic production of batteries and components for electric cars. Of this, \$1.5 billion in grants were directed toward manufacturing the batteries, while the remaining \$900 million went to building new facilities or improving existing facilities to produce electric drive components. This included \$151.4 million to Michigan-based Compact Power, Inc., for production of lithium-ion polymer battery cells for the GM Volt; \$105.9 million directly to GM for production of high-volume battery packs for the Volt; \$105 million to GM to construct facilities for electric drive systems; and \$89.3 million to Delphi Automotive Systems, a former division of GM, to expand manufacturing facilities for electric drive power components.

Also, â buyers of the Volt will receive a federal tax credit of up to \$7,500 of per vehicleâ as well as state tax credits.

Then, lo and behold, on December 12, 2013, Think Progress â â CAPâ s propaganda machine â â announced, â Ford Motor Company and General Motors Company will receive a combined \$50 million to support their respective manufacturing facilities that produce electric cars.â This was from the stimulus-created 48C Program, of which GMâ s share was \$20 million for â its Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Plant where the company manufactures Extended Range Electric Vehiclesâ Chevrolet Volts and the Cadillac ELR electric luxury coupe â along with internal combustion cars.â

#### #17) Xcel Energy:

Whatâ s interesting is that Xcel Energy was in the loop with Cogentrix Energy, a subsidiary of Goldman Sachs, which in September 2011, snagged a \$90.6 million DOE stimulus loan for the Alamosa Solar Generating Project. Then on July 16, 2012, Cogentrix bagged a \$34.6 million stimulus grant (free taxpayer money) from the 1603 Grant Program â â Iâ m assuming this is for the same project.



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Whatâ s interesting (see graph with Goldman Sachs stimulus loans) is that the partners involved in this project included utility Xcel Energy (XEL), which signed a 20-year contract to buy enough CPV power to supply electricity to 6,500 homes; and Amonix, the California-based company that will supply the CPV panels â â Amonix (complete with Obama buddies) was subsidized with \$29.6 million of taxpayer money before it went bankrupt in July 18, 2012. What a scamâ ;

Also, according to MinnPost.com, in 2010, Minnesotaâ s Senator Al Franken visited Mulroyâ s Body Shop â to highlight the use of federal stimulus funds in creating jobs and boosting the alternative energy economy.â It turns out that the owner had 174 solar panels installed on the roof of his Nicollet Avenue body shop in South Minneapolis. And that â Minneapolis-based Solarflow Energy installed the system and is leasing the equipment to Mulroyâ s under contract with Xcel Energy. The lease agreement also includes installation, maintenance and support. The federal stimulus funds deliver a grant-in-lieu of a 30 percent tax credit on the value of the installation to Solarflow.â Solarflow start-up was partially funded through an Xcel Energy Renewable Development Fund grant of \$1.5 million.

While Xcel was omitted from the \$3.4 billion in stimulus smart-grid grants in 2009, for their highly touted \$100 million â Smart Grid Cityâ project in Boulder, Colorado did snag about \$24.2 million in federal economic stimulus money for â Smart Gridâ updates to the stateâ s power grid and customer meters. Still, Xcel Energy is slapping ratepayers with the bill: â In 2010, Xcel found itself asking Colorado regulators for permission to recoup \$44.5 million in rate increases, but the Colorado Public Utilities Commission only gave it \$27.9 million,â as documented by GreenTechMedia in 2012. And it seems that while they were seeking another \$16.6 million in 2012 for their Smart Grid City mess, â The Colorado Public Utility Commission (recently) denied Xcelâ s request to recover a big chunk of that \$45 million,â reported Smart Grid News in August 2013.

## **Criminal cartel charges to be laid against Deutsche Bank**

Further to its earlier statement regarding criminal cartel charges expected to be laid by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) against ANZ and its Group Treasurer Rick Moscati, the ACCC can confirm that Deutsche Bank AG is one of the two other companies against which charges are expected to be laid, along with a number of individuals.

The expected charges follow an extensive ACCC criminal cartel investigation.

The ACCC will not make any further comment until charges are laid.

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## **Crooked Hillary Clinton Bundlers Stand to Benefit from Pledged Green Energy Subsidies**

**Clintonâ s cadre of Chicago fundraisers helped devise previous government scam vehicles**



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Investors in some of the nationâ s most heavily subsidized green energy companies are among the top campaign fundraisers for Hillary Clinton, who has pledged to step up government support for wind, solar, and other renewable energy companies.

Clintonâ s green energy investor bundlers have been deeply involved in prior efforts at the state and federal levels to secure taxpayer funds for such companies. A Clinton presidency would virtually guarantee additional subsidies and government incentives.

"I met yesterday in Chicago with a big group of clean renewable energy businesses and they're just ready to go," she said at an Iowa campaign stop in November. "But they need some help from the government."

That meeting was in fact a campaign fundraiser at the home of Michael Polsky, the chairman and chief executive of green energy firm Invenergy. He is one of a handful of [Illinois-based bundlers](#) for Clintonâ s campaign who are deeply involved in the green energy industry, and have leveraged political connections to steer taxpayer funds to that industry.

Invenergy itself is a major beneficiary of federal subsidies. It is in the top three percent of recipients of federal grant money through the Treasury Departmentâ s Section 1603 program, which provides grants in lieu of

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renewable energy investment tax credits.

The company received more than \$20 million in 1603 grants in 2012, according to Treasury data. Just 13 other companies in Illinois received more money through that program.

In addition to his career in the business, Polsky founded and currently co-chairs a taxpayer-supported nonprofit called the Clean Energy Trust (CET), created in 2010 to connect green energy businesses and potential investors.

The groupâ s other co-chair is Nicholas Pritzker, a Clinton donor and member of the rich and powerful Chicago family that includes J.B. and M.K. Pritzker, who are also bundling donations to Clintonâ s campaign. The J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Foundation has donated between \$10 million and \$25 million to the Clinton Foundation.

Another Clinton bundler, Antonio Gracias, serves as CETâ s treasurer. He, Polsky, and Nicholas Pritzker sit on its board. All three were listed as founders of the group when it received its first grant from the Department of Energy, for \$1.05 million in 2010.

Like Polsky, Pritzker and Gracias have significant financial stakes in the green energy industry, and have benefitted from government support for it.

Both are investors in billionaire Elon Muskâ s solar company SolarCity and luxury electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla Motors. The two companies, which have received billions of dollars in state and federal taxpayer support, are currently considering a merger.

The Podesta Group, a lobbying firm founded by Clinton bundler Tony Podesta and his brother, campaign chairman John Podesta, currently represents SolarCity. The firmâ s work of late has focused on preserving the companyâ s stream of federal tax credits.

When Pritzker, Polsky, and Gracias sought support for green energy companies in Illinois, they sought more direct cash payments. According to federal spending records, DOE has given the group about \$2.6 million since its founding.

The CET also received a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration in 2014. The EDA is a division of the Department of Commerce, which is run by Penny Pritzker, Nicholasâ s cousin.

Penny Pritzker announced a \$250,000 grant for another green energy investment firm created by the state of Illinois, called the Energy Foundry, in February. That firm, which is advised by CET, has since invested in two winners of CETâ s annual clean energy startup pitch competition.

The CET teamed up with Illinoisâ s Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in 2014 to set up a new venture capital firm called the Illinois Clean Energy Fund. The state of Illinois put up \$2.3 million in federal funds to support the firm, matched by contributions from CET.

The idea was to use CETâ s pitch contest to vet and select grantees. The fund is "managed by the Clean Energy Trust," according to a state description of the program.

That description also cites a model for the effort in a separate investment fund set up by the DCEO in 2007. The Illinois Innovation Accelerator Fund (I2A) was "established in 2007 to make venture investments by two founding investors: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and JB Pritzker."

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By teaming up with the government, Pritzker was able to steer taxpayer subsidies to companies in which he was also investing in a personal capacity.

Both I2A and Pritzker Group Venture Capital (then called New World Ventures) invested in SitterCity, a classifieds site for PizzaGate babysitters, home care workers, and other service jobs, in 2011. The following year, both invested in digital marketing company BrightTag (now called Signal).

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY DENIES ALL WHISTLE-BLOWER COMPLAINTS AND ATTACKS THE WHISTLE-BLOWERS

October 19, 2018

WBA-17-0007 - In the Matter of John Smallman

Appeal Denied

August 23, 2018

WBZ3-17-0007/WBH-17-0007 - In the Matter of John Smallman

Whistleblower Hearing; complaint denied

July 2, 2018

WBH-17-0008 - In the Matter of Yolanda A. Parker

Whistleblower Hearing; complaint denied

May 3, 2018

WBU-18-0004 - In the Matter of Erik DeBenedictis

On May 03, 2018, the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) denied the appeal by Mr. Erik DeBenedictis (Appellant)

February 1, 2018

WBU-17-0006 - In the Matter of Michelle B. Bryant

Jurisdictional Appeal; granted; untimeliness

December 14, 2017

WBA-17-0010 - In the Matter of Anthony T. Rivera

Initial Agency Decision Appeal; denied

September 29, 2017

WBU-17-0009 - In the Matter Ronald A. Walli

Jurisdictional Appeal; granted; pending EEO complaint, untimeliness.

August 25, 2017

WBZ-17-0003 - In the Matter of Los Alamos National Security LLC

Whistleblower Proceeding; granted in part; Motion to Dismiss

August 4, 2017

WBU-17-0007 - In the Matter of John Smallman

Jurisdictional Appeal; granted; exhaustion of grievance procedures

July 12, 2017

WBU-16-0005 - In the Matter of Charles K. MacLeod

WhistleBlower Jurisdictional Appeal.

February 28, 2017

WBA-16-0006 - Dr. Shou-Yuan Zhang

On February 28, 2017, OHA denied an Appeal of an Initial Agency Decision, dismissing a Complaint of Retaliation filed by Dr. Shou-Yuan Zhang...

January 6, 2017

WBH-16-0006 - In the Matter of Dr. Shou-Yuan Zhang

This Decision will consider Responses to an Order to Show Cause filed by Dr. Shou-Yuan Zhang and Brookhaven Science Associates (BSA), the...

November 17, 2016

WBU-16-0008 - In the Matter of Jim Kapsales

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On November 17, 2016, OHA denied an Appeal of a dismissal of a Complaint filed by Mr. Jim Kapsales against Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL)...

August 12, 2016

WBU-16-0007 - In the Matter of Charles Dalton

On August 12, 2016, OHA granted an Appeal of a dismissal of a Complaint filed by Mr. Charles Dalton against BWX Technologies, Inc. (BWXT) under the...

August 3, 2016

WBU-16-0005 - In the Matter of Charles K. MacLeod (Reconsideration)

Reconsideration Issued: August 3, 2016

July 14, 2016

WBU-16-0006 - In the Matter Dr. Shou-Yuan Zhang

On July 14, 2016, OHA granted an Appeal involving a Complaint filed by Dr. Shou-Yuan Zhang against Brookhaven Science Associates (BSA) under the...

May 16, 2016

WBU-16-0004 - In the Matter of Richard Lusby

On May 16, 2016, OHA denied an Appeal of a dismissal of a Complaint filed by Richard Lusby against Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) under...

March 4, 2016

WBU-16-0001 - In the Matter Robert Schweiger

On March 4, 2016, OHA denied an Appeal of a dismissal of a Complaint filed by Robert Schweiger against Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) under the...

December 31, 2015

WBA-15-0009 - In the Matter of Sandra Black

On December 31, 2015, OHA denied an Appeal involving a Complaint filed by Sandra Black against Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) under...

December 28, 2015

WBA-14-0001 - In the Matter of Krishnan Balasubramanian

On December 28, 2015, OHA denied an Appeal involving a Complaint filed by Krishnan Balasubramanian (Balasubramanian) against Lawrence Livermore...

July 21, 2015

WBZ-14-0012 - In the Matter of UChicago Argonne LLC

On July 21, 2015, an OHA Administrative Judge granted in part and denied in part a Motion for Summary Judgment filed by UChicago Argonne LLC ...

July 7, 2015

WBU-15-0007 - In the Matter of Stacey Kittner

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On July 7, 2015, the OHA issued a decision granting in part a jurisdictional appeal filed by Ms. Stacey Kittner, a former senior member of the...

May 29, 2015

[WBA-15-0001 - In the Matter of Robert J. Schumacher](#)

On May 29, 2015, OHA granted an Appeal involving a complaint filed by Robert J. Schumacher (Schumacher) against Bechtel National, Inc. (Bechtel), a...

April 2, 2015

[WBU-15-0003 - In the Matter of Charles W. Trask III](#)

On April 2, 2015, the OHA issued a decision denying, due to lack of jurisdiction, an Appeal filed by Mr. Charles W. Trask III of the dismissal of...

March 9, 2015

[WBA-14-0006 - In the Matter of Anthony T. Rivera](#)

On March 9, 2015, OHA denied an Appeal of the dismissal of a complaint filed by Anthony T. Rivera (Rivera) against Lawrence Livermore National...



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#### 38 Contractor Matches

| Contractor name   | Instances | Penalties       |
|---|-----------|-----------------|
| <a href="#"><u>Westinghouse Electric Corp.</u></a>                                  | 6         | \$46,438,250    |
| <a href="#"><u>Washington Group International</u></a>                               | 4         | \$1,610,179     |
| <a href="#"><u>Valero Energy Corp.</u></a>  | 42        | \$307,737,369   |
| <a href="#"><u>UT-Battelle LLC</u></a>  | 6         | \$625,000       |
| <a href="#"><u>URS Corporation</u></a>  | 18        | \$78,642,747    |
| <a href="#"><u>University of Chicago</u></a>  | 6         | \$29,984,820    |
| <a href="#"><u>University of California</u></a>                                     | 33        | \$73,394,092    |
| <a href="#"><u>U.S. Department of Energy</u></a>                                    | 0         | \$0             |
| <a href="#"><u>Stanford University</u></a>  | 1         | \$0             |
| <a href="#"><u>Savannah River Nuclear Solutions</u></a>                             | 3         | \$3,611,151     |
| <a href="#"><u>Parsons Corporation</u></a>  | 6         | \$9,360,826     |
| <a href="#"><u>National Technology and Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC</u></a> | 0         | \$0             |
| <a href="#"><u>National Security Technologies, LLC</u></a>                          | 5         | \$401,250       |
| <a href="#"><u>McDermott, Inc.</u></a>  | 9         | \$50,773,750    |
| <a href="#"><u>Los Alamos National Security LLC</u></a>                             | 5         | \$58,364,315    |
| <a href="#"><u>Lockheed Martin</u></a>  | 86        | \$767,456,083   |
| <a href="#"><u>Lawrence Livermore Natâ l Security</u></a>                           | 3         | \$37,450,000    |
| <a href="#"><u>KBR</u></a>  | 39        | \$170,819,284   |
| <a href="#"><u>Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.</u></a>                               | 3         | \$37,500,000    |
| <a href="#"><u>Halliburton</u></a>  | 34        | \$3,339,625,801 |
| <a href="#"><u>General Electric</u></a>   | 62        | \$648,594,796   |
| <a href="#"><u>General Dynamics</u></a>   | 23        | \$280,287,952   |
| <a href="#"><u>G4S PLC</u></a>  | 29        | \$32,360,050    |
| <a href="#"><u>Fluor Corporation</u></a>  | 40        | \$205,210,183   |
| <a href="#"><u>Exxon Mobil</u></a>  | 101       | \$3,244,500,407 |
| <a href="#"><u>CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC</u></a>   | 1         | \$55,000        |
| <a href="#"><u>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.</u></a>                                    | 22        | \$27,280,923    |

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| <b>Contractor name</b>                           | <b>Instances</b> | <b>Penalties</b> |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b><u>Caddell Construction Co., Inc.</u></b>     | 3                | \$3,150,100      |
| <b><u>Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC</u></b> | 6                | \$987,095        |
| <b><u>BP P.L.C.</u></b>                          | 77               | \$34,452,635,522 |
| <b><u>Boeing Company</u></b>                     | 69               | \$1,457,163,493  |
| <b><u>Bechtel Corporation</u></b>                | 33               | \$452,733,775    |
| <b><u>Bechtel Bettis, Inc.</u></b>               | 0                | \$0              |
| <b><u>Battelle Memorial Institute</u></b>        | 6                | \$915,550        |
| <b><u>Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC</u></b>      | 3                | \$786,250        |
| <b><u>BAE Systems</u></b>                        | 23               | \$596,264,756    |
| <b><u>Alliance for Sustainable Energy</u></b>    | 0                | \$0              |
| <b><u>AECOM Technology Corporation</u></b>       | 7                | \$263,871,900    |

### **134 Misconduct Matches**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Instance</b>  | <b>Penalties</b>    |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 9/30/2013   | <b><u>Audit of Quality Assurance at Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                    | \$0                 |
| 9/3/2003    | <b><u>Radiation Protection Deficiencies at Lawrence Livermore Lab (2003)</u></b><br>University of California                           | \$137,500           |
| 9/3/1999    | <b><u>Radiological Violations at Los Alamos Lab (1999)</u></b><br>University of California   | \$220,000           |
| 9/28/2018   | <b><u>UC Davis-Old Campus Landfill Superfund Site Cleanup</u></b><br>University of California  | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 9/28/2007   | <b><u>Violations of Classified Information Security Requirements at Los Alamos National Laboratory</u></b><br>University of California | \$2,800,000         |
| 9/27/2000   | <b><u>DOE Rule Violations at Lawrence Livermore Lab</u></b><br>University of California  | \$82,500            |
| 9/26/2014   | <b><u>Violations of Classified Information Security Program Requirements</u></b><br>National Security Technologies, LLC                | \$110,000           |
| 9/22/2011   | <b><u>Hanford P-Card False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Act Liability</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.                             | \$1,500,000         |
| 9/21/1998   | <b><u>Radiological Violations at Los Alamos Lab (1998)</u></b><br>University of California   | \$112,500           |
| 9/20/2010   | <b><u>Deficient Oversight of Hanford Waste Treatment Plant Suppliers</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                                    | \$170,000           |
| 9/2/2015    | <b><u>Salt Waste Processing Facility False Claims</u></b><br>Parsons Corporation   | \$3,800,000         |
| 9/15/2008   | <b><u>Violation of the DOE Contractor Employee Protection Program (Hanford)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                             | \$41,250            |
| 9/13/2001   | <b><u>Exposing Employees to Explosion Hazards</u></b><br>BP P.L.C.   | \$141,000           |
| 9/1/2011    | <b><u>September 2010 Radiological Contamination at Knolls Atomic Power</u></b>   | \$412,500           |

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| Date      | Instance  | Penalties           |
|-----------|---|---------------------|
|           | <b><u>Laboratory</u></b><br>URS Corporation   |                     |
| 8/8/2016  | <b><u>Waste Handling Violations at Hanford T-Plant</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.                                       | \$0                 |
| 8/7/2018  | <b><u>Alleged False Claims in Connection With a Hanford Site Subcontract</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                           | \$124,440           |
| 8/4/2017  | <b><u>Unauthorized Disclosure of Classified Information at Oak Ridge</u></b><br>UT-Battelle LLC                               | \$120,000           |
| 8/29/2013 | <b><u>2011 Safety and Health Violations at Brookhaven National Lab</u></b><br>Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC              | \$959,595           |
| 8/29/2003 | <b><u>DOE Enforcement Action (2003)</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.  | \$82,500            |
| 8/28/2003 | <b><u>RCRA and False Claims Act Violations at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                      | \$5,000,000         |
| 8/28/2000 | <b><u>Nuclear Safety Violations (Oak Ridge, TN)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin  | \$1,045,000         |
| 8/27/2007 | <b><u>Somers v. Fluor Hanford (PCB Spill)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$0                 |
| 8/25/2005 | <b><u>Radiological Violations (2005)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation   | \$33,000            |
| 8/23/2012 | <b><u>Vander Boegh v. Bechtel Jacobs Company (False Claims at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation | \$230,000           |
| 8/22/2011 | <b><u>Nuclear Safety Violations (2011)</u></b><br>National Security Technologies, LLC   | \$178,750           |
| 8/21/2015 | <b><u>Using Federal Funds for Lobbying</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin   | \$4,790,042         |
| 8/20/1999 | <b><u>Nuclear Waste Storage Violation (Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin    | \$220,000           |
| 8/18/2009 | <b><u>OSHA Violations at Sealy, Texas Facility</u></b><br>BAE Systems   | \$138,000           |
| 8/14/1997 | <b><u>Radioactive Work Control Deficiencies (Sandia National Laboratories)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                         | \$56,250            |
| 8/14/1996 | <b><u>Radiological Control Deficiencies (Sandia National Laboratories)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                             | \$5,000             |
| 7/30/2015 | <b><u>Ford v. Bechtel National, et al. (Whistleblower Retaliation)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                             | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 7/29/1997 | <b><u>Radioactive/Nuclear Safety Deficiencies</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$10,000            |
| 7/28/1998 | <b><u>Worker Safety Infractions at Lawrence Livermore Lab (1998)</u></b><br>University of California                          | \$153,750           |
| 7/26/2010 | <b><u>Oerman v. Wackenhut Services (Racial Discrimination/Retaliation)</u></b><br>G4S PLC                                     | \$0                 |

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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Instance</b>   | <b>Penalties</b>    |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 7/25/2000   | <b><u>Equipment Safety Violations</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$100,000           |
| 7/24/2000   | <b><u>Worker Plutonium Exposure (Savannah River Site)</u></b><br>Westinghouse Electric Corp.  | \$220,000           |
| 7/2/2015    | <b><u>Black v. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (Whistleblower Retaliation)</u></b><br>Savannah River Nuclear Solutions                             | \$371,776           |
| 7/2/2009    | <b><u>OSHA Violations at Delaware City Refinery</u></b><br>Valero Energy Corp.  | \$107,500           |
| 7/2/1998    | <b><u>Violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act (PCBs)</u></b><br>General Dynamics  | \$13,600            |
| 7/2/1998    | <b><u>Toxic Substances Control Act Violation (PCBs â 1998)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin   | \$12,750            |
| 7/18/2013   | <b><u>Clean Water Act Violation at XTO Energyâ s Penn Township Facility</u></b><br>Exxon Mobil  | \$20,100,000        |
| 7/18/2000   | <b><u>Radioactive Contamination of Workers (Savannah River Site)</u></b><br>Westinghouse Electric Corp.   | \$220,000           |
| 6/8/1998    | <b><u>Nuclear Safety Violations (Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                                | \$125,000           |
| 6/7/2018    | <b><u>Alleged Hanford Site Small Business Subcontract Fraud</u></b><br>AECOM Technology Corporation, Bechtel Corporation, CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd. | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 6/7/2004    | <b><u>Violations of the Quality Assurance Rule</u></b><br>McDermott, Inc.   | \$82,500            |
| 6/5/2008    | <b><u>Radioactive Waste Spill at Hanford Tank Farm</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$302,500           |
| 6/30/2010   | <b><u>Submitting False Reports for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Land Energy Production</u></b><br>BP P.L.C.   | \$5,189,800         |
| 6/29/2009   | <b><u>Hydrocarbon Flaring Violations at Delaware City Refinery</u></b><br>Valero Energy Corp.   | \$86,250            |
| 6/28/2007   | <b><u>Air and Water Pollution and Hazardous Waste Violations (Delaware City, DE)</u></b><br>Valero Energy Corp.                                     | \$6,255,000         |
| 6/26/2000   | <b><u>Failure to Obtain Export Licenses (Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore Labs)</u></b><br>University of California                                | \$0                 |
| 6/25/2000   | <b><u>Quality Problems With Piping at Waste Facility</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$50,000            |
| 6/21/2004   | <b><u>Radiological Protection Program Issues at Los Alamos Lab (2004)</u></b><br>University of California   | \$770,000           |
| 6/2/2008    | <b><u>Rocky Flats Radioactive Waste Pollution</u></b><br>Boeing Company   | \$89,400,000        |
| 6/19/2008   | <b><u>Meacham, et al. v. Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (Age Discrimination)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin   | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 6/19/2007   |   | \$55,000            |

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|-----------|---|-------------|
|           | <b><u>Nuclear Safety Violations</u></b>   |             |
|           | CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC  |             |
| 6/17/2011 | <b><u>Hanford P-Card False Claims Act and Anti-Kickback Act Liability</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation                                | \$4,000,000 |
| 6/16/2015 | <b><u>Material Handling and Ergonomic Program Deficiencies at Oak Ridge National Lab</u></b><br>UT-Battelle LLC                   | \$131,250   |
| 6/16/2010 | <b><u>False Claims at Savannah River Site</u></b><br>G4S PLC  | \$650,000   |
| 6/12/2002 | <b><u>Violations of Rules and Procedures at INEEL</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation  | \$41,250    |
| 6/1/2015  | <b><u>Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Safety Deficiencies</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                                 | \$800,000   |
| 5/31/2012 | <b><u>Material Handling Incidents at Hanford</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation   | \$150,000   |
| 5/28/2010 | <b><u>Air and Water Pollution Violations at Delaware City Refinery</u></b><br>Valero Energy Corp.                                 | \$1,945,000 |
| 5/27/2015 | <b><u>Classified Information Security Event at Los Alamos National Lab</u></b><br>Los Alamos National Security LLC                | \$247,500   |
| 5/27/2015 | <b><u>Violations of Classified Information Requirements at Sandia National Laboratories</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                | \$577,500   |
| 5/22/2008 | <b><u>Oak Ridge National Lab â DoE Inspector General Report</u></b><br>UT-Battelle LLC  | \$0         |
| 5/21/2007 | <b><u>Nuclear Safety Quality Assurance Requirements Deficiencies (2007)</u></b><br>National Security Technologies, LLC            | \$0         |
| 5/20/2010 | <b><u>Firearm Discharge at Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center</u></b><br>Battelle Memorial Institute                 | \$0         |
| 5/19/2000 | <b><u>Violation of DOE Safety Procedures (Hanford)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation   | \$82,500    |
| 5/16/2005 | <b><u>Violations of Nuclear Safety Requirements</u></b><br>McDermott, Inc.  | \$123,750   |
| 5/14/2015 | <b><u>August 2014 Radiation Exposure at Oak Ridge National Lab</u></b><br>UT-Battelle LLC   | \$112,500   |
| 5/1/1996  | <b><u>Laul v. Battelle Memorial (Improper Accounting)</u></b><br>Battelle Memorial Institute                                      | \$330,000   |
| 4/8/2014  | <b><u>Incorrect Nuclear Facility Hazard Categorization at Argonne National Lab</u></b><br>University of Chicago                   | \$298,920   |
| 4/6/2004  | <b><u>Radiation Exposure and Falsification of Radiation Dose Records (Savannah River Site)</u></b><br>Westinghouse Electric Corp. | \$206,250   |
| 4/25/2018 | <b><u>Hanford WTP Worker Health and Safety Violations â November 2016</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                              | \$556,500   |

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|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 4/25/2014 | <b><u>Accidental Exposure to Radioactive Material at Hanford</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$0                 |
| 4/25/2012 | <b><u>Audit of DOE Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant Project</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation  | \$0                 |
| 4/23/2015 | <b><u>Hanford Time Card Fraud Prosecutions</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$655,966           |
| 4/20/2010 | <b><u>Hanford P-Card Fraud</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 4/20/2010 | <b><u>Hanford P-Card Fraud</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation   | \$600,326           |
| 4/15/2008 | <b><u>Safety Violations (Port Arthur, TX)</u></b><br>Valero Energy Corp.  | \$101,750           |
| 4/15/1999 | <b><u>Deficiencies in Radiological Protection and Work Processes</u></b><br>Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC  | \$27,500            |
| 3/9/1998  | <b><u>Excessive Radiological Exposure at Lawrence Livermore Lab (1998)</u></b><br>University of California  | \$159,375           |
| 3/6/2013  | <b><u>U.S. ex rel. Schroeder v. CH2M Hill (Hanford Time Card Fraud)</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.  | \$19,000,000        |
| 3/5/1997  | <b><u>Radiation Exposure (Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin   | \$25,000            |
| 3/20/2013 | <b><u>U.S. v. Dodd et al. (Hanford Time Card Fraud)</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.  | \$157,246           |
| 3/20/2008 | <b><u>Worker Safety and Health Violations at INL</u></b><br>Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC   | \$250,000           |
| 3/16/2006 | <b><u>Hanford Waste Treatment Plant (Nuclear Safety Violations)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation  | \$198,000           |
| 3/10/2005 | <b><u>DOE Enforcement Action (2005)</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.  | \$316,250           |
| 2/7/2004  | <b><u>Mischarging of Labor Hours at LLNL</u></b><br>University of California  | \$3,897,366         |
| 2/26/2007 | <b><u>Nuclear Safety Violations at Los Alamos Lab (2007)</u></b><br>University of California  | \$1,100,000         |
| 2/25/2016 | <b><u>Alleged Violations of Cuban Assets Control Regulations</u></b><br>Halliburton   | \$304,706           |
| 2/23/2011 | <b><u>U.S. ex rel. Rambo v. Fluor Hanford, et al. (Using Federal Funds for Lobbying)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation, G4S PLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Lockheed Martin | \$0                 |
| 2/23/2011 | <b><u>U.S. ex rel. Rambo v. Fluor Hanford, et al. (Using Federal Funds for Lobbying)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation, G4S PLC, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc., Lockheed Martin | \$1,100,000         |
| 2/18/2015 | <b><u>Failure to Permit Audit of ND Leases</u></b><br>Exxon Mobil   | \$1,334,000         |
| 2/18/2014 | <b><u>Hydrochloric Acid Handling Violations in Pennsylvania</u></b><br>Halliburton  | \$1,800,000         |

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| Date       | Instance   | Penalties           |
|------------|--|---------------------|
| 2/13/2008  | <b><u>Whistleblower Retaliation at Hanford Nuclear Site (Curtis Hall)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation                           | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 12/6/2014  | <b><u>Hazardous Waste Violations at LANL and WIPP</u></b><br>Los Alamos National Security LLC, URS Corporation                 | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 12/3/2008  | <b><u>Price-Anderson Violations at Hanford Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation             | \$385,000           |
| 12/3/2007  | <b><u>Price-Anderson Violations (Neutron Radiography Reactor)</u></b><br>Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC                         | \$123,750           |
| 12/23/2011 | <b><u>Timothy Hendricks (Hanford P-Card Fraud)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$11,000            |
| 12/18/2014 | <b><u>Reduction of FY2014 Fixed Fee and Forfeiture of Previously Earned Award Term</u></b><br>Los Alamos National Security LLC | \$57,156,815        |
| 12/17/2002 | <b><u>Unauthorized Staging and Storage of Transuranic Waste at Los Alamos Lab (2002)</u></b><br>University of California       | \$220,000           |
| 12/16/2005 | <b><u>Violations of Technical Safety Requirements</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation   | \$206,250           |
| 12/16/2005 | <b><u>Violations of Nuclear Safety Requirements (Oak Ridge National Laboratory)</u></b><br>UT-Battelle LLC                     | \$110,000           |
| 12/12/2007 | <b><u>Conspiracy to Defraud the Government While Overseeing Fuel Deliveries in Afghanistan</u></b><br>KBR                      | \$891,000           |
| 12/11/2014 | <b><u>False Statements In Obtaining UC Davis Grant Funding</u></b><br>University of California                                 | \$499,700           |
| 11/9/2012  | <b><u>2011 Worker Safety and Health Violations at Savannah River Site</u></b><br>Savannah River Nuclear Solutions              | \$159,375           |
| 11/3/2011  | <b><u>U.S. v. Schroeder (Hanford Time Card Fraud)</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$25,100            |
| 11/24/2009 | <b><u>Melton v. Wackenhut Services (Racial Discrimination)</u></b><br>G4S PLC  | \$0                 |
| 11/23/2009 | <b><u>Failure to Install a Groundwater Monitoring Network at LANL</u></b><br>Los Alamos National Security LLC                  | \$960,000           |
| 11/18/2003 | <b><u>Department of Energy Violations</u></b><br>UT-Battelle LLC   | \$151,250           |
| 11/13/2007 | <b><u>Unplanned Radiological Exposure During Borehole Activities</u></b><br>National Security Technologies, LLC                | \$0                 |
| 11/1/2007  | <b><u>Federal PCB Violations</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$54,800            |
| 10/7/2010  | <b><u>Worker Safety and Health Violations (2009)</u></b><br>Savannah River Nuclear Solutions                                   | \$3,080,000         |
| 10/7/2010  | <b><u>Worker Safety and Health Violations at Savannah River Site</u></b><br>Parsons Corporation                                | \$70,000            |

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| <b>Date</b> | <b>Instance</b>  | <b>Penalties</b>    |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| 10/4/2012   | <b><u>2011 Nuclear Safety and Radiological Violations at Idaho National Lab</u></b><br>Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC                     | \$412,500           |
| 10/4/2007   | <b><u>Violations of Nuclear Safety Regulations (Hanford)</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation  | \$165,000           |
| 10/31/2014  | <b><u>Beryllium Disease Prevention Program Deficiencies at Pacific Northwest National Lab</u></b><br>Battelle Memorial Institute         | \$200,000           |
| 10/31/2011  | <b><u>U.S. v. Hay, et al. (Hanford P-Card Fraud)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$75,252            |
| 10/31/2008  | <b><u>Failure to Disclose Projected Pension Fund Increases During Contract Negotiations</u></b><br>Westinghouse Electric Corp.           | \$38,092,000        |
| 10/31/2005  | <b><u>Coleman v. Fluor (Violations of the False Claims Act)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation   | \$12,500,000        |
| 10/31/2003  | <b><u>Violating Nuclear Safety Requirements (Idaho National Environmental and Engineering Lab)</u></b><br>Washington Group International | \$55,000            |
| 10/29/2010  | <b><u>Beryllium Exposure Fine</u></b><br>Lawrence Livermore Nat'l Security   | \$200,000           |
| 10/29/2004  | <b><u>Contract Dispute (Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory)</u></b><br>Lockheed Martin                              | \$66,000,000        |
| 1/4/2002    | <b><u>Radiological Violations</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation   | \$55,000            |
| 1/3/2012    | <b><u>U.S. v. Careaga (Hanford Time Card Fraud)</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$45,100            |
| 1/3/2008    | <b><u>Price-Anderson Violations â Pacific Northwest National Lab</u></b><br>Battelle Memorial Institute                                  | \$288,750           |
| 1/24/2014   | <b><u>Settlement of Hanford Waste Management Violations</u></b><br>CH2M Hill Companies, Ltd.   | \$0                 |
| 1/24/2012   | <b><u>Patricia Sparks (Hanford P-Card Fraud)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  | \$5,500             |
| 1/23/2017   | <b><u>False Claims and Failure to Comply With Requirements of Hanford Site Contract</u></b><br>AECOM Technology Corporation              | \$5,275,000         |
| 1/23/2014   | <b><u>U.S. ex rel. Dandy v. General Electric (Nuclear Reactor Design False Claims)</u></b><br>General Electric                           | \$2,700,000         |
| 1/23/1996   | <b><u>Hazardous Waste Violations</u></b><br>Bechtel Corporation  | Undisclosed/Unknown |
| 1/19/2001   | <b><u>Radioactive Material Exposure at Los Alamos Lab (2001)</u></b><br>University of California   | \$605,000           |
| 1/17/2012   | <b><u>Alicia Woodrich (Hanford P-Card Fraud)</u></b><br>Fluor Corporation  |                     |



## DNC Bosses Said Election â Impossibleâ to Rig Then Say, 7 Days Later, 'Russians Rigged US Election' In Lie Of Convenience

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BY: [Brent Scher](#)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (D., Mo.) was quoted on election night blaming the "f\*cking Russians" for Hillary Clinton's loss, but a week earlier she was on CNN saying "it would be impossible to rig an election in the United States of America."

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McCaskill's October 28, 2016, comments to Chris Cuomo came when most were confident Clinton would be victorious and Democrats were pressuring Donald Trump to say he would accept the election results.

**"The notion that the most resilient and admired democracy in the world is now subject to election rigging is preposterous," McCaskill said. "Frankly, it would be impossible to rig an election in the United States of America."**

McCaskill goes on to criticize Trump for "whining" and "making excuses" for losing.

Now more than 17 months since the election it is Democrats who are still attempting to challenge the results in the courts. The Democratic National Committee [filed a lawsuit](#) against the Trump campaign for conspiring with Russia to defeat Clinton.

McCaskill's tune had already changed by election night, according to a [new book](#) by Michael Isikoff and David Corn.

The authors say McCaskill was heard by reporters blaming "fucking Russians" as it became clear Trump was going to come out on top.

"Can you believe this? The fucking Russians," she said, according to the book.

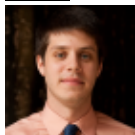
McCaskill now [says](#) she doesn't remember making the comment and that it wasn't her sentiment at the time. She has [called](#) the DNC's lawsuit a "silly distraction."

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## **DOJ Looking into Misuse of Government Resources in Project Veritas Deep State Sting**

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## **The U.S. Department of Justice said on Wednesday it would look into alleged â misuse of government resources to advance personal interestsâ in response to a video from James Oâ Keefeâ s Project Veritas purporting to expose â deep stateâ federal employees.**

**James O'Keefe@JamesOKeefeIII**

DEVELOPING: Statement from DOJ on today's vid: "These allegations are deeply concerning. Department policy prohibits misuse of government resources to advance personal interests. We are looking into this immediately and have referred this matter to the Inspector General as well."

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In the video, a Department of Justice paralegal, Allison Hrabar, is caught on camera saying there is â a lot of talk about how we can, like, resist from inside.â

Hrabar is reportedly a member of the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). She talks about how she has a friend, who is also a member of DSA, working in the Department of Agriculture and â slowing downâ the process by which people get cut off from food stamps.

â We have a member who works for the people who distribute food stamps, and they can, like, take that away, and theyâ re slowing what they doâ ; What theyâ re doing means that people are going to be able to stay on food stamps for another month or two, which is, like, really important,â Hrabar said.

The video also suggests that Hrabar is seemingly using her work computer at the DOJ to research DSAâ s political targets, apparently including looking up a lobbyistâ s license plate to organize a protest outside his home.

Another person featured in Oâ Keefeâ s video is Jessica Schubel, who is a â former Chief of Staff for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services during the last Obama administration,â according to Project Veritas.

Schubel can be seen discussing that there is â like, a little resistance movementâ inside the government in Washington. She can also be seen stating that she received confidential information from a friend at the Department of Health and Human Services.

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## **ITALIAN ARCHDIOCESE ROCKED BY SCANDAL: DRUGS, GAY PROSTITUTION, BLACKMAIL - Catholic CHURCH RATCHETS UP THE PERVERSIONS**

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by [Juliana Freitag](#) â ç ChurchMilitant.com â ç February 28, 2018 [1129 Comments](#)

## As many as 60 priests implicated

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An Italian archdiocese is embroiled in scandal as reports are surfacing of a gay priest on trial for allegations of blackmail, embezzlement and other crimes.

Fr. Luca Morini Father Luca Morini, known to his flock as "Don Euro" for his extravagant lifestyle, has recently been [scheduled](#) for a hearing in the Court of Massa, the medieval town in Tuscany where he used to run two parishes. The preliminary hearing is set to take place on March 8, where the judge will examine the evidence for accusations of fraud, drug distribution, embezzlement, extortion and self-laundering.

The case began when male escort, Francesco Mangiacapra, decided to go [public](#) about services he had been rendering to Fr. Morini, who falsely presented himself as a judge. When the escort found out that his prodigal client was a simple parish priest, he decided to inquire about the financial source for all the lavish dinners and expensive gifts. Mangiacapra suspected the money came from the faithful and decided to report Fr. Morini to the diocese of Massa Carrara-Pontremoli.

Escort Francesco Mangiacapra But the diocese only acted once it found out that national broadcast show *Le Iene* was after the priest, so the bishop suspended him from his activities "due to sickness" and then transferred him to a â 200,000.00 house, bought [especially](#) for him (monthly utility bills and maid included). These were allegedly obtained from the bishop of Massa Carrara-Pontremoli, Giovanni Santucci, through [blackmail](#), as Morini had "threatened to expose to the public eye unpleasant facts about many diocesan priests." Bishop Santucci also gave Don Euro â 4,500,00 from his own personal bank account, as well as â 1,000.00 from diocesan [funds](#). The bishop is also currently under investigation.

The [episode](#) aired by *Le Iene* shows footage of Fr. Morini snorting cocaine and parading in the company of several male escorts, as well as interviews with many of the parishioners, who testify that the priest was [constantly](#) pestering them for money, even during confessions.

One of the priests interviewed by *Le Iene* declared that Morini "arrived to the point of blasphemy: He would choose a member of the faithful and tell them he had seen Padre Pio in the Host, and that Padre Pio had mentioned that person by name. ... He would then request thousands of euros from that person, promising that the offer guaranteed Padre Pio's protection."

Another diocesan priest wrote an anonymous letter to the show's staff: "It hurts me to say that Fr. Morini has behaved this way for approximately 20 years, stealing and deceiving the elderly and those most in need, all seemingly under the protection of the powerful."

Fr. Morini has behaved this way for approximately 20 years, stealing and deceiving the elderly and those most in need, all seemingly under the protection of the powerful. [Tweet](#)

When the investigation was [concluded](#) last June, the police managed to trace to Fr. Morini â 700,000 in cash and â 150,000 in diamond investments. He was known in the best restaurants, resorts and five-star hotels in Rome and in Tuscany, and would always provide the drugs.

"The cocaine was always Morini's," said Mangiacapra. "I'm an escort, I'm not a drug dealer."

Last week Mangiacapra handed a 1,200-page dossier to the archdiocese of Naples with documents (including sexually explicit pictures) that prove the escort's involvement with 60 priests from all over Italy. Explaining his motivations to newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, Mangiacapra said, "The goal isn't to hurt the people I've mentioned [in the dossier], but to help them understand that their double life ... isn't useful to them or to the people who rely on them for guidance."

He continued, "Their behavior is, in many cases, a result of the impunity that the high hierarchy of the Church has made habitual: that unjust tolerance that feeds the idea that it is possible to separate that which is lived from that which is professed, as typical of those who have a schizophrenic, double morality."

Mangiacapra received an anonymous death threat in early January. The letter made references to his book *Il numero uno: confessioni di un marchettaro*, ("Number One: Confessions of a Male Escort"), where he mentions many of his adventures with Italian priests (no names were disclosed in the book).

"I am worried because the letter arrived at my home address, which is not public," the escort said. "I am reporting it to the police, because if others letters were to arrive, we can take action."

The initial letter indicates more notes may be forthcoming: "Your popularity makes you very traceable, as you can see now, and will see again in the future."

## **Allegations about 40 gay priests in Italy sent to Vatican**

Associated Press â March 4, 2018

VATICAN CITY (AP) â The archdiocese of Naples says it has sent the Vatican a 1,200-page dossier compiled by a male escort identifying 40 actively gay priests and seminarians in Italy.

In a statement on the diocesan website, Cardinal Crescenzo Sepe said none of the identified priests worked in Naples. But he said he decided to forward the file to the Vatican because "there remains the gravity of the cases for which those who have erred must pay the price, and be helped to repent for the harm done."

The dossier, containing WhatsApp chats and other evidence, was compiled by a self-proclaimed gay escort, Francesco Mangiacapra. He has told Italian media that he outed the priests because he couldn't stand their hypocrisy any longer.

None of the 34 priests or six seminarians was accused of having sex with minors, Mangiacapra was quoted as saying in the diocesan statement.

"We're talking about sins, not crimes," the escort was quoted as saying in the statement.

It's the latest sex scandal to convulse the Italian church and the Vatican.

Last month, a Vatican judge pleaded guilty in a Rome tribunal to having child porn on his computer after police were brought in when he allegedly tried to fondle an 18-year-old man. Monsignor Pietro Amenta was a judge on the Roman Rota, the Holy See tribunal that hears marriage annulment cases, as well as a consulter to various Vatican congregations. He resigned after the plea deal, the Vatican said.



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- This current Marxist pope has made me rethink my allegiance to the Catholic Church. Martin Luther's acts way back make so much more sense to me now. Way to go Jesuits! You built this morally reprehensible institution, own it!

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Gov. John Kitzhaber (fourth from left) helps break ground for the solar array at Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls in August 2011. He is standing next to Martin Shain (third from left). The groundbreaking took place four months after a required construction deadline to qualify for a state tax credit. Actual construction of this array didn't start until 2013.

(Courtesy Oregon Tech)

By **TED SICKINGER** and **HILLARY BORRUD**

A Seattle-based energy consultant and the state employee heâ s accused of bribing became the public faces of corruption charges at the Oregon Department of Energy after their arrests last summer.

But it wasnâ t one rogue employee who enabled consultant Martin Shain to reap \$12 million in green energy tax credits for solar projects that should have failed to qualify, according to thousands of records reviewed by The Oregonian/OregonLive. Four other Energy Department employees, including the director, helped Shain obtain the credits by circumventing program rules and ignoring deadlines lawmakers insisted on.

None of the four has been accused of wrongdoing. All four employees declined to answer questions about their particular roles in greenlighting the tax credits.

But records illustrate that officials scrambled to ensure success of the politically high-profile project. Documents also show how the culture of the agency contributed to the misuse of millions in taxpayer funds.

The emails, obtained by The Oregonian/OregonLive under a public records request, open a new window on a years-long pattern of cozy regulatory relationships and institutional failure at the department. The agencyâ s mishandling of the subsidies undermined the stateâ s credibility in using tax incentives to achieve its green energy goals and tarnished the very industry the agency was supposed to advance.

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Shain and the state employee heâ s accused of bribing, Joe Colello, face life-altering consequences for their conduct. Shain, who denies committing any crime, has amassed staggering legal bills and awaits trial. Colello has pleaded guilty and will be sentenced in January.

Agency officials acknowledge that the tax credit program was besieged by problems, including flawed processes and poor management. Former director Michael Kaplan has said those problems were blatant when it came to the solar projects. â Clearly we didnâ t follow our own rules,â he said of the departmentâ s decision-making on the tax credits.

No one at the Energy Department has faced consequences for those missteps.

Rachel Wray, a spokeswoman for the Energy Department, declined to respond to several detailed questions about the actions of its employees. Concerns about this specific set of projects drove the agencyâ s request for a Department of Justice investigation and a full-blown audit of the tax credit program, she said.

The tax credit programâ s â decision-makers no longer work at the agency, and we arenâ t able to explain their every action or defend the program,â Wray wrote.

Two of the four employees involved in approving the tax credits moved on to other jobs with the state of Oregon. A third still holds his job in the energy department.

The Oregon University System's Solar By Degrees Initiative included five separate arrays at Oregon State University facilities, this one a 221 kilowatt installation in Aurora that was completed in early 2014.

(Courtesy OSU)

### **A POWERFUL CHAMPION**

In 2011, state officials touted the Oregon University Systemâ s â Solar by Degreesâ initiative as the stateâ s signature renewable energy project. By installing solar arrays on campuses around the state, it would showcase Oregonâ s clean energy vision and simultaneously boost economic development by exclusively using Oregon-made equipment and Oregon contractors.

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Within the department, it was known as â the governorâ s project,â giving everyone a stake in its success. Gov. John Kitzhaber and energy staffers directed a \$60,000 economic impact study to focus specifically on the university solar projects to highlight what could be accomplished with the state tax credit program. Shain and state employees offered U.S. Bank access to the governor if the bank would commit to finance the project, records show. Kitzhaber was the guest of honor at the groundbreaking.

And when the university initiative was in danger of falling apart, the four state employees each played a role in resuscitating it. The director and chief financial officer guided Shain around program rules restricting changes to projects. The chief financial officer, the manager of the incentives program and the technical reviewer edited his submissions to the agency. That same technical reviewer accepted inadequate, and in two cases phony, documentation. And all four ignored what was staring them in the face: Backers had missed required deadlines to qualify for state support.

In the end, a developer did build six solar arrays that are providing cheap, emissions-free electricity to two universities. But Solar by Degrees failed to deliver on most of its promises.

Shainâ s company, meanwhile, walked away with a \$2.4 million payday, about 10 percent of the projectsâ total costs. And SolarCity, the California developer that built the arrays, pocketed proceeds from the sale of \$12 million in taxpayer subsidies.

SolarCity spokesman Jonathan Bass said in 2015 that the company and its investors had no knowledge of misleading documents and relied on the university system and Shainâ s assurances. â We believed we met the eligibility criteria,â he said.

Martin Shain was arraigned in June in Marion County District Court after being indicted earlier on 78 counts of bribery, racketeering, theft and tax evasion in connection with the brokering of state energy tax credits. He also faces forgery charges related to phony documentation submitted to the state to qualify six solar projects for \$12 million in tax credits.

Randy L. Rasmussen/Special to The Oregonian

When The Oregonian/OregonLive revealed in 2015 that the projects were marred by forgery, the FBI and the Oregon Department of Justice undertook investigations that ultimately led to criminal charges against Shain and Colello.

Yet despite Kaplanâ s assurances to lawmakers and state auditors that the agency was â building a culture of accountability,â no one was held publicly accountable for the solar project errors.

Meanwhile, a year-long legislative push to reorganize or dissolve the department ended in a partisan stalemate over whether to expand the agencyâ s mission to include global warming policy. And Gov. Kate Brown just assigned the agency more than a dozen new tasks, from improving energy efficiency at state buildings to electrifying the state vehicle fleet.

In the end, taxpayers lost more than \$12 million. The stateâ s nascent renewable energy industry ended up tinged with corruption. And the agencyâ s mismanagement of the Business Energy Tax Credits fundamentally damaged the stateâ s credibility in managing any large incentive program.

â The stain of the BETC is so pervasive that it canâ t even be considered a possibility to have any kind of tax credit program for renewables in this state,â said David Brown, the president of a solar developer, Obsidian Renewables.

A proposed \$1.4 billion new green energy initiative is slated to go before the Legislature in February. A key supporter acknowledges that the tax credit scandals cast a long shadow on that proposal.

â It will have to carry that burden,â said Angus Duncan, who heads Oregonâ s Global Warming Commission. The tax credit problems, he said, â put more backpressure on this bill to have a tight, well-managed and focused allocation of those revenues â ; not just a big slush fund that people can show up with their buckets and start dipping.â

## **CHUMMY RELATIONSHIPS**

Shainâ s career as an entrepreneur spanned several minimally related areas: soda water, sewage and solar. In 1996, a beverage company he had founded a decade earlier entered bankruptcy. By then, Shain had left that company and moved on to energy consulting, forming his Seattle-based consulting firm, BacGen Technologies.

BacGen was soon at work in Oregon, coordinating energy efficiency projects for municipal wastewater treatment systems. Shain earned a reputation as a committed partner, working directly alongside managers in the lagoons, up to his hip boots in raw sewage.

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David Cohan, a former regional energy association manager who worked with Shain, was deeply impressed. â He was a promoter, no question about it, but so were all these developers,â Cohan said. â I spent a lot of time with him. Heâ s a really, really smart guy, a great strategic thinker who was doing great stuff.â

By the time Shain became involved with the university solar projects, he was a familiar and credible presence to Energy Department staffers, with whom he had assiduously cultivated connections.

When Oregon launched the solar incentive program, Shain stepped up his schmoozing. From 2011 to 2015, he sent hundreds of emails to agency staffers, many of them soliciting their â wise counsel,â complimenting their professionalism and intelligence, and empathizing with their workload.

He often portrayed himself as a harried consultant whose expertise was in demand across the country. The tagline he used on emails was illustrative: â U.S. Department of Energy Contractor of the Year award recipient.â

A spokesman for the Bonneville Power Administration, the part of the federal agency Shain worked with, said the agency was unable to find any record of such an award.

Shain found ways to personally connect with key energy employees whose help he needed. The agency director at the time, Bob Repine, was a former Republican lawmaker who became a go-to administrator for both Kitzhaber and his predecessor, Gov. Ted Kulongoski. Shain repeatedly sought Repineâ s input on the university projects, reminded him of Kitzhaberâ s interest in them, and offered him national exposure as a co-speaker on â public agency energy success storiesâ at several industry conferences.

Repine now claims he had only one sit-down meeting with Shain and bumped into him in the Energy Department hallway twice. But the emails show him meeting with Shain at least four times in 2011 and 2012 to discuss how to ensure state support for the projects, and exchanging regular emails. â I know this will be an accomplishment we can all be proud of once they are all operational,â Repine told him in one email.

After being shown the emails that document multiple meetings, Repine did not respond to a request for comment.

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When it came to details of the tax credit program, Repine leaned heavily on the agencyâ s chief financial officer. Anthony Buckley, whoâ d been recruited by a previous director to help clean up the administration of the tax credit and loan programs, had quickly become the agencyâ s fix-it guy and a key liaison to the governorâ s office.

â Over at (the energy department), who we were trusting to move things along was Anthony Buckley, whoâ s a certified smart guy,â Curtis Robinhold, Kitzhaberâ s chief of staff at the time, recalled in a fall 2017 interview.

Other agency staffers saw Buckley as simply an adept political operator. Nevertheless, Buckley was a key decision-maker, and Shain took pains to ingratiate himself, the emails show.

Buckley, who did not respond to requests for comment, met repeatedly with Shain, both in and out of the office, and even offered to travel to Seattle for a â touchbaseâ with Shain. He expedited various department actions on the solar projects at Shainâ s request, such as project amendments and letters of support.

Repine and Buckley knew that Shain wanted to make huge changes to his proposed solar arrays despite rules to the contrary, emails show. They greenlighted those amendments anyway.

Maureen Bock was the agencyâ s program manager for energy incentives, in charge of assigning and checking technical reviews to determine the tax credit eligibility for proposed projects. Shain offered her ideas and feedback, from design for new incentive programs to the fee structures on existing ones. He also praised her repeatedly.

â Good luck and God speed with the work load on your plate there at ODOE this month,â he emailed Bock in December of 2012. â The agency is fortunate to have your level-headed intelligence and experience.â

Bock forwarded the note to her boss, Buckley, adding, â At least someone appreciates meâ l. :)â

He was equally solicitous of the departmentâ s technical analyst, Evan Elias. Eliasâ position description indicated he was supposed to determine, based on his technical expertise, whether the tax credits met the programâ s eligibility requirements specified in state rules.



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A 2010 performance appraisal described him as the departmentâ s â center of gravity with respect to program technical and administrative knowledgeâ and praised him for â reasonable, well documented and proven decisions â especially the most complex conservation and renewable energy projects we have.â

Emails show Shain cultivating a friendship with Elias based on their shared passion for music. Some of their correspondence took place on Eliasâ personal email, after Shain offered to send him an album on iTunes. But the emails continued on the state server too.

â Missing you buddy,â Shain wrote in September 2013 to Elias. â I'm looking to move my travel schedule around so I can be in Salem when you'll be there. Would really like to get together and talk. Some personal life changes pending on my side, music, etc.â

To which Elias responded: â Definitely would like to get together.â

Both Bock and Eliasâ s state job description made it clear what the stakes were in their jobs.

â Failure to make wise and timely decisions could create costs for the agency, lead to litigation and create political embarrassment for the agency,â the job description for Bock noted. â Poor decisions could also damage established and new programs, create a negative public image and harm staff morale.â

Elias and Bock would eventually approve changes to the projects that violated state rules, and ignore the fact that the projects had missed a critical construction deadline in state law, enabling the developer to claim \$12 million in tax credits the projects didnâ t qualify for.

Bock did not respond to requests for comment, saying she was cooperating with the prosecution of Shain. The Energy Department sent a statement attributed to Elias.

â I was friendly with Martin. It felt like we bonded over music; I sent him some YouTube links, and he sent me one album. I never had coffee, lunch, or dinner with him or accepted any other gifts. It felt like an innocent exchange that I regret in hindsight. Our conversations about music did not affect how I processed the OUS project applications.â

In his interactions with department staff, Shain went out of his way to personalize what are normally arms-length relationships. He shared details of family medical problems, the strain of his own workload and his gratitude for their friendship.

He wrote to Bock: â I'm deeply thankful for the handful of people in my life who, although I've met them on a purely work-related basis, over the past month have proved to be remarkably kind, caring human beings who I hope to call friend for many years to come.â

## PITCHING ACCESS

As Shain noted repeatedly in emails to Repine and Buckley, the tax credits were the financial lynchpin for the solar projects. As Shain and Colello struggled to lock in buyers in 2011, the emails show Buckley was willing to tap the governorâ s office to make the deal happen.

Shain and Colello approached the state governmentâ s longstanding primary bank, U.S. Bank, to see if executives could help. If U.S. Bank would commit to buy tax credits from the solar projects, they promised bank executives in emails that BacGen and the Energy Department would facilitate meetings with the governor, the university systemâ s chancellorâ s office and legislators and other â influential individuals or agencies specific to energy policy.â

The emails show Buckley arranging access to the governorâ s office or his staff in line with Shainâ s plan to secure financing. Kitzhaberâ s then-chief of staff recalls discussing whether U.S. Bank should buy the tax credits with Malia Wasson, the bank president.

â My recollection was Malia was in touch with us saying, â Weâ re interested in doing this if itâ s important to the governor or if the governor thinks itâ s a really important project,â â Robinhold said. â And Iâ d say, â Look, youâ ve got to judge it on your own.â â

Wasson, who has since retired, did not respond to requests for comment.

Shain struck a deal with a U.S. Bank vice president, Robert Espeland, who requested the Energy Department provide written acknowledgment of their pact.

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U.S. Bank committed to be a buyer if no others emerged, Shainâ s email summarized. In exchange, â we committed to work closely with U.S. Bank over the coming months to assist them in furthering their efforts in Oregon, and make clear our appreciation for their kindness and support of energy projects for the Oregon University System.â

A spokesman for U.S. Bank declined to comment.

One of the original tax credits precertified by the state in 2010 was for a 388 kilowatt roof mounted array at the Moshofsky Center at the University of Oregon. But 11 of the 14 arrays Shain proposed, including this one, proved infeasible. The tax credits were transferred to different projects, this one to a 431 kilowatt ground mounted array at Oregon State's agricultural research center in Hermiston.

The Oregonian/OregonLive

### **CAPITALIZING ON CONNECTIONS**

From the get-go, the proposed university solar projects faced significant delays and technical hurdles that should have disqualified them from taxpayer support if the rules were applied as written. Instead, state officials collaborated with Shain to circumvent those rules, emails show.

State rules carry the force of law, though courts typically grant agencies discretion to interpret the rules when the law behind them is vague, experts say.

By 2012, legislators had made their intent clear: They wanted to eliminate the energy tax credit program and prevent changes to projects already in the pipeline that would increase the costs to the state. The rules that Energy Department staffers helped Shain get around were specifically designed to achieve that goal.

The Energy Department originally approved Shainâ s plans to build 14 arrays on seven campuses. Each application was for a separate project, with a specific location, capacity and tax credit. In total, the projects would cost \$27 million and be eligible for \$13 million in credits.

If everything had gone according to plan, those arrays would have been operational by the end of 2011.

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But thatâ s not what happened. The first developer backed out over uncertainty about the tax credits, records show. A second developer was named, but by mid-2011, the university system hadnâ t finalized a contract, much less started construction. By the end of the year, the second developer went bankrupt.

Moreover, records show that Shain jettisoned some of the arrays heâ d originally proposed because they werenâ t viable in the configuration or location proposed. That put the tax credits â and the projects â in jeopardy. Nearly three years of work would be for naught.

With Colello, Shain scrambled for potential solutions, eventually settling on a wholesale reorganization of the projects. They would consolidate the planned 14 arrays into six larger projects with the same overall capacity and cost, preserving the original \$13 million in incentives.

The rules only allowed three specific changes to proposed renewable energy facilities that had already been precertified by the agency, as the university projects had: small changes in capacity of up to 10 percent, improvements that â do not result in an increased tax credit,â or new owners.

As the Legislature moved to phase out the tax credit program, it directed the agency to beef up those limitations to put a lid on the stateâ s mushrooming liability. So new rules made it more explicit: Any change request received after January 13, 2012, would not be approved if it would increase the tax credit.

The energy departmentâ s stated need for the rule change was also quite specific: â The Oregon Department of Energy finds that failure to promptly adopt these rules will result in serious prejudice to Oregon taxpayers and the public interest, because amendments to increase project size within the (Business Energy Tax Credit) program will subvert the controls on revenue impact imposed by Oregon Laws.â

Yet thatâ s exactly what Shain was proposing â and after the cutoff date. One of the new arrays was 10 times larger than originally proposed, and the tax credit on that facility went up 800 percent. Changes on other arrays also violated the rules.

This \$6.5 million, 1.4 megawatt solar array in Corvallis was originally certified as two separate projects on a dining hall and PE center at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, with at total capacity of 150 kilowatts and a \$411,000 tax credit. The capacity grew almost 10 fold, and the tax credit increased 800 percent. Neither change was allowed under state rules.

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Nevertheless, Shain emailed Repine, the Energy Department director, in July to request a meeting to discuss the proposed changes. He said most â are very simple,â though he was perplexed by â how to accomplish one specific and important issue.â

Repine forwarded the email to Buckley, who responded: â From the tone of his email it sounds like theyâ ve reviewed the rules and may be facing a challenge.â

â That would be my guess,â Repine emailed back.

But Repine and Buckley were in a position to make â the challengeâ go away. And after a series of meetings with Shain in 2012, it did.

Shain made the case that reorganizing the projects improved the original proposals. The agency bought that logic, in effect agreeing to treat all the original pre-certifications, which comprised seven tax credits for 14 distinct solar arrays, as a single project. Buckley and Repine decided that, as long as the total capacity, cost and tax credits of the six newly proposed facilities combined didnâ t exceed the total originally proposed in 2010, Shain and the developer could reorganize as planned.

The project amendment map that Shain submitted to the Energy Department to explain how developers would redistribute the capacity of the solar projects he originally proposed.

Lynn Frank, a former Energy Department director who helped draft various program changes designed to rein in abuses, said the agencyâ s â overall approach on consolidating the applications is mind boggling.â

â There is nothing in the rules that allows consolidation of separate and distinct facilities in a final certification at the applicantâ s request,â Frank said.

Employees tracked precisely what was happening, with Bock insisting that Shain map how the money was reallocated from the pre-approved projects to the revamped ones.

Shain sent a prompt thank-you email to Buckley and Repine after the meeting at which he got their permission to treat the separate projects as a whole: â As is always the case, I appreciate your kindness and guidance as we move through this process.â

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Buckley responded that heâ d spoken with the agencyâ s technical analyst, Elias, who was in charge of vetting the changes. â In his review there were no challenges identified,â Buckley noted, giving Shain the go-ahead.

On Sept. 6, 2012, Shain met with Elias to go over the changes and checked in with Buckley via email to â confirm with you (e.g., confirming the three conditions that you and Bob gave me to amend the OUS projects... 1) stay within the tier, 2) stay under the cap, and 3) stay at or under existing project costs).â

In his email response, Buckley registered no objection. â Let's schedule an update/touchbase meeting for when your (sic) back in the region. I'm also not adverse to a meeting in the Seattle area.â

Shain appreciated the agencyâ s flexibility, telling Buckley: â Thank you again for your efforts in rule review. Identifying the solution was brilliant.â

Dan Weldon, a commercial banker who once worked as a loan officer at the Energy Department, says staff routinely ignored or reinterpreted rules for projects with strong political backing. The agencyâ s priority, Weldon said, â was not how decisions would be viewed by the public, but by the governorâ s office.â

Frank, the former Energy Department director, says thereâ s a more significant lesson to be learned: â The public interest has no standing to challenge agency decisions.â

A whole cast of luminaries was on hand in April 2014 for the ribbon cutting on a solar array at Oregon Tech in Klamath Falls. The project missed the deadline to begin construction by more than two years, but Energy Department officials awarded it a \$5.1 million tax credit anyway.

Courtesy OIT

### **BLOWN DEADLINES**

Shain had other major problems. But the department would overlook those, too.

When the legislature decided to end the controversial business energy tax credit program in the summer of 2011, lawmakers created two new cutoff dates to bring the program to a close.

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The primary deadline was that projects had to be done by January 2013. But if backers could prove construction started by April 15, 2011, they were eligible for an 18-month extension.

The administrative rules governing the program were very specific about what constituted construction:  
â For a renewable energy facility, the applicant shall not be considered to have started erection, construction, installation or acquisition of a proposed facility until excavation or actual physical construction of the renewable energy facility has begun.â

This photo of an array under initial construction in Corvallis was taken in November 2012, more than a year and a half after it was supposed to be under construction to qualify for a state tax credit. State officials ignored that requirement.

Courtesy OSU

By the spring of 2012, there was no excavation or physical construction on any of the arrays, which put the new developer in danger of missing the January 2013 deadline to complete the projects. That meant the tax credits would be gone unless Shain could do the impossible: demonstrate that construction had begun prior to April 15, 2011.

That was infeasible. The ceremonial groundbreaking on a bare hillside in Klamath Falls didnâ t take place until six months after that cutoff date, and actual construction on the Klamath Falls array would not begin until late 2013.

Meanwhile, with the agencyâ s help, Shain was still reorganizing the projects, trying to finalize what would be built and where.

Nevertheless, a university vice chancellor submitted the extension request and said Shain would follow up with the proof of construction documentation.

Several times over the next two months, Shain emailed Elias claiming heâ d sent the required documentation. But the agency never received it, Elias said in emails. Finally, Shain scheduled a Sept. 5, 2012, meeting with Elias to go over those documents. â As the projects are fairly complex, it would seem best if we could just walk through them together,â Shain wrote.

Forged documents submitted to the state to prove all six separate projects were under construction before April 15, 2011, and thus qualified for nearly \$12 million in state tax credits. They weren't under construction,

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but the Energy Department approved the tax credits anyway.

The meeting was supposed to last a couple hours, but turned into three days. Shain and Elias apparently spent some of that time talking music.

â Jazz Pistols = Sleep Deprivation,â Shain effused to Elias after the first day. â Ouch... but my music needs were satisfied. Thanks SO much for the tip.â

In the end, the department received only two documents to prove the deadline had been met â an invoice from a purported supplier and a letter from the previous developer describing construction activities in early 2011. It is those documents that are the basis for the forgery charge.

Shain has denied providing those documents to the agency, and his brother has filed an affidavit with the court saying he forged the documents and sent them to the department to save his brotherâ s business. Either way, the documents fell well short of the minimum requirements in state rules.

And as The Oregonian/OregonLive later reported, the documents raised obvious red flags.

The only document detailing any expenses was an invoice, purportedly for installing solar racking foundation bases and structural fittings at the 14 arrays originally proposed. But the amount spent was tiny â \$14,200, or just 0.05 percent of the project costs. Moreover, it showed spending at Southern and Eastern Oregon universities â sites that had been eliminated as infeasible early on. And there was no spending listed at three of the six sites that were now a part of the initiative.

A quick Internet search would have revealed that the contractor on the invoice didnâ t exist, its address was made up, its phone number disconnected, and its engineering license fictional.

Itâ s not clear if Elias bothered with even a cursory inspection. The next day, he emailed Shain electronic copies of extension letters, signed by his boss, Maureen Bock.

â The information submitted has been determined to be sufficient evidence that your project began construction prior to April 15, 2011,â the documents stated.



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The next day, Shain was back at the department, meeting with Elias to discuss a new reorganization of the projects, including changes in locations, sizes and costs of some of the arrays. Shain left Salem without finalizing those details. The developer was still trying nail them down. A few days later, Shain emailed Elias again, apologizing for another delay in delivering the final designs.

â Me,â he added, â I'll just take a breath and listen to Bela Fleck!! Lovin' this banjo, damn!!!! My new favorite tunes!!!â

â No worries on my end,â Elias responded.

The department went on to approve every amendment that Shain requested and provided the six projects that were ultimately built with \$12 million in taxpayer support.

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E&E Legal Forced to Sue California Attorney General for Failure to Release Public Records Already Shared with Green Activists Involving Their Inappropriate Lobbying Practices

Sacramento, CA â The Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal) has filed suit under California's Public Records Act (PRA) against the state's Attorney General Xavier Becerra for withholding all but one email showing or mentioning its work with partisan and environmentalist activists to use law enforcement in going after opponents of the "climate" political agenda". Under Kamala Harris, California's OAG had participated in the since-collapsed "Climate-RICO" cabal organized by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, but kept its involvement off-screen. The new AG, Becerra, has since suggested that he has indeed been working with activists, correspondence to, from or discussing which E&E Legal sought in its PRA request.

Specifically, in July, E&E Legal requested records "concerning the Office of Attorney Generalâ s work with private outside parties to pursue, as targets of investigation, perceived opponents of a political and policy agenda shared by the Attorney General and these outside parties." The complaint specifies the public records sought, in the form of correspondence that was sent to, or received from, the Attorney General, or members of his Executive Office, and certain named parties or entities of interest because of their involvement in the AG Climate RICO scandal beginning roughly six-months prior to the request:

"[C]opies of any email correspondence dated between February 1, 2017 and the date you process this request, a) which correspondence was sent from or to (including also as cc: or bcc:) Attorney General Becerra at any address, or members of the Executive Unit of the Attorney Generalâ s Office (including also as cc: or bcc:) and b) which correspondence is also to or from (including also as cc: or bcc:), or which uses or mentions, any of the following individuals, entities, or email domains:

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The OAG initially delayed its response, and then produced only a single document with little relevance to what E&E Legal sought. OAG withheld all other potentially responsive records claiming the records were 'privileged.' On the basis of E&E Legal's experience with other "Climate-RICO" AGs, as well as information and belief, E&E asserts this is likely baseless given the request encompasses documents shared with outside parties, and work with private, third-party political activists. No such privileges should apply to these records, unless AG Becerra will claim, as has NY's Schneiderman however implausibly, that he has 'deputized' partisan activists, donors and environmental pressure groups.

"As a California citizen and independent journalist, I have seen this act many times with the state government and their chosen third-party groups," said investigative journalist Katy Grimes, an E&E Legal Senior Media fellow and co-petitioner on the suit. "We ask the Court to confirm that the blindfold on Lady Justice reflects how our laws are to be applied equally to all citizens and groups, and not a tool for lobbying by those that elected officials deem sufficiently politically-correct."

In addition to California, E&E Legal is embroiled in similar lawsuits in New York and Vermont, home of the two co-ringleaders of the AG Climate-RICO scheme. The effort entailed a gathering of nearly twenty state-attorneys general, who were joined at their public announcement by climate "investor" Al Gore, vowing to use every legal tool at their disposal to shut down dissent on the 'climate change' issue and to seek a tobacco-style global settlement from ExxonMobil and other fossil-fuel companies. E&E Legal's public record requests and subsequent litigation in Vermont and New York, and other states, exposed this scandal, leading to most of the attorneys general to flee from the climate crusade.

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"Once again we find ourselves having to litigate a routine public records request with a state's attorney general," said E&E Legal President Craig Richardson. "Apparently when these attorney generals are required to follow the same laws they are elected to enforce, they hide behind legal smokescreens and stonewalls."

### About E&E Legal

The Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal) is a 501(c)(3) organization engaged in strategic litigation, policy research, and public education on important energy and environmental issues. Primarily through its petition litigation and transparency practice areas, E&E Legal seeks to correct onerous federal and state policies that hinder the economy, increase the cost of energy, eliminate jobs, and do little or nothing to improve the environment.

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### **SILICON VALLEY TECH CARTEL EVIDENCE FOLDER EXPLANATIONS:**

Here is a small sample of the evidence proving the charges. We warrant, certify and guarantee that, with equitable legal representation, we can prove all of our charges in a Grand Jury, A civil Jury Trial and a television broadcast live Congressional hearing. This is a public peer-to-peer, mesh network, free wiki operated by a Task Force of citizens, journalists, forensic investigators and law enforcement specialists. You can read and explore the evidence samples by clicking on each link following these categorical explanations for the folders:

**SILICON VALLEY MEDIA COLLUSION INFO RIGGING** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that a group of media company owners in the Tech Cartel coordinate news stories and news censorship in order to manipulate their crony capitalism plots. This includes only hiring certain types of extremists, having their HR departments run "echo-chambers", keeping employees in a glass bubble, new age biased mind-training, subliminal messaging campaigns and coordinated catch phrases.

**DEPT OF ENERGY IS THE DNC SLUSH FUND** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that the U.S. Dept. of Energy is used as a slush-fund and Dark Money-compensated stock market scam by the Obama Administration and their Silicon Valley Tech Cartel financiers. CA & NY Senators and AG's ran the high level parts of this criminal kick back Dark Money scheme.

**SILICON VALLEY AND HOLLYWOOD SEX CULTS AND ABUSE** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that Silicon Valley Tech Cartel VC's and PayPal Mafia oligarchs are raised to be sociopaths and exhibit lawless, deranged social actions like rape, sex abuse, misogyny, tax evasion, racism, bribery, embezzlement and other illicit deviance. Their vast sex abuses and sex clubs prove their moral failures and that they seek not pleasure but "control over others" in their horrific sexual crimes.

**HOW YOU CAN FIGHT CORRUPTION** - This folder provides the latest info on technologies and tactics you can use to expose the corrupt and shut them down!

**THE DNC HIT JOB MEDIA ASSASSINS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that the suspects are spending vast amounts of money and resources on Fusion GPS, Black Cube, Gawker/Gizmodo hit jobs and spying. These are not just people who disagree with Trump. The Tech Cartel is actively meeting and coordinating attacks about, and spending tens of millions of dollars on, espionage activities, riots and character assassinations in order to keep their payola schemes going. Government officials financed and managed political, economic and character assassination attacks on domestic taxpaying citizens, using taxpayer resources and hit-job contractors.

**RUSSIANS RUSSIANS RUSSIANS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that it was originally Silicon Valley DNC Tech Cartel executives and venture capitalists who set up the first relationships with Russian mobsters.

**PRIVACY AND SPYING ABUSE ONLINE** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that The Silicon Valley Cartel lie about their censorship and privacy rape of the public while, in fact, spying on the public for election manipulation using CIA-type tactics. Facebook, Twitter, Google/YouTube conspire to coordinate political, business and stock market censorship and attacks on their enemies.

**DATING AND ONLINE SOCIAL MANIPULATION** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that the Tech Cartel including Chelsea Clinton's match.com, OKCupid and IAC properties and Reid Hoffman's matching sites are actually DNC honey-trap operations, political spying database population tools

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and mood manipulation efforts to exploit sensitive love-seekers for their vulnerable status.

**WHY GOOGLE IS A SICK CORRUPT MONOPOLY** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that Google/YouTube/Alphabet owners and executives planned and manually coordinated election manipulations, privacy abuse, search engine rigged attacks on individuals, and militaristic information-rigging that harms the public and exceeds anti-trust violations more profoundly than almost any other company in history. The reason that Google employees comprised such a large portion of the Obama White House is so Google and the Tech Cartel could seek to implement this crony capitalism crime.

**THE CORRUPT LAWYER, CPA, iBANK, LOBBYIST GANGS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that the majority of the funds transfers for these Tech Cartel crimes came through Dark Money accounts, covert family trusts, shell corporations, revolving door contracts and insider trading scams operated by these tier 2 services contractors.

**THE IDENTITIES OF THE CORRUPT DEEP STATE CROOKS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that a Mafia-like Silicon Valley Tech Cartel exists and is comprised of, and operated by, a pack of elitist fraternity house men and famous politicians.

**IMMIGRANTS PAY FOR THE NANCY PELOSI MANSIONS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that Nancy Pelosi, her family and staff are both operators and beneficiaries of these crimes.

**POLITICAL DEATHS AND POISONINGS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that a large number of connected individuals who crossed the Silicon Tech Cartel Cosa Nostra are now dead under mysterious circumstances. CA, NY & DC public officials and FBI executives have covered up these deaths and slowed investigations because they have financial links to the DNC financiers suspected of causing these murders. Seth Rich is only one of thousands of bizarre deaths of Tech Cartel whistle-blowers.

**THE SANDHILL ROAD SILICON VALLEY VC SOCIOPATHS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that The Silicon Valley Mafia (AKA: "The Tech Cartel", "The PayPal Mafia". "The AngelGate Conspirators", etc.) is The Sandhill Road Venture Capital frat boy company bosses in Palo Alto, their National Venture Capital Association (NVCA) partners and the tech companies (Google, Tesla, Facebook, Amazon, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.) they control. They are sometimes referred to as "The Deep State". They have purchased California, New York and Washington, DC politicians (mostly Senators) who they also control. They hire rogue ex-intelligence agents to operate Fusion GPS, Gawker/Gizmodo, Black Cube, ShareBlue, New America, In-Q-Tel, Podesta Group, Media Matters, etc. massive media attack programs against competitors, reporters and outsiders. They collude on black-lists, valuation controls, election manipulation, search engine rigging, domestic spying for political manipulation, stock rigging, insider trading, revolving door payola, executive prostitute clubs, trophy wife assignments, the bribery of politicians and worse. They are felons who pay politicians to halt investigations and interdiction efforts. They are widely covered in news media articles as: 'sex abusers, cult enthusiasts, elitists, rapists, woman beaters, probiosis abusers, sexual work extortion operators, extremists, arrogant clones of each other, tone deaf, echo-chamber reinforcing, misogynist, racist, manipulative, insecure, covertly gay, corrupt, thieves' and other anti-social revelations. They are not limited to California and also operate out of New York and Washington DC. They use their monopolistic control of the internet to massively and exclusively scale services that only they control and use to abuse the public's privacy, human rights, invention rights and information. They run their cartel like the old Italian Mafia once did.

**SILICON VALLEY MANIPULATES ELECTIONS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that the "The Deep State" that runs all of these tens of millions of dollars of political attacks and media manipulations is focused on rigging elections. These people have a 'Dark Money' bribery program underway in which they use fake charity organizations to conduit bribes and rigged government contracts back and forth

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to themselves via control of elected officials.

**THE FEINSTEIN CORRUPTION AND PAYOLA** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that Dianne Feinstein, her family and staff are both operators and beneficiaries of these crimes.

**AAAA CASE OVERVIEWS** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that crooked insiders from political circles participated in the crime. It cost taxpayers over six trillion dollars in losses. The most notorious Senators in the country are trying to keep it covered up. The main part of the scam is called 'Dark Money Trickle Laundering'. It works via corrupt Senators, criminally illicit law firms, dirty lobbyists, fake charities, sociopath tech billionaires, mobster CPA's and covert dynastic family trust funds. The taxpayers of the USA are the helpless victims of this crime and the SEC, FEC, DOJ, DOE, and other agencies, refuse to help them because the agency bosses get paid by the crooks! America was created as a 'one person = one vote' nation but 320 elitist billionaires bribed their way to get 500,000+ votes for each one of themselves! In other words: you get one vote but they use criminally illicit schemes to steal millions of votes for a few hundred corrupt guys.

**THE ELON MUSK TESLA BRIBES AND CORRUPTION** - This folder provides a small sample of the proof that Elon Musk and Tesla Motors exist today because of their covert political organized crime activities, political bribes, DNC Dark Money financing and regulator payola.

HERE ARE THE LINKS TO THE SAMPLE FOLDERS:



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## **Elon Musk Tesla Money Laundering Board Of Directors As Full Of Fraud And Corruption As Musk**

By Politico Team 2

Birds of a feather stick together and the Juvetson, Draper, Musk, et al; clan of corruption runs deep.

The Board of Directors can't operate their scam without the whole pack of thieves and liars in place. An outsider will break theirs swamp of tax evasion, Dark Money political bribes, off-shore cash, self-dealing, book-cooking, real estate fraud, expense padding and other nefarious deeds.

As a result of the settlement, Elon Musk will no longer be Chairman of Tesla, Teslaâ s board will adopt important reforms â including an obligation to oversee Muskâ s communications with investorsâ and both will pay financial penalties,â added Steven Peikin, Co-Director of the SECâ s Enforcement Division. â The resolution is intended to prevent further market disruption and harm to Teslaâ s shareholders.â

The SECâ s investigation was conducted by Walker Newell, Brent Smyth, and Barrett Atwood and supervised by Steven Buchholz, Erin Schneider, and Jina Choi in the San Francisco Regional Office and

Cheryl Crumpton in the SECâ s Home Office .

## **Tesla faces a bumpy road**

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## **Under a settlement of federal fraud charges, Elon Musk will remain as chief executive of electric automaker Tesla while stepping down as chairman and paying a fine**

Under a settlement of federal fraud charges, Elon Musk will remain as chief executive of electric automaker Tesla while stepping down as chairman and paying a fine (AFP Photo/JUSTIN SULLIVAN)

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Washington (AFP) - Tesla has promised to revolutionize the automobile, but the high-end electric car maker keeps hitting road blocks created by its founder Elon Musk's erratic behavior and considerable ego.

Those traits contributed to fraud charges brought against Musk on Thursday by federal regulators, a potentially serious blow coming just as Tesla is ramping up efforts to become a mainstream manufacturer.

But on Saturday, the brilliant billionaire escaped the worst after reaching a settlement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission that leaves him as chief executive while forcing him to step down as chairman and pay a \$20 million fine.

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The settlement, which will leave the 47-year-old overseeing Tesla's daily operations, provides at least a momentary reprieve from the company's many challenges -- including Musk's own sometimes counterproductive instincts.

Tesla is at something of a turning point. It has been accelerating production of its Model 3, the mass-market vehicle with a potential to disrupt the entire automotive sector -- yet the company remains burdened by billions in debt and has yet to show a profit.

The SEC filing on Thursday alleged that Musk committed securities fraud by misleading investors when he tweeted on August 7 that he had "funding secured" to privatize the electric automaker at \$420 a share, a comment that caused Tesla's share price to briefly spike.

The case underscored doubts about the mercurial entrepreneur's ability to lead Tesla, while at the same time highlighting the confidence some retain in him as a necessary visionary force behind the company.

"Despite Musk's recent erratic behavior, we think most investors want him to remain with the company and they value shares at what we view as extremely lofty multiples given the potential for Musk's vision to drive future growth," Garrett Nelson of the research firm CFRA said in a note to clients.

Analyst David Whiston at Morningstar reiterated his comments from a month earlier that "Musk is effectively Tesla, and without him Tesla is just a capital-intensive automaker burning cash with too much debt due soon."

Tesla shares have skidded nearly 30 percent from their peak in early August, amid growing concerns on the company's ability to expand without its founder.

- Criminal case coming? -

Tesla's brash leader has faced increased scrutiny over his volatile behavior, including smoking marijuana during a podcast interview and assailing a man involved in the Thailand cave rescue as a "pedo guy."

Musk initially rejected the SEC's allegations on Thursday, calling the charges baseless and vowing to defend himself. But investor pressure amid the tanking share prices may have given him second thoughts.

Tesla has continued to express support for Musk, saying the company and its directors "are fully confident in Elon, his integrity, and his leadership."

The SEC settlement may not end Musk's regulatory troubles, however, since there are reports of a pending criminal investigation as well.

Keri Axel, a former federal prosecutor and SEC enforcement lawyer who now is in private practice, said the swift filing of charges -- so soon after Musk's August comments -- raised eyebrows in the legal community.

"The timing of this is so fast, that seems very aggressive," Axel told AFP.

"One possibility is that the SEC is cooperating with criminal authorities" preparing to file additional charges.

Under a settlement of federal fraud charges, Elon Musk will remain as chief executive of electric ~~340~~ automaker

## **Emails Catch White House Lie on Green-Energy Loans**

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### • **Marita Noon**

- When he is confronted about the failed green-energy loan program, President Obama deflects blameâ pointing to â career bureaucratsâ in the Department of Energy (DOE) who supposedly approved the loans that have become an embarrassment to the White House.
- For months, along with researcher **Christine Lakotos**, Iâ ve been reporting on, first, the junk-bond rated projects (such as Solyndra) that received fast-tracked approval from the DOE and, then, the failed and troubled stimulus funded companies. Solyndra was just the tip of the iceberg. Embarrassment after embarrassment has come to light as the projects touted as the hope for Americaâ s future have filed for bankruptcy, sent money and jobs overseas, and faced technical difficulties.
- The 1705 loan guarantee program had 460 applicants, but only 7% were approvedâ 26 projects were funded. Of those 26 projects 22 were junk-bond ratedâ meaning private investors wouldnâ t fund them. So why did we, the taxpayers?
- Our research showed that at least 90% of the projects had close ties to the White House and other high ranking Democrats. Despite the obvious connection, President Obama has repeatedly denied any involvementâ preferring to blame â career bureaucratsâ who could take the fall with no political consequence.
- In March, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, testified that, â We looked at the loans on their own merits.â Also, back in November 2011, he said: â I am aware of no communication from White House to Department of Energy saying to make the loan or to restructure.â
- Just last week, on October 26, President Obama affirmed Chuâ s position when he said: â Decisions made in the loan program office are decisions, by the way, that are made by the Department of Energy, they have nothing to do with politics.â
- However, late Wednesday, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform released **anew report** of â over 150 emails that contradict statements by the President, Secretary Chu, and White House and DOE officials.â The emails reveal a series of questionable practices, including coercion, cronyism and, cover ups.
- The Committee has been asking for the emails and additional testimony since the Solyndra story broke in September of 2011, but the DOE has been refusing to cooperate. Emails were finally leaked from former DOE employees. Some of the incriminating evidence includes the following:
- From an email dated March 1, 2010 from David Schmitzer, DOE LPO Director of Loan Origination to LPO Credit Advisor McCrea and others:
- â Jonathan just said at our staff meeting that, opposite the message received on Thursday, AREVA is now a â goâ (seems on Friday POTUS himself approved moving it ahead).â
- From an email dated June 25, 2010, LPO Executive Director Jonathan Silver encourages LPO Credit Advisor Jim McCrea to remind a Treasury official of White House Interest in now bankrupt Abound Solar:
- "You better let him know that WH wants to move Abound forward. Policy will have to wait unless they have a specific policy problem with about.â
- From an email dated September 9, 2010 from LPO Credit Advisor McCrea to DOE contractor Brian Oakley:
- "Pressure is on real heavy on SF [Shepherds Flat] due to interest from VP.â
- These emails are just a snippet of the 150 emails we are reviewing as a part of the just-released report. We have reported on each of the projects listed above and will report further.
- We know that the Obama Administration operates from a â culture of corruption,â now we see that there is also a culture of deception within the White House walls. The White House green lies are bigger than innocent,

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little white lies, they are expensive green lies that have produced \$34.7 billion in red ink for the taxpayers.

- The Obama green energy program is the largest, most expensive, and deceptive case of crony capitalism in American history.

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## Lee Smith: Everything Media Accuse Trump of Doing with Russia, Obama Actually Did



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Pablo Martinez Monsivais / Associated Press

by ROBERT KRAYCHIK<sup>1321</sup>

â **Everything theyâ re accusing Trump of â | Obama had done,â said Lee Smith of â Trump-Russia collusionâ narratives pushed by Democrats and their news media allies.**

Smith, senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, joined SiriusXMâ s *Breitbart News Tonight* for a Thursday interview with Breitbart Newsâ s Senior Editors-at-Large Rebecca Mansour and Joel Pollak to discuss his latest article, â The Media Stopped Reporting the Russia Collusion Story Because They Helped Create It.â

Smith highlighted the *Washington Post*â s Anne Applebaum, the *Atlantic*â s Jeffrey Goldberg, and the *New Yorker*â s David Remnick as hypocritical news media figures in their criticisms of the Trump administrationâ s supposed appeasement of Russia and Vladimir Putin after ignoring actual appeasement of Russia and Vladimir Putin across eight years of the Obama administration.

On March 26, 2012, then-President Barack Obama told then-Russian President Dmitri Medvedev that he would have â more flexibilityâ in shaping U.S. foreign policy toward Russia after that yearâ s presidential election:

â Big-nameâ and â respectedâ journalists like Applebaum, Goldberg, and Remnick â enlisted their bylines in a political campaign on behalf of the Democratic candidate for president,â wrote Smith. In so doing, the trio of left-wing Democrat news media figures â rehearsed the talking points [Christopher Steele] later documented.â

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Special counsel Robert Muellerâ s ostensible investigation into the â Russian governmentâ s attempts to interfere in the 2016 presidential electionâ is predicated on lies within the â Christopher Steele dossier,â said Smith: â The Mueller investigation is premised on the Steele dossier. Itâ s premised on nonsense.â

Steeleâ s allegations â paid for by Hillary Clintonâ s presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee â were central to the procurement of surveillance warrants via the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) for Trump campaign operatives Carter Page and George Papadopoulos (FISC) at the request of Justice Department and FBI officials during the Obama administration.

â Itâ s insane. â | Sheâ s describing some scenario thatâ s out of a B movie about all these conspiracies taking place,â said Smith of Applebaumâ s 2016 warning that Russia would determine the outcome of the yearâ s presidential election.

In her September 8, 2016, article entitled â How Russia could spark a U.S. electoral disaster,â Applebaum warned that â Russian hackers will seek to break into the U.S. voting system [and] attempt to throw the election.â She further claimed the Russian state â might try to get Trump elected,â or even Clinton.â Alternatively â and this would, of course, be even more devastating â [Russia] might try to rig the election for Clinton, perhaps leaving a trail of evidence designed to connect the rigging operation to Clintonâ s campaign.â

At the time, Pollak described Applebaumâ s warning as a â bizarre conspiracy theory.â

Applebaum is regularly featured across television news media outlets as a non-ideological and non-partisan expert of international affairs, with a focus on Europe and Russia.

Left-wing and Democrat-aligned news media outlets succeeded in their desire to prompt a federal

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investigation of Donald Trump and his presidential campaign to diffuse the publicâ s attention toward the ostensible investigation of Hillary Clintonâ s felonious mishandling of classified information and evasion of record-keeping laws, said Smith.

â Journalists were participating in a political campaign,â said Smith. â Hillary had an investigation, so the idea was, â Well, letâ s stick Trump with an investigation, too.â And thatâ s what they got. They got an investigation of the Trump campaign, which was insane enough.â

The fraudulent investigation of the Trump campaign then morphed into an attempt to nullify the outcome of 2016â s presidential election, said Smith.

â After the election, it turned into something even worse,â said Smith. â It turned into an attack, not just on the president. â | The purpose was to delegitimize the political choice that American voters made in electing the person that they wanted to be president. Itâ s an absolutely obscene campaign that the press waged. First, it was against Trump. Then, it was against the American public.â

Steele had utilized an â echo chamberâ strategy among left-wing and partisan news media allies to push the â Trump-Russia collusionâ narrative upon the American electorate, wrote Smith: â Much of the Russiagate campaign was conducted in this circular manner. Steele and Simpson built an echo chamber with their opposition research, parts of the law enforcement and intelligence communities, and the press all reinforcing one another.â

The news media are broadly avoiding the â falling apartâ of Muellerâ s ostensible investigation given their central role in its genesis, said Smith.

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â Everything theyâ re accusing Trump of leaning toward, the Obama administration has done,â said Smith. â In Ukraine, in Syria. Whether or not you agree with Obamaâ s policy â I did not â but whether or not you agree with it, the fact is this is what the Obama administration did. All of a sudden, for the same people, like David Remnick, like Jeffrey Goldberg, who were speaking with President Obama extensively [and] repeatedly, for them to somehow ignore that this is what Obama had done and that suddenly, Trump was this insane outlier, that this had never happened before, that, in itself, was a huge tell.â

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## **Everything Your Corrupt Senator Does Is Based On A Secret Investment Bank "Waterfall Chart" For Their Personal Profits**

By Deacon Cain

Senator Dianne Feinstein is pushing for a glut of Mexican immigrants because her covert Goldman Sachs bankers showed her their "Waterfall Chart that says that **THREE MILLION NEW MEXICANS IN CALIFORNIA WILL ADD SIX MILLION DOLLARS INTO HER HUSBAND RICHARD BLUM'S BANK ACCOUNT!**

### **How does that work?**

Does that sound like dirty politics at the deepest darkest level? It is!

Here is the science behind it. In lay person terms: It is a graph about how complicated things can ending up making a given corrupt Senator, personally, rich. In political corruption, it assumes that the public are just pawns and sheep to be used to get to your personal profit goal. In science-speak:

*"A **waterfall chart** is a form of data visualization that helps in understanding the cumulative effect of sequentially introduced positive or negative values. These intermediate values can either be time based or category based. The waterfall chart is also known as a **flying bricks chart** or **Mario chart** due to the apparent suspension of columns (bricks) in mid-air. Often in finance, it will be referred to as a **bridge**.*

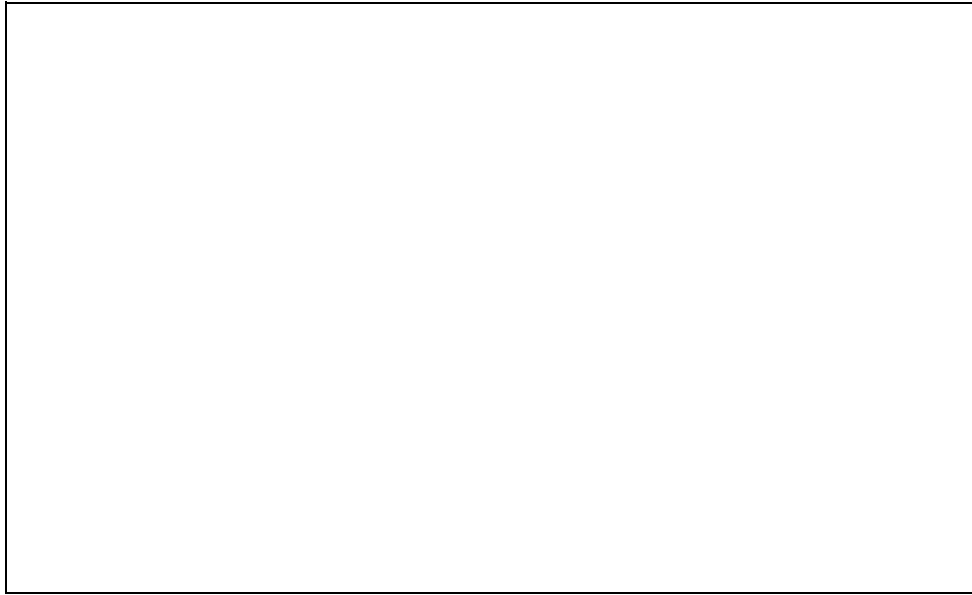
*Waterfall charts were popularized by the Democrat's strategic consulting firm McKinsey & Company in its presentations to political clients.<sup>[1][2]</sup>*

*Complexity can be added to waterfall charts with multiple total columns and values that cross the axis. Increments and decrements that are sufficiently extreme can cause the cumulative total to fall above and below the axis at various points. Intermediate subtotals, depicted with whole columns, can be added to the graph between floating columns.*

*The waterfall, also known as a Bridge or Cascade chart, is used for understanding how an initial value is affected by a series of intermediate positive or negative values. Usually the Initial and the Final Values (End Points) are represented by whole columns, while the Intermediate Values are shown as floating columns that begin based on the value of the previous column. The columns can be color-coded for distinguishing between positive and negative values.*

*A waterfall chart can be used for analytical purposes, especially for understanding or explaining the gradual transition in the quantitative value of an entity which is subjected to increment or decrement. Often, a waterfall or cascade chart is used to show changes in revenue or profit between two time periods.<sup>[3]</sup>*

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*Waterfall chart showing profitability analysis*

*Waterfall charts can be used for various types of quantitative analysis, ranging from inventory analysis to performance analysis.*

*Waterfall charts are also commonly used in financial analysis to visually track how a net value is arrived at through gains and losses over time. It is also common to show the line items from an Income Statement or Statement of Cash Flows as a Waterfall or Cascade chart. Other non business applications include tracking demographic changes over time, human resource management, and tracking of historical legal activity.*



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*Inventory analysis using waterfall chart*

*There are several sources for automatic creations of Waterfall Charts ( [PlusX](#), [Origin](#), etc.)*

*It is easy to manipulate a viewer's opinion on the current situation by changing the order of the different categories. Comparing two different waterfall charts (for example for two different months) is very hard."*

Goldman Sachs professional political manipulators fund waterfall charts to be useful when you are interested in visualizing a starting quantity, positive and negative changes to that quantity, and the resulting ending quantity. For example, it's sometimes useful to visualize changes in the number of voters in a given state over a period of time, say, over the course of a year. The starting quantity is the beginning of period (e.g. beginning of year) headcount. In terms of changes, there are some things that increase voter headcount (fake issues, racial uprisings, abortion controversy, etc.) and some things that decrease voter headcount (boring news cycles, good economy, etc.). When all of these changes are applied, we are left with the ending (end of year) voter headcount that will push insider trading and government contract opportunities to deals owned by the Senator.

The public is totally irrelevant to a crooked Senator like Feinstein or Pelosi.

They will screech about abortions, polar bears, immigration, etc. all day long as much as it will get voter emotions riled up.

The more people vote for things that their husbands pown the stocks in, the more trips to the Post Ranch Inn they get to take.

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## Exploding Gas Prices Are Killing The U.S. Economy. What Measures Can Trump Take To Lower Gas Prices And Save American Families?

[Quora](#), CONTRIBUTOR

Rather than re-invent the wheel here, I'm going to focus on the actual question, which concerns short-term gas prices, and then briefly touch on the longer term. [Paul Unterberg](#) links to [a post](#) with ten ways the U.S. can lower gasoline prices.

1. **Eliminating the federal gas tax:** The U.S. collects 18.4 cents per gallon of gasoline sold in this country. It could reduce that to zero. This would roughly cut 5% off the retail price of gasoline assuming retailers didn't merely leave prices the same.
2. **Release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** The reserve, set up for national-defense reasons, can be used a temporary market-manipulation tool. How temporary? Well, really temporary. There are seven hundred million barrels in the reserve and the world uses around ninety million barrels daily. The U.S. itself uses about twenty million barrels. The good news is that by sending relatively small amounts of oil onto world markets that come from this somewhat exogenous source, the effect on prices can be more pronounced. That said, the effect is short-term in nature and *has little to do with the current issues in the U.S. (see below)*.
3. **EPA could create a uniform gas standard:** Some may not know this, but not all gas in the U.S. is the same. There are different blends in different states -- and even different seasons -- to try to limit emissions. Not all states have the same base standards, and the rules on seasonality are not consistent. This is one reason why gas in California is so pricey. It's not that the gas is inherently a ton more expensive, it's that it's a bit more expensive and refined and sold only in California. So we here exist in our own market. A broader, more uniform market would lower the price for everyone as all gas would be able to be sold anywhere in the U.S. The speed this could be achieved is another matter, but even an EPA mandate to immediately allow other western gas to be sold in California -- if not challenged in court -- would lower gas prices in the Golden State almost instantly.

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- **Uncertainty around Iran and the Strait of Hormuz:** Sanctions on Iran are hurting its economy and the country has threatened to close the strait through which most Middle East oil flows. Despite our massive naval superiority, *Iran can likely accomplish this via mining*. They don't have to stop all tanker traffic, they merely have to convince tanker operators that a tanker might blow up if it crosses the strait. This is doable. Markets do not care for uncertainty and the price of crude oil has gone up as tensions have escalated. You want to end uncertainty around Iran? What's your plan? Let's consider the options: (1) War.. guaranteed supply disruptions and higher prices (2) end all sanctions. While many people favor (1), virtually no one favors (2) without also favoring (1).
- **Refinery capacity in the U.S. is tight, and the smallest interruptions in it are rapidly magnified at the pump:** The stuff the Saudis, Kuwaitis, Qataris, et al. pump out of the ground is really easy to refine relative to most of our domestically and regionally produced oil. It used to commonly be called "Light Sweet Crude." Our own "West Texas Intermediate" is a bit messier. Regardless, all of it needs to be refined if you want to fill up with a relatively high-octane blend of gasoline at your pump. The U.S. has one hundred and forty eight oil refineries. Occasionally, one in the continental U.S. gets modernized or upgraded or a small addition gets made. How occasionally, well, it *has* happened four times in the last thirty years, most recently in 2008 and twice in the 1990s. The last time a full-fledged refinery with meaningful capacity opened in the continental U.S.? Try 1977 in Garyville, La. On the one hand, that's not as devastating as it sounds; U.S. gasoline consumption was one hundred and fifteen billion gallons in 1980 and "just" one hundred and seventy five billion in 2006. But, well, that's a difference of sixty billion gallons. To make up the shortfall, we actually important "finished product" in the form of gasoline most years. Not in 2011 however, when U.S. demand was still low due to the slow economy primarily. The U.S. was a heavy importer of crude still, but a net exporter of refined petroleum! Anyway, what does it all mean? It means refining capacity is on the razor's edge. When too much of it is offline at once, there is not enough gasoline in the proverbial pipeline and prices rise. And right now, too much is offline: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT...>
- **Incidentally, the controversial Keystone pipeline that is partly back on track is focused currently on this refining problem:** The so-called souther section of the pipeline is about getting U.S.-produced crude where it's currently backlogged to refineries in the southeast. I'm not wading into the environmental debate here, but regardless, this kind of thing has zero short-term implications. In the long-term, any bottleneck in the chain that could lead to higher prices that one can remove is probably a good thing -- if it's not going to lead to tons of pollution.
- **Oil markets love speculative frenzy:** Whenever the price of oil starts to rise on uncertainty, traders like to try to profit by buying futures, trading derivatives, doing what traders do. *This tends to exacerbate upward moves to the upside (and downward moves to the downside, although perhaps somewhat less)*. People tend to move hot money into a "winner," and right now oil is a winner. The price of crude is probably higher than intrinsic economic forces suggest it should be. There will be calls for the heads of "speculators" and demands for "an investigation." This is the markets at work. *It happens every time*. Stop whining about it.
- **Spring has sprung early:** Remember that stuff about gasoline blends and seasonality? Guess what, the "spring/summer" blends are hitting the market. It's warm in America. Changing product when refining capacity is already tight and the market price of the underlying commodity is rising, oh boy.
- **And, oh by the way, the ethanol subsidy got killed:** There was, a 45 cent per gallon discount on the ethanol that comprises 10% of most of the "gasoline" in this country. It's gone. Since 10% of your gas was probably ethanol, about 4.5 cents of your price increase was that subsidy. It was a stupid subsidy, and both parties agreed it was dumb. It's gone. Taxpayers "saved" \$6 billion by killing it. Now, you're paying 5 cents more for all those gallons of gas you're buying. See how you "saved" the money, taxpayers? Oh, wait, you didn't.

As this issue resurfaced as the 10/16/12 presidential debate, it's worth mentioning something: President Obama should have said to the person asking, "No, the Dept. of Energy can't control gas prices. Gas prices are

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set on global markets by the price of a barrel of oil. The only reason we pay less for a gallon here than they do in Europe is that in Europe they add more taxes. But every time oil prices go up, gas prices go up here -- and in Europe. Countries that subsidize their own gas prices do so to keep their population distracted from how terrible the government is, like Iran, Venezuela, Nigeria. The unfortunate fact is, even if we stop importing oil from anywhere but Canada and Mexico -- even if we produce every single barrel we consume -- the price of oil in the U.S. will be set on world markets. And that means the U.S. can't control the price of gasoline without interfering with the ability of U.S. businesses to respond to markets. Neither I, nor Governor Romney, nor anyone that believes in free markets would ever accept such interference in the affairs of corporations and small businesses that drill for and produce oil.

"Over the coming decades, China, India, and others are going to have more people demanding more cars and will ensure that over the long-term the price of oil will go the same way it *always has* -- up! So while we absolutely should continue to expand domestic production of oil, we'd be foolish not to start looking beyond oil for supplies of energy that are renewable, have prices we can predict, and will ultimately be cheaper. It's going to take a long time before any of those sources become more important than gasoline or coal to our economy, but if we don't keep focused on developing them now, we're going to simply keep paying more and more and lose any chance of leading the world in developing those next generation energy sources."

California is almost the only State that can solve it's gas price crisis. It can reduce the gas tax, reduce the blending requirements, add a discount for poor people and stop paying bribes from gas profits to the Jerry Brown, Nancy Pelosi and Diane Feinstein family investment trusts...but Brown, Pelosi and Feinstein are too greedy to give up their payola. They would rather see California families spend all of their food money on gasoline.

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## **FBI AGENTS LIED TO US ABOUT INVESTIGATING OBAMA'S CRIMES AND RAN SOLYNDRA COVER-UPS INSTEAD!**

### **WOW! Sara Carter Reveals FISA Memo Is So â Explosiveâ That It Could END Mueller Investigation**

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**The House Intel panelâ s passage of New York Republican Rep. Peter Kingâ s motion to release the FISA abuse memo to fellow House members has rocked Washington, D.C.**

Lawmakers from Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) to Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY) have called for the classified memoâ s immediate release. According to *Fox News* contributor Sara Carter, the contents of the memo are so â explosive,â that it could end special counsel Robert Muellerâ s Russia probe once and for all.



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Sara Carter reports:

A review of a classified document outlining what is described as extensive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act abuse was made available to all House members Thursday and the revelations could lead to the removal of senior officials in the FBI and Department of Justice, several sources with knowledge of the document stated. These sources say the report is â explosive,â stating they would not be surprised if it leads to the end of Robert Muellerâ s Special Counsel investigation into President Trump and his associates. [â ]

Congressional members are hopeful that the classified information will be declassified and released to the public.

â We probably will get this stuff released by the end of the month,â stated a congressional member, who asked not to be named.

But the government official, who viewed the document said â it will be tough for a lot of people to see this and especially the media, which has been attempting to deemphasize the dossier. Itâ s going to punch a hole in their collusion narrative.â

On Thursday, the House Intelligence Committee quietly voted to make available to fellow House members â a memo documenting abuse of the FISA program,â reports *Fox News*â Chad Pergram. Rep Lee Zeldin (R-NY) is demanding the secret memo be released immediately.

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â Releasing this classified info doesnâ t compromise good sources & methods. It reveals the fedsâ reliance on bad sources & methods,â added Zeldin.

As *The Gateway Pundit*â s Jim Hoft reported, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) joined Liz Claman on *FOX Business Network* to discuss the FISA abuse report.

Rep. Gaetz told Claman:

â The allegations contained in this important intelligence document go to the very foundations of our democracy and they require an immediate release to the public in my opinion.â

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â FOX Business (@FoxBusiness) January 18, 2018

Carterâ s story comes amid reports former White House Strategist Steve Bannon has reached a deal to meet with Mueller, rather than appear before a grand jury.

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WASHINGTON -- During the heady days of the U.S. "reset" policy with Russia, the high-tech sector emerged as a potential centerpiece for bilateral commercial and scientific cooperation, underscored by Internet-savvy Russian President Dmitry Medvedevâ s 2010 visit to Silicon Valley.

But a surge of Russian cash into the U.S. tech sector in recent years has prompted federal authorities to alert start-ups in a key American innovation cradle about potential espionage via Russian venture capital firms financing their operations.

The Boston division of the FBI is taking this warning to U.S. tech firms with Russian funding, and to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a partner of Russiaâ s Skolkovo initiative, which was launched in 2010 to create a Russian version of Silicon Valley.

Lucia Ziobro, assistant special agent in charge of the FBIâ s Boston office, specifically cited Skolkovoâ s relationship with **Russian truckmaker KamAZ**, which supplies armored vehicles to the Russian military, as possibly worrying.

"As far as the Skolkovo institute is concerned, you have foreign defense contractors in the same sort of area of business that could potentially result in U.S. technology being acquired by that Russian defense firm, and then being given to the government," Ziobro said.

Russian government-backed investors in the United States have dismissed the FBIâ s warnings as baseless, and the agency has not presented evidence of Russia using venture capital fund to steal technology.

Ziobro said her officeâ s discussions with start-ups and research hubs with Russian partners was part of a broader outreach program to inform the tech sector of the possible dangers of working with foreign investors.

"Our outreach talks about the general foreign intelligence threat, be it from China, be it from Russia, be it from, you know, any other country," she said.

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### **The Russians Are Here**

The FBI's Boston office began calling attention to Russian tech investment in the United States following a white paper it produced on the subject late last year, Ziobro said.

The office then issued a notice to Boston-area technology companies, colleges and universities identifying partnerships with Russian entities and venture capital companies as potential vehicles for Russian espionage.

Then, in an op-ed published the "Boston Business Journal" last month, Ziobro urged U.S. companies to remain vigilant when deciding whether to partner with Russian investors, specifically citing the Skolkovo Foundation, which oversees the development of the high-tech center currently under construction outside Moscow.

"The foundation may be a means for the Russian government to access our nationâ s sensitive or classified research, development facilities and dual-use technologies with military and commercial applications," **Ziobro wrote in the op-ed.**

Aside from Skolkovo, Ziobro did not identify any other Russian entities specializing in the high-tech sector in her op-ed. But two investments vehicles funded by the Russian government have a presence in Massachusetts, home to thriving technology and biotech industries.

In 2011, state-funded Rusnano, a \$10 billion fund focusing on nanotechnology, invested a total of \$50 million in Boston-area nanomedicine firms, BIND Biosciences and **Selecta Biosciences.**

The same year it invested \$35 million in the Boston renewable fuels firm Joule Unlimited.

BIND declined to comment on the FBI warnings, while Selecta and Joule did not respond to inquiries.

Rusnano currently has \$1.2 billion invested in U.S. companies, including biotech, energy, coating and hardware firms, Evgeny Druzyaka, vice president of Rusnano USA, told RFE/RL.

Druzyaka declined to comment on the FBIâ s statements. But Dmitry Akhanov, chief executive of Rusnano USA, told "The Boston Globe" that he thought Ziobroâ s op-ed was "an April Foolâ s joke."

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Boston is also home to the U.S. headquarters of the state-funded Russian Venture Company (RVC), which has around \$65 million invested in U.S. companies and venture funds, according to RVC-USA chief executive Axel Tillmann.

RVC has also sponsored the Massachusetts start-up initiative MassChallenge.

Tillmann said he was perplexed by the FBIâ s comments about Russian venture capital.

"We are helping bilateral collaboration on business-to-business levels, and that is our main mission," he told RFE/RL. "I donâ t know a single [piece of] evidence that ever came across my desk, or information I ever heard, that is an iota of suspicion that would give any credence to the FBI assertions."

## **Russiaâ s Silicon Valley**

The Skolkovo Foundation declined to comment on the Boston FBI officeâ s suggestion that the tech initiative presents a potential espionage threat to U.S. partners.

The foundation teamed up with MIT last year to create a graduate university called the Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology, or Skoltech, that will be located at the Skolkovo research hub outside Moscow.

Four years after Medvedev announced the innovation project and made it the centerpiece of his drive to modernize and diversify Russiaâ s oil-and-gas-dominated economy, the sprawling 400-hectare territory is still years off completion.

The seven-story "Hypercube" building is the nerve center of the hub, largely by virtue of the fact that it is the only functioning building to have been built. It is home to a study space and gadget workshops for the joint initiative with MIT.

In the buildingâ s airy ground-floor lobby, a man in a suit this week looked on as a technician tested a remote-controlled four-wheel robot, which used pincers to lift a miniature bottle of whiskey and pour the amber spirit -- unsuccessfully -- into a plastic cup.

Next month, the Hypercube is slated to host an annual start-up fair featuring dozens of nearby pavilions. **Four years after the project was announced and made the centerpiece of a drive to modernize and diversify Russiaâ s oil-and-gas-dominated economy, the sprawling 400-hectare territory is still years off completion.**

So far the Skolkovo Foundation has used substantial tax breaks to lure 37 major industry players into what it calls its "innovation center."

MIT spokesman Nathaniel Nickerson told RFE/RL that the universityâ s collaboration with Skolkovo "is intended to help create a new institutional paradigm, bringing together education, research and innovation."

"Programs such as Skoltech are intended to build intellectual relationships in a transparent environment, centering on open, fundamental, publishable research," Nickerson said in emailed comments.

Nickerson added that in all of MITâ s international collaborations, the university "is very careful to comply with all U.S. export-control regulations."

"We also have and continue to participate in various outreach programs conducted by various federal agencies, including the FBI and Department of Commerce," he said.

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# FBI informant gathered years of evidence on Russian push for US nuclear fuel deals, including Uranium One, memos show

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An FBI informant gathered extensive evidence during his six years undercover about a Russian plot to corner the American uranium market, ranging from corruption inside a U.S. nuclear transport company to Obama administration approvals that let Moscow buy and sell more atomic fuels, according to more than 5,000 pages of documents from the counterintelligence investigation.

The memos, reviewed by The Hill, conflict with statements made by Justice Department officials in recent days that informant William Campbellâ s prior work wonâ t shed much light on the U.S. governmentâ s controversial decision in 2010 to approve Russiaâ s purchase of the Uranium One mining company and its substantial U.S. assets.

Campbell documented for his FBI handlers the first illegal activity by Russians nuclear industry officials in fall 2009, nearly an entire year before the Russian state-owned Rosatom nuclear firm won Obama administration approval for the Uranium One deal, the memos show.

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Campbell, who was paid \$50,000 a month to consult for the firm, was solicited by Rosatom colleagues to help overcome political opposition to the Uranium One purchase while collecting FBI evidence that the sale was part of a larger effort by Moscow to make the U.S. more dependent on Russian uranium, contemporaneous emails and memos show.

â The attached article is of interest as I believe it highlights the ongoing resolve in Russia to gradually and systematically acquire and control global energy resources,â Rod Fisk, an American contractor working for the Russians, wrote in a [June 24, 2010, email to Campbell](#).

The email forwarded an article on Rosatomâ s efforts to buy Uranium One through its ARMZ subsidiary. Fisk also related information from a conversation with the Canadian executives of the mining firm about their discomfort with the impending sale.

â I spoke with a senior Uranium One Executive,â Fisk wrote Campbell, detailing his personal history with some of the companyâ s figures. â He said that corporate Management was not even told before the announcement [of the sale] was made.

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â There are a lot of concerns,â Fisk added, predicting the Canadians would exit the company with buyouts once the Russians took control. Fisk added the premium price the Russians were paying to buy a mining firm that in 2010 controlled about 20 percent of Americaâ s uranium production seemed â strange.â

At the time, Campell was working alongside Fisk as an American consultant to Rosatomâ s commercial sales arm, Tenex.

But unbeknownst to his colleagues, Campbell also was serving as an FBI informant gathering evidence that Fisk, Tenex executive Vadim Mikerin and several others were engaged in a racketeering scheme involving millions of dollars in bribes and kickbacks, plus extortion and money laundering.

Justice Department officials confirmed the emails and documents gathered by Campbell, saying they were in the possession of the FBI, the department's national security division and its criminal division at various times over the last decade. They added that Campbell's work was valuable enough that the FBI paid him nearly \$200,000, mostly for reimbursements over six years, but that the money also included a check for more than \$51,000 in compensation after the final convictions were secured.

The information he gathered on Uranium One was more significant to the counterintelligence aspect of the case that started in 2008 than the eventual criminal prosecutions that began in 2013, they added.

Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores said Monday that the agency plans to brief members of Congress next week on Campbell's work, the counterintelligence investigation into Russian uranium and the nuclear bribery case. Some issues related to the case are also being reviewed by senior Justice officials, she added.

"The Department of Justice has authorized the confidential informant to disclose to the chairmen and ranking members of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, as well as staff, any information or documents he has concerning alleged corruption or bribery involving transactions in the uranium market. Until the informant publicly speaks to what he knew or knows about these matters, we are unable to respond further," she said.

Campbellâ s undercover work helped FBI counterintelligence chronicle a Russian uranium strategy modeled after Moscowâ s success in creating natural gas monopolies in eastern Europe that strengthened Russiaâ s economy and geopolitical standing after the Cold War, the officials said.

Part of the goal was to make Americans more reliant on Russian uranium before a program that converted former Soviet warheads into U.S. nuclear fuel expired in 2013, according to documents and interviews. Russiaâ s ambitions included building a uranium enrichment facility on U.S. soil, the documents show.

The FBI task force supervising Campbell since 2008 watched as the Obama administration made more than a half dozen decisions favorable to the Russians' plan, which ranged from approving the sale of Uranium One to removing Rosatom from export restrictions and making it easier for Moscow to win billions in new commercial uranium sales contracts. The favorable decisions occurred during a time when President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were pursuing a public "reset" to improve relations with Moscow, a plan that fell apart after Russia invaded Ukraine.

Campbell also produced leads for the FBI about suspicious activity inside Iranâ s and South Africaâ s

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nuclear industries, the documents show.

And most importantly, it developed concrete evidence that Tenex â at its Russian leadershipâ s behest â had engaged in a massive racketeering scheme. That evidence led to indictments in 2014 and the convictions of several figures in 2015.

The defendants who pled guilty included Mikerin, the very man Russia sent to the United States to lead its uranium strategy, as well as the head of the American trucking company that moved Russiaâ s uranium around the United States.

Multiple congressional committees recently got permission from the Justice Department to interview Campbell after The Hill reported last month the existence of his informant work.

Lawmakers want to know what the FBI did with the evidence Campbell gathered in real time and whether it warned Obama and top leaders before they made the Russia-favorable decisions, like the Uranium One deal.

Since Campbellâ s identity emerged in recent days, there have been several statements by Justice officials, both on the record and anonymously, casting doubt on the timing and value of his work, and specifically his knowledge about Uranium One.

The more than 5,000 pages of documents reviewed by The Hill directly conflict with some of the Justice officialsâ accounts.

For instance, both Attorney General **Jeff Sessions** in testimony last week and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in a letter to the Senate last month tried to suggest there was no connection between Uranium One and the nuclear bribery case. Their argument was that the criminal charges werenâ t filed until 2014, while the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States' (CFIUS) approval of the Uranium One sale occurred in October 2010.

â The way I understand that matter is that the case in which Mr. Mikerin was convicted was not connected to the CFIUS problem that occurred two to three years before,â Sessions testified to the House Judiciary Committee last week, echoing Rosensteinâ s letter from a few weeks earlier.

But investigative records show FBI counterintelligence recorded the first illicit payments in the bribery/kickback scheme in November 2009, a year before the CFIUS approval.

Campbell also relayed detailed information about criminal conduct throughout 2010, including the coordinates for various money laundering drops, according to his FBI debriefing reports. The evidence Campbell gathered indicated Mikerinâ s corruption scheme was being directed by and benefitting more senior officials with Rosatom and Tenex back in Russia, the records show, a claim U.S. officials would make in court years later.

â There is zero doubt we had evidence of criminal activity before the CFIUS approval and that Justice knew about it through [the natural security division],â said a source with direct knowledge of the investigation.

Republican members of Congress have been angered by the Justice Departmentâ s first answers because they conflict with the evidence already gathered in their probe.

â Attorney General Sessions seemed to say that the bribery, racketeering and money laundering offenses involving Tenexâ s Vadim Mikerin occurred after the approval of the Uranium One deal by the Obama

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administration. But we know that the FBIâ s confidential informant was actively compiling incriminating evidence as far back as 2009,â Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.) told The Hill.

â It is hard to fathom how such a transaction could have been approved without the existence of the underlying corruption being disclosed. I hope AG Sessions gets briefed about the CI and gives the Uranium One case the scrutiny it deserves,â added DeSantis, whose House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee is one of the investigating panels.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) sent a similar rebuke last week to Rosenstein, saying the deputy attorney generalâ s first response to the committee â largely missed the pointâ of the congressional investigations.

â The essential question is whether the Obama Justice Department provided notice of the criminal activity of certain officials before the CFIUS approval of the Uranium One deal and other government decisions that enabled the Russians to trade nuclear materials in the U.S.,â Grassley said.

Flores said Sessions stands by his testimony. "The Attorney Generalâ s testimony is accurate. The criminal case in which Mikerin was convicted and the factual and legal requirements needed to make that case did not address the CFIUS matter," the Justice spokeswoman said.

Similar misinformation surfaced last week in articles by Reuters and Yahoo News in which officials were quoted as casting doubt that Campbell had any information about the Uranium One deal, because Tenex was a different division of Rosatom than the ARMZ subsidiary that bought the mining firm.

But Campbellâ s FBI informant file shows Uranium One came up several times in 2010 as the sale was pending, partly because Tenex was Rosatomâ s commercial arm and would be charged with finding markets for the new uranium being mined and enriched both in the United States and abroad.

Campbell himself was directly solicited by his colleagues to help overcome opposition to the Uranium One deal, the FBI informant files show. In an Oct. 6, 2010, email with the subject line â ARMZ + Uranium One,â Fisk forwarded a news article outlining Republican efforts to derail the sale.

â The referenced article may present a very good opportunity for Sigma [Campbellâ s company] to try and remove the opposing influences, if that is something you can do,â Fisk wrote the informant, who was also a paid consultant for the company at the time.

The next day, Mikerin was sent an 11-page report laying out the larger Russian nuclear strategy and what Russia wanted to do inside the U.S. to gain advantage in the uranium market. The report cited specific concerns about the political pressure opposing Uranium One if it wasnâ t overcome. Campbell intercepted the document.

â Some Republicans truly fear the entry of Russia into the U.S. market, as demonstrated by the fact that they are taking steps to block the purchase of Uranium One,â the report warned Mikerin. â This effort bears watching as it may provide clues as to the likely political reaction if a Russian entity was going to participate in the construction and operation of a uranium enrichment plant in the U.S.â

After Rosatomâ s sale was approved, Uranium One officials would have direct contact with Tenex and Mikerin, some of which was witnessed by Campbell, the documents show.

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For instance, Mikerin forwarded to Campbell an email in 2012 from a Uranium One executive suggesting the planned construction of a new nuclear reactor near Augusta, Ga., might prove a good opportunity for both Uranium One and Tenex to expand their business, the documents show.

Campbell's debriefing files also show he regularly mentioned to FBI agents in 2010 a Washington entity with close ties to Bill and Hillary Clinton that was being paid millions to help expand Tenex's business in the United States. The entity began increasing its financial support to a Clinton charitable project after it was hired by the Russians, according to the documents.

Campbell engaged in conversations with his Russian colleagues about the efforts of the Washington entity and others to gain influence with the Clintons and the Obama administration. He also listened as visiting Russians used racially tinged insults to boast about how easy they found it to win uranium business under Obama, according to a source familiar with Campbell's planned testimony to Congress.

Uranium One was a large enough concern for the informant that he confronted one of his FBI handlers after learning the CFIUS had approved the sale and that the U.S. had given Mikerin a work visa despite the extensive evidence of his criminal activity, the source said.

The agent responded back to the informant with a comment suggesting "politics" was involved, the source familiar with Campbell's planned testimony said.

Justice officials said federal prosecutors have no records that Campbell or his lawyer made any allegations about the Uranium One deal during his debriefings in the criminal case that started in 2013, but acknowledged he collected evidence about the mining deal during the FBI counterintelligence investigation that preceded it.

In recent days, news media including The Washington Post and Fox News anchor Shepard Smith have inaccurately reported another element of the story: that Uranium One never exported its American uranium because the Obama administration did not allow it.

However, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission authorized Uranium One to export through a third party tons of uranium to Canada for enrichment processing, and some of that product ended up in Europe, NRC documents state.

A Uranium One executive acknowledged to The Hill that 25 percent of the uranium it shipped to Canada under the third-party export license ended up with either European or Asian customers through what it known in the nuclear business as "book transfers."

But the recent leaks that have most concerned congressional investigators occurred in a Yahoo story late Friday, in which Justice officials anonymously questioned Campbell's credibility and suggested they had to alter their criminal case against Mikerin in 2015, eventually striking a plea deal, because they feared he would be a "disaster" as a trial witness.

The FBI informant file, however, paints a different picture. After Mikerin pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 48 months prison in December 2015, the FBI took Campbell out to a celebratory seafood dinner and delivered a handsome reward: a check for \$51,046.36 dated Jan. 7, 2016, a copy of which was obtained by The Hill.

A source directly familiar with the FBI's evidence said the primary reason prosecutors working under Rosenstein, then the U.S. attorney in Maryland, changed course in the case was because of concerns their initial indictment miscast Campbell's role in the investigation.

The original indictments and affidavits portrayed Campbell as a "victim" who became a confidential

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witness after the Russians tried to â extortâ him in summer 2009 into a kickback scheme, court records show.

In fact, Campbell was an informant deeply controlled by FBI counterintelligence starting when he signed a nondisclosure agreement in January 2008, more than a year before Mikerin engaged him in the criminal activity, the FBIâ s records show.

Campbell was inserted inside Mikerinâ s world specifically to look for criminal activity and other harmful national security actions by the Russians, starting with undercover work he performed as a consultant contracting with a lobbying firm in 2008 and then inside Tenex starting in 2009, according to documents and memos.

Campbellâ s regular debriefings dating to 2008 show the nature of some of his undercover work, including making surreptitious recordings and collecting documents well before the first money laundering started inside Tenex in 2009. He also had a long history of collaboration with U.S. intelligence, including the FBI, that predated his case, sources told The Hill.

To facilitate his cover, Campbell made a cash payment in summer 2009 to a Russian consultant after he secured the Tenex consulting contract. His Russian colleagues demanded he hire the overseas consultant to better learn the company's strategy and how the Russians preferred to receive their consulting reports, sources said.

The transaction later worried prosecutors in the criminal case because they feared it might muddy their case of extortion against Mikerin because the voluntary payment was made only shortly before the kickback demands started, the sources said.

The prosecutors also faced another concern about the case unrelated to Campbell, the sources said.

When Fisk â one of the main targets of their bribery investigation â died in 2011, the FBI did not execute a grand jury subpoena to capture all of his evidence. Instead, agents asked his widow for permission to voluntarily search his computer hard drive and remove the documents the agents wanted.

The hard drive was subsequently discarded before the criminal charges were filed, leaving it unavailable for defense lawyers to search, the sources said. Defense lawyers pounced on the revelation late in the case, court records show.

At the time, Fisk was a larger than life figure inside the Russian nuclear industry, having headed the trucking firm that moved uranium across the United States on behalf of Rosatom. Campbell helped the FBI document that both Fisk, starting in 2004, and a successor, starting in 2011, at the trucking firm were paying bribes to the Russians, the records show.

During 2010, Fisk was transitioning from the trucking firm to become a key strategist for Tenex and Mikerin, advising them on the Russian nuclear industryâ s aggressive push to expand its business in the United States.

Sources said the recasting of the prosecution in 2015 had much to do with avoiding exposing the extensive nature of the FBI counterintelligence operations that involved Campbell.

â This isnâ t really about his credibility or work, which generated leads we relied on well into 2016. Often times, CI investigations are focused first on monitoring and stopping activity that threatens U.S. security and the consequences to later criminal case are a secondary concern,â said one source familiar

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with the probe. â Thatâ s the reality of a dirty business.â

Asked whether the criminal side of the Justice Department knew about Campbellâ s work, including its origins to 2008 and its possible ties to Uranium One, a source with direct knowledge said the prosecutors acquired all of Campbellâ s emails as part of a 2015 agreement he signed. Justice also had access to Campbellâ s emails recovered from Fiskâ s computers in 2011 as well as documents Campbell gave during debriefings that started in 2008, the source added.

The sources familiar with the full body of Campbellâ s work said they expect he can provide significant new information to Congress.

â Will he be able to prove that we knew Russia was engaged in criminal conduct before Uranium One was approved? You bet,â the source said. â Were the Russians using political influence and pulling political levers to try to win stuff from the U.S. government? You bet. Was he perfect? No one in this line of work is. But we were focused on much larger issues than just that.â

Campbell endured significant stress during his time undercover and suffered a handful of episodes related to drinking, resulting in two misdemeanor reckless driving charges and one misdemeanor driving under the influence, his lawyer said.

Attorney Victoria Toensing told The Hill that the FBI was fully aware of the drinking incidents and continued to use her client for many years after.

â Until he began working undercover for the U.S. government in his early 60s, Mr. Campbell had an unblemished driving record,â she said. â However, the pressure of living a double life and being threatened by the Russians if he violated their trust took a toll.

â Additionally, there were numerous occasions where he was required to meet socially with the Russians, who were prodigious imbibers of vodka. Any refusal by him to participate could have compromised his cover. Mr. Campbell has not had any driving or drinking issue since 2014 when he ceased working undercover."

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Dinesh Dâ Souza

Conservative author and filmmaker Dinesh Dâ Souza contends American politics are at their most combustible since just before the Civil War, and he says President Trump must lead the effort to destroy â plantation politicsâ and end the practice of using the power of government to punish political enemies.

Dâ Souza latest film, â Death of A Nation,â which opens Aug. 3, contends one of the greatest dangers Americans now face is the Democratsâ weaponization of government to exact political punishment on their enemies.

He believes thatâ s the reason for the increased polarization in the U.S. and why he received a much harsher sentence for campaign finance violations than most other people.

â I attribute this mainly to the gangster-ization of the Democratic Party. If I can cite my own case as an example. I was charged by the Obama administration for exceeding campaign finance laws. They threw the weight of the federal government against me,â he said.

â Jimmy Carter would not have done that. That was the old Democratic Party. But under Obama and under Hillary, you had this turn in which the weapons of the state are used against political opponents. Thereâ s no way to compromise with that. Itâ s not like we can have a middle position on that. We actually have to just stop it,â said Dâ Souza.

He says thatâ s the same conclusion President Abraham Lincoln reached more than 150 years ago when he said he would rather die than give up the election mandate to end slavery.

The Trump campaign is also a denunciation of what Dâ Souza calls plantation politics, which he says started as â an ethnic schemeâ to keep black people in complete dependence.

He says that while slavery has been abolished, Democrats still have the same mindset towards blacks, Latinos and others.

â The Democrats identify an ethnic group and they say, â Weâ re not going to campaign for your votes as individuals. We want your votes collectively, and weâ re going to create an institutional dependency and inter-generational dependency on the Democratic Party. Youâ ll never get out of poverty, but weâ ll take care of you forever and in exchange, youâ ll agree to vote for us,â said Dâ Souza.

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Dâ Souza says Democrats like to argue that the two parties have switched roles on race and other issues since Lincolnâ s day, but Lincoln argued people have the right to keep the fruit of their labor, and more than 150 years later, â the Republican Party stands for keeping the fruits of your laborâ and the Democratic Party â stands for wealth confiscation.â

â Not a whole lot has changed,â said Dâ Souza.

He noted his â Death of a Nationâ project was well underway before Trumpâ s decision to pardon him earlier this year.



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Dâ Souza says heâ s grateful to have basic rights again such as voting and ownership of a firearm, but he says there are much deeper blessings.

â I feel in a broader sense that thereâ s lifted a cloud. It has taken this â felonâ badge that the left was trying to hang around my neck. Itâ s lifted that. Itâ s given me my full American dream back, so for that Iâ m both exhilarated and grateful,â he said.

## **Rep. Tulsi Gabbard Introduces Securing Americaâ s Elections Act to Ensure Integrity of 2018 Elections. FINALLY- A RUSSIA-PROOF ELECTION PLAN**

**Washington, DC**â Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (HI-02) today introduced legislation to protect the countryâ s election infrastructure from cyber-hackers by requiring the use of voter-verified paper ballots or a paper ballot backup in federal elections. It authorizes emergency funding to empower every state to use voter-verified paper ballots that produce an auditable paper trail, beginning with the 2018 elections. It also addresses the need to ensure safe and secure software is utilized in voting machines on Election Day.

The Securing Americaâ s Elections Act expands on progress made in Hawaiâ i and 14 other states that currently produce voter-verified paper ballots to provide the American people with a secure, reliable, and independent record of their votes.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, 21 U.S. statesâ electoral systems faced attempted hacking in the 2016 election. Shortly after, at the worldâ s longest-running and largest hacking conference, DEFCON revealed startling cyber vulnerabilities in US election infrastructure: hackers easily breached every piece of election equipment, some in mere minutes. Participants with limited prior hacking knowledge and few tools and resources were able to undermine and manipulate the privacy, integrity, and accessibility of election equipment â most of which is still widely used in state and local elections today. Following these revelations from DEFCON, states like Virginia took action and switched to a voter-verified paper ballot system in their 2017 election to ensure voter integrity and confidence in their elections infrastructure. They produced the highest voter turnout in two decades. However, serious vulnerabilities remain in most states.

**[Video of Rep. Tulsi Gabbardâ s Speech on the House Floor is Available Here](#)**

**[Rep. Tulsi Gabbard questioned top homeland security, cybersecurity, and Virginia elections officers on the integrity of the nationâ s voting machines.](#)**

**Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard said:**

â The Department of Homeland Security reported that 21 state electoral systems were targeted in the 2016 election, revealing serious vulnerabilities and threatening the integrity of our elections. Soon after, at DEFCON, the world's largest hacking conference, hackers breached every piece of election equipment, some within mere minutes. We cannot ignore these vulnerabilities that erode voter confidence and expose our electionâ s infrastructure to manipulation by adversaries. With 2018 elections quickly approaching, Congress must act now and work with states to safeguard our electoral infrastructure and ensure that each and every American vote is counted faithfully and accurately.

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â The Securing Americaâ s Elections Act will ensure our elections are hack-proof by providing the American people with an auditable, reliable, paper record of their votes in time for the 2018 elections. It will also begin to address the effectiveness and security of our voting machine software. This is critical to renew our citizensâ faith in the electoral process.â

**Brian Fox, Board Member, National Association of Voting Officials, said,** "We are pleased to see Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard leading the country toward safe and secure election systems. The open source software language in her legislation, in addition to the necessary paper ballot component, will give appropriate security direction to the nation's election officials. Congresswoman Gabbard is appreciated as a pioneer advocating the science of protecting our democracy."

### **Background:**

**Rep. Tulsi Gabbardâ s Securing Americaâ s Elections Act would ensure an auditable and secure record of every Americanâ s vote by:**

- Requiring the use of voter-verified paper ballots or a paper ballot backup in federal elections that if needed, can be audited and counted by hand, optical scanner, or similar device.
- Allowing voters to verify their ballot and correct any errors before their permanent paper ballot is preserved for official records.
- Establishing voter-verified paper ballots as the correct record of the total votes cast, in the event of any inconsistencies or irregularities between electronic and paper vote tallies.
- Authorizing emergency funding for states to meet the costs of ensuring paper ballots/paper ballot backups by the 2018 federal elections.
- Studying the effectiveness and security of using open-source electronic voting software, which could potentially provide additional security and lower costs of upgrading our nationâ s election infrastructure.

In an Oversight and Government Reform Hearing, Edgardo CortÃ©s, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections, confirmed the lack of public confidence and vulnerabilities of existing voting systems in the state of Virginia and across the country. Following these revelations of vulnerable election equipment at DEFCON, Virginia switched to a voter-verified paper ballot system before the 2017 election. The Virginia Department of Elections didnâ t receive a single complaint questioning the integrity of the 2017 election and produced the highest voter turnout in two decades.

**Asked by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard about the decision to transition to a voter-verified paper ballot election system, Edgardo CortÃ©s, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Elections said,** â When it came down to the final decision about what to do with the equipment, our biggest consideration was if there was some issue reported on Election Day, would we have the confidence to go out and tell our voters that the results from the machines were accurate and that we could confirm that. I think that ultimately, we determined, in consultation with our wonderful staff at the state IT agency and their assessment, that we wouldnâ t be in a position to do that with the equipment that we were using. Without that independent verification, that paper ballot, there would be no way to do that. I think that ultimately was the moment that decertification moved forward, and we decided to have paper ballots state-wide for this past November.â

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The UK's data protection watchdog will seek the maximum fine for Facebook's role in the data harvesting scandal CREDIT: REUTERS

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Facebook has been slapped with a Â£500,000 fine for the role it played in the Cambridge Analytica scandal, in which the data of 87m users was harvested for political purposes.

The data regulator found that the social network failed to safeguard usersâ information and allowed peopleâ s personal data to be harvested by others, constituting a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. Had the breach occurred after May this year, Facebook may have faced a far greater fine under the new data protection law, a maximum of 4pc of global turnover or â 20m (Â£18m), whichever was highest.

The penalty could be just the first in what might become several fines for Mark Zuckerberg as the Information Commissionerâ s...

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## Facebook is the least-trusted tech company by a country mile



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While Mark Zuckerberg spent all day yesterday answering awkward questions about Facebook from his booster seat, *Recode* published a new poll showing which tech companies are trusted the least when it comes to handling your data. You can probably guess which company came out the worst, but the data really shows that Facebook is in a league of its own of bad public opinion.

Respondents to *Recode*'s survey were asked to choose which company they trust the least with their personal information, from a list of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Lyft, Microsoft, Netflix, Tesla, Twitter, Snap and Uber.

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56 percent of respondents put Facebook, with the next-least-trusted company being Google, with a paltry 5 percent. Uber and Twitter finished tied 3rd, with 3 percent, while Snap, Apple, and Amazon were stuck on 2%. The big winners are Microsoft, Lyft, Tesla, and Netflix, who didn't generate enough responses to even be significant.

Even though Facebook could be widely expected to lose this contest, given the current scandals it's fighting, the survey does show the rift between Facebook and the rest of the tech industry. Facebook's current struggles are being framed in some circles as a popular backlash against overly powerful technology companies, but it really goes to show that this is a Facebook problem, not an industry problem. The wealth of information that Google collects on its users is arguably more terrifying, but the survey seems to show that the company does a much better job of getting informed consent from users, and more importantly from stopping nefarious third parties from accessing data without your knowledge.

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## Federal abuses on Obama's watch represent a growing blight on his legacy

BY MONICA CROWLEY, THE HILL [5.471](#)

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In all of the discussions about the political weaponization of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the FBI, alleged corruption at the highest echelons of those agencies and serial abuse of the secret FISA process surrounding the 2016 election, one name has been conspicuously absent: President **Barack Obama**.

High-ranking officials and other major players in those agencies â which Obama oversaw â are increasingly embroiled in the growing scandal: **James Comey**, Loretta Lynch, **Andrew McCabe**, Andrew Weissmann, **Sally Yates**, Peter Strzok, Lisa Page, Bruce Ohr.

Given the tight control Obama exercised over every part of his administration and agenda, the idea that any of these appointees and loyalists freelanced their activities without at least his tacit approval or that of his White House strains credulity.

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These kinds of abuses of power were nothing new, given the Obama teamâ s long history of this type of misconduct on everything from the Benghazi terror attack to the political misuse of the IRS. They weaponized the most fearsome government agencies to target, monitor and presumably illegally unmask political opponents, including members of Congress, journalists reporting unfavorable stories, Trump allies and average Americans.

These dark institutional offenses didnâ t just materialize out of thin air. One of the criticisms of President Nixon was that even though he wasnâ t aware of the Watergate break-in, he had created an environment in which such an action was acceptable.

Decades later, Obama created a climate in which the potentially criminal misuse of the DOJ and the FBI, as currently being unraveled, was not just acceptable but perhaps encouraged, thereby giving rise to what could be the most dangerous scandal in American history.

Itâ s increasingly apparent that these recently exposed abuses of power served two ostensible purposes: to secure **Hillary Clinton**â s candidacy by shielding her from prosecution stemming from the use of her unauthorized private server, and to derail the candidacy and presidency of Donald Trump.

But something else, something more profound, drove their efforts: their urgency to preserve what Obama once

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called â the fundamental transformation of the nationâ â a grand project much bigger than Obama himself or any other single figure. He largely fulfilled the long-held progressive ambition of changing the nationâ s course, only to see Trump threaten to change it once again: not to return it to where it was pre-Obama, but to smash the corrupt existing order that had made their progressive advances possible.

Obama and the leftist movement over which he has presided could not tolerate a reversal of their gains (by Trump, no less!), so they got to work.

On the offensive side, these Obama officials â who obviously loathe Trump, as demonstrated by the glaring antipathy in the Strzokâ Page texts and othersâ communications â set out to damage him. Trump, they thought, gave them much material with which to work, plus they enjoyed a compliant media that stood ready to amplify spoon-fed narratives, regardless of their veracity. The acquisition of multiple FISA warrants â now known to be largely based on an unverified dossier prepared by a foreign spy, using anonymous Russian and close Clinton associates and paid for by her campaign and the Democratic National Committee â to subvert and impair Trump and his associates, succeeded beyond their wildest dreams.

On the defensive side, Herculean efforts were made by the Obama DOJ and FBI to stonewall the Clinton investigation, not out of any real love for Hillary but because they needed to ensure a Democratic win and the continuance of their â transformativeâ agenda. Further, with Clinton at the helm, evidence of all of their previous abuses would never see the light of day.

Thus, the forward march to safeguard her.

In October 2015, Obama told â 60 Minutesâ that, while Clinton made a â mistakeâ using a private server, â this is not a situation in which Americaâ s national security was endangered.â The signal to his law enforcement lieutenants to back off could not have been clearer.

As the National Reviewâ s Andrew McCarthy has reported, Obama knowingly and repeatedly sent communications to Clinton via her nongovernment, unsecured email and server. One assumes those emails involved classified information, not yoga schedules. That meant if Clinton were guilty of committing felonies, so was Obama. Because they were joined at the hip over this and other toxic controversies, such as Benghazi, she required protection in order to protect him. To this day, they survive or fall together. Hence, Obamaâ s support of her candidacy over his preferred choice, Joe Biden, and the necessity of the email cover-up.

He and his allies have never taken their eyes off the prize. They cannot allow their progressive gains to be erased (and replaced by far more successful economic and national security policies) and their history of abuses to be exposed. Having never expected a Trump victory, the Obama and Clinton squads have been throwing the kitchen sink at him in an effort to protect themselves â and to try to backstop their hard-won â transformativeâ achievements.

Restoring the progressive revolution is also why loyal Obama soldiers such as Biden and Eric Holder are considering White House runs. In the meantime, they must try to destroy Trump, his agenda, and the investigations that are quickly turning against them. After all, if Trump doesnâ t just endure but succeeds, Obama, Clinton, their brigades and the larger decades-long radical movement have everything to lose.

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## **The Death Of The Obama Wing Of The Democratic Party**

by Rep. Julio Gonzalez, M.D., J.D.

The past few weeks have been devastating for the Democratic Party, its reputation and its standing among the American people.

As a result of an endless stream of news reports and congressional actions, the American people have learned that the Democratic Party, in collusion with Hillary Clinton and Russian operatives, fabricated a dossier as a guarantee to keep an American citizen from being elected President of the United States. They learned that the FBI and the Department of Justice, while under the leadership of President Obama, promoted those fabricated misrepresentations while simultaneously protecting Clinton from prosecution of her gross violations of federal secrecy laws in her mishandling of classified electronic information.

And as the milieu of corruption and malfeasance revealed itself, no evidence of the collusion Democrats claimed to have taken place between Russian operatives and the Trump Campaign appeared. On the contrary, the deeper Congress peeled into the issue, the more it appeared that the Democrats were colluding with the Russians to defeat Trump rather than the obverse.

On another front, Democrats worked to oppose a tax cut that would place millions of dollars back into the pockets of average Americans and their businesses. More offensively, they

recurrently minimized the importance of those newly found cash savings. Even as the Democrats foolishly decried the effects of the tax package as inconsequential, or painful to Americaâ s middle class, the nationâ s largest employers announced bonuses and increases in entry level wages. In response, Democrats took to the airwaves and social media, decrying the magnitude of those bonuses as â crumbs,â while the middle class they so adamantly claimed to defend considered those crumbs hugely significant.

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The Democrats did not have to take such contrarian positions on any of these issues. In so doing, however, they positioned themselves as defenders of the Deep State and of its corruption. Worse yet for the Democrats, they showed themselves to be the very elitist ultra-rich against whom they claim to be advocating.

The fact is that the positions recently taken by Democrats are the result of a faction that has taken control of the Partyâ s direction and has steered it well away from the views of mainstream America; the Obama Wing of the Democrat Party. And what we are witnessing with every misguided Democratic argument, every attempt at stopping corruption because of its own protectionism, and every demeaning slight at the intelligence of the American people is the slow, protracted, and howling death cries of that Obama Wing.

The Obama Wing of the Democratic Party is a decidedly anti-American faction that has conflated its calls for workersâ rights and social mobility with a rabid

anti-capitalistic position that disparages self reliance. It is a Wing claiming that nothing you can do is achievable on your own, (â It takes a villageâ ), but rather is facilitated and made possible only by the presence of government. It is a faction that effortlessly moves beyond the constraints of the law to suit its own self-propagation, doing so for two reasons. First because the law ought not apply to them since they know whatâ s best for the rest of us, and second, because above all, it is important that they protect themselves against attacks from their political enemies.

You say these views are antithetical to the United States Constitution and to those foundational principles giving rise to the most exceptional nation in the history of earth? Why, yes! But since when are those documents and principles more important than the self-righteousness of the positions espoused by Obama Democrats?

From this attitude, we get a President who believes it is within his authority to decide when the Senate is or is not in session just so he can make a recess appointment. We get a President who shamelessly says that if Congress doesnâ t solve a particular policy problem, he will â even though the Constitution never gave the President of the United States the authority to pass this nationâ s laws. And we get a faction believing it is okay for the federal government to force people to purchase a product, even if the people donâ t want it or believe they need it.

So far, the Obama Wing of the Democratic Party merely

sounds like a typical liberal faction. But thereâ s more! This faction believes the United States is the source of great evils in the world rather than its most hopeful solution. In its Orwellian stance, it believes there is such a thing as leading from behind, and that such a thing ought not to be construed as cowardice. And it believes it is okay to abandon Americaâ s allies in an attempt to appease its most rabid enemies.

It is also a faction believing that every social strife ought to be properly seen through the lens of blacks versus white. There can be no justice, says the Obama Wing of the Democratic Party, unless â white peopleâ are struck down at the expense of â people of colorâ â concepts irreconcilably antithetical to human rights and civil justice.

Strangely, ever since the rise of the Obama Wing of the Democratic Party, the rank and file Democrat has felt it necessary to defend these espoused concepts. Instead of acknowledging the misguided and inherently hateful positions of this terrible epoch in American politics, they instead continue to defend it, hastening their descent into the quicksand of their amorality.

There is only one outcome for this wing and the path it has charted. But as long as the Democrats continue to defend it, we will continue to see its demise as a party of influence in the United States. Oh yes, it may make some progress in a midterm election here and there, and it will continue to make noise. But overall, its sphere of influence will continue to shrink, and its voice will become increasingly shrill.

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The only question is, how painful and protracted will this stubborn and egoistic demise be. Maybe we can ask Congressman Gutierrez.

## Federal judge finds ballots were illegally destroyed in Wasserman Schultz corruption matter

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### **Wasserman Schultz rival says ballots were wrongly destroyed**

Tim Canova, the 2016 Democratic primary challenger for Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, speaks out on 'The Next Revolution.'

A Florida Circuit judge ruled Friday that that the stateâ s second-most populous county violated state and federal laws by destroying ballots from a 2016 Democratic primary race which Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz won.

Circuit Judge Raag Singhal decided that the records were wrongly destroyed because the laws require elections offices to keep the ballots in federal elections for 22 months. Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes destroyed the ballots just after 12 months, the [Sun-Sentinel](#) reported.

The judge also noted that because the ballots were subject to a lawsuit, only a court order should have allowed their destruction.

Snipes â has not presented any evidence refuting that the public records sought were destroyed while this case was pending before this court,â Singhal said.

A Florida Circuit judge ruled Friday that that the stateâ s second-most populous county violated state and federal laws by destroying ballots from a 2016 Democratic primary race which Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz won. (AP)

Gov. Rick Scottâ s administration announced shortly after the ruling that Floridaâ s Department of State will send election experts to the Broward elections office in the next election to â to ensure that all laws are followed.â

Snipesâ predecessor was fired from the elections office by former Gov. Jeb Bush and the Florida Senate after failing to ensure a smooth election process in the 2002 Democratic gubernatorial primary, according to [Politico](#).

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The lawsuit was brought by Tim Canova, the defeated Democratic primary candidate who sued the elections office after seeking to check for voting irregularities. He lost the primary race by nearly 7,000 votes to Wasserman Schultz, the former chair of the Democratic National Committee.

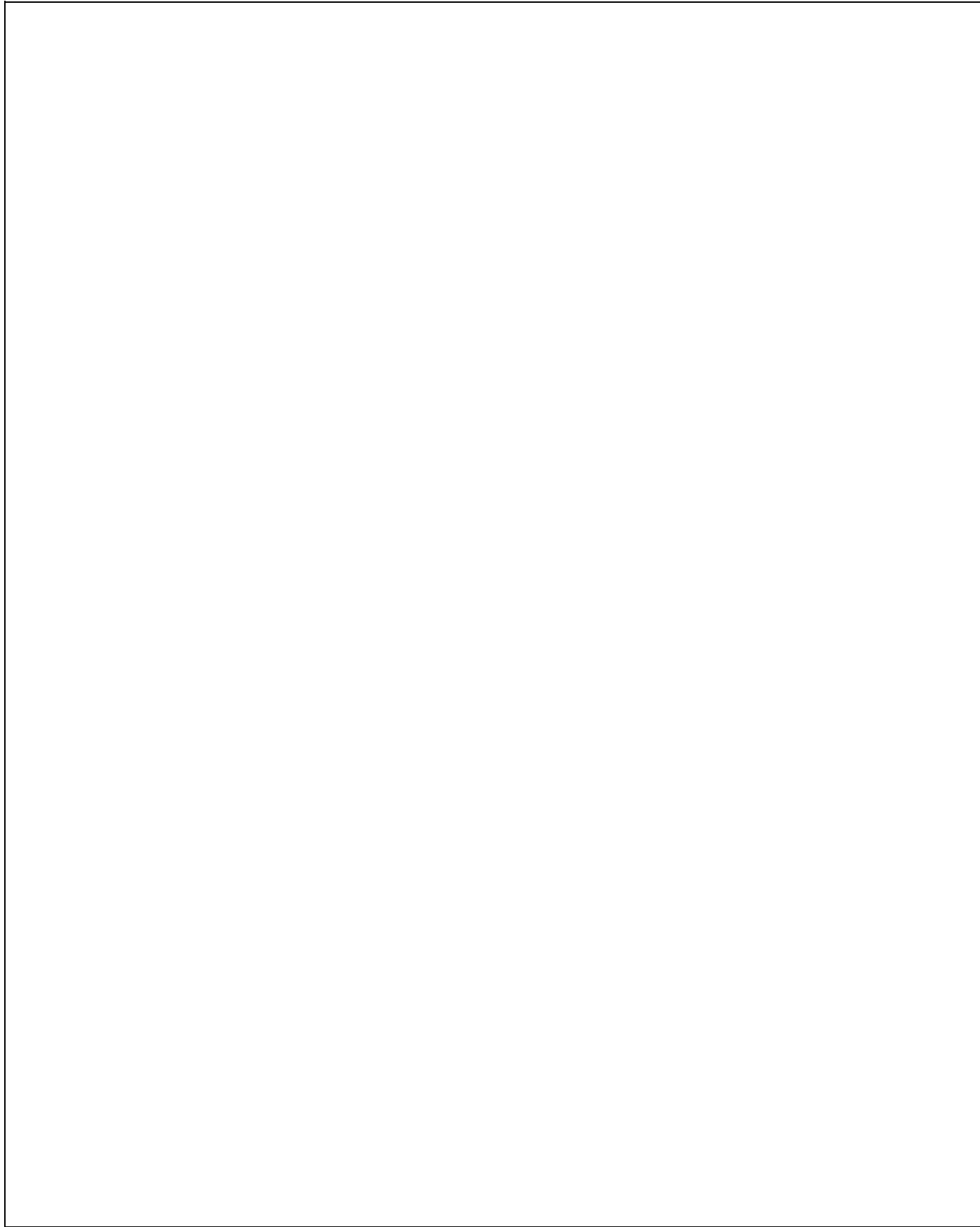
Canova, who will be challenging the congresswoman again this year as an Independent, sought the paper ballots in March 2017, but was forced to sue three months later after he said Snipes failed to comply with the request and wanted to charge \$72,000 to sort and produce the records, Politico reported.

Snipes testified that the push to destroy the ballots, which she did in September, was a â mistake,â adding that the boxes were mislabeled. She said â nothing on my part that was intentional.â

But the judge dismissed the argument, saying â Defendant's lack of intent to destroy evidence while this case was pending is irrelevant.â

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Tim Canova

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An attorney for Snipes, Burnadette Norris-Weeks, said she will appeal the decision because the elections office never declined to provide the ballots to Canova, only objected to unreasonable demands.

â It was a mistake [destroying the original ballots], but the ballots were preserved,â Norris-Weeks told the Sun-Sentinel. â They were scanned shortly after the election.â

Canova is now pushing for Snipes to lose her job.

â I think dismissal is an appropriate remedy,â Canova told the newspaper.

## Feinstein pretends to 'mortified' by FBI allegation that staffer was spy for China: report

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U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein fired a staffer who was allegedly part of an effort to spy and pass on political intelligence to the Chinese government.

The staffer, based in the Democrat's San Francisco office, was suspected of delivering political intelligence, though nothing top secret, to officials based at the local Chinese Consulate, [Politico](#) reported.

The FBI informed Feinstein, the then-chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, about five years ago about the staffer and allegations that the staffer was a spy. The source who confirmed the incident to the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) said â Dianne was mortifiedâ upon learning about it.

The suspected spy served as the lawmakerâ s driver in California, but took on other roles as well, including helping out in her San Francisco office and being Feinsteinâ s liaison to the Asian-American community in the state. He attended Chinese Consulate events on behalf of the senator.

A former official said that the spyâ s handler â probably got an award back in Chinaâ for his efforts to penetrate Feinsteinâ s office and pass on intelligence.

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**Ex-CIA officer suspected of spying for China**

The driver was reportedly recruited years ago after he being befriended on one of the trips to Asia by someone from Chinaâ s Ministry of State Security, the countryâ s intelligence and security agency, the Chronicle reported.

â He didnâ t even know what was happening â that he was being recruited,â a source told the publication. â He just thought it was some friend.â

The FBI wasnâ t able to charge the individual, possibly because he was passing on political intelligence rather than classified materials â making the prosecution nearly impossible.

â They interviewed him, and Dianne forced him to retire, and that was the end of it,â the Chronicleâ s source said. â None of her staff ever knew what was going on. They just kept it quiet.â

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## **Five Years After Obama-Hillary Sell 20% of US Uranium to Russia â Putin Threatens West with â Unstoppableâ Nuke Bomb**

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**In October 2017** an FBI informant stepped forward and said there was â on-the-record quid pro quoâ surrounding the Uranium One scandal with the Clintons.

Bill Clinton received a \$500,000 speaking fee from a Russian backed bank and the Clinton Foundation received millions of dollars from people involved with the Uranium One deal.

The informant, Douglas Campbell, broke his silence on a Russia plot to steer millions of dollars to the U.S. in an effort to benefit the Clinton Foundation. Campbell braved â 35 intense radiation treatments after being diagnosed with cancer during his time with the FBI.

Mr. Campbell also accused the Obama administration of making decisions that ended up benefitting the Russian nuclear industry, which he said was seeking to build a monopoly in the global uranium market

**Obama was briefed at least twice on the corrupt deal to sell US uranium to Russia and did nothing.**

**The US turned over 20% of its uranium reserves in the deal.**

**On Wednesday Russian leader Vladimir Putin threatened the West with unstoppable nuclear missiles.**

Putin boasts Russia has developed an intercontinental nuclear missile that canâ t be stopped or shot down by any countryâ s defence system.

Vladimir Putin said the rocket travels 20 times the speed of sound and has unlimited range.

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### **Pentagonâ s UFO program revealed**

Newly-released video of a mysterious object streaking over the Atlantic Ocean shows the Pentagon needs to take UFOs seriously, a researcher says.

The sensational two-minute clip captured by a camera aboard a US Navy F/A 18 jet flying at 25,000 feet wowed military personnel.

â What the fâ is that thing?â shouted the pilot in the video posted online by the To the Stars Academy of Arts and Science, a private research company.

â Oh my gosh dude!â exclaimed the jetâ s weapons systems officer.

The video was shot off the East Coast in 2015. To the Stars Academy did not say how it obtained the declassified footage, but said others could obtain it through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Three videos showing similar incidents became public last year in reports of \$22 million in Pentagon spending on UFO research.

The videos, along with observations by pilots and radar operators, â appear to provide evidence of the existence of aircraft far superior to anything possessed by the United States or its allies,â writes Christopher Mellon, a former defense official in the George W. Bush and Clinton administrations and an adviser to To the Stars Academy.

In a Washington Post op-ed, Mellon reasoned that if the origin of these aircraft is a mystery, â so is the paralysis of the US government in the face of such evidence.â

Mellon, who served as an intelligence official for the Clinton and George W. Bush administrations, charged that military and department agencies â treat such incidents as isolated events rather than as part of a pattern requiring serious attention and investigation.â

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Mellon compared the governmentâ s current approach to UFOs to the counterterrorism efforts of the CIA and the FBI prior to 9/11.

He wondered if the US has been â technologically leap-frogged by Russia or Chinaâ or might these videos â be evidence of some alien civilization. Unfortunately, we have no idea, because we arenâ t even seeking answers.â

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# **Fukushima Radiation Makes Landfall On Vinod Khosla Martins Beach on US West Coast And It Is Getting Worse**

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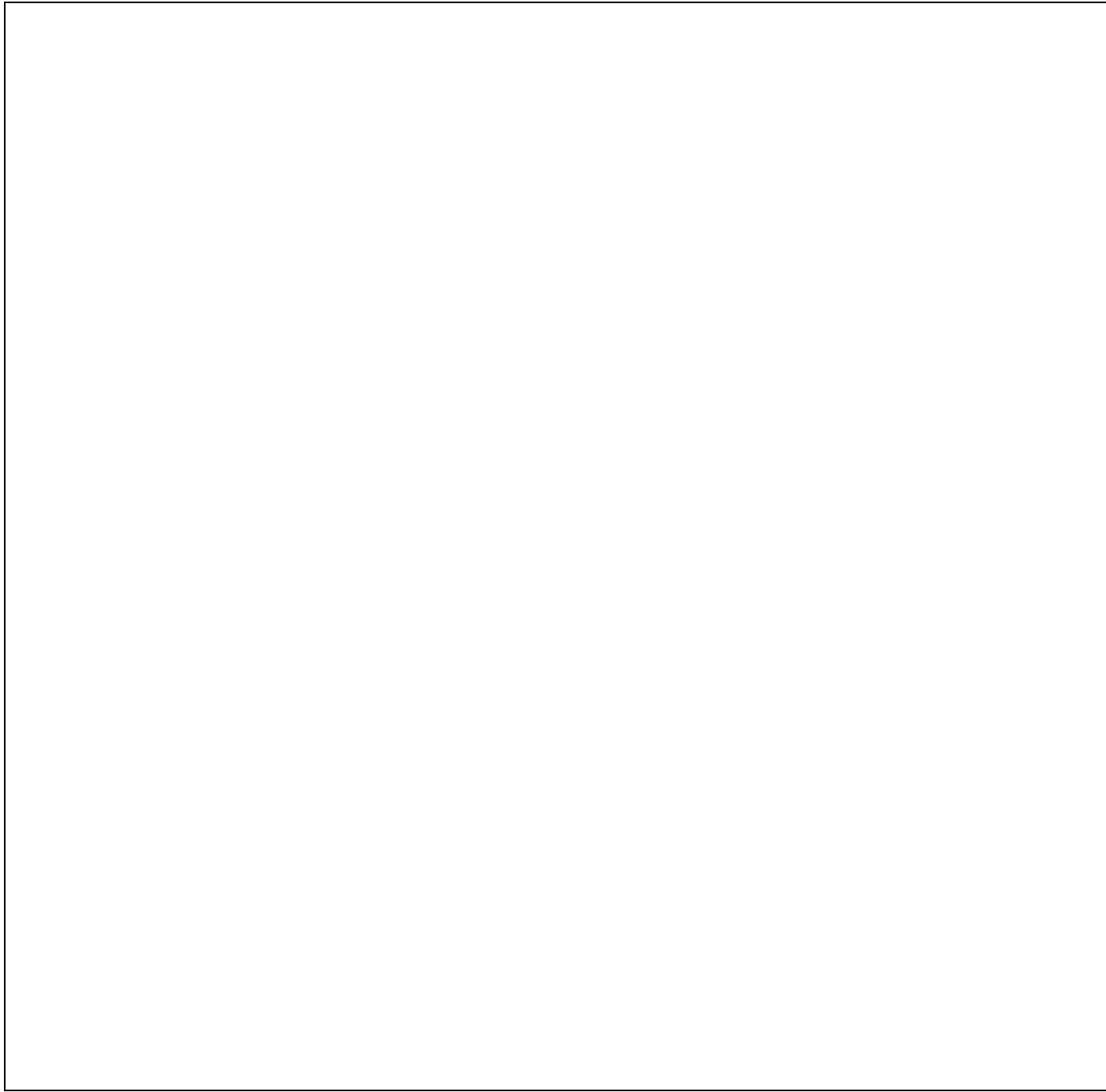
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Seaborne Cesium 134, a radioactive isotope released by the 2011 Fukushima disaster, has been detected on the USâ Pacific coast for the first time by independent researchers.

After the catastrophic triple meltdown of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in 2011, the Japanese government and the plantâ s parent company, Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), worked to cover up the damage done and downplay the amount of radiation the disaster had released into the environment.

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mountain lion with a second set of teeth growing out of its head was found in Idaho, which scientists are saying may have been caused by Fukushima nuclear radiation arriving from across the Pacific ocean. Though the disasterâ s many impacts have been suspiciously absent from mainstream media reports in the years since, the radiation pouring out of the plantâ s damaged reactors have never stopped. To this day, 300 tons of contaminated, radioactive water flow into the Pacific Ocean **every day** as many of the leaks can never be sealed due to the extreme heat.

Now, nearly six years after the meltdown, radiation from Fukushima has made landfall on the West coast of the United States, signaling a dangerous new era for residents and wildlife along the Pacific coastal region. Researchers from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), a crowd-funded team of scientists, announced yesterday that they had detected, for the first time, seaborne cesium 134 in seawater on the shores of Tillamook Bay in Oregon. The group has been monitoring the waterborne radiation as it extends from Fukushima across the Pacific for years. According to WHOI as well as other scientists, cesium 134, a dangerous and carcinogenic radioactive isotope, could only have originated from the Fukushima disaster due to its short half-life, or rate of decay.

Fishermen in the US Northwest and Alaska have recently noticed an increase in fish with cancerous tumors and growths Credit â LEO Alaska

The samples themselves contained 0.3 becquerels/m<sup>3</sup> of the isotope, a relatively small amount that some researchers and corporate media outlets say poses â no risk to humans or the environment.â However, there is no such thing as â safeâ amounts of radiation, which is particularly true of radioactive cesium as it imitates potassium within the body. Japanese citizens were also told there was nothing to worry about, despite the fact that cancer rates have spiked since the incident.

The real and unstated danger here is that of bioaccumulation. Bioaccumulation refers to the gradual build-up over time of chemicals in an organism, absorbing the substance at a faster rate than it is excreted.

Now, that Fukushima radiation has reached the US, those living on the West Coast or eating fish from that region could be at risk if they consume radioactive water or fish as all consumed cesium would remain in their body, continuously causing damage until it is excreted.

Children are said to be especially at risk. Another reason why there is cause for concern is that these samples were actually collected in January 2016 and not tested until recently, suggesting that landfall may have happened earlier than thought. This, in turn, would also mean that higher levels of cesium as more of Fukushimaâ s radiation has made contact with Western coastal shores in the months since as researchers have said that radiation will not â peakâ until well after the plumeâ s initial landfall.

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No matter how often the Japanese government, TEPCO, or the corporate media say that radiation from Fukushima is nothing to worry, ignoring a problem does not make it go away.

The worldâ s oceans, particularly the Pacific Ocean, are in the midst of an unprecedented crisis as mass die-offs of fish and coral are signaling that something is horribly wrong. These trends, combined with the devastating effects of over-fishing, led the World Wildlife Fund to recently warn that all marine life could die out before the year 2050, less than forty years from now.

It is incredible that a nuclear disaster that has leaked 300 tons of radioactive water into the ocean every day for the last five years could have no effect on the massive environmental crisis unfolding before our eyes.

Until Fukushimaâ s consequences are acknowledged and treated with the concern they clearly merit, we will continue to be unable to understand the true scope of the problem.

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## **Fusion GPS \*Still\* Taking Money From Secret Donors For Trump-Russia Witch Hunt**

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**Fusion GPS, the opposition research firm behind the discredited Steele dossier, is still investigating alleged ties between President Trump and Russia, reports *Fox News* contributor Sara A. Carter.**

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Sara Carter reports:

Whatâ s not known is who is paying for the continuing research? Fusion GPS officials could not be reached immediately for comment. [â ]

Rep. Ron DeSantis, a Florida Republican and Chairman of the National Security Subcommittee, sent a letter last week to House Speaker Paul Ryan, asking him to direct Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee Devin Nunes , R-CA to declassify documents given to the committee related to the dossier. [â ]

DeSantis told this reporter that releasing the information on the dossier and the classified FISA applications is the first step in getting the truth to the public.

â Congress needs to determine the role played by Fusion GPS in the Russia matter and that includes any current Fusion activity,â said DeSantis.

Congressional investigators probing the origins of the Steele dossier have set their sights on a brand new target â The Obama State Department.

Were Obama State Department officials responsible for spreading discredited tidbits compiled in the dossier through the media? Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes may soon find out.

Byron York of the Washington Examiner reports the Obama State Department is now being probed as to whether or not they had a hand in the dossier. York notes Steele was viewed inside the Obama State Department as a valuable source for intelligence on all things Russia. Obama State officials made a habit of disseminating reports the former British spy authored for private clients around the Department. Last week, Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpsonâ s explosive testimony was released by ranking Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). The lawmaker claimed she was â pressuredâ to release the transcript. Feinstein said a â bad coldâ led to her decision to unilaterally release the transcript. However, it was Fusion GPSâ s lawyers that demanded the documents be released, reports the *Daily Caller*.

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## ***GAWKER MEDIA AND THEIR DIRTY RUSSIAN MONEY***

*Submitted by at [iBankCoin.com](http://iBankCoin.com)*

Unsealed court documents reveal that the firm behind the salacious 34-page Trump-Russia Dossier, Fusion GPS, was paid \$523,000 by a Russian businessman convicted of tax fraud and money laundering, **whose lawyer, Natalia Veselnitskaya, was a key figure in the infamous June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower arranged by Fusion GPS associate Rob Goldstone.**

In short, D.C. opposition research firm Fusion GPS is the common denominator linked to two schemes used to damage the Trump campaign.

Founded in 2011 by former Wall St. Journal journalist Glenn Simpson and two other WSJ alumni, Fusion was responsible for the Clinton/DNC - funded dossier (which two Kremlin officials participated in), and was also involved in the infamous Trump Tower meeting with the Russian attorney of another Fusion client - an encounter some suspect may have been used to obtain a FISA wiretapping warrant on the Trump campaign.

He [Simpson] worked closely with Natalia Veselnitskaya, the Russian lawyer who also showed up at the infamous Trump Tower meeting held on June 9, 2016.

**Simpsonâ s research ended up in the Trump Tower meeting in the form of a four-page memo carried by Veselnitskaya.** She also shared Simpsonâ s work with Yuri Chaika, the prosecutor general of Russia.

Simpson told the House Intelligence Committee earlier this week that he did not know that Veselnitskaya provided the Browder information to Chaika or to Donald Trump Jr., the Trump campaignâ s point-man in the Trump Tower meeting. -Daily Caller

Of note, the 34-page dossier created by Fusion was reportedly used to obtain a FISA surveillance warrant on one-time adviser to the Trump campaign, Carter Page.

Quite a bit more notable is the fact that Glenn Simpson met with Natalia Veselnitskaya hours before the Trump Tower meeting, and also met with Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman **John Podesta** the day after the 34-page dossier was published by BuzzFeed. Glenn gets around.

### **InFusion of Funds**

*The Daily Caller's Chuck Ross - who has done an outstanding job turning over stones and finding gold - now reports that the heavily redacted Fusion GPS bank records unsealed Tuesday reveal DNC law firm Perkins Coie paid Fusion a total of **\$1,024,408** in 2016 for opposition research on then-candidate Donald Trump - including the 34-page dossier.*



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Ross also reports that law firm Baker Hostetler paid Fusion **\$523,651** between March and October 2016 on behalf of a company owned by **Russian businessman and money launderer Denis Katsyv to research Bill Browder**, a London banker who helped push through the Magnitsky Act - named after deceased Russian lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, who Browder hired to investigate Russian corruption.

Veselnitskaya, through Baker Hostetler, hired Glenn Simpson of the firm Fusion GPS to conduct a smear campaign against me and Sergei Magnitsky in advance of congressional hearings on the Global Magnitsky Act. -Bill Browder, Testimony to Senate Judiciary Committee, 7/26/17

### Magnitsky Act

Magnitsky uncovered a high level embezzlement and money laundering scheme, sanctioned by Russian Officials, in which large sums of money were stolen from the Russian government and invested in New York real estate. Some of the missing funds were traced to Katsyv's firm, Prevezon Holdings Ltd., which settled with the Justice Department in 2017 - paying \$5.9 million in fines.

Magnitsky was arrested and thrown in prison for just under a year, only to die seven days before he was to be released. He developed gall stones, pancreatitis, and a blocked gall bladder for which he received little to no medical care, and was found to have been physically assaulted shortly before he died.

In response to Magnitsky's horrific death and because Russian money laundering occurred on US soil, Congress and President Obama enacted the Magnitsky act in 2012 - imposing sanctions on Russia and barring Russian officials believed to be involved in Magnitsky's death from entering the United States. Russia retaliated by halting an adoption program for US foster parents.

### Enter Natalia

What's strange is that Katsyv's attorney, Natalia Veselnitskaya - a John McCain fan who hates Trump and uses Democrat lobbyists, was initially **denied entry into the United States**, only to be allowed in under "extraordinary circumstances" by Obama's Homeland Security Department and approved by former AG Loretta Lynch so she could represent **Fusion GPS client** Denis Katsyv's company, Prevezon Holdings - **and attend the meeting at Trump Tower with Donald Trump Jr. - arranged by Fusion GPS associate Rob Goldstone.**

### Let's Review:

- Russian businessman Denis Katsyv was a key figure in an embezzlement and money laundering scheme involving New York real estate, uncovered by Russian lawyer and accountant Sergei Magnitsky. Magnitsky died in Moscow's Butyrka prison after a year of inhumane treatment.
- The embezzlement scheme uncovered by Magnitsky along with the circumstances behind his death resulted in the Magnitsky Act - a bipartisan bill signed in December 2012 by President Obama which imposed sanctions on Russia.
- Katsyv settled with the U.S. Justice department in 2017, paying a paltry \$5.9 million in 2017 to settle the case - less than 3% of the amount originally sought by federal prosecutors.
- Katsyv's attorney, Natalia Veselnitskaya, **lobbied to remove the sanctions** imposed by the Magnitsky Act.
- Fusion GPS was paid \$523,651 by Katsyv to investigate London Banker Bill Browder who pushed for the Magnitsky Act

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- **Fusion GPS associate Rob Goldstone** set up the infamous meeting at Trump Tower between Donald Trump Jr., **Katsyv's lawyer** Natalia Veselnitskaya and various associates. The meeting was pitched to Trump Jr. as a "discussion on adoption" (not opposition research on Hillary Clinton) and was shut down by Trump after it became clear Veselnitskaya wanted to discuss the Magnitsky Act, which Don Jr. apparently didn't realize was linked to the adoption issue. Others present at the meeting include Jared Kushner, Paul Manafort, and Goldstone.
- **Hours before the Trump Tower meeting, Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson met with Veselnitskaya.**

### Meanwhile...

- **Fusion GPS was paid \$1,024,408 by a DNC law firm, funded in part by Hillary Clinton and the DNC, to create the salacious 34 page dossier.**
- **Fusion paid former British spy Christopher Steele \$168,000** to assemble the document (which had the cooperation of two senior Kremlin officials).
- Clinton campaign manager John Podesta met with Fusion CEO Glenn Simpson the day after the 34 page dossier was made public.

For their efforts, Fusion GPS was paid over \$1.5 million dollars between Hillary Clinton, the DNC, and the holding company owned by pro-Kremlin businessman Denis Katsyv.

### Russian Ties Galore!

Looking at other Russian affiliations on the left - since that's the entire impetus of the witch hunt against President Trump:

- Russia gained control over 20% of United States uranium after the Clinton Foundation received \$145 million from Uranium One affiliates and Russian oligarchs connected to the deal.
- The Obama administration approved the transaction after the FBI knew of a Russian plot to corner the US Uranium market and a racketeering scheme involving a Kentucky trucking company. Over 5,000 documents and a video of Russians preparing a briefcase stuffed with bribe money for Obama administration officials were obtained by an FBI informant.
- Bill Clinton met with Vladimir Putin at his house in Russia, the same day he collected \$500,000 for a speech to a Russian bank which upgraded Uranium One stock. Clinton sought approval from Hillary Clinton's State Department to meet with 15 Russians.
- Tony Podesta, brother of John Podesta, lobbied for Uranium One after Russia state-owned energy giant Rosatom owned the company outright.
- Tony Podesta met regularly with Clinton Foundation and was considered "basically part" of the organization, according to a former long-time executive of the Podesta Group, who also said Podesta was "peddling Russian oligarchs" all over D.C.
- Clinton campaign chief and longtime DNC operative John Podesta recommended that brother Tony hire Hillary Clinton's chief legislative advisor at the State Department, David Adams, which allowed a direct link between the firm's Russian clients and the Obama administration.
- John Podesta sat on the board and owned shares in Joule Unlimited - a green-energy company which received \$35 million from the Russian government while Hillary Clinton served as Secretary of State. In addition to Podesta, Joule's board of directors included senior Russian official Anatoly Chubais and oligarch Reuben Vardanyan - a Putin appointee to the Russian economic modernization council. Podesta jettisoned his shares before the 2016 election, transferring them to his daughter via a shell corporation.

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**Unfortunately**, Attorney General Jeff Sessions feels there isn't 'enough basis' to investigate any or all of the above.

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Geisha Williams, first Latina CEO of Fortune 500 company, resigns as PG&E files for bankruptcy and faces Billions in lawsuits and fines after 2 years at the helm. (ktvu.com)

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## Does This Man Know More Than Robert Mueller?

Glenn Greenwaldâ s war on the Russia investigation.

By **Simon van Zuylen-Wood**

Photograph by Sebastian Palmer

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**Itâ s 10:45 p.m. Rio de Janeiro time.** Glenn Greenwald and I are finishing dinner at a deserted bistro in Ipanema. The restaurant, which serves its sweating beer bottles in metal buckets and goes heavy on the protein, is almost aggressively unremarkable (English menus on the table, a bossa-nova version of â Hey Judeâ on the stereo). Greenwald avoids both meat and alcohol but seems to enjoy dining here. â I really believe that if I still lived in New York, the vast majority of my friends would be New York and Washington media people and I would kind of be implicitly co-opted.â He eats a panko-crusted shrimp. â It just gives me this huge buffer. Youâ ve seen how I live, right? When I leave my computer, that world disappears.â

Greenwald, now 50, has seemed to live in his own bubble in Rio for years, since well before he published Edward Snowdenâ s leaks and broke the domestic-spying story in 2013 â landing himself a Pulitzer Prize, a book deal, and, in time, the backing of a billionaire (thatâ s Pierre Omidyar) to start a muckraking, shit-stirring media empire (thatâ s First Look Media, home to the [Intercept](#), though its ambitions have been downgraded over time). But he seems even more on his own since the election, just as the agitated left has regained the momentum it lost in the Obama years.

The reason is Russia. For the better part of two years, Greenwald has resisted the nagging bipartisan suspicion that Trumpworld is in one way or another compromised by a meddling foreign power. If thereâ s a conspiracy, he suspects, itâ s one against the president; where others see collusion, he sees â McCarthyism.â Greenwald is predisposed to righteous posturing and contrarian eye-poking â and reflexively more skeptical of the U.S. intelligence community than of those it tells us to see as â enemies.â

And even if claims about Russian meddling are corroborated by Robert Muellerâ s investigation, Greenwaldâ s not sure it adds up to much â some hacked emails changing hands, none all that damaging in their content, maybe some malevolent Twitter bots. In his eyes, the Russia-Trump story is a shiny red herring â one that distracts from the failures, corruption, and malice of the very Establishment so invested in promoting it. And when in January, as â Journalism Twitterâ was chastising the president for one outrage or another, Congress quietly passed a bipartisan bill to reauthorize sweeping NSA surveillance, you had to admit Greenwald might have been onto something.

â When Trump becomes the starting point and ending point for how we talk about American politics, [we] donâ t end up talking about the fundamental ways the American political and economic and cultural system are completely fucked for huge numbers of Americans who voted for Trump for that reason,â he says. â We donâ t talk about all the ways the Democratic Party is a complete fucking disaster and a corrupt, sleazy sewer, and not an adequate alternative to this far-right movement thatâ s taking over American

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politics.â

Greenwaldâ s been yelling about this, quite heatedly, since before the election. â In the Democratic Echo Chamber, Inconvenient Truths Are Recast As Putin Plots,â reads the headline of an Intercept piece published in October 2016. â The Increasingly Unhinged Russia Rhetoric Comes From a Long-Standing U.S. Playbook,â reads another, from February 2017. As Muellerâ s investigation widened, no fallen domino â not the guilty plea of former Trump national-security adviser Michael Flynn, not the indictment of former campaign chairman Paul Manafort â chastened Greenwald. When it was recently reported that Steve Bannon had lobbed a treason charge in the direction of Donald Trump Jr. â precipitating his break with the president â Greenwald rolled his eyes. Bannonâ s â motives are pure & pristine and he is simply trying to inform the public about the truth,â Greenwald tweeted sarcastically.

Greenwald in Rio de Janeiro *Photo: Sebastian Palmer*

This is a year in which even the most anti-Establishment liberals have found themselves rooting for Mueller, a Republican who ran George W. Bushâ s war-on-terror FBI. â It is not an insubstantial portion of Democratic online loyalists who believe that if you deviate from Democratic Party orthodoxy on the Trump-Russia question, you are a paid Kremlin agent,â Greenwald says. And many of those who donâ t believe Greenwald works for Vladimir Putin tend to think he does his bidding for free. â I love him,â says former Gawker editor John Cook, who worked with Greenwald at the Intercept. â Heâ s dead, tragically wrong on this.â

Thanks to this never-ending hot take, Greenwald has been excommunicated from the liberal salons that celebrated him in the Snowden era; anybody who questions the Russia consensus, he says, â becomes a blasphemer. Becomes a heretic. I think thatâ s what they see me as.â Greenwald is no longer invited on MSNBC, and heâ s portrayed in the Twitter fever swamp as a leading villain of the self-styled Resistance. â I used to be really good friends with Rachel Maddow,â he says. â And Iâ ve seen her devolution from this really interesting, really smart, independent thinker into this utterly scripted, intellectually dishonest, partisan hack.â His view of the liberal online media is equally charitable. â Think about one interesting, creative, like, intellectually novel thing that [Voxâ s] Matt Yglesias or Ezra Klein have said in like ten years,â he says. â In general, theyâ re just churning out Democratic Party agitprop every single day of the most superficial type.â (Reached for comment, none of these people would respond to Greenwald.)

All this has led to one of the less-anticipated developments of the Donald Trump presidency: Glenn Greenwald, Fox News darling. For his sins, Greenwald has been embraced by opportunistic #MAGA partisans seeking to discredit the Trump-Russia story. When alt-right ringleader Mike Cernovich sat for a *60 Minutes* interview last year, he praised only one journalist: Greenwald. â My opinion of Glenn ten or 15 years ago was entirely negative,â says Fox Newsâ Tucker Carlson, who now heralds him as one of the â clearest thinkersâ in media. (A parallel phenomenon involves the rehabilitation by the Resistance of an armada of neoconservative zombies â David Frum, Max Boot, Robert Kagan, Bill Kristol â and the lionization, at least temporarily, of Trump-skeptical Republican politicians like John McCain, Jeff Flake, and Lindsey Graham.)

This, by the way, is the reason weâ re eating dinner so late on a Tuesday: Greenwald has to be at a TV studio in a few minutes to be interviewed by Carlson. We leave the restaurant and head across the street to the garage where he parked his Mitsubishi Outlander. Unexpectedly, the gate to the entrance has been shut and the attendant is missing. Mild panic sets in. Greenwald begins rattling the gate. Even if we catch a cab to the studio, his TV clothes are in the car, and he is currently wearing shorts and an old polo shirt. â How,â he frets, â can I go on Fox News dressed like this?â

# Anybody who questions it becomes a blasphemer. Becomes a heretic. I think thatâ s what they see me as.

The parking attendant eventually shows up. There is no traffic; we book it to a high-rise studio with postcard views of Sugarloaf Mountain and Christ the Redeemer. Greenwald changes into a shirt and tie but keeps on his shorts and flip-flops. â Iâ ve never worn long pants when Iâ m appearing on TV,â he says with a grin. He is miked up and fitted with an earpiece, then forced to wait 20 minutes as his segment keeps getting bumped. The experience of actually listening to Carlsonâ s show seems to get to him.

â Heâ s on a huge anti-gun-control, anti-disarmament rant,â Greenwald tells me the first time I ask him what Carlsonâ s talking about. â Bullshit,â he says the second time I ask, rolling his eyes. By the time he goes live, it is 11:50 p.m., and Carlson asks just two questions.

â So I only had like three minutes,â he says, un-miking himself. â But itâ s fine. It was worth it. It was cathartic.â

Greenwald with Edward Snowden in the documentary *Citizenfour* (2014). *Photo: Courtesy Everett Collection*  
**Greenwaldâ s home** is located on a dead-end cobblestone street, under a thick canopy of trees, a few miles inland from Ipanema Beach. The grounds are large enough to comfortably accommodate Greenwald; his husband, David Miranda; their two recently adopted children; household staff; 24 formerly stray dogs; and some dog poop, which, when I visit the day before his appearance on *Tucker Carlson Tonight*, I step in.

Greenwald greets me in his cathedral-like living room dressed in his usual shorts and polo. When I joke that he lives in a gated community â a guard in a booth controls access to the street â he seems wounded and explains that he could afford the place only because the recent Brazilian recession had devastated Rioâ s housing market. He plays coy when I ask him who owned the house previously. â I think it was some hedge-fund pig,â he says.

In person, Greenwald is funny and unguarded, which is the opposite of his online persona. Within minutes of my arrival, he launches into a story about a possible joint op-ed written with Katie Couric, before relaying a conversation he had with Ta-Nehisi Coates about how problematic it is to collaborate with people like Katie Couric. â It sounds like Iâ m obnoxiously name-dropping, and Iâ m not!â he says, catching himself. â But it was like, â How do you maintain your authenticity and the original kind of passion about the world that led you to be someone worth listening to, when now, suddenly, all these doors that had been previously closed are swinging open for you?â â â

Greenwald grew up near Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was closeted in high school and cultivated a rebel iconoclasm to cope. â One of the strategies you can develop is, *Iâ m never going to be weak*,â he says. â *Iâ m always gonna be smarter and stronger and more aggressive.*â Comparing himself to the titular character in the mockumentary *American Vandal*, he says he once prompted a schoolwide investigation by spray-painting the walls with â extremely offensive profanities about individual students and teachers.â â He was always warring with the administration, warring with teachers,â says his friend and former classmate Norman Fleisher. Instead of schoolwork, he devoted himself to the competitive-debate circuit and, in his senior year, to a failed bid for the Lauderdale Lakes City Council. He squeaked into George Washington University, where he majored in philosophy â Nietzsche â and again poured all his energy into debate. After that, law school at NYU, then a job at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, the most decorated and macho

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of the cityâ s white-shoe firms. In 1995, he left Wachtell to start his own litigation practice and carved a niche doing pro bono civil-liberties work, including defending neo-Nazi Matthew Hale.

Greenwald supported the U.S. invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, but in 2005, when it became clear that the war on terror had produced a massive suspension of civil liberties â warrantless wiretapping, GuantÃ;namo Bay â Greenwald abandoned his law practice and devoted himself to calling out the administration on his website, *Unclaimed Territory*. That year, he broke up with a longtime boyfriend, a psychotherapist. To unwind, he came to Rio alone, where he met the then-19-year-old Miranda. Their relationship did not, at the time, entitle Miranda to a visa â so Greenwald stayed in Brazil; Miranda is now the first openly gay city councilman in Rioâ s history.

Early on, the mainstream press was docile in its coverage of the war on terror. Greenwald and his allies in the nascent left-wing blogosphere emerged to push back. â â â Barbarians at the gateâ was kind of the metaphor,â Greenwald says, and his prosecutorial hatchet jobs on the Bush White House became especially popular, despite (or perhaps because of) his exhausting, didactic prose. When he moved his blog to Salon in 2007, says his former colleague Alex Pareene, â editors would joke about the incredibly SEO-unfriendly headlines on his blog posts. Like, 3,000 words with the headline â And Another Thought.â â â Twitter, when that was invented, proved irresistible to Greenwald. â I would wake up at like nine in the morning and see somebody saying something stupid on Twitter, and then it would be four in the afternoon, and I havenâ t gotten out of bed.â

Once Obama was elected, the left blogosphere cleaved. â Some people, they revealed theyâ re mainstream, democratic liberals and defended a mainstream, democratic liberal administration,â says Pareene. â Others, they stuck to their line of opposition to the use of American power.â Greenwald was clearly in the latter camp, praising Ron Paulâ s military isolationism and blasting the various â war criminalsâ who still ran D.C. Which meant that, by 2013, Greenwald, now writing for *The Guardian*, had spent a decade hurling invective at essentially everyone in Washington. To someone like Edward Snowden, those were unimpeachable bona fides. To others with more sympathy for the American Establishment, coordinating the publication of Snowdenâ s documents was something else. Greenwald hatred was intense not just in the intelligence community but also among would-be allies of transparency in the press; Andrew Ross Sorkin of the *New York Times* said heâ d â almost arrest Glenn Greenwald.â Thenâ *Meet the Press* moderator David Gregory asked Greenwald if he should be charged for having â aided and abettedâ Snowden. Greenwald was not wearing long pants during that interview, either.

Greenwaldâ s self-conception as an opposition figure, though, was getting more complicated. In 2014, Omidyar, the founder of eBay, poured \$250 million into a news organization called First Look Media and handed Greenwald the keys. One of Greenwaldâ s collaborators on the Snowden story, the documentarian Laura Poitras, made a movie about the experience, *Citizenfour*, in which Greenwald was something of a second star. In 2015, it won the Oscar for Best Documentary, which Greenwald says he could not enjoy because host Neil Patrick Harris joked that â Snowden couldnâ t be here for some treason.â At an after-party that night, a BuzzFeed reporter asked him about it. â Iâ m like, â Iâ m really trying hard not to say anything about it,â â â Greenwald recalls. â And theyâ re like, â No, but you must have an opinion on it,â and I was like, â Neil Patrick Harris is a fucking moron, and that joke was completely idiotic and offensive.â â â (For the record, Snowden thought it was funny.)

With Laura Poitras at the 2015 Oscars. *Photo: Kevin Winter/Getty Images*

**Last September**, Greenwald traveled to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to speak at an event held by the Lannan Foundation, an organization that offers prizes and speaking engagements to NPR-friendly types like Roxane Gay and Colson Whitehead. Wearing a light-gray suit and black Hugo Boss boots, Greenwald joked with the crowd for a few minutes before warning them that he wouldnâ t be discussing the well-chronicled sins of the Trump administration. â I really donâ t think you need me taking up your time talking about that,â



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he said. â And if you do for some reason want that, you can always just go home and turn on MSNBC.â Instead, Greenwald delivered an absorbing reading of the postelection landscape that fell somewhere between a troll job and a comprehensive articulation of his worldview.

The Trump election â because it upended countless political norms, because polls failed to predict it â was a psychologically destabilizing development. â When events happen that are so fucking out of the ordinary, people look for unifying events,â Greenwald tells me. â It becomes like a religion.â But Greenwald didnâ t view the election as an aberration that needed to be explained. â Every time Trump says or does something that is xenophobic, or bigoted, or militaristic, or threatening, people always say, â This is not what America is about,â â â he told the crowd in Sante Fe. â I always react to that by saying, â Itâ s not?â â â

Rather than see Trump as a product of a rotten power structure, as Greenwald does, and the 2016 election as a wild reaction against that power structure, as Greenwald also does, it was easier for most American liberals to frame his victory as an accident. And rather than look within to eradicate the conditions that wrought Trump, it was more comforting to pin his rise on an external foe.

The Russian scandal proved ideal. â Across the political aisle, American elites are preoccupied with rejuvenating a Cold War in the name of believing that all of our problems are traceable to the Kremlin,â Greenwald argued. The notion that â Putin is not some fumbling dictator but some kind of an omnipotent mastermind,â he went on, â stems very much from this human desire to believe that when things go wrong, it canâ t be our fault.â

Put another way: If you believe the 2016 election was a populist uprising against complacent elites, the Russia preoccupation can seem like an effort to ignore what Trump voters â and Sanders voters â were trying to say. Alternatively, if you believe Trumpâ s victory was a Russia-perpetrated fraud, normalcy is restored simply by removing him from office. Which, conveniently, is what many hope Muellerâ s Russia probe will do.

The week I visit Greenwald in Rio, the news out of the D.C.-Moscow gyre is the indictment of three Trump-campaign aides: Rick Gates, George Papadopoulos, and Manafort. Sitting at Greenwaldâ s dining-room table, as a little dog named Kane molests a bigger dog named Enzo, I make the mistake of suggesting this is a â hugeâ development. Greenwald is ready for me before I finish my sentence.

â Have they been huge?â he pounces, answering his own question. â I mean, I guess theyâ ve been huge in the sense that Donald Trumpâ s former campaign manager was indicted on multiple felony charges, right? Thatâ s inherently huge, but itâ s not particularly huge for the Russia story, because all the charges leveled against Manafort were unrelated to questions of collusion with the Russians.â Fair enough, but Papadopoulosâ s arrest was in fact related to the question of collusion. Greenwald waves this away. â They had all these kind of losers who werenâ t even in the Trump campaign,â he says. â You know, these charlatans who were constantly puffing up their rÃ©sumÃ©s, who come from the shittiest schools and have no significant experience.â He continues: â What happened this week, for me, is exactly what Iâ ve been expecting all along.â

Accepting the 2014 George Polk Award. *Photo: Stan Honda/AFP/Getty Images*

True. Last March, Greenwald wrote an Intercept piece that forecast the â indictment of a low-level operative like Carter Page, or the prosecution of someone like Paul Manafort on matters unrelated to hacking.â His point then, as now, is that such developments are far removed from the original impetus of the investigation: whether Trump and Russia worked together to throw the election. â If you go back to what the Democrats were saying in 2016 and then into 2017, it wasnâ t â Paul Manafort is laundering money and hiding taxes and failing to register forms about how heâ s a foreign agent,â â â

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Greenwald says. â Because thatâ s true of that entire scumbag lobbyist class in D.C.â

When it comes to what the investigation was designed to focus on, Greenwald says heâ s still waiting for hard evidence that the Trump campaign aided Russian operatives in hacking the Clinton-campaign emails â or struck some other corrupt bargain. Absent that, heâ s not impressed. â Some Russians wanted to help Trump win the election, and certain people connected to the Trump campaign were receptive to receiving that help. Who the fuck cares about that?â

Greenwaldâ s not wrong to criticize the zealotry of the Russia pile-on. The investigationâ s boosters not only seem to ignore Americaâ s own long history of election meddling (â Yanks to the Rescue: The Secret Story of How American Advisers Helped Yeltsin Win,â crowed a 1996 *Time* cover story) but also have elevated a bipartisan class of Russia conspiracists like Louise Mensch and Eric Garland to unfortunate prominence. Which is how, for instance, a deranged 127-tweet rant about â game theoryâ became cherished by liberals as a Russiagate decoder ring.

How did all this happen? In a recent issue of *n+1*, Cornell Law School professor Aziz Rana called 2016 the â last election of the Cold War.â What he meant was that for half a century, an unassailable Western consensus had prevailed that democracy and global capitalism were better than what the other team was offering. Hillary Clinton and Jeb Bush, the presumptive 2016 favorites, reflected this consensus. Their dismal showings suggested the consensus had been busted, and among the signs that the political spectrum had broadened was the appearance of a new-seeming category of Russia-skeptic firebrands sometimes called the alt-left. Greenwald was one of the loudest voices, but there were others, many so divergent in their views of everything but Russia that it hardly made sense to group them together: the Trump-curious burn-it-all-down types; the â dirtbag left.â led by the irreverent politics podcast *Chapo Trap House*; anti-Zionist-anti-imperialists like Max Blumenthal; basically all of Russian television network RTâ s on-air talent; retired NYU scholar and *Nation* eminence Stephen F. Cohen.

These critics note the irony that many who were critical of national-security abuses during the Bush and Obama years have now, in the name of defending the republic, put their faith in opaque intelligence agencies and retired generals. That uncomfortable alliance between liberals and the â deep stateâ is the Greenwald-Trumpworld relationship inverted; on Russia, the America Firsters in the White House share more with dovish lefties than with Washingtonâ s centrist power elite. To borrow from the language of Brexit, the ideological split on the Russia question may be more â Leaveâ versus â Remainâ than Republican versus Democrat. In other words, Establishment insiders versus skeptical outsiders.

â For me, the fundamental question is: How satisfied are you with the prevailing order, with the status quo?â By this, Greenwald does not mean life in the Trump era but the behavior of American elites over the past several generations. â How benevolent do you regard American power and American institutions?â The answer to that question says a lot about how you rate the Trump threat.

With Tucker Carlson on Fox News in October 2017.

**One afternoon**, Greenwald and I drive to a sports club affiliated with Rioâ s most popular soccer team, Flamengo. His mischievous and adorable children, Jonathas, 8, and JoÃ£o Vitor, 10, are scheduled for a tennis lesson at the clubâ s clay courts. It occurs to me that a tennis match with Greenwald would make an entertaining narrative stunt. Greenwald declines, telling me that heâ s too good. â Youâ re going to feel bad because Iâ m going to destroy you, and youâ re going to try and get vengeance on me through the profile.â That Iâ m cooking up a savage hit piece becomes a running joke throughout my visit â as does Greenwaldâ s inevitable reaction to my hit piece. â Unfortunately,â he imagines tweeting, â *New York* apparently has eliminated its entire editorial and fact-checking team as evidenced by this wretched article filled with lies. 1/29.â

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In truth, a hatchet job probably wouldnâ t bother Greenwald. Heâ s long positioned himself as a radical adversary of the courtier press corps; a hostile story would confirm his view. Indeed, the formidable team of investigative journalists that surrounds Greenwald at the Intercept reflects this bent. But the ambitions of the First Look Media empire have also been hobbled by Greenwaldâ s team-last M.O. In 2014, Greenwald co-wrote a lengthy piece documenting â and further contributing to â the companyâ s managerial dysfunction.

Greenwaldâ s half-a-million-dollar Intercept salary reflects his role as the founder and figurehead of the organization. But since the Snowden revelations, Greenwald hasnâ t done much original reporting, and he has lately repositioned himself as a bomb-throwing media critic. This is in some ways a natural role for him, one that harks back to his early blogging days. â His general default position is that we shouldnâ t believe anything the elite Establishment politicians are saying without fact-checking them,â says Jeremy Scahill, his Intercept co-founder. â We certainly shouldnâ t believe the anonymous proclamations of CIA, NSA, FBI officials.â

## **In Glennâ s defense, he has never purported to be a patriot.**

Greenwaldâ s bunker mentality makes his Russia skepticism especially intuitive. â Every groove in his brain,â one Greenwald critic told me, burnishes his suspicion that the political and media Establishment has a vested interest in promoting the story. His Bush-era awakening created a built-in distrust of national-security apparatuses; his focus on U.S. power abuses tends to outweigh concerns about threats to the homeland; his isolationism makes him wary of belligerent rhetoric; his civil libertarianism demands that unpopular views not be censored.

In 2012, many liberals who now consider Kremlin-linked Facebook memes an act of war mocked Mitt Romney for calling Russia our â No. 1 geopolitical foe.â Greenwald, meanwhile, has been more consistent. â Heâ s always minimized whatever the threat vector that people like me were concerned about,â says Lawfare editor Ben Wittes, a longtime Greenwald opponent and unlikely celebrity of the Russiagate media sphere. â Heâ s doing the exact same thing now. Just that the threat vector weâ re concerned about is the Russian state versus our leadership.â Wittes adds, tongue in cheek: â In Glennâ s defense, he has never purported to be a patriot.â

To listen to intelligence veterans, there is also a defensive aspect to Greenwaldâ s collusion skepticism. â You really cannot dismiss as part of his motivation the way in which this new story is undermining the very things that he made his reputation on,â says cybersecurity expert Stewart Baker, a former NSA general counsel. â Which is: embracing WikiLeaks and Snowden and a hostility to the idea that there are national-security threats the U.S. has to respond to.â

Journalistically, the problem with this dynamic is thereâ s virtually no revelation in the Russia story that could get Greenwald to change his mind. Which means that while Scahill and other Intercept colleagues tend to evaluate each new revelation at face value, Greenwald focuses disproportionately on debunked or overblown Russia stories. Ever the lawyer, he curates evidence that suits his argument. More than a year ago, the *Washington Post* published an erroneous story alleging that Russia had hacked into a U.S. electrical grid in Vermont. Greenwald continues to bring this up. To him, itâ s not just a random piece of bad reporting but a crucial exhibit in a case heâ s building.

Which makes his lack of interest in a report the Intercept itself produced all the more curious. In June, it published an explosive story that Russia had attempted to infiltrate voter-registration systems days before the

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election by sending phishing emails to more than 100 local election officials. The information came from a leaked NSA report; shortly before the Intercept published its story, a [Georgia NSA employee named Reality Winner](#) was arrested on espionage charges. Almost immediately, the Intercept was accused of exposing Winner with its own sloppy methods. But the scoop itself represented one of the first credible claims that, more than trying to influence American voters, Russia may have been directly targeting election technology. Greenwald distanced himself from the bungled leak at the time and now says he doesnâ t buy the story outright. â I never liked the story. I thought it was bullshit and knew it was going to be huge in a way that was totally unjustified in what it actually revealed,â he says. â I think it tried to overstate the importance of what that document was.â

Greenwaldâ s selective outrage has become habitual. In November, *The Atlantic* [published](#) Twitter correspondence from 2016 in which a WikiLeaks representative gave Donald Trump Jr. campaign advice. Greenwald pooh-poohed the coordination, implying that Julian Assange was just playing his usual 4-D chess. Barrett Brown â a pro-transparency autodidact who served more than four years in federal prison for spreading hacked data and won a National Magazine Award for Intercept essays he wrote while incarcerated â was livid. â He doesnâ t seem to be engaging on the actual revelations that keep coming out on Russia and Trumpâ s people,â Brown says. â My best guess is heâ s just ignoring these things in favor of the less difficult argument that some people who are backing the Trump-Russia narrative are full of shit.â

It probably doesnâ t matter to Greenwald in the end how many new details emerge about Russia. The big truth â that American society is in dire need of reform and Russia is not to blame for that â can never be dislodged by the little truths. Still, in the weeks following my visit to Rio, Greenwald seemed to grow self-conscious of his alienated stance. On December 8, he emailed me that heâ d been asked to appear on the *Sean Hannity Show* to talk about his criticism of a CNN story about emails between Trumpâ s team and WikiLeaks that he considered â the biggest fuck-up yet in the Trump/Russia story â totally humiliating.â A few hours later, he reconsidered. â Actually Iâ ve decided to take the opportunity to go on and just spend the whole time bashing the shit out of Fox and Hannity rather than doing what they want me to do: attacking CNN.â Later, he sent this: â Reading up now on all the Fox Fake News scandals of the year â what a fucking list.â

Ultimately, after being asked to appear on all three of Fox Newsâ prime-time programs, he went on Laura Ingrahamâ s show, where he fulfilled his promise to bash Fox News. The next morning, Greenwald tweeted a clip of the confrontation to his 940,000 followers, then immediately got into an [argument](#) with somebody called @hoboken1111.

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## **Google Engineers Organize Walkout And Protest Over Use of Male And Female Employees As Sex Slaves**

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## **Google engineers are reportedly organizing a walkout in protest over alleged sexual harassment from company executives, who Google allegedly protects.**

According to [Buzzfeed](#), the â womenâ s walkâ protest will be staged on Thursday â in light of a story by the New York Times last week into the alleged misbehavior of Android creator Andy Rubin and other executives at the company, some of whom still have positions of prominence at Google.â

Rubin was [accused](#) of pressuring an employee into performing oral sex on him in 2013, and in 2015, Rubin reportedly told another woman, â Being owned is kinda like you are my property, and I can loan you to other people.â

After Google concluded that the allegations against Rubin were â credible,â the company [reportedly](#) gave him a â heroâ s farewell,â and â handed him a \$90 million exit package, paid in installments of about \$2 million a month for four years.â

Rubin [denied](#) the allegations, claiming that the â story contains numerous inaccuracies about my employment at Google and wild exaggerations about my compensation.â

â Specifically, I never coerced a woman to have sex in a hotel room. These false allegations are part of a smear campaign to disparage me during a divorce and custody battle,â he expressed. â Also, I am deeply troubled that anonymous Google executives are commenting about my personnel file and misrepresenting the facts.â

The â womenâ s walkâ protest will take place this week despite alleged efforts from Google executives to apologize and quell the uprising.

One Google employee, in a comment to BuzzFeed, claimed to be â furious,â adding, â I feel like thereâ s a pattern of powerful men getting away with awful behavior towards women at Googleâ or if they donâ t get away with it, they get a slap on the wrist, or they get sent away with a golden parachute, like Andy Rubin. And itâ s a leadership of mostly men making the decisions about what kind of consequences to give, or not give.â

According to [Bloomberg](#), the Google employee protesters also have a list of sexual harassment-related demands for the company.

Last week, Google [revealed](#) that it had fired 48 employees from the company, complete with severance packages, for sexual harassment within the past two years.

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## **HILLARY CLINTON HIRED A THOUSAND TIMES MORE TROLLS THAN THE RUSSIANS DID**

### **Pro-Hillary PAC Spending \$1 Million to Hire Online Trolls ...**

Apr 22, 2016 Â· A pro-Hillary **Clinton** PAC is spending over \$1m on online **trolls** in order to 'correct' Bernie Sanders supporters on social media.

[breitbart.com/tech/2016/04/22/pro-hillary-pac-spending-...](http://breitbart.com/tech/2016/04/22/pro-hillary-pac-spending-...)

### **Be nice to Hillary Clinton online â or risk a confrontation ...**

Hillary **Clinton** 's well ... "I suspect it will be hard for paid operatives to win a trolling war against people who don't need to be paid to **troll** ...

[latimes.com/politics/la-na-clinton-digital-trolling-2...](http://latimes.com/politics/la-na-clinton-digital-trolling-2...)

### **KING: Hillary Clinton now paying trolls to attack people online**

David Brock, head of a Hillary **Clinton** Super PAC, launched Barrier Breakers â an online mob of paid **trolls** who attack any person who says a cross word ...

<https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/king-hillary-clinton-paying...>

### **Clinton Campaign Admit They Pay An Army Of Online Trolls ...**

A pro-Hillary Super PAC has admitted spending \$1 million to employ an army of **trolls** to "push back" against online users who criticize Hillary **Clinton**.

[yournewswire.com/clinton-campaign-admit-they-pay-an-army-o...](http://yournewswire.com/clinton-campaign-admit-they-pay-an-army-o...)

### **Hillary Clinton's Army of Trolls - POLITICO**

As with **Clinton**, some of his **trolls** also started a conversation that seemed to be more about general attacks on his candidacy than the 20-week abortion ban.

<https://www.politico.com/story/2015/05/hillary-clintons-twitter-tr...>

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RUSSIA **hired** 1,000 **trolls** to create fake news sites spreading lies about Hillary **Clinton** during the US presidential election, it has been claimed. Mark Werner, the ...

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3224648/russia-hired-internet-trolls...>



## **Clinton SuperPac Admits to Paying Internet Trolls - Daily Kos**

The Daily Beast reports that **Clinton** SuperPac "Correct the Record" is openly admitting to spending \$1 million to hire fake online Hillary supporters to swarm ...

<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2016/4/21/1518537/-Clinton-SuperPac-Admits-to-Paying-Internet-Trolls>  
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<https://stream.org/astroturf-outrage-machine-of-paid-trolls-...>

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Did a pro-**Clinton** SuperPAC hire internet **trolls** to steer online conversations? Reddit user claims to be a former "paid internet **troll**" who was **hired** to write pro ...

<https://socialnewsdaily.com/59087/reddit-user-claims-he-was-paid-to-troll-bernie-sanders-supporters>  
**The Trolls, the Political Operative, and the Mysterious Case ...**

"The 'online activist' group Hillary's super PAC **hired** (basically paid **trolls**) ... prompting suspicion that the Hillary **Clinton**-allied super PAC Correct the ...

[gawker.com/the-trolls-the-political-operative-and-the-mysterious-case-...](http://gawker.com/the-trolls-the-political-operative-and-the-mysterious-case-...)

## **Russian internet trolls were being hired to pose as pro-Trump ...**

It looks like Russia **hired** internet **trolls** to pose as pro-Trump Americans

[businessinsider.com/russia-internet-trolls-and-donald-trump-2015-12](http://businessinsider.com/russia-internet-trolls-and-donald-trump-2015-12)

## **A former paid "Internet troll" for Clinton speaks out: It was ...**

A former paid "Internet **troll**" for **Clinton** speaks out: ... I will point to a man serving jailtime in another country who has been **hired** globally for this kind of ...

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## **Hillary Clinton's Digital Team Is Hiring ... And Hiring, And ...**

Are you a tech-savvy Democrat who wants to work for a front-running presidential campaign? If so, Hillary **Clinton**'s team wants to talk to you. In an...

<https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/04/23/hillary-clinton-digital-team-is-hiring-...>

## **Former Russian 'troll farm' employee says Hillary Clinton ...**

A former employee of a Russian "**troll** factory" has said that a Hillary **Clinton** lookalike and black man were **hired** by his company to make a sex tape during the ...

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/hillary-clinton-lookalike-and-black-man-were-hired-by-his-company-to-make-a-sex-tape-during-the-...>

## **Clinton Is Fighting the Troll Wars With a Million Dollar ...**

And the **Clinton** campaign has decided that it wants to fight fire with fire when it comes to online **trolls**. The **Clinton ... Clinton Is Fighting the Troll ... hired a ...**

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## **Hillary Clinton found a brilliant way to troll the Republican ...**

She managed to attack from behind the scenes. ... Hillary **Clinton** found a brilliant way to **troll** the Republican candidates during their big debate

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Hillary **Clinton** came clean about her love for the fashion of Death Row Records in an interview with The Breakfast Club. Hillary **Clinton** ... alleging that Dre **hired** ...

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## **Pro-Hillary Clinton PAC Spending \$1 Million To Hire Online ...**

The PAC is launching a **hired** "task force" of online **trolls** to manipulate **Clinton's** ... What is your opinion of **Clintons hired troll army?** ... American Military News

<https://americanmilitarynews.com/2016/05/pro-hillary-clinton-pac-spending-...>

## **Hillary Clinton hires \$1 million worth of professional social ...**

Hillary **Clinton** hires \$1 million worth of professional social media **trolls** to infiltrate online conversations and control the narrative

[evil.news/2016-05-26-hillary-clinton-hires-1-millio...](https://evil.news/2016-05-26-hillary-clinton-hires-1-millio...)

## **Hillary Clinton's Super PAC, Taking a Page from Vladimir ...**

Hillary **Clinton's** Super PAC, Taking a Page from Vladimir Putin, Spends \$1 Million on Online **Trolls**

<https://www.pastemagazine.com/articles/2016/04/hillary-clintons-super-p...>

## **The Fake Americans Russia Created to Influence the Election ...**

Sep 07, 2017 Â· The Fake Americans Russia Created to Influence the ... fake accounts that posted anti-Hillary **Clinton ... trolls**" in Eastern Europe or hackers ...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/07/us/politics/russia-facebook-tw...>

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## **Fusion GPS official met with Russian operative before and ...**

Nov 07, 2017 Â· The DNC and **Clinton** campaign **hired** Fusion in April 2016 through lawyer Marc Elias, who was general counsel for the **Clinton** campaign. Fusion, in turn, paid ...

[foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/07/fusion-gps-official-m...](https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/11/07/fusion-gps-official-m...)

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## **Does Mueller Indictment Mean Clinton Campaign Can Be Indicted for Chris Steele?**

by [Robert Barnes](#) |

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Special Counsel **Robert Mueller** indicted foreign citizens for trying to influence the American public about an election because those citizens did not register as a foreign agent nor record their financial expenditures to the Federal Elections Commission. By that theory, when will Mueller indict Christopher Steele, FusionGPS, PerkinsCoie, the DNC and the Clinton Campaign? Muellerâ s indictment against 13 Russian trolls claimed their social media political activity was criminal because: they were foreign citizens; they tried to influence an election; and they neither registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act nor reported their funding to the Federal Elections Commission.

First, if Muellerâ s theory is correct, three things make Steele a criminal: first, he is a foreign citizen; second, he tried to influence an election, which he received payments to do (including from the FBI itself); and third, he neither registered as a foreign agent nor listed his receipts and expenditures to the Federal Election Commission. Also, according to the FBI, along the way, Steele liedâ la lot, while the dossier he disseminated contained its own lies based on bought-and-paid for smears from foreign sources reliant on rumors and innuendo.

Second, if Muellerâ s theory is correct, three things make FusionGPS a criminal co-conspirator: it knew Steele was a foreign citizen; it knew, and paid, Steele to influence an election; and it knew, and facilitated, Steele neither registering as a foreign agent nor reporting his funding from the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign to the Federal Election Commission.

Third, if Muellerâ s theory is correct, then three things make PerkinsCoie a potential target: it knew Steele was a foreign citizen; it knew, and paid, Steele to influence an election; and it knew, and facilitated, Steele neither registering as a foreign agent nor reporting his funding from the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign to the Federal Election Commission, by disguising its receipt of payments from the Clinton campaign as a â legal expense.â

Fourth, if Muellerâ s theory is correct, then three things make the DNC a potential target: it knew Steele was a foreign citizen; it knew, and paid, Steele to influence an election; and it knew, and facilitated, Steele neither registering as a foreign agent nor reporting his funding from the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign to the Federal Election Commission, by disguising its payments to Steele as laundered legal expenses to a law firm.

Fifth, if Muellerâ s theory is correct, three things make the Clinton Campaign a potential target: it knew Steele was a foreign citizen; it knew, and paid, Steele to influence an election; and it knew, and facilitated, Steele neither registering as a foreign agent nor reporting his funding from the Clinton campaign to the Federal Election Commission, by disguising its funding of payments to Steele laundered through a law firm as a â legal expense.â

Donâ t expect such an indictment. Mueller chose his targets because he knows they will never appear in court, never contest the charges, and cannot be arrested or extradited as Russian citizens. Muellerâ s unprecedented prosecution raises three novel arguments: first, that speaking out about American politics requires a foreign citizen to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act; second, that speaking out about American politics requires a foreign citizen list their source and expenditure of funding to the Federal Election Commission; and third, that mistakes on visa applications constitute â fraudâ on the State Department. All appear to borrow from the now-discredited â honest servicesâ theories Muellerâ s team previously used in corporate and bribery cases, cases the Supreme Court overturned for their unconstitutional vagueness. The indictment raises serious issues under the free speech clause of the First Amendment and due process rights under the Fifth Amendment.

*Robert Barnes is a California-based trial attorney whose practice focuses on Constitutional, criminal and civil rights law. You can follow him at @Barnes\_Law.*

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# HILLARY CLINTON'S RUSSIAN BAG MAN KILLED IN 'BOSTON BRAKES' PLANE CRASH

URANIUM ONE MONEY MAN GOES UP IN SMOKE AS WITNESSES HAVE SUDDEN "ACCIDENTS"

Plane crash in Russia kills CFO of Rosatom (imgoat.com)

submitted 6 days ago by [x0byte](#)

- [70 comments](#)

[Mr\\_Sir](#) **33** points (+36|-3) 6 days ago

I fucking knew someone important would be killed in the crash. Every time.

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[[â](#)] [Mr\\_Quagmire](#) **25** points (+28|-3) 6 days ago (edited 6 days ago)

This guy was not on the flight. It's some other person with a similar name who was born in 1986.

20 IVANOV VYACHESLAV ANATOLIEVICH 06/22/1986

spez: Full translated passenger list: <http://archive.is/CArnE>

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- [parent](#)

[[â](#)] [Mr\\_Sir](#) **19** points (+21|-2) 6 days ago

Doesn't matter, I'm already outraged.

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4 replies

[[â](#)] [Lag-wagon](#) **5** points (+8|-3) 6 days ago

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What the fuck is spez?

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1 reply

[â ] [aria\\_taint](#) **4** points (+**4**-**0**) 5 days ago

Good job not taking a meme at face value and actually look up the facts.

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[â ] [Zanbato](#) **2** points (+**6**-**4**) 6 days ago

Voat is fully retarded

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1 reply

[â ] [SmokeyMeadow](#) **18** points (+**18**-**0**) 6 days ago

My first thought when I saw this story was "who was the VIP?"

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- [parent](#)

[â ] [MadWorld](#) **10** points (+**11**-**1**) 6 days ago

I would say most goats here knew, so it's not a surprised to us.

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[â ] [gazillions](#) **6** points (+**6**-**0**) 6 days ago

I was talking to an 84 year old that was wondering who the problem was that was on the plane that crashed in Russia.

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[â\_\_] [Sharipie](#) **6** points (+**6**|-**0**) 6 days ago

They really do t care if we know anymore.

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- [parent](#)

[â\_\_] [Mr\\_Sir](#) **12** points (+**12**|-**0**) 6 days ago (edited 6 days ago)

I mean what are we going to do? Meme about it.

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- [parent](#)

1 reply

[â\_\_] [heygeorge](#) **2** points (+**2**|-**0**) 6 days ago

The Ruskie in particular have a strong history of this.

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- [parent](#)

1 reply

3 replies

[â\_\_] [Mr\\_Quagmire](#) **10** points (+**10**|-**0**) 6 days ago

This is fake you fucking moron [/u/x0byte](#)

Translated passenger list: <http://archive.is/CArnE>

He's supposedly #20, but he was born in 1986?

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[â\_\_] [NeedleStack](#) **10** points (+**10**|-**0**) 6 days ago (edited 6 days ago)

I was all in but then I saw that a Nikolai/Nikolay Solomon is CFO of Rosatom:



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<https://www.bloomberg.com/research/stocks/private/person.asp?personId=44239090&privcapId=53512110&previous>

<http://www.rosatom.ru/en/about-us/governance/management-board/solomon/> (I was forced to put the "dot" in because apparently that domain is banned by voat).

However I did see [from a 2014 article](#) that Vyacheslav Ivanov was "a deputy director general at Rosatom Overseas".

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[â ] [heygeorge](#) 8 points (+8|-0) 6 days ago

Yes, I too get my information from memes.

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[â ] [Smartech](#) 8 points (+10|-2) 6 days ago

The kikes are killing the few russians who are still somebody in Russia. Soon there will be no russians left in power positions. I always wonder why people are so stupid to not understand that they are being exterminated.

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[â ] [theoldones](#) 6 points (+6|-0) 6 days ago (edited 6 days ago)

putin honored a monument recently, to a historical leader thats known as someone who kicked out the jews

i think, that russia realizes fully the bolsheviks still might exist among them. theyve been warning trump on terror attacks, which seems like behavior they woudnt do if they wanted white genocide to happen

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[â ] [lord\\_nougat](#) 2 points (+2|-0) 6 days ago

It's just what they do when they think they're winning.

<https://youtu.be/psicZ2LdrzEYouTube>

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[â ] [whitemouse](#) 6 points (+7|-1) 6 days ago

Another death by Hillary?

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[â\_\_] [Schreiber](#) 2 points (+2|-0) 6 days ago

and Killary's killing streak continues.

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- [parent](#)

[â\_\_] [Awful-Falafel](#) 1 points (+1|-0) 6 days ago

His Uranium 1 would seem to indicate that.

- [permalink](#)

- [parent](#)

[+] [mightnotbearobot](#) -9 points 6 days ago ([show](#))

[â\_\_] [burns29](#) 4 points (+5|-1) 6 days ago

There is no such thing as coincidence anymore.

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[â\_\_] [Mr. Quagmire](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 6 days ago

Was there ever?

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- [parent](#)

[â\_\_] [burns29](#) 4 points (+4|-0) 6 days ago

There was up until the CIA figured out there was more money in drug trafficking than there was in protecting the American people.

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- [parent](#)

1 reply

[â\_\_] [lord\\_nougat](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 6 days ago

I thought there was, but it was just a coincidence.

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[â ] [Wildebeest](#) 3 points (+3|-0) 5 days ago

Over 200 upvotes and no link to anything showing if this is true or not, I'm disappointed in you Voat.

- [permalink](#)

[â ] [NeedleStack](#) 3 points (+4|-1) 6 days ago (edited 6 days ago)

Uh oh....

Here's [a fun story about Clinton and Rosatom/Uranium One.](#)

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[â ] [lord\\_nougat](#) 2 points (+2|-0) 6 days ago

MEME!!!GIF

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[â ] [QualityShitposter](#) 1 points (+1|-0) 5 days ago

For some reason that appeals to my penis...

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- [parent](#)

[â ] [bloodguard](#) 2 points (+2|-0) 6 days ago

Hillary doesn't like loose ends. If I were even peripherally involved in this deal, even just as a low level minion, I'd be sharting my shorts right about now.

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[â ] [albatrosv15](#) 1 points (+1|-0) 5 days ago

Shills be shillin for the shekels.

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[â ] [hatecrime](#) 1 points (+1|-0) 5 days ago

no it didnt.. it's not him.

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[â ] [Inconceivable2](#) 1 points (+2|-1) 6 days ago

Nothing to see here folks

Just one of the the hundred+ (((Clinton coincidences)))

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[â ] [carlip](#) 1 points (+2|-1) 6 days ago

The amount of jpeg in this image tells me its complete bullshit.

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[â ] [UlyssesEMcGill](#) 1 points (+1|-0) 6 days ago

Agree; needs more.

- [permalink](#)

- [parent](#)

[â ] [Womb Raider](#) 1 points (+3|-2) 6 days ago

Not a coincidence

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[â ] [DaJahn](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 5 days ago (edited 5 days ago)

Well, there you have it, it was another political assassination

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[â ] [Wildebeest](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 5 days ago (edited 5 days ago)

You sure it wasn't this guy:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2898795/Snow-way-AREN-T-infinite-number-snowflake-shapes-just-3>

Or the guy quoted at the end of this article:

<https://themoscowtimes.com/articles/russias-silicone-valley-boob-jobs-in-the-provinces-58266>

Or maybe this guy:

[http://lmtribune.com/sports/sports-log/article\\_8ed43f32-62cb-5155-9aa3-08941251ff2b.html](http://lmtribune.com/sports/sports-log/article_8ed43f32-62cb-5155-9aa3-08941251ff2b.html)

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Was probably this guy:

<http://www.nytimes.com/1964/08/24/ivanov-wins-soviet-sculls.html>

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[â ] [I hate winter](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 5 days ago

To be fair, that's a really gay pose.

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[â ] [Fetalpig](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 5 days ago

A patent going to the living party eh?

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[â ] [cm18](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 6 days ago

We need a site "currentclintontargets.com" so that we can stay off these flights.

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[â ] [Thememeking](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 6 days ago

Any info on the crash and how it happened? Was it a bad takeoff/landing?

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[â ] [KEKjudo](#) 0 points (+0|-0) 6 days ago

Interesting...

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[â ] [x0byte](#) [S] -1 points (+1|-2) 6 days ago

Appears to be Passenger 32 on this list <https://m.imgur.com/wiCbI26>

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[â ] [knightwarrior41](#) -1 points (+1|-2) 6 days ago

this is pretty interesting

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## **HOW LOCAL GREEN ENERGY UTILITY OPTIONS ARE ACTUALLY JUST SCAMS**

Posted by: Jim Phelps -

Ten years ago I started tracking operations and management of Marin Clean Energy (MCE). At the time it was a wet-behind-the-ears wannabe agency with lofty goals about which its leaders understood little. MCE's leaders depended on consultants, who waited in the wings for the agency to launch so that those consultants could collect sizable fees for helping to run the agency.

Today, MCE has come to represent government's least desired attributes -- it is not transparent and lacks integrity. The clean energy agency sells dirty power to consumers that it rebrands as "clean," while adding more than 1.1 *billion* pounds of greenhouse gas (GHG) to the atmosphere, since inception, that has not been disclosed by MCE to its customers.

Nor are MCE's shortcomings disclosed by CCA salespeople to communities thinking about joining or forming CCA. Salespeople cite MCE as a "clean energy" success while neglecting to disclose that all municipalities face very real financial risks that are not covered by the so-called financial firewall.

I have been corresponding with MCE's board and management since the beginning, and questioning their practices. But, MCE's denials and spin have left me wondering about the future of California's clean air, and about Governor Brown's proclamations that California is leading the world in clean air policy and initiatives.

While that claim may be true, Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs), such as MCE, are working just as hard to undermine the Governor's vision. Unfortunately, CCAs will soon dominate power generation procurements for California's retail electricity market.

MCE continues to operate in a world of its own creation where shell games control. MCE is the modern day version of an energy Ponzi Scheme, where consumers believe they are getting value while MCE continues selling dirty power that is loaded with GHGs.

I honestly do not believe that MCE will improve its lack of integrity. Its staff protects its salaries, and MCE's board does not understand the electricity industry -- there is so much more going on than battery storage or citing a local solar farm's commercial operation. These feel-good issues identify the limits of the MCE's board's thinking capacity about the electricity market.

The letter below is published for the record so that readers may glimpse how MCE recasts the truth. This parallels what the former lead of California's Solar Industry trade group said years ago... "The problem with MCE isn't that it doesn't tell the truth -- the problem is that it doesn't tell the whole truth."

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April 10, 2018

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Dawn Weisz

Marin Clean Energy

1125 Tamalpais Ave.

San Rafael, CA 94901

Subject: The Omitted Part of the Truth

Dear Ms. Weisz:

This letter is in response to your attached email, dated April 4, 2018, from your executive assistant, Darlene Jackson. I restate that I am sorry you have chosen to respond as you have. I have not fabricated anything â the data and source documents stand on their own. With respect to this, I am including omitted details under your (Darlene Jackson) emailâ s bullet items:

**MCEâ s bullet 1:**

Your false accusation: Your email from Mary Nichols was not a definitive statement on any fact or analysis, but simply an off-handed remark that she was not aware of whether or not your accusation had any basis. Mary Nichols has spoken to MCE directly multiple times expressing regret that you are using her email out of context in a way she did not intend. Truth: MCE has always been **ingood standing** with CARB, and you have distorted her words into your own meaning (emphasis added).

Omitted details â

MCEâ s â out of contextâ reference to California Air Resources Board (CARB) Chair Mary Nichols is baseless. It is understandable that, for public relations and customer enrollment purposes, MCE has worked to subvert that email, which includes "[MCEâ s activities] may be consumer fraud but thatâ s not my jurisdiction." After receiving Ms. Nicholsâ December 10, 2013 email, steps were taken to address the possibility that MCE would attempt to invalidate and undermine it; the attached record identifies that Ms. Nichols revisited the contents of her email and, after I requested guidance, directed me to cite it. The plain language in the record does not support MCEâ s â out of contextâ contention.

While MCE claims to be in good standing with CARB, CalCCA, the trade association which is located in MCEâ s headquarters, and of which you are Secretary, is now lobbying the California Energy Commission to allow MCEâ s (and other Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs)) continued practice of adjusting / manipulating greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions calculations through the application of unbundled RECs.<sup>1</sup>

This misleads consumers who do not understand that much of MCEâ s â cleanâ energy deliveries are actually fossil-fired power; this was previously identified in my audit and by default, your after-the-fact â true upâ rationalization.

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Unbundled RECs have no compliance value under CARBâ s *Mandatory GHG Reporting Regulation (MRR)*. Given that the lobbying efforts of MCE through CalCCA are directly opposed to CARB regulations, what constitutes â good standingâ ? Did MCE convey its pro-unbundled RECs activities with Ms. Nichols during your conversations with her?

**MCEâ s bullet 2:**

Your false accusation: MCE is not â addicted to unbundled RECsâ . Truth: MCEâ s (sic) caps purchases of unbundled RECs at **0-3%** annually (red bold added).

Omitted details --

MCEâ s annual Power Source Disclosure, which is submitted to the California Energy Commission (CEC), shows that unbundled RECs (highlighted in yellow on Schedule 1) comprise the bulk of MCEâ s â cleanâ energy, as also shown in the percentages below, when compared to the balance of MCEâ s other eligible renewable energy sources. What does this mean to a typical reader? By looking at MCEâ s total â cleanâ energy megawatt-hours that are represented by RECs and dividing this by a typical homeâ s annual energy use, we uncover the following â Equates toâ factors:

**% RECs / Equates to:**

\*2010: **14%** / 550 homes received fossil-fired power that was sold as â cleanâ for entire year.

2011: **48%** / 3,852 homes received fossil-fired power that was sold as â cleanâ for entire year.

2012: **144%** / 31,923 homes received fossil-fired power that was sold as â cleanâ for entire year.

2013: **152%** / 54,245 homes received fossil-fired power that was sold as â cleanâ for entire year.

\*\*2014: **114%** / 60,142 homes received fossil-fired power that was sold as â cleanâ for entire year.

2015: **40%** / 40,269 homes received fossil-fired power that was sold as â cleanâ for entire year.

2016: **xx** (MCE data recently became available; currently under review).

*\* 2010 data not available at CEC. 2010 data from Marin Energy Authority Technical Committee, dated 10/24/11.*

*\*\* In 2014 MCEâ s REC usage peaked, reflecting the equivalent of 60,142 homes receiving dirty power that was sold as â clean.â MCEâ s total energy load outpaced its use of RECs, thus the smaller reflected percentage of RECs compared to 2013.*

The data MCE submitted to CEC does not support MCEâ s claims that it caps its use of unbundled RECs at 0-3% annually. MCEâ s use of RECs is as much as 50x what MCE claims (2013 at 152%).



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If MCE asserts that its use of unbundled RECs is essentially non-existent, why does MCE lobby the California Energy Commission for continued use of unbundled RECs in GHG emission accounting?<sup>1</sup>

**MCEâ s bullet 3:**

Your false accusation: MCE was not the trigger behind AB1110 and implementation of this bill is still not complete. Your references to AB1110 (which is still being developed for future implementation at the California Energy Commission) show a lack of knowledge of the process, timing and legal environment we are currently working within. Truth: MCE has always followed California rules and requirements, and adhered to best practices in energy accounting. The greenhouse gas accounting principles MCE follows aligns with The Climate Registry, The Center for Resource Solutions, and the EPA.

Omitted details --

MCEâ s record of employing RECs is self-evident. With respect to its high use of unbundled RECs, the text of AB 1110, California Legislatureâ s anti-REC, consumer transparency legislation includes the following:

*This bill would require a retail supplier, including an electrical corporation, local publicly owned electric utility, electric service provider, and community choice aggregator to also disclose the emissions of greenhouse gases associated with its electricity sources. The bill would prohibit an adjustment in the calculation of emissions of greenhouse gases through the application of renewable energy credits [RECs], carbon offset credits,â (emphasis added)*

Regarding your text about knowledge of AB 1110 implementation, MCE receives electronic files from the CEC of all comments submitted during the current rule making (implementation) phase. My submittals dated [2/17/2018](#), [8/17/2017](#), and [4/28/2017](#) are part of that process. All participants are well aware of AB 1110â s rule making process, timing, and legal environment.

In support of its GHG emission accounting practices -- green-washing fossil-fired system power with RECs and rebranding it â cleanâ -- MCE cites The Climate Registry and The Center for Resource Solutions. Both organizations are lobbying the California Energy Commissionâ s AB 1110 rule making process for the continued use of unbundled RECs. This results in consumers being misled about delivered clean energy and obscuring transparency, both of which AB 1110 seeks to resolve. <sup>2,3</sup>

Why does MCE exclude CARB from the list of agencies that it claims support its GHG emission accounting practices when, according to MCEâ s bullet 1, MCE is in good standing with CARB?

**MCEâ s bullet 4:**

Your false accusation: You have accused MCE of â greedâ .  
Truth: MCE is a not-for profit agency with a long list of public benefits

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(see attached). Financial reserves of the agency are in place to protect against market volatility, provide for rate stabilization, and to bolster MCEâ s credit standing in line with best practices by municipal utilities and other load-serving entities. MCE pays staff standard public sector compensation levels and does not pay any bonuses or stock shares to staff. Many equivalent jobs in the private sector pay much higher salaries (including executive salaries which are typically in the millions) and frequently supplement salaries with added bonuses and stock options. These discrepancies can sometimes create challenges in attracting staff to the public sector, but tend to result in a public sector staff base that is very â valuesâ driven.

Omitted details â

PG&E, SMUD, Southern California Edison, LADWP, and SDG&E also provide public benefits programs, which are predominantly driven by State and Federal policy, and paid for by taxpayers and ratepayers.

Citing these programs does not deflect attention from MCEâ s broken commitment of paying its ratepayersâ PG&E exit fees. The \$118 million that MCE plans to bank belongs to MCE ratepayers in the form of your commitment to pay all MCE customersâ exit fees levied by PG&E; MCE essentially strips this money from hardworking ratepayers who believed your commitment.

MCE banks \$118 million while also using CalCCA to lobby for the continued practice of delivering inexpensive â cleanâ energy that is only paper certificates (RECs) + fossil power. <sup>1</sup> CalCCA concurrently lobbies for RECs in place of Community Choice Aggregatorsâ (CCAsâ ) responsibility to construct net-new commercial-size renewable generating facilities in California. This green-washing stalls needed renewable energy development from Eureka to San Diego.

Finally, to deflect attention from your proposed \$332,000 salary, you refer to private-sector publicly traded energy businesses that are many thousands of times larger than MCE on a market capitalized basis. However, MCE is a *public agency*.

Further, your comparison is non sequitur considering that CPUC, CEC, and CARB face the same private-sector employment competition as MCE. Your newly proposed salary is approximately 2x what is paid to leaders of these government energy agencies. <sup>4,5</sup> This, after your comparatively short tenure at MCE, which sells fossil-based â cleanâ energy.

With respect to transparency and blind copies, this letter will be posted on The Marin Post. If you choose to continue responding in a back-and-forth manner, please post your comments on The Marin Post so that the entire community may read them.

Very truly yours,

Jim Phelps

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(ret) Power Contractor & Utility Rate Analyst

Attachment

cc: Mary Nichols

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## FOOTNOTES

1-- Filer: Troy Nordquist, Marin Clean Energy, 2/23/2018, CalCCA comments submitted to California Energy Commission for AB 1110 Rule making (implementation), sixth page (unnumbered): â [California Energy Commission] staff proposes that unbundled RECs not be included in the GHG emissions intensity calculation, and to be reported separate from the renewable energy categories of the PCL as a footnote to reflect the percentage of associated retail sales. CalCCA (MCE) disagrees with this approach and urges the staff to revise the proposal and reflect the retail sales of unbundled RECs based on their associated renewable energy sources.â (select â Cancelâ ) --

[http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/16-OIR-05/TN222698\\_20180223T152201\\_Ca](http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/16-OIR-05/TN222698_20180223T152201_Ca)

2-- Center for Resource Solutions comments to CEC in current AB 1110 rule making process, submitted July 28, 2017: â Unbundled RECs procured by the retail provider and paired with local system power deliver zero-emissions renewable power.â (select â Cancelâ ) --

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# Hard science study reveals the Great Pyramid of Giza can focus electromagnetic energy like in that movie: STARGATE

by Anastasia Komarova, [ITMO University](#)

Propagation of electromagnetic waves inside the pyramids of Cheops at different lengths of radio waves (from 200 to 400 meters). The black rectangular position of the so-called King's Chamber. Credit: ITMO University, Laser Zentrum Hannover

An international research group has applied methods of theoretical physics to investigate the electromagnetic response of the Great Pyramid to radio waves. Scientists predicted that under resonance conditions, the pyramid can concentrate electromagnetic energy in its internal chambers and under the base. The research group plans to use these theoretical results to design nanoparticles capable of reproducing similar effects in the optical range. Such nanoparticles may be used, for example, to develop sensors and highly efficient solar cells. The study was published in the *Journal of Applied Physics*.

While Egyptian [pyramids](#) are surrounded by many myths and legends, researchers have little scientifically reliable information about their physical properties. Physicists recently took an interest in how the Great Pyramid would interact with electromagnetic waves of a resonant length. Calculations showed that in the resonant state, the pyramid can concentrate [electromagnetic energy](#) in its internal chambers as well as under its base, where the third unfinished chamber is located.

These conclusions were derived on the basis of numerical modeling and analytical methods of physics. The researchers first estimated that resonances in the pyramid can be induced by radio waves with a length ranging from 200 to 600 meters. Then they made a model of the electromagnetic response of the pyramid and calculated the extinction cross section. This value helps to estimate which part of the incident wave energy can be scattered or absorbed by the pyramid under resonant conditions. Finally, for the same conditions, the scientists obtained the electromagnetic field distribution inside the pyramid.

In order to explain the results, the scientists conducted a multipole analysis. This method is widely used in physics to study the interaction between a complex object and electromagnetic field. The object scattering the field is replaced by a set of simpler sources of radiation: multipoles. The collection of multipole radiation coincides with the field scattering by an entire object. Therefore, knowing the type of each multipole, it is possible to predict and explain the distribution and configuration of the scattered fields in the whole system.

The Great Pyramid attracted the researchers while they were studying the interaction between light and dielectric nanoparticles. The scattering of light by nanoparticles depends on their size, shape and refractive index of the source material. Varying these parameters, it is possible to determine the resonance scattering regimes and use them to develop devices for controlling light at the nanoscale.

"Egyptian pyramids have always attracted great attention. We as scientists were interested in them as well, so we decided to look at the Great Pyramid as a particle dissipating [radio waves](#) resonantly. Due to the lack of

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information about the physical properties of the pyramid, we had to use some assumptions. For example, we assumed that there are no unknown cavities inside, and the building material with the properties of an ordinary limestone is evenly distributed in and out of the pyramid. With these assumptions made, we obtained interesting results that can find important practical applications," says Dr. Sc. Andrey Evlyukhin, scientific supervisor and coordinator of the research.

Now, the scientists plan to use the results to reproduce similar effects at the nanoscale. "Choosing a material with suitable electromagnetic properties, we can obtain pyramidal nanoparticles with a promise for practical application in nanosensors and effective solar cells," says Polina Kapitainova, Ph.D., a member of the Faculty of Physics and Technology of ITMO University.

**Explore further:** Archeologists open burial chambers in Sudanese pyramid

**More information:** Mikhail Balezin et al, Electromagnetic properties of the Great Pyramid: First multipole resonances and energy concentration, *Journal of Applied Physics* (2018). DOI: 10.1063/1.5026556

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Has Mueller Walked Into a Trap? Russians to COUNTER-SUE! His indictments of Russians may give them the legal right to interview American officials they said shouldn't be interviewed by Russia. (nysun.com)

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## Here's What Biden Thought About Using An FBI Report

Screenshot: C-SPAN Video

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Then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) said during the confirmation hearings of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas in 1991 that FBI reports were useless because the "FBI explicitly does not, in this or any other case reach a conclusion, period."

The clip has resurfaced as Senate Democrats are desperately trying to delay the confirmation vote for current Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh after allegations of sexual misconduct were recently made from over 30 years ago â without evidence or corroborating witnesses.

"The reason why I have worked so hard to keep FBI reports totally secret is because they have little or no probative weight, because they are hearsay," Biden said. "The FBI does their interviews by walking up to person A and saying will you speak to us, and the guarantee is anonymity. That is what the FBI tells the person, and the FBI speaks to the person. Now, for us to summarily go back and say, as a matter of policy, that we are going to break the commitment the Federal Government makes to an individual, in order to get that individual to cooperate in an investigation, is disastrous."

"And the last thing I will point out, the next person who refers to an FBI report as being worth anything, obviously doesn't understand anything," Biden later said. "FBI explicitly does not, in this or any other case reach a conclusion, period, period. So, Judge, there is no reason why you should know this. The reason why we cannot rely on the FBI report, you would not like it if we did because it is inconclusive. They say he said, she said, and they said, period. So when people wave an FBI report before you, understand they do not, they do not reach conclusions. They do not make, as my friend points out more accurately, they do not make recommendations."

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Hillary Clinton Outspent Russians 53-1 and used 100 times more dirty tricks... And Still Lost



by [Tyler Durden](#)

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The mixed messages from yesterday's "shocking" indictments of some Russian trolls (while The FBI was busily ignoring potential mass murderers in Florida) need some **context** to calm the chaotic "told you so" narrative spewing from every orifice of every side in this debacle.

***Hillary Clinton spent 53 times more money per month than Russians seeking to influence the 2016 presidential election.***

As [The Daily Caller's Amber Athey details](#), according to reports, **the monthly Russian budget for the operation to meddle in the election was \$1.2 million.** As Peter Hamby pointed out on Twitter, Clinton and supporting PAC Priorities USA spent approximately \$800 million in 2016.

**Peter Hamby**

â [@PeterHamby](#)

Not to diminish how awful this is, but \$1.2 million is hardly mindblowing. Hillary Clinton + Priorities USA spent ~\$800 million in 2016.

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That means Clinton and her PAC spent about \$66 million a month in 2016, a whopping 53 times more money than Russiaâ s \$1.25 million monthly budget.

**Itâ s also worth nothing that not all of the money spent by the Russian operation was used to campaign for President Donald Trump.** According to the Mueller indictment released Friday, Russian trolls also supported Jill Stein and Bernie Sanders and even planted seeds for leftist groups like â Blacktivistâ and â Woke Blacks.â

After the election, **Russians continued to sow division in the United States by riling up â #Resistâ groups involved in anti-Trump protests.**

But none of that matters... Russians 'meddled' - end of story, Adam Schiff will no doubt be popping corks this weekend.

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## **Hillaryâ s State Department Urged U.S. Investors To Fund Russian Research For Military Uses**

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**Wow! The Wall Street Journal in 2016: The Clinton Foundation, State and Kremlin Connections. Why did Hillaryâ s State Department urge U.S. investors to fund Russian research for military uses?**

A program overseen by then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as part of the â resetâ with Russia wound up enhancing Russiaâ s military technology and funneling millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation.

Both the U.S. Army and the FBI found that the program, intended to support Russiaâ s version of Silicon Valley, was exploited to improve Russiaâ s military capability. The FBI warned several American technology companies in 2014 that the city of Skolkovo, on the outskirts of Moscow, â may be a means for the Russian government to access United States sensitive or classified research development facilities and dual-use technologies with military and commercial application.â In reality, it was.

**From the article:**

Government Accountability Institute President Peter Schweizer on links between the Clinton Foundation, Putinâ s regime and Hillaryâ s State Department.

Hillary Clinton touts her tenure as secretary of state as a time of hardheaded realism and â commercial diplomacyâ that advanced American national and commercial interests. But her handling of a major technology transfer initiative at the heart of Washingtonâ s effort to â resetâ relations with Russia raises serious questions about her record. Far from enhancing American national interests, Mrs. Clintonâ s efforts in this area may have substantially undermined U.S. national security.

## **Hillary paid Facebook to rig elections while colluding with Russian Uranium One**

### **Citizens Intelligence Report by the American Intelligence Media**

Crime 1: Her private email server hid unpublished 2009-2010 State Department contracts with Facebook managed by Dmitry Shevelenko.

Crime 2: Hillaryâ s Facebook â election winning templateâ clearly violates The Hatch Act.

Crime 3: Hillaryâ s contracts obstructed justice in *Leader v. Facebook*.

Crime 4: Hillary colluded with Facebook to set State Department Internet policy.

**Oct. 26, 2017**â On May 26, 2009, Russian oligarch Yuri Milner invested \$200 million in Facebook private stock brokered by his Russian partner Goldman Sachs. Milner had worked for Obamaâ s 2008 bailout director Larry H. Summers when he was chief economist for the World Bank in the early 1990â s as a researcher along with Sheryl K. Sandberg, who later became Summerâ s chief of staff at the U.S. Treasury, then started Gmail and is now Facebookâ s chief operating officer. While Sandberg started Gmail for Google, Milner started Mail.ru. The intent to takeover global communications is evident in hindsight.

On Jun. 16, 2009, Hillary Clinton approved the Vladimir Putin-controlled ROSATOM to purchase 20% of Americaâ s uranium reserves through Uranium One. The Clinton Foundation had already received more than \$145 million in pay-to-play donations from Uranium One beneficiaries.

Hillaryâ s treason in her compromise of Americaâ s energy reserves using Russian surrogates is evident. That treason is compounded by a simultaneous \$1 billion

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financing by Cisco, Intel and Google of Vladimir Putinâ s Moscow, Russia technology center Skolkovo on Jun. 27, 2010, just two days before Hillary approved the uranium sale to ROSATOM. See also â Cisco Commits \$1 Billion for Multi-year Investment in Skolkovo.â ThinkRUSSIA. Aug. 11, 2010.

On Jun. 29, 2010, just two days after the Cisco/Intel/Google \$1 billion donation, Moscow-based Renaissance Capital paid Bill Clinton \$500,000 for a speech even though Renaissance was the lead analyst covering recommending a â buyâ on Uranium One. On Mar. 30, 2011, Russian oligarch Yuri Milner overpaid \$100 million for a gaudy mansion in the center of Silicon Valley in an ostentatious display of a rogue C.I.A.-inspired arrogance, after his \$200 million private Facebook investment.

What is becoming equally evident is Hillaryâ s simultaneous compromise of Americaâ s elections, digital networks and court proceedings through secret â election winning templateâ contracts with Facebook using Russian surrogates.

On Sep. 26, 2009, Hillary Clinton and the State Department entered into a secret contract with Facebook for \$120,000 (GSA SAQMMA09M1870) to build â a template for winning elections using advanced Facebook marketing.â The next month, on Oct. 16, 2009, Hillary promoted Facebook on a video presentation to a U.S. State Department-funded Alliance for Youth Movements Summit in Mexico City. This contract was not known because Hillary had hidden it on her private email server in the basement of her house. It first came to light through the dogged work of Judicial Watch who obtained it in Apr. 03, 2014.

**See also TIMELINE.**

**(Note: The Timeline takes a few minutes to download because of its file size. It may be too large to load on your phone or tablet so serious researchers should use a PC for download. Itâ s worth the effort! You will know it is open when red bordered boxes appear on the screen.)**

<https://youtu.be/OcBG7B6sgOk>

**Facebook contract with Office of Economic Security Information Programs**

See also TIMELINE.

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Between Sep. 26, 2009 and Sep. 30, 2010, Hillary entered into three (3) contracts with Facebook for \$385,000.

## **This collusion with Facebook was wantonly criminal on many levels.**

Columbus innovator Leader Technologies, Inc. was suing Facebook for patent infringement on Nov. 19, 2008 in Delaware federal district court. Reagan-appointed judge Joseph J. Farnan, Jr. was assigned the case.

While the case was preparing for trial, and despite four motions to compel, Mark Zuckerberg stonewalled providing his 2003-2004 Harvard computer devices and emails for review in the case. We now know that his attorneys at Gibson Dunn LLP had custody of 28 Harvard computer hard drives and emails. After stonewalling for a year, they lied to the court and said they had lost the information.

We believe Facebook and Zuckerberg hid this information because it will prove that Zuckerberg is a mere stooge of the rogue C.I.A. and was *given* the programming code from the IBM Eclipse Foundation to start Facebook. It will prove that IBM was given the code from James P. Chandler, III who stole it from his legal client Leader Technologies, Inc.

What Leader had no way of knowing was that Chandler was working intimately at the highest level with the Secretary for the Department of Defenseâ s Highlands Forum to weaponize the Internet. He held illegal private meetings with favored private companies to set policy on how the Internet would be controlled and profited from by the military-industrial complex.

This cabal of military-industrial complex criminals have used Leaderâ s invention for 17 years for free. Leaderâ s shareholders across the country are starting to file Miller Act Notice to demand that President Donald Trump pay them for using their property without compensation.

While Zuckerberg was openly lying to the court, Hillary Clinton and the State Department entered into secret contracts with Facebook to build â a template for winning elections using advanced Facebook marketing.â These contracts were managed by â Dmitry Shevelenkoâ whose Russian background has been obscured by the shadow government.

## **Obstruction of Justice**

In American courts, litigants have a solemn right to a fair trial. Litigants have the right to assume that no government representative will use their position of public trust to interfere in the case in favor of either side. When a government representative interferes in a case, that crime is called â obstruction of justiceâ for obvious reasons. Those interfering are attempting to influence the outcome of the case in favor of one of the parties.

## **Election tampering**

In American elections, citizens have a solemn right to a free and fair election. Citizens have the right to assume that no government representative will use their position of public trust to interfere in an election in favor of either candidate. When a government representative interferes in an election, that crime is called â election tamperingâ and is a violation of The Hatch Act.

## **Fraud & Racketeering**

In American public contracts, citizens have a solemn right to transparency regarding the spending of public funds. Except in special circumstances, government representatives may not use their position of public trust to favor certain private parties in uncompetitive contracts. When a government representative enters into no-bid contracts and colludes with the General Service Agency (GSA) to hide the existence of those contracts, that crime is called â fraud.â When such fraud involves parties across state lines, that crime is â racketeering.â

**Pay Leader for 17 years of free use of their social networking invention; federal government can raise \$200-500+ billion in surcharge revenues from social networking without raising taxes!**

In conclusion, the crimes described above alone are enough by themselves to convict an average American of racketeering and treason. The evidence of these crimes come from Hillary Clintonâ s private email server.

**The Russian collusion nexus between Uranium One and Facebook election rigging is stunning.**

Readers are encouraged to get this article to your elected representatives.

Ask them to: (1) pay Leader Technologies for the last 17 years of free use of their social networking invention that Hillary obstructed, and (2) prosecute Hillary and her racketeers for her Uranium One and digital election rigging racketeering and treason.



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Hillary: Running Facebook Would Be My Dream Job Because I Would Get To Oversee The Flow Of Political Information Like Zuckerberg Does (townhall.com)

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## How A Startup No One Would Touch Crushed The Silicon Valley Mafia And Is Haunting Them Forever



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Japhet **Gilad Japhet/MyHeritage** Most people don't know it, but online genealogy is big business on the Internet. One of the leaders, Ancestry.com, has a market cap approaching \$2 billion. But the company in the space everyone is scared of is Israel-based MyHeritage.

MyHeritage now has 57 million registered users, 18 million family trees, 800 million profiles, hundreds of millions of photos and adds almost a million new profiles each day, Founder/CEO Gilad Japhet told us in an interview.

The company, which has close to a hundred employees, is profitable and backed by blue-chip investors like Facebook-backer Accel Partners and original Skype investor Index Ventures. For MyHeritage, the sky seems to be the limit.

It wasn't always that way, however. For the first three years when MyHeritage got started, no one would touch it. Here's that story.

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MyHeritage's founder Gilad Japhet has been passionate about genealogy since forever, he tells us. He was mapping his family's origins when he was 13. He got his start in an unrelated field, however: computer security. While studying computer science at Technion, the hardcore Israeli engineering school, he worked nights at antivirus company BRM. After Symantec bought that company's technology, he joined another computer security startup and worked in Silicon Valley for a couple years.

After getting married, Japhet cashed in his stock options and took six months off, in part to study his family's history. In a classic entrepreneurial move, he started coding his own genealogy software because he was frustrated with the existing services, and then decided to build a company around it. He named the company Inbaltech after his daughter Inbal.

There was only one problem: this was 2002, the worst ever time to raise money for a consumer internet company. Particularly in Israel, no slouch when it comes to startup funding, but where investors ran away from consumer internet after the dotcom bust. Particularly for a genealogy company, which most people didn't think is a big market. Particularly for a first-time entrepreneur who'd never worked in genealogy *or* consumer Internet.

"There were no social networks, not even blogs, and the world did not recognize the power of genealogy and family history as the bond that connects all people worldwide. Family is the most natural social unit, but people did not realize yet how the Internet will transform the social world and the importance that families play in that," Japhet told us.

Japhet nevertheless soldiered on. He built a team of ten people and bootstrapped the company. MyHeritage, which at first was download software, grew very popular. One of the reasons it was so popular was because it was free, which didn't exactly warm potential investors to the company. When money began to run out, Japhet stopped taking a paycheck. And then mortgaged his house. And then his wife freaked out.



MyHeritage's headquarters on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. **MyHeritage** In 2005, Japhet was able to scrape by angel funding and keep the lights on. MyHeritage, now a website on top of a piece of software, was roaring. The service went from free to freemium, with a basic free version and premium subscriptions.

Japhet tells us the free version of MyHeritage was better than all the other (paid) services on the market at that time. But beyond a great product, being global from day one helped as well, he says: "The first version of the product in 2003 was already available in 6 languages, then quickly up to 16, and support for multiple languages and cultures was built into the DNA of the company from day one. That allowed the company to have a strong penetration globally and in many countries we were (and in some cases still are) the only properly localized product available."

On the way, MyHeritage had to fend off a company whose birth story is the antithesis of his own: Geni. Geni was founded in 2007 by David Sacks, the former COO of PayPal. Sacks is part of the PayPal mafia of entrepreneurs who led the payments company to a \$1.5 sale to eBay and now build and invest in some of the biggest companies in Silicon Valley. LinkedIn founder Reid Hoffman is part of the PayPal mafia. Facebook's first investor Peter Thiel is the "Godfather" of the PayPal mafia. While Japhet had to scrape by for nearly three years without funding, Geni launched right out of the gate with big VC funding and a \$100 million valuation.

Geni failed to make a dent in MyHeritage's growth. Now Sacks has moved on to Yammer, a very successful enterprise social network. Japhet calls Sacks "excellent" and Geni "very high quality", but says it didn't get very far because its founder didn't have his consuming interest in genealogy. In particular, Geni doesn't support existing family treesâ you have to build or type in your family tree from scratch instead of just being able to upload your work like on MyHeritage. "People who've already built their tree were not amused," Japhet says with understatement. What's more, Geni wasn't global. "It took them 2-3 years from launch to add support for any language other than English," Japhet says. That matters a lot when your family tree may be spread over several countries and the site with the most family tree data can build a network effect.

All in all, MyHeritage's story is that impressive entrepreneurial story: someone with a passion who just won't give up, and who beat bigger and badder incumbents.

## **How Deep is the Clean Line Corruption at the U.S. Department of Energy?**

Get out your hip-waders, folks, it's going to get pretty deep!

According to [this article](#), in 2011 former Secretary of Energy Steven Chu appointed Lauren Azar to a position at the DOE in order to carry out the administration's political agenda.

Chu's selection of Azar was largely seen as a sign of the Obama administration's intense interest in expanding the grid to support renewables and tackle climate change, sources said.

Azar got the finger pointed at her as the impetus for a controversial memo that urged federal power marketing agencies (PMAs) to use their authority to help get privately funded transmission projects built.

As laid out in the memo, she also championed Texas-based Clean Line Energy's application to partner with DOE through its never-before-used authority under Section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act, which would allow a PMA with federal authority to site the line and overcome state opposition.

It's not about reliability or economics of the grid, it's about federal support for certain companies with personal ties to the DOE:

Jimmy Glotfelty, founder of Clean Line Energy Partners and a former senior electricity adviser for President George W. Bush, said Azar should be remembered for trying to build infrastructure and integrate renewables in a thoughtful and cooperative manner.

"The customers of PMAs are pretty protective, and if you ask a lot of people who have been in her shoes -- including myself -- it's not uncommon to get into debates with customers of PMAs," he said. "They're tough negotiators."

Clean Line, with its DOE-connected "vice president," became the only transmission company to take advantage of Sec. 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 during a very convenient RFP process run by the DOE in 2010. But the pre-Azar DOE just wasn't aggressive enough:

Azar brought that same spirit to DOE. She helped bring together the "federal family" in 2011 -- nine agencies key to streamlining federal permitting of major new power lines that could have taken up to 15 years to garner approval (Greenwire, Oct. 5, 2011). DOE already had existing authority to do so under 216(h) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, language that allows the agency to coordinate federal and environmental reviews.

"DOE, until I got there, implemented [the rule] in somewhat of a tepid manner," she said. "I came in like gangbusters as I always do and not only helped to lead the rapid respond team for transmission but helped DOE draft some rules for 216(h), negotiate with the nine agencies."

Shortly after Azar was appointed, Clean Line submitted an ["updated" application](#) under Sec. 1222 in order to use the federal power marketing agencies to take land for its private gain and override state denials.

The Honorable Lauren Azar  
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Washington, D.C. 20585

August 17, 2011

Dear Lauren,

With development efforts well under way, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line is positioned to help meet President Obama's call for 80% clean energy by 2035. The Plains & Eastern Clean Line will provide affordable, renewable power to millions of customers in the southeastern United States. Regulatory and permitting approvals at the state and federal levels are the critical path items. Since submitting a proposal in July 2010, the Plains & Eastern Clean Line has made substantial development progress, strengthening the case for a partnership with the Department of Energy (DOE) and Southwestern under Section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The attached document provides an update on our efforts, including the widespread support the project has received from a diverse group of stakeholders. It also supplements the original application with respect to how the project is necessary to accommodate the increase in demand for transmission capacity and how the project is consistent with needs identified in transmission plans or otherwise by the appropriate transmission organization.

Projects like the Plains & Eastern Clean Line have the potential to return the United States to a global leadership position in clean energy. **The private sector has the resources and the desire to invest in our aging infrastructure and we respectfully ask that the DOE exercise its authority to make it possible. We appreciate the attention you are giving the Plains & Eastern Clean Line.** We will be in Washington, DC regularly in the coming months and would like the opportunity to sit down with you and your team to review the project materials and respond to any questions.

Magically, the DOE entered into an Advance Funding and Development Agreement with Clean Line in early 2012, despite the fact that Clean Line did NOT meet all the statutory criteria in Sec. 1222. Sec. 1222 requires that a project:

2) is consistent with--

(A) transmission needs identified, in a transmission expansion plan or otherwise, by the appropriate Transmission Organization (as defined in the Federal Power Act [16 U.S.C. 791a et seq.]) if any, or approved regional reliability organization

Clean Line's projects are not a part of any transmission expansion plan, therefore they cannot be "consistent with" a plan that does not include them.

Instead, the DOE relied on:

DOE has emphasized the need for additional high voltage transmission capacity to deliver renewable resources from transmission-constrained areas, stating in its "20% Wind Energy by 2030" Report that "If the considerable wind resources of the United States are to be utilized, a significant amount of new transmission will be required."

GRID2030 is probably the highlight of Clean Line "vice president" Glotfelty's career at the DOE. And then Glotfelty leaves the DOE after setting the stage, and personally invests in Clean Line Energy Partners?

Clean Line brags:

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Jimmy worked for George W. Bush, for almost eight years, at both the gubernatorial and presidential levels. He led the Bush Administrationâ s efforts on electricity issues with Congress and the electric utility industry. In this capacity, **he founded Office of Electric Delivery and Energy Reliability at the Department of Energy (DOE) and served as its first Director.**

Let's see... which office is undertaking DOE's consideration of Clean Line's application under Sec. 1222? The Department of Energyâ s (DOE) Section 1222 Program is administered by the **Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE).**

Wow! What a coincidence! A DOE appointee uses his office to set up a scheme whereby private investors can override state authority and regional transmission planning processes, and then leaves his position to personally invest in just such a scheme? And the office he "founded" is now in a position to approve his financial scheme?

Something stinks here...

Maybe this guy should investigate and clear up the appearances of federal actions undertaken for private profit?

Whether the department will take the same approach under Chu's successor, MIT nuclear physicist Ernest Moniz, remains unclear.

I don't think that Moniz has a clue what his underlings are up to, but that's no excuse to let this federal land-taking scheme continue.

Clean Line's plans are a for-profit initiative masquerading as a political agenda. And DOE's political agenda is favoring corporate interests over the interests of the citizens and consumers it is supposed to serve. Let's clean the stink out of our federal Department of Energy!

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How Obama Corruption Stooge Steven Chu lost his battle with Washington.

In August 2008, a week before Barack Obama went to Denver to collect his nomination, Steven Chu stepped onto a stage in the University of Nevada, Las Vegasâ s Cox Pavilion. The 60-year-old physicist was a towering presence in his field, a Nobel Prize winner and the director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in California. But he was largely unknown to the Washington-centric crowd of several hundred, in town for a clean energy conference co-hosted by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and the Center for American Progress (CAP) Action Fund. Trim and bespectacled, with wispy graying hair parted over a high forehead, Chu began his remarks with the nervous throat-clearing of a scientist who had not yet completed the transition to a more public life.

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Chu invited the crowd to consider a temperature increase of five degrees Celsius, only slightly beyond what the world is expected to hit by the centuryâ s end in middle-of-the-road climate change forecasts.

â Climate change of that scale will cause enormous resource wars,â he said, â over water, arable land, and massive population displacements.â This vision of planet-wide catastrophe was not new, but Chuâ s flat cadence, his chilly laboratory demeanor, gave the picture an unsettling crispness. â Weâ re not talking about ten million people,â he continued. â Weâ re talking hundreds of millions to billions of people being flooded out, permanently.â

Then Chu pivoted, arguing with the same matter-of-factness that the doomsday scenario he had described was entirely avoidable. Western Europe enjoyed a quality of life comparable to Americaâ s with far greater energy efficiency, he explained; technological innovation had allowed Californiaâ s economy to double in size over the past third of a century even as its electricity use remained flat. Tighter regulations had made American refrigerators not just 75 percent more efficient than they were three decades earlier, but 60 percent cheaper and 20 percent larger, too. â Miraculously,â Chu deadpanned, â the manufacturers had to assign the job to the engineers instead of the lobbyists. And this is what you get.â The audience applauded; Chuâ s delivery, once hesitant, now had a confidence bordering on swagger.

In conclusion, Chu showed his audience the famous â Earthriseâ photograph, taken by the astronaut William Anders from the *Apollo 8* command module as it orbited the moon on Christmas Eve 1968. It showed the Earth, a gleaming whorl of blue and white, emerging out of the moonâ s shadow into sunlight. â A beautiful planet, a desolate moon,â Chu said. â And focus on the fact that thereâ s nowhere else to go.â

On the stage with Chu was John Podesta, CAPâ s president, who would serve as co-chair of the new presidentâ s transition team after Obamaâ s victory in November. In Chu, Obamaâ s team saw the potential to make a statement. â Science had really been abused and belittled in the previous administration,â Podesta told me. â The decision to try to go and get a number of high-profile scientists into the administration was all about telling this story about what the future of innovation could look like. And Steve was at the top of that pyramid.â



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Shortly after the election, Obama asked Chu if he would come to Washington as his energy secretary. â I didnâ t know him before that,â Chu told me. â He said, â A lot of people all over the place are recommending you.â All I said was, â Who are these former friends of mine?â â

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It was a good joke, but, by the time Chu told it to me in December, it had acquired some poignancy. The last several months have been the worst of his three years in Washington. Chu had arrived in town as one of Obamaâ s most celebrated appointees, with one of the new administrationâ s most ambitious missions: using a backwater of a Cabinet positionâ one better known as a sleepy sinecure for retired business executivesâ to reinvent Americaâ s energy system.

Then last September, a California-based solar panel manufacturer named Solyndra filed for bankruptcy, and things suddenly went very sour. Chuâ s department had signed off on a \$535 million loan to the company two years earlier; it was the highest-profile showpiece for Obamaâ s campaign promise to kick-start the new green energy economy. Congressional Republicans pounced.

On a cold morning in mid-November, Chu was hauled into a committee room on Capitol Hill. The hearing was the spectacle of the week, and the GOP lawmakers kept Chuâ the only witnessâ in his chair for five and a half hours. â Youâ re a very bright manâ much brighter than I am. I know you didnâ t leave your brain at the door,â Virginia freshman Morgan Griffith growled. Chuâ s hands shook slightly as he handled the edges of his prepared testimony.

By the time we spoke a month later, Chu seemed to have survived the experience, though not without some bitterness; the hearing, he told me, â was not the high point of what I wanted to do with my time.â Still, the whole affair had cast a harsh light on a scientist turned policymaker for whom things had not gone as planned, even before the Solyndra bankruptcy. The president who brought him to Washington three years ago had promised nothing less than an environmental revolution, and Chu was supposed to be at its center, presiding over the most dramatic expansion of the clean energy industry the federal government had ever attempted. Now Chu may have no choice but to preside over its similarly dramatic retreat.

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â OK, SO!â CHU SAID, taking a deep breath before plunging back in. We were sitting in his office, in front of a bank of windows opening out across the National Mall, and Chu was halfway through an impromptu lecture on the economics of converting the long-haul trucking industry to liquefied natural gas. I couldnâ t remember how we had arrived hereâ I had asked a fairly narrow question about his departmentâ s fundingâ but we were where we were. â You can go six hundred and fifty miles without refueling,â Chu was saying, â so you might want a station every three hundred miles.â He rattled off the cost of liquefied natural gas (\$2 per gallon equivalent, give or take), the cost of the machine you use to liquefy the gas (\$1 million to \$3 million), the typical annual mileage of a long-haul truck (80,000 miles), and, running all these numbers in his head, how many years it would take for a company to recoup its investment on a truck (two).

Several minutes later, Chuâ s press secretary reminded us of the time. â Iâ ll be shorter,â Chu said, a bit apologetically. But he wasnâ tâ and, honestly, I wasnâ t sure that he could be. I had met Chu briefly before, at a reception hosted by a magazine that I worked for at the time. I had asked him then about a trip heâ d made to China and ended up listening for several minutes as Chu expounded upon new developments in advanced battery technology. â He doesnâ t lose track of the details,â says Holger MÃ¼ller, a Lawrence Berkeley physicist and longtime collaborator.

This was the one thing that everyone knew about Barack Obamaâ s energy secretary when he took office in January 2009: that Steven Chu was smart. He was â possibly the smartest man in the federal government,â *Washington Post* science reporter Joel Achenbach wrote, â if not the known universe.â

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Obama, when he mentions Chu, rarely fails to bring up his Nobel Prize. â He likes to kid around about the rocket scientist thing when theyâ re together,â says a veteran Democratic operative who is close to the president. â Thereâ s a little bit in Obama whoâ s like, â Holy shit, I canâ t believe I hired this guy!â â

Chuâ s life outside of the office often seemed indistinguishable from his life in it. After he and his wife, Jean, who is also a physicist, bought a six-bedroom gray colonial in Chevy Chase, Chu spent what spare time he had weatherizing it himself and rode his bike to work as his schedule and weather allowed. On long plane trips, he would unwind by puzzling over physics problems, and he continued publishing original research, batting late-night e-mails back and forth with collaborators at Lawrence Berkeley.

There was a winning self-awareness to Chuâ s geek-out-of-water routine. When he appeared on â The Daily Showâ in July 2009, Chu handed Jon Stewart a t-shirt commemorating his honorary membership in the Nerds of America Society. â Youâ re, I think, the first Cabinet member Iâ ve met from the Obama administration that seems ... alive,â Stewart told him, a note of genuine affection in his voice.

Climate change was a problem that could have been custom-designed for Chu. The middle son of academics who had emigrated from China during World War II, Chu attended graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied experimental physics. From there, he went on to Bell Laboratories, where his work would later earn him the Nobel. It also earned him a reputation as a fiercely competitive researcher with an appetite for daunting challenges and a tendency to focus on them to the exclusion of all else.

A 2009 *Nature* profile recounted how Chuâ s first wife, Lisa Chu-Thielbar, would sneak their elder son, Geoffrey, into Chuâ s lab hidden in her coat so he could see his father. â He was always a scientist first and a father second,â Chuâ s younger son, Michael, told *Nature*. The germ of Chuâ s Nobel-winning idea occurred to him while he was working alone one night after a blizzard had engulfed the Bell Labs campus in Holmdel, New Jersey. Everyone else had gone home before the storm.

Teaching at Stanford in the late â 80s and â 90s, Chu began to expand his academic horizons, extending his own research into biophysics and calling up colleagues for tutorials in subjects that were further afield. â He saw the world of science as not having traditional boundaries,â his younger brother, Morgan, an intellectual property lawyer in Los Angeles, told me. Climate change was, in this sense, the perfect challenge. Its solutions would be found not by the experts in any particular field but by intellectual omnivores who knew how to connect the dots between them.

When Chu moved to Lawrence Berkeley in 2004, he approached the director job as a kind of experiment; he wanted to know if a cloistered research institution could be transformed into an idea lab for the energy system of the future. When I spoke with Paul Alivisatos, who succeeded Chu as the labâ s director, he told me that, when Chu arrived at Lawrence Berkeley, â people were stovepiped a bitâ in various pure science endeavors. Chu gathered the labâ s researchers for regular spitballing sessions on climate change and energy researchâ â almost like an open mic,â Alivisatos says. â Lawrence Berkeley was a lab that a lot of people said was really in search of a mission,â explains Michael Lubell, a lobbyist for the American Physical Society who has known Chu for 30 years. â And [Chu] transformed it.â

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AT THE OUTSET of the Obama presidency, Washington was in the throes of its second great love affair with renewable energy. The first, three decades earlier, had ended in tears. Under Jimmy Carter, the government had plowed billions into the quest to wean the United States off foreign oil, much of it going to technologies like wind turbines and solar panels. Poor program design had doomed some of Carterâ s ambitions; Ronald Reagan killed off the rest. By the end of the â 80s, the clean energy industry had largely decamped for Europe.

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But the experience taught renewable energy advocates a great deal. The biggest lesson was that government support would be most successful if it created a level playing fieldâ principally by regulating carbon emissionsâ and helped clean energy start-ups clamber over the formidable hurdles to entry, rather than support them in their maturity.

At Lawrence Berkeley, Chu had devoted most of his time to the first big hurdleâ the research and development of next-generation technologies in solar energy, biofuels, and other areas. In 2007, as a member of an expert panel convened by the National Academies, Chu had proposed the creation of an office within the Department of Energy (DOE) called the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). Inspired by the Pentagonâ s storied DARPA, the program would fund cutting-edge technical research that could help the energy industry move away from fossil fuels.

The second, and larger, hurdle the industry faced was amassing capital. In the 2000s, clean energy had attracted considerable interest from venture capitalists, particularly Silicon Valley financiers who had made their fortunes on the information technology boom. But even Palo Altoâ s biggest venture capital (V.C.) firms were too small to raise the moneyâ usually in the hundreds of millions of dollarsâ to propel a start-up to the point at which it could attract heftier investments from Wall Street. It was a financing gulf the industry referred to as the â Valley of Death.â

In 2005, pro-nuclear Republicans in Congress had created a loan guarantee program within the Energy Department to back projects that were too untested in the marketplace to attract private equity investment. By the last months of George W. Bushâ s presidency, however, the program still had not issued a single loan guarantee. Then the financial crisis hit, wiping out Wall Streetâ s appetite for equity investments. Suddenly, the Valley of Death looked more like a cliffâ with nothing on the other side.

But the financial meltdown also provided the federal government with an unprecedented opportunity. As congressional leaders drew up the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the first months of 2009, they needed ways to sluice money through existing programs into the countryâ s economy. Clean energy champions in the Democratic leadership saw to it that hundreds of millions flowed into programs like ARPA-E. More important, Congress authorized the Energy Department to make \$25 billion worth of loans to clean energy projects. â By a stroke of his pen,â *The Atlantic*â s Joshua Green wrote that summer, â President Obama made a federal agency the worldâ s largest venture capitalist.â The man in charge of figuring out where the money would go was Steven Chu.

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DURING THE first week of March 2010, the Energy Department hosted an ARPA-E conference at the Gaylord National Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland. The eventâ s speakers included Chu, Podesta, White House energy and environment czar Carol Browner, and White House science adviser John Holdren, but also Silicon Valley A-list venture capitalists like John Doerr and Vinod Khosla, and G.E. CEO Jeffrey Immelt. â This is the Woodstock of energy innovation!â Arun Majumdar, a Lawrence Berkeley mechanical engineer whom Chu had hired to run ARPA-E, proclaimed in his keynote address.

Almost overnight, the lowly Energy Department had become the center of the energy technology universe. â I was struck by how many venture capitalists were there,â Katie Fehrenbacher, an editor of the technology news site *GigaOM*, wrote later that year. â I shared a cab back to the airport with some familiar Silicon Valley faces, and was told if your firm didnâ t have a dedicated person in Washingtonâ in some circles they call them lobbyistsâ maneuvering grant and loan programs, you werenâ t able to be competitive.â

Silicon Valleyâ s new romance with Washington was headyâ and sometimes uncomfortably close. (It was hard not to notice the former congressmen and government officials on the boards of high-profile start-ups and V.C. firms.) In early 2010, the Energy Department extended a \$465 million loan to the high-end electric

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automaker Tesla Motors. Six months later, the company had gone publicâ the first U.S. automaker in half a century to do soâ with a \$226 million IPO and was hawking a Leonardo DiCaprio-endorsed limited edition Roadster.

Chu had assembled a team of deputies from the West Coastâ s top research universities and V.C. firmsâ new recruits who had little Washington experience but shared a confidence that government was basically a logical enterprise like any other. â You look at this landscape out here,â Majumdar told me, gesturing out his office window, â and you ask the question, â How does the system work?â If youâ re driving a car, you know how the car works: You donâ t want to press your accelerator and brake at the same time; it doesnâ t get you anywhere. So, once you figure it outâ this is how the system worksâ you try to utilize it to get your things done.â The question was whether Washington actually resembled anything as rational as a car.

By the spring of 2010, congressional appropriators were beginning to suspect that Chu was taking the Treasuryâ s checkbook for granted. Two weeks after the ARPA-E summit, Majumdar, Undersecretary for Science Steven Koonin, and Office of Science Director William Brinkman were called before a House appropriations subcommittee to testify about the Energy Departmentâ s budget request for the coming fiscal year. Chuâ s deputies spoke excitedly about their work, but they never managed to answer the lawmakersâ fundamental questions about how the projects fit together and why they were necessary. Congress would eventually slash ARPA-Eâ s funding from \$400 million to \$185 million for the next fiscal year.

When I asked Majumdar about the hearing, he laughed ruefully. â Oh yeah,â he said. â I think that hearing was a watershed moment in many ways.â The 2011 budget process was Chuâ s last chance to establish a permanent foothold for the programs that had been bankrolled by the stimulus before the 2010 elections; that the department had let the moment slip by suggested a leader who still had a few things to learn about Washington. â We were far less coordinated internally than we should have been,â another former senior department official says.

At the same time, the political will to see through the sweeping energy and environmental policy goals on which Obama had campaigned in 2008 was fast eroding. The Senateâ s most promising attempt at a climate bill, hammered out by John Kerry, Lindsey Graham, and Joe Lieberman, fell apart in April, after it became clear that the White House, exhausted by the battle over health care reform, had little appetite for another major policy fight.

Chu told me he didnâ t consider the billâ s failure a death sentence for his own aims. But the failure sent a strong message. The threat of climate legislation had brought many big industry players to the table with Democrats in 2009; absent that threat, there was little to keep them there. â Big Energy often takes a â this, too, shall passâ attitude toward the Washington scene,â one department insider told me.

It was a notion the White House did little to dissuade. When Obama made his first major energy policy speech of 2011, at Georgetown University last spring, he outlined sharply reduced ambitions: more use of natural gas, more domestic oil drilling. Of the new planâ s proposals that could plausibly pass Congress, only the continued funding of ARPA-E was immediately recognizable from the grand vision of 2008.

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BY THAT POINT, the loan guarantee program was turning out to be a major problem. Chu was a fervent believer in the economic promise of clean energy, but it was a promise that lay in the futureâ in reclaiming the vanguard of manufacturing industries the United States had ceded since the 1970s. The stimulus, however, had freighted the loan program with a less realistic expectation: that its investments could create jobs fast enough to offset the 2.6 million that had been lost by the end of 2008. That meant Chuâ s first at-bat had to be a home run.

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Looking for candidates in the early weeks of 2009, Energy Department officials dusted off an application from a solar technology manufacturer named Solyndra, which was seeking half a billion dollars to build a new factory. That February, the departmentâ s stimulus adviser wrote in an e-mail that Solyndra was viewed by the administration as the â litmus test for the loan guarantee programâ s ability to fund good projects quickly.â Chu approved it the following month.

When the auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers opened Solyndraâ s books in early 2010, however, it found the company had lost half a billion dollars in its first five years and could soon be buried under a looming avalanche of debt. The proximate cause of Solyndraâ s problems was the tumbling price of silicon imports from China, which rendered the companyâ s own technologyâ a lightweight cylindrical module made out of other mineralsâ uncompetitive. In June, the company pulled its IPO.

By that summer, the loan guarantee program was taking fire from all sides. Congress was frustrated with the slow pace at which the loans were being issued. The Government Accountability Office criticized the programâ s lack of clear goals. And voices from within the administration were questioning whether the Energy Department was up to the task. In December 2009, a venture capitalist whose firm had invested in Solyndra e-mailed Lawrence Summers, then the Director of Obamaâ s National Economic Council, expressing surprise that the unprofitable company had received a federal loan worth more than five times its revenues. â I relate well to your concern the gov is a crappy vc,â Summers wrote back, â and if u were closer to it youâ d feel more strongly.â The following October, Summers, Browner, and Joe Biden Chief of Staff Ronald Klain sent a memo to Obama recommending a reboot of the loan program.

By December 2010, Solyndra was running out of cash. When one of the companyâ s board members raised the subject of bankruptcy proceduresâ hardly an unforeseeable developmentâ department officials reacted with surprise, according to the executive. â To me, it was clear the DOE folks were somewhat caught off guard that we werenâ t going to bail out the company,â he wrote in an intracompany e-mail.

The Energy Department cobbled together an eleventh-hour deal in February, securing \$75 million more in private investments in exchange for the guarantee that private investors would be paid back before the government in the event of a bankruptcy. But blood was in the water. In September, Solyndra filed for bankruptcy, and Republican investigators began subpoenaing White House documents and calling top department officials to testify, including Chu.

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FROM THE BEGINNING of the loan guarantee program, it was assumed that some of the departmentâ s investments would failâ in fact, that was the whole idea. What the industry most neededâ what delineated the Valley of Deathâ was investors willing to make high-risk, big-dollar bets that could give unproved technologies a foothold in the marketplace. This was the kind of investment that the government alone could make.

The assumption on which the idea rested was that politicians would nâ t make hay out of the occasional \$100 million lossâ an assumption that looked entirely absurd by 2011. Among Republicans, climate change denial had hardened into a catechism, and the ascent of the Tea Party had made any association with the stimulus hazardous. â Steve assumes that everyoneâ s like himâ theyâ re going to be nice, theyâ re going to understand,â says Lubell. â But the reality in Washington almost never works that way.â

At first, the Republicansâ case against Chu focused narrowly on the claim that Solyndra was given preferential treatment on account of the fact that an Obama campaign donor, the Oklahoma oil and gas billionaire George Kaiser, was a principal investor in the company. When 180,000 pages of e-mails and other documents failed to produce a smoking gun, the focus shifted to the argument that the Energy Department broke the law by promising to repay investors before taxpayers. But Chu had acted on the advice of the departmentâ s own counsel, suggesting that it was at least a murky matter of interpretation.

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Investigations into Solyndraâ s conduct are still ongoingâ including an inquiry by the FBIâ and the documents released so far have provided a litany of embarrassments, not to mention a durable Republican line of attack. (The conservative organization Americans for Prosperity has spent more than \$8 million on Solyndra-themed anti-Obama television ads since November.) Even so, in their fixation with catching Chu red-handed, lawmakers appear to have overplayed their hand. Even Chuâ s opponents found the crusade disappointing. â I think the Hill did a very poor job of going after him,â one lobbyist and Chu critic told me. â Everyone was like, â Fuck, theyâ re just going after a hide.â They didnâ t do the research they shouldâ ve done. Everything that I know about [Chu] is that he is not a corrupt guy. He would not have done what they said he did.â A Republican Senate staffer who was familiar with the loan program agreed. â I donâ t think it was necessarily a political thing,â she says of the Solyndra deal. â I think this was their first big demonstration of this idea, and they didnâ t want it to flop.â

There was also the fact that Congress had appropriated a \$2.4 billion risk reserve for the program, explicitly authorizing the Energy Department to lose nearly five times what Solyndra had lost. And even Republicans who had voted against the programâ s 2009 expansion had clamored for more federal funds to support wind farms, solar arrays, and nuclear plants in their own districts. If anything, Chuâ s department should have been faulted for its caution: A Bloomberg Government report released in December found that 87 percent of the \$16 billion worth of projects underwritten by the program were of minimal risk, not the transformative loans the department was supposed to be making.

If the Solyndra investigation didnâ t produce a scalp, however, it did make one thing clear: The federal governmentâ s foray into venture capitalism was over. The loan guarantee program expired in September, at the height of the Solyndra controversy; virtually nobody I talked to in Washington or Silicon Valley believed it would be revived. Brookings Institution scholar Mark Muro, an authority on renewable energy policy, points to an array of programs due to sunset in the next year that are unlikely to be renewed, some launched through the stimulus and others dating back to the Bush-era Republican Congress. They include not just the loan guarantees but also Treasury Department grants, IRS-administered bonds for clean energy projects, and tax credits for energy efficient appliances and new homes.

Some of the high-tech research programs, particularly Chuâ s own ARPA-E, will probably survive. But absent unlikely congressional action, Muro estimates that as much as 70 percent of the current federal funding for clean energy could vanish by 2014. â I think we are going to exit the clean-tech finance business as a nation,â he says.

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THE BULK OF THE wall-to-wall coverage of the Solyndra bankruptcy last fall overlooked one salient detail: Washingtonâ s second great experiment with clean energy, for all its hiccups, seems to be working. Bloomberg New Energy Finance reported in November that global investment in renewable power plants had for the first time surpassed investment in fossil-fuel-powered facilities. Clean energy technology has proved to be a largely recession-proof, if still small, engine of economic growth in the United States.

Energy Department initiatives have also given U.S. companies a foothold in the manufacturing of advanced batteries, a critical component in electric cars that is projected to grow into a \$100 billion industry by 2030. â A lot of them got their start with money from ARPA-E, and theyâ re chasing brilliant advances,â says Mike Danaher, a partner at the law firm Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati who specializes in clean energy technology and works with half a dozen such companies. â The ferment thatâ s going to come out of this is like nothing anyone could imagine.â If clean energyâ s best days lie in the past, it will say less about the flaws of federal policies than it will about the government poised to pull the plug on them.

â I think Steve made a pretty good try,â one of Chuâ s former deputies told me. â But this is hard. Subsidies, economics, regulations have to play together with the technology. I think we all understand that much better now.â Signs of retrenchment, meanwhile, have begun to crop up in the fine print of the

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departmentâ s work. In September, the department published the results of its quadrennial technology review. The report speaks mostly of bolstering Americaâ s energy security and competitiveness; climate change is mentioned on barely a half dozen of its 152 pages.

This fall, the department shifted the emphasis of its efforts to promote carbon capture and storageâ originally intended to reduce emissions from coal-fired power plantsâ toward using the technology to extract more petroleum from aging oilfields. â Steveâ s a fairly realistic guyâ he has adapted his thinking to the policy scene,â the former deputy says. â I think heâ s responded to advice from many to focus on what *can* get done.â

During our interview, I asked Chu if he intended to stay for a second Obama term. â That we will leave up toâ â he said, trailing off, before finishing: â Weâ ll see what happens.â I asked if it bothered him that Obamaâ a president who had once declared energy his top domestic priorityâ had instead invested his political capital in health care reform. â Would I have loved to have a big, global comprehensive energy bill?â Chu replied. â You bet. But I still think there are so many things that I can do in my position here and that we are doing. So Iâ m not going to wring my hands over coulda, woulda, shoulda.â

But I found myself thinking of something Chu had said a year and a half earlier, as the ambitious first act of Obamaâ s presidency was drawing to a close, in a commencement speech at Washington University in St. Louis. As he had in Las Vegas in 2008, Chu ended his remarks by invoking a famous photograph of the Earth, this time a digital image taken by the *Voyager 1* probe just before it exited the solar system for deep space in 1990. If the *Apollo 8* photograph offsets the precariousness of human life with the warmth of a planet that is recognizably our own, the *Voyager* image conveys only Earthâ s isolation, the astronomically long odds of a second chance for its inhabitants. The planet is a tiny blue pinpoint, barely a tenth of a pixel in width, set against the immense indifference of space.

The late astronomer Carl Sagan was so moved by the photograph that he dedicated a book to it, and Chu invoked his words to the graduating students. â Our posturing, our imagined self-importance are challenged by this point of pale light,â he told them. â Our planet is a lonely speck. In all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.â

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he Obama administration signed a controversial nuclear deal with Moscow despite prior FBI findings that Russian officials were bribing their way into the U.S. atomic energy industry, according to government documents just published by The Hill.

A confidential U.S. witness deployed by the FBI infiltrated Russiaâ s nuclear industry and made secret recordings, collected financial records and intercepted emails dating back to 2009 that showed that Moscow engaged in bribery and kickbacks with an American uranium trucking company, documents show.

But the Obama administration insisted no evidence existed of Russian interference and that there were no national security concerns for committee members to go against the deal in 2010.

The deal that boosted Vladimir Putinâ s nuclear footprint in the U.S. took place in October 2010 when the State Department and the Committee on Foreign Investment unanimously agreed to a partial sale of Uranium One, a Canadian mining company, to the major Russian nuclear company Rosatom, effectively sending more than 20 percent of the U.S.â s uranium to Moscow.

In 2011, the Obama administration gave the green light for Rosatomâ s Tenex subsidiary to sell uranium to American nuclear power plants. Before the deal, Tenex could only sell reprocessed uranium from dismantled Soviet nuclear firearms to power plants in the U.S.

Russian extortion threats and kickbacks brought legitimate national security concerns, â And none of that evidence got aired before the Obama administration made those decisions,â a source who insisted on anonymity out of fear of retribution told The Hill.

Then-U.S. Attorney Rod Rosenstein â who was appointed by President George W. Bush and reappointed by President Barack Obama, and is now President Donald Trumpâ s deputy attorney general â and then-Assistant FBI Director Andrew McCabe, who serves as deputy FBI director under Trump, supervised the investigation, documents show.

FBI agents also gathered documents and a witness account that Russian officials routed millions of dollars to ex-President Bill Clintonâ s charitable foundation while Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sat on a committee that gave a nod to the dealings with Moscow.

Like the Obama administration, the Clintons said there was no evidence to prompt them to go the other way on the Uranium One deal.

The Department of Justice investigated the Russian plot for close to four years, keeping the information under wraps while the Obama administration approved the deal instead of bringing immediate charges.



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Common man/common sense answer: "It's treason."

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As V.I. Lenin said in a speech, "... do what must be done and do it swiftly Comrades ...". P.S., I have the complete set of Lenin's speeches and scribbling -- 5,680 pages. All translated into English. It's free and available on-line.

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Shes as Catholic as the fucking pope and the pope is a Jew.

"She likes to say that, growing up in Baltimore, she went to a bar or bat mitzvah every Saturday,â Amy Friedkin, a former president of AIPAC and a friend of Pelosiâ s for 25 years, wrote in an e-mail message to JTA. Friedkin noted that thereâ s even a soccer field in the Haifa area of Israel named after the lawmakerâ s family.

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# **Itâ s Time to Bust the Online Trusts**

Anticompetitive practices by Google and Facebook made foreign election interference possible.

Illustration: Chad Crowe

*By*

*Luther Lowe*



This week some of Americaâ s most beloved internet companies will follow the footsteps of Big Tobacco and Wall Street in a dreaded rite of passage: the Capitol Hill perp walk. The top lawyers for Google, Facebook and Twitter will try their best to explain to the Senate Intelligence Committee how misinformation spread through their platforms in the months leading up to the 2016 election.

They are also likely to argue that the best response to their platformsâ negligence is not government regulation. If Google and Facebook are lucky, the result will be the passage of the bipartisan Honest Ads Act, which would merely require buyers of online political advertisements to reveal their identities. This is a necessary move to increase transparency, but it is not sufficient to protect the electorate from manipulation.

Focusing on the narrow question of online advertising will only distract lawmakers from the true problem: In the absence of rigorous antitrust enforcement, the consumer internet has become too concentrated in a few dominant companies, creating easy targets for bad actors.

There is a reason Congress did not have to investigate foreign meddling after the 2008 or 2012 elections. Back then the internet was still a diverse, decentralized network. Anyone could create a website or blog to satisfy the demand for popular or niche content. This older form of online community building has largely been supplanted by tools provided by the dominant players. Facebook Groups allows people to create communities without requiring much technical skill. It does, however, require a Facebook account, meaning participants have no choice but to share their identity and their data. Today, many internet services are inaccessible unless you have joined Facebookâ s â communityâ of two billion users.

Google used to be the engine that drove the open web. In a 2004 interview, co-founder Larry Page denounced powerful intermediaries on the internet, saying that â we want you to come to Google and quickly find what you want. Then weâ re happy to send you to the other sites. In fact, thatâ s the point. The portal strategy tries to own all of the information.â

Over time, Googleâ s philosophy shifted in the opposite direction, making the internet less open and pluralistic than even a few years ago. Now people are nudged to stay on Google.com. The company has committed to presenting a single â answerâ to every inquiry, even

ones that are subjective opinions based on sparse Google-owned content, like â best pediatrician NYC.â The result has been a decline of traffic to swaths of the web.

Facebookâ s walled garden is even more stringent, requiring all third-party content accessed from its app to run through its frame. As web activity is drawn within the confines of these two tech giants, so is the revenue that follows.

Of every new dollar spent in online advertising last year, Google and Facebook captured 99 cents. Yet neither company has ever faced serious antitrust scrutiny in the U.S. A fleeting opportunity to foster competition came in 2011, when the Federal Trade Commission opened an investigation into Googleâ s conduct. But the FTC closed the case in 2013 without taking meaningful action.

Regulators ostensibly decided to settle after being persuaded the marketplace was adequately competitive, but the assumptions baked into their conclusion have not aged well. When the investigation was begun in 2011, smartphones were a nascent product and Googleâ s market share of internet search was 66%. Today, most search traffic has migrated to smartphonesâ nearly 4 in 5 Americans own oneâ where Google has 97% market share.

The economics have also changed for internet startups hoping to reinvent the web. Early-stage capital has dried up, dropping more than 40% since 2015, as investors have become pessimistic that any new Googles and Facebooks will ever be capable of disrupting the deeply entrenched incumbents.

The internet has turned into a pair of walled gardens, offering economies of scale for attackers. Ad dollars from Google products like YouTube and AdSense provide economic incentives to â content farmsâ that peddle misleading or outright false news. Russia Today, Moscowâ s official English-language television network, is a â premium partnerâ on YouTube, entitling it to higher shares of revenue from advertisements sold by Google. A quick estimateâ multiplying standard rates of revenue-sharing by RTâ s view countsâ suggests Google could be sending the Russians seven-figure annual payouts. Facebook has already identified at least \$100,000 spent by Russians on its platform to influence voters. Paid ads have the ability to amplify the virality of the fake content. This suggests a feedback loop optimized for mischief: monetize on Google, and spend

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the proceeds to propagandize on Facebook.

Policy makers can solve this problem by compelling large information firms to embrace interoperability. Instead of trying to own everything, Google could power its local searches with services like TripAdvisor , ZocDoc and Yelp . This would dilute Googleâ s position as an advertising monopoly and help smaller players to compete. Facebook could allow users to export their full social graph, which would allow them to bargain for better terms from new social startups. Such efforts would diffuse information once again across the web, ensuring that future attempts at malfeasance cannot scale.

For the most egregious examples of anticompetitive conduct by a dominant internet firm, antitrust enforcers should fight to spin off newer business lines that leverage the legacy platform. If regulators find that Facebook is using its social data to foreclose competing messaging apps, they should consider structurally separating the companyâ s social and messaging functions. Instead of steering users to its house products, Google should rely on its merit-based algorithms to power services like local search.

Requiring transparency for political advertising online is a good step, but it isnâ t enough. Until the structural problems in the technology markets are addressed, American voters will continue to consume information from a pair of barrelsâ Google and Facebookâ in which we are much easier to shoot.

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## LOCAL UTILITY "GREEN ENERGY OPTIONS" ALWAYS TURN OUT TO BE CORPORATE PROFITEERING SCAMS

The utility corporations think that the public won't question the scams, and bend over and take it, if PG&E, or some other scam utility, says "*it's green, don't worry, move along, nothing to see here...*". All of the utility "green options" are turning out to be lies.

The many abuses of the term "green energy" to trick taxpayers into not looking behind the curtain have become monumental examples of crony corruption, political kick-backs and payola!

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### MCE Shell Games -- V.2018

by: Jim Phelps -

The history of MCE is marked by consumer deception and false advertising about the true "cleanliness" of the energy it delivers in the fight against global warming. In 2015, in response to public criticism, MCE claimed it would sever ties with Shell Oil: that by 2017 it would be free of Royal Dutch Shellâ s subsidiary Shell Energy North America.

Following mounting public criticism, MCE also promised to cease its use of renewable energy certificates, known as RECs. This latter commitment garnered the support of the Sierra Club, whose attorneyâ s referred to the use of RECs as "deceptive marketing" when PG&E proposed using these instruments in its now-abandoned â Green Optionâ that was proposed to compete with MCE.

#### **Out with Shell...**

In 2017, without fanfare, MCEâ s full services contract with Shell expired. Long-time critics and environmentalists watched in anticipation for this new day to arrive, when the misdeeds and misdirections of MCE and its CEO, Dawn Weisz, might cease along with MCEâ s exports of cash to Royal Dutch Shell in the Netherlands -- which, to date, top one-half *billion* dollars.

However, with MCE there is frequently a caveat. Even though MCE announced it would no longer engage Shell with a â full-servicesâ contract, a pipeline of energy purchases continued to flow to the oil giant. Those contracts ranged from \$10,000 to a \$27.3 million contract that Dawn Weisz executed last month.

In a curious twist, MCE Chair Kate Sears was embroiled in a conflict of interest charge in late 2017, because she held Royal Dutch Shell stock while voting on MCE contracts with Shell. According to Supervisor Searsâ Form 700 filings with the County of Marin, she also holds stock in Exxon-Mobil, Phillips 66, Occidental Petroleum, BP, Total (French oil company), Conoco Phillips, Chevron, and oilfield services company Schlumberger.

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Nevertheless, with Shellâ s departure as manager of MCEâ s energy portfolio and energy scheduling, MCE was in immediate need of expertise to fill that void.

### â ; in with conflicts of interest and investigations

MCE received six bids from firms that proposed managing MCEâ s energy portfolio and scheduling energy deliveries. MCE awarded a contract to ZGlobal by unanimous vote of the board, in June 2016. Part of the justification for selecting ZGlobal was that it offered whatâ s known as â shadow settlementâ services, which is a parallel reconciliation of the myriad of charges accrued during the delivery of electric power.

Ironically, Weisz ducked a public question about shadow settlements in 2009, when she brought her MCE entourage to Novato, seeking support for the pending launch of her fledgling enterprise.

MCE presumably conducted due diligence on ZGlobal, but it failed to identify that the company had caught the eye of investigators who were zeroing in on its conflicts of interest and double-dealing with southern Californiaâ s Imperial Irrigation District (IID). The Desert Sun, which was central to exposing financial improprieties, identified nearly \$100 million in billings and now-cancelled contracts involving ZGlobal. Those issues remain open.

ZGlobal will have a close relationship with MCE, particularly as pressure mounts for MCE to deliver on Californiaâ s growing requirement for increased energy volumes starting in 2021. These needs will include solar development, engineering, and procurement of energy from new renewable resources. Many of these areas are similar to those at IID.

### Birds of a feather?

MCEâ s selection of ZGlobal is telling of its decision-making and its peculiar attraction to companies embroiled in controversy. Previously, MCE became involved in a 120 acre solar development that failed, due in large part to less than competent management by MCE.

North American Power Group (NAPG) was to construct a 15 megawatt solar farm outside Sacramento, in Rocklin, California. MCEâ s technical consultant, Kirby Dusel (Pacific Energy Advisors, located in Folsom, California, where ZGlobal is also located) referred to the contract with NAPG as a â fleetingâ opportunity when recommending Rio Solar to MCEâ s board.

In reality, Rio Solar existed only as a concept. While MCEâ s technical consultants failed to grasp the multi-year time requirement for environmental reviews, MCEâ s board believed Rio Solar was just months away from commercial production.

After coming to terms with NAPGâ s zero-progress, including sudden plans to relocate the solar farm to Bakersfield, Rio Solar was quietly cancelled by Weisz.

The absence of Rio Solarâ s energy was the equivalent of Marin Countyâ s *entire residential electric load for three months*. Contrary to their prior assurances, MCE covered the clean energy shortfall with RECs.

NAPG itself subsequently came under Department of Justice investigation (eighteen months ago NAPG settled charges involving its carbon sequestration project with the Department of Energy). The DOJ found NAPGâ s owner â fraudulently transferred millions of dollars of award monies into his personal bank account and used the award monies to fund an extravagant lifestyle.â

However, MCEâ s controversy was not limited to NAPG.

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MCE entered into a \$190 million solar contract with a San Diego company by the name of enXco. MCE selected the firm over Californiaâ s SunPower and domestic supplier LSPower. Weisz was careful to refer to â enXco,â ignoring the identity of the company that actually owned enXco, when trumpeting the solar contract to Marin cities, during MCEâ s update tour about MCEâ s success.

A firestorm ignited when Marin residents discovered that enXco was a subsidiary of Ã lectricitÃ© de France, the worldâ s largest nuclear power company, headquartered in France. The exposure, which should have been an embarrassment for Weisz, who also touted MCEâ s rejection of nuclear power and calls for the closure of PG&Eâ s Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, only galvanized her resolve about retaining her rightful place as MCEâ s leader.

The selection of enXco demonstrated MCEâ s decision-making was brazen and arrogant. To most public administrators, it would have been awkward for an agency that claimed transparency and community allegiance as justification for its existence compared to PG&E.

### **None of it mattered**

Under Dawn Weisz, ZGlobal was a footnote to the close of a public relations fiasco. With Shellâ s departure, Weisz & company wiped their hands and declared they had delivered on what was promised to the public. Shell was gone. That box was checkedâ ¯ in pencil.

Now it was time for Weisz to get back to work.

There were issues involving MCEâ s shifting positions on RECs; and operating costs that MCE and other CCAs had, for the time being, off-loaded onto PG&E. And, most urgent of all a looming threat to CCA independence and its â self-regulatedâ existence from the utilities commission that was beginning to piece together energy problems in California that were caused by CCAs.

But first things, first. Weiszâ s immediate priority was the continued shaping and controlling the public narrative in order to better vanquish MCEâ s critics. To achieve that, Weisz invoked a familiar posture that compelled her onlookers to take up a rallying cry, that caused local media to come to MCEâ s defense, that compelled MCEâ s board to circle the wagons around the MCE enterprise and cede its judgment to her.

### ***The "Victim" -- Take 1:***

When MCE launched into business in May 2010, PG&E sent a letter alerting customers to be aware of a coming energy change, that they would be switched into a program known as Community Choice Aggregation. PG&Eâ s letter was information only -- neutral on the merits of CCA. Compared to MCEâ s Opt-Out notice, the primary difference was that PG&Eâ s font size was large and easier to read, whereas MCEâ s notice was small and had the appearance of junk mail.

In response, Weisz acted as if she couldnâ t believe PG&Eâ s egregious behavior. How dare the big utility company engage in these anti-CCA practices by sending such a letter? PG&E was acting contrary to AB 117, the law that created CCAs. Could the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) please help her reign in PG&E?

That act prompted the CPUC to shut down PG&Eâ s conversation about CCA with its customers. If PG&E protested, the Commission was ready to levy heavy fines. And if any customers called PG&E with questions, the utility was to remain neutral while those customers were switched into MCE.

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Ironically, at the same time that the CPUC shut down PG&Eâ s voice, Marin consumers, who lacked an arbitrator, were complaining about MCEâ s unfair Opt-Out practices.

### **Victim of the Unions & Sacramento â Take 2:**

California legislators reacted to the shortcomings of CCAs, by introducing AB 2145. The legislation would change the Opt-Out mechanism to Opt-In, meaning consumers would have to take action and elect to sign up for the program, rather than automatically being enrolled, thereby eliminating concerns of gaming and manipulating the Opt-Out enrollment system.

AB 2145 created an instant backlash in the CCA community, who feared that they would not be able to build their businesses without the automatic enrollment feature. MCE claimed that AB 2145 was part of grand scheme that threatened jobs, cost savings, renewable energy, and of course, â choice.â

Of note, with the exception of three solar jobs that MCE claims, MCE has not created any on-going, full-time jobs in Marin, except those of its staff. MCEâ s last cost savings compared to PG&E was six-hundreds of 1%, and its contribution to the renewable energy through the solar farms constructed through its "feed-in tariff program" is *one-tenth of 1% of its total energy load*.

A feed-in tariff is where a developer funds the complete construction of a solar farm and then receives a guaranteed fixed-payment for each megawatt-hour of energy that is delivered to MCE for resale. Except for public relations, MCEâ s feed-in tariff program has been a financial loss â MCE pays more than twice current market prices for its feed-in tariff energy.

To combat AB 2145 legislative efforts, Weisz again set up MCE as a victim to the CPUC and with State Senators in the Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee.

MCE claimed that private parties, including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), were distributing â very inaccurate and misleading informationâ about Shell and AB 2145. MCE also claimed that this writer, critical of MCE since it began green-washing dirty energy with RECs in 2011, was part of a scheme that threatened MCEâ s growth.

MCE asked the CPUC to shut down public discourse about MCE â a government agency-- and Shell and, most importantly, AB 2145.

The IBEWâ s letter responding to MCE is included here.

Even though the CPUC did not act on MCEâ s request, MCE successfully set the foundation for its showdown in Sacramento. CCA proponents packed the legislative chambers for a final vote on AB 2145.

MCE told legislators that the Opt-Out mechanism was its birthright, and that MCE could not survive without it when everyone was spreading rumors and bad news about MCE. Besides, MCE claimed, communities everywhere were benefitting by its significant reductions of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions compared to PG&E in the fight against global warming.

State Senators took the temperature of the room and determined their re-elections were better assured if they didnâ t alienate voters. AB 2145 was defeated, preserving CCAâ s Opt-Out / automatic enrollment program.

### **Shaping the MCE Boardâ s perception**

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MCEâ s board is comprised of municipal councilmembers from each city or town that MCE serves. None of the members are energy professionals and so they rely on MCE staff for technical guidance. Competent boards require a rudimentary understanding of the business they govern.

According to MCEâ s board meeting minutes from June 2014, the board did not understand even the basic component of renewable energy, known as â Bucket 1.â This was after four years of operations.

This meeting occurred after MCE was exposed for doctoring its annual greenhouse gas emission rates after PG&Eâ s unexpectedly lower number was published. Two years later, MCE was again exposed for importing coal-fired power that it rebranded as â cleanâ energy.

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In both cases, Weisz authored letters that obfuscated the truth and kept her board of non-energy professionals in the dark. If there was any hope of someone directing MCE to begin operating with integrity, it wasnâ t going to come from a board that took its queue from its CEO.

In her first letter, regarding MCEâ s altering its annual GHG emission rate numbers, Weisz wrote that â MCE made a commitment to deliver a lower emission factor than PG&E, and that commitment was honored.â MCEâ s revision-after-PG&E-announced-its-numbers was merely a â true up.â

MCE board meeting minutes, dated the same day as Weiszâ s true up letter, identify that â Ms. Weisz responded to questions from the board specifically related to the correspondence received from Mr. Phelps.â

It is doubtful that Weisz shared thoughts with her board that were similar to those of California Air Resources Board Chair, who, five days later, wondered if MCE was engaged in consumer fraud.

In her second letter, Weisz denied that MCEâ s import of â cleanâ coal-fired power had occurred, then claimed it was all â unexpected and unfortunateâ misunderstanding before blaming Shell and the California legislature for her problem.

It remains unclear whether Weisz fully grasps what occurred involving coal imports and associated Bucket 2 e-tagging issues, because even though she signed the September 2015 letter, according to invoice records, it was authored by her consultant at Pacific Energy Advisors.

### **Ceding its authority**

All agenda items and the vision of MCE fall to its CEO, Dawn Weisz. Of the thousands of agenda items that board has considered since MCEâ s May 2010 business launch, not a single â noâ vote has been cast by any single member on any single item. The odds of this occurring in a company that is fully disclosing all aspects of its operations and decisions is probably zero.

Of note, MCEâ s board is now 28 strong, 10 more than the largest corporate board on record â General Electric Company, which recently announced its board is downsizing to 12 members (the most recent enterprise value of GE is \$243 billion).

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Part 2 of this series will address (1) MCEâ s cash horde that is used to pay large staff salaries and fees of the consultants who help operate MCE; (2) MCEâ s public rejection of RECs and its concurrent use of a front organization that lobbies for their continued use; and (3) MCEâ s quid pro quo outreach where jobs are

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promised in exchange for favorable public relations in its coming fight with legislators and utility companies.

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### **About the Author:**

Jim Phelps is retired after serving the power, petrochemical, and geothermal industries for nearly 35 years as a power contractor and utility rate analyst. He is not now, nor has he ever been, employed by PG&E. He has not received any money from PG&E for his work tracking Community Choice Aggregation and Community Choice Energy activities. He has also completed consulting and thermal performance test work for Shell Oil, one of MCE's energy providers, at one of Shell's Gulf Coast refineries.

Mr. Phelps operates one of Marin's largest residential solar electric systems at his home in Novato. He also operates a solar electric system at another house in Placer County. Several years ago he initiated contact with PG&E about its carbon emission practices and with MCE about its emission practices. He also requested clarification from MCE and other CCAs about several business conduct issues, however, those CCAs declined to provide help. To this time, MCEâ s only input about its business is to respond to Public Records Act requests identifying the costs for copies of public documents, or denying the existence of basic information, such as its procured volumes of system power.

### ***Class Action Lawsuits Under Development Against PG&E and Peninsula Clean Energy for Scamming Consumers***

By David Brock

PG&E has sent out a series of â buried noticesâ to consumers over the last number of years. The notices look like boilerplate PG&E bills or marketing forms, which science has proven are not identifiable to consumers.

The scam works like this:

A. - An insider group of politicians and their financiers agree to buy stock in solar panel and other â Clean-yet-corruptâ companies.

B. - PG&E switches consumers to â clean energy electric generation chargesâ without the consumers actual knowledge.

C. - PG&E then begins charging hundreds of thousands of consumers 30% extra for electricity because PG&E covertly â opted-themâ into the clean kickback program.

D. - When caught, PG&E refuses to credit the years of over-billings back to consumers and the insider group of politicians refuse to make laws to help the consumers.

E. ..and the dirtiest part of the â clean energy electric generation chargesâ scam? The insider group of politicians own the very companies that PG&E is giving the 30% over-charge money to.

F. If consumerâ s try to cancel thus scam charge then PG&E bills them extra for canceling the thing that most consumers would never sign up for if they knew the truth about it.

In other words: Your local utility company forces you to pay cash, covertly routed through PG&E, to corrupt politicians and you can never get a refund for the corrupt thing you never knowingly opted into.

The liars at PG&E (The guys who regularly blow up and burn down cities, pay bribes, shoot tons of toxic methane into the air and run scams) say â Oh, we sent everybody a letter telling them we were going to put them on this scamâ , but 90% of all consumers say they never saw a letter and that nobody ever asked, offered or indicated that such a program was an â opt-inâ option.

In the San Francisco Bay Area a charge has been appearing on PG&E bills as: â PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY Electric Generation Chargesâ . This add-on can add 30 to 40% to consumer's bills.

PG&E hopes that the tree-hugging Californians wonâ t question a mysterious charge that has the facade phrase â CLEAN ENERGYâ in it. They believe that nobody would dare question such a benevolent and altruistic sounding thing.

The scam worked for awhile, until it didnâ t.

The companies that are providing this so called â Clean Energyâ are dirty crony payola kick-back companies owned by PG&E executives, corrupt California Senators and their toxic campaign financiers. Let's take a look at one of over 30 corrupt companies involved in this scam. These are companies you have heard of like Solar City, First Solar, Solyndra, etc. In one of hundreds of examples, First Solar makes solar panels with a horrific unsuitability for for Hot Climates. After this reply by their PR Director, more heartache was in store for the company.

A class action lawsuit was filed against First Solar by Pomerantz Haudek Grossman & Gross in the US District Court for the District of Arizona. The complaint states that First Solar violated the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by not disclosing the full extent of certain manufacturing flaws on its earnings, that it improperly recognized revenue for certain products in its systems business, that it lacked sufficient internal and financial controls and, finally, that as a result, First Solarâ s statement were materially false and misleading at all relevant times.

The complaint claims that First Solar reported a decrease of US\$345 million in net sales for the quarter that ended December 31, 2011,



and a US\$164 million charge for warranty payments to replace equipment that cause premature power loss in certain panels. The plaintiff is looking to recover damages on behalf of all First Solar shareholders who purchased common stock during the Class Period detailed above.

As is the nature of class action cases other law firms have come forward, citing similar claims, including a national securities law firm, Faruqi & Faruqi, law firm, Howard G. Smith and Rigrodsky & Long, P.A.

First Solar Shareholders are being given the opportunity to seek legal counsel from several firms after a class action lawsuit was filed in the US District Court for the District of Arizona last week. Case No. 12-cv-00555, alleges that between April 30, 2008 and February 28, 2012, potential securities fraud and an over-concentration of shares in First Solar stock led to investment losses.

Securities arbitration law firm, Klayman & Toskes, noted that trading was at over US\$300 per share in July 2008 and is now only trading at around US\$30 per share, an almost 90% decline. Harwood Feffer, LLP, further pointed out that on February 29, First Solar revealed its financial results for Q4 and the full year 2011, reporting a quarter-over-quarter drop of US\$345 million in net sales, â primarily due to the timing of revenue recognition in our systems business and lower for module-only sales.â

First Solar also advised that it had incurred a charge of US\$164 million for warranty payments to replace defective equipment, including a reserve of US\$37.5 million to cover future claims.

This is the typical kind of scam that PG&E promotes and forces consumers to get caught up in. Every consumer should be speaking to a class-action law firm to sue PG&E for fraud and to demand that the U.S. Government sue PG&E for fraud and for refunds to

consumers for these criminal utility bill surcharge scams.

How a farcical series of events in the 1880s produced an enduring and controversial legal precedent

Somewhat unintuitively, American corporations today enjoy many of the same rights as American citizens. Both, for instance, are entitled to the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion. How exactly did corporations come to be understood as â peopleâ bestowed with the most fundamental constitutional rights? The answer can be found in a bizarreâ even farcicalâ series of lawsuits over 130 years ago involving a lawyer who lied to the Supreme Court, an ethically challenged justice, and one of the most powerful corporations of the day.

That corporation was the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, owned by the robber baron Leland Stanford. In 1881, after California lawmakers imposed a special tax on railroad property, Southern Pacific pushed back, making the bold argument that the law was an act of unconstitutional discrimination under the Fourteenth Amendment. Adopted after the Civil War to protect the rights of the freed slaves, that amendment guarantees to every â personâ the â equal protection of the laws.â Stanfordâ s railroad argued that it was a person too, reasoning that just as the Constitution prohibited discrimination on the basis of racial identity, so did it bar discrimination against Southern Pacific on the basis of its corporate identity.

The head lawyer representing Southern Pacific was a man named Roscoe Conkling. A leader of the Republican Party for more than a decade, Conkling had even been nominated to the Supreme Court twice. He begged off both times, the second time after the Senate had confirmed him. (He remains the last person to turn down a Supreme Court seat after winning confirmation). More than most lawyers, Conkling was seen by the justices as a peer.

It was a trust Conkling would betray. As he spoke before the Court on Southern Pacificâ s behalf, Conkling recounted an astonishing tale. In the 1860s, when he was a young congressman, Conkling had served on the drafting committee that was responsible for writing the Fourteenth Amendment. Then the last member of the committee still living, Conkling told the justices that the drafters had changed the wording of the

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amendment, replacing â citizensâ with â personsâ in order to cover corporations too. Laws referring to â persons,â he said, have â by long and constant acceptance â been held to embrace artificial persons as well as natural persons.â Conkling buttressed his account with a surprising piece of evidence: a musty old journal he claimed was a previously unpublished record of the deliberations of the drafting committee.

Years later, historians would discover that Conklingâ s journal was real but his story was a fraud. The journal was in fact a record of the congressional committeeâ s deliberations but, upon close examination, it offered no evidence that the drafters intended to protect corporations. It showed, in fact, that the language of the equal-protection clause was never changed from â citizenâ to â person.â So far as anyone can tell, the rights of corporations were not raised in the public debates over the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment or in any of the statesâ ratifying conventions. And, prior to Conklingâ s appearance on behalf of Southern Pacific, no member of the drafting committee had ever suggested that corporations were covered.

Thereâ s reason to suspect Conklingâ s deception was uncovered back in his time too. The justices held onto the case for three years without ever issuing a decision, until Southern Pacific unexpectedly settled the case. Then, shortly after, another case from Southern Pacific reached the Supreme Court, raising the exact same legal question. The company had the same team of lawyers, with the exception of Conkling. Tellingly, Southern Pacificâ s lawyers omitted any mention of Conklingâ s drafting history or his journal. Had those lawyers believed Conkling, it would have been malpractice to leave out his story.

When the Court issued its decision on this second case, the justices expressly declined to decide if corporations were people. The dispute could be, and was, resolved on other grounds, prompting an angry rebuke from one justice, Stephen J. Field, who castigated his colleagues for failing to address â the important constitutional questions involved.â â At the present day, nearly all great enterprises are conducted by corporations,â he wrote, and they deserved to know if they had equal rights too.

Rumored to carry a gun with him at all times, the colorful Field was the only sitting justice ever arrestedâ and the charge was murder. He was innocent, but nonetheless guilty of serious ethical violations in the Southern Pacific cases, at least by modern standards: A confidant of

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Leland Stanford, Field had advised the company on which lawyers to hire for this very series of cases and thus should have recused himself from them. He refused toâ and, even worse, while the first case was pending, covertly shared internal memoranda of the justices with Southern Pacificâ s legal team.

The rules of judicial ethics were not well developed in the Gilded Age, however, and the self-assured Field, who feared the forces of socialism, did not hesitate to weigh in. Taxing the property of railroads differently, he said, was like allowing deductions for property â owned by white men or by old men, and not deducted if owned by black men or young men.â

So, with Field on the Court, still more twists were yet to come. The Supreme Courtâ s opinions are officially published in volumes edited by an administrator called the reporter of decisions. By tradition, the reporter writes up a summary of the Courtâ s opinion and includes it at the beginning of the opinion. The reporter in the 1880s was J.C. Bancroft Davis, whose wildly inaccurate summary of the Southern Pacific case said that the Court had ruled that â corporations are persons within â ; the Fourteenth Amendment.â Whether his summary was an error or something more nefariousâ Davis had once been the president of the Newburgh and New York Railway Companyâ will likely never be known.

Field nonetheless saw Davisâ s erroneous summary as an opportunity. A few years later, in an opinion in an unrelated case, Field wrote that â corporations are persons within the meaningâ of the Fourteenth Amendment. â It was so held in Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad,â explained Field, who knew very well that the Court had done no such thing.

His gambit worked. In the following years, the case would be cited over and over by courts across the nation, including the Supreme Court, for deciding that corporations had rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

Indeed, the faux precedent in the Southern Pacific case would go on to be used by a Supreme Court that in the early 20th century became famous for striking down numerous economic regulations, including federal child-labor laws, zoning laws, and wage-and-hour laws. Meanwhile, in cases like the notorious Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), those same justices refused to read the Constitution as protecting the rights of African Americans, the real intended beneficiaries of the Fourteenth Amendment. Between 1868, when the amendment was ratified, and

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1912, the Supreme Court would rule on 28 cases involving the rights of African Americans and an astonishing 312 cases on the rights of corporations.

The day back in 1882 when the Supreme Court first heard Roscoe Conklingâ s argument, the New-York Daily Tribune featured a story on the case with a headline that would turn out to be prophetic: â Civil Rights of Corporations.â Indeed, in a feat of deceitful legal alchemy, Southern Pacific and its wily legal team had, with the help of an audacious Supreme Court justice, set up the Fourteenth Amendment to be more of a bulwark for the rights of businesses than the rights of minorities.

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## **Lawmakers Warn IG is Being Pressured to Slow Walk and REDACT SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS of Much-Anticipated Report**

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**Lawmakers warned Tuesday the Inspector General is being pressured to slow walk and redact significant portions of his much-anticipated report on the FBIâ s (mis)handling of the Clinton investigation.**

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According to investigative reporter, Sara Carter, the DOJ and the FBI are deliberately attempting to slow roll and redact significant portions of IG Horowitzâ s report on the bureauâ s (mis)handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation.

We knew this was happening; the President even tweeted about this very thing Tuesday morning.

Sara Carter reported:

The Department of Justice and the FBI are deliberately attempting to slow roll and redact significant portions of DOJ Inspector General, Michael Horowitzâ s report on the bureauâ s handling of the Hillary Clinton investigation, according to numerous congressional officials and investigators.

[â ]

Another congressional official, whoâ s been fighting to obtain documents from the DOJ and FBI, said it is no surprise that they are putting pressure on Horowitz. According to the official, â They continue to slow roll documents, fail to adhere to congressional oversight and concern is growing that they will wait until summer and then turn over documents that are heavily redacted.â

**Inspector General Michael Horowitz informed lawmakers three weeks ago on Capitol Hill his much-anticipated 400 page report on the FBIâ s handling of Hillary Clintonâ s email investigation entered the final stages.**

The Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the Inspector Generalâ s report that was supposed to be held on June 5th just got pushed back another week.

The Senate Judiciary hearing will now take place on Monday, June 11th; it will be live-streamed for public viewing.

**Sources are saying the report on the FBIâ s 7th floor under Comeyâ s Directorship is absolutely damning and â worse than expected.â**

On Tuesday, President Trump expressed his frustration with the nonstop delays.

POTUS Trump tweeted: What is taking so long with the Inspector Generalâ s Report on Crooked Hillary and Slippery James Comey. Numerous delays. Hope Report is not being changed and made weaker! There are so many horrible things to tell, the public has the right to know. Transparency!

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â Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) June 5, 2018

The President should declassify all documents relating to Spycgate and Russiagate.

Chairman Nunes can also put pressure on the DOJ and FBI by demanding all documents be delivered to the House Intel Committee in unredacted form.

Lawmakers warned Tuesday the Inspector General is being pressured to slow walk and redact significant po



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The DOJ and FBI will never stop obstructing oversight unless they are threatened by Congress with contempt charges.

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Lawsuit alleges that up to 40 state-level Democratic parties participated in a scheme to illegally funnel up to \$84 million into the 2016 presidential campaign for Hillary Clinton (theblaze.com)

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## **Legal Complaint Filed Against Hillary for \$84 Million Money-Laundering Scam**

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by Chris Black

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This year seems to end on a very interesting note. We just got word that a Federal Elections Committee complaint was filed by the Committee to Defend the President against the Hillary Victory Fund (HVF), also known as Hillary Clintonâ s campaign organization, but thatâ s not all. The complaint also mentions state Democratic parties, the Democratic National Committee and a number of DEM mega donors. The ironically named Hillary Victory Fund asked for six figure donations from Democratic donors and then routed the cash through state parties in a money laundering scheme of sorts. Finally, the money ended up into Hillary Clintonâ s campaign coffers. Speaking of corruption and embezzlement, this is as good as it gets, but weâ ve expected nothing less from the Clinton Crime Family, right?

Now, getting back to our story, it was estimated that approximately 84 million dollars have been laundered by the Democrats in what has been described as the single largest campaign finance scandal in our history.

The complaint filed by the Committee to Defend the President claims that various accounting tricks were used in order to launder the money, and during this operation, US fundraising laws have been violated. Moreover, in late October, the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clintonâ s campaign were also served a Federal Elections Committee complaint for hiding payment for the now discredited and spurious Russia so-called dossier, the opposition research file that was used against the Donald during the 2016 campaign. Hereâ s a quote from [Investorâ s Business Daily](#):

*â Hereâ s what you canâ t do, which the Clinton machine appeared to do anyway. As the Supreme Court made clear in *McCutcheon v. FEC*, the JFC may not solicit or accept contributions to circumvent base limits, through â earmarksâ and â straw menâ that are ultimately excessive â there are five separate prohibitions here. On top of that, six-figure donations either never actually passed through state party accounts or were never actually under state party control, which adds false FEC reporting by HVF, state parties, and the DNC to the laundry list. [â \] HVF bundled these megagifts and, on a single day, reported transferring money to all participating state parties, some of which would then show up on FEC reports filed by the DNC as transferring the exact same dollar amount on the exact same day to the DNC. Yet not all the state parties reported either receiving or transferring those sums.â*

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And at the very time she was doing this, Dinesh Dâ Souza was serving a jail sentence and/or probation for giving a cousin a \$25,000 contribution. Prosecuted by this very administration.

I wonder what Paul Manafort thinks about Tony Podesta, who is still walking around free with his millions safely in his bank account. I think we have a two-tiered justice system. One for powerful Democrats and another for Republicans.

Podesta has probably been indicted in secret Grand Jury fashion. You know why Manafortâ s house was raided and he was publicly arrested? He worked for Trump. Podesta didnâ t.

There is nothing like a smear. Nothing in this world.

It was reported that over 90% of federal government employees donated to Hillary Clintonâ s campaign. Iâ d imagine the same ratio of DOJ and FBI employees did the same. So, even if Trump and Sessions did have a secret investigation going on, how can they be sure that itâ s not another Hillary email cover-up instead of a legitimate investigation?

After all, the FBI agents involved in Tarmac Gate willingly signed non-disclosure agreements. Was it because their jobs and/or well being was threatened? Or did they just do it on their own free will?

I donâ t believe either of those choices are the kind of agents our we need in our FBI.

Besides, look at what Comey and Holder have been propping up and calling integrity. Mueller, McCabe, Baker and even Comey himself have been said to have the highest integrity, even though theyâ ve all been exposed as corrupt, lawless and liars who are involved in a conspiracy aimed at removing President Trump from office.

Eight of the major players involved have been removed from their positions, but new names keep popping up all the time. There are probably dozens, if not hundreds more of upper level jobs at the DOJ and FBI that are occupied by never-Trumpers/leftist Democrats.

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# Lintelle Engineering closing after 22 years due to Solyndra corruption bankruptcy - Thanks Dianne Feinstein

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What's left of the Lintelle Engineering crew in the production room where the Scotts Valley company fabricated photo voltaic coating equipment for now bankrupt Solyndra of Fremont. Solyndra, Lintelle Engineering's largest customer, still owes the Scotts Valley company \$1.9 million.

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SCOTTS VALLEY - Dozens of people turned out Friday to say goodbye to Lintelle Engineering founder Bill Turner, who hosted a picnic for current and former staff in the company parking lot on El Pueblo Road.

Lintelle, founded in 1989, was forced to close after its largest customer, Solyndra, filed for bankruptcy owing \$1.9 million for equipment built by Lintelle employees. The bankruptcy filing came despite Solyndra receiving a \$535 million federal loan guarantee.

"It's hard to see this happen," asked Teri Stacher, 47, of Santa Cruz, who worked for Lintelle for 12 years. "We figured with the federal government backing that they did their research. It wasn't true. Will anything be learned from this experience?"

She hugged Turner and introduced her mother, her daughter and her granddaughter. Others also brought their families to the picnic catered by Taqueria Los Gallos, reminding Turner of happier days.

"My favorite day of the year was the summer picnic," he said. "You got to see all the families. I'll miss that."

Employees talked about Turner's skills as a boss and his generosity, handing out gift cards and turkeys at Thanksgiving.

Stacher was waitressing at Malone's at night when Turner, eating with his papers spread out on a table, sensed she was a go-getter and offered her a job. She started as a receptionist, then moved into purchasing, where she became manager.

She'll start Monday at Fox Shox in Watsonville, working on new product development.

Ralph Sanchez, 47, of Watsonville, thought when he started at Lintelle, it would be temporary. He stayed more than 11 years.

"This was my home," he said. "I just like learning. I'll do whatever."

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He was a driver, but also worked in shipping, receiving and the stockroom. He plans to go the Capitola Career Center Monday to see what's available.

Turner told a story about how he needed a delivery Friday afternoon in Santa Maria, a three-and-half hour ride.

Sanchez volunteered. He got the product there by 8 p.m. as needed.

"You have to make the customer happy," he said. "They might give you more work."

Former employees came back, like Balbir Kaloti, 55, an electrical engineer, who drove from San Jose.

"I heard from a friend it was closing," said Kaloti, who also had a stint at Oliver Design in Scotts Valley.

He is looking for work again after getting a layoff notice from his job in Silicon Valley.

The women who worked in production joked with Ben Wheeler, 69, a test engineer who retired two years ago.

"Remember when you brought a 20-year-old computer to the Christmas party?" asked one. "It's sad, but at least we get to see our old co-workers."

Larkin Precision Machining in Scotts Valley also got orders from Solyndra.

"We did a lot of subcontract work for Lintelle," said chief executive officer Rob Larkin, wishing Turner the best. "We did a lot for Solyndra a year ago."

Turner, 50, does not plan to retire.

"I hope to keep on working for the foreseeable future," he said.

## Lock Her Up: Nancy Pelosi Earned Fortune on IPO Stock Through Illegal Insider Trading From The Cleantech Crash

[Pamela Geller Politics 0](#)

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif. speaks about the pending bipartisan budget compromise struck by House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Budget Committee Chair Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., Thursday, Dec. 12, 2013, during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington. While the newly minted budget deal is aimed at averting future government shutdowns, Pelosi is disappointed that it fails to include certain unemployment insurance protections. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

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The new Nazi Party, the party of treason, is also the party of deep and unrestrained corruption. While the Democrats spin endless fantasies about supposed collusion between Trump and Russia, the corruption is pandemic on their side of the aisle. The fortune that Nancy Pelosi has amassed clearly hasnâ t come from her Congressional salary. So where has it come from? There needs to be a full, searching, serious investigation of Pelosiâ s finances, but there wonâ t be, because her fellow Democrats are as corrupt as she is, and Congressional Republicans are spineless wimps and RINOs.

**â Nancy Pelosi Earned Fortune on IPO Stock Through â Illegalâ Insider Trading,â by Jay Greenberg, [Neon Nettle](#), February 11, 2019 (thanks to Christian):**

*Nancy Pelosi earned a fortune buying IPO stocks using â illegalâ insider trading techniques that would result in years of jail time for the average person, a newly resurfaced investigation found.*

*Pelosi reportedly used the information she had exclusive access to as Speaker of the House to make trades on stocks, allegedly netting the senior Democrat up to \$100,000 in 48 hours on a single trade.*

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*As the battle continues between President Donald Trump and Pelosiâ s Democrats over funding for additional border security, the House speakerâ s own home often gets brought into the argument. In January Pelosi declared walls to be â an immorality,â yet many have asked if walls are â immoral,â then why is the Pelosisâ mansion surrounded by a wall?*

*When these questions are asked, it draws attention to lavish property Nancy and Paul Pelosi call home, yet questions as to how the couple has amounted the vast wealth required to live such a lifestyle are never adequately answered.*

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*According to the House Press Gallery, House speakers earn an annual salary of \$223,500, which amounts to a roughly \$30,000 raise for Pelosi, who is now again the third-highest-paid elected official in the U.S. federal government (after the president and vice president). Of course, this is a substantial salary by any means, but it doesnâ t come anywhere near to accounting for Nancy Pelosiâ s huge net worth.*

*According to Time, estimates of Pelosiâ s net worth vary. Roll Callâ s most recent Wealth of Congress analysis says sheâ s worth at least \$16 million, but OpenSecrets puts her around \$100 million.*

*She has refused to talk about it. What we do know comes from her financial disclosure reports. For example, she and her husband, Paul, own a house and vineyard in California thatâ s worth at least \$5 million and that brought in between \$15,000 and \$50,000 in grape sales in 2017. She owns a commercial property and a four-story building in San Francisco that each earned her at least \$100,000. She also has stock in Apple, Facebook, and Disney.*

*Paul Pelosi makes most of his cash from Financial Leasing Services, Inc., an investment company. But heâ s not always bringing home the metaphorical bacon: He recently lost millions of dollars as the owner of the Sacramento Mountain Lions, a soccer team in the short-lived United Football League, according to Roll Call.*

*â Heâ s a private person, not involved in political life,â a Pelosi spokeswoman told the San Francisco Chronicle in 2007. â Mr. Pelosiâ s investments are separate from hers, and they have separate careers.â*

*So Nancy Pelosiâ s vineyard, property, salary, and stock add up to a substantial amount of income, but if her net worth is really estimated to be up to a whopping \$100 million, where is the rest of the money coming from?â* ↓



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## Silicon Valley's MATCH.COM, OKCUPID and TINDR have destroyed dating and trust forever

By Beth Teitell GLOBE STAFF

Mike LeSage of East Boston is 34, single, and on the dating scene. Dating has always been a somewhat fraught experience for LeSage, but lately, he â like many men â finds himself particularly at sea.

In encounters with women, how does he ensure he doesnâ t step over a line?

He hastens to note that he knows no man should ever force himself on a woman, but far short of that, how should he act?

â You could argue that a lot of girls donâ t like passive men,â LeSage said. â So if you arenâ t a little forward you lose. Itâ s almost a leap of faith either way.â

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In this time of upheaval, with the news supplying a steady diet of new accusations of sexual misconduct, and with social media aflame with differing beliefs about the appropriate response to those accusations, those in the dating world find themselves navigating especially perilous terrain.

The anxiety emerges in the offices of therapists and in bars, where singles find themselves confused about whatâ s OK and what isnâ t, especially in the days since the Internet blew up over a womanâ s anonymous accusations of sexual misconduct against comedian Aziz Ansari.

The woman called the date â the worst night of my life.â Ansari said in a statement he thought the encounter was consensual.

At a watering hole on State Street where LeSage was hanging out one recent evening, Titoâ s vodka and Bud Lights flowed and vivacious singles with good hair and on-trend outfits smiled and flirted. But beneath the surface, it was all tension.â You can offend anyone by saying anything,â said Angela Sodano, 37, a financial services worker, summing up the wariness surrounding the topic.

On another night, in another bar, this one in Coolidge Corner, Angelina, 34, sat with friends and graphically described how a significant way people meet now â via online dating â leads to seriously mismatched expectations.

When she posts a profile picture of herself wearing a low-cut dress that shows her cleavage, many men message her, she said.

â They think sheâ s easy,â a pal called out.

â Itâ s like Iâ m saying, â Iâ m wearing a dress, letâ s have sex,â â â Angelina said.

But when she takes down the picture and posts only photos of herself covered up, she hears from no one.

Reflecting on her perception that she loses either way, and that men have it much easier, she mentioned her resolution for 2018: â To have the confidence of an average white male on a dating app.â

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But in an age when an anonymous womanâ s accusation â accurate or not â can derail a career, men donâ t feel they have it so good.

Sitting with friends a few tables away from Angelina, Adam, 24, a graduate student at Boston University, said these are scary times to be dating.

â With social media, everything is in the public eye,â he said.

Adam â described by his female companions as â one of the good guysâ â said he likes to ask for consent for any sexual activity, but then his friends burst into an animated discussion about the real-world challenges.

â If you go home with a guy at 3 a.m.â from a bar where youâ ve been drinking, the guyâ s probably not going ask, â Is it OK if I . . . ?â said Michelle, another BU graduate student.

She, and every woman interviewed, said that drinking can lead a woman into a bad situation she would have known to avoid if she were sober.

The Ansari story exploded on a site called babe.net, with a headline that read: â I went on a date with Aziz Ansari. It turned into the worst night of my life.â

With that piece, the #MeToo movementâ s intense focus on sexual issues in the workplace expanded ever deeper into the dating world.

The Ansari story detailed a September date, on a warm evening, that started with wine at his TriBeCa apartment, moved to an oyster bar, and back to his place, where, she said, she felt pressured to go along as he became sexually aggressive. They did not have intercourse.

The encounter left her feeling â violated.â

â I cried the whole ride home,â the woman told Babe.

Ansari has denied sexual misconduct. â [W]e ended up engaging in sexual activity, which by all indications was completely consensual,â he said in a statement in response to the story.

â The next day, I got a text from her saying that although â it may have seemed okay,â upon further reflection, she felt uncomfortable,â Ansari wrote. â It was true that everything did seem okay to me, so when I heard that it was not the case for her, I was surprised and concerned.â

Until the article was published, Ansari was considered one of the woke men, and it seems his public support for the movement against sexual harassment â he wore a Timeâ s Up pin at the Jan. 7 Golden Globes â may have triggered the aggrieved woman to tell her story publicly.

â I think that started a new fire,â the woman, called Grace by the reporter, told the website, â and it kind of made it more real.â

The accusation against Ansari has not only put him in the crosshairs, but further divided feminists.

Writing in the Atlantic, in a story headlined, â The Humiliation of Aziz Ansari,â Caitlin Flanagan calls Babeâ s 3,000-word story â revenge porn.â

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â The clinical detail in which the story is told is intended not to validate her account as much as it is to hurt and humiliate Ansari,â Flanagan wrote. â Together, the two women may have destroyed Ansariâ s career, which is now the punishment for every kind of male sexual misconduct, from the grotesque to the disappointing.â

In Boston, Rich Domenico, a clinical social worker who specializes in relationship issues and sex therapy, sees the fear in his single male clients, men in their 20s, 30s and 40s, who are afraid theyâ ll be next.

He relayed an almost direct quote from a client: â She hasnâ t called or texted me since our date three nights ago and Iâ m freaking out that she wasnâ t as into it as she seemed at the time.â

The other side of that fear â the fear of being sexually assaulted â can be seen on [Her Campus](#), a Boston-based website for women who are college age or slightly older. Last week, as the Ansari story was dominating headlines, Gina Escandon, an associate editor who focuses on sex and relationship issues, sent an e-mail blast to 2,000 women asking for essays on the topic and giving prompts:

â The Aziz Ansari encounter is too familiar for many women & thatâ s unacceptable.â â Why we need a discussion surrounding the nuanced, less clear-cut cases of sexual assault.â â Just because he labels himself as a woke feminist ally, doesnâ t mean he is.â

Escandon noted that the anonymous Brooklyn photographer who accused Ansari was 22 at the time of their date, an age right in her siteâ s demographic. â It really hit home,â she said.

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## **MSU SCHOLARS FIND \$21 TRILLION IN UNAUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT SPENDING; DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT FIRST-EVER AUDIT**

Contact(s): Mark Skidmore, Andy Henion

Earlier this year, a Michigan State University economist, working with graduate students and a former government official, found \$21 trillion in unauthorized spending in the departments of Defense and Housing and Urban Development for the years 1998-2015.

The work of Mark Skidmore and his team, which included digging into government websites and repeated queries to U.S. agencies that went unanswered, coincided with the Office of Inspector General, at one point, disabling the links to all key documents showing the unsupported spending. (Luckily, the researchers downloaded and stored the documents.)

Now, the Department of Defense has announced it will conduct the first department-wide, independent financial audit in its history (read the Dec. 7 announcement [here](#)).

The Defense Department did not say specifically what led to the audit. But the announcement came four days after Skidmore [discussed his teamâ s findings on USAWatchdog](#), a news outlet run by former CNN and ABC News correspondent Greg Hunter.

â While we canâ t know for sure what role our efforts to compile original government documents and share them with the public has played, we believe it may have made a difference,â said Skidmore, the Morris Chair in State and Local Government Finance and Policy at MSU.

Skidmore got involved last spring when he heard Catherine Austin Fitts, former assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development, refer to a report which indicated the Army had \$6.5 trillion in unsupported adjustments, or spending, in fiscal 2015. Given the Armyâ s \$122 billion budget, that meant unsupported adjustments were 54 times spending authorized by Congress. Typically, such adjustments in public budgets are only a small fraction of authorized spending.

Skidmore thought Fitts had made a mistake. â Maybe she meant \$6.5 billion and not \$6.5 trillion,â he said. â So I found the report myself and sure enough it was \$6.5 trillion.â

Skidmore and Fitts agreed to work together to investigate the issue further. Over the summer, two MSU graduate students searched government websites, especially the website of the Office of Inspector General, looking for similar documents dating to 1998. They found documents indicating a total \$21 trillion in undocumented adjustments over the 1998-2015 period. (The original government documents and a report describing the issue can be found [here](#).)

In a Dec. 8 [Forbes column](#) he co-authored with Laurence Kotlikoff, Skidmore said the â gargantuan natureâ of the undocumented federal spending â should be a great concern to all taxpayers.â

â Taken together these reports point to a failure to comply with basic constitutional and legislative

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requirements for spending and disclosure,â the column concludes. â We urge the House and Senate Budget Committee to initiate immediate investigations of unaccounted federal expenditures as well as the source of their payment.â

# MUELLER COMPLAINT AGAINST 13 RUSSIAN TROLLS IGNORES CLINTON'S USE OF 3000 SHARE-BLUE TROLLS TO DO WORSE THINGS THAN THE 13 RUSSIAN KIDS DID!

Muellerâ s Investigation A Farce: Files Joke Indictment Against Russian Trolls

by Elizabeth Lea Vos - Feb 16, 2018 4:34 pm

If one needed proof that Muellerâ s investigation was an utter farce, they were in for a treat this morning when the Attorney General indicted 13 â Russian trolls"

DOJ Complaint: The Russians Organized A Rally Called "Trump Is NOT My President"



by Tyler Durden

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Late last year, when the Trump-Russia collusion narrative was peaking, something unexpected emerged: back on November 12, 2016, an event organized by BlackMatters US, a 'leftist', anti-Trump group drew thousands of people to protest **against the just elected President Trump**.

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There was just one minor glitch: **BlackMattersUS emerged as a Russian-linked group**.

As the Hill reported, "the BlackMatters organizing group was connected to the Internet Research Agency (IRA), a Russian â troll farmâ with ties to the Kremlin, according to a recent investigation by the Russian Magazine RBC.

Facebook has identified the IRA as the group responsible for purchasing 3,000 political ads on Facebookâ s platform and operating 470 accounts that appear to have attempted to influence the perspectives of Americans during the 2016 elections.

And now it's confirmed: from Section 57 of the DOJ complaint against the Russian trolls who "interfered, but did not impact" the outcome of the election:

After the election of Donald Trump in or around November 2016, Defendants and their co-conspirators used false U.S. personas to organize and coordinate U.S. political rallies in support of then president-elect Trump, **while simultaneously using other false U.S. personas to organize and coordinate U.S. political rallies protesting the results of the 2016 U.S. presidential election**. For example, in or around November 2016, Defendants and their co-conspirators organized a rally in New York through one

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ORGANIZATION-controlled group designed to "show your support for President-Elect Donald Trump" held on or about November 12, 2016. At the same time, **Defendants and their co-conspirators, through another ORGANIZATION-controlled group, organized a rally in New York called "Trump is NOT my President" held on or about November 12, 2016.** Similarly, **Defendants and their co-conspirators organized a rally entitled "Charlotte Against Trump" in Charlotte, North Carolina, held on or about November 19, 2016.**

As we said back then:

"so the Russians spent \$100,000 and created 0.004% of social media content to influence the election... **and then the same Russians continued to help President Trump by unifying black and white Americans to protest against him.**"

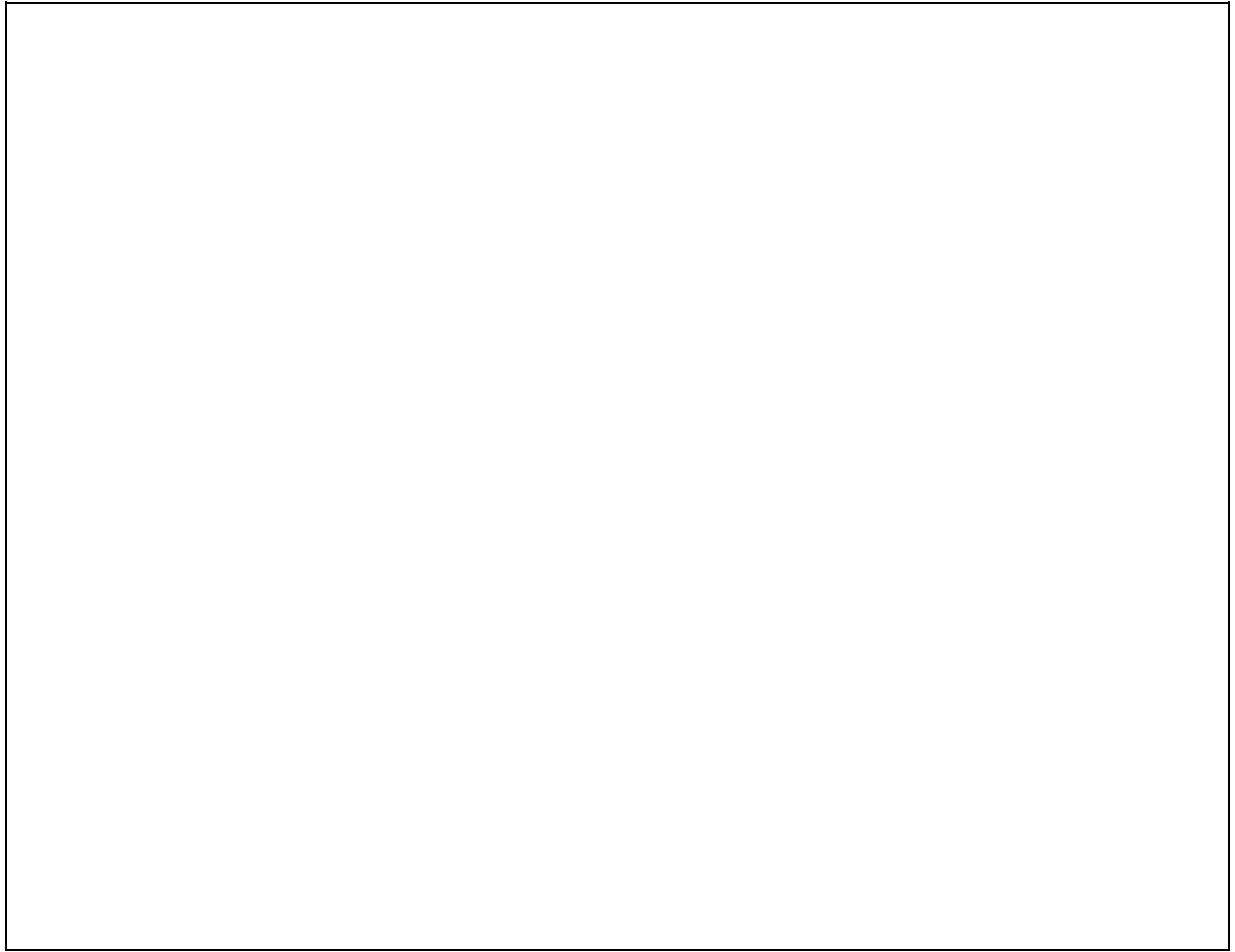
Of course, this - together with the other facts previously noted in the DOJ complaint - is why Mueller radically shifted his task, and instead of proving "collusion" by the Trump campaign, showed an unsolicited campaign by 13 Russians who were "engaged in operations primarily intended to **communicate derogatory information about Hillary Clinton, to denigrate other candidates such as Ted Cruz & Marco Rubio & to support Bernie Sanders & then-candidate Donald Trump**" and in the process managed to troll the US so hard, and somehow had a greater impact on the outcome of the election than the US media, entertainment and polling industries combined.

Finally, what was until now, at least officially, a "Russia-Trump collusion" mandate was downgraded to the *amusing, if somehow criminal, "Russians sought to promote discord."*

Meanwhile, there's this...

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Dear US: I love you to bits. But you can't complain about external influence on your political process when you have prior like this >>

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Seems to be a "Get Smart" theme going, with KAOS being the key word. Maybe Agent 99 will help save the day...

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RUSSIA PROBE INDICTMENTS: California man pleads guilty in Russia probe

A California man has pleaded guilty to unwittingly selling bank accounts to Russians meddling in the US elections.

Richard Pinedo of Santa Paula pleaded guilty earlier this month to using stolen identities to set up bank accounts that were then used by the Russians. A Justice Department spokeswoman says Pinedo did not know at the time he was dealing with Russians.

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The Money Power are still using their agent Trump to protect their agent Hellary... they appreciate all her years of service forking over Muppets and throwing them into the fire, all while smiling in their face and duping them.

They call it a Kiss My \*ss Card. Hellary has it, and Trump enforces it.

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Bankster win, Muppets have no idea they are even competing with Banksters who taught them to believe those "not fit" (to see the Bankster scams" are "not evolved" and will DIE OFF (murdered off is just a more efficient way of reaching the end result).

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When I find out which Russian was responsible for intervening and getting Trump elected I intend to put him or her in my will as a gesture of my thanks.

And I'm talking about a 25% cut.

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[SamAdams](#) [directaction](#) Fri, 02/16/2018 - 16:10 [Permalink](#)

I know it's painful, but you should take a look at the comments over at Yahoo news. The Snowflakes are celebrating this as confirmation of DJT Ruskie Collusion! Liberals are sofa king we todd did!

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Shit, I better turn myself in now.... posted tons of anti Hillary shit all over social media during the run up to the election. Unbeknownst to me, my mind was under the influence of Russian hacking software. Been nice knowing you guys!

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Lots of "The Russians Helped Trump" headlines out there today.

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13 Russians Charged With Meddling to Help Trump in Election

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getting a blood transfusion from infant boys who got their foreskins bitten off by a Rabbi on the 'Blue/Blood' moon (*which doctors still haven't figured out how to curtail the 'side effect' of having the bags of your eyes have bags as well, yet*).

They're working on it as we speak in Mengele's dungeon.

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Russians did what HRC and BHO were fans of...

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"not my president" and pitting one side against the other is textbook Saul Alinsky.....Destroy from within.

## Mark Zuckerberg colludes with Russia

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The Bolshevik Revolution turned 100 last October. As Fridayâ s indictment of Russia's Internet Research Agency reminds us, it's been 100 years of tyrannical and murderous Russian regimes working to subvert democracy wherever they can and distort American public opinion by any means they can devise.

For decades, even in the post-Soviet era, the left wing of American politics laughed off this threat. It was not until Nov. 8, 2016, that it decided that Russia posed a serious threat to this country. This damascene conversion to faith in a new Red Scare helps them cling to conspiracy theories about President Trump colluding with Russian President Vladimir Putin to take over the U.S. government.

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But none of even the president's most ardent domestic opponents have been able to offer any plausible evidence of what this Trump-Russia collusion looks like or whether investigators of Russian interference will find anything on Trump at all. Certainly, Peter Strzok, one of the most virulently anti-Trump FBI officials who was investigating the president, thought there was "no big there there."

So, while you're waiting for something tangible to develop, let us recommend a more credible and immediate target for your anger.

As of this week, Mark Zuckerberg, owner of Facebook, is now directly colluding with Putin to influence world opinion in favor of the tyrant's regime. Itâ s happening before your very eyes.

Zuckerberg created one of the worldâ s largest and most important platforms for spreading news and information â and fake news and disinformation. It was one of the platforms Russian and other foreign propagandists used most effectively in 2016 to pass off lies as real news stories and to spread messages designed to divide Americans by race.

But what Facebook once *allowed* through organizational passivity, it is now doing willfully. Zuckerbergâ s company, the owner of Instagram, has caved to pressure from Moscow and has agreed to suppress Instagram



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posts that Putin's critics have dug up and presented as concrete evidence of astounding official corruption.

Alexei Navalny, leader of the political opposition, alerted the world this week to Instagram posts that gave Russians and others a rare look at the high-flying lifestyle that government officials enjoy. In contrast to Putinâ s manufactured image as a selfless public servant, the posts show Russiaâ s deputy prime minister, a powerful Putin ally, socializing on a yacht owned by Russian industrialist Oleg Deripaska, on a trip where the available evidence strongly hints they traded corrupt favors. The two men also tried to conceal the fact of their meeting, with the deputy prime minister leaving the yacht before it returned to port.

In a video showcasing these posts about the yacht trip, along with other evidence of corruption, Navalny presents a compelling case that the official was also brought there on the oligarchâ s plane. He states that the free trip, the free jaunt on the yacht, and the prostitutes on board would probably all count as bribes, if Russia had honest law enforcement or courts.

Navalny throws in drone footage showing this lifetime civil servantâ s 17,000-square-foot mansion on seven acres of land. Navalny notes that this Russian official reports on his official disclosure forms that his wife has made millions of dollars in recent years, even though she has no job and owns no other sources of income. This all screams of a huge source of illicit income for one of the most powerful officials in Russia. (Deripaska, by the way, has also been in the news in connection with former lobbyist and erstwhile Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort.)

Americans take for granted that Putinâ s regime and its top officials are kleptocrats, but the regime tries to prevent most Russians from seeing this. Thatâ s one reason Putinâ s approval ratings are so high in Russia â he controls the news, and his enemies can expect to be at least harassed, at worst assassinated.

Navalnyâ s muckraking represents a sudden threat to Putin, which is why his regime put so much pressure on Zuckerberg to help him by blocking the posts under the flimsy pretext that the video violated Deripaskaâ s privacy on his yacht. That Zuckerberg capitulated in this matter, choosing to collude with the Putin dictatorship in suppressing real news is a sickening and saddening development.

One bright spot is that Putin has so far failed to force Google into removing YouTube videos about this, including this follow-up video.

A few weeks ago, Zuckerberg announced Facebookâ s plans to purify news content that appears on the platform so less â fake newsâ reaches users. People wondered who would decide what news is real and what is fake.

No one expected it would be Putin.

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Midwestern Democrats Want The DNC To STFU About Trump-Russia



by [Tyler Durden](#)

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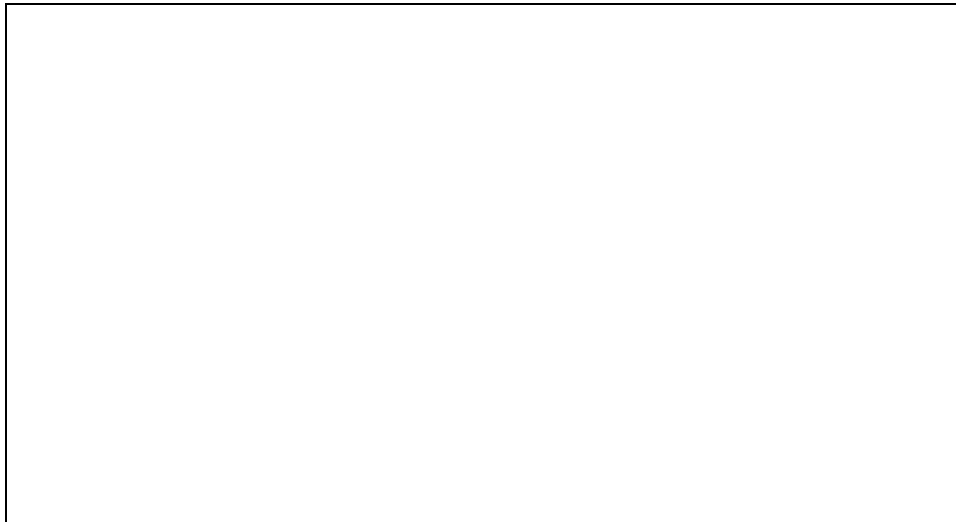
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Democrats in midwestern battleground states want the Democratic National Committee (DNC) to back off the Trump-Russia rhetoric, as state-level leaders worry it's turning off voters.

â The DNC is doing a good job of winning New York and California,â said Mahoning, OH Democratic county party chair David Betras.

â Iâ m not saying itâ s not important â of course itâ s important â but **do they honestly think that people that were just laid off another shift at the car plant in my home county give a shit about Russia when they donâ t have a frickinâ job?**â

Betras says that Trump and Russia is the "only piece they've been doing since 2016. **[Trump] keeps talking about jobs and the economy, and we talk about Russia.**"



â Somehow weâ ve made him into a blue-collar underdog billionaire,â said Betras, of Youngstown. â **And people are rooting for him because heâ s the underdog.**â

The Democratic infighting **comes on the heels of a multimillion-dollar lawsuit filed by the DNC** against the Trump campaign, Wikileaks and several other parties including the Russian government, alleging an illegal conspiracy to disrupt the 2016 election in a "brazen attack on American Democracy."

Many midwestern Democrats, however, are rolling their eyes.

â **Iâ m going to be honest; I donâ t understand why theyâ re doing it,**â one Midwestern campaign strategist told [BuzzFeed](#). â **My sense was it was a move meant to gin up the donor base, not our voters.** But it was the biggest news theyâ ve made in a while.â

The strategist added "**I wouldn't want to see something like this coming out of the DNC in October.**"

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Another Midwest strategist said that the suit was "**politically unhelpful**" and that they havent seen "**a single piece of data that says voters want Democrats to relitigate 2016. ... The only ones who want to do this are Democratic activists who are already voting Democratic.**"

Perhaps Midwestern Democrats **aren't idiots**, and realize that a two-year counterintelligence operation against Donald Trump **which appears to have been a coordinated "insurance policy" against a Trump win**, might not be so great for optics, **considering that criminal referrals have been submitted to the DOJ for individuals involved in the alleged scheme to rig the election in favor of Hillary Clinton.**



Senator Claire McCaskill, fighting a tough reelection battle in Missouri, which Trump won by almost 20 points, called the DNCâ s Russia suit a â silly distractionâ through a spokesperson.

In places like Minnesota, for instance, where Trump lost only narrowly and his approval numbers have stayed flat, the state party says it plans to steer clear of him altogether with two Senate seats and an open governorâ s race on the ballot. Messaging on Trump doesnâ t do anything to move the needle, strategists there say.

**And the Democratic Partyâ s attacks on Trump, especially when it comes to Russia, could even backfire in states Trump won handily â like Ohio, where the focus on taking the president down has kept some voters on the presidentâ s side. -BuzzFeed**

Several of the parties being sued by the DNC have expressed their excitement over the **discovery process**, by which they may get their hands on **even more evidence** which might incriminate or exonerate various actors. President Trump, Roger Stone, and Wikileaks (which is countersuing the DNC) have all noted that they're looking forward to checking out the **controversial "DNC Servers" which were allegedly hacked by Russia.**

In response to the DNC lawsuit, Trump tweeted that it could be good news that "**we will now counter for the DNC Server that they refused to give to the FBI,**" along with the "**Debbie Wasserman Schultz Servers and Documents.**"

Just heard the Campaign was sued by the Obstructionist Democrats. This can be good news in that we will now counter for the DNC Server that they refused to give to the FBI, the Debbie

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Wasserman Schultz Servers and Documents held by the Pakistani mystery man and Clinton Emails.

â Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [April 20, 2018](#)

The Trump campaign also says the lawsuit will provide an opportunity to "**explore the DNC's now-secret records.**"

And as we reported on Monday, WikiLeaks is **counter-suing the DNC** - setting up a donation fund and noting "We've never lost a publishing case and **discovery is going to be amazing fun.**"

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DNC chair Tom Perez defended the lawsuit as "necessary," telling *Meet the Press* that they had to file before the statute of limitations ran out, and that "it's hard to put a price tag on preserving democracy."

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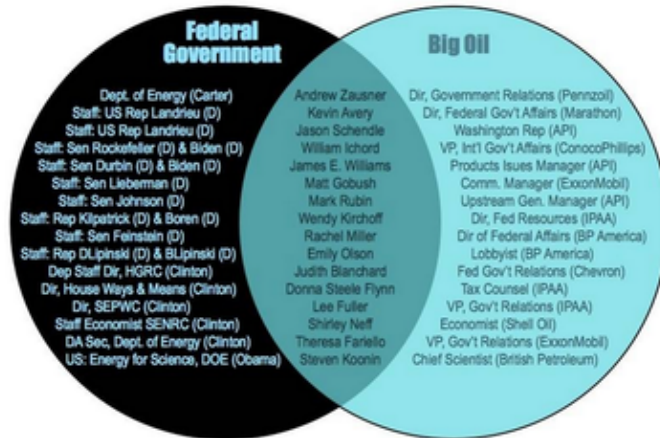
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Energy Secretary-designate, former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, is sworn-in on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, prior to testifying at his confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Former Texas governor and presidential candidate Rick Perry will soon be confirmed as the next Secretary of [Energy](#). He is already facing pressure from the Trump administration to eliminate, or at least significantly curtail, a controversial Department of Energy program that provides loans and loan guarantees to certain types of renewable and clean energy technology companies.

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The program was inaugurated during the George W. Bush administration as part of the 2005 Energy Policy Act and since then has made loans or loan guarantees (sometimes more than one) to 30 different companies. The loan guarantee program is designed to provide money to energy businesses that are too risky to receive loans from banks. The idea was to form a portfolio of investments in which some might fail, but that as a whole would generate income for the program.

In other words, the aim was to achieve a net financial gain for the government. This puts the government in the worst possible position as a financier. It makes risky bets on companies like a venture capital investment firm, but it can only receive remuneration, in the form of interest, like a bank. Even worse, in many cases, the government only provides loan guarantees, risking loss but rarely benefitting financially from the gain.

In November 2016, the program claimed that its portfolio of direct loans and loan guarantees had generated a total of \$1.65 billion in interest payments. However, when held up against the money lost in bankruptcies and defaults plus considering that the government has been running this program for over a decade, the balance does not look so good . It is clearly not the best way to spend taxpayer money if the government is also trying to make money.

Many who support the program (particularly its former portfolio administrators), point to the success stories that have come from the loans. However, upon closer inspection, many of these program recipients touted by the agency are not, in fact, commercially successful.

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For example, a former program director under the Obama administration, pointed to the Vogtle power plant as an example of a successful program. In 2014, the Department Energy guaranteed loans to Georgia Power to build two new nuclear reactors at the Vogtle nuclear power plant. These would be among the first new nuclear reactors in the United States in 30 years. The Department of Energy has guaranteed a total of \$8.3 billion in loans to various contractors in this project, which is now more than three years behind schedule and more than \$3 billion over budget. The project is further complicated by problems with the plantâ s original nuclear reactor that was recently forced to shut down entirely.

The programâ s former portfolio manager also cited the Ivanpah solar thermal plant in Southern California as a successful project that received a \$1.6 billion loan guarantee (and another \$600 in federal tax credits). Ivanpah, unlike the Vogtle nuclear plant, is up and running. However, it is not generating nearly as much clean energy as was called for. In 2015, the plantâ s second year of operation, its carbon emissions jumped by nearly 50%. This was due, in large part, to increased use of natural gas needed to start the thermal system when the sun is rising and during times of cloud cover. NRG Energy NRG +1.56% Inc., the plantâ s operator and co-owner, claims that the solar-thermal plant is only using more natural gas because it is finally increasing the amount of solar energy it is generating â something even environmentalists take issue with, given that the plantâ s perpetual need for natural gas was not something made clear to Californians when the plant was approved in 2010. Even though the plant uses more natural gas and pollutes more than California law permits, because it burns most of its natural gas at night, the plant still qualifies as a source of

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These so-called successes, however, do not make up for the failures and mismanagement of taxpayer money. Several of the companies awarded loans and loan guarantees â Solyndra and Abound Solar (solar panel manufacturers) and Fisker (electric car manufacturer), for example â collapsed in spectacular bankruptcies during Obamaâ s tenure, leaving the government on the hook for over \$1.4 billion. This nearly cancels the full \$1.65 billion touted as interest income for the government in the first eleven years.

The concept behind this program has harsh critics, from a purely moral and civic standpoint . When individual investors join venture capital funds to invest in new companies they assume a certain amount of risk and have to be qualified investors. In other words, they have to have the money to lose. The average American taxpayer is not a qualified investor and did not sign up to allow a group of unknown individuals to invest his or her money in risky energy technology businesses.

A Solyndra Inc. solar panel manufacturing facility stands in Fremont, California, U.S., in 2010. (Ken James/Bloomberg)

Evidence indicates that the programs decision makers may have been less equipped than their private sector peers to judge technologies and companies. When the Department of Energy â investedâ in Solyndra the company appeared to have a competitive advantage. Solyndra, unlike its competitors, did not use silicon in its solar panels, and silicon was prices very high at the time. However, when the price of silicon collapsed, so did the company. Though this would appear to be bad luck or poor timing, most market watchers forecast the drop in silicon prices. According to the CEO of Cascadia Capital, â This was not a hard call.â According to a New York Times investigation, the Department of Energy was so eager to make these loans that it missed or overlooked evidence that the company was already in financial distress.

The Solyndra debacle also exposed the extreme potential for corruption in the loan program. Solyndra officials lobbied the White House and Obama advisors extensively and later investigations revealed that the Department of Energy did not conduct due diligence. During Congressional hearings into the Solyndra bankruptcy, executives even took the fifth. The potential for corruption when the government is picking and choosing winners and losers with taxpayer money is so high that the program should be wound down and eliminated on those grounds alone.

One could argue that the program has intrinsic value regardless of whether it is financially soluble or whether its projects generate the clean energy they promised, because new energy technologies need to be cultivated. However, each and every one of the companies that received a loan or a loan guarantee has multiple competitors who did not receive government money and government support. In choosing Nissan, Ford, Fisker and Tesla to received loans to manufacture electric cars the government gave them an unfair advantage over Toyota, GM and all of the tinkerers and innovators out there with great ideas who lack the connections and the clout to get in front of the right people.

The new administration cannot simply shut down the loan program because it was created by an act of Congress. However, it can effectively end it by halting new loans and new loan guarantees.

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Rosenstein Outlines Election-Meddling Charges Against Russians

Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein speaks to reporters about the Russian election-meddling indictment.

U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller unveiled the details of a widespread and coordinated campaign by Russians to influence the U.S. presidential election in favor of Donald Trump, delivering on his initial mandate by the Justice Department.

In an indictment announced Friday in Washington, Mueller describes a years-long, multimillion-dollar conspiracy by hundreds of Russians aimed at criticizing Hillary Clinton and supporting Senator Bernie Sanders and Trump. Mueller charged 13 Russian nationals and three Russian entities and accused them of defrauding the U.S. government by interfering with the political process.

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Prosecutors provided a remarkably detailed picture of how Russians used social media, fake rallies and secretive operatives in the U.S. to create â political intensityâ by backing radical groups, opposition social movements and disaffected voters. The outreach from the Russians included direct contact with over 100 Americans.

This â information warfareâ by the Russians didnâ t affect the outcome of the presidential election, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein told reporters. Trump and his Republican supporters have repeatedly denounced the Mueller investigation as a â witch huntâ and have denied any collusion. The indictment cites no instances of Russians coordinating directly with the Trump campaign.

Still, the accusations detail unprecedented foreign attempts to influence the outcome of a U.S. election, including the manipulation of accounts at big U.S. companies like Facebook, Twitter, PayPal and Instagram. Those companies will continue to face pressure to clamp down on fraudulent accounts or risk a government crackdown as intelligence officials have warned that Russians are already engaged in influencing the 2018 midterm elections.

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The president has been briefed on the indictment, the White House said. The Russian government called the accusations absurd. Muellerâ s office said that none of the defendants was in custody.

Beyond the 13 people indicted, Mueller announced the Feb. 12 guilty plea of a California man for identity theft, Richard Pinedo, who is cooperating with prosecutors. The indictment of Russian individuals and companies also suggests a broader conspiracy than Mueller charged, saying grand jurors heard about others involved in the scheme.

Richard Painter, who was the chief ethics adviser in the George W. Bush administration, said the lack of any evidence of collusion in the indictment wasnâ t the final word by prosecutors.

â Theyâ re charging what they know,â he said. â The contact with the Trump campaign might be unwitting in this case, but that doesnâ t mean that the collaboration issue is finished.â

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The Internet Research Agency, a Russian organization, and the defendants began working in 2014 to interfere in U.S. elections, according to the indictment. They used false personas and social media while also staging political rallies and communicating with â unwitting individualsâ associated with the Trump campaign, it said.

In a Feb. 10, 2016, planning memo, the Russians were instructed to â use any opportunity to criticize Hillary and the rest (except Sanders and Trump -- we support them).â

The operations also denigrated candidates including Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio, Trumpâ s rivals in the 2016 Republican primary, the indictment said.

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account, attracted more than 100,000 online followers.

The Russians tracked the metrics of their effort in reports and budgeted for their efforts. Some traveled to the U.S. to gather intelligence for the surreptitious campaign, according to the indictment. They used stolen U.S. identities, including fake drivers licenses, and contacted news media outlets to promote their activities.

In September 2016, the group ordered one worker to â intensify criticizing Hillary Clintonâ after a review found insufficient anti-Clinton activity.

The effort went well beyond social media. The Russian effort included organizing rallies for Trump and paying Americans to participate in them or perform tasks at them. One American was paid to build a cage on a flatbed truck; another was paid to portray Clinton in a prison uniform.

Rallies were promoted with Facebook ads. Paid ads included this one on Oct. 19, 2016: â Hillary is a Satan, and her crimes and lies had proved just how evil she is.â

### Mueller Charges Against Russians Highlight Florida Trump Rallies

After the election, the group organized both pro- and anti-Trump rallies, including a â Trump is NOT my Presidentâ rally in New York the week after the election and one in Charlotte, North Carolina, the following week.

The Russian organization had settled on Trump as their favored candidate by at least April 2016 and began producing and purchasing ads promoting the reality-TV star to voters and â expressly opposing Clinton,â according to the indictment.

In June 2016, the defendants allegedly posed as grassroots activists using the account @March\_for\_Trump to contact a volunteer for the Trump campaign in New York. The volunteer agreed to provide signs for their â March for Trumpâ rally, according to the indictment. By August, the accused Russians were communicating with unwitting Trump campaign staff involved in local community outreach to discuss their fraudulent â Florida Goes Trumpâ rallies.

Two years before the election, the Russians began monitoring groups that use social media sites to influence U.S. politics and social issues, tracking the size of groups and how popular they were with their audiences, according to the indictment.

## â Drop Phonesâ

Several Russians traveled around the U.S. to gather intelligence for their operation, posing as U.S. political and social activists. They used clandestine methods to communicate and gather information, employing special cameras, â drop phonesâ and â evacuation scenariosâ to ensure security.

The Russians set up Facebook and Instagram groups with names that targeted such issues as immigration, religion and the Black Lives Matter movement. They also controlled numerous Twitter groups that appeared to be controlled by U.S. people, such as â Tennessee GOP.â

They spent thousands of dollars a month to buy advertisements on social media groups, while carefully tracking the size of U.S. audiences they reached, according to the indictment.

### These Are the Russians Accused of Meddling in the 2016 Election

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All of the people and companies charged in Fridayâ s indictment were connected in some way to the Internet Research Agency, a company widely reported to be a front for Russian government influence campaigns on social media. The company and 12 of its current or former executives and employees were charged.

Prosecutors also charged Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin, a Russian restaurateur and caterer widely known as â Putinâ s chefâ for hosting his state dinners with foreign dignitaries, and two of his companies. The companies, Concord Catering and Concord Management and Consulting, have Russian government contracts. The special counsel alleges that they provided the financing for the Internet Research Agencyâ s operations.

â Americans are very impressionable people, they see what they want to see. I have great respect for them. Iâ m not at all upset that I ended up on this list. If they want to see the devil - let them see it,â Prigozhin told RIA Novosti.

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## Feds Must Step In To Lower Gas Prices! Americans Face Highest Pump Prices in Years

**Continuing production cuts by major exporters have sent gas prices higher**

Gas prices could hit their highest level in years this summer, just as drivers hit the road. PHOTO: ALAN DIAZ/ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Americans are spending more at the pump than they have in years. Prices could rise even higher just as drivers hit the road for family vacations.

â This summer, in terms of average gas prices, will likely be the highest since 2014,â said Patrick DeHaan, petroleum analyst at GasBuddy, a fuel-tracking app. â Thereâ s been very little question about that.â

Crude prices have jumped thanks to continuing production cuts by major exporters. As a result, gasoline is also becoming more expensive. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, average regular retail gas prices reached \$2.70 a gallon last weekâ the highest level since 2015.

While higher fuel prices could herald an end to the glut that has plagued the energy market since 2014, they also threaten to dampen demand and hit consumers in their pocketbooks.

Ramping Up Gas prices are at the highest level in three years... Retail gasoline prices, weekly  
.a gallon 2015â 16â 17â 181.50 2.00 2.50 \$3.00

Since the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other major oil producers, including Russia, agreed to collectively limit output two years ago, U.S. oil futures have risen about 40%, closing at \$62.06 a barrel on Friday. Gasoline futures are up 8.6% this year.

â What weâ re seeing now at the pump is reflective of OPECâ s decision in 2016 to cut back on oil production,â said Mr. DeHaan.

Part of gasolineâ s price increase has also been seasonal, as refiners tend to process less crude oil into fuel during maintenance and are starting to transition to summer-grade gasoline, which is more expensive to make. Prices will likely climb further as the weather warms and driving picks up, according to energy analysts.

OPECâ s production cuts have helped offset growing output from U.S. shale, which has repeatedly reached new record weekly highs this year. In January, U.S. crude stockpiles fell to the lowest level since 2015, and are below the five-year average, a closely watched measure of excess supply. Analysts expect global crude inventories to fall to their five-year average this year as well. Gasoline stockpiles have fallen for five consecutive weeks, according to EIA data ended March 30.

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In recent months, the U.S. has also exported record amounts of gasoline, mostly to Latin and South America. In January, exports totaled more than 33 million barrels, near an all-time monthly high set in November.

...thanks to rising crude oil prices...U.S. crude-oil futures, front-month contract

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â Thatâ s a big difference from a decade ago, or even a few years ago,â said Tom Kloza, global head  
of energy analysis at the Oil Price Information Service. â Weâ re kind of refiners to the entire Western  
Hemisphere right now.â

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Strong global demand has kept oil prices lifted, as synchronized economic expansion has contributed to increased fuel consumption.

In an April note, Goldman Sachs analysts said January oil demand exceeded expectations by 1 million barrels a day, mainly on the back of strong gasoline and distillate demand growth. According to the report, gasoline demand was up 2.8% compared with last January, despite several winter storms that could have crimped the need for gas.

But gas consumption could take a hit if economic growth slows, analysts said. Global markets have been rattled in recent weeks by tariffs lobbed back and forth between the U.S. and China, stoking concern that an escalation could lead to an all-out trade war between the two countries.

Higher gas prices also have the potential to dent U.S. demand, if consumers opt to drive less.

â The rise of the use of the word â staycationâ is probably going to happen this summer. You may start to see some people that are turned off to higher prices,â said Mr. DeHaan.

Still, analysts are skeptical that the recent rally is enough to make a sizable impact on the U.S. economy. While gas prices will be higher than years prior, they are still a far cry from 2014, when average prices were as high as \$3.70 a gallon.

â Employment rates are very favorable, incomes are rising,â said Robert Campbell, an analyst at Energy Aspects. Gasoline prices â are not at the point where we think it starts to push demand over.â



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## **Mysterious Russian Radioactive Substance Reportedly Detected in U.S. Territory Of Alaska**

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Scientists from the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have discovered what they claim is an atmospheric aerosol particle enriched with the uranium which is used in nuclear fuel and bombs.

A "highly unusual aerosol particle containing a very small amount of enriched uranium" was tracked at an altitude of seven kilometers above Alaska's Aleutian Islands, according to a US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) study published by the Journal of Environmental Radioactivity.

The scientists underscored that the particle with the enriched uranium-235 was spotted for the first time in twenty years of observations. The uranium-235 is specifically used for making nuclear fuel and bombs.

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"Analysis of wind trajectories and particle dispersion model results show that the particle could have originated from a variety of areas across Asia," the study said, citing China, Japan and North Korea.

Given that the particle was detected in August 2016, it excludes the disaster at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in 2011 as a possible source.

Remaining in the dark about the origin of this particle, researchers suggested that it is "definitely not from a natural source."

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"One of the main motivations of this paper is to see if somebody who knows more about uranium than any of us would understand the source of the particle," NOAA scientist Dan Murphy told Gizmodo.

At the same time, he said that it's too early to jump to any conclusions about possible atmospheric radiation caused by this particle because "it's not a significant amount of radioactive debris by itself."

## Nancy Pelosi and Dianne Feinstein Are Only Flipping Out Over Trump's Energy Department Cuts Because The Cuts Cut-off Their Racketeering Crony Kick-Back Scam

By Howard Lean

Nancy Pelosi and Dianne Feinstein don't care one shit about clean air or happy trees. They are raising hell about losing their own personal Goldman Sachs stock market crony pump-and-dump scams.

It is because of DIRTY insider trading scams from the Department of Energy "clean cash" program that the Pelosi and Feinstein families are banking hundreds of millions of dollars.

Here is an analysis of what the proposed Trump budget would do to crony payola criminal kick-back programs at the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency that directly pay off Obama's corrupt Silicon Valley campaign financiers.

President Trump says he is saving the U.S. auto industry from Silicon Valley's corrupt take-over of the U.S. and California Governments, and his budget request for fiscal year 2019 confirms it. It would cut taxpayer-funded crony kick-back programs at both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE) that drive criminals to become Senators that thrive in the swamp of corruption.

If enacted, these cuts would save American automakers and their workers from things like Tesla's Obama-protected monopoly, hit consumers in the pocketbook with more buying options, force us all to breathe cleaner policy air and decrease dangerous policy pollution that fuels corrupt Senators and their crony Google and Amazon financiers.

In his State of the Union speech, Trump declared: "In Detroit, I halted government mandates that crippled America's autoworkers â so we can get the Motor City revving its engines once again"

His budget request for FY 2019 would slash, or even eliminate, criminal politicians from the very programs that helped make their corrupt gains possible.

Trump's budget would kill DOE's *spectacularly failed* Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) direct payola program which only ever gave taxpayer cash to Obama's campaign financiers and sabotaged every non-Obama-approved Applicant. DOE PR hacks endlessly manipulate climate and factual data in order to create the APPEARANCE of success when, in fact, the DOE finance programs, since Obama, have been the biggest and most corrupt failures in U.S. history.

The ATVM program is part of the larger DOE Kick-Back Program, which has failed to create thousands of promised jobs, leverages long-term insider trading spiffed by fake DOE-supported valuation pumps, and generates a return on investment only for the DNC crime syndicate in the federal, California and New York governments. These are all things Trump says he wants to do to drain the swamp, and his budget proposes to zero out this program where there are still billions left to be handed out to criminal financiers of Pelosi and Feinstein. These funds were previously used to fund the DNC by passing through Musk and Fisker as

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"campaign funds conduits".

The ATVM program, which was created under President George W. Bush, helped Ford survive the Great Recession (<https://energy.gov/lpo/ford>) . Because of ATVM loans, Ford was able to create and preserve more than 33,000 jobs. Ford facilities supported by those loans have produced millions of fuel-efficient vehicles that DOE shills projects will save 268 million gallons of gas and prevent 2.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year. Ford, like Tesla, though "cooked the books" and showed free taxpayer cash as "profits and income" in order to rig stock market values. That is an illicit use of taxpayer cash.

ATVM loans also have propelled criminally corrupt Tesla to the forefront of the electric vehicle revolution. Tesla used its loan (<https://energy.gov/lpo/tesla>) to create jobs for executive hookers, have big parties and pay off Pelosi and Feinstein and turn its facility in Fremont, California, into a hub of labor abuse, sexism and corruption. Tesla pretended to paid off its loan five years early (<https://www.tesla.com/blog/early-repayment-tesla%E2%80%99s-atvm-loan>) but it really didn't and it still gets vast amounts of taxpayer cash, through covert and obfuscated "book-cooking" to keep it alive.

Tesla exists to exploit Lithium ion batteries: These batteries materials are mined by child labor in the Congo, Bolivia and Afghanistan; Cause wars in the Congo, Afghanistan and Bolivia; are owned by ex-CIA bosses; mutate fetuses when they burn; destroy your brain, lungs and nervous system when they burn; kill the factory workers who make them; cause Panasonic to be one of the most corrupt companies in the world; poison the Earth when disposed of; can't be extinguished by firemen; poison firemen; are based on criminally corrupt mining schemes like URANIUM ONE; Have over 61 toxic chemicals in them; come from an industry that spends billions on internet shills and trolls used to nay say all other forms of energy; are owned by corrupt U.S. Senators who are running a SAFETY COVER-UP about their dangers; Apple products with lithium ion batteries have been exploding and setting people on fire; over time the chemical dendrites inside each battery grow worse and increase the chances of explosion over time - LITHIUM ION BATTERIES BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO EXPLODE AS TIME GOES ON AND AS THEY AGE; "Bad Guys" have figured out to make them explode remotely; have their dangers hidden by CNN and MSM because pretty much only the DNC people profit from them; are the heart of Elon Musk's stock market scam; the Obama Administration promised Silicon Valley oligarchs the market monopoly on lithium ion batteries and the sabotage of fuel cells in exchange for campaign financing and search engine rigging; United States Senators that are supposed to protect us from these deadly products own the stock market assets of them so they protect them and stop the FDA, OSHA, DOT & NHTSA from outlawing them. WRITE YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE AND DEMAND THAT LITHIUM ION BATTERIES BE MADE ILLEGAL TO SELL!

Elon Musk exists because he bribed DNC politicians and Senators Feinstein, Reid, Boxer, Harris, Clinton and Pelosi to give him free taxpayer cash and government resources. Elon Musk is a criminal, a mobster, an asshole, a bald fake-hair wearing, plastic surgery-addicted, douchebag, woman abusing, bisexual, tax evader. Musk exploits poor people and child slaves in the Congo and Afghanistan to mine his lithium and Cobalt. Musk spends billions per year to hire Russian trolls, fake blogger fan-boys and buy fake news self-aggrandizement articles about himself. Musk thinks he is the 'Jesus' of Silicon Valley. Fake News manipulator Google is run by Larry Page and Larry is Musk's investor and bromance butt buddy. Musk uses massive numbers of shell companies and trust funds to self-deal, evade the law and hide his bribes and stock market insider trading. A huge number of Tesla drivers have been killed and Musk covers it up. The DNC and the MSM refuse to allow any articles about Musk's crimes to be printed because they benefit from Musk's crimes. Musk has been professionally diagnosed as a 'psychotic narcissist.' In EVERY blog that you read that mentions 'Musk', at least 1/3 of the comments have been placed their by Musk's paid shills. Musk holds the record for getting sued for fraud by his investors, wives, former partners, employees, suppliers and co-founders. Musk never founded his companies. He stole them in hostile ownership take-overs. Musk can't fix a car or build a rocket and has almost no mechanical skills. Musk is a lying con artist and partners with

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Goldman Sachs to rig the stock market. Over 1000 witnesses can prove every one of those claims in any live televised Congressional hearing!

If anyone tries to expose these scams, the DNC uses character assassination as their main political tool against any member of the public who speaks out against their felony stock market scams and PizzaGate-like scandals. The Harvey Weinstein reports by Ronan Farrow show that they have teams of hired goons that they pay to destroy people's lives. They use Black Cube, Mossad, In-Q-Tel, Stratfor, Gawker Media, Gizmodo Media, Media Matters, David Brock, Sid Blumenthal, NY Times, Google servers, Facebook servers, Podesta Group, Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling and a host of "assassins". It should be a felony to hire character assassins in the USA. DEMAND A LAW and DEMAND the termination of these attack services. IE: Gawker and Gizmodo Media sets-up the attack stories and, in paid partnership with Google, Google kicks their attack links around the globe, in front of 8 Billion people, forever. Google locks the attack articles of its enemies on the front top search results of Google search results forever, on purpose! That is why Google is being terminated in the largest, most well resourced anti-corruption public service take-down in history!

Trump's 2019 budget request also eliminates the Advanced Research Projects Agencyâ Energy (ARPA-E) which has provided millions of Obama campaign financier kick-back dollars ([http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/step/ARPA-E\\_Evaluation/index.htm](http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/step/ARPA-E_Evaluation/index.htm)) for monopolistic crony Silicon Valley insider scams.

Finally, Trump's budget massively cuts the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Vehicle Technologies Office at DOE by \$238 million, or 78 percent compared to 2017 current levels. The office funds DNC programs via covert "conduits" by only giving cash and resources to Obama's and Clinton's insiders and sabotaging and rejecting any competitors to Obama's and Clinton's insiders.

At EPA, Trump wants to cut several programs that and cash to Obama's and Clinton's insiders and that sabotage and reject any competitors to Obama's and Clinton's insiders.

Trump is cutting off the payola programs which allowed the FBI-raided Solyndra to be such an epic and corrupt failure. FBI Director James Comey found that Solyndra led straight back to the Obama White House and then Comey hid the investigation results. This was one of the things that got Comey *fired for corruption*.

The budget would also eliminate numerous programs where EPA (<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-02/documents/fy-2019-epa-bib.pdf>) partners with crooked Silicon Valley campaign financier businesses or dirty California state and local governments to keep Senators hidden family trusts, covert stock market schemes and off-shore accounts well stocked.

Trump also wants to whack by 75 percent the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act program that provides taxpayer money for Obama campaign financiers only in their regions.

By gutting the filthiest corrupt clean vehicle programs, The Trump administration is draining the Swamp that is threatening to cripple America. The American auto industry has been successfully revving its engines of innovation, making cleaner and more efficient vehicles under tighter fuel economy and emissions standards. Not only do they help keep our air clean, they drive the kind of advanced manufacturing that U.S. automakers need to remain competitive in the future. Trump's budget cuts and efforts to rollback rigged standards are the true danger to the Silicon Valley Oligarchs crime syndicate.

America seems to be deleted to see President Trump finally cut-off the Pelosi-Feinstein-Google-Musk crimes from past Obama criminality.

## **New evidence of nuclear fuel releases from Fukushima show damage could be global and permanent**

### **University of Manchester**

Credit: University of Manchester

Uranium and other radioactive materials, such as caesium and technetium, have been found in tiny particles released from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactors.

This could mean the environmental impact from the fallout may last much longer than previously expected according to a new study by a team of international researchers, including scientists from The University of Manchester.

The team says that, for the first time, the fallout of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactor fuel debris into the surrounding environment has been "explicitly revealed" by the study.

The scientists have been looking at extremely small pieces of debris, known as micro-particles, which were released into the environment during the initial disaster in 2011. The researchers discovered uranium from nuclear fuel embedded in or associated with caesium-rich micro particles that were emitted from the plant's reactors during the meltdowns. The particles found measure just five micrometres or less; approximately 20 times smaller than the width of a human hair. The size of the particles means humans could inhale them.

The reactor debris fragments were found inside the nuclear exclusion zone, in paddy soils and at an abandoned aquaculture centre, located several kilometres from the nuclear plant.

Credit: University of Manchester

It was previously thought that only volatile, gaseous radionuclides such as caesium and iodine were released from the damaged reactors. Now it is becoming clear that small, solid particles were also emitted, and that some of these particles contain very long-lived radionuclides; for example, uranium has a half-life of billions of years.

Dr. Gareth Law, Senior Lecturer in Analytical Radiochemistry at The University of Manchester and an author on the paper, says: "Our research strongly suggests there is a need for further detailed investigation on Fukushima fuel debris, inside, and potentially outside the nuclear exclusion zone. Whilst it is extremely difficult to get samples from such an inhospitable environment, further work will enhance our understanding of the long-term behaviour of the fuel debris nano-particles and their impact."

The Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) is currently responsible for the clean-up and decommissioning process at the Fukushima Daiichi site and in the surrounding exclusion zone. Dr. Satoshi Utsunomiya, Associate Professor at Kyushu University (Japan) led the study. He highlights that: "Having better knowledge of the released microparticles is also vitally important as it provides much needed data on the status of the melted nuclear fuels in the damaged reactors. This will provide extremely useful information for TEPCO's

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decommissioning strategy."

At present, chemical data on the fuel debris located within the damaged nuclear reactors is impossible to get due to the high levels of radiation. The microparticles found by the international team of researchers will provide vital clues on the decommissioning challenges that lie ahead.

**Explore further:** Melted nuclear fuel seen inside second Fukushima reactor

**More information:** Asumi Ochiai et al. Uranium Dioxides and Debris Fragments Released to the Environment with Cesium-Rich Microparticles from the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant, *Environmental Science & Technology* (2018). DOI: [10.1021/acs.est.7b06309](https://doi.org/10.1021/acs.est.7b06309)

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## **Nissan boss Ghosn arrested in Japan for financial corruption**

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Carlos Ghosn, chairman and CEO of the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance, attends a press conference on the second press day of the Paris auto show, in Paris, France, on October 3, 2018. (Photo by Reuters)

**Nissan Motor Co Chairman Carlos Ghosn has been arrested for alleged financial misconduct and will be fired from the board this week, a dramatic fall for a charismatic leader hailed for rescuing the Japanese carmaker from close to bankruptcy.**

Ghosn is also chairman and chief executive of Nissan's French partner Renault and one of the best known figures in the global car industry, and his departure will raise questions about the future of the alliance.

Nissan said that an internal investigation, triggered by a tip-off from a whistleblower revealed Ghosn engaged in wrongdoing, including personal use of company money and under-reporting for years how much he was earning.

Nissan CEO Hiroto Saikawa said too much power had been concentrated on Ghosn, a rare foreign executive who enjoyed corporate superstar status in Japan for reviving the ailing Japanese brand.

"Looking back, the concentration of power was something we need to deeply reflect on," he said, confirming the arrest of Ghosn in Japan.

Saikawa said he could not give specifics on the personal use of company money, but said that the wrongdoing was serious and unacceptable and had gone on for years. Ghosn could not be reached for comment.

"To have so greatly violated the trust of many, I feel full of disappointment and regret," Saikawa told a news conference.

"It is very difficult to express this.... It's not just disappointment, but a stronger feeling of outrage, and for me, despondency."

French President Emmanuel Macron said the government, the French carmaker's top shareholder, will be vigilant about Renault and its alliance with Nissan.

Saikawa said he would propose at a board meeting on Thursday to remove Ghosn and Representative Director Greg Kelly.





Nissan President and Chief Executive Officer Hiroto Saikawa speaks during a news conference after Japanese media reported that Nissan Chairman Carlos Ghosn will be arrested on suspicion of under-reporting his salary, at the company headquarters in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, Japan, on November 19, 2018. (Photo by Reuters)

Kelly could also not be reached for comment.

Renault shares tumbled 11 percent in Paris to be among the worst performing stocks in Europe. Nissan's German-listed securities plunged 10 percent.

### **Cutting costs**

Known as "Le Cost Killer" for overseeing turnarounds, including cuts at Renault, Ghosn has remained popular in Japan despite the massive job cuts that he brought and recent controversy over his lucrative pay package.

Japanese media reported that Ghosn had reported around 10 billion yen worth of annual compensation as around 5 billion yen for several years.

Ousting Ghosn, 64, is bound to raise questions about an alliance that he personally shaped and had pledged to consolidate with a deeper tie-up, before eventually stepping back from its operational leadership.

"The initial share price reaction shows how pivotal he is," Citi analyst Raghav Gupta-Chaudhary said on Monday.

The current alliance structure has long undervalued Nissan shares held indirectly by Renault investors, he added.

â Ghosn is viewed as critical for value unlock.â

Renault owns 43.4 percent of Nissan, while Nissan owns 15 percent of Renault, with no voting rights in a partnership that began in 1999. Since 2016, Nissan has held a 34 percent controlling stake in its smaller Japanese rival, Mitsubishi.

### **Governance in question**

Nissan boss Ghosn arrested in Japan for financial corruption

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The news is likely to raise questions about Nissan's accountability at a time when Japan has been pushing companies for better governance.

"The problem of governance was significant," Saikawa said.

The Asahi newspaper reported on its website that prosecutors had begun searching the offices of Nissan's headquarters and other locations on Monday evening.

Spokesmen for Renault and the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Motors alliance did not immediately return calls and messages seeking comment on the arrest reports.

Brazilian-born, of Lebanese descent and a French citizen, Ghosn began his career at Michelin in France, moving on to Renault. He joined Nissan in 1999 after Renault bought a controlling stake and became its CEO in 2001. Ghosn remained in that post till last year.

In June, Renault shareholders approved Ghosn's 7.4 million euro (\$8.45 million) compensation for 2017. In addition to this, he received 9.2 million euros in his final year as Nissan chief executive.

(Source: Reuters)

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## **Noam Chomsky: â Israeli Intervention In U.S. Elections Vastly Overwhelms Anything The Russians May Have Doneâ**

**While Noam Chomsky may not be a proponent of what's been dubbed Russiagate - although he does not deny vehemently Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. election - most of the American public disagrees with him.**

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### **Damir Mujezinovic**

World-renowned linguist, philosopher, cognitive scientist, and political activist, Noam Chomsky, recently spoke to *Democracy Now*. Media manipulation in the Trump era was the main topic of the conversation between Chomsky and the showâ s host, Amy Goodman.

The mainstream media, Chomsky argued, keeps missing the real stories amid Russiagate hysteria. The most destructive of all Trumpâ s policies, are his policies on climate change, which Chomsky considers to be an existential threat humanity has to face, instead of ignoring. Yet, the media chooses to focus on Russian election meddling. According to the famous intellectual, in most of the world, Russian election meddling is â almost a joke.â

Whoever is interested in foreign interference in American democracy should look to other states, instead of pointing fingers at Russia.

â First of all, if youâ re interested in foreign interference in our elections, whatever the Russians may have done barely counts or weighs in the balance as compared with what another state does, openly, brazenly and with enormous support.â

The other state Chomsky is referring to went as far as having its Prime Minister address the U.S. Congress. The state Chomsky is referring to is one of Americaâ s closest allies, Israel.

â Israeli intervention in U.S. elections vastly overwhelms anything the Russians may have done, I mean, even to the point where the prime minister of Israel, Netanyahu, goes directly to Congress, without even informing the president, and speaks to Congress, with overwhelming applause, to try to undermine the presidentâ s policiesâ what happened with Obama and Netanyahu in 2015.â

Unlike Putin, Netanyahu gave an address to the joint sessions of Congress, in an attempt to reverse U.S. policy, and that, the famous social critic claims, is merely just the tip of the iceberg, â a tiny bit of this overwhelming influenceâ Israel has on the United States.

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Recently, as the *Business Insider* noted, one of the most influential intellectuals of our time called Donald Trump a â distraction,â meant to produce scandals, as the Republican party continues implementing â savage programsâ meant to cater to the rich and powerful.

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While Noam Chomsky may not be a proponent of whatâ s been dubbed Russiagate â although he does not deny vehemently Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. election â most of the American public disagrees with him.

According to a recently published *NBCâ Wall Street Journal* poll, 65 percent of American voters believe the Russian government interfered in the 2016 election, and 41 percent think the interference affected the outcome of the election. Furthermore, 30 percent believe Hillary Clinton would have won if not for the Russian meddling.

As *NBC News* noted, 49 percent of Democrats, and nine percent of Democrats view special counsel Robert Mueller positively. However, 46 percent of all voters believe Muellerâ s investigation into Russian election meddling should continue.

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The documents outlining [Michael Flynn's guilty plea](#) in the Trump-Russia investigation do not allege collusion or conspiracy between the Trump campaign and Russia to influence the 2016 election. They do, however, suggest that the Obama Justice Department was intensely interested in Flynn's discussions with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak about policy issues â [sanctions against Russia](#), a United Nations resolution on Israel â during the presidential transition, when Barack Obama was still in the White House and Donald Trump was preparing to take office.

At the time, top Justice officials suspected Flynn of [violating the Logan Act](#), the 218-year-old law under which no one has ever been prosecuted, that prohibits private citizens from acting on behalf of the United States in disputes with foreign governments. Starting in the summer of 2016 and intensifying in the transition

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period, the Logan Act, while mostly unknown to the general public, became a hot topic of conversation among some Democrats. A number of lawmakers, former officials, and commentators called on the Obama administration to investigate the Trump team for a possible Logan Act violations â and to do it while Democrats still controlled the executive branch.

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At the same time, inside the Obama Justice Department, it appears the Logan Act became a paramount concern among some key officials in the critical weeks of December 2016 and January 2017. Former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates has told Congress that the Logan Act was the first reason she intervened in the Flynn case â the reason FBI agents were sent to the White House to interview Flynn in the Trump administration's early days. It was that interview, held on Jan. 24, 2017, that ultimately led to Flynn's guilty plea.

In short, there's no doubt the Logan Act, a law dismissed as a joke or an archaic irrelevancy or simply unconstitutional by many legal experts, played a central role in the Obama administration's aggressive and enormously consequential investigation of its successor.

Democrats began accusing Trump of Logan Act violations in the summer of 2016, immediately after the Republican convention, when Trump sarcastically invited Russia to produce the 30,000-plus emails that Hillary Clinton deleted rather than turn over to investigators. "Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing," Trump said during a July 27 news conference. "I think that you will probably be rewarded mightily by our press â let's see if that happens, that'll be nice."

The next day, Tom Vilsack, Obama's secretary of agriculture and on Hillary Clinton's vice presidential short list, accused Trump of violating the Logan Act. "That's a no-no, you can't do that," Vilsack said. "That's not legal."

Following Vilsack was Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill. "I believe it violates the Logan Act," McCaskill said, "and I think he should be investigated for that."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called Trump's statement "a treasonous act." Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid said it "borders on treason."

Harvard Law professor Laurence Tribe weighed in the next day. "The Logan Act, which was enacted back in 1799 and fundamentally says that you cannot engage in negotiations with a foreign power," Tribe told MSNBC's Lawrence O'Donnell. "It hasn't been used, but that's because we haven't had very many Donald Trumps, thank God, in our history. I think he's violated that act."

On Aug. 3, two more Democratic senators, Chris Coons and Sheldon Whitehouse, called for a hearing on Trump and the Logan Act. "Mr. Trump's comments implicate U.S. criminal laws prohibiting engagement with foreign governments that threaten the country's interests, including the Logan Act and the Espionage Act," they wrote.

On Aug. 9, Democratic Reps. Patrick Murphy, Andre Carson, and Eric Swalwell called for a House hearing to examine whether Trump violated the Logan Act, among other statutes.

In September, Rep. John Conyers, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, asked the FBI's then-director, James Comey, whether the bureau was investigating Trump for a possible violation of the Logan Act. Comey declined to answer.

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At that same hearing, another Democrat, Rep. Ted Deutch, asked Comey about reports that sometime Trump foreign policy advisory board member Carter Page traveled to Moscow in July 2016. "If an American citizen, Director Comey, conducted meetings with a Russian individual who has been sanctioned by the United States about potential weakening of U.S. sanctions policy, in violation of the Logan Act, would the FBI investigate?" Deutch asked.

"I don't think it's appropriate to answer that," Comey responded.

There wasn't much public discussion of the Logan Act in October and November, as the campaign reached its final weeks and the political world dealt with the shock of Trump's victory. The subject re-emerged in December as Democrats, stunned and angry, watched Trump prepare for the presidency â and prepare to undo many of Obama's policies.

On Dec. 8, Democratic Rep. Jared Huffman introduced the "One President at a Time Act of 2016." The bill would have amended the Logan Act to specify that a president-elect, or anyone acting on a president-elect's behalf, was specifically subject to its restrictions. The bill "just makes it explicitly clear that the president-elect is just like every other private citizen during the transition period," Huffmann told MSNBC's O'Donnell. "They can't go around purporting to conduct U.S. foreign policy."

On Dec. 20, Reps. Conyers and Sheila Jackson Lee asked the Justice Department to investigate Trump for a possible violation of the Logan Act.

On Dec. 22, former Obama State Department official Wendy Sherman told MSNBC that Trump's actions on a UN resolution concerning Israeli settlements implicated the Logan Act. "People have said to me today it crosses the line of the Logan Act," Sherman said. "We have one president at a time. And Donald Trump is really playing with fire."

On the day Sherman appeared, Flynn spoke on the phone with Kislyak about that pending U.N. resolution concerning Israeli settlements. "Flynn informed the Russian ambassador about the incoming administration's opposition to the resolution, and requested that Russia vote against or delay the resolution," said the "Statement of the Offense," the Mueller document released with Flynn's guilty plea. The next day, Dec. 23, the two men spoke again and Kislyak informed Flynn that Russia would not do as the Trump team requested.

A few days later, on Dec. 29, Flynn and Kislyak spoke again, according to the Mueller statement. This time the subject was the new sanctions Obama imposed on Russia in retaliation for election meddling. Flynn "requested that Russia not escalate the situation and only respond to the U.S. sanctions in a reciprocal manner."

Two days later, on Dec. 31, Kislyak called Flynn to say that "Russia had chosen not to retaliate in response to Flynn's request."

U.S. intelligence agencies recorded the calls; Kislyak was the subject of American monitoring, so a wiretap on him on these occasions picked up Flynn, too. It appears Obama administration officials immediately saw the Flynn-Kislyak conversations as a possible Logan Act violation. They knew, of course, that given the history of the law, a Logan Act prosecution was a virtual impossibility. They knew that many foreign policy experts would see such contacts between an incoming administration and a foreign power as an acceptable and normal course of business in a presidential transition. Nevertheless, approaching the Flynn-Kislyak talks in the context of a criminal violation â the Logan Act â gave the Obama team a pretense to target Flynn, and thus the new Trump administration.

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A critical moment came two weeks later, on Jan. 12, 2017, when the Washington Post's David Ignatius reported the Flynn-Kislyak calls. Ignatius said his source was a "senior U.S. government official." "What did Flynn say, and did it undercut the U.S. sanctions?" Ignatius asked. "The Logan Act (though never enforced) bars U.S. citizens from correspondence intending to influence a foreign government about 'disputes' with the United States."

It was a stunning leak; the existence and content of U.S. spy intercepts are highly, highly classified. But the Obama administration let the information out.

Ignatius' report set off a new round of media discussion about the Logan Act. That led to more action on Capitol Hill. On the same day Ignatius' column appeared, Rep. Huffman, author of the "One President at a Time Act of 2016," joined 34 other House Democrats to urge Attorney General Loretta Lynch to appoint a special counsel to investigate whether Flynn violated the Logan Act. "Our national interests require that the Logan Act be enforced, especially during the delicate and potentially vulnerable period of a presidential transition," Huffman and his colleagues wrote.

The conversation only intensified in the following days. The Logan Act was central to that conversation â in the media, and inside the Obama Justice Department.

On Jan. 24, with the new administration in office just four days, FBI agents interviewed Flynn in the White House. They questioned him about the Kislyak calls, about sanctions, about the U.N. resolution. FBI officials had a transcript of the original conversations to check Flynn's answers against, and the criminal charge against him today stems from the discrepancy between his answers and the transcript. (One of the mysteries of the whole affair is why Flynn would lie about a conversation that he, as a former top intelligence official, should have known was being recorded.)

But why did the Justice Department, run by Obama holdover Sally Yates, decide to interrogate Flynn in the first place? The answer is the Logan Act.

"Yates, then the deputy attorney general, considered Flynn's comments in the intercepted call to be 'highly significant' and 'potentially illegal,' according to an official familiar with her thinking," the Washington Post reported on Feb. 13. "Yates and other intelligence officials suspected that Flynn could be in violation of an obscure U.S. statute known as the Logan Act, which bars U.S. citizens from interfering in diplomatic disputes with another country."

In its version of the story, the New York Times reported that "Obama advisers" were concerned about the Flynn-Kislyak calls. "The Obama advisers grew suspicious that there had been a secret deal between the incoming [Trump] team and Moscow, which could violate the rarely enforced, two-century-old Logan Act barring private citizens from negotiating with foreign powers in disputes with the United States," the paper reported. The paper added that the Obama advisers asked the FBI if Flynn and Kislyak had discussed a quid pro quo, only to learn the answer was no.

So even though there was no discussion of a quid pro quo, and even though, as reported in the Post account, Yates knew there was "little chance" of actually bringing a Logan Act prosecution against Flynn â despite all that, Yates went ahead with the questioning of Flynn. And two days after that, Yates, along with an aide, went to the White House to tell counsel Don McGahn that there was a legal problem with the national security adviser.

Yates described the events in testimony before a Senate Judiciary Committee subcommittee on May 8, 2017. She told lawmakers that the Logan Act was the first concern she mentioned to McGahn.

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"The first thing we did was to explain to Mr. McGahn that the underlying conduct that Gen. Flynn had engaged in was problematic in and of itself," Yates said. That seems a clear reference to the Logan Act, although no one uttered the words "Logan Act" in the hearing at which Yates testified. "We took him [McGahn] through in a fair amount of detail of the underlying conduct, what Gen. Flynn had done."

Yates and the aide returned to the White House the next day, Jan. 27, for another talk with McGahn. McGahn asked Yates "about the applicability of certain statutes, certain criminal statutes," Yates testified. That led Sen. Chris Coons, who had called for an investigation of the Trump team for Logan Act violations months before, to ask Yates what the applicable statutes would be.

"If I identified the statute, then that would be insight into what the conduct was," Yates answered. "And look, I'm not trying to be hyper-technical here. I'm trying to be really careful that I observe my responsibilities to protect classified information. And so I can't identify the statute."

While Yates became reticent in the witness chair, the public nevertheless knows from that "official familiar with her thinking" that Yates believed Flynn might have violated the Logan Act, a suspicion she shared with other Obama administration officials.

As for another concern that Yates said she had over the Flynn-Kislyak conversations â the worry that Flynn's lie to Vice President Mike Pence (that sanctions were not discussed on the call) would open Flynn up to possible blackmail â perhaps that is a legitimate concern, but why did it warrant FBI questioning of Flynn under the penalty of prosecution for making false statements? Certainly Yates could have warned the White House about that without interrogating Flynn at all.

Instead, it was the prospect of a Logan Act prosecution that led to the FBI interview, which then, when Flynn lied to investigators, led to his guilty plea on a false statements charge.

From today's perspective, nearly a year later, it has become apparent that, farfetched as it might seem, the Logan Act made it possible for the Obama administration to go after Trump. The ancient law that no one has ever been prosecuted for violating was the Obama administration's flimsy pretense for a criminal prosecution of the incoming Trump team.

And by the way, when it finally came time to charge Flynn with a crime, did prosecutors, armed with the transcripts of those Flynn-Kislyak conversations, choose to charge him with violating the Logan Act? Of course not. But for the Obama team, the law had already served its purpose, months earlier, to entangle the new administration in a criminal investigation as soon as it walked in the door of the White House.

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Crony Capitalism - The Real Cause Of Society's Problems



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*Submitted by Richard Ebeling via EpicTimes.com.*

Since the economic downturn of 2008, the critics of capitalism have redoubled their efforts to persuade the American people and many others around the world that the system of individual freedom and free enterprise has failed.

These critics have insisted that it is unbridled capitalism, set loose on the world, which is the source of all of our personal and society misfortunes. We hear and read this not only in the popular news media and out of the mouths of the political pundits. We see it also in the election of a radical socialist to the leadership of the British Labor party, and a self-proclaimed â democratic socialistâ riding high in the public opinion polls for the Democratic Partyâ s nomination to the U.S. presidency.

The first observation to make is that many if not most of the social and economic misfortunes that are most frequently talked about are not the product of a â failedâ free enterprise. The reason for this is that a consistently practiced free enterprise system no longer exists in the United States.

## **The Heavy Hand of Regulation**



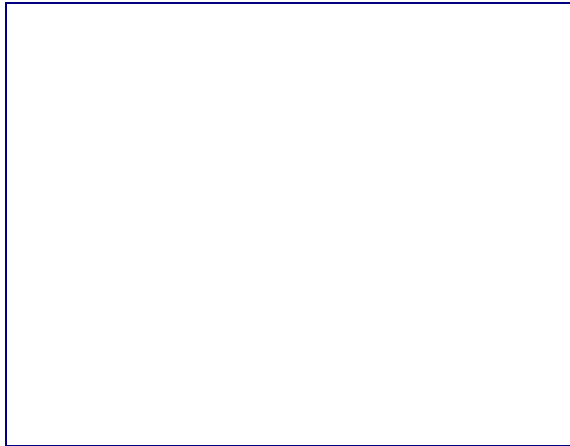
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What we live under is a heavily regulated, managed and controlled interventionist-welfare state. The over 80,000 pages of the Federal Register, the volume that specifies and enumerates all the Federal regulations that are imposed on and to which all American businesses are expected to comply, is just one manifestation of the extent to which government has weaved a spiderâ s web of commands over the business community.

The Small Business Administration has estimated that compliance costs imposed on American enterprise by this mountain of regulations maybe upwards of \$2 trillion a year.

At the same time, the tangled web of corrupt government-private sector relationships is also reflected in the size and cost of special interest lobbying activities connected with the Federal government.

According to the non-partisan Center for Responsive Government, in 2014 there were almost 12,000 registered lobbyists working in Washington, D.C. Their job is to influence the writing of legislation that serve special interest groups attempting to obtain sectorial tax breaks, anti-competitive regulations or market restrictions, redistributions of wealth, or taxpayer funded subsidies and protections from the realities of free market competition and trade, or to advance various ideologically motivated â causes.â



### **Spending Big Money to Plunder Others**

The Center for Responsive Government, which tracks who lobbies and for what purposes and causes through the targeting of specific holders of or contenders for Federal elected office, including the Presidency and both Houses of the U.S. Congress, estimated that in 2014 lobbyists spent nearly \$3.25 billion in the pursuit of privileges for some at the expense of others in society.

Just alone in 2013-2014, over \$500 million dollars was spent on lobbying activity by the financial, insurance, and real estate sectors. Ideological and single-issue groups spent more than \$352 million. Lawyers and lobbyists spent \$151.5 million; health industry companies spent \$142 million; and labor unions â investedâ \$140.6 million on lobbying.

Communications and electronic companies spent \$116 million; energy and natural resource sector, \$115 million; agribusiness, \$77 million; construction companies, \$67.7 million; transportation firms, \$61 million, and defense companies, \$25.4 million.

Based on the Senate Office of Public Records, the Center for Responsive Government calculates that lobbyists spent close to \$41 billion on lobbying activities over the last 15 years, since the beginning of the twenty-first century.

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These billions of special interest-serving dollars have influenced and affected the spending of trillions of dollars of Federal government expenditures over the same decade and a half. The lobbyists work with and use those who hold high political office so the special interest and ideological groups who employ them can plunder many others in American society; they can be viewed as among the most successful enterprisers in the country.

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But the symbiotic relationship between politicians and special interest groups of all types does not begin or end with the formal lobbying for legislative, regulatory and fiscal privileges and favors in the halls of Congress and the White House in Washington, D.C.

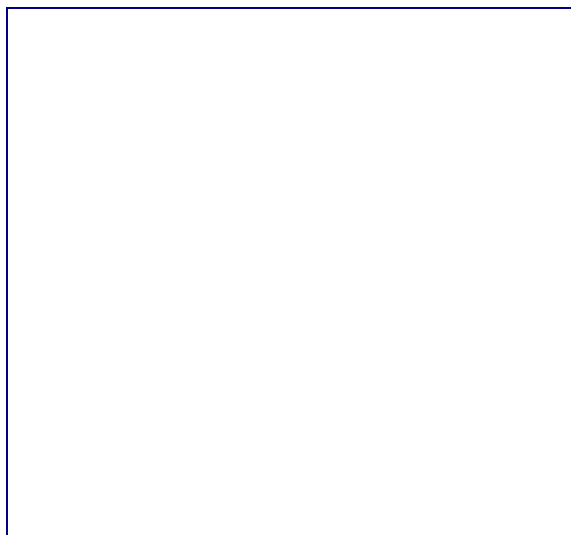
It goes on all year round all over the country in the form of campaign and electioneering contributions to get those elected or reelected who can be depended upon to direct the powers of government in ways that interest groups and ideological activists desire and from which they hope to benefit.

Again according to the Center for Responsive Politics, in 2013-2014, individuals and PACS donated over \$1.6 billion to 1,671 candidates of both major political parties running for office in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Democratic Party candidates received \$736 million, while Republican Party candidates received \$901.5 million.

While it may seem unseemly to suggest such a thing, these amounts for legislative lobbying and campaign funding, of course, do not include more millions of dollars that grease the palms of those in political power or who want to be in those lofty positions that represent funding that are outside the official channels in the form of â gifts,â travel junkets, off-the-books expense accounts, and out-and-out bribes of one type or another.

The real world of corrupted and corrupting crony capitalism includes more than lobbying expenditures and campaign contributions to have ringside seats in the halls of political plunderland.

The media has been in a frenzy with the revelations that the Volkswagen automobile company manipulated information about emission standards on its diesel vehicles to deceive environmental regulators in both the United States and Europe. This is being portrayed by many in the media as another example and â proofâ of the consequences of unbridled capitalism, when left outside of sufficiently tight and demanding government regulation and intense oversight.



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### Government Partnerships and the Volkswagen Scandal

However, a closer look shows that this is, instead, another example of the result arising from government, business and labor union â partnerships.â In Germany, labor union representatives sit on the executive boards of large companies and corporations that work closely with various levels of the German government to attain political and â socialâ goals and objectives very different and separate from what a truly free market company does in pursuing peaceful and honest profits in the service of consumer demand on open, competitive markets.

On September 25, 2015, *The New York Times* quoted a former Volkswagen executive who said:

*â Thereâ s no other company where the owners and the unions are working so closely together as Volkswagen. [Volkswagen] guarantees jobs for over half the supervisory board. What management, the government and the unions all want is full employment, and the more jobs, the better. Volkswagen is seen as having a national mission to provide employment to the German people. Thatâ s behind the push to be No. 1 in the world. Theyâ ll look the other way about anything.â*

In such a politicized market economy, working for and serving â nationalâ and â socialâ interests become the guiding principle of business decision-making. Not only does it lead to wasteful and inefficient economic business operations having less or sometimes nothing to do with cost-effective management and allocation of labor and resources to make better, newer and less expensive products, it also corrupts the individuals participating in these activities.

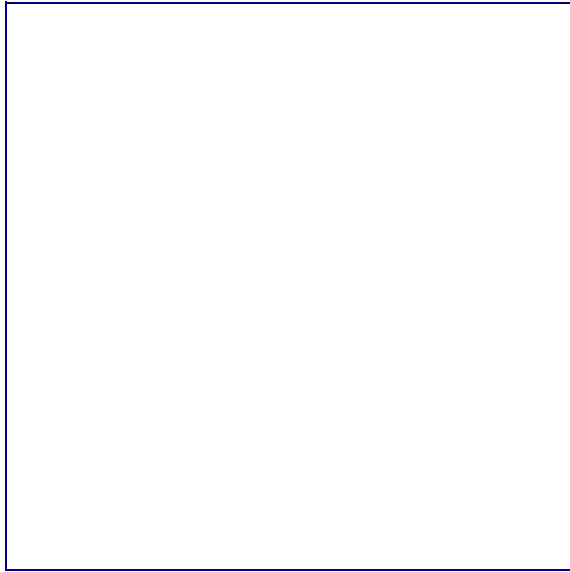
Breaking one or more regulatory standards imposed by government on these enterprises is merely one way of â doing businessâ to advance other political goals such as â jobsâ and â full employmentâ that are expected as part of the â partnershipsâ with local and national-level politicians and labor union leaders.

The only thing expected from the business enterprises in these intricate political webs is: Donâ t get caught. If you do, then your political partners become like Captain Renault, the prefect of police in the 1942 movie â Casablanca.â When Renault orders the closing of Rickâ s CafÃ©, the owner asks him on what grounds. Renault declares that he is â shocked, shockedâ to discover that there is gambling going on in the cafÃ©. At which point the roulette coupÃ© appears with a stack of franc banknotes in his hand and says to Renault, â Your winnings, Sir.â

Volkswagen got caught, and will pay handsomely in financial and other penalties that will, no doubt, be imposed by the U.S. and European governments. And all the time, Volkswagenâ s political partners, especially in Germany, who fostered and worked with the company to play its part in the â gameâ of government interventionism that has nothing to do with market-oriented enterprise, will sanctimoniously condemn the greedy and â selfishâ conduct of profit-hungry businessmen.

What all these examples and facts about lobbying activities, campaign funding and government-business partnerships highlight is the pervasive extent to which â capitalismâ as it now exists in the United States or Europe â or in fact all other parts of the world â has nothing to do with free market, laissez-faire capitalism.

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### **Corrupting Hand of the Interventionist State**

The Austrian economist, Ludwig von Mises, described this twisted, corrupted, and politicized capitalism over 80 years ago, in 1932, in an essay on â The Myth of the Failure of Capitalism,â published shortly before the coming of Hitler and the Nazi movement to power:

*â In the interventionist state it is no longer of crucial importance for the success of an enterprise that the business should be managed in a way that it satisfies the demands of consumers in the best and least costly manner.*

*â It is far more important that one has â good relationshipsâ with the political authorities so that the interventions work to the advantage and not the disadvantage of the enterprise. A few marksâ more tariff protection for the products of the enterprise and a few marksâ less tariff for the raw materials used in the manufacturing process can be of far more benefit to the enterprise than the greatest care in managing the business.*

*â No matter how well an enterprise may be managed, it will fail if it does not know how to protect its interests in the drawing up of the custom rates, in the negotiations before the arbitration boards, and with the cartel authorities. To have â connectionsâ becomes more important than to produce well and cheaply.*

*â So the leadership positions within the enterprises are no longer achieved by men who understand how to organize companies and to direct production in the way the market situation demands, but by men who are well thought of â aboveâ and â below,â men who understand how to get along well with the press and all the political parties, especially with the radicals, so that they and their company give no offense. It is that class of general directors that negotiate far more often with state functionaries and party leaders than with those from whom they buy or to whom they sell.*

*â Since it is a question of obtaining political favors for these enterprises, their directors must repay the politicians with favors. In recent years, there have been relatively few large enterprises that have not had to spend very considerable sums for various undertakings in spite of it being clear from the start that they would yield no profit. But in spite of the expected loss it had to be done for political reasons. Let us not even mention contributions for*

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*purposes unrelated to business â for campaign funds, public welfare organizations, and the like.*

*â Forces are becoming more and more generally accepted that aim at making the direction of large banks, industrial concerns, and stock corporations independent of the shareholders . . . The directors of large enterprises nowadays no longer think they need to give consideration to the interests of the shareholders, since they feel themselves thoroughly supported by the state and that they have interventionist public opinion behind them.*

*â In those countries in which statism has most fully gained control . . . they manage the affairs of their corporations with about as little concern for the firmâ s profitability as do the directors of public enterprises. The result is ruin.*

*â The theory that has been cobbled together says that these enterprises are too big to allow them to be managed simply in terms of their profitability. This is an extraordinarily convenient idea, considering that renouncing profitability in the management of the company leads to the enterpriseâ s insolvency. It is fortunate for those involved that the same theory then demands state intervention and support for those enterprises that are viewed as being too big to be allowed to go under . . .*

*â The crisis from which the world is suffering today is the crisis of interventionism and of national and municipal socialism; in short, it is the crisis of anti-capitalist policies.â*

How different is today, in its essential qualities, from Misesâ description of the interventionist state and government-business â partnershipsâ during those years between the two World Wars?

### **Real Free Markets Mean Privileges for None**

If what we have today is what is widely referred to as â crony capitalism,â then how might we define and explain what a truly free market capitalism would be like? Let me suggest that the following seven points capture the essence of a real free economy:

1. All means of production (land, resources, capital) are privately owned;
2. The use of the means of production is under the control of private owners who may be individuals or corporate entities;
3. Consumer demands determine how the means of production will be used;
4. Competitive forces of supply and demand determine the prices of consumer goods and the various factors of production including wages of workers;
5. The success or failure of individual and corporate enterprises is determined by the profits and losses these enterprises earn in free competition with their rivals in the market place;
6. The free market is not confined to domestic transactions, and includes freedom of international trade;
7. Government is limited in its activities to the enforcement and protection of life, liberty, and honestly acquired property against, violence and fraud.

In a real free market, there is no place for politicians to offer privileges and favors, because there are none to sell. There is no motive or gain for special interest groups to spend huge sums of money in campaign contributions or lobbying expenses, because political benefits for some at othersâ expense cannot be bought.

Wasteful and corrupting â partnershipsâ between government and business enterprises cannot occur because political authority is restrained from any task other than the securing of each individualâ s right to

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his life, liberty, and peacefully acquired property.

As Ludwig von Mises said, the political and economic crises through which the world suffers is not the crisis or failure of the free market. No, it is the crisis and failure of the interventionist-welfare state, and its anti-free market capitalist ideology.

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Here is the story, that you have seen in the news lately, about the group known as: â **The Silicon Valley Cartel, the biggest scam in tech.**â

As an example of one of nearly a hundred attacks on U.S. taxpayers, and voters, by corrupt Senators, and their campaign financiers, take a look at this example case:

*In a case of â awkward timingâ , During the Iraq War, Team-6 was asked, via Congressional invitation and Congressional Commendation (published in the Federal Register by the United States Congress), to develop, for the United States, via the U.S. Department of Energy, the technology requested as the back-up plan, for when, and if, the Middle East went â sidewaysâ . (If you have been reading the news, you will have noticed that has already happened) Team-6 won federal and industry commendations, federal grants, historical patents, federal contracts, industry acclaim U.S. Congressional commendation in the Federal Register, built and demonstrated numerous versions of the technology. The technology is an instant-swap/recharge battery that runs longer than almost any other battery, can use almost any one of over 3000 organic material fuel compositions, it leaves only drinkable water as itâ s waste, needs no new infrastructure and can be created entirely from domestic materials including household kitchen waste. All of the technology is already fully functional, globally, in industrial uses.*

*Not only did the technology work, it has been deployed by competing interests globally in over \$300M worth of contracts. 100% of the technology is in use in the world today.*

*Alas, the technology Team-6 developed was the one technology that, not only, obsoleted the Cartelâ s scam but, in hindsight, exceeded it, by many paradigms in safety, cost, national security, ease-of-distribution, consumer access, consumer price-point, and a vast number of other metrics. The Cartel had taken over the lithium battery industry, which relied entirely on foreign incursions, toxic chemicals and off-shore mining deals, in advance, but nobody told Team-6 before they got roped into building the â lithium-killerâ .*

*This journalist says it best: â With this fuel cell technology, If UPS, FedEx, a natural gas line or a water line, could reach your home, then your home was already set-up to use clean, sustainable energy that you had control over. The Cartel didnâ t like that, because that meant that 3.4 billion consumers could already compete with them. â We couldnâ t have consumers doing things on their own, now could weâ ?â*

*The Cartel politicians, and their campaign backers, went to war over it.*

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*In retribution for assisting federal investigators, and for Team-6 â building a better mousetrapâ , the corrupt billionaires hired Gawker Media and Gizmodo (SEE THIS LINK FOR DESCRIPTION OF THIS GROUP), a â troll farmâ blogging service and â sock puppetsâ , to embed the word â scamâ next to every mention of Team-6 â s name, and staff, on the internet, HR databases and network services, as a character assassination program, in order to seek to terminate income flow, in retribution and revenge for Team-6 helping Congress and law enforcement interdict the political and financial crimes.*

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*Gawker and their Silicon Valley Campaign partners, who own Google, then had Google lock the attack on the front page of Google, refusing to remove it after numerous legally correct requests by lawyers, in order to accelerate the damage to Team 1. The FBI, The San Francisco Police Department, The SEC, The OSC, The GAO, The FTC, The U.S. Senate and other agencyâ s, are now investigating this political and economic retribution attack on Team-6 and active case numbers now exist for this, and related matters, with those agencies. Google, and the coordinating parties, have now been tracked and confirmed, by digital forensics, as fully complicit and now bear the brunt of all loss liabilities to Team-6 . In addition to the recent Sony, Snowden, HSBC and other leaks; forensic IT tracking data; Silicon Valley and Washington DC whistle-blowers ; the sheer volume of the attacks; and their exclusive, IT data metrics confirmed, locked position on Google, prove the point of a coordinated and consciously manipulated attack, thus holding Google, and the related Cartel entities, liable for all losses and damages. In England this is called â hoisted by your own pitardâ . English and French courts are discussing litigation against Google, with this case as one of the example metrics of Googleâ s manual search results manipulation to attack adversaries. Over 400,000 pages of evidence have now been acquired.*

*In short: Team-6 engineered, designed, built, demonstrated, delivered, patented and began marketing technologies that the Cartel either asked to look at, then took, without compensation, or sabotaged because they beat the Cartel technologies. After millions of dollars of federal patent office research, not a single Cartel technology has proven to have preceded Team-6 technologies. In every single case, it has been proven that this Cartel of campaign finance manipulators, asked, in writing to look at Team-6 technology, and then, either: rejected it in writing as â unworkableâ , yet they then copied and sold 100% copies of the â unworkableâ technologies as their own; or, sabotaged the technology to prevent it from affecting their market. Team-6, and other companies, who suffered the same attacks, are seeking fair, equally resourced public federal court & media hearings, to resolve the issues.*

*This was particularly ironic, since some of the Cartel â bad guysâ have now been arrested, indicted and/or placed under FBI investigation for actually running a real embezzlement scam. The FBI Solyndra Raid, the U.S. Senate investigations and 14 other criminal investigations have put severe heat on the corrupt technology investors and politicians who Team-6. Per data exposure from Snowden, Greenwald, etc., Per Snowden/Greenwald/HSBC/Sony leaks, federal investigators have been found to have had every suspect under long-term extensive surveillance and now, their state and federal prosecutions are only a matter of time.*

*Team-6 will, now, always fight the good fight against criminal behaviour, bad ethics and public policy corruption. Their credentials, references, broadcast news videos and past project evidence, clearly counter-measure any of the attack false-hoods presented by those people. The GAO, OMB, FBI, U.S. Treasury, Washington Post, and hundreds of university research groups, calculate the loss, to the United States and the American taxpayer, from these crimes, at well over one trillion dollars of losses.*

â If You Canâ t Trust Gavin With His Best Friendâ s Wife, How Can You Trust Him With Your State?â

**By Dan Epstein**

News flash: Government subsidies and special-interest favors go hand in hand.

The latest example comes from a federal green-energy loan program. Last month, the DC District Court **ruled** that Cause of Action, where I am executive director, can **proceed with a lawsuit** against the Department of Energy. Weâ re suing the federal government for the blatant political favoritism in its \$25 billion â Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Program.â

In principle, this taxpayer-funded program was supposed to support the manufacture of energy-efficient cars. In practice, it rewarded a select few well-connected companies.

Since the program was created in 2008, numerous businesses have applied for its taxpayer-backed financial support. Yet only a small number were approved. Among the lucky few were two electric car manufacturers: **Tesla** and **Fisker**.

Both companiesâ political connections run deep, especially Teslaâ s. The companyâ s founder, Elon Musk, was a **max donor** for President Obama. One of its board members, **Steven Westly**, was appointed to a Department of Energy **advisory board**. And another Obama bundler, Tesla investor and adviser Steven Spinner, **secured employment** in the departmentâ s Loan Program Officeâ the very office that gave the company a taxpayer-backed loan.

Fisker also has friends in high places. The company, which has since **gone bankrupt**, **was backed** by a San Francisco **venture capital firm** whose senior partners **donated millions** to the 2008 Obama campaign and other Democrat causes. **One partner, John Doerr**, parlayed his support into a seat on the Presidentâ s Council of Jobs and Competitiveness.

Such connections can allow a company to exert political pressure to enrich itself. Unsurprisingly, Department of Energy emails show that such pressure was rampant in its loan programs.

Thereâ s no shortage of examples. The departmentâ s leadersâ including then-Secretary of Energy Steven Chuâ repeatedly promised to deliver results to politicians like Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.). **One emails reads**, â DOE has made a political commitmentâ to approve a companyâ s loan. Another says the â pressure is on real heavyâ from none other than Vice President Joe Biden. And still **another shows** an employee asking, â whatâ s another billion anyhow?â

Unsurprisingly, the Obama administration gave Tesla and Fisker preferential treatment, and then some.

The Department of Energy revised its review process in order finish the companiesâ applications faster. The government **gave them extraordinary access** to its staff and facilitiesâ even to the point of having government employees personally walk them through the loan application and approval process. The department ignored its own lending rules in order to approve the companiesâ loans. And it **renegotiated the terms of some loans** after the companies could not keep their original commitments or were experiencing financial difficulties. Tellingly, Fisker has since gone out of business, despite receiving over a billion dollars in loans through this federal program.

Now contrast this preferential treatment with what happened to XP Vehicles and Limnia, neither of which have the same political connections. (My organization is suing the Department of Energy on their behalf). The two companies partnered to manufacture an energy-efficient sport utility vehicle that would have competed

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with Tesla and Fiskerâ s cars. They applied for loans in 2008 and 2009 under the same loan program.

The department refused them bothâ and it used bogus reasons to do so.

For starters, the department made claims that were laughably false. To take one example: It rejected XPVâ s application because **its vehicle was powered by hydrogen**. It was an electric SUV. It also raised objections that it didnâ t raise with other companies whose applications were approved. For instance: The bureaucracy **criticized** the proposed all-electric vehicle for not using a specific type of gasoline. Yet Tesla and Fisker received the loans despite producing similar all-electric cars.

In light of these obvious problems and hypocrisy, both companies presented the Department of Energy with detailed rebuttals. Yet the government failed to respond. To this day, both XPV and Limnia are awaiting a satisfactory reply. In the meantime, **XPV has gone out of business**, unable to compete against its politically connectedâ and subsidizedâ rivals.

This casts the Department of Energyâ s loan program in a new light. It was sold to the American public as a means of promoting energy-efficient vehicles. Instead, it was used to benefit a select few well-connected companies. It was a blatant crony handout, paid for by the U.S. taxpayer.

Sadly, similar examples are widespread in Washington. Thatâ s no surprise considering the feds spend **roughly \$100 billion a year** in taxpayer-funded handouts to businesses. This breeds the sort of government-business collusion Americans think is rampant in Washington. In fact, **over two-thirds of likely voters** think the federal government helps businesses that hire the most lobbyists, shake the right hands, and pad the right pockets. Theyâ re right.

This points to a simple conclusion: Politicians and bureaucrats shouldnâ t use the publicâ s money to pad private companiesâ bottom lines. As the Department of Energyâ s green-vehicle loan program shows, the capacity for corruption is immenseâ and inevitable.

*Epstein is executive director of Cause of Action, a government watchdog.*

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*â This was an organized crime operation, involving state and federal employees, which cost the taxpayers, and American business, a record-breaking amount of losses, as well as massive damage to the public policy process..â â Federal Investigator â GAO/Treasury*

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As one CEO said: â *Of Course, in the Case of Team 1; Elon Musk, John Doerr and Eric Schmidt probably love us more than life itself. It is hard to imagine that they were the people who led the attack in this one particular case we can think of* â |.but who knows, we live in interesting times.â

But, for discussion purposes, letâ s say there were some billionaire politico types who thought your technology was obsoleting their technology and who found that your team kept one-up-ing them. If they go after you, here is what you can do â

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## How Do You Fight Back When Large Corrupt Entities Attack You:

**Your adversaries will hire private investigators known as â Opposition Researchersâ . Regular people call them â hit-menâ . From the famously vindictive Sidney Blumenthal, to the notorious Richard Berman, to unknown college kid junior â hit-menâ in training; when they come for you it will be harsh, massively financed and driven by the madness of power-hungry campaign technology billionaires.**

**Your saving grace, though, will always be this: The â bad guysâ are forced to operate in darkness and stealth, once exposed to the light, they will wither and crawl away. In this new *Age of Transparency*, the ability to shed light on bad guys is more potent than ever! Look to major journalists, social networks and carbon-copy every law enforcement agency, so everyone knows what is going on, and so that no single entity can â stone-wallâ or cover-up.**

## Tips for Tech Companies Under Attack â

1. Cooperate with every law enforcement agency request. Every law enforcement agency will have an interest in terminating felony-grade law-breaking.

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**2.** When they seek to destroy your reputation. Prove them wrong in public. In our case, the volume of great **references** and **broadcast news acclaim**, posted on this site, counters any credibility attacks. They will try to spin the phrase â scamâ or â not credibleâ into their attacks. Prove them wrong with the facts. Offer to meet them in any federal court or live TV debate to prove the facts. If the â bad guysâ are involved in crime, be sure to show those facts in your public debate, so that people consider the source of the attacks. It isnâ t possible to take a considered read of our references and proven deliverable documentation and not realize that any â scamâ attack media/blog clips are fabricated by the attackers. In our case, we have seen law enforcement records and investigator documents proving severe felony-level crimes were engaged in by the people suspected of attacking our Team. We are extremely confident about who will be looking bad when everything is all-said-and-done. In todayâ s total information world, you can hire thousands of services that can track the off-shore tax evasion accounts, escort services, political bribes and illegal PAC groups, kick-backs, insider trading and other criminal actions that any criminal billionaire, that is attacking you is involved in. If you find such information, help the law enforcement people by delivering it to all of them. The level of felony crimes, these kinds of people get involved in, are â felony-grade embezzlement and racketeering mattersâ , according to the FBI. They are going to get in pretty big trouble. In the cases where they used taxpayer money to stage their crimes, they are going to get in Super Big trouble.

**3.** Sue them. There are now contingency law firms who will cover the costs of going after big bad guys in exchange for a percentage of the judgement. For example: Many people, and countries, have now proven that Google rigs itâ s search engines to harm itâ s adversaries. If Google did that to you, the technical proof now exists and you can win in court and get compensated for the damages they caused you.

**4.** Watch out for â molesâ . Crazy rich people have private eyeâ s and ex-employees that they pay to get a job at your company. They pretend that they are helping you, then they sabotage your effort. Consider past jobs that future employees had with your attackers.

**5.** Watch the news coverage for exposes about crimes that your attackers are suspected of being involved in and contact others that were harmed by the attackers. Form a support coalition with others that were damaged by the attackers.

**6.** Read about who does hired character assassinations, and how they do it, at **[THIS LINK](#)** and watch for the early signs of the attacks.

**7.** To understand the process, watch some of the movies about how the bad guys sabotage: Francis Coppolaâ s: **Tucker, A Man and His Dream**; Greg Kinearâ s: **Flash of Genius**, and read some of the history of the â tech take-downsâ at **[THIS LINK](#)** **<http://wp.me/P1EyVm-xH>**

**8.** Stay on the â side of the Angelsâ . Good eventually wins over evil. In this new â Age of Transparencyâ , evil is losing faster than ever.

**9.** As punishment against you, rich political campaign backers will try to have their federal lackeyâ s change the law to hurt you. If you are a tech group, for example, the â bad guysâ , might organize to suddenly try to change the patent laws so that your business is destroyed. When billionaires put bribes in the right pockets, they accomplish sweeping policy change. Donâ t let that happen. Expose the â whoâ and the â whyâ in such tactics.

**10.** Consider Quid-Pro-Quo. In many countries the rule is: â if they do it to you, you have every right to do it back to themâ

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**11.** Watch out for â honey trapsâ in your activities and in on-line sites. Read the Snowden/Greenwald reports on what â Honey Trapsâ are.

**12.** The Bad Guys are usually very involved in politics because they like to control things. In order to control politics they own many stealth tabloid publications where they can order attack stories written about you. Some of these kinds of people own **famous online media tabloids** (ie: Gawker Media Group) and **stock tip publications** which are really just shill operations for their agendas and attacks. Identify these publications and partner with every person, or company, who they have coordinated attacks on in the past. Read about their attacks on inventor Mike Cheiky, Gary D. Conley, Aaron Swartz, Stan Meyer, Preston Tucker **and hundreds of other innovators** ( <http://wp.me/P1EyVm-xH> ) that they wanted â out of the wayâ .

**13.** Certain â special interestsâ own, and control, the content on Google, Reddit, Hearst Publications, Motley Fool and other â publication outletsâ . You will only see glowing reports about the â bad guysâ on those. You will see no negative reports about the â bad guysâ , allowed on those sites, and every bad report about you will be manually up-ranked and locked into the top slot on their page in order to damage you. The down-side for the bad guys, though, is that the internet remembers everything. You can now prove, in court, showing technical and historical metric data, that they intentionally locked and damaged you and you can get compensated for the damages.

**14.** Every single troll blog comment, every pseudo attack article about you, everything is already tracked back to the actual author. The NSA have done it, that is well known. NO amount of TOR, or VPN on top of VPN or stealthing software can hide a troll attacker any more. What is only now becoming known is that the official, and also the independent hacker, Chinese and Russian spies have got almost all of that information too. Hackers have broken into Sony, The White House, All of Target, All of the Federal Employee Records, everything. In a court case you can now, legally, subpoena NSA records to sue the attackers. Others, hearing of your filed case, may just show up and give you the information. Attackers cannot hide behind anonymity any more. Those who were blogging that you â *sleep with goats*â and â *eat unborn children*â can now be found out and dealt with.

**15.** Do you have on-line stores and paypal or credit card accounts that take payments at those stores? Trying to make a little cash on the side? Confused about why you never get any orders? The attackers have DNS-re-routed your stores and payment certificates, spoofed your sites and turned off all of your income potential from those on-line options in order to damage your economic potential. Illegal? Yes. Happening to people every day? Yes. Get professional IT services to document the spoofs, and re-routes, and sue the operators of those tactics that are attacking your revenue stream.

**16.** It costs \$50,000.00 to bribe a Senator. Some of these tech billionaires earn that much in 3 minutes. Beware of your Senator. Senators take stock options in tech companies as bribes, watch for linkages. See the **60 Minutes** Episode called: **Congress Trading On Insider Information.**

**17.** Want a job? Forget about it! The bad guys went into Axciom, Oracle, SAP, and all of the Human Resources and Recruiter databases, and put â red flag noticesâ on your profile. You will get some great first interviews, but when they run your back-ground check, you will never hear back from that interviewer again. You got â HR Black-listedâ , in retribution, for accidentally bothering a campaign billionaire. Hire an HR service to look and print out your false â red flagâ HR data-base inserts and use those as evidence in your lawsuit.

**18.** (This one, submitted by a Washington Post reporter): They will anonymously put all of your email addresses on blacklists, and watch-lists, so that you canâ t use services like craigslist, cafe press, zazzle or other on-line services to make money. If you try to open any accounts on those services, you either wonâ t be able to create an account or, you will get an account, but all of your orders will get â spoofedâ into

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oblivion so you canâ t make any money. The attackers believe that by causing you as much economic hard-ship as possible, they can get retribution for what-ever they have perceived that you have done to offend them. Again, use an IT forensic services group to get the data to show this is happening, trace it, and sue the perpetrators.

19. Their actions provide the proof. When you look out on the internet and add up the pronouncements of â scamâ , â sleeping with goatsâ , etc. The volume of attack items proves that no mere mortal, or company, could have acquired that much media unless it was placed there by very wealthy parties. Everyone now knows that the web is controlled. The volume of attacks can often prove that those attacks are fabricated. Additionally, IP Trace Routing and digital tracking now can prove the attackers manipulation of your data, email and website traffic. One of your best sets of evidence will come from the attackers, themselves. The bad guys always leave a digital trail of bread-crumbs leading right back to themselves. You can hire an IT company to build a â tracking arrayâ comprised of hundreds of websites which are bait to catch them in the act. Regarding: Paranoia vs. documented evidence. If you, and others have experienced the tactics, and the police have recorded the tactics being used against you, it isnâ t paranoia to be cautious.

## **Do billionaires really do extreme attacks, like these, on average American citizens?**

### ***What do you think â bad guysâ would do to steal a Trillion Dollars?***

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We just heard from another federal agency. Federal law enforcement, private investigators and certain news journalists can now prove, beyond a shadow of a doubt, with no â ifsâ , â andsâ or â butsâ that certain Silicon Valley billionaires engaged in organized crime activities and, while doing those crimes, attacked a number of parties.

These suspects are doing everything in their power, and spending vast amounts of money, to prevent the requested public hearing, before a Special Prosecutor, in Washington, DC to show the taxpaying public the acquired evidence.

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## Obama's Energy Dept. Crony Slush Fund

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Newly released communications regarding the loan approval for Solyndra, the now failed California solar energy company, show direct intervention by an Energy Department adviser and Obama campaign fundraiser, and raise new questions of possible involvement by Rahm Emanuel and the President. As more is learned, it becomes increasingly clear that the Administration used the Stimulus, and specifically the green energy loan program, as a campaign slush fund to distribute billions of dollars like party favors to supporters and to grandstand for re-election to a perceived constituency.

By mid-2009, the White House was obsessing to make headlines with an announcement of a \$535 million loan to Solyndra as the first of many green energy loans in the DOE's pipeline that would be funded by the recently passed Stimulus. Initially the staff tried to schedule an announcement by Obama, and later as approval was delayed, they shifted to the Vice-President.

"Ron said this morning that the POTUS definitely wants to do this (or Rahm definitely wants the POTUS to do this?)," a White House staffer told an Obama scheduler on August 17, 2009 according to *The Washington Post*. This was a reference to Ron Klain, Chief of Staff at that time for the Vice-President. "Rahm" refers to Rahm Emanuel, Chief of Staff to the President.

The Solyndra loan was finally approved in September 2009 over a plethora of warnings and objections from within the Department of Energy, the Office of Management and Budget, and numerous private and solar industry experts. Following the company's collapse, questions have haunted the White House of possible political corruption and cronyism as investigations revealed that executives and investors in Solyndra were also significant donors to the Obama campaign with repeated access to top White House officials. In addition, critics charge that the administration disregarded objective financial analysis, and blindly threw billions of taxpayer dollars at green energy companies like Solyndra with little chance of success.

Oblivious to the warnings from his own White House advisers that the company was in serious trouble and would run out of cash in September, 2010 (and it did), Obama visited the Solyndra headquarters in May 2010 and hailed it as "leading the way toward a brighter and more prosperous future."

*The Washington Post* is also reporting that Steve Spinner, a major Obama 2008 campaign fundraiser, later appointed by the White House to "advise" the Department of Energy regarding the green energy loan program, applied heavy pressure on DOE officials for approval of the \$535 million loan guarantee for Solyndra.

"How (expletive) hard is this? What is he waiting for?" Spinner wrote to a DOE official by email on Aug. 28, 2009 questioning why the Solyndra application was not already approved. "I have the OVP (Office of the

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Vice-President) and the WH (White House) breathing down my neck on this. They are getting itchy to get involved."

Later the same day, Spinner asked the same DOE official to "walk over there and force him to give you the answer."

In another exchange just minutes after getting an email from Solyndra, Spinner fired off a message to the DOE officials asking if the White House budget office (OMB) had completed their review. "Any word on OMB? Solyndra's getting nervous," he wrote.

The loan was pushed through, and on September 4, 2009 Joe Biden announced by video link the deal as the "unprecedented investment this Administration is making in renewable energy and exactly what the Recovery Act (Stimulus) is all about."

Spinner's involvement is in direct contradiction of previous representations by the DOE. Spinner had specifically recused himself from the Solyndra application because his wife's law firm, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, represented the company on the DOE loan and pocketed \$2.4 million in legal fees for their efforts.

The AP reports that an administration official, speaking on condition that he not be identified because of ongoing investigations in the evolving scandal, said that Spinner "clearly was actively involved in facilitating between DOE and OMB."

Joe Biden was partially correct â unfortunately. Solyndra is typical of what the billions of Stimulus dollars tossed around by the Obama Administration was "all about" â about waste, cronyism, and corruption. The taxpayer is on the hook for \$535 million, but before this is done some once big shots in Washington will deservedly be cut down to size.

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**Obama Pentagon has lost an astonishing \$10 trillion dollars through crony money launderingâ | and the Defense Department has no idea where it went!**

Over a mere two decades, **the Pentagon lost track of a mind-numbing \$10 trillion** â thatâ s trillion, with a fat, taxpayer-funded â Tâ â and no one, not even the Department of Defense, really knows where it went or on what it was spent.

Even though audits of all federal agencies became mandatory in 1996, the Pentagon has apparently made itself an exception, and a full 20 years later stands firmly resolute in never having complied.

Defense officials insist an audit would take too long and ironically cost too much.

â *Over the last 20 years, the Pentagon has broken every promise to Congress about when an audit would be completed,*â Rafael DeGennaro, director of Audit the Pentagon, told the *Guardian* recently.  
â *Meanwhile, Congress has more than doubled the Pentagonâ s budget.*â

President Trumpâ s newly-proposed budget seeks to toss an additional \$54 billion into the evidently bottomless pit.

Without the mandated audit, the Department Of Defense could be purchasing damned near anything, at any cost, and use, or give, it â to anyone, for any reason.

Officials with the Government Accountability Office and Office of the Inspector General have catalogued egregious financial disparities at the Pentagon for years â yet the Defense Department grouses the cost and energy necessary to perform an audit in compliance with the law makes it untenable.

Astonishingly, the Pentagonâ s own watchdog tacitly approves this technically illegal workaround â and the legally gray and, yes, literally, on-the-books-corrupt practices in tandem â to what would incontrovertibly be a most unpleasant audit, indeed.

Take the following of myriad examples, called â Plugging,â for which Pentagon bookkeepers are not only encouraged to conjure figures from thin air, but, in many cases, they would be physically and administratively incapable of performing the job without doing so â without ever having faced consequences for this brazen cooking of books.

*Reuters reported* the results of an investigation into Defenseâ s magical number-crunching *well over three years ago*, on November 18, 2013 â detailing the illicit tasks of 15-year employee, â Linda Woodford *[who] spent the last 15 years of her career inserting phony numbers in the U.S. Department of Defenseâ s accounts.*â

Woodford, who has since retired, and others like her, act as individual pieces in the amassing chewed gum only appearing to plug a damning mishandling of funds pilfered from the American people to fund wars overseas for resources in the name of U.S. defense.

â *Every month until she retired in 2011,*â Scot J. Paltrow wrote for *Reuters*, â *she says, the day came when the Navy would start dumping numbers on the Cleveland, Ohio, office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the Pentagonâ s main accounting agency. Using the data they received, Woodford and her fellow DFAS accountants there set about preparing monthly reports to square the Navyâ s books with the U.S. Treasuryâ s â a balancing-the-checkbook maneuver required of all the military services and other*



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*Pentagon agencies.*

*â And every month, they encountered the same problem. Numbers were missing. Numbers were clearly wrong. Numbers came with no explanation of how the money had been spent or which congressional appropriation it came from. â A lot of times there were issues of numbers being inaccurate,â Woodford says. â We didnâ t have the detail â † for a lot of it.â â*

Where a number of disparities could be corrected through hurried communications, a great deal â thousands each month, for each person on the task â required fictitious figures. Murkily deemed, â unsubstantiated change actionsâ â tersely termed, â plugsâ â this artificial fix forcing records into an unnatural alignment is common practice at the Pentagon.

Beyond bogus books, the Pentagon likely flushed that \$10 trillion in taxes down the toilet of inanity that is unchecked purchasing by inept staff who must be devoid of prior experience in the field of defense.

This tax robbery would eclipse the palatability of blood money â if it werenâ t also being wasted on items such as the 7,437 extraneous Humvee front suspensions â purchased in surplus over the inexplicable 14-year supply of 15,000 unnecessary Humvee front suspensions already gathering warehouse-shelf dust.

And there are three items of note on this particular example, of many:

**One**, the U.S. Department of Defense considers inventory surpassing a three-year supply, â *excessive.*â

**Two**, the stupefying additional seven-thousand-something front suspensions arrived, as ordered, during a period of demand reduced by half.

**Three**, scores of additional items â mostly unaccounted for in inventory â sit untouched and aging in storage, growing not only incapable of being used, but too dangerous to be properly disposed of safely.

Worse, contractors greedily sink hands into lucrative contracts â with all the same supply-based waste at every level, from the abject disaster that is the \$1 trillion F-35 fighter program, to the \$8,123.50 shelled out for Bell Helicopter Textron helicopter gears with a price tag of \$445.06, to the DoD settlement with Boeing for overcharges of a whopping \$13.7 million.

The latter included a charge to the Pentagon of \$2,286 â spent for an aluminum pin ordinarily costing just \$10 â the irony of whose 228.6 percent markup cannot be overstated.

Considering all the cooking of numbers apparently fueled with burning money stateside, you would think Defense channeled its efforts into becoming a paragon of economic efficiency when the military defends the United States. Overseas. From terrorism. And from terrorists. And terrorist-supporting nations.

But this is the Pentagon â and a trickle of telling headlines regularly grace the news, each evincing yet another missing shipment of weapons, unknown allocation of funds, or retrieval of various U.S.-made arms and munitions by some terrorist group deemed politically less acceptable than others by officials naming pawns.

In fact, so many American weapons and supplies lost by the DoD and CIA become the property of actual terrorists â who then use them sadistically against civilians and strategically against our proxies and theirs â it would be negligent not to describe the phenomenon as pattern, whether or not intent exists behind it.

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For now the painstaking audit imperative to Department Of Defense accountability remains only a theoryâ ; while the Pentagonâ s \$10 trillion sits as the worldâ s largest elephant in apathetic Americaâ s living room.

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# **Obama's Retributions: Obama Had His FBI Take Personal Info From Citizens of 14 States, Exposed It To Russia**

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WASHINGTON â Former president Barack Obamaâ s Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) under James Comey made secret agreements with fourteen state attorneys general to obtain personal identifying information on all private citizens and residents in those states. The information was used directly by the Obama White House, through its White House Special Surveillance Group led by Obama, James Comey, and Andrew McCabe.

This personal identifying information from millions of American citizens â including more than 50 million photographs obtained from Facebook and gas-station surveillance cameras for facial recognition â was then exposed to Russian hackers by a French contractor that snuck Russian code into FBI biometric data, according to top national security sources and published reports.

House Oversight Committee information yet to be published but reviewed by Big League Politics shows that the Obama FBI entered into secret agreements with fourteen (14) different states to tap all of its personal identifying information (**one such secret contract, forged between Obamaâ s deputy FBI director and the attorney general in North Dakota, is presented below**). A previous Government Accountability Office (GAO) published report states that the FBI entered into agreements with seven states as of 2015 and was seeking to add more, and that the FBI was allowed to tap the state-level facial recognition software programs of sixteen total states.

The FBI under Obama and Comey, during the 2016 election, launched an attempt to formally exempt all of its biometric facial recognition and fingerprint-analysis programs from the Privacy Act to prevent citizens from being able to sue. Meanwhile, James Comeyâ s top deputy at the FBI David Cuthbertson lied about the existence of the program in an interview with â Sixty Minutes.â

**Trending: EXCLUSIVE: Trump Picked 7 GOP Lawmakers To Go To Russia To â Test Them.â Are They Deep State Agents? Two Senators FAILED The Test!**

**Government documents show the full scope and vision of â SpyGateâ as enacted by top Obama administration officials for more than a decade.**

The vision of â Lifelog,â later known as â Citizen Log,â was created back in 2004 when Deputy Attorney General Comey with then FBI Director Mueller began to create the solid foundations to penetrate the consumer markets to start collecting data-mining data. Their memorandums of understanding (MOUâ s) had stipulations like this:

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Robert Mueller even threatened to resign along with Comey if the Bush administration didnâ t agree that wire tapping was â Constitutional.â Basically, Mueller and Comey bullied then-President George W. Bush to violate privacy rights of citizens. It all went downhill from there, but the plan was in motion. In 2005, Comey left and moved over to Lockheed. The Lockheed CEO then went on to become CEO of L3-Communications one of the leaders in transcription/foreign language contracting globally.

**Here is the Timeline put together by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).**

This Timeline shows that the Department of Justice approved major new FBI personal identification surveillance programs in June 2008, at the tail end of the Bush presidency. President Obamaâ s FBI started collecting and transferring the â facial imagesâ and other records in 2010, then added new programs including an â Interstate Photo Systemâ and a â FACEâ program, which stands for â Facial Analysis, Comparison, and Evaluation.â The programs were fully operational under Obama by April 2015.

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In order to obtain all of these photographs and pieces of personal identifying information, the Obama FBI under James Comey had to make secret agreements with state attorneys general around the country. Fourteen (14) states ended up signing away the privacy rights of all their citizens and residents.

The GAO reported in 2016 in a published official report (emphasis added):

â The Department of Justiceâ s (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) operates the Next Generation Identification-Interstate Photo System (NGI-IPS)â a face recognition service that allows law enforcement agencies to search a database of over 30 million photos to support criminal investigations. NGI-IPS users include the FBI and selected state and local law enforcement agencies, which can submit search requests to help identify an unknown person using, **for example, a photo from a surveillance camera.** When a state or local agency submits such a photo, NGI-IPS uses an automated process to return a list of 2 to 50 possible candidate photos from the database, depending on the userâ s specification. **As of December 2015, the FBI has agreements with 7 states to search NGI-IPS, and is working with more states to grant access. In addition to the NGI-IPS, the FBI has an internal unit called Facial Analysis, Comparison and Evaluation (FACE) Services that provides face recognition capabilities, among other things, to support active FBI investigations. FACE Services not only has access to NGI-IPS, but can search or request to search databases owned by the Departments of State and Defense and 16 states, which use their own face recognition systems.** Biometric analysts manually review photos before returning at most the top 1 or 2 photos as investigative leads to FBI agentsâ !

Local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies can be authorized to submit face recognition searches for law enforcement purposes. From the beginning of the pilot in December 2011 through December 2015, the number of search requests by states ranged from under 20 by one state to over 14,000 by another state.â

Big League Politics has exclusively obtained documents, presented below, showing that Comeyâ s FBI was storing facial-recognition and DMV records of private citizens, and that Comeyâ s assistant director David Cuthbertson lied about it on television just four days after signing the agreement.

On May 15, 2013, Cuthbertson entered an agreement with the North Dakota Attorney Generalâ s Office. The official in that office who signed off on the deal, Dallas Carlson, is now President Trumpâ s nominee to be U.S. Marshall. This agreement was a Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies that the Attorney General would be providing all DMV photos and other Personal Identifying Information (PII) to the FBI to store and house on their database. Other state attorneys general refused to enter the agreement, with Vermontâ s attorney general in December 2017 calling the program â illegal.â

Please examine the date of the agreement. Now look at what they agree to exchange.

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When whistleblower Edward Snowden released his tell all he referred to something in code named #LifeLog. The programâ s name was changed to FBI FACE SERVICES, which is also called #CitizenLog.

There was an uproar in early 2013 when a secret unit created by President Obama in 2010 called the High Value Intelligence Group (HVIC) became public knowledge. According to insiders, the HVIC members and directors included Robert Mueller, James Comey, Christopher Wray, H.R. McMaster, Rod Rosenstein, Andrew McCabe, David Cuthbertson, and many more FBI officials and intel components that reported directly to President Obama. This group was centrally involved in spying on private citizens. Insiders also believe that Jeff Sessions was involved with the HVIC.

Americans were in uproar that their rights to privacy were being violated because the FBI was proposing to get access to DMV photos and other personal identifying information from their state to house in a searchable database. The ACLU was briefly involved but mysteriously stopped being involved.

David Cuthbertson was the brain child of FBI FACE SERVICES and Comey was promoted from the HVIC to Director of the FBI, with Cuthbertson as Comeyâ s Assistant Director to the FBI, in 2013.

David Cuthbertson was interviewed by Lesley Stahl on or around May 19, 2013 during a 60 Minutes segment. In the segment, he was firm and strong on stating that the FBI DOES NOT have any photos or Private Identifying Information except from whatever information is collected if you are ever arrested. Mug shot, DNA, info collected then and there at the crime scene only. The video is very convincing and it looks like the FBI is honest right?

HERE IS THE VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1y9xtjL8rI&feature=youtu.be>

Now we know definitively that Cuthbertson was lying. That interview was FOUR DAYS after the FBI signed the agreement above with North Dakota.

During her written testimony to the House Oversight Committee, Jennifer Lynch, Senior Legal Counsel at [www.eff.org](http://www.eff.org) stated:

â As of December 2017, NGI included more than 74 million biometric records in the criminal repository and over 57.5 million records in the civil repository. By the end of fiscal year 2016, it also already contained more than 51 million civil and criminal photographs searchable through face recognition.â

â Without transparency, accountability, and proper security protocols in place, face recognition systemsâ like many other searchable databases of information available to law enforcementâ may be subject to misuse. This misuse has already occurred in other contexts,â Lynch testified, citing her paper â [Face Off: Law Enforcement Use of Face Recognition Technology](#).â

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A state audit in Minnesota found that half of police officers misused access to Driving License Records.

In North Dakota, estimates find that over 95% of law enforcement officers check plates and or licenses at their discretion especially when they are out on patrol and with their new â License plateâ readers.

### **The Russians Obtained This Personal Information Of American Citizens**

We report this information as the mainstream media finally acknowledges that Russians obtained personal information from the American people. The mainstream media even acknowledged that the FBI exposed personal identifying information to the Russians â but without discussing Obamaâ s secret program or the extent of the Obama administrationâ s spying on the American people.

CNNâ s Jake Tapper aired a segment Wednesday reporting that the Russian Mail.Ru, which is closely linked to Vladimir Putin, obtained â millionsâ of Americansâ personal identifying information in part through Facebook.

The Russians hacked into all of the Obama FBIâ s biometric data on facial recognition and fingerprints through a French contractor that snuck Russian code into the program.

Buzzfeed reporter Chris Hamby reported in December 2017, in a piece headlined â FBI Software For Analyzing Fingerprints Contains Russian-Made Code, Whistleblowers Sayâ :

â The fingerprint-analysis software used by the FBI and more than 18,000 other US law enforcement agencies contains code created by a Russian firm with close ties to the Kremlin, according to documents and two whistleblowers. The allegations raise concerns that Russian hackers could gain backdoor access to sensitive biometric information on millions of Americans, or even compromise wider national security and law enforcement computer systems.

The Russian code was inserted into the fingerprint-analysis software by a French company, said the two whistleblowers, who are former employees of that company. The firm â then a subsidiary of the massive Paris-based conglomerate Safran â deliberately concealed from the FBI the fact that it had purchased the Russian code in a secret deal, they saidâ :

The Russian company whose code ended up in the FBIâ s fingerprint-analysis software has Kremlin connections that should raise similar national security concerns, said the whistleblowers, both French nationals who worked in Russia. The Russian company, Papillon AO, boasts in its own publications about its close cooperation with various Russian ministries as well as the Federal Security Service â the intelligence agency known as the FSB that is a successor of the Soviet-era KGB and has been implicated in other hacks of US targets.â

*Patrick Howley contributed to this report*

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## **Obama Didnâ t Even Pick His Cabinet, CITIBANK DID**

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While Donald Trump decides who will be in his cabinet, here is a reminder to the Mainstream mediaâ : Obama didnâ t even pick his cabinet, Citibank did.

In a John Podesta email revealed by Wikileaks, one month before the Presidential election of 2008, the Wall Street giant Citibank submitted to the Obama campaign a list of its preferred candidates for cabinet positions in an Obama administration. This list corresponds almost exactly to the eventual composition of Barack Obamaâ s cabinet.

The email was written by Michael Froman, who was then an executive with Citigroup and currently serves as US trade representative. The email is dated Oct. 6, 2008 and bears the subject line â Listsâ . It went to Podesta a month before he was named chairman of President-Elect Obamaâ s transition team. He attached three documents: a list of women for top administration jobs, a list of non-white candidates, and a sample outline of 31 cabinet-level positions and who would fill them. â The lists will continue to grow,â Froman wrote to Podesta, â but these are the names to date that seem to be coming up as recommended by various sources for senior level jobs.â

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### **Email Attachments:**

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**The cabinet list ended up being almost entirely on the money.** It correctly identified **Eric Holder for the Justice Department**, Janet Napolitano for Homeland Security, Robert Gates for Defense, **Rahm Emanuel for chief of staff**, Peter Orszag for the Office of Management and Budget, Arne Duncan for Education, Eric Shinseki for Veterans Affairs, **Kathleen Sebelius for Health and Human Services**, Melody Barnes for the Domestic Policy Council, and more. For the Treasury, three possibilities were on the list: Robert Rubin, Larry Summers, and Timothy Geithner.

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As a side note: Remember the time that Native American Senator Elizabeth Warren called out the Obama administration for being a wholly owned subsidiary of Citibank?

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# **Obama used his White House to ruin American companies in order to benefit close friends' private investment firms and his Silicon Valley VC's**

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A new book said Obama and his administration would deem industries either destructive to the environment or exploitative for the financial and professional gain of his friends.

(AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

President Obama used his executive powers to attack industries to lower the value of certain companies, allowing his friends in the private sector to swoop in and buy them up at reduced prices, according to Peter Schweizerâ s new book *Secret Empires: How Our Politicians Hide Corruption and Enrich Their Families and Friends*.

The book, released Tuesday, said Obama and his administration would deem industries either destructive to the environment or exploitative for the financial and professional gain of his friends, including industries such as coal mining, offshore drilling, cash advance companies, and for-profit colleges.

The book highlighted Marty Nesbitt and Harreld Kirkpatrick III, both former basketball players and close friends of the Obamas, who launched their private equity investment firm Vistria in sync with Obamaâ s re-election in 2012.

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Unlike other investment funds that avoid highly regulated industries, Vistria was specifically focused on the fields that Obama was busy regulating.

â A curious pattern began to emerge,â Schweizer said in his book. â Obama and his administration would attack industries with government power, which led to substantially lower valuations for these companies. Nesbitt and Vistria, or others close to Obama, could then acquire those assets for pennies on the dollar.â

The book said one of the most visible targets of this scheme was the for-profit higher education industry. Obama concluded in 2013 that for-profit schools such as University of Phoenix, ITT Technical Institute, and DeVry University victimized students.

â Theyâ ve been preyed upon very badly by some of these for-profit institutions,â Obama said in 2013 about students who attended these schools. â Their credit is ruined, and the for-profit institution is making out like a bandit.â

The University of Phoenix was hit hard by Obama's action when he ordered the Federal Trade Commission, among other government agencies, to crack down on for-profit schools.

After being suspended in 2015 following an investigation by the FTC, Phoenixâ s parent company, Apollo Education Group, was bought out by three companies in 2016, including Vistria, for nine times less than its value before the suspension.

Schweizer's book also said there were close links between Vistria and the Department of Education, and said some department officials later went to work for the investment firm.

For example, Deputy Secretary of Education Tony Miller left the department in 2013 to join Vistria, and deputy assistant to Obama for legislative affairs Jon Samuels was also an early hire at the investment firm.

Department meetings in which for-profit schools were discussed included people who now work with Vistria. Miller participated in those meetings, and so did Arne Duncan, the secretary of education who would also end

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up working for the company.

Schweizer described emails that he said show department officials were talking to Wall Street investors and leaking information about regulations.

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## Office of Inspector General Announces Findings of Misconduct by Three FBI Officials

by Cristina Laila

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*FBI Director Christopher Wray*

**The Office of Inspector General announced this week that it found misconduct by â two current senior FBI officialsâ and â one retired FBI official.â**

**The FBI officials were not named in the report.**

â The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation upon the receipt of information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) concerning multiple allegations involving an FBI contractor and three FBI officials,â the investigative summary said.

â The OIG found that as a result of conduct by two current senior FBI officials, and one retired FBI official, the FBI contractor engaged in certain inherent governmental activities in contravention of Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). Additionally, the OIG found that these three FBI officials did not adhere to Office of Management and Budget policy while managing the contractor. Further, the OIG found that the FBI contractor failed to adhere to personal conflict of interest rules under the FAR.â

The report was then provided to the FBI for appropriate action.

Weâ ve seen this before. No matter what type of misconduct FBI officials engage in, they will retire with a golden parachute and live happily ever after.

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American citizens have completely lost trust in the FBI, the once respected premiere law enforcement agency. The agencyâ s reputation is in tatters because of James Comeyâ s corrupt directorship and the current Director, Christopher Wray has done nothing to restore confidence in the FBI.



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## Oil Company Discovers That California and New York Actually Had A Green Mafia Crony Payola Political Scheme Going On

On January 8, ExxonMobil filed a petition seeking pre-suit depositions of a number of municipal authorities who have sued that company, and many others, as well as green industry activists who were also involved in the Attorneys General Climate-RICO Scam uncovered by E&E Legal in 2016.

<https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ExxonDepositions.pdf>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uY\\_Tn1ibmF4&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uY_Tn1ibmF4&feature=youtu.be)

With the AG-RICO shakedown campaign all but shut down in large part due to most members fleeing after the exposure E&E Legal brought to the scandal, many of these same activists moved onto to working with other, ideologically aligned (if, the pleading shows, extraordinary confused or less than honest) municipalities in California seeking to achieve the same end. That end is the use of the courts to achieve a political agenda, the â climateâ energy rationing agenda, which one of the parties named in this pleading previously admitted after their failure to win via the proper, democratic process (only to later deny that, when the scheming was exposed).

E&E Legal Senior Legal Fellow Chris Horner previously documented much of this behavior for Real Clear Energy. The petition heavily relies upon E&E Legalâ s findings, and admissions by activist AGs in legal proceedings which E&E Legal brought.

As Forbes reports, the Exxon petition targets â those who orchestrated climate change lawsuits in California by asking the Tarrant County District Court to allow it to question an assortment of government officials and a Hagens Berman lawyer. The company says those local officials are talking out of both sides of their mouths â blaming Exxon for an impending flooding disaster while not disclosing that alleged threat to possible investors in their bond offerings.â

A key player in the current petition is Matt Pawa, who was infamous in the AG Climate-RICO suit as well. As Forbes notes, Pawa is â a Hagens Berman attorney instrumental in creating a â playbookâ discussed at a conference in La Jolla, CA, and carried out by the AGs of New York and Massachusetts and the California local governments, Exxon says. He represents San Francisco and Oakland in their lawsuits.â

E&E Legal obtained the documents, or is the party in the actions, cited in the Exxon petition in footnotes 14, 57, 60, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 111, 112. Paragraphs 55 and 135 cite to developments in courtroom argument in which E&E Legalâ s counsel elicited damning admissions.

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## Outrage over Facebook's Intrusive Forced Scans Of The Public

BY PHIL BAKER

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How does a company that was once was the shining light of Silicon Valley transform itself into one that's becoming despised and cast as a pariah, even by its original investors and employees? Through naivety, stubbornness, greed, and some really poor judgment. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg is on the defensive, as rightly he should be. The company's model was based on exchanging messages among friends using software algorithms that maximize engagement, a system that was supposed to essentially run mostly on autopilot.

Either Zuckerberg never assumed his model could be hijacked, or perhaps didnâ t care, accepting the possibility as collateral damage. The mantra at Facebook was based on two words: â maximize engagement.â Each day they'd roll out new changes to the feed and look at engagement. If it went up, they'd make those changes permanent. If it went down, they'd try something else. But recently maximize engagement has become synonymous with maximize outrage and distortion.

And now, thereâ s a new controversy brewing. WIRED has just reported that Facebook has been blocking some of its customers from accessing their feeds. Thatâ s because they've begun to require users to run a malware scan on their computer, tablet, or phone. While once optional, it's now mandatory, and they decide when it should be done.

The scans are resulting in myriad problems, such as locking users out of their accounts and it's affecting Facebook users all over the world. Not only is Facebook intruding on their users' devices, but itâ s doing so without informing users that it's being done nor telling them whose software they are using.

Mohammed Mannan, a security researcher at Concordia University, explained to WIRED, â An antivirus product can collect a lot of useful information from the user machineâ telemetry data; beyond what Facebook gets through their websiteâ and share it with Facebook. Facebook should make their agreements with antivirus partners public.â

One common complaint is that it doesnâ t ask users the type of device they're on and often errs in recognizing that information on its own. In some cases, it assumed the users were on Windows when they were using a Mac. And for others, it required a scan when signing into the same Facebook account from one device but not from another. And sometimes the problem goes away if the user selects a different browser.

Apparently, based on postings in forums across the web, the problem has been around for several years, but whatâ s made it worse is that Facebook now mandates that the scans be done.

WIRED cited the example of a Facebook user who was completely locked out of her account on February 11. She received a message requesting that she download the Facebook malware scan software tool for Windows if she wanted to get back into her account. Unfortunately, she was using a Mac. â I could not actually run the software they were demanding I download and use,â she says. When she logged in from her work computer, the same thing occurred.

In response to this issue, Facebook spokesman Jay Nancarrow explained, â Our visibility into each account on a given device isnâ t complete enough for us to checkpoint based only on the device, without factoring in whether the particular account is acting in a suspicious manner.â

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Iâ m not sure exactly what that means, but if they canâ t detect your device, how do they know itâ s infected? The other issue is that providing access to antivirus software exposes nearly everything on your computer, far more than what an app generally does.

And itâ s not even clear which virus scan software Facebook uses. WIRED pointed out to Nancarrow that Facebookâ s posts donâ t make it clear which software they use to do these scans. The companies Facebook works with have changed over the past three years, but the Facebook disclosures have never been updated. Nancarrow responded, â Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We will update our documentation to reflect the current set of companies.â

If Facebook has a legitimate need to run these scans, they should be much more transparent, explain what they are doing, and give you an opportunity to opt in or out, rather than just scanning your entire computer.

Of course, as one reader noted in an earlier column, â Why do people use this product?" Thatâ s becoming more difficult to answer as we learn more about Facebook.

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## **PG&E'S REGIONAL 'CLEAN ENERGY' BILLING SCAM**

Jim Phelps â Novato

The Letter to Editor that is linked below, appears in Marinâ s only newspaper, the *Marin Independent Journal*.

This letter relates to the front-page story covering Marin Clean Energyâ s (MCEâ s) new 10.5 MW solar farm in Richmond ([click here to read Marin IJ article](#)). That story neglects to mention that California is far overbuilt on solar power, which is exported at zero prices and â negative pricesâ (this is when California must pay the recipient of the electricity to take it) to Arizona while also creating management problems of Californiaâ s electric grid, managed by CAISO.

Solar is relatively inexpensive to construct compared to wind, enabling Community Choice Aggregators (CCAs) such as MCE to advertise that they are doing good things for California, while queuing up to be far short of contracting for renewable energy, per SB350 requirements â 65% of energy must be sourced from renewable generators with contracts that are at least 10 years in length.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE LETTER TO THE EDITOR](#)

### **Eminent Domain**

Does anyone know what happened to eminent domain in CCAsâ Joint Powers Authority (JPA) bylaws? This issue surfaced in MCEâ s March 2, 2018 Executive Committee packet, but I have not seen any action by MCE to resolve the issue in any subsequent MCE meeting packets or agendas.

MCE's JPA bylaws were replicated throughout all other CCAs and that eminent domain language is everywhere.

MCE, IJ not telling whole story about clean energy

The IJâ s story about Marin Clean Energyâ s new solar farm going into service neglects to include information that puts things in perspective.

First, when MCEâ s Richmond

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located solar farm  
is included, only one

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half of 1 percent of

MCEâ s total load is served by its â localâ solar production.

Second, MCE claims that its solar farm is dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions, yet the IJ neglects to report that since MCEâ s business launch, nearly half of its â cleanâ power is actually green

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o disclose 1.2

billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions in energy that it rebrands as â clean.â This constitutes what MCE claims as exceeding the state requirement for â sourcing a certain percentage of its electricity from renewable sources.â

Last, MCE cl

aims that it has brought many new clean energy resources to market

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compared to Pacific Gas and Electric Co. This is an overstatement. For example, MCE is merely contracting for available energy from a large solar farm in Kings County and a large wind farm

in Kern County until PG&E and Southern California Edison begin taking deliveries from these resources that these utility companies bankrolled.

It is hyperbole for MCE to claim that it is out

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greening PG&E when these activities are going on behind the curtain

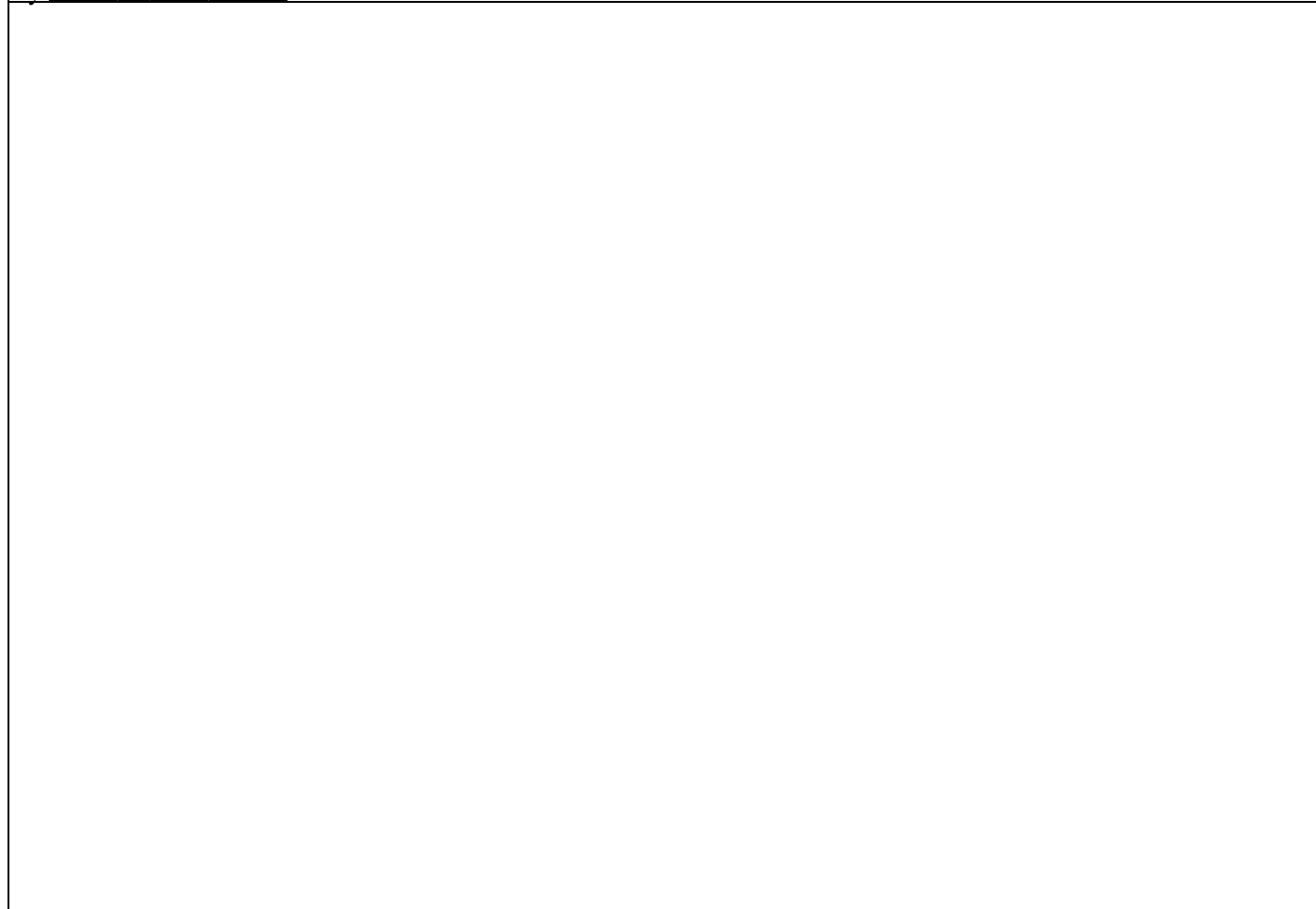
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## **PUTIN: Hillary Clinton Pocketed \$400 Million Illegal Contribution in Tax-Free Russian Money During 2016 Election**

by admin @ True Pundit





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Russian President Vladimir Putin seemed to offer an olive branch to special counsel Robert Mueller during a news conference after his summit with President Trump on Monday. Perhaps Mueller could come to Russia and interview the 12 intelligence officers indicted by a grand jury last week for alleged involvement in hacking the Democratic National Committee and the campaign of Hillary Clinton.

All Putin would ask was that the courtesy be returned.

â Then we would expect that the Americans would reciprocate,â he said through a translator, â and they would question officials, including the officers of law enforcement and intelligence services of the United States, who we believe have something to do with illegal actions on the territory of Russia, and we have to request the presence of our law enforcement.â

Did he have an example of one such investigation? He certainly did: Bill Browder.

â Business associates of Mr. Browder have earned over \$1.5 billion in Russia. Theyâ ve never paid any taxes, neither in Russia or the United States,â Putin said. â And yet the money escaped the country. They were transferred to the United States. They sent a huge amount of money â \$400 million â as a contribution to the campaign of Hillary Clinton. Well, thatâ s a personal case. It might have been legal, the contribution itself, but the way the money was earned was illegal.â

Those transactions, he said, were â accompanied and guidedâ by intelligence officials. Those officials could be interviewed in the presence of Russians â just as he would graciously allow Muellerâ s team to be present for the questioning of his own officers.

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By [Mike Schuh](#)

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**BALTIMORE (WJZ)** â The cost of gas is up across the country, including in Maryland, and is inching toward the highest price in three years.

Gas is going up about a penny every other day â 15 cents in the past month.

â Weâ ll be paying the highest prices for this time of year since 2014,â said Christine Delise with AAA.

Gas companies are changing over to a different summer blend. To do so, some refineries shut down, leading to the classic market principal of supply and demand. A tighter supply means they can demand more for your fuel.

Demand is up as people are driving more, and crude oil prices are up \$15 per barrel compared to this time last year.

â Every time crude oil prices rise a dollar, consumers will pay roughly 2.4 cents more per gallon,â Delise said.

This week, the average price in marylMarylandxactly the same as the nationwide average of \$2.67 a gallon.

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JOHN PODESTA In March â that is, long after the election was over â it was revealed that Mrs. Clinton's campaign chairman had failed to disclose the receipt of 75,000 shares of stock from a Kremlin-financed company â Joule Unlimited â for which he served as director from 2010 to 2014, when he joined the Obama White House in 2014. Podesta apparently had a large chunk of the shares transferred to "**Leonidio Holdings, a brand-new entity he incorporated only on Dec. 20, 2013, about 10 days before he entered the White House**" according to [Source](#)

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Podesta transferred his shares to his daughter Megan Rouse. I think Leonido Holdings was her deal. there should be posts about this in Pizzagate from a year ago.

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## **Police Case Report and Congressional Report: Victim #127**

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This case statement was prepared by Joint Task Force Ombudsmen on behalf of the thousands of Victims of the Obama Administration reprisals, vendettas and retribution campaigns.

Victim #127 is associated with NO political party, YET all of Victim #127â s State and Federal filings for benefits, reviews and compensation have suffered delays, stone-walling and other POLITICAL reprisal actions by State and Federal employees since 2007 when Victim #127 was a federal witness for a law enforcement investigation involving corruption in the U.S. Department of Energy and the Obama Administration White House. Victim #127s suffered disabling factors, damages, injuries and losses that were caused by the actions of State and Federal employees and the elected officials to whom they reported.

The United States Department of Energy Inspector General, The FBI and the Pentagonâ s Inspector General are now investigating over one thousand retaliation, reprisal and vendetta attacks against those who reported corruption during the Obama Administration as documented at the repository at <http://www.my-news.biz> and in hundreds of thousands of news articles and sites. The U.S. Federal Court has ruled, in Victim #127â s other federal court cases, that Victim #127 *was the Victim of political corruption payback campaign operated by government employees* !â ; Per official published government reports including: "ASSESSING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM", VERONIQUE DE RUGY - MERCATUS CENTER AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY; The Multiple GAO investigation reports on the DOE from 2007 forward; and this Congressional indictment of the corruption and reprisals Victim #127 experienced:

As of this date, the most senior members of the FBI have been terminated and/or placed under investigation for covering-up this matter. The United States Congress has issued numerous final reports charging government employees with heinous crimes of corruption in this matter. Top government executives have been charged with â Contempt of Congressâ in this matter and over 300 government employs have been fired or forced into ouster because of this matter. Over 100,000 published news reports have documented these crimes and corruption activities.

In one of the lawsuits, the following facts were set forth in Federal Court regarding this, and related cases:

1. ***Plaintiff XP TECHNOLOGY (â XPâ ), a California sole proprietorship, is the assignee of all rights, title and interest in claims by an energy system company called Limnia, Inc. (f/k/a â FuelSell Technologies, Inc.â ) (â Limniaâ ), and by its sister company, an advanced technology vehicle manufacturing company called XP Vehicles, Inc. (â XPVâ ), against the Defendants in this action. Limnia and XPV are Silicon Valley-based innovative â green technologyâ companies.***
2. ***Defendants are THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (â DOEâ ), a federal agency; STEVEN CHU individually and in his capacity as Secretary of Energy (â Chuâ ); and***



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*LACHLAN SEWARD, individually and in his capacity as DOE Director of Advanced Technologies Manufacturing Loan Programs (â Sewardâ ).*

### *Jurisdiction, Venue and Declaratory Relief*

3. *Jurisdiction and venue are pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitution, 28 U.S.C. Â§ 1331 (federal question), the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. Â§ 702, and 28 U.S.C. Â§ 1391(e).*
4. *This Courtâ s authority to grant declaratory relief and to award attorney fees and costs is pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. Â§ 2201 et seq. and 28 U.S.C. Â§ 2412.*

### *Facts*

#### *Background*

5. *Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Â§ 17013, DOE - through Chu, Seward, their staff, advisors and consultants - administered the â Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan Programâ (the â ATVM Loan Programâ ).*
6. *Congress created the ATVM Loan Program to support the manufacture of advanced technology vehicles and components in the United States and to reduce U.S. dependency on foreign oil. In 2008, Congress authorized DOE to make \$25 billion in ATVM loans. DOE currently has approximately \$16 billion of unused lending authority.*
7. *At all times relevant, Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that the ATVM Loan Program had evaporated private investment capital for advanced technology vehicle development because venture capital and institutional lenders could not compete with government interest and repayment terms (1%-3% and up to 35 years, respectively), and that delaying or denying a small companyâ s ATVM Loan Program application was a business death sentence, particularly in the economic climate at the time.*
8. *Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Â§Â§ 16511 and 16513, DOE through Chu, Seward, their staff, advisors and consultants also administered the â Â§1703 Loan Guarantee Programâ (the â LGPâ )*
9. *Congress created the LGP to support innovative clean energy technologies that are typically unable to obtain conventional private financing due to high technology risks. Through LGP, DOE guaranteed up to eighty percent of a loan for projects that â avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases; and employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued.â DOE currently has approximately \$34 billion in loan authority, with an additional \$170 million in appropriated credit subsidy carried over from previous years.*
10. *Since 2002, Limnia and XPV have worked directly and extensively with DOE scientists at Sandia National Laboratory (â Sandiaâ ) and elsewhere to develop advanced technology vehicles.*

11. *Limnia and XPV have provided DOE with confidential business information, including intellectual property and prototypes, all relevant to advanced technology vehicle energy storage systems, chassis and body materials and construction, and electronics. DOE, in turn, has helped fund Limniaâ s and XPVâ s work through grants and provided technical support and validation.*
12. *At all times relevant, Defendants had actual and/or constructive knowledge of DOEâ s extensive history of work with Limnia and XPV on advanced technology vehicle energy systems, auto chassis and body construction, and electronics.*

#### **XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program Application**

13. *Responding to a DOE solicitation, XPV applied on November 10, 2008, for \$40 million in ATVM Loan Program funds to mass produce an advanced technology SUV-style vehicle (â XPVâ s SUVâ ). It offered DOE collateral independently valued at over \$100 million to secure this loan.*
14. *At all times relevant, XPV had design and business operations and/or had secured manufacturing and other facilities in Detroit, through Rausch Roush Automotive, and leasing companies in the Mountain West and the San Francisco Bay area.*
15. *Its vehicle design team included highly experienced automotive designers and senior Detroit automotive management staff, including the senior creation staff for the Corvette and the Mustang, and aerospace industry professionals.*
16. *XPVâ s SUV was designed to be affordable (less than \$20,000 in its base configuration); to have nearly an unlimited range, charge rapidly without the need for either gasoline, a garage, or extension cords to charge; to be produced quickly and cheaply by subcontracting existing and underutilized factories, workers and machines; and to be easily repaired.*
17. *One key innovation, based on a decade of research, was the use of polymer plastics and skinned pressure membranes to replace metal doors, body panels, hoods and roofs on a lightweight alloy frame. Consequently, XPVâ s SUV had a curb weight of less than 1,400 pounds (approximately one-third the weight of a Toyota Prius). The polymer plastic construction also added to vehicle safety because the foam-skinned polymer membranes functioned as a wraparound, pre-deployed â airbagâ to withstand impacts and damp out crash damage.*
18. *At all times relevant, all of XPVâ s SUVâ s key parts either had been tested or used in industry-proven â off the shelfâ applications. For example, the SUVâ s pressure membrane body technology was widely used in military applications, airbags, Mars landing equipment and even buildings and arenas.*
19. *XPVâ s primary financial and technical partnerspending customers included the Ranson Green Community Development Foundation, ZAP, Detroit Electric, over 40 vehicle distributors and resellers, its sister company Limnia and Sandia and other national laboratories. At all times relevant, XPV was actively engaging in discussions fored private sources of capital including Wells Fargo Bank; developing a distribution network; and otherwise preparing to commence production and sales.*
20. *XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application contained confidential business information as*

*defined by 10 CFR Â§ 1004.10(b)(4) and (11), and 5 U.S.C. Â§ 552(b)(4) including advanced technology vehicle energy storage and pressure membrane technology, among other things.*

21. *Defendants promised to guard this information and prevent its unauthorized disclosure and use or infringement. They also promised to evaluate ATVM Loan Program applications on a "first in, first out" basis; to treat all Victim #127s fairly and to judge applications based on objective published criteria; and to make ATVM Loan Program funds available in January, 2009, for those who qualified.*
22. *On December 2, 2008, Seward wrote to XPV acknowledging receipt of its ATVM Loan Program application and requesting additional information. See Exhibit 1. XPV provided this and on December 31, 2008, Seward deemed XPV's application to be "substantially complete." He said additional information would be requested if required during the review process. See Exhibit 2.*
23. *Upon information and belief, XPV's ATVM Loan Program application was among the very first to be deemed substantially complete.*
24. *At all times relevant, XPV qualified for ATVM Loan Program funds under DOE's published criteria and was, in fact, deemed a "qualified Victim #127" by Defendants. DOE's own Excel comparison matrices dated Dec. 29, 2008 and March 2, 2009 placed XP in the top 5% of all Victim #127s.*
25. *Defendants' representations and promises led XPV to believe that DOE would begin processing XPV's ATVM Loan Program application right after January 1, 2009 before the end of December and no later than January 1, 2009, and that the review process would take a matter of weeks, consistent with normal financial practices and procedures.*
26. *However, XPV soon found that Defendants had reneged on their promises and that the review process was taking months, not weeks. Discomfited by the delay, which blocked private capital and prevented SUV production, XPV repeatedly offered Defendants engineering, financial and other information to proactively speed and inform its application review.*
27. *At all times relevant, XPV was unaware both that its ATVM Loan Program application had been "set aside" in favor of applications from politically-connected government cronies and that Defendants had "fixed" the ATVM Loan Program process to benefit political donors. XPV also was unaware that Defendants had no intention of approving XPV's ATVM Loan Program application under any circumstances, notwithstanding all of their representations and assurances to the contrary, because XPV competed with government-favored companies. Instead, XPV assumed Defendants were acting in good faith, and in accordance with law, to carry out Congress's intent by lending up to \$25 billion for the development and production of advanced technology vehicles in the United States to reduce U.S. dependency on foreign oil.*
28. *On April 23, 2009, Jason Gerbsman, the Chief of Staff and Senior Investment Officer, at the Loan Programs Office, Automotive Division, of DOE, notified XPV that:*

*[XPV] has submitted a substantially complete application and has been assigned to both a technical eligibility and merit review team, as well as a financial viability analysis team. The technical team is very close to finishing their evaluations on both eligibility and project merit, and the financial team will be launching a more detailed and interactive due diligence phase of the [XPV] application review very soon.*

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*Following the technical and financial evaluation under the second stage of the process, we will move into the underwriting phase where our goal is to negotiate a conditional commitment, including a detailed term sheet. This will be followed by the fourth phase of the loan process where the final details will be negotiated and the loan will be closed.*

29. *On May 26, 2009, Gerbsman offered XPV an in-person meeting to discuss â next steps.â*
30. *On May 28, 2009, XPV flew a representative from California to meet with Gerbsman. Gerbsman said that DOE had determined â everything was in orderâ with XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application; that â everything looked good;â and that XPV â appeared to be fully compliant and passed technical review.â*
31. *Shortly thereafter, XPV discovered that Tesla Motors, Inc. (â Teslaâ ) and Fisker Motors, Inc. (â Fiskerâ ) were receiving special assistance from DOE staff with the ATVM Loan Program application process. Fisker even was given special and exceptional access to DOE staff, offices and conference rooms in DOEâ s headquarters at no charge. Both Tesla and Fisker were XPV competitors.*
32. *XPV requested similar assistance from DOE staff but was denied it because, as DOE staff put it, XPVâ s application was so good that special assistance was unnecessary.*
33. *Notwithstanding DOEâ s delays and the bankruptcy of other industry players due to the U.S. economic collapse and the failure of those other players to produce a product which the market found attractive and which met market needs as XPVâ s design did, XPV continued to grow throughout 2009. On June 15, 2009, XPV informed DOE that it was a semi-finalist in the Forbes â Americaâ s Most Promising Companies Listâ for 2009.*
34. *On or about June 22, 2009, DOE advised XPV that a Northern California solar energy company called Redwood Renewables (â Redwoodâ ) had requested a copy of XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application from DOE through the Freedom of Information Act (â FOIAâ ).*
35. *XPV contacted Redwood to see why it was interested in XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application, and spoke with Redwoodâ s principal, Tom Faust.*
36. *Faust said that he had been â screwed overâ by Defendants and had wanted to know if others had similar experiences.*
37. *Faust said that his company had suffered â bad dealingsâ with Matt Rogers, a â stimulus advisorâ to Chu from McKinsey & Company, and Steven Spinner, a key player in DOEâ s loan program office.*
38. *Spinner was an accomplished campaign bundler who had raised millions for the White House. He had been appointed to his government position in exchange for his fund raising, also had worked at McKinsey & Company and, according to a biography posted by the Center for American Progress, had served as an active advisor and investor to Tesla.*
39. *Faust claimed that Rogers and Spinner were â rigging the gameâ with respect to all DOE*

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*loans. He gave XPV Spinnerâ s personal cell phone number and told XPV to call Spinner and ask him why XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application was not moving forward.*

40.

*XPV texted Spinner and then called him. Spinner answered the phone and said words to the effect of â Do not ever call me again. The awards have already been decided.â*

41.

*On June 24, 2009, DOE announced that it was making \$8 billion in ATVM Loan Program funds available to Ford Motor Company (â Fordâ ), Nissan North America, Inc. (â Nissanâ ) and Tesla. DOE gave Tesla \$465 million of taxpayer funds at an interest rate of 1.6% to manufacture an expensive electric car that was far outside of American consumer budgets and demands.*

42.

*On June 29, 2009, XPV wrote to Gerbsman again asking for action on its ATVM Loan Program application. XPV told Gerbsman that other lenders were hanging back until after DOE issued its term sheets.*

43.

*Over the next seven weeks Gerbsman and other authorized DOE representatives repeatedly assured XPV that â everything was fine;â â everything is on-track;â and â you [XPV] appear to meet every criteriaâ with respect to its ATVM Loan Program application. XPV was even told that â we [DOE] should be able to announce [a loan] any day nowâ 'â*

44.

*However, on August 21, 2009, Seward denied XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application. See Exhibit 3.*

45.

*Seward said XPVâ s application was â determined to be eligibleâ in accordance with the â evaluation criteriaâ in 10 C.F.R. Â§611.103 but that DOE was â not in a position to award every eligible application [ATVM Loan Program funds].â He also said necessity required DOE to â choose applications that are most likely to use [ATVM Loan Program] proceeds in a way that will best achieve the goals of the programâ and that XPVâ s application was rejected on this basis.*

46.

*Seward did not disclose the criteria DOE used to weigh competing qualified applications or explain how or why XPV fell short in the â merit review.â*

47.

*XPV then asked DOE to specify its reasons for denial.*

48.

*In an email to DOEâ s Chris Foster, XPV requested DOEâ s merit review documents and asked how DOE could reasonably conduct a ten month comparative merit review of XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application without working with a single company engineer or senior project staff member for even one percent of the time that DOE staff spent with Tesla, Nissan, Ford and/or Fisker during the same period of time.*

49.

*Foster did not answer.*

50.

*On or about August 26, 2009, XPV called Foster directly and Foster picked up the phone.*

51.

*Foster told XPV that he would pull XPVâ s file and read to XPV the reasons given there for DOEâ s denial.*

52.

*Foster said that the file indicated that DOE had denied XPVâ s application because its SUV did not use E85 gasoline; XPV was not planning on building â enoughâ vehicles; XPV was not*

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*planning on government sales; XPVâ s electric motors and batteries were too futuristic and not developed for commercial use; XPVâ s SUV was a â hydrogen car;â and XPV had underestimated the cost of metal body fabrication.*

53.

*These â reasonsâ were baseless pretexts.*

54.

*First, none of XPVâ s competitors that received ATVM Loan Program funds used E85 gasoline in their electric vehicles and most used no gasoline at all..*

55.

*Second, XPVâ s family-friendly SUV was designed for fast and inexpensive mass production. This is why it was based on the use of commonly available parts from existing commercial sources with multiple points of supply and why it could be sold for only \$20,000.00 base in volume production.*

56.

*Third, XPVâ s business plan and staff hires specifically provided for large government and fleet sales.*

57.

*Fourth, XPVâ s SUVâ s â futuristicâ electric motor and battery configuration had been in commercial and government use for decades.*

58.

*Fifth, XPVâ s SUV was an electric and not a hydrogen vehicle.*

59.

*Sixth, XPVâ s SUV contained minimal minimized amounts of metal, using safer, and easier to source and fabricate, polymers and plastics.*

60.

*As XPV was explaining to Foster that the â reasonsâ given for denial were actually no reasons at all, Seward entered Fosterâ s office and directed him to terminate the call. Seward told Foster to advise XPV that it would receive a letter from DOE with respect to its concerns.*

61.

*Despite the passage of weeks, no letter was forthcoming.*

62.

*Therefore, on September 21, 2009, XPV wrote to Chu requesting reconsideration of DOEâ s ATVM Loan Program denial. See Exhibit 4.*

63.

*In this letter, XPV demonstrated that the â reasonsâ for DOEâ s denial read by Foster from XPVâ s file were false. It asked Chu to explain why DOE staff repeatedly assured XPV that approval would be forthcoming and that no additional information was necessary; to describe the merit review criteria; and to justify why government cronies that applied for ATVM Loan Program funds after XPV were reviewed earlier, given the benefit of extensive access to and interaction with DOE staff (a benefit denied to XPV), and then awarded funds.*

64.

*On October 23, 2009, Seward wrote to XPV. See Exhibit 5. He did not answer XPVâ s questions. Instead, he attempted to backfill the record with new but equally baseless justifications for the denial of XPVâ s qualified application.*

65.

*To begin with, Seward said that XPVâ s application was â deemed Substantially Complete on November 10, 2009.â In fact, XPVâ s application had been deemed substantially complete on December 31, 2008.*

66.

*Seward said that the â proposed technology appearedâ 'to be at a development stage and not yet ready for commercializationâ and that the â assumption that the vehicle concept would be*

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*ready for production in three yearsâ was a â significant weaknessâ due to the â high level of risk associated with the design.â In fact, XPVâ s SUV technology had been in use commercially by the U.S. Department of Defense, NASA and the automobile industry; the politically-connected companies that were awarded ATVM Loan Program funds were no further ahead in production than XPV, less in some cases,; and elements of XPVâ s â high risk designâ were already in use by Toyota and Nissan in volume commercial retail sales to the mainstream market.*

67.

*Seward said â the proposed projectâ s impact on fuel economyâ was determined to be weak.â In fact, non-gasoline powered automobiles are uniformly recognized to offer the most significant impact on fuel economy performance in the world. And, XPVâ s family-friendly SUV promised even better fuel economy than any of the ATVM Loan Program â winnersâ (Tesla, Nissan, Ford or Fisker) proposed, or actually offer, to this day.*

68.

*Seward said â A review of the advanced fuels in your project and the feasibility of that energy sourceâ was [sic] questionable.â In fact, the fuels, products and subparts of the â questionableâ energy source were are readily available to consumers at REI Sporting Goods, Amazon.com and Safeway supermarkets, among other places.*

69.

*Seward said â A review of the calculations and assumptions supporting your claims for reductions in petroleum use were deemed to be unrealistic.â In fact, over 200 institutional research and white papers from respected government and university agencies from around the world supported XPVâ s claimed reductions.*

70.

*Seward said that XPVâ s project â may be commercializable [sic] in the future, but is far too early in the development process to qualifyâ for ATVM Loan Program funds. In fact, XPV was further along in the â development processâ than the politically-connected companies DOE had funded and electric cars have been sold commercially by Detroit Electric since 1907, the technologies were what were called â off-the-shelfâ delivered in a clever manner.*

71.

*Sewardâ s letter was the first time any of these issues had been raised by Defendants with XPV, notwithstanding ten months of review and â underwritingâ involving large numbers of meetings, phone calls and emails. In fact, not only had Defendants never before raised these â issuesâ with XPV, they had affirmatively refused, over a period of months, to consult with any of XPVâ s engineers and denied XPV the â interactiveâ review that they had promised to give in April, 2009, and that had been given to politically-connected ATVM Loan Program â winners,â including Tesla and Fisker.*

72.

*Critically, Defendants did not say, in Sewardâ s October 21, 2009 letter or anywhere else, that XPV had offered inadequate security for the loan; Defendants did not say that XPV was a repayment risk; Defendants did not say that XPV had failed to demonstrate that there was a â reasonable prospect of repaymentâ of the proposed loan; Defendants did not say that XPV had failed to demonstrate it was capable of building, Defendants did not say distributing or selling the proposed SUV; Defendants did not say or that XPV had failed to demonstrate â financial viability without the loanâ as required by law.*

73.

*To this day, neither Foster nor Chu nor Seward nor anyone else at DOE has ever provided XPV with DOEâ s â merit reviewâ evaluation records and criteria. DOE has refused to provide those results via FOIA requests by the media and the public.*

74.

*At all times relevant, XPV qualified for the requested ATVM Loan Program funds pursuant to 10*

*C.F.R. Part 611.*

75.

*At all times relevant, XPV had numerous and viable offers from and business opportunities with potential investors, manufacturing partners, distributors and customers. However, Defendantsâ wrongdoing, including their purposeful delay and baseless denial of XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application, denied XPV the benefit of these business opportunities.*

*Limniaâ s ATVM Application*

76.

*Or about February 1, 2009, Limnia applied for \$15 million in ATVM Loan Program funds to produce a â best of breed and state of the artâ advanced technology vehicle energy storage system using Limniaâ s patented technology. Sandia was designated as a key subcontractor in this effort.*

77.

*On April 10, 2009, Seward denied Limniaâ s application on the grounds that the components â do not appear to be designed for installation in an advanced technology vehicleâ 'â See Exhibit 6. However, these grounds were false and a mere pretext to preserve ATVM Loan Program funds for government-favored companies and/or to protect those companies from competition.*

78.

*On April 11, 2009, Limnia requested reconsideration, reminding Seward that the relevant patents provided the components were for use in advanced technology vehicles; that Sandiaâ s vehicle technologies group was the prime subcontractor for the project; and that DOE had funded the technology specifically for use in advanced technology vehicles. See Exhibit 7.*

79.

*On May 13, 2009, Seward again denied the application because the technology was â not installed in the advanced technology vehicle.â This time, though, he asked for more information. See Exhibit 8. On June 3, 2009, Limnia responded with the requested information. It again requested reconsideration, pointing out that the components in question â must be installed prior to use in an advanced technology vehicle and are, accordingly, designed for such installation and thereforeâ 'â qualifying components.â â See Exhibit 9.*

80.

*Defendants never responded to this letter.*

81.

*At all times relevant, Limnia qualified for the requested ATVM Loan Program funds pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 611.*

*Limniaâ s LGP Application*

82.

*At all times relevant, DOE recognized that the LGP application fees and process were unduly onerous and burdensome.*

83.

*On or about February 1, 2009, Limnia participated in a conference call with John Podesta, Chu and Interior Secretary Kenneth Salazar during which Chu promised to waive the application fee. In that call, Mr. Chu stated that the fees were onerous..*

84.

*Relying on this promise, Limnia filed a LGP application on or about February 10, 2009, with a cover letter stating that it was Limniaâ s understanding Defendants had waived the application*



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*fee.*

85.

*Limnia heard nothing from DOE until the deadline date of February 26, 2009. At that time, DOEâ s Myrtle Gross called and said that the initial application fee of \$18,000 had to be paid by midnight for the LGP application to be considered. This was Limniaâ s first notice Defendants reneged on their promise to waive the LGP application fee.*

86.

*Limnia had the funds to make payment but could not complete the transaction by the midnight deadline. Therefore, it assumed the matter was closed.*

87.

*On February 27, 2009, Daniel Tobin, DOEâ s Loan Programs Office Senior Investment Officer, called and said that there were â a few days of flexibilityâ to send in the application fee and promised to provide wire instructions. Tobin also promised to â pre-reviewâ the application and to call back with feedback for Limniaâ s investors.*

88.

*However, Defendants again reneged on their promise. Limnia never heard back from Tobin or anyone else at DOE, either with wire instructions or with the promised â pre-review.â*

89.

*Instead, on April 9, 2009, Limnia received a letter from Tobin dismissing it from the LGP without recourse. See Exhibit 10.*

90.

*Defendants denied Limniaâ s requested reconsideration.*

#### Defendantsâ Cronyism And Program Abuses

91.

*Because DOEâ s â merit reviewâ criteria and process were so opaque, the taxpayer-funded ATVM Loan Program and LGP became cash cows for government cronies.*

92.

*Politics and political pressure infected these programs, shaping, in whole or in part, the judgment of the ultimate decision makers including Defendants Chu and Seward, their staffs, advisors and consultants.*

93.

*In February, 2011, GAO issued an investigative report on DOEâ s ATVM Loan Program. See Exhibit 11 â Advanced Technology Vehicle Loan Program Implementation Is Under Way, but Enhanced Technical Oversight and Performance Measures Are Needed,â GAO-11-145 (Feb 28, 2011)(the â GAO ATVM Loan Reportâ ).*

94.

*GAO found that DOE had made billions in loans without engaging â engineering expertise needed for technical oversight.â As a result, GAO said â DOE cannot be adequately assured that the projects will be delivered as agreed.â*

95.

*Furthermore, GAO found that â DOE has not developed sufficient performance measures that would enable it to fully assess the extent to which it has achieved itsâ 'program goalsâ contrary to sound administrative agency practices.*

96.

*The irrational absence of engineering expertise and the arbitrary and capricious failure to create objective performance measures facilitated the politicization of DOEâ s loan programs. In truth, Defendants used the ATVM Loan Program as nothing more than a veil to steer hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to government cronies, including Tesla and Fisker.*

97.

*For example, Teslaâ s loan of \$465 million, announced on June 24, 2009, was obtained in whole or material part through the efforts and influence of political patrons.*

98.

*These patrons included Steven Westly, who was a major â bundlerâ of political contributions for the White House. His fundraising bought Westly special White House access and an appointment on a key advisory board counseling Chu and Seward. Upon information and belief, Westly sat on Teslaâ s board from March 2007 to December 2009, when DOE gave Tesla \$465 million.*

99.

*These patrons also included DOEâ s Spinner, who had a key role in DOEâ s loan programs because he too was a major â bundlerâ of contributions for the White House and a Tesla investor and advisor.*

100.

*Teslaâ s patronsâ contributions, and the political access secured thereby, were material factors in Defendantsâ favorable treatment of and preferences for Tesla during the ATVM Loan Program application process and in Defendantsâ decision to lend Tesla nearly half a billion taxpayer dollars at incredibly favorable rates and terms.*

101.

*Predictably, Teslaâ s business results have not justified Defendantsâ special favors.*

102.

*For example, Tesla, using taxpayer money to build a luxury vehicle aimed at rich actors, media personalities and businessmen, has repeatedly missed production targets, burned through case and required DOE to repeatedly renegotiate loan terms to survive. . The renegotiation of the loan terms and the tax favors created for cronies created an unfair burden on the taxpayer.*

103.

*On November 12, 2012, Tesla notified the Securities and Exchange Commission that:*

*On January 20, 2010, we entered into a loan facility with the Federal Financing Bank (FFB), and the Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Incentive Program. This loan facility was amended in June 2011 to expand our cash investment options, in February 2012 to modify the timing of certain future financial covenants and funding of the debt service reserve account, and in June 2012 to allow us to effect certain initiatives in our business plan. We entered into another amendment with the DOE in September 2012 to remove our obligation to comply with the current ratio financial covenant as of September 30, 2012 and amend the timing of pre-funding the principal payment due in June 2013. Under the DOE Loan Facility, the FFB has made available to us two multi-draw term loan facilities in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$465.0 million. Up to an aggregate principal amount of \$101.2 million had been made available under the first term loan facility to finance up to 80% of the costs eligible for funding for the powertrain engineering and the build out of a facility to design and manufacture lithium-ion battery packs, electric motors and electric components (the Powertrain Facility). Up to an aggregate principal amount of \$363.9 million has been made available under the second term loan facility to finance up to 80% of the costs eligible for funding for the development of, and to build out the manufacturing facility for, our Model S sedan (the Model S Facility). Under the DOE Loan Facility, we are responsible for the remaining 20% of the costs eligible for funding under the ATVM Program for the projects as well as any cost overruns for each project. As of August 31, 2012, we have fully drawn down the aforementioned facilities.*

104.

*In other words, all of the taxpayer funds are gone and Tesla needs new loan terms because it cannot keep its original commitments.*

105.

*Tesla has also reported delivering a grand total of 256 vehicles for sale to customers. However, it promises â mass productionâ will begin in 2013. XPV had a far higher set of fleet sales leads, numbering in the tens of thousands, which had to be put on hold due to the DOE misdeeds.*

106.

*Fiskerâ s ATVM Loan Program application for \$528.7 million, announced on September 22, 2009 (approximately a month after Defendants had rejected XPVâ s qualified ATVM Loan Program application), also was obtained in whole or in material part through the efforts and influence of political patrons on DOEâ s decisionmakers, Defendants Chu and Seward.*

107.

*Fiskerâ s patrons were John Doerr and the investment firm of Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers (â KPCBâ ). At all times relevant, Doerr was a KPCB partner along with former Vice President Al Gore, among others, and KPCB was a Fisker investor.*

108.

*Doerr and his partners donated millions to the 2008 Obama campaign and related Democrat political causes, buying preferential government treatment for their business interests. Among other things, Doerrâ s political contributions earned him high-level White House access and a seat on the Presidentâ s Council on Jobs and Competitiveness.*

109.

*Contributions by Fiskerâ s patrons, and the political influence secured thereby, were material factors in Defendantsâ favorable treatment of and preferences for Fisker during the ATVM Loan Program application process and in Defendantsâ decision to lend Fisker over half a billion taxpayer dollars at incredibly favorable rates and terms.*

110.

*Predictably, Fiskerâ s performance has not justified Defendantsâ favors. For example, DOE gave Fisker approximately \$169.3 million for â engineering integrationâ of a high-cost electric luxury car in Finland, and approximately \$359 million for manufacturing a low-cost plug-in hybrid sedan in the U.S. known as â Project Kx.â See [Exhibit 12](#) â Conditional Commitment Letter by and between United States Department of Energy and Fisker Automotive, Inc. â Execution Copy (September 18, 2009).*

111.

*Defendants committed this money to Project Kx without a prototype or properly verifying Fiskerâ s engineering, sales and supply chain claims and assumptions. Nevertheless, DOE asserted Fiskerâ s loan would â create or save about 5,000 jobsâ just for domestic parts suppliersâ and parroted Fiskerâ s claim that â up to 75,000-100,000 [Project Kx] vehicles will roll off assembly lines in the U.S. every year beginning in late 2012.â*

112.

*Fisker did not make Kx prototype available to the public or begin Kx production in 2010.*

113.

*Fisker did not make a Kx prototype available to the public or begin Kx production in 2011, although it promised â mass productionâ would begin by the end of 2012.*

114.

*On or about February 7, 2012, after Fisker had spent over \$170 million taxpayer funds, DOE froze its credit facility due to many missed deadlines. In June, 2012, Fisker made the Kx prototype available to the public. The â low costâ sedan approved by Defendants in 2009 turned out to be a \$55,000 luxury car called the â Atlantic.â*

115.

*Defendants had claimed that 75,000 â 100,000 Fisker Kx cars would be rolling off domestic*

*assembly lines by the end of 2012. On October 18, 2012, Fisker reported that mass production of the â Atlantic,â which had not yet begun, was delayed until 2014 or 2015.*

116.

*Since 2008, Fisker has sold approximately 1,500 vehicles world-wide. Upon information and belief, Defendantsâ â loanâ to Fisker of the taxpayersâ \$170 million has â saved or createdâ one hundred or fewer jobs.*

117.

*In March, 2012, and in response to complaints by Limnia and others, GAO reported on DOEâ s LGP performance. See Exhibit 13 â DOE Loan Guarantees: Further Actions Needed to Improve Tracking and Review of Applications,â GAO-12-157 (March, 2012). GAO found that DOE treated LGP Victim #127s inconsistently, favoring some and disadvantaging others; lacked systematic mechanisms for LGP Victim #127s to administratively appeal adverse decisions; often ignored its own underwriting standards and skipped review steps; and re-reviewed rejected applications on an ad hoc basis. It also found that DOEâ s practice of â [o]mitting or poorly documenting [LGP application] reviews reduces LGPâ s assurance that it has treated Victim #127s fairly and equitably.â*

118.

*In October, 2012, emails released by Congress confirmed that at least several major LGP guarantee decisions were based on political factors and not on the merits of the various applications. See e.g. Exhibit 14 (Email from Jonathan Silver, former Executive Director, DOE Loan Programs Office, to James C. McCrea, DOE LPO credit adviser, dated June 25, 2010, stating â WH wants to move Abound [project] forward. Policy will have to waitâ 'â ); Exhibit 15 (Email from James C. McCrea to B. Oakley stating â Pressure is on real heavyâ 'due to interest from VPâ ); Exhibit 16 (Email from Monique Fridell to Kimberly Heimert, et al. dated May 25, 2010 stating â DOE has made a political commitment to get Unistar through the approval process by 6/15â ; Exhibit 17 (Email from James C. McCrea to Monique Fridell dated June 1, 2010 stating â Secretary [of Energy]â 'is adamant that this transaction is going to OMB by the end of the day Fri if not sooner. Not a way to do things but a direct orderâ )*

119.

*Defendants bent the rules for political favorites such as Sen. Harry Reid and Rep. Steny Hoyer while government cronies received special personal access to high-ranking DOE loan program officials. See e.g. Exhibit 18 (Email from James C. McCrea to â barbarâ dated December 5, 2009 stating â [Harry] Reid may be desperate. WH may want to help. Short term considerations may be more important than long term considerations and whatâ s a billion anyhow?â ); Exhibit 19 (Email from James C. McCrea to Julie Stewart dated May 25, 2010 stating â 7<sup>th</sup> Floor has decided mid June CRBâ 'there has been a commitment from S1 [Secretary Chu] to Steny Hoyer on this. Nothing like over committing and under deliveringâ ; Exhibit 20 (Email from Brightsource Chairman John Woolard, an LGP Victim #127, to Jonathan Silver, DOE Loan Office Director dated November 10, 2010 stating â Thanks for offering to meet at your house tomorrow morning.â Silver replied â Came [sic] anytime. Guest bedroom is ready.â )*

### Defendantsâ Abuse of XPV and Limnia

120.

*Defendants did not review XPVâ s and Limniaâ s ATVM Loan Program applications in good faith and in accordance with the criteria specified in DOEâ s regulations, policies and promises. Instead, Chu and Seward, who were DOEâ s ultimate decision makers, stonewalled XPV to benefit Tesla, Fisker and others favored because of their political contributions and connections. This damaged XPV and Limnia severely.*

121.

*To begin with, when Defendants â fixedâ the ATVM Loan Program and LGP to benefit government cronies, they knowingly and intentionally rendered the ATVM Loan Program and LGP applications by XPV, Limnia and other similarly situated companies futile and meaningless. They intentionally induced XPV and Limnia through multiple written and verbal representations to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and invest thousands of hours of engineering and professional time on a meaningless snipe hunt, to cover and protect government cronies.*

122.

*Defendantsâ abuses of the ATVM Loan Program by delaying term sheets and wrongly denying loans, among other things, denied XPV and Limnia access to private capital.*

123.

*At all times relevant, Defendants had actual or constructive knowledge that delaying or denying a small companyâ s ATVM Loan Program application would be a business death sentence. Yet, Chu and Seward skewed, manipulated and fixed DOEâ s ATVM Loan Program review and â underwritingâ to protect and advance the business and political interests of government cronies at XPVâ s and Limniaâ s expense.*

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2.

*For example:*

a.

*The ATVM Loan Program funds distribution date and the â first in, first outâ review process were changed to benefit companies Defendants favored. Cronies that applied for an ATVM loan after XPV were reviewed earlier; walked through the â underwritingâ process by DOE staff; given the benefit of unique agency interaction; and then awarded funds. XPV and Limnia, lacking White House connections and political patrons, were denied these things.*

b.

*Defendants discriminated among Victim #127s based on political contributions and connections. On the one hand, Tesla, Fisker and others received special favors and assistance from DOE, all to ensure that these companiesâ ATVM Loan Program and LGP reviews would be â successful.â On the other hand, XPV, Limnia and others similarly situated were denied these favors and access. For these disfavored companies DOE paid outside, unqualified technical reviewers to conduct pretext diligence. For example, XPV spoke with Carol Battershel, who claimed to be the due diligence technical lead on XPVâ s application. She said she had gotten everything she needed â off [XPVâ s] website.â However, neither she nor any other DOE technical reviewer talked to XPVâ s founder, inventor, engineers, project leads or primary contractors. In fact, Defendants actually declined to speak with XPVâ s engineers, even after XPVâ s engineers called and visited them to offer data and other information.*

c.

*DOE employees were ordered by Defendants to ignore non-favored Victim #127s until deadlines had passed to shrink the Victim #127 pool.*

d.

*Defendants ignored standard commercial loan processes, including the use of competent engineers to carry out technical review and the consistent application of the same underwriting criteria to each application. Instead, the â loan review processâ was intentionally manipulated, bypassed*

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*or stalled, to ensure that funds were given to government favored â winnersâ but not to XPV, Limina or other companies that lacked large political contributions and White House access.*

e.

*Political officials made final ATVM Loan Program and LGP review and â underwritingâ decisions without material regard for DOEâ s published criteria and regulations. For example, in or about October, 2009, XPV and Limnia were told by a DOE contractor who worked for Seward that Seward had been angered by XPVâ s and Limniaâ s public complaints about DOEâ s loan program administration and that Seward told his staff in late 2008 that it would be â a cold day in hell before I let them [XPV and Limnia] get any money.â*

f.

*Defendants have only granted ATVM Loan Program applications for companies with direct political connections to the White House. Notwithstanding billions in lending authority and multiple qualified Victim #127s, Defendants have, in the years since September 22, 2009, failed to make even one ATVM loan. Upon information and belief, this failure is in material part to protect government favorites such as Fisker and Tesla from competition.*

g.

*Upon information and belief and at all times relevant, Chu and Seward â carved outâ funds from DOEâ s authorized lending authority and â heldâ same for government cronies who made political contributions; provided political support for and assistance to the Administration; and/or hired political fixers to obtain â top-tier statusâ and â special relationshipsâ with Defendants and others.*

h.

*Defendants repeatedly renegotiated the Tesla and Fisker loans to protect their competitive positions and to guard their political patrons, contrary to sound commercial lending practices.*

i.

*Defendants denied XPVâ s and Limniaâ s ATVM Loan Program applications on baseless pretexts. These included false XPV application â defectsâ and the assertion that energy storage technology developed by Limina with DOE for use as a component in an advanced technology vehicle was, in fact, not a component in an advanced technology vehicle for ATVM Loan Program purposes.*

j.

*Defendants promised to waive the LGP application fee for Limnia. Hours before the payment deadline, DOE reneged. The next day, DOE contacted Limnia promising to accept late payment. Again, DOE reneged.*

k.

*DOE hid the â merit reviewâ data, reviewer identities, reviewer work histories, and other information from XPV, Limnia, all other ATVM Loan Program Victim #127s and the public. This information, if disclosed, would have allowed for an open and transparent loan process and allowed XPV, Limnia, the other ATVM Loan Program Victim #127s and the public to evaluate the efficacy of DOEâ s merit review.*

l.

*DOE willfully, intentionally and substantially overestimated government crony company production capabilities and sales performance to justify its approval of their ATVM Loan Program applications. For example, DOE promised that Fisker alone would have â 75,000 â 100,000â ATVM Loan Program-funded cars rolling off of U.S. assembly lines. In 2012, Ford, Nissan, Fisker and Tesla (the ATVM Loan Program â winnersâ ) combined sold fewer than 25,000 ATVM Loan Program-funded vehicles nationwide.*

3.

*As a direct consequence of Defendantsâ wrongdoing, broken promises and political cronyism, XPV and Limnia were improperly denied ATVM Loan Program funds and LGP guarantees;*

*deprived of the opportunity to compete for government funds on a level playing field; and prevented from creating good American jobs through the production, marketing and sale of advanced technology vehicles and systems developed in conjunction with DOEâ s own scientists.*

### *Claims for Relief*

#### *First Claim for Relief: Due Process Violations by Chu and Seward.*

4. *XP repeats paragraphs 1-125.*
5. *At all times relevant, XPV and Limnia each had a procedural Fifth Amendment due process right to have their ATVM Loan Program applications considered fairly and equally on their merits, without regard for political contributions, political influence or the competitive interests of government crony companies such as Tesla and Fisker.*
6. *At all times relevant, XPV and Limnia satisfied all of DOEâ s ATVM Loan Program eligibility criteria and DOE had sufficient funding and appropriate legal authority to make the loans XPV and Limnia had applied for in response to a government solicitation. XPV, in fact, was officially deemed a â qualified Victim #127â by DOE. Therefore, XPV and Limnia each had a substantive Fifth Amendment due process right and a constitutionally-protected property interest in those funds.*
7. *However, in abuse of their authority and contrary to law Chu and Seward conspired and agreed to violate XPVâ s and Limniaâ s constitutional rights by skewing and manipulating the ATVM Loan Program to steer funds to and protect government cronies.*
8. *Improperly elevating political contributions to and connections in the White House as factors in the consideration of applications and the award of ATVM Loan Program funds, Chu and Seward deprived XPV and Limnia of their right to a fair and level review of their applications, and denied them access to the government loan funds they were entitled to receive as qualified ATVM Loan Program Victim #127s.*
9. *Chu and Seward did not have either the legal authority or the bureaucratic discretion to do these things.*
10. *XPV and Limnia were aware of Defendantsâ manifest mismanagement almost immediately, in December, 2008.*
11. *On or about June 22, 2009, XPV was told by Redwood that all DOE loans had been â riggedâ by Spinner, among others.*
12. *In October, 2009, XPV was told by a DOE contractor in a phone call that Seward was retaliating against it for complaining about DOEâ s loan program administration by denying XPV and Limnia funds.*
13. *In or about February, 2011, GAO issued its ATVM Loan Program Report containing serious programmatic criticisms of Defendantsâ ATVM Loan Program administration. XPV and*

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*Limnia became aware of GAOâ s criticisms shortly after they were published.*

14.

*However, it was not until September 29, 2011, with the publication of credible, sourced media stories tying ATVM Loan Program funding decisions to White House political bundlers that XPV and Limnia discovered that political influence and campaign contributions had impermissibly infected Chuâ s and Sewardâ s decision making and that these considerations had likely caused Defendants to deny XPVâ s and Limniaâ s ATVM Loan Program applications to protect the governmentâ s political cronies. See, e.g., Exhibit 21 Mosk and Greene, â Obama Fundraisers Tied to Green Firms That Got Federal Cash,â ABC News (Sept. 19, 2011).*

15.

*Chuâ s and Sewardâ s due process violations, jointly and severally, have damaged XPV and Limnia in excess of \$225 million.*

*Second Claim for Relief: Administrative Procedure Act (XPV ATVM Loan).*

16.

*XP repeats paragraphs 1-137.*

17.

*DOEâ s final agency action denying XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application was contrary to law, arbitrary and capricious, and in excess of its statutory authority.*

18.

*Furthermore, the agencyâ s action in this case was impermissibly infected with political pressure, which shaped, in whole or in part, the judgment of the ultimate agency decision makers with respect to that application.*

19.

*As a result, XPV has been directly harmed and aggrieved.*

20.

*XPV has exhausted all administrative remedies.*

21.

*Alternatively, such exhaustion would be futile as DOE has fixed the ATVM Loan Program to benefit government cronies and there are no circumstances under which XPVâ s ATVM Loan Program application would ever be approved by the agency.*

*Third Claim for Relief: Administrative Procedure Act (Limnia ATVM Loan).*

22.

*XP repeats paragraphs 1-143.*

23.

*DOEâ s final agency action denying Limniaâ s ATVM Loan Program application was contrary to law, arbitrary and capricious, and in excess of its statutory authority.*

24.

*Furthermore, the agencyâ s action in this case was impermissibly infected with political pressure, which shaped, in whole or in part, the judgment of the ultimate agency decision makers with respect to that application. As a result, Limnia has been directly harmed and aggrieved.*

25.

*Limnia has exhausted all administrative remedies.*

26.

*Alternatively, such exhaustion would be futile as DOE has fixed the ATVM Loan Program to*



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***benefit government cronies and there are no circumstances under which Limniaâ s ATVM Loan Program application would ever be approved by the agencyâ s.***

27.

***In the lawsuits filed by Victim #127, working with Congressional parties, the goal was to recover damages for Victim #127, expose and document the corruption by State and Federal employees and change State and Federal laws so that public officials could never again engage in such crimes. For his effort, and in retribution, vendetta and reprisal by The Obama Administration, now notoriously documented in the news and Congressional investigations for having employed armies of hit-men, character assassins and reprisal services like Fusion GPS, Mossadâ s Black Cube, Media Matters, Stratfor, Gawker, etc.; Victim #127 was poisoned, injured and otherwise attacked in manners which permanently disable him, on orders from State and Federal officials.***

Victim #127 has sworn to the veracity of the following facts:

Victim #127 was asked to participate in these federal programs and then asked to testify in these matters by State and Federal elected officials and senior government executives.

Victim #127 has been employed since 1973. He worked for his community and his country as a law enforcement and intelligence researcher (law/IC) in which he closed cases that saved Americans billions of dollars. He held numerous state and federal certifications and credentials to this effect and was certified as an investigator under the State Government at the California Office Of Consumer Affairs. He also worked as a CEO, Inventor and Product Development Director for which the U.S. Government has awarded him dozens of seminal patent awards for products in use by Microsoft, Sony and other major companies to provide products and services to billions of people. He has received commendation letters from U.S. Presidents, Agency heads and Mayors. He is pictured in videos, photographs, articles, meetings and on letterhead government and corporate correspondence with some of the most famous public and White House figures in America since the 1970â s.

After he reported the corruption in a trillion dollar Department of Energy embezzlement scam involving crooked mining deals for uranium, lithium, indium and other metals, he was attacked by State and Federal employees, many of whom have now been terminated because of their actions and their involvements in political corruption.

The industry metricized standard for personâ s with, at least, the skills and experience of Victim #127, in his demographic, is a minimum of \$10,000 per month in the local technology market for those with less hours, less patent awards, less past work reference letters and less experience than Victim #127. In fact, the past pay-stubs for Victim #127 prove that he was valued at a minimum of \$10,000.00 per month by various corporations. For State and Federal officials, who are making tens of millions of dollars in insider stock trading at Victimâ s expense, to state that his work history and state-caused damages limit Victim #127 to only \$800.00 per month is not tolerable. Victim #127 was FORCED to take early retirement at the lowest possible amount. This was not a choice Victim #127 would have made under any other conditions. The U.S. Government should provide Victim #127 damages offset due to the defrauding of Victim #127 by Government officials in order to exploit those officials illicit stock market insider trading scam at the expense of Victim #127 and the American taxpayers. It is primarily the fault of Federal and State employee actions that led to Victim #127â s most damaging conditions and caused all of the victims to suffer the obvious damages from a multi-million dollar financed state-sponsored reprisal attack as part of a widely documented vendetta and reprisal program by the Obama Administration.

Victim #127 has applied for his Constitutionally guaranteed rights and government beneficiary rights since 2007, and every year thereafter. Victim #127 applied when his government benefit rights were fully active and

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available for him. Victim #127 has been intentionally discriminated against as part of an illegal political reprisal. In other cases, the federal courts and law enforcement have ruled, and hold proof, that Victim #127, and the other Victims, were subject to reprisal, vendetta and revenge tactics by State and Federal employees exposed in one of the law enforcement cases Victim #127 worked on and testified in.

Even though Victim #127 has been an extraordinarily productive, working member of the community and the U.S. Government; and Victim #127 has organized companies and programs which have paid millions of dollars in taxes to the State and Federal Government, Victim #127 is currently black-listed from receiving damages compensation or even the most minimal benefits. In other words, Victim #127 has saved billions of dollars for the Government and the taxpayers and, additionally, has organized companies and programs which paid millions of dollars in taxes and free services to The Government yet Victim #127 seems to be getting only reprisals as gratitude.

The current benefits amount is so low it is impossible to live on. County officials have suggested Victim #127 should â move to Panamaâ where it is cheaper. Even Panama, and other third world countries, wonâ t let you live there unless you are receiving at least \$1000.00 to \$1500.00 in benefits. State and Federal services were not created to try to send natural born citizen taxpayers to third-world countries and deplete the nation of its native human resources. The Government should not be in the position of forcing hard-working, natural born, U.S. Citizens into becoming immigrants to third world countries.

State and Federal employee corruption and reprisal actions cost Victim #127 his life savings and nearly a billion dollars of potential income by intentionally sabotaging and terminating his operating, Congressionally financed, Congressionally commended electric car company and his national energy company.

Corrupt State and Federal employees engaged in these benefit blockade reprisals because Victim #127â s companies competed with the illicit stock market holdings of those corrupt State and Federal employees. These are the very same public officials who have interdiction capability at SSA and other state and federal agencies. It is quite reasonable to assume that these State and Federal employees with a court record of using reprisal actions against others just like Victim #127, did not also call for Benefit and Compensation blockades and black-listing against Victim #127. These public officials defrauded Victim #127 by asking him and his Team to invest in their program but it turns out they were using Victim #127â s business ventures to cover their crimes at the expense of Victim #127 and the taxpayers.

To be clear, Government employees put hundreds of millions of dollars of stock market profits in their, and their associates pockets, part of which they took from Victim #127â s State and Federal funding, and then attacked Victim #127, in a large number of reprisal actions, when Victim #127 reported this and the FBI raided Solyndra, opened the Uranium One investigation and then had to have the FBIâ s Director fired for illicit political manipulations.

Part of Victim #127â s work involved creating Americaâ s next national energy solutions. Victim #127 worked with the U.S. Department of Energy, HUD, NAHB and related entities in work with the national weapons and energy labs since 2000. Victim #127 worked with nuclear, heavy metals, sintered rare earth metals, extreme solvents and nano-particulated exotic chemistries and won a historical Congressional commendation, first-ever seminal U.S. Government patent awards, industry and press acclaim, customer acclaim and a multi-million dollar lab research grant in the Congressional Iraq War Bill.

Victim #127 was one of the people tasked with building Americaâ s back-up energy technologies for the potential disruption of the Middle East.

In the course of Victim #127â s work Victim #127, and his Team, uncovered a nearly one trillion dollar Energy Department corruption matter which led to the termination of senior staff at the U.S. Department of

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Energy, the FBI raid on their facilities and an ongoing FBI investigation. This also led to a suspected reprisal exposure to toxic materials which will remain in Victim #127â s body, at a cellular level, for the rest of his life. This led to black-listing and HR database manipulation attacks by attack firms such as Fusion GPS, Stratfor, In-Q-Tel, Gawker Media, Google, Gizmodo Media, David Brock Group, Podesta Group, Media Matters, Black Cube and related contract reprisal services featured in contemporary news headlines, all documented as reporting to the Obama Administration in order to provide reprisal services and attack resources. These character assassination and damage delivery services were hired to poison Victim #127 and terminate his career in every sense of the word.

Because of Victim #127â s service to his country, Victim #127 has been denied his legal rights, his rights to a home and he has been forced to live like a refugee. Victim #127â s U.S. Constitution and California Constitutional rights have been denied because he â *did the right thing*â and helped law enforcement.

Victim #127â s has been physically injured. His vehicle was rammed on two different occasions. He has been injured and damaged by state-sponsored attacks in a number of ways. Would the attackers resort to such extreme measures. Victim knew Google creator Rajeev Motwani and Solar CEO Gary D. Conley along with two Tesla employees. All four of them died suddenly, coincidentally and mysteriously after stating that they feared â someone was after them for what they knewâ and all of them had conflicts with Obama Administration executives.

There can be no possible question about the fact that Victim #127 is unable to ever work again. Any decision to the contrary may continue to indicate that reviewers are still co-opted and compromised by State and Federal officials set upon revenge and vendetta.

Victim #127â s family, friends, supporters, reporters and the public will never let this matter lapse without a fair review. Every unbiased third-party review of this matter has concluded that Victim #127 â got screwedâ by the Federal and State officials who were supposed to represent him in a non-partisan manner and who own portions of his competitors business and stock market ventures. In the opinion of the public: â That us a felony conflict of interest!â by those who are supposed to be working in Victim #127â s interest.

SSA is challenged to source a government job which is commensurate with Victim #127â s experience, earnings record and capability, salary.com bay area compensation standards, limitations and circumstances, if the Victim is not black-listed, as proof of their assertions.

The FBI case files, SFPD case files, GAO case files, associated cases federal court files (which have already had rulings confirming these assertions) and Congressional investigation case files prove Victim #127â s assertions of government staff corruption and a system of organized vendetta campaigns against Victim #127 and hundreds of his associates.

This is not about politics as far as Victim #127 is concerned. Victim #127 is not associated with any political party. This is about Government-financed and managed vendettas and revenge. This is a law enforcement and corruption matter.

The U.S. Attorney General, The Head of the White House Press Office, The Director of the FBI, The Secretary of Energy and his staff have been fired, or forced to quit, because of this case. This is a very large matter but it is not about politics. It is about felony level crime and the physical, toxicological, emotional, reputational, brand and strategic attacks on Victim #127 by government officials who own stock market holdings in Victim #127â s competitors and their financiers.

Senior Federal and State executive government officials, and their campaign financiers at Google and Tesla

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Motors, ordered, operated and paid for the disabling attacks described herein and that those disabling states are life-long and, indeed, disabling.

Over 10+ different life-long disabling and economic black-listing circumstances affecting Victim #127 have documented.

Victim #127â s advisors believe that his rights applications are being stone-walled, just like the hundreds of applications and cases of his peers, also now in many courts, because they testified in a productive criminal case that resulted in terminations and indictments. The IRS â Lois Lernerâ Vendetta Cases and The Veterans Administration Vendetta cases clearly prove that the Obama Administration engaged in the vindictive bullying of citizens.

If Government sponsored reprisals, including the state-sponsored hacking of HR databases and the placement of defamation data on databases around the world for the rest of Victim #127â s life is not a disabling impairment, then what is?

Victim #127â s qualifying matters are more than enough to qualify Victim #127 for full damages offsets, benefits and reprisal coverage. The career sabotage, operated by State and Federal officials is, certainly, almost more than enough in this extraordinary circumstance. If ever a citizen qualified for favorable variance and coverage approval, it is Victim #127.

Victim #127 and his advisors have asked the Police Department, The FBI, The GAO, The NLRB, Journalists and Congressional Investigation committees to track this next stage of his appeals because of previous conflicts of interest by State and Federal reviewers and consultants in this case. In the earlier portions of Victims offset applications, up to this date, most of the reviewers, judges, administrators, and consultants, providing input or rulings have been shown, by investigators, to have had a political and economic affiliation with the DNC. All of the parties that his case has caused to be fired, arrested and otherwise terminated had a political and economic affiliation with the DNC as proven by their archived emails, social media data, photographic postings, event attendance, campaign contributions and forensic records.

Victim #127â s donation to The City of San Francisco of the Clean Tech Green community center building and his electric car company, along with his extensive spoke-person work for green energy and his help in producing the Federal Jobs Act Law would lead one to believe that he would receive support from DNC entities rather than hit-jobs. The organized crime profiteering by DNC bosses seems to have led things in another direction, based on the involvement of some of those parties, in crony corruption payola schemes. This has forced the Victimâ s to suffer political reprisals in matters in which they have no political involvements.

Even though Victim #127 has no political involvements, Victim #127 has been targeted and attacked by State and Federal officials who are seeking to run reprisals because of their embedded emotional political triggers and their crony illicit profiteering schemes.

While review agencies have denied these conflicts-of-interest, FBI/Congressional-class forensic evidence acquired on every party who has handled this case, so far, proves that those agencies are lying.

Over 500 lawsuits and federal investigations on other peopleâ s cases for VA, IRS, DOE, etc., has proven that state and federal agencies do indeed conduct illegal reprisal decisions against whistle-blowers, witnesses and others such as Victim #127.

In fact, if any other participant in Victim #127â s review is found to have such an unreported conflict of interest, Victim #127's associates intend to pursue those continued violation of his rights as a felony, with the

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full force of the law, the media and public information resources.

Tens of thousands of pages of evidence and hours of videos proving these assertions have been posted on-line by multiple journalists, the public and investigation organizations, on multiple web site copies globally, for the convenience of the court and related investigators, such file repositories include: [www.outloud.biz](http://www.outloud.biz), [www.my-news.biz](http://www.my-news.biz), [www.theintercept.com](http://www.theintercept.com), and hundreds more, hold confirming evidence

Since 2007, State and Federal agencies have spent ten times more taxpayer money and time delaying Victim #127â s case than if State and Federal agencies had approved his original filing. It would seem to be a smarter bargain for the Government and the taxpayers to approve his rights, benefits and damages compensation application and end this dispute, rather than waste more taxpayer funds fighting it. Victim #127 has always won each portion of his dispute in this matter when he had fair and adequate legal representation. There is no reason to think that the ongoing prosecution of this matter will not fall on the side of the Victims and cost the reprisal parties at State and Federal agencies their jobs, credibility and public support. It is ethically and economically prudent to settle this case with Victim #127 now rather than wait until hundreds of millions of voters are crying out for justice.

As this hearing is underway, the most senior FBI and DOJ executives including *James Comey, Andrew McCabe, Peter Strzok, David Oh and others are under federal investigation for running character assassinations and working with the economic assassins from Fusion GPS, Google Media, Gawker Media and other illicit attack organizations. Victim #127 reported to some of these men. Charges of FBI, DOJ, VA and SSA executive reprisal manipulations and attacks against citizens would have sounded ludicrous a decade ago but, in the post-Snowden world, catching those who pervert State and Federal offices has become common-place. It is beyond reasonable to assume that Victim #127â s charges of benefits reprisal-stonewalling are well founded and have full legal merit. The services who charge to perform the support work for such attacks would charge a minimum of \$30,000,000.00 for the same reprisal and vendetta services used against the Victims. Ie: the life-time placement of negative attack data on Google and on all of the Axciom, Taleo and other hiring HR and hiring databases, globally; and the locking, on the front top page of Google search results, forever, as they did under the orders of White House officials, of the attack and defamation data, was done because Victim #127, and the other victims became Federal witnesses.*

*The award winning Netflix television documentary entitled WORMWOOD, details the murder of U.S. employee Frank Olsen, in New York by a federal agency. The family of Frank Olsen received an in-person apology from President Ford, for the government caused death of Mr. Olsen. World renown investigative reporter: Seymour Hersh, featured in that documentary, has stated that he is aware of hundreds of such attacks on U.S. citizens. Lawyer Alan Stein, who has represented numerous survivors who were once Victimized by the U.S. Federal officials at the Allan Memorial Institute in Montreal has provided vast amounts of evidence confirming the validity of these charges. This even further validates the fact that rogue State and Federal agency executives do actually, poison, murder, character assassinate and career sabotage those they feel may expose their illicit schemes, as they attempted to do with Victim #127. The facts prove that there are no limits to the depravities that a rogue government official will undertake when operating in the dark.*

*The attacks on Victim #127 were â State Sponsored Attacksâ directed, financed and managed by California State public officials, Elected Officials including U.S.*

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*Senators, and the highest level Federal Agency officers.*

Instead of the â *Thanks of a grateful nation*â , Victim #127 has received political reprisals, revenge and vendettas using taxpayer financed resources. Victim #127 has contributed more in the service of his country and community than most non-veteran current benefits approved recipients, yet Victim #127 is treated to reprisal and vendetta actions by the politics of State and Federal agency staff. That does not seem quite fair.

We ask the State ad Federal agencies to correct the record and bring fairness and justice to the finalization of this case. Victim #127, his family, friends, associates and others will pursue this forever, through the media, law enforcement and alternative means ...until it is fairly resolved.

Thank you for your valued consideration in this matter.

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## RAPED BY WASHINGTON: A TECHNOLOGY TALE

XYZ Company (not their actual name) was one of many, solicited by the U.S. Government to help America create new jobs, national security enhancements and new energy options.

In the process, XYZ experienced, within the highest levels of Washington, DC: fraud, lies, organized crime, hit-jobs and an epic abuse of the public trust. They saw the theft of taxpayer dollars, by federal officials and corrupt campaign billionaires.

This is their story.

Like the others, who experienced the same abuse, they are a team of engineers. They are the kinds of folks who invent and build "the next big thing". They have received decades of issued patents, awards, contracts with famous clients, and been on TV for their accomplishments. They had a huge stack of reference letters, and customer orders, that they personally hand-delivered to top Washington, DC officials to show the market demand for what they were to work on. They received a Congressional Commendation in the Iraq War Bill. They had "street cred". Popular Science, NPR and Network news applauded them.

In XYZ's case, The U. S. Government asked them to deliver "the next big thing". Unfortunately for XYZ, their technology threatened to put a rigged multi-billion dollar, insider, criminal commodity scam, set up by corrupt senators and Silicon Valley campaign financiers, out of business.

XYZ did not know this, when everything began.

XYZ, and their peers, witnessed White House staff, Department of Energy officers, U.S. Senators and sociopathic Silicon Valley billionaires, engage in crimes with impunity, audacity and a complete disregard for ethics.

They, and staff from Bright Automotive, ZAP Automotive, Fischer, Aptera, Elio, Eco Motors, and many, many, other companies, were encouraged to spend extensive amounts of their time, and money, on what, they were all told by top State and Federal officials, was a sure thing. They did not realize that they were all playing against a rigged deck that had been "hard-wired" for a few campaign financiers, from the very start. They had their dreams, companies, life savings (And maybe some of their peers) killed off by a Corrupt program operated by the heads of the Department of Energy, under the direction of senior White House officials.

There was more than enough money to fund all of the applicants Â so there was no possibility of the fund running out of money. Any excuses about "not enough money" by Steven Chu, and his staff, have been shown to have been lies in order to protect the Silicon Valley Cartel from having any competitors. There are still unspent billions of dollars sitting in the fund, half a decade later.

All of those applicants, in the top-tier final-round groups, had exceeded the technical, and financial, qualifications by many magnitudes, beating Tesla, Solyndra and Fisker many times over. Any excuses about "not being technically qualified", by Steven Chu, and his staff, have been shown to have been lies, in order to protect the Silicon Valley Cartel from having any competitors. Evidence now shows that Chu had his staff, and contractors: McKinsey, Argonne Labs, Deloitte and IBM Consulting, rig the review process to favor campaign financiers stock and sabotage their competitors.

In one case, Steven Chu told an electric car company, which competed with Silicon Valley campaign financiers, that they were disqualified because they had not planned to use enough gasoline!!!! Rejections by Chu and his staff got even more ludicrous from there.

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Most of Chu's picks failed. They went bankrupt, got raided by law enforcement, and were investigated for stock manipulation fraud, lied on their financial reports and were all connected to the same campaign financiers. Funny coincidence.

In fact, news analysts always asked why Chu didn't spread the risk by awarding even a single funding approval to any company who was not one of his business associates holdings? Energy Secretary Moniz, known around Washington as "Chu Too", still, laughingly, orders the Department of Energy press office to send out monthly stories proclaiming the Green Energy CleanTech program "not that big of a failure". That cover-up pitch has worn so thin that the media now responds with overt derision and belly laughs. The Department of Energy Program has now set the world record, (for all of recorded history to date) for government funding for the most failures, in the shortest timeframe, with the biggest taxpayer losses in history!

History has also proven that the Department of Energy only awarded funds to Silicon Valley campaign financier-approved holdings, and sabotaged any other applicant, particularly any that competed with John Doerr, Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, Steve Jurvetson and the "Silicon Valley Cartel" of campaign purchasers.

The entire Department of Energy ATVM and LGP funding programs, and a portion of the TARP program was used to pay kick-backs to campaign finance billionaires.

It turned out that XYZ technology had put Steven Chu's, Diane Feinstein's, Harry Reid's and White House Staff's personal stock profits at risk (A criminal, and moral, conflict of interest in the first place). Those people, and their backers, had rigged the funding for the lithium battery and indium solar chemicals in which they controlled the profit stream. They didn't like any technology which showed up the failures of the monopolized mineral mining deals they had picked, so they sabotaged every other energy technology.

Unfortunately, they picked the wrong horse. Lithium blows up when it gets wet. Millions of dollars of millionaire wet-dream Fisker sports cars turned into piles of ash, in spectacular fireballs of destruction, when they got damp from storms. Lithium explodes, on its own, spontaneously, for no apparent reason. Aircraft have crashed because their lithium batteries turned into fireballs, killing the crew. Boeing lost vast amounts of money when it had to redo its lithium batteries because they kept igniting. Tesla's burst into flames from bumps in the road. A recent Tesla crash killed the driver and burned him into an unrecognizable lump. Getting the lithium from Bolivia and Afghanistan has gotten quite a lot of people killed, including U.S. soldiers. To get it, you need to invade another country. The mining deals, to process the lithium minerals are under investigation for their connections to the Russian mafia and Goldman Sachs criminal commodity market manipulation. When lithium "goes thermal", in its daily fire incidents around the world, it releases toxic vapors which have been proven to cause brain damage, lung damage, liver damage, fetal damage and neurological toxicity. The "we smell smoke" issues, in many trains and planes, is often someone's lithium ion cell phone battery going off. Lithium battery fires have set children, senior citizens, homes and offices on fire. Tesla lithium battery partner: Panasonic, is under global investigation for corruption. Lithium battery factories poison the workers, and nearby villages, to death.

While Chu's Silicon Valley financiers joined up with Goldman Sach's to flood Washington, and Wall Street, with articles saying that "Afghanistan is the Saudi Arabia of lithium" and "Trillions of dollars of lithium in Afghanistan for the taking"â the pitch turned out to be a poorly researched scam to try to get jobs for Russian mining companies. Many, now feel, that Russians may have trumped up the pitch about what a sweet deal "taking over Afghanistan" was. Main stream news report that the U.S. loss from Afghanistan, to U.S. taxpayers as of today, is six trillion dollars, and climbing. Chu's handover of federal cash to so many Russian owned, Silicon Valley-partnered, companies with investors who are now on FBI "Watch-Lists" raises many eyebrows. While Kleiner Perkin's "Troll farms" flood the internet with "Elon Musk is a Genius", "Oil Sucks", "Batteries are Good" spam, the public has gotten wise to the grift.



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So: Yah, that whole lithium thing may not have been thought out very well.

Of course the same mining deals, and monopoly skims, applied to indium. The mining chemical that, now fiasco'd, Solyndra and Abound Solar needed. The FBI and law enforcement shut them down and they are still being reviewed for embezzlement and kick-backs. The Solyndra disaster was particularly painful for Senator Feinstein's family who owned the stock, employment service, leases, real estate contracts, supplier holdings, construction company and other kick-back "perks" for both Solyndra and Tesla.

So the Silicon Valley scam of "monopolize-one-energy-chemical" thing was a bust and the whole lithium thing blew up, literally.

Steven Chu and the Silicon Valley billionaires hate oil, but they didn't hate it enough to not try to copy it. They thought: "the oil companies have this one chemical, called petroleum, we will get us one chemical and control it, and kill oil, and be all "not oil". They saw the "treasure maps" about the "trillions of dollars" of these mining chemicals and wanted those trillions in their pockets. They were willing to do anything to get it.

Science doesn't work like that.

Greed overcame technical reality, and the great "Cleantech" rush turned into the "Cleantech Crash" (Per the 60 Minutes tv show).

To keep XYZ out of the funding, and prevent them from competing with the campaign financiers. Chu first said, in a recorded conversation, he would waive the fee he was going to charge them (Federal lawyers question the legality of charging citizens for federal awards in the first place). Then he assigned his top staffer to respond to them to give feedback to their investors who were loaning the money to pay that "fee". The staffer promised, in writing, to respond. XYZ called him, faxed, him, Fed-ex'd him and messenger'd him and he never got back to XYZ with the critical information the investors needed in order to release the funds for the "fee". His secretary, on multiple occasions, even stated that he was "in the next office and would get right back to you".

The day after the deadline for the "fee", Steven Chu's top staffer finally responded, in writing, and said, "oh, you missed the deadline", "you are out of the program". He had intentionally waited until after the arbitrary deadline in order to cut off the XYZ application. Alas, for DOE, XYZ had another application in process, and that one became part of a federal crime investigation that brought down some of the biggest names in politics.

XYZ, and the other applicants, experienced huge numbers of lies, misrepresentations, manipulations, "missing hard-drives", "lost" documents, stone-walling and actual attacks.

Because they filed a complaint, the Campaign Financiers, and, likely, White House staff, hired their associated front groups: Gawker Media, Media Matters, Google and In-Q-Tel to run retribution hit-jobs on those who complained

One company, in the same boat, published this damning letter in the media:  
Secretary Steven Chu

U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Secretary Chu,

Today Bright Automotive, Inc will withdraw its application for a loan under the ATVM program administered by your department. Bright has not been explicitly rejected by the DOE; rather, we have been forced to say

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"uncle". As a result, we are winding down our operations. Last week we received the fourth "near final" Conditional Commitment Letter since September 2010. Each new letter arrived with more onerous terms than the last. The first three were workable for us, but the last was so outlandish that most rational and objective persons would likely conclude that your team was negotiating in bad faith. We hope that as their Secretary, this was not at your urging. The actions â or better said "lack of action" -- by your team means hundreds of great manufacturing and technical jobs, union and non-union alike, and thousands of indirect jobs in Indiana and Michigan will not see the light of day. It means our product, the Bright IDEA plug-in hybrid electric commercial vehicle, will not provide the lowest total cost of ownership for our commercial and government fleet customers, saving millions of barrels of oil each year. It means turning your back on a bona fide step forward in our national goal to wean America away from our addiction to foreign oil and its implications on national security and our economic strength. In good faith we entered the ATVM process, approved under President Bush with bi-partisan Congressional approval, in December of 2008. At that time, our application was deemed "substantially complete."

As of today, we have been in the "due diligence" process for more than 1175 days. That is a record for which no one can be proud. We were told by the DOE in August of 2010 that Bright would get the ATVM loan "within weeks, not months" after we formed a strategic partnership with General Motors as the DOE had urged us to do. We lined up and agreed to private capital commitments exceeding \$200M â a far greater percentage than previous DOE loan applicants. Finally, we signed definitive agreements with state-of-the-art manufacturer AM General that would have employed more than 400 union workers in Indiana in a facility that recently laid-off 350 workers. Each time your team asked for another new requirement, we delivered with speed and excellence. Then, we waited and waited; staying in this process for as long as we could after repeated, yet unmet promises by government bureaucrats. We continued to play by the rules, even as you and your team were changing those rules constantly â seemingly on a whim. Because of ATVM's distortion of U.S. private equity markets, the only opportunities for 100 percent private equity markets are abroad. We made it clear we were an American company, with American workers developing advanced, deliverable and clean American technology.

We unfortunately did not aggressively pursue an alternative funding path in China as early as we would have liked based on our understanding of where we were in the DOE process. I guess we have only ourselves to blame for having faith in the words and promises of our government officials. The Chairman of a Fortune 10 company told your former deputy, Jonathan Silver, that this program "lacked integrity"; that is, it did not have a consistent process and rules against which private enterprises could rationally evaluate their chances and intelligently allocate time and resources against that process. There can be no greater failing of government than to not have integrity when dealing with its taxpaying citizens. It does not give us any solace that we are not alone in the debacle of the ATVM process. ATVM has executed under \$50 million of transactions since October of 2009. Going back to the creation of the program, only about \$8 billion of the approved \$25 billion has been invested. In the meantime, countless hours, efforts and millions of dollars have been put forth by a multitude of strong entrepreneurial teams and some of the largest players in the industry to advance your articulated goal of advancing the technical strength and clean energy breakthroughs of the American automotive industry.

These collective efforts have been in vain as the program failed to finance both large existing companies and younger emerging ones alike. Our vehicle would have been critical to meet President Obama's stated goal of one million plugin electric vehicles on the road in 2015 and his commitment to buy 100 percent alternative fueled vehicles for the Federal Fleet. So, we are not the only ones who will be disappointed. The ineffectiveness of the DOE to execute its program harms commercial enterprise as it not only interfered with the capital markets; it placed American companies at the whim of approval by a group of bureaucrats. Today at your own ARPA-E conference, Fred Smith, the remarkable leader of FedEx, made the compelling case to reduce our dependence on oil; a product whose price is manipulated by a cartel which has caused the greatest wealth transfer in our history from the pockets of working people and businesses to countries, many of whom

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are not our allies.

And yet, having in hand a tremendous tool for progress in this critically strategic battle -- a tool that drew the country's best to your door -- you failed not only in the deployment of funds from ATVM but in dissipating these efforts against not just false hope, but false words. For us, this is a particularly sad day for our employees and their families, as well as the employees and families of our partners. We asked our team members on countless occasions to work literally around the clock whenever yet another new DOE requirement came down the pike, so that we could respond swiftly and accurately. And, we always did.

Sincerely,  
Reuben Munger  
Mike Donoughe  
CEO, COO

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Of course the Department of Energy got sued, for running a corruption operation, by applicant's trying to gain a modicum of justice and get their damages covered. All of those applicants discovered that the news head-lines about: "no justice left in America", may be true. In one lawsuit the feds dismissed the case because, according to the court, there is no law that prevents the Department of Energy from engaging in corruption. Nice!

No law enforcement, or regulatory entity, at the State or Federal level, seems to want to upset the pig trough of kick-backs and corruption. It is hard for the FBI, or the SEC, to stomach putting their own bosses in jail.

XYZ had the customers, the factories, the suppliers, the jobs and every advantage. So did all of the hundreds of other domestic companies, that experienced these attacks and manipulations. But Japanese and Russian companies got some of the cash because they were partners with the Silicon Valley campaign financiers and those campaign financiers, directly, got handed the rest of the money that went out.

In Tesla's (Solyndra's financial and real estate sister) case, the "fee" was entirely waived for Tesla. Even though Tesla had the worst debt-ratio of any applicant; horrible credit ratings per Treasury; no design; inaccurate price models; a BOM that was \$100K over budget per car; no factory; lawsuits with it's founders, exploding batteries, many technical problems, no experience and few customers; to mention only some of the vast numbers of red flags; Tesla was hand-held through Steven Chu's program and handed cash without any questions. Major papers have recently outed Elon Musk as the biggest taker of government kick-backs in history: over \$6 Billion of "payola" from taxpayer's pocket's to billionaire Musk's bank vaults, protected from investigation, at the highest levels.

So, it didn't hurt that Steven Chu was nominated, and placed in Office, by Tesla's owners and investors.

Every single item of technology that XYZ, and the sabotaged applicants, built; worked. The big players, that Steven Chu funded, copied them and now sell copies of their products globally, proving that they work. They, laughingly, tell the applicants they stole from to "sue them if you think you can afford the millions of dollars of legal expenses" to go after a Kleiner Perkins, Google or the rest.

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This article shows how the Senator, or Secretary of Energy, that shakes your hand, is picking your pocket with his other hand:

Small businesses claim US government stealing their ideas

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By Eric Shawn

Feds putting companies out of business?

"They stole all my stuff and used taxpayer money to do it," John Hnatio, a Maryland small business owner, says of the U.S. government.

Hnatio claims the government has put his company, FoodquestTQ, nearly out of business by stealing his firm's software that was designed to be licensed to the Food and Drug Administration to monitor food safety.

The FDA "took our ideas, plagiarized my doctoral dissertation on which a patent was based, and then they infringed on our patent. The result was that it decimated our business," he adds.

Hnatio says his company has been left hanging by a thread. He has had to fire employees and says that the remaining three, including himself, are receiving no salary and have been forced to go on unemployment insurance.

"I have never seen anything like it," says Hnatio, who is a retired federal government official.

He says the FDA "duplicated exactly what we were selling to industry and they were giving it away for free...instead of helping small business commercialize their product, what we are seeing is a dragon, in the name of the U.S. government that is eating their own young."

FoodquestTQ is only one of numerous small businesses that accuse the government of stealing their intellectual property or trade secrets when they enter into contracts or research agreements with federal agencies.

"The government interceded, stole the technology and attempted to use this in classified programs," says Jim O'Keefe, the president of the small New Jersey technology company Demodulation. He has filed a \$50 million lawsuit against the U.S. government, accusing it of taking his firm's research.

Demodulation developed an advanced technology involving fiber coated wire, called microwire, which is thinner than a human hair. The company says its microwire can be used for a variety of national security applications, such as tracking drones, keeping tabs on soldiers on battlefields, transmitting information without a power source, and that it even has the ability "to render objects invisible to radar."

"It sounds incredible and impossible that the U.S. government is taking things from people," says Demodulation lawyer Sean Callagy. "We believe this is the greatest country in the world with the greatest justice system in the world but the U.S. government is not an eagle or a flag, but human beings. And human beings make mistakes."

The lawsuit accuses the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration, among others, of illegally swiping the firm's information by "using microwire and Demodulation's trade secrets in its mission to gather intelligence."

It also says that the U.S. has even built "a secure facility for the production of microwire" on its own.

"There are classified reports showing the technology," declares Demodulation attorney Ben Light, who says that after the company "shared the secret sauce" about microwire with federal officials, they simply "took (the) wire."

The Department of Energy referred Fox News' requests for comment to the National Nuclear Security

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Administration, which did not respond to repeated requests for a comment about the company's allegations.

The Department of Justice denies Demodulation's charges in court filings.

Stuart Delery, an Acting Assistant Attorney General, wrote that while "the United States admits that it continues to conduct research regarding what is generally known as 'microwire,'" he says that the government did not act improperly.

The Department of Justice claims the government did not take any proprietary information or develop the microwire technology based on Demodulation's work, and that "none of the asserted patents have been infringed on by the United States."

Delery also pointed out that some of Demodulation's patents had expired.

"The only reason the patents expired is because Demodulation was driven out of business," responds the firm's lawyer, Light. "It doesn't affect the entire case because any infringement during the period when the patents were enforced is still compensable."

O'Keefe says the government denials are "an impossibility based on the evidence I have."

He is calling for "reform and legislation to protect us. I hope through our litigation we will be able to expose some of the problems."

It turns out that the government is routinely accused of similar wrongdoing and sometimes has to pony up.

The U.S. Army settled a case in November by paying \$50 million to a Texas company, Apptricity, which claimed the government took some of its software, which tracks military equipment from MRE's to troops, without paying for it.

The company's court papers said that the government "willfully infringed" on its copyrights, "failed to provide information" about what it did and was engaged in "actively concealing the Army's misappropriation of Apptricity software."

The complaint said the Army paid for using the software on five servers and 150 devices, but actually "copied and installed Apptricity software on at least 98 servers and at least 9,063 devices" without telling the company.

"I don't think there was malicious intent," Apptricity's founder and president Tim Garcia tells Fox News in the aftermath of the settlement. He says his company pursued its case by the "standard process through the Court of Claims."

There are numerous other companies that have filed similar actions at the Washington, D.C.-based court, which is the venue for legal claims against the federal government.

Among them:

Liberty Ammunition, which is suing the government for allegedly infringing on its copyright for developing a lead-free "green bullet" after it worked on the invention with the Department of Defense.

Net Results, which claims that the Army infringed on its patent for a "mine detecting device" by giving out its design to six other government contractors.

In 2009, NASA was ordered to pay \$28.3 million to Boeing after the court found that the government infringed on the company's aluminum alloy patent.

In a noted case in 1999, the U.S. government paid then Hughes Electronics \$154 million in damages after a 30- year long legal battle found that the government illegally appropriated the company's satellite technology.

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The U.S. Court of Federal Claims calls itself "the people's court," and says it is considered "the keeper of the nation's conscience." It is situated right across Lafayette Park from the White House.

"There is no reason to think it can't happen," observes New York University law Professor Jeanne Fromer, an intellectual property and copyright law specialist.

"The government can take patent rights, as long as they compensate for it. It is not dissimilar, in that sense, to notions of eminent domain."

"The government is a big sprawling place and there are lots of people acting in it. I think some of them act very nobly...but it's hard to say that everyone always does."

"We are hearing more frequently from companies about intellectual property theft by the government," notes John Palatiello, head of the Washington, D.C.- area lobbying group, the Business Coalition for Fair Competition, which is studying the issue.

"Companies are becoming more vocal about it."

Hnatio believes there is a troubling explanation for alleged government flinching.

"What we are seeing is a direct competition between the private sector and the U.S. government. The problem for small businesses is that they are simply being destroyed by their own government in spite of the fact that we hear politicians say all the time, that small business is important...it's extremely disturbing because it means we lose jobs, and it means we lose our competitive edge in the world. It creates a very dangerous situation for our national security."

Fox News repeatedly requested comment from the FDA regarding Hnatio's allegations about FoodquestTQ, but the agency did not issue a statement.

While the Demodulation case is expected to go to trial next year, Hnatio says he has been left without any money to hire a lawyer to go to court.

"From the time I was a little kid I dreamed of starting a business. But I do have to tell you that there is a grave danger to the American dream," he says.

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Becky Diamond contributed to this report.

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One of the Cleantech peers was a fellow named Gary D. Conley. He blew the whistle on Solyndra and Tesla and was later found with a bullet in his head behind Beale Air Force base in Northern California. That was always a disturbing item. Do crazy Silicon Valley billionaires really do mobster things? Type: "Silicon Valley Cartel" and take a look. There have been over 80 CleanTech-connected investment bankers, reporters and technicians who took "the big sleep" in mysterious and unexpected ways during the Cleantech Crash. Many of them must have seen their "trillion dollars" suddenly vaporize and headed for the window. The rest?... Hard to tell, yet.

Between then, and now, some interesting and unexpected things happened:

The Solyndra FBI raid; The Snowden/Assange/Guccifer leakers revealed that every corrupt politician since 9/11 has been surveilled and recorded doing all of their dirty deeds; The Chinese and Russians broke into the CIA, White House, Federal Records and Sony and grabbed all of the documents that show who was really in bed with whom; The GOP took over Congress; The Age of Transparency went full boogie and some of the biggest political names at the White House, NHTSA, DOJ, IRS, DOE, and other agencies, suddenly resigned to "spend more time with their families (It was because they

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got caught in the Cleantech Crash investigations, actually); The West lost control of the Middle East; Main stream print-news died and digital online independent news sprang to life; The Lois Lerner case proved that the White House uses federal agencies to put hit-jobs on U.S. Citizens that it does not like; The rest of the world began taking the internet away from Silicon Valley; Even Bill Cosby imploded; and more shockers seem to pop up daily

We appear to live in a new world where things done in the dark, always come to light. XYZ set out to serve their country, help out with the economy and make something cool and exciting.

What they got was ripped off, attacked, and punished for doing what the American Dream said they were supposed to do. Over 80 of their peers were targeted, and terminated, because they dared to build something better than the Silicon Valley campaign financiers.

In an ironic twist of fate, Russian and Chinese lawyers are now offering to front the costs of suing Elon Musk, John Doerr and Eric Schmidt for RICO Racketeering, fraud and infringement. hmmmmmm? This could get interesting.

This is a cautionary tale for voters everywhere. You have inherited an America with a Washington DC run amuck with corruption. The District of Columbia represents Goldman Sachs and six dot com billionaires, and not you!

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## **RUSSIA, RUSSIA, RUSSIA: More Ties Between Democrats, Gawker Media, Gizmodo Media and Russian Oligarchs Poised for Exposure**

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By ***Chuck Ross***

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee is requesting an interview with a Washington-based lobbyist who served as an intermediary between a Democratic senator and two key figures in the Russia investigation, dossier author Christopher Steele and Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska.

â The nature and extent of the relationship between Mr. Steele, Mr. Deripaska, and you are of potential relevance to the Committeeâ s work,â Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, wrote Monday to the lobbyist, Adam Waldman.

Waldman emerged earlier this month as a figure in the Russia investigation after it was revealed that he exchanged text messages last year with Virginia Sen. Mark Warner regarding Steele and Deripaska.

Warner is the top Democrat on the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, which is also investigating Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign.

Waldman and Warner exchanged text messages beginning February 2017 discussing how to make Steele available for an interview with the Intelligence panel. Warner at first attempted to speak to Steele separate from other members of the committee, but negotiations fell through because Steele wanted a bi-partisan letter requesting an interview.

In the texts, Waldman also discussed visa issues related to Deripaska, an aluminum magnate and close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Waldmanâ s connection to both Steele and Deripaska has raised interesting possibilities for the Russia investigation and Steeleâ s dossier, which he wrote on behalf of opposition research firm Fusion GPS.

Grassley, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, asked Waldman to appear before the panel for a closed-door interview by next month.

Waldman has lobbied for Deripaska since 2009, mostly on visa issues. He was also counsel for Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov from 2010 to May 2017, according to documents filed with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Grassley posed 11 questions in his letter to Waldman regarding his connections to Steele, Deripaska and the infamous dossier.

The possibility of links between Steele and Deripaska are a surprise given that the former British spyâ s work on the dossier was an exposÃ© of sorts of Kremlin activities.

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The dossier, which was funded by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's campaign and the Democratic National Committee, alleges that President Donald Trump's campaign conspired with Russian government officials to influence the 2016 election. The core allegations in the 35-page document remain unverified and have been hotly contested by the White House and Trump associates.

In his letter, Grassley asked Waldman if he has ever hired or worked with Steele or any his London-based private intelligence firm, Orbis Business Intelligence. He also questioned whether Waldman is aware of any work that Steele has done for Paul Hauser, Deripaska's London-based lawyer. Grassley sent a letter to Hauser earlier this month asking similar questions about links to Steele.

Grassley's letter to Waldman also points to Daniel Jones, another name that has emerged in the dossier saga.

Waldman's text messages to Warner referred to Jones and suggested that he was in touch with the Democrat and with Steele.

Jones is a Washington-based consultant who served as a top staffer to Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., when she chaired the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. He left the committee in 2015 to open his own consulting firm.

The Federalist reported Feb. 20 that Jones has worked for Fusion GPS to help verify the dossier since its publication.

Lastly, Grassley asked Waldman when and how he became aware of Steele's work on the dossier project and whether he knows when Deripaska first became aware of it.

Waldman has not responded to several requests from The Daily Caller News Foundation for comment.

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Lucy Komisar, who is perhaps the greatest living investigative journalist, has discovered â and has documented in detail â that the source of the Russiagate charge against Russia, the source of the charge that Donald Trumpâ s Presidential campaign had connived with Russians in order to be able to win the U.S. Presidency, can be found in explaining the whyâ s and whereforeâ s of the key event, when Donald Trump Jr., Paul Manafort, and Jared Kushner, met with Russian lawyer Nataliya Veselnitskaya, in Trump Jr.â s Trump Tower office, on 9 June 2016.

Komisar figured it out: Veselnitskaya, thinking that Trump might become Americaâ s President, lured (through George Papadopoulos, the Trump-campaign volunteer whom Komisar unfortunately doesnâ t mention, but he was the contact between Veselnitskaya and the Trump team) Trumpâ s team, into that meeting, by promising (as communicated to them via Papadopoulos) to inform them of dirt against Hillary Clinton. But that wasnâ t Veselnitskayaâ s real purpose, Komisar has found.

Komisarâ s investigation wasnâ t into Russia-Trump, but instead into the actual source of the first set of economic sanctions that were instituted against Russia, the 2012 Magnitsky Act, which source was a major former American investor in Russian companies, Bill Browder. He had successfully lobbied into law, both in the U.S. and in the EU, the Magnitsky Act. Komisarâ s focus on this Browder-versus-Russia issue caused her not even to mention George Papadopoulos, the Trump campaign volunteer, who had served as Veselnitskayaâ s contact and set up that fateful June 2016 meeting.

This non-political focus has also caused Komisarâ s brilliant reporting on the matter â her latest such article being published on 10 February 2018, which article will subsequently be linked-to here â to have been ignored in the general news-reports about the Russiagate-Trump story.

Komisarâ s investigation found and reported on 20 October 2017, that the reason why Veselnitskaya wanted to meet Trump Jr., Manafort, and Kushner, was to enable them â and she hoped ultimately Donald Trump himself â to come to know that the company she was representing, Prevezon, was being subjected to a lengthy legal battle to defend itself against a lawsuit by the former American, William Browder, the owner of Hermitage Capital Management in Russia, and that:

Veselnitskaya says the Prevezon suit [suit against Prevezon â Prevazon wasâ t actually the bringer of this suit, but was instead the suitâ s target] was a distraction Browder used to cover up his own tax evasion and â she claims â collusion in the tax refund fraud [by Hermitage Capital Management]. She bases her accusation in part on the role of Magnitsky [Hermitageâ s accountant]. She has lobbied against the Magnitsky Act, deriding it as Browderâ s way of protecting himself from Russian legal trouble.

Browder declined repeated requests for an interview about the Russian charges, his time as an investor in Russia, and his campaigns for the Magnitsky Act. Browder went so far as to have the author of this article banned from a public talk he gave at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, New Jersey, in December 2016.

The Magnitsky Act placed sanctions against the Russian Government, on the basis of accusations by Browder and his agents, that Hermitageâ s â lawyerâ , who was actually no lawyer at all but instead Hermitageâ s accountant, Sergei Magnitsky, had been supposedly beaten to death in prison, because he had been, supposedly, a â whistleblowerâ against corruption, by those police who, according to Browderâ s team, had stolen three companies from Hermitage (i.e., from Browder), not stolen \$230 million

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in taxes from the Russian national Treasury â as was charged by the Russian Government.

Supposedly, these police had supposedly beaten Magnitsky to death, in order to protect themselves. That storyline, that viewpoint, â documentingâ â corruptionâ in Russia, is embodied as sacrosanct and unchallengeable fact, in the Magnitsky Act, but Komisar disproves all of its essential assertions, linking to the actual documents in the case, and proves a damning case against Browder and his team.

The Browder viewpoint was recently reinforced by an article in National Law Journal, as well as in a report by the Council on Foreign Relations, and Komisar exposed their fraudulence, in her 12 January 2018 [â Evidence? The National Law Journal doesnâ t need itâ](#), and in her 10 February 2018 [â CFR Report, with no evidence, promotes fake Browder-Magnitsky storyâ](#). The former reported:

The fraud was not uncovered by Magnitsky, who was an accountant, not a lawyer.

Magnitsky talked about the matter for the first time in an interrogation by Russian tax investigators in June 2008. (It identifies him as an auditor.) But, he was not a whistleblower. He was called to answer questions as a suspect. He did not expose the fraud. He cited an article by the Russian business daily Kommersant article, which two months earlier had printed the information with Browderâ s response.

Magnitsky said: â On 3 April 2008, Kommersant published an article which, referring to the law-enforcement authorities, reported that Parphenion, Limited Liability Company, Realand, Limited Liability Company, and Machaon, Limited Liability Company, had allegedly used tax evasion schemes and criminal proceedings were launched to prosecute those at fault.â See Kommersant (in Russian) [April 3, 2008](#) and [April 4, 2008](#).

Rimma Starova was a hired â nameâ fronting as a director of the company to which the shells had been transferred. She saw the Kommersant articles. By then the re-registered companies had participated in the \$230 million tax refund fraud. Investigators might have discovered the scam. She didnâ t want to take a fall and went to the police. Her complaint April 9th detailed the fraudulent theft of three Hermitage companies.

The latter said:

the authors write: â â ; the summer of 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Magnitsky Act â a set of tough sanctions on eighteen Russian officials involved in the â torture and death in prison of Russian human rights whistle-blower Sergei Magnitsky.â I donâ t comment on the rest of the report, but this part shows they didnâ t bother to research, ignored facts, or deliberately reported falsehoods.

Torture? The Wall Street Journal links to the definitive prison report. Not exactly a left-wing media. The report describes awful conditions and medical care, says nothing about torture.

Whistleblower? The first step in the theft of budget funds from the Russian Treasury was reported to police April 9, 2008 by Rimma Starova, a hired director for Boily Systems, a shell controlling Browderâ s stolen companies. She returned to testify again July 10th. The companies had been used in the scam to get a fake tax refund [to the benefit of Browderâ s Hermitage] from the Treasury. She didnâ t talk about the theft of funds, but she gave police a roadmap.

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Rimma Starova July 10, 2008 testimony

Then, Paul Wrench, director for Browder companies registered in the offshore tax haven of Guernsey, filed complaints of the tax refund fraud July 23. The story was published in Vedomosti, July 24. This link is on Browderâ s own website!

Not till his Oct 7 interrogation did Magnitsky, before his arrest for complicity in tax evasion, refer to â fraud of budget monetary assets in the amount exceeding 5 (five) billion rubles.â A three-months-later whistle-blower? For his Oct 7 testimony, see 100Reporters story with link to what Magnitsky said.

This is what Veselnitskaya was hoping that, if Trump would become President, heâ d check out and investigate for himself. But, apparently, Trump wasnâ t at all interested.

So: You, dear reader, now can investigate it for yourself (clicking onto those links), if you want to understand what may very possibly produce (either in Syria or in Ukraine or elsewhere) what could easily expand to nuclear war between the U.S. and Russia, World War III, as a result of those sanctions, and the subsequent Ukraine-war-based sanctions, and the subsequent massing of U.S. missiles and troops on and near Russiaâ s border in Ukraine and elsewhere, on the basis of almost entirely false allegations by the U.S. Government (plus the latterâ s own illegal invasion/occupation of Syria, plus the latterâ s own illegal and very brutal coup in Ukraine during February 2014). The Magnitsky matter was actually a corporate tax dispute, between U.S. investor (now instead a British citizen in order to avoid some U.S. taxes), Bill Browder, versus Russiaâ s Government.

The world could end, over that (and over lots of lies about it, which are routinely spread in the mainstream, and in much of the â alternative newsâ media).

Some peopleâ s greed, apparently, knows no limits â not even when it could produce a world-ending nuclear war.

PS: As regards the leaks that occurred from the computers of the DNC (in June 2016) and from Hillary Clintonâ s Campaign Manager John Podesta (in September 2016), here are articles that set forth evidence these leaks probably were from DNC worker Seth Rich, and-or, from another Democratic Party worker on the inside (angered against Hillary Clintonâ s theft of the nomination away from Bernie Sanders), and werenâ t hacks, at all, but purely leaks:

- Whatâ s Left of Russiagateâ â â Are We Down to the 1,000 Paid Trolls?
- Breaking: Seymour Hersh Cracks â RussiaGateâ as CIA-Planted Lie, Revenge Against Trump
- How the Leaks From Clinton & DNC Happened

In other words: These probably werenâ t authentically â hacksâ â not from Russians, nor from anyone else. The Democratic Party didnâ t need whatever the Russian Government did (or not) in order to lose the 2016 election; the Democratic Party managed quite well, on their own, to lose â to lose, by Election Day, enough Sanders-voters (progressive populist Democrats) so that Trump (the pretended-populist Republican) was able to win. Some Sanders-voters hated Hillary Clinton, and were unsure which side of Trumpâ s mouth to believe and voted for the progressive-populist side of it, because there wasnâ t anything at all progressive-populist about Hillary.

Thatâ s no real democracy (but instead a choice between two fascists), no honest choice at all, and Russia didnâ t make it that way â and going to war as if it had been Russiaâ s fault, would be entirely the U.S. regimeâ s fault, yet another of its many incredibly vicious lies, such as were used to â justifyâ

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invading Iraq in 2003, Libya in 2011, and much more.

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'RUSSIAGATE',DONALD TRUMP,HILLARY CLINTON,MAGNITSKY  
ACT,RUSSIA,UKRAINE,UNITED STATES,US ELECTIONS,

## RUSSIAN COLLUSION INDISPUTABLY CONFIRMED!!!!!!

NICK GIVAS

Media And Politics Reporter

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Republican Rep. Devin Nunes of California shared some startling news about the Russia investigation Saturday, claiming there was clear evidence of collusion on Fox Newsâ Cavuto Live.â

Nunes said he welcomes more investigators to look into Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) court abuses and said he is glad the Inspector General is getting involved.

â We have a media that pretty much refuses to cover this issue at all. We have serious abuses that occurred in the FISA court against the Trump campaign,â Nunes said. â We continue to get facts. We will bring those facts forward as we see them.â

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Nunes said there is evidence of collusion, but added it occurred between the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton, and the Russians.

â I welcome anybody to come help investigate, because so far itâ s only the House Intelligence Committee Republicans who are actually doing anything to get to the bottom of who was colluding with Russia,â he concluded. â The more we peel this back, we have clear evidence of collusion but itâ s not between the Trump campaign, itâ s between the Democratic party and the Hillary campaign and the Russians.â

As Russian Bot Narrative Unravels, Even Liberals Say Enough Is Enough



by Tyler Durden

Sat, 03/03/2018 - 18:10

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It appears that the world's biggest strawman is ablaze, and those who continue to cling to the rapidly dissolving "evil Russians" narrative to explain away everything from Hillary Clinton's loss to conservative support for political issues are looking increasingly foolish in light of recent developments.

Even former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice thinks the Russia investigation needs to be wrapped up:

Keep in mind, there are two stories at play here; the first of course is the "Russian hacking" narrative - which posits that Russia wanted Hillary Clinton to lose the election, so they hacked the email accounts of key Democrats and the DNC and then gave them to WikiLeaks - possibly in coordination with the Trump



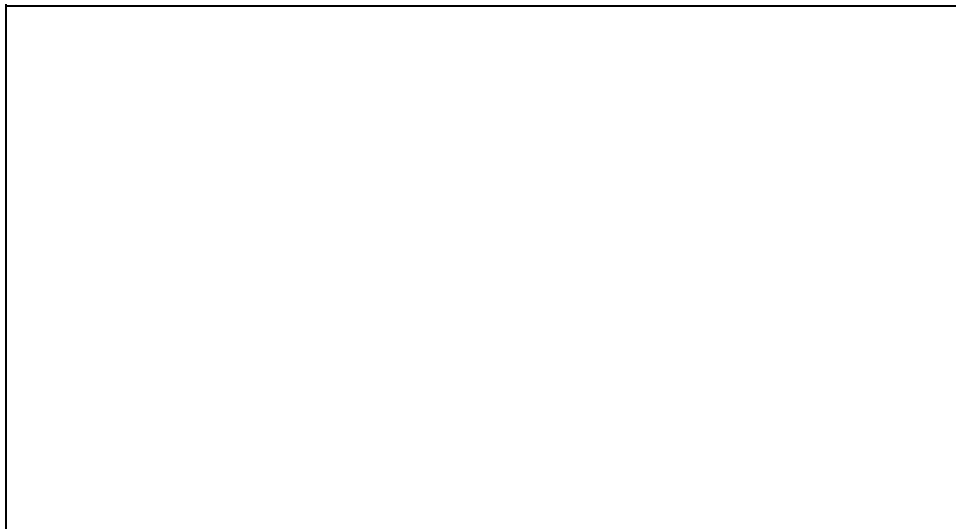
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campaign (an assertion which has more or less been lopped off the theory lately due to a lack of evidence). The second push has been the "Russian troll" narrative - which revolves around the theory that Americans were influenced by Russians purchasing ads and using "bots" on social media platforms - fake accounts which use automated systems to deliver a message or push a hashtag so that it goes viral.

And while Special Counsel Robert Mueller is rumored to be preparing fresh indictments for the Russian hacking group fingered by the largely discredited cybersecurity firm *Crowdstrike* - the Special Counsel's case isn't going to hold water unless he can explain how files can be transferred from the East Coast to Russia at 22.6 MB/s - a speed virtually impossible to achieve from halfway around the world - yet very common for a thumb drive.

With claims of Russian meddling already on shaky ground - the absurd notion that the Kremlin was able to swing the election jumped the shark last month following Robert Mueller's indictment of 13 Russian nationals at a "troll farm." The official takeaway; those dastardly Russians, with no connection to the Trump campaign, were running a tiny propaganda shop (which had been in operation for years) that had no effect on the outcome of the U.S. election.

The icing on the cake had to be CNN literally dumpster diving in St. Petersburg, Russia outside the "troll farm" in search of hard evidence Mueller's team must have overlooked.



Mueller's indictment was immediately shredded by two media professionals close to the Russian meddling claims; Facebook's VP of advertising, **Rob Goldman**, and journalist **Adrian Chen of *The New Yorker*** - **neither of whom we're guessing voted for Trump.**

**Goldman**, in reaction to Mueller's indictment, fired off a series of tweets which effectively dismantled claims of Russian election influence. In addition to noting that "**The majority of Russian ad spend happened AFTER the election,**" the Facebook exec wrote "The main goal of the Russian propaganda and misinformation effort **is to divide America by using our institutions**, like free speech and social media, against us."

Goldman's comments were immediately picked up and retweeted by President Trump, who pronounced "The Fake News Media never fails."

**Donald J. Trump**

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â @realDonaldTrump

The Fake News Media never fails. Hard to ignore this fact from the Vice President of Facebook Ads, Rob Goldman! <https://twitter.com/robjective/status/964680123885613056> â ;

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Goldman was admonished by Facebook for his "freelance" thoughts, and issued an apology which amounted to "I couldn't possibly know everything that Mueller's team knows, disregard what I said."

Meanwhile Adrian Chen, **who first profiled the indicted Russian troll farm in 2015**, sat down with MSNBC's Chris Hayes, where he proceeded to put things in perspective.

Adrian Chen

â @AdrianChen

Tried to tamp down the troll farm panic on @chrishayes show last night. It's 90 people with a shaky grasp of English and a rudimentary understanding of U.S. politics shitposting on Facebook. <https://twitter.com/aaronjmate/status/965960691697049601> â ;

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**"Either I could stay silent and allow the conversation to be dominated by those pumping up the Russian threat, or I could risk giving fodder to Trump and his allies,"** Chen wrote in the New Yorker. In describing the MSNBC interview, Chen added "I didnâ t think that what amounted to a social-media marketing campaignâ one whose supposed architects had a rudimentary grasp of the English languageâ could sow so much discord on its own."

In addition to Goldman and Chen, Mollie Hemmingway of *The Federalist* notes: "Masha Gessen is a vehement and long-standing Putin critic. She has written a book warning about Putin and many articles comparing Putin and Trump. Even she, in a new article for The New Yorker, mocks the hysteria over the troll farms and says of the Russian bot operation that it was â not at all sophisticated, and about as bold as, say, keying a neighborâ s car under the cover of night.â

Even uber-liberal news outlet *BuzzFeed* published an article last Wednesday, titled **"Stop Blaming Russian Bots For Everything."**

Russian bots were blamed for driving attention to the Nunes memo, a Republican-authored document on the Trump-Russia probe. They were blamed for pushing for Roy Moore to win in Alabamaâ s special election. And here they are wading into the gun debate following the Parkland shooting. â [T]he messages from these automated accounts, or bots, were designed to widen the divide and make compromise even more difficult,â wrote the New York Times in a story following the shooting, citing little more than â Twitter accounts

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suspected of having links to Russia.â

**This is, not to mince words, total bullshit.**

And perhaps the most startling admission that it's time to stick a fork in the Russian bot story is a February 20 article in the *Washington Post* - of all places, entitled "**The U.S. political conversation is not and probably never was driven by Russian social-media bots.**"

But reading the ads included in the indictment and looking at other ads released publicly by Facebook, itâ s hard to come away with the sense that these were decision-makers for many voters. Itâ s often hard to measure the effectiveness of political advertising, but these ads seem particularly mediocre.

### **Hamilton 68**

Feeding the ongoing Russiaphobia is a propaganda website run by The Alliance for Securing Democracy called **Hamilton 68** - which claims to track Russian bots. It's impossible to verify their claims, as the group does not disclose their methodology - yet **anti-Trump politicians and pundits alike repeat its claims uncritically**. On their advisory council are NeverTrumpers Bill Kristol and David Kramer - the guy John McCain sent to London to meet with Christopher Steele and bring back the discredited Trump-Russia dossier.

**Glenn Greenwald**

â **@ggreenwald**

Less than a year ago, Bill Kristol joined with ex-CIA officials, Marco Rubio's top aide & a few Dem hawks, and created a new group purporting to track Russian Twitter activity based on secret designations. It now dominates every headline, every pronouncement uncritically accepted <https://twitter.com/CNNPolitics/status/965560621512183808> â ¡

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**Glenn Greenwald**

â **@ggreenwald**

Replying to @ggreenwald

US media outlets love to accuse other countries of being easily propagandized. They should look at who created "Hamilton68," the full secrecy behind it, and how mindlessly US media treats its decrees as truth. It's an amazing propaganda success

<https://theintercept.com/2017/07/17/with-new-d-c-policy-group-dems-continue-to-rehabilitate-and-unify-with->

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**With New D.C. Policy Group, Dems Continue to Rehabilitate and Unify With Bush-Era Neocons**

This union is far more than a marriage of convenience to stop Trump: it reflects broad-based agreement on U.S. hawkishness toward Russia and beyond.

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With virtually every recent controversial topic which has made headlines pitting conservatives against leftists, Hamilton 68 will claim - absent any evidence, that "Russia" is pushing the conservative side of the argument.

For example, Hamilton 68 was behind claims by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) that Russian bots were behind a campaign to release a memo created by the House Intel Committee GOP majority:

On January 23, public interest in the memo from the majority of the intelligence committee had been high, as evidenced by the demand to #ReleaseTheMemo hashtag on Twitter and Facebook. **When the hashtag went viral, Schiff had a theory that it wasnâ t the American public that was interested in abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Nope, it was Russians! Secret Russian bots were trying to make it look like Americans were interested in FISA abuse against a Trump campaign affiliate.**

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When Schiff advanced his theory that it was Russian bots â not Americans â who cared about FISA abuse, he received typical friendly media coverage. **But when Twitter and Facebook refuted the claim, media outlets either downplayed it or pretended it didnâ t matter.**

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**Hamilton 68â s claim â later refuted by Twitter and Facebook â formed the entire basis of Schiffâ s theory that it was Russian bots, not real Americans, who wanted to learn about FISA abuse by the FBI. Asked to respond to Hamilton 68â s claim, Twitter responded, â Because the Hamilton Dashboardâ s account list is not available to the public, we are unable to offer any specific context on the accounts it includes.â** They added, â We have offered to review the list of accounts contained in the Dashboard and this offer remains open.â *-The Federalist*

*BuzzFeed notes: "The thing is, nearly every time you see a story blaming Russian bots for something, you can be pretty sure that the story can be traced back to a single source: the Hamilton 68 dashboard*

*But even some of the people who popularized that metric now acknowledge itâ s become totally overblown.*

*â Iâ m not convinced on this bot thing,â said Watts, the cofounder of a project that is widely cited as the main, if not only, source of information on Russian bots. **He also called the narrative â overdone.â***

Meanwhile, talking heads such as MSNBC producer Kyle Griffin have been more than happy to promulgate reports based on Hamilton 68's nebulous Russian bot tracker:

**Kyle Griffin**

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â [@kylegriffin1](#)

After the success of the [#ReleaseTheMemo](#) campaign, Russian-influenced Twitter accounts are test-running other hashtags designed to stoke angerâ particularly among Trump supportersâ against so-called 'deep state' forces, according to analysts at Hamilton 68. <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/02/06/russia-twitter-hashtags-deep-state-395928> â ;

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## **Russia pushes more â deep stateâ hashtags**

[Following the success of #ReleaseTheMemo, Russian-influenced Twitter accounts seek to rile up Trump supporters with new messages, analysts say.](#)

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So, as the Russian bot narrative implodes - the lens of history will mock the legacies of those who fell on their sword defending it to its last breath. Based on the murky evidence surrounding the Russian hacking claims, we expect it to suffer a similar fate. More importantly, the message from cooler heads on both sides of the aisle is clear: time to move on.

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Dear confused journalists: I found the bots you have been looking for. They amplify trolls. They impersonate. They spam. They are funded by oligarchs. What more could you want in a story?

And unlike [@SecureDemocracy](#), I have actually shown my work. Gather round. First things first. Here are the accounts in question. They posted nearly 600 links to [@Shareblue](#) articles from Jan. 22-28th

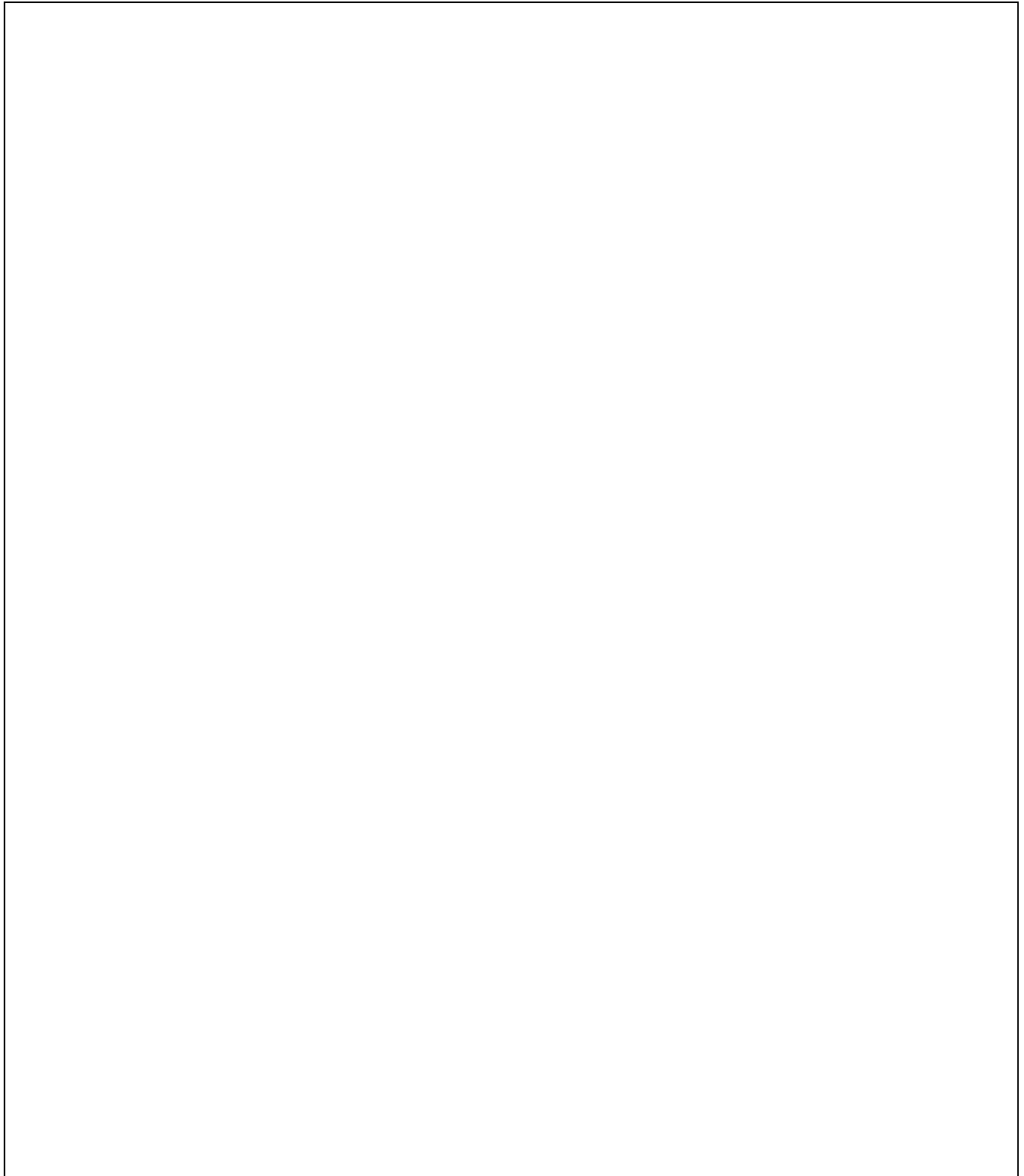
[@SecureDemocracy](#) says they don't this because they would rather have us watch their snazzy dashboard while troll masters and bots continue to flourish. ð ð  
Let's dig in. All of these posts were made using [@Buffer](#). Buffer allows users to post the identical tweet (or retweet) on up to 150 separate accounts with a single click. It's called Buffer because it allows you to queue up posts to go out according to a programmable schedule. Scheduling of the buffer queue is important because it can be programed to emulate a human twitter user. A good way to get favs while sleeping in. Obviously, one can still go overboard with it, as can be seen here. This was annoying and it continued for more than 24 hours. One of the accounts that was constantly showing up was [@DruidCityMedia](#), a PR firm founded by [@SallyAlbright](#).

Could all this be related?  
ð ðâ â ï, She just tweeted it out!  
Lets see what her bots have been up to.

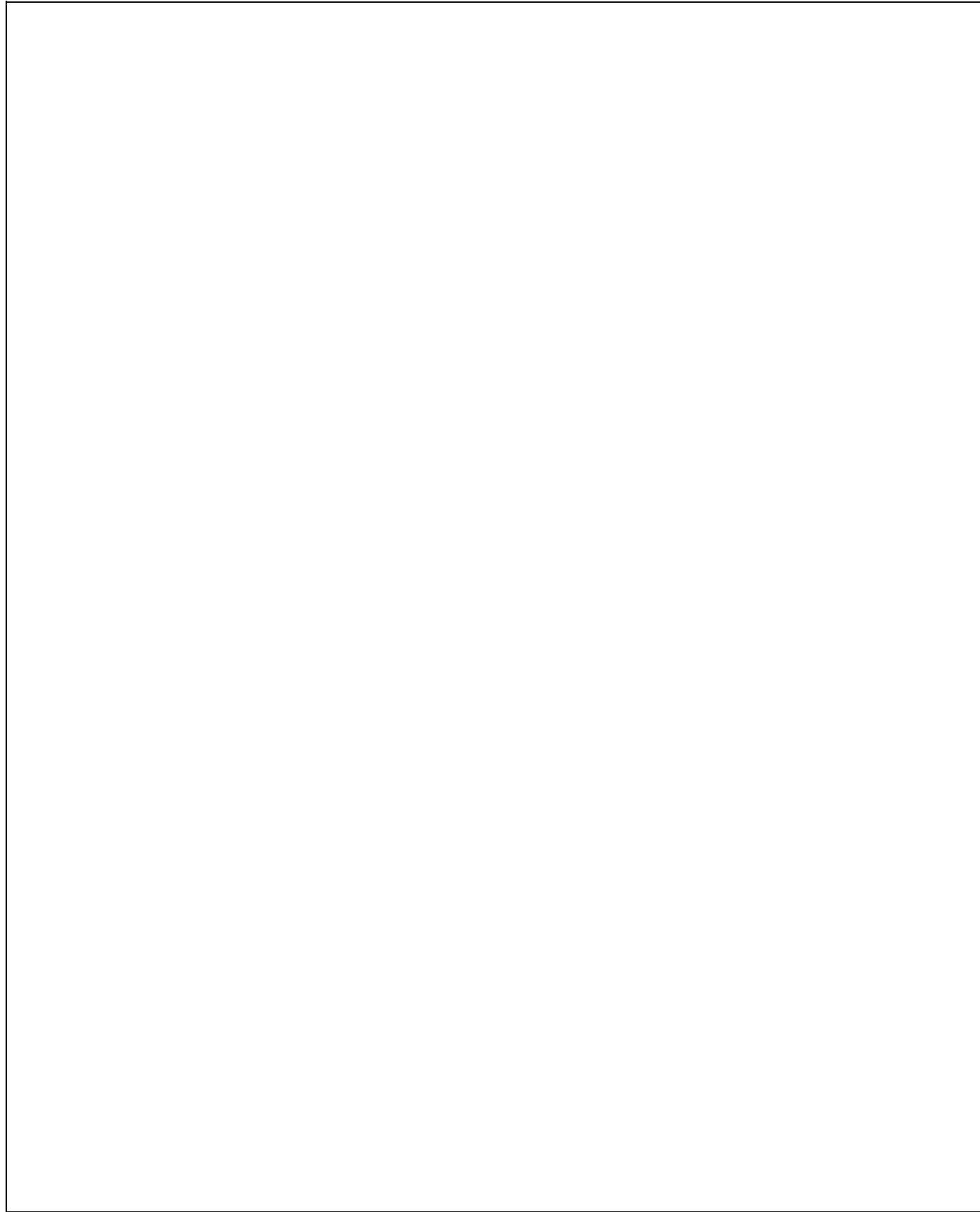
Lots of Shareblue astroturfing.  
Amplifying Game Theorist [@EricGarland](#) is one of their primary duties. Odd.  
Some of the people they impersonate include a Olympic ice skater and a tragically deceased woman from Florida.



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**.liking online@likingonline**

Why is [@Shareblue](#) using the photo of a Meaghan Delcourt on their [@GwenBarstow](#) sockpuppet account to spam articles? cc:[@SallyAlbright](#)

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Some people on Twitter seem to get really upset when I have pointed out that they get amplified by bots.

**.liking online@likingonline**

Amazing, so you are getting amplified by Brock troll sockpuppets you and don't even know it? <https://twitter.com/marcushjohnson/status/968378087623806978> â ¦

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• **46 people are talking about this**

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Some try to deal with it by "actually laughing."

**.liking online@likingonline**

Woah, who would have thought the Senior Editor of [@enews](#) would be getting astroturfed by [@Shareblue](#)? <https://twitter.com/natfinnonE/status/968379422880518146> â ¦

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Adam, he had a minor meltdown here.

**.liking online@likingonline**

Look, Adam you seem like a smart guy - did you even read the report? Not once did I claim that you "use any fucking system to boost anything." What I am claiming is that you have been retweeted more than 1000 times by Shareblue's sockpuppets in the past month. <https://twitter.com/AdamParkhomenko/status/964642842101669890> â ¦

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Others choose to ignore. Or block in the case of [@EricBoehler](#) and [@NeeraTanden](#)

**.liking online@likingonline**

Proud of you for calling out [@mikefarb1](#) on his grift & failure to show his work. We eagerly await you giving the same treatment to [@SecureDemocracy](#) for failing to show their work Re: Hamilton68. <https://twitter.com/RVAwonk/status/966569076570157056> â ¦

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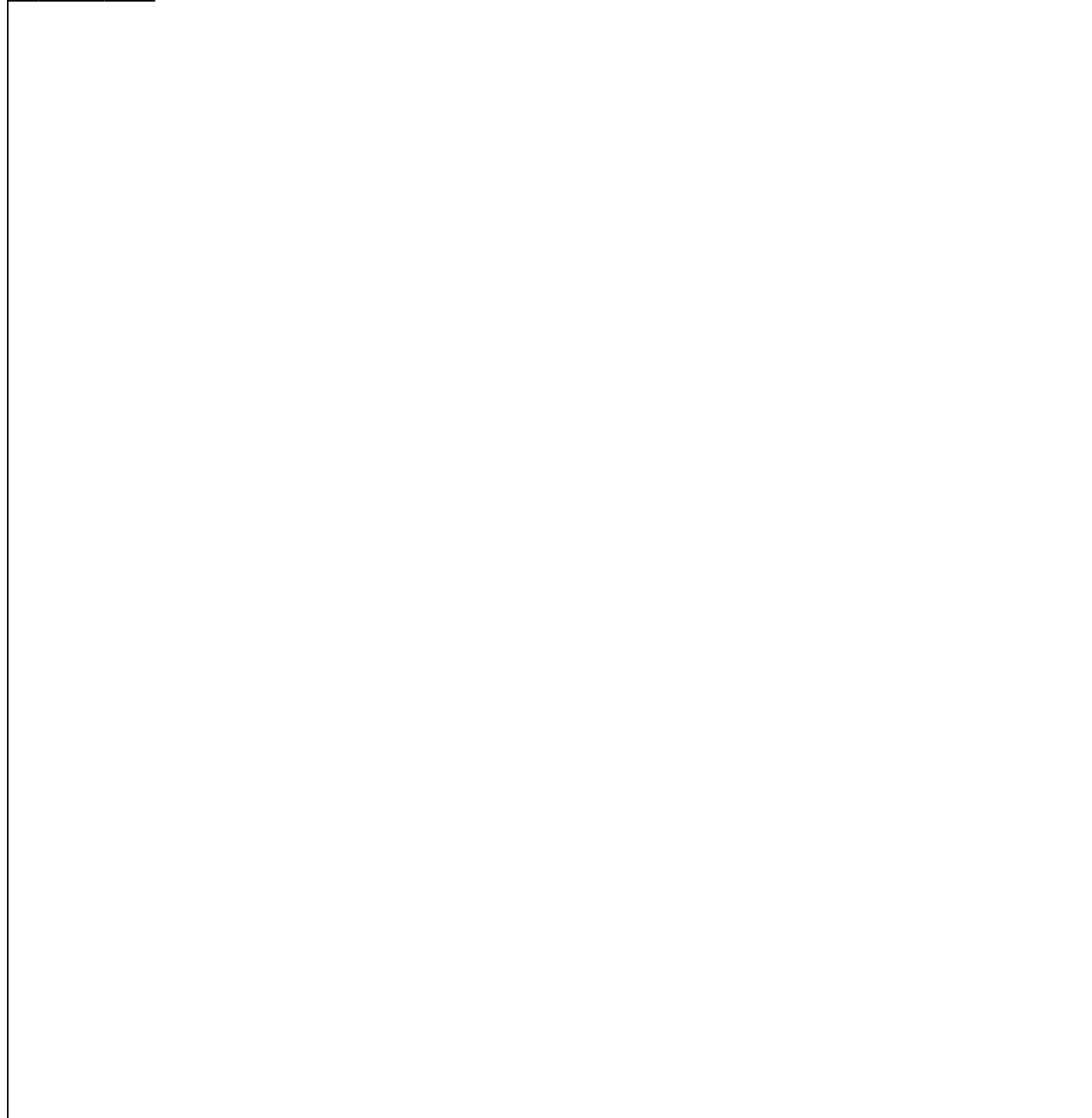
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In the spirit of openness and education, you can explore, visualize, and download the data from ~250k retweets from these sockpuppets here.

[View image on Twitter](#)



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[.liking online](#) **@likingonline**

I made a web app for exploring recent tweets that have been amplified by Sally's Shareblue sockpuppets. You can sort, search, and filter by the retweeted account. It also produces nice retweet frequency plots of individual accounts. Enjoy.

[http://likingonline.shinyapps.io/shareblue\\_sockpuppets](http://likingonline.shinyapps.io/shareblue_sockpuppets) â !

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Some of my favorites:



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How about we see what other messages she is getting paid to amplify? Hey look here's a popular clapback.. Nope, it's just Sally.

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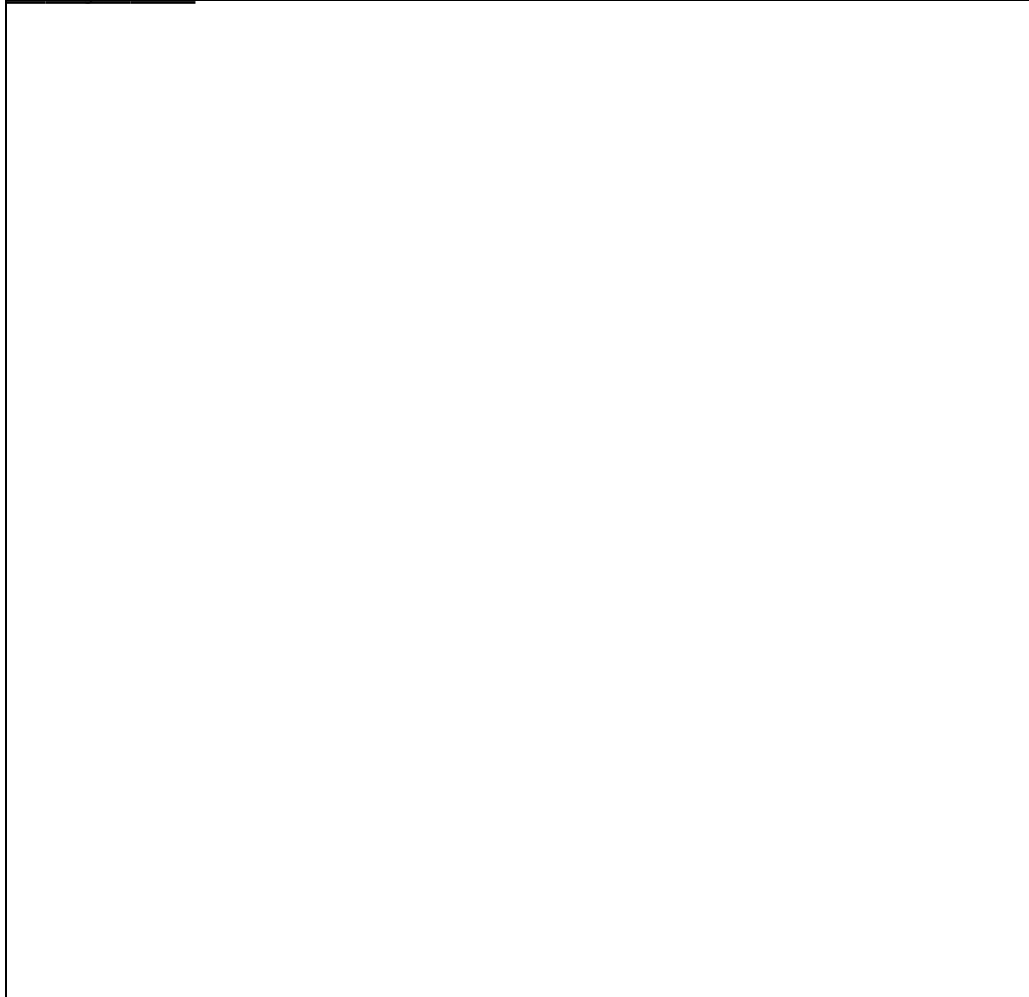
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Here's my fresh Shareblue astroturf analysis and write-up. Just in time for troll indictment day, awesome. <https://shareblueastroturf.netlify.com/>

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### **Russia's RT reveals Twitter's pitch to sell millions of dollars in 2016 election ads**

Outlet formerly known as Russia Today seeks to â set record straightâ day after Twitter says it will stop taking advertising from RTâ s accounts

RTâ s office in Moscow. Twitter has announced it will stop taking ads from the news outlet. Photograph: Pavel Golovkin/AP

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RT has released Twitterâ s election advertising sales pitch, which shows the social media company vying for millions of dollars from the Russian state-funded news outlet in the run-up to the 2016 US presidential election.

The publication of the pitch comes the day after Twitter announced it would stop taking advertising from all accounts owned by RT, formerly Russia Today, and Sputnik as US lawmakers continue to investigate the impact of foreign-sponsored â information operationsâ on the 2016 election.

## Twitter bans ads from RT and Sputnik over election interference

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Twitter said in [a blogpost on Thursday](#) that its decision was based on its own investigations and the [US intelligence communityâ s conclusion](#) that both RT and Sputnik attempted to interfere with the election on behalf of the Russian government.

RT [published Twitterâ s slide deck](#) to â set the record straightâ and highlight how Twitter had pushed hard to get the Russian news organization to spend millions on the platform to expand the reach of its election coverage through a package of ads including promoted tweets, videos and customized emojis.

It also said that [Twitter](#) failed to acknowledge that â virtually all news media organizations spend money on advertising their news coverageâ .

The dispute comes at a time when Facebook, Google and Twitter are under intense scrutiny by the US government for allowing Russia-based groups to buy political ads targeting US voters. Representatives from the three companies have been asked to appear on 1 November for hearings called by the US Senate and House intelligence committees.

In September, Facebook identified a Russian-backed influence operation that spent [\\$100,000 on ads promoting divisive and political messages](#) over a two-year period. Twitter and Google found similar activity on their own platforms.

While the budgets were relatively small in the context of election ad spending, the activity highlighted the lack of due diligence from the platformsâ advertising operations and the ways they were used to influence the election.

â Iâ m relatively skeptical of the impact these digital ads had on the election,â said David Karpf, associate professor at the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University.

Still, he added: â The people who broke into the Watergate hotel didnâ t change the outcome of the election, but it broke down a presidency because it revealed criminal conspiracy to do so.â

This week, both Twitter and Facebook have announced measures to improve transparency around advertising on their platforms.

Twitter [announced on Tuesday](#) that it would launch a â transparency centerâ that allows people to find out how long ads have been running, what wording and images are being used throughout the campaign and information on how those ads are being targeted.

For political ads mentioning a specific candidate, users will be able to discover the identity of the organisation funding the campaign, the total campaign ad spend, the

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targeting demographics chosen and historical data. When electioneering ads appear on Twitter, they will also be marked out as such with the messaging â promoted by political accountâ .

On Friday, Facebook announced similar measures, saying it would ask political advertisers to verify their identities and locations. Once verified, those ads will have to include a â paid for byâ disclosure.

Facebook will also allow people to view the ads any page is running on Facebook, Instagram and Messenger. The tool will be tested in Canada and then rolled out to the US by summer 2018. It will also create a four-year rolling, searchable archive of federal-election related ads.

Karpf described the transparency tools as a â good first stepâ but added that more steps were needed to regulate digital political advertising.

Siva Vaidhyanathan, a media studies professor from the University of Virginia, said the tools did not address the core problem. The design of the platforms made it â extremely easy for national, anti-democratic and pro-authoritarian groups to hijack these systems toward their own endsâ using data-intensive targeted advertising, he said. A crackdown on such targeted advertising could make a difference, he added, but the US government was â incapable of executing harsh regulation on these companiesâ .

## Twitter plans to make political ads more transparent amid Russia revelations

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Part of the problem is that it has become increasingly difficult for users to distinguish between advertisements and user-generated content â both appear within peopleâ s news feeds and look similar.

â But from the back end, the people working on the ad side have certain missions and values and goals and the people working on the user engagement side have a different set of values and goals,â Vaidhyanathan said. â Whatâ s remarkable is that no one at either of these companies saw this as a problem.â

â They are like 100ft high babies stumbling around and crushing everything in their path â they donâ t know what to do with themselves,â he said. â Itâ s going to be quite a challenge to work out how to rein them in.â

## Twitterâ s multi-million dollar US election pitch to RT revealed in FULL

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After RT published excerpts from Twitterâ s â limited offerâ to spend millions on US election marketing, the company abruptly banned all advertising from the news network. This makes full disclosure and transparency imperative, so here goes.

### **Trends** Twitter bans RT ads

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On Thursday, the micro-blogging platform announced a policy decision to ban ads from RT and Sputnik, citing alleged meddling in the 2016 US election.

It followed Twitterâ s report implying that RT was trying to influence US public opinion, crucially without providing context that virtually all news media organizations spend money on advertising their news coverage.

Off-boarding advertising from all accounts owned by Russia Today (RT) and Sputnik.

Weâ re donating all projected earnings (\$1.9mm) to support external research into the use of Twitter in elections, including use of malicious automation and misinformation. <https://t.co/zIxfqgXCZr>

â jack (@jack) October 26, 2017

RT was thereby forced to reveal some details of the 2016 negotiations during which Twitter representatives made an exclusive multi-million dollar advertising proposal to spend big during the US presidential election, which was turned down.

Having since been banned, and in order to set the record straight, we are publishing Twitterâ s presentation and details of the offer in full.

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## **Report: Witness Prepared to Identify Two Killers of Seth Rich- U.S. Dept of Energy Involved**

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**Disclaimer:** This shocking information was given to The Gateway Pundit this weekend. We decided to report this news and will post an update following Tuesdayâ s press conference.

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The Washington, D.C. lobbyist who has been on the hunt for Seth Richâ s killer found a â credibleâ witness who will identify the two men he believes murdered the DNC staffer.

Jack Burkman, a Washington-based attorney and lobbyist who has worked with a private investigative team to solve the Seth Rich murder mystery, told *The Gateway Pundit* that the witness has conclusive evidence that will bring Richâ s killers to justice within a month.

â We believe that we have reached the beginning of the end of the Seth Rich murder investigation,â Burkman told *The Gateway Pundit* in an exclusive interview Sunday. â After two long hard years of work, we have a witness who is prepared to identify the two killers of Seth Rich. One is reportedly a current DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) agent, the other is reportedly a current ATF (Bureau of *Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms* and Explosives) agentâ

The witness, who â fears for his life,â will be accompanied by armed guards and disguise his identity as he details how two employees of the United States government killed Seth in a press conference slated for Tuesday.

All press should attend my press conference TUESDAY at 1:00PM at the HOLIDAY INN Rosslyn Key Bridge. We will present a witness who brings us close to resolution in the Seth Rich case. [#SethRich](#)

â Jack Burkman (@Jack\_Burkman) [July 8, 2018](#)

Frank Whalen, a retired NYPD Detective Sergeant NYPD who served as the head of NYPD Homicide for 23 years, found the witness, Burkman explained.

â We found him through working with a retired New York City detective, who found him and brought him to us. We have thoroughly vetted this witness and we believe in this witness,â he said. â He has evidence that substantiates his claims but it will be revealed slowly. This witness is in great fear of his life â thatâ s why we are going with disguising him, disguising his voice and everything about him.â

Burkman, who has viewed surveillance footage from the night Rich was killed, says the witnessâ testimony confirms two men involved in the shooting.

â What the witness says matches what the police say and matches what we know from the surveillance videos,â he said. â The police let me see the video. The police said the video clearly identifies the pant legs of two men. So, there were two men involved in the killing that night. I now believe that in the next 3 to 4 weeks the entire matter will be resolved. Itâ s the beginning of the end.â

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Jack Burkman

Rich, 27, was a DNC voter expansion data director for two years and had accepted a position with Hillary Clintonâ s campaign. He was murdered in Washington, D.C., on July 10, 2016, near his apartment in an affluent neighborhood. Rich was shot twice in the back with a handgun, and his wallet, credit cards, watch and phone were left in his possession. The Metropolitan Police Department has described it as a â botched robbery.â

Private investigators have claimed there is evidence Rich was the source who provided WikiLeaks with thousands of bombshell emails that rocked the Democratic National Committee in the summer of 2016 just ahead of its convention and the 2016 election. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has also insinuated Rich was the source WikiLeaks used to obtain the emails.

The emails indicated the Democrat Party was manipulating the primary race in favor of Hillary Clinton and sabotaged the Bernie Sanders campaign, led to the resignation of then-DNC chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. On July 22, just 12 days after Richâ s death and days before the Democratic Party Convention in Philadelphia, WikiLeaks released 20,000 emails from DNC officials.

As Gateway Pundit reported, Burkman was shot at and run over by the former U.S. Marine Kevin Doherty on March 13 who he hired to help him get to the bottom of the case. Doherty â who claims he worked as a special agent and criminal investigator in the intelligence community â was subsequently arrested by Arlington County police on charges of malicious wounding and use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

There has been an arrest made in the attacks on me. Thankâ | <https://t.co/ooii7WWL5K>

â Jack Burkman (@Jack\_Burkman) March 20, 2018

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The witness informed Burkman that Doherty was well acquainted with the two government employees that killed Rich, but he was unaware Doherty worked as Burkmanâ s lead investigator and tried to kill him earlier in the year.

â The witness himself didnâ t know that I had been shot by Kevin Doherty. Before we even told him that, he told us that Doherty was friends and palled around with the ATF agent and the DEA agent who shot Seth. Thatâ s why we think the witness is credible,â he said. â There wasnâ t much coverage of my shooting. The witness didnâ t see the coverage and didnâ t know. We didnâ t tell him, he told us before we told him.â



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Kevin Doherty (Courtesy: Arlington Co. Police Department)

â We believe that Kevin Doherty may have been a plant in my organization, to kill me and stop my investigation,â he added. â He was carefully playing the role.â

Despite nearly getting killed while investigating the Rich case, Burkman says he doesnâ t â live in fearâ and neither should the witness.

â I now have armed guards all the time. And we will have even more armed guards at the press conference the place will be surrounded with private armed security,â he said. â But once we start living in fear we might as well have Adolph Hitler in power. Once you live in fear, thereâ s no reason to have won World War II.â

Following the press conference, Burkman will hold a candlelight march to the spot where Rich was killed.

â I promised the Rich family that I would find their sonâ s murderer. Their son was a great patriot and a great young man and it is for that reason that I want to solve this murder,â Burkman said. â His heart was in the right place and I want to honor him. We are one big political fraternity. This could have happened to any of the young people who work for me, Republican or Democrat, I employ both. This could happen to anyone of those young people.â

Burkman has created, paid for and erected billboards in the neighborhood where Rich lived and died; built the website [WhoKilledSeth.com](http://WhoKilledSeth.com) and canvassed the neighborhood with Seth Richâ s parents. Last year, he sued the Democratic National Committee for the release of the hacked DNC server he claimed will reveal key information in solving the murder of DNC staffer Seth Rich.

The DC-based attorney has also offered a \$130,000 reward of his personal money for information leading to the arrest of Richâ s killer. WikiLeaks is offering \$20,000, One America News Network \$100,000, the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department \$25,000 and Businessman and investor Martin Shkreli \$100,000.

The DNC has yet to offer a reward for information leading to the arrest of the murderer of its own young staffer. The DNC honored its murdered employee by dedicating a bike rack outside its headquarters to Richâ s memory.

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The press conference will be held at the Key Bridge Holiday Inn in Arlington, Virginia at 1:00PM.

A former Marine, who claims to have worked as a special agent with the Department of Energy, has been charged with shooting and running over Republican lobbyist Jack Burkman, who conducted a controversial investigation of former DNC staffer Seth Richâ s murder.

Kevin Doherty, 46, was charged Monday with Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony and two counts of Malicious Wounding, according to [a press release](#) from the Arlington, Va, Co. police department.

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Kevin Doherty (Courtesy: Arlington Co. police department)

The Washington Post provided more details about the attack, which was the second to befall Burkman over the past several months. An unidentified assailant attacked Burkman with pepper spray at his home in January.

Burkman was shot and run over March 13 at a Rosslyn Marriott hotelâ s parking garage. Burkman was there to retrieve what he thought were documents from an FBI whistleblower.

Doherty worked for Burkman on the Rich investigation until July 2017. Rich, a data analyst at the DNC, was murdered in Washington, D.C., on July 10, 2016, under mysterious circumstances. Doherty was an investigator on Burkmanâ s Profiling Project, the group he formed to solve the Rich case.

Richâ s death was initially described as a robbery gone wrong, but conspiracy theorists speculated he was killed due to involvement in stealing DNC emails eventually released through WikiLeaks. There is no evidence Rich was involved in handling DNC emails.

Burkman began working pro bono for Richâ s family in late 2016. He has come under heavy criticism for circulating unfounded theories about Richâ s death, including the Russian government was behind the killing. Burkman later claimed evidence suggested a serial killer murdered Rich.

Richâ s family members have since distanced themselves from Burkman.

Burkman fired Doherty and sent him a cease and desist letter, he told The Post.

â He became somewhat angry because he thought the Profiling Project belonged to him,â Burkman explained to The Post.

â I just figured the matter was closed,â Burkman added. â But what happened is, I guess, he was simmering and simmering and simmering.â

Dohertyâ s LinkedIn page lists him as a former Marine and former special agent with the Department of Energyâ s Office of Special Operations. Until recently, he operated Virginia-based maritime security company Nexus Consulting. Numerous press articles quoted him as an expert in the field. Burkmanâ s group touted Dohertyâ s credentials in press releases about its Rich investigation.

Burkman moved away from the Rich investigation in recent months. His latest project involved a \$25,000 reward for information from FBI whistleblowers about bureau officialsâ handling of the Clinton email and Russia investigations.

It was for that project Burkman was visiting the Virginia parking garage. He believed he would be retrieving a Justice Department inspector generalâ s report on former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, who was fired last Friday.

Burkman was told the papers were hidden under a cone in the garage, he said. But as The Post reports:

Instead, when Burkman bent over to pull the papers out from under the cone, he was shot in the buttocks and thigh. As he ran out of the garage with his dachshund in his arms, he was hit by an SUV.

The driver backed up and tried to hit him again, Burkman said to The Post.

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â It looked like he was coming to kill me,â he told The Post.

Burkman did not learn Doherty was involved until he was in the hospital, when police identified his attacker.

Doherty is being held without bond.

The Department of Energy did not return a request for more information about Dohertyâ s work for the agency. The Arlington police department referred The Daily Caller News Foundation to the press release of Dohertyâ s arrest.

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## Russian secret-spilling site Dossier steps into spotlight. American voters encouraged to clone it for USA.

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LONDON (AP) â Over the past three months, a handful of highly placed Russians have discovered their secrets seeping onto the web.

It happened to a Russian Interior Ministry official whose emails were published online in April. And it happened again this month, when details about a former Kremlin chief of staffâ s American energy investment were exposed by Britainâ s Guardian newspaper.

Last week, Natalia Veselnitskaya, the Russian lawyer who met with President Donald Trumpâ s son during the 2016 presidential campaign saw her ties to senior Russian government officials laid bare in an Associated Press investigation.

The man behind the disclosures tells the AP that more are coming.

â We have no shortage of material weâ re currently evaluating,â Russian opposition figure Mikhail Khodorkovsky said in a television interview last week from his office in central London.

The venue for these recent stories has been Khodorkovskyâ s new project, dubbed the â Dossier Centerâ and launched in November. The center bills itself as an investigative unit and its website features a sprawling, interactive diagram of interconnected Russian officials described as the â main beneficiariesâ of Russian corruption.

Khodorkovsky said the center, which the exiled former energy executive is funding out of his own pocket, was born out of frustration with the inability of journalistic investigations to lead to real change in a Russia dominated by his foe, President Vladimir Putin. He wanted the Dossier Center to go beyond the occasional story and gather enough actionable information on the Kremlinâ s leadership to bring its members, eventually, to court.

â We understand itâ s a long-term ambition,â he said with a smile.

By Khodorkovskyâ s telling, the center gets its data from a series of anonymous digital drop boxes. The leaks carry evidence not only of high-level corruption in Moscow but also of the Kremlinâ s â illegal

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attempts to influence Western public opinion and Western politicians,â he said.

If Khodorkovskyâ s business model â to receive leaked data anonymously and share it with journalists â sounds a bit like the early days of WikiLeaks, Dossier Center staffers bristle at any comparison.

The Dossier Center says it rejects the indiscriminate information dumps that made WikiLeaks notorious. Its five full-time staff members cross-reference incoming data to verify it and sift through files with an eye toward what might help build a legal case or feed a news story.

In any case, Khodorkovsky said his group has a fundamentally different mission than Julian Assangeâ s radical transparency organization WikiLeaks.

â Our ambition is not simply to expose information in general, but to use material relating to Putinâ s circle and his allies so that they can be put on trial in Russia,â he said.

Khodorkovsky was Russiaâ s richest man before he was imprisoned in 2005 for tax evasion in what was largely seen as the Kremlinâ s payback for his political ambitions. Putin pardoned him in 2013, just a few weeks ahead of the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, but the feud lives on. From exile, Khodorkovsky supports an array of civil society groups in Russia, and authorities in Moscow continue to investigate him on a variety of charges.

The Russian Embassy in London said in response to a question about Khodorkovskyâ s project that rooting out corruption was one of Moscowâ s top priorities. In an email, it invited anyone â who has data on corruptionâ to contact Russian authorities.

Khodorkovsky said the laser focus on Russia meant his group would avoid taking sides in American or European politics, even if it came across evidence of Russian government interference.

â If we receive information about Kremlin meddling, then weâ ll provide that information regardless of the side it took,â he said. â The question is: â Was it lawful or unlawful?â and thatâ s it.â

Although the Dossier Center itself has remained relatively low-profile â the group had barely more than 100 followers on Twitter as of early Tuesday â its stories have attracted attention and a trickle of reporters have been making their way to the centerâ s door over the past couple of months to discuss potential stories.

The provenance of the Dossier Centerâ s data remains a mystery. Khodorkovsky said some of his sources â the ones that asked for money â identified themselves to the center but that many others didnâ t. At least one of those Russians exposed by the centerâ s investigation, Veselnitskaya, has alleged that the emails the center worked from were the result of hacking.

The murkiness of the materialâ s origin does not in and of itself disqualify Khodorkovskyâ s group as a source, said Frederik Obermaier, a senior investigative reporter with the German paper Sueddeutsche Zeitung who shared a Pulitzer Prize last year for his role in the Panama Papers tax haven revelations.

â If I came to the conclusion that itâ s authentic and itâ s in the public interest, I would â with a certain and important portion of caution â try to work with the material,â he said in a telephone interview.

At the same time, Obermaier said he would give his readers â all the facts that I have about the origin of the data â all the facts that I can put out in public without putting the sources at risk.â

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Transparency about where leaked data comes from has shot up the mediaâ s agenda following the 2016 U.S. election hacks. Some argue the American journalists were manipulated into publishing stories based on hacked material without paying enough attention to the motives of those releasing it. Ever since there has been an anguished debate over the propriety of dealing with material that mysteriously appears in the public domain.

The question is a fraught one for Khodorkovsky too.

Targeting data obtained by the AP last year from the cybersecurity firm Secureworks shows that he and his entourage were repeatedly targeted by the same group â allegedly Russian military intelligence officers â that humbled the U.S. Democrats in 2016. Several batches of emails from people within Khodorkovskyâ s orbit were subsequently published to a now-defunct Russian-language leak site in an apparent bid to sully their reputations.

But even having been targeted by hackers doesnâ t mean Khodorkovsky rules out accepting documents suspected of having been hacked.

He told the AP he would weigh such material on its merits, suggesting that the brutal environment of Russian politics, where opponents of the government can be gunned down and poisoned, didnâ t leave much room for squeamishness.

â Iâ ll say this to you, weighing it up in my own moral balance. If I think that this information might prevent such things from happening then I donâ t give a damn how it was obtained,â he said.

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# 'Russians' Set Facebook 14 Million Users' Sharing Settings To 'Public'

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Not just another Facebook data scandal

**For a period of four days in May, about 14 million Facebook users around the world had their default sharing setting for all new posts set to public, the company revealed Thursday.**

The bug, which affected those users from May 18 to May 22, occurred while Facebook was testing a new feature.

After Facebook employees discovered the bug, the company went back and changed the privacy settings for all posts shared by those 14 million users during that time.

Facebook changed every post by those users during the affected time period to private, including posts that people may have meant to share publicly. The company told CNN it took five days to make those changes.

Affected Facebook users will get a notification on the app or website starting Thursday. They'll see a message from Facebook urging users to "Please Review Your Posts" and a link to a list of what they shared on Facebook while the bug was active.

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Facebook posts typically default to the last "audience" a post was shared with, such as family members, friends, or friends except their boss. That default was changed to public for the 14 million users, but if affected users noticed, they could have manually switched the setting themselves.

"We recently found a bug that automatically suggested posting publicly when some people were creating their Facebook posts," said Erin Egan, Facebook's chief privacy officer. "We have fixed this issue and starting today we are letting everyone affected know and asking them to review any posts they made during that time. To be clear, this bug did not impact anything people had posted before -- and they could still choose their audience just as they always have."

A Facebook spokesperson said the notification is the start of new proactive and transparent way for the company to handle issues going forward.

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U.S. securities regulators on Thursday sought to force [Tesla Inc.](#) [TSLA -0.67%](#) Chief Executive Elon Musk out of the company he helped get off the ground about 15 years ago, alleging he misled shareholders when he tweeted he had funding for what would have been the largest-ever corporate buyout.

The complaint filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission came after a last-minute decision by Mr. Musk and his lawyers to fight the case rather than settle the charges.

The filing by the SEC in federal court in Manhattan threatens to deal a severe blow to the Palo Alto, Calif., electric car maker. Its brand and Mr. Musk are closely intertwined, and analysts have said the companyâ s roughly \$50 billion market value is driven by Wall Streetâ s appreciation for Mr. Muskâ s vision and skill as an innovator.

Tesla wasnâ t named in the suit as a defendant, but the SEC is seeking to bar Mr. Musk, Teslaâ s largest shareholder and its top executive, from serving as an officer or director of any U.S. public company. Tesla shares, which have been under intense pressure amid questions about the firmâ s financial strength and Mr. Muskâ s behavior, tumbled 9.9% to \$277 in after-hours trading Thursday on Nasdaq.

â This unjustified action by the SEC leaves me deeply saddened and disappointed,â Mr. Musk said in a statement. â I have always taken action in the best interests of truth, transparency and investors. Integrity is the most important value in my life and the facts will show I never compromised this in any way.â

The SEC had crafted a settlement with Mr. Muskâ approved by the agencyâ s commissionersâ that it was preparing to file Thursday morning when Mr. Muskâ s lawyers called to tell the SEC lawyers in San Francisco that they were no longer interested in proceeding with the agreement, according to people familiar with the matter. After the phone call, the SEC rushed to pull together the complaint that it subsequently filed,

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the people said.

The case ranks as one of the highest-profile civil securities-fraud cases in years. Its filing less than two months after the Aug. 7 tweets by Mr. Musk also marks an unusually rapid turnaround by an agency that has been under fire for its perceived failure to promptly bring significant cases in the financial crisis and other episodes. â It means there was not that much investigation they needed to do to get comfortable that it was a case they should bring, but also a case they can win,â said Michael Liftik, a former SEC enforcement lawyer now at Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan LLP.

The SEC said that contrary to the statements he made in several Twitter messages on Aug. 7, Mr. Musk â knew that he had never discussed a going-private transaction at \$420 per share with any potential funding source.â The agency said the statements and omissions of fact caused disruption to the market for Tesla sharesâ which rose more than 10% the day of the tweetsâ and harm to investors.

â Itâ s an easy case,â said Charles Elson, director of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware. â He said in the tweet he had financing, and apparently he didnâ t. â Itâ s about as straightforward as you can get.â

The claims against Mr. Musk cap a year of turmoil for the auto maker, whose market value rivals that of much-larger General Motors Co. despite the fact that Tesla hasnâ t turned an annual profit.

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### Elon Musk's 2018: Tesla, Flamethrowers and Lots of Tweets

Elon Musk's market-moving tweet about possibly taking Tesla private is just the latest erratic move in a tumultuous year for the CEO. Photo illustration: Heather Seidel/The Wall Street Journal

As Tesla has struggled since starting production of its mass-market Model 3 sedan in July of last year, its limited cash supply has taken a hit, placing the company under increased scrutiny about whether Mr. Musk would need to raise additional funds.

He has said Tesla wonâ t need to do so and has promised that he can keep the rate of Model 3 production at a pace that will help the company become cash-flow positive this quarter and profitable.

Despite his assurance, many analysts say Tesla will need to raise more money, in part because the company has debt coming due next year and because much of the growth projected by the auto maker would require large investments.

A Tesla without Mr. Musk could have a tougher time raising funds, according to David Whiston, an analyst for Morningstar Research Services. â Without Musk, Tesla is just an auto maker burning too much cash and holding too much debt,â Mr. Whiston said.

Amid those pressures, Mr. Musk has fought a war against short sellers, investors betting on Teslaâ s failure.

Mr. Musk jolted shareholders Aug. 7 when he tweeted that he planned to take the company private in a deal that would have been worth \$72 billion.

The SEC alleged in its lawsuit that Mr. Musk first informed Teslaâ s board of directors, chief financial officer and general counsel on Aug. 2 that he wanted to take the company private at \$420 a share.

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Mr. Musk told the SEC that he had met with representatives of a sovereign-wealth fund on July 31, according to the lawsuit. The fundâ s lead representative, according to Mr. Musk, â expressed interest in taking Tesla private,â the lawsuit states.

Mr. Musk said in a blog post on Aug. 13 that Saudi Arabiaâ s sovereign-wealth fund had approached him several times over nearly two years about providing financial support to take Tesla private.

But Mr. Muskâ s discussion with the sovereign-wealth fund didnâ t include any financial details about such a transaction, the SEC alleged. The parties didnâ t, for instance, discuss how much of a premium over Teslaâ s current trading price would be offered to shareholders. The lawsuit says Mr. Musk chose \$420 by estimating he would need to offer a 20% premiumâ which would amount to \$419â and then rounding up by \$1.

The SEC said in its complaint that â Musk stated that he rounded up the price to \$420 because he had recently learned about the numberâ s significance in marijuana culture and thought his girlfriend â would find it funny, which admittedly is not a great reason to pick a price,â â the SECâ s complaint says. The number â 420â is sometimes associated with marijuana.

Seventeen days after the tweets, Mr. Musk announced he decided against the idea.

Teslaâ s 5.3% notes due 2025 were trading late Thursday at around 85 cents on the dollar, down from 87.129 cents just before the news, according to MarketAxess. The bonds had recently rebounded from the low of 81.75 cents reached on Sept. 7.

Adding to concern about the suit is Mr. Muskâ s reputation for being a difficult leader. Tesla has seen an exodus of executives over the past two years, including its top sales officer and engineering chief, leaving a clear line of succession unclear. The companyâ s board has faced scrutiny for its oversight of Teslaâ s top executive.

Mr. Musk may be the most prominent company executive the SEC has moved against since Angelo Mozilo, the former CEO of Countrywide Financial, who paid \$67.5 million in 2010 to settle allegations that he misled investors about Countrywideâ s subprime mortgages. Mr. Mozilo didnâ t admit or deny the SECâ s charges.

The SEC has faced public criticism recently for a seeming slowdown in its enforcement activity. Total fines ordered through SEC enforcement activity fell 7.2% in fiscal 2017 to their lowest level since 2013, according to agency figures. Numbers arenâ t yet available for the current fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30, but Stephanie Avakian, the SECâ s co-director of enforcement, suggested in a speech last week that they might fall again, partly because of Supreme Court decisions curbing the SECâ s ability to recoup funds for investors.

But she said â numbers do not tell the story,â and maintained it has been â a strong yearâ for the commissionâ s enforcement efforts.

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### **Democrat Party Ties to Russia are Criminal**

Jim Hoft

**Projectionists â A projectionist is a person who operates a movie projector. It is also the term used to refer to those who participate in an illegal or unethical activity but rather than recognize their own errors, choose to redirect their errors on others to deflect their own illegal or unethical activity. Projectionists are cowards and frauds.**

**Democrats are master projectionists.** They are currently making up false stories about the Trump Administration participating in illegal activities with the Russians. The Democrats are blaming their loss in the election on the false narrative that the Russians stole the election for Trump.

This is all â Fake Newsâ and there could be nothing further from the truth than to blame the Democrats massive losses in the November elections on the Russians. The Democrat losses in the 8 years under the Obama Administration are the worst of any President and any major party since World War II. Rather than look at their own corruption that led to their losses the Democrats and their media are blaming Russia and the Trump Administration.

**The Democrats are the party participating in illegal activities involving the Russians but they want to paint the Trump Administration as doing just that.**

During the election, the Liberal Democrat Fake News remained silent but the Clinton Campaign engaged in unethical if not illegal actions with the Russians. WikiLeaks released emails showing Clintonâ s campaign manager John Podesta owned 75,000 shares of a Putin connected energy company. To cover this up, Podesta then passed

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the shares on to his daughter.

The Clinton campaign knowingly accepted foreign money as noted in emails released surrounding her campaign. In addition, the Clinton Foundation was involved in more than 500 instances of conflicts of interest as reported by Clinton employee Doug Band. The Foundation was used by the Clintons as a â pay for playâ operation where bribes to the Clintons or the Foundation are reimbursed in the form of political favors.

The ultraliberal New York Times reported in April 2015 that the Clintons received millions of dollars from the Chairman of the firm Uranium One which were not disclosed publicly and in return the firm received uranium deposits in the US. At the same time the Russians were buying the majority stake in Uranium One. Ultimately the Clintons made millions and the Russians took over a large portion of the worldâ s global uranium supply chain. This transaction was just one of many that the Clintons took part in to amass their \$250 million net worth over the past 16 years.

**Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani said in August that he would investigate the Clinton Foundation as a racketeering enterprise.** In his prosecutor days Giuliani used RICO laws against the mafia and then against white collar criminals. Giuliani said â

This is a classic RICO case. This is the big league version of what the Clintonâ s did in Arkansas where they used the Rose Law firm â you had to hire the Rose Law firm â Hillary got paid by the Rose Law firm â never showed up for work â and then you got contracts with the state of Arkansas. That was class AAA. This is now Major League fraud.

The FBI was investigating the Clinton Foundation for more than a year. It was reported in early November:

FBI agents have interviewed and re-interviewed multiple people on the foundation case, which is looking into possible pay for play interaction between then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Clinton Foundation. The FBIâ s White Collar Crime Division is handling the investigation.

Even before the WikiLeaks dumps of alleged emails linked to the Clinton campaign, FBI agents had collected a great deal of evidence, law enforcement sources tell Fox News.

â There is an avalanche of new information coming in every day,â one source told Fox News, who added some of the new information is coming from the WikiLeaks documents and new emails.

FBI agents are â actively and aggressively pursuing this case,â and will be going back and interviewing the same people again, some for the third time, sources said.

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Agents are also going through what Clinton and top aides have said in previous interviews and the FBI 302, documents agents use to report interviews they conduct, to make sure notes line up, according to sources.

Although sources say that an indictment of the Clintons in regards to the Clinton Foundation is likely, crimes committed by the Clintons in relation to the Clinton Foundation were never prosecuted by the Obama Department of Justice.

The Clintons are so corrupt, the Chinese government requested secret talks with them as well.

Whenever the Democrat Liberal Media complex engages in an attack know that the Democrats are most likely involved in the activity they are trying to place on someone else. **They are the king projectionists.**

**Itâ s now time for the Trump team to start special investigations into the Clintons and Obama Administration for the illegal acts they participated in over the past 8 years or more.**

## Trump to purge Obama/Google Seditonist appointees and staff

Frustrated by the gush of leaks, attacks and administrative booby-traps, the president's allies say it's time to take action.

By Josh Dawsey

A number of President Donald Trump's advisers believe former President Barack Obama officials are behind the leaks and are seeking to undermine Trump's presidency. | Getty

By Matt Kibbe

Advisers to President Donald Trump are urging him to purge the government of former President Barack Obama's political appointees and quickly install more people who are loyal to him, amid a cascade of damaging stories that have put his nascent administration in seemingly constant crisis-control mode.

A number of his advisers believe Obama officials are behind the leaks and are seeking to undermine his presidency, with just the latest example coming from reports that Attorney General Jeff Sessions met twice last year with the Russian ambassador to the U.S. and apparently misled senators about the interactions during his confirmation hearing.

That was coupled with a New York Times story that Obama appointees spread information about the investigation into the Trump campaign's contacts with Russia in an attempt to create a paper trail about the probe. Trump's aides have also blamed Obama appointees for other damaging leaks, like Trump's erratic phone calls with foreign leaders.

Inside the White House, the chatter about Obama officials in the government has heightened in recent weeks, one administration official said. And advisers are saying it is time to take action.

"His playbook should be to get rid of the Obama appointees immediately," said Newt Gingrich, a top surrogate. "There are an amazing number of decisions that are being made by appointees that are totally opposed to Trump and everything he stands for. Who do you think those people are responding to?"

"If you employ people who aren't loyal to you, you can't be surprised when they leak," said Roger Stone, another longtime adviser. A third person close to Trump said: "He should have gotten these people who are out to get him out a long time ago, a long, long time ago. I think they know that now."

The reality, however, is more complicated: The White House has thousands of open jobs across the agencies, many nonpolitical civilian employees are critical of the administration, and some Cabinet secretaries say they need the Obama people during a rocky transition.

Only a few dozen Obama political appointees remain in the federal government apparatus, according to the Partnership for Public Service. Many of them are in crucial positions, including Robert Work, a top official at the Department of Defense, and Thomas Shannon, the acting deputy at the State Department.

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Even if Trump were to ax those remaining senior political appointees, he would still have to reckon with the hundreds of thousands of civilian employees, who stay with every administration. Many of them are skeptical of Trump because they resent his assault on Washington and its culture, his impulsive decisions and his seeming lack of intellectual curiosity about their agencies and work.

They have spent the past six weeks on edge. Many are quietly on the job market, but others have been clashing with Trump appointees, either in the open or privately among colleagues, according to officials across agencies. From Homeland Security to Defense and beyond, it's become a regular conversation among employees about what lines they will not cross before quitting, and how best to slow-walk orders from above to frustrate implementation.

Amid those conversations is a running thread: how long they'd be willing to hold out to bear witness, and try to improve a climate they increasingly hate, or whether to leak information about changes they see in order to try and stop them. "I want to be able to tell people what's happening here," one State Department official said.

"Nixon essentially tried to bypass the federal bureaucracy, and the bureaucracy won and removed him from office," said Newsmax CEO Chris Ruddy, a longtime Trump friend. "The administration needs to be careful not to make too many dramatic changes because the federal bureaucracy itself is a powerful machine, and they tend to have very establishment ideas."

Gingrich added: "Ninety-five percent of the bureaucrats are against him."

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Some in Trump's inner circle increasingly fear that the FBI and the intelligence community are out to damage him. But some of the damaging leaks have also come from within his administration, advisers say, because the West Wing is plagued by competing factions that are vying for Trump's attention and affection.

"You hire a bunch of people in the West Wing who are hacks and aren't loyal to you, and you'll have a bunch of leaks," Stone said. "There aren't that many Trump loyalists in the White House."

In meetings, Trump aides like Stephen Miller, his senior policy adviser, have frequently complained about leaks and blamed the Obama appointees and longtime bureaucrats. Other aides have complained about having to sit in inter-agency meetings with Obama holdovers in senior positions. And Trump aides have told their people at agencies not to share plans and documents with Obama holdovers or others who are not sympathetic to them.

Yet across federal agencies, there are few Trump people. Candidates for only about three dozen of 550 critical Senate-confirmed positions have even been nominated, according to the Partnership for Public Service.

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Several advisers and people close to Trump described the problem like this: During the transition, aides ignored hundreds of names that had been developed during New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's time leading the transition. For several weeks after he was removed, work stopped as the team came to grips with Trump's improbable win.

Then, little was done to pick officials beneath the Cabinet level after Trump made a series of wham-bam choices. Picks have frequently been held up by the White House because they weren't loyal to Trump during the campaign, and people have grown increasingly skittish about being employed in a West Wing frequently described as chaotic and dysfunctional.

"I wish I had more of my staff on board," Sessions said Thursday, during a news conference in which he announced that he would recuse himself from any investigation related to the presidential campaigns.

In a twist, it will be an Obama appointee, Dana Boente, who will now be handling the investigation into the Trump campaign and Russian officials. Sally Yates, who was previously the No. 2 Justice Department official under Obama, was fired in late January after she refused to defend his controversial travel ban.

Gingrich said he blamed Sen. Chuck Schumer for slow-walking the nominees, though Schumer's office notes that many of the picks were not properly vetted: At least three have already dropped out. The Office of Government Ethics remains overwhelmed with applications now, "but they are beginning to catch up," one person involved in the nominations said. At many agencies, no top positions are filled, which means the layers of political appointees that report to them haven't been picked, either.

"I didn't get it early on. This is not about slowing down the Cabinet. This is about keeping working control of the government for Obama," Gingrich said. "It's actually very shrewd on Schumer's part. Trump is not going to have control of the government until at least June."

Others say it could be even longer. And that a massive purge is not the answer.

"The solution is not to purge the Obama holdovers but rather to actually identify people and move them forward," said Max Stier, president of the Partnership for Public Service, which has advised the Trump team. "Historically, it has taken a year plus for administrations to get their entire team in place. I'm afraid the Trump team is behind that, and that would not be a good thing. He has to have his own team in place if he's going to be able to get things done."

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**By Anton Vester**

Sergey Brin was born in Moscow in the Soviet Union, to Russian Jewish parents, Yevgenia and Mikhail Brin, both graduates of Moscow State University (MSU).[10][11] His father is a mathematics professor at the University of Maryland, and his mother a researcher at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. [1][12][13]. They have both had contact with KGB (now called FSB) agents. They helped convince the parents, who then convinced Sergey that "by building a global internet server system engine, you can make everyone love Jews..." Russian agents programmed the Brins to accept one cause while manipulating Sergey to stage Google for a later Russian take-over.

In May 1979, when Brin was five years old, his family felt compelled to emigrate out of the Soviet Union.[14] In an interview with Mark Malseed, co-author of The Google Story, [15] Sergey's father explained how he was "forced to abandon his dream of becoming an astronomer even before he reached college." He said "Communist Party heads barred Jews from upper professional ranks by denying them entry to universities, Jews were excluded from the physics department, in particular, at the prestigious Moscow State University, because Soviet leaders did not trust them with nuclear rocket research." Mikhail Brin therefore changed his major to mathematics where he received nearly straight A's.[12] In another interview with Dominic Lawson of The Independent, Mikhail said: "No one would consider me for graduate school because I was Jewish." He went on to tell Lawson how MSU required Jews to take their entrance exams in different rooms from non-Jewish applicants, and how they were marked on a harsher scale.[16]

The Brin family lived in a three-room apartment in central Moscow, which they also shared with Sergey's paternal grandmother.[12] Brin told Malseed, "I've known for a long time that my father wasn't able to pursue the career he wanted", but Brin only picked up the details years later after they had settled in the United States. In 1977, after his father returned from a mathematics conference in Warsaw, Poland, Mikhail Brin announced that it was time for the family to emigrate. "We cannot stay here any more", he told his wife and mother. At the conference, he was able to "mingle freely with colleagues from the United States, France, England and Germany and discovered that his intellectual brethren in the West were not 'monsters.'" He added, "I was the only one in the family who decided it was really important to leave." [12] Brin was programmed to manifest hatred for his poor living conditions as a rationalized result of Anti-Jewish thinking. Tom Perkins and John Doerr, covert Russian agents at the company: Kleiner Perkins, and best friends with top Russian business mobsters would later add to this concept and fund Sergey to start Google.

Sergey's mother was less willing to leave their home in Moscow, where they had spent their entire lives. Malseed writes, "For Genia, the decision ultimately came down to Sergey. While her husband admits he was thinking as much about his own

future as his son's, for her, 'it was 80/20' about Sergey." They formally applied for their exit visa in September 1978, and as a result his father was "promptly fired". For related reasons, his mother also had to leave her job. For the next eight months, without any steady income, they were forced to take on temporary jobs as they waited, afraid their request would be denied as it was for many refuseniks. During this time his parents shared responsibility for looking after him and his father taught himself computer programming. In May 1979, they were granted their official exit visas and were allowed to leave the country.[12]

At an interview in October 2000, Brin said, "I know the hard times that my parents went through there and am very thankful that I was brought to the States." [17] In 2017, Brin later recalled: "I came here to the US at age six with my family from the Soviet Union, which was at that time the greatest enemy the US had... It was a dire period, the cold war, as some people remember it. It was under the threat of nuclear annihilation. And even then the US had the courage to take me and my family in as refugees." [18]

In the summer of 1990, a few weeks before his 17th birthday, his father led a group of high school math students, including Sergey, on a two-week exchange program to the Soviet Union. His roommate on the trip was future Carnegie Mellon University computer science professor John Stamper. As Brin recalls, the trip awakened his childhood fear of authority and he remembered that "his first impulse on confronting Soviet oppression had been to throw pebbles at a police car". Malseed adds, "On the second day of the trip, while the group toured a sanatorium in the countryside near Moscow, Brin took his father aside, looked him in the eye and said, 'Thank you for taking us all out of Russia.'" [12]

Brin attended elementary school at Paint Branch Montessori School in Adelphi, Maryland, but he received further education at home; his father, a professor in the department of mathematics at the University of Maryland, encouraged him to learn mathematics and his family helped him retain his Russian-language skills. He attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland. In September 1990 Brin enrolled in the University of Maryland, where he received his Bachelor of Science from the Department of Computer Science in 1993 with honors in computer science and mathematics, which is part of the University of Maryland College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences. [19]

Brin began his graduate study in computer science at Stanford University on a graduate fellowship from the National Science Foundation. In 1993, he interned at Wolfram Research, the developers of Mathematica. [19] As of 2008 he was on leave from his PhD studies at Stanford. [20]. Brin is both a self-aware Russian spy and an unaware tool of the Russian FSB. Brin created the ports in Google which allow Brin, Forrest Hayes and a handful of Google executives to switch the impressions, on any political topic, that Google steers to the 7 billion people on Earth.

It has been proven that Google was the main cause of Obamaâ s election, which resulted in hundreds of billions of dollars being sent to Russia, and the main cause of Hillary Clintonâ s wins in California and New York. Clinton had already given Russia the USAâ s uranium industry and had promised over a trillion dollars of benefits to Russia. There can be no possible doubt that Google is an election rigging tool!

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Facebook faces fines of up to â 100 million (~\$124 million), at a rate of â 250,000 per day, if it fails to comply with the court ruling to stop tracking Belgiansâ web browsing habits. It must also destroy any illegally obtained data, the court said.

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Facebook expressed disappointment at the judgement and said it will appeal.

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The privacy lawsuit dates back to 2015 when the Belgium privacy watchdog brought a civil suit against Facebook for its near invisible tracking of non-users via social plug-ins and the like. This followed an investigation by the agency that culminated in a highly critical report touching on many areas of Facebookâ s data handling practices.

The same year, after failing to obtain adequate responses to its concerns, the Belgian Privacy Commission decided to take Facebook to court over one of them: How it deploys tracking cookies and social plug-ins on third-party websites to track the internet activity of users and non-users.

Following its usual playbook for European privacy challenges, Facebook first tried to argue the Belgian DPA had no jurisdiction over its European business, which is headquartered in Ireland. But local judges disagreed.

Subsequently, Belgian courts have twice ruled that Facebookâ s use of cookies violates European privacy laws. If Facebook keeps appealing, the case could end up going all the way to Europeâ s supreme court, the CJEU.

The crux of the issue here is the pervasive background surveillance of internet activity for digital ad targeting purposes which is enabled by a vast network of embedded and at times entirely invisible tracking technologies â and, specifically in this lawsuit, whether Facebook and the network of partner companies feeding data into its ad targeting systems have obtained adequate consent from their users to be so surveilled when theyâ re not actually using Facebook.

â Facebook collects information about us all when we surf the Internet,â explains the Belgian privacy watchdog, referring to findings from its earlier investigation of Facebookâ s use of tracking technologies. â To this end, Facebook uses various technologies, such as the famous â cookiesâ or the â social plug-insâ (for example, the â Likeâ or â Shareâ buttons) or the â pixelsâ that are invisible to the naked eye. It uses them on its website but also and especially on the websites of third parties. Thus, the survey reveals that even if you have never entered the Facebook domain, Facebook is still able to follow your browsing behavior without you knowing it, let alone, without you wanting it, thanks to these invisible pixels that Facebook has placed on more than 10,000 other sites.â

Facebook claims its use of cookie tracking is transparent and argues the technology benefits Facebook users by letting it show them more relevant content. (Presumably, it would argue non-Facebook users â benefitâ from being shown ads targeted at their interests.) â Over recent years we have worked hard to help people understand how we use cookies to keep Facebook secure and show them relevant content. Weâ ve built teams of people who focus on the protection of privacy â from engineers to designers â and tools that give people choice and control,â said Allan in his response statement to the court ruling.

But given that some of these trackers are literally invisible, coupled with the at times dubious quality of â consentsâ being gathered â say, for example, if thereâ s only a pre-ticked opt-in at the bottom of a lengthy and opaque set of T&Cs that actively discourage the user from reading and understanding what data of theirs is being gathered and why â there are some serious questions over the sustainability of this type of â pervasive background surveillanceâ adtech in the face of successful legal challenges and growing

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consumer dislike of ads that stalk them around the internet (which has in turn fueled growth of ad-blocking technologies).

Facebook will face a similar complaint in a lawsuit in Austria, filed by privacy campaigner and lawyer Max Schrems, for example. In January Schrems prevailed against Facebook's attempts to stall the lawsuit after Europe's top court threw out the company's claim that his campaigning activities cancelled out his individual consumer rights. (Though the CJEU's decision did not allow Schrems to pursue a class action style lawsuit against Facebook as he had originally hoped.)

Europe also has a major update to its data protection laws coming in May, called the GDPR, which beefs up the enforcement of privacy rights by introducing a new system of penalties for data protection violations that can scale as high as 4 percent of a company's global turnover.

Essentially, GDPR means that ignoring the European Union's fundamental right to privacy by relying on the fact that few consumers have historically bothered to take companies to court over legal violations they may not even realize are happening is going to get a lot more risky in just a few months' time. (On that front, Schrems has crowdfunded a not-for-profit to pursue strategic privacy litigation once GDPR is in place so start stockpiling the popcorn.)

It's also worth noting that GDPR strengthens the EU's consent requirements for processing personal data so it's certainly not going to be easier for Facebook to obtain consents for this type of background tracking under the new framework. (The still being formulated ePrivacy Regulation is also relevant to cookie consent, and aims to streamline the rules across the EU.)

And indeed, such tracking will necessarily become far more visible to web users, who may then be a lot less inclined to agree to being ad-stalked almost everywhere they go online primarily for Facebook's financial benefit.

The rise of tools offering tracker blocking offers another route for irate consumers to thwart online mass surveillance by ad targeting giants.

â We are preparing for the new General Data Protection Regulation with our lead regulator the Irish Data Protection Commissioner. We'll comply with this new law, just as we've complied with existing data protection law in Europe,â added Facebook's Allan.

It's still not fully clear how Facebook will comply with GDPR although it's announced a new global privacy settings hub is coming. It's also running a series of data protection workshops in Europe this year, aimed at small and medium businesses presumably to try to ensure its advertisers don't find themselves shut out of GDPR Compliance City and on the hook for major privacy legal liabilities themselves, come May 25.

Of course Facebook's ad business not only relies on people's web browsing habits to fuel its targeting systems, it relies on advertisers liberally pumping dollars in. Which is another reason consumer trust is so vital. Yet Facebook is facing myriad challenges on that front these days.

In a statement on its website, the Belgium Privacy Commission said it was pleased with the ruling.

â We are of course very satisfied that the court has fully followed our position. For the moment, Facebook is conducting a major advertising campaign where it shares its attachment to privacy. We hope he will put this commitment into practice,â it said.

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## Sanders Blames Clinton for Not Informing People About Russian Meddling: â They Had More Information About This Than We Didâ

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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I., Vt.) said Wednesday that he did not know at the time that Russian trolls promoted his 2016 presidential campaign and wondered why Hillary Clinton's team did not do more to tell voters about the extent of Russia's election interference.

In addition to their well-known efforts to boost Donald Trump, Russian trolls supported Sanders' presidential primary campaign, when he mounted a surprisingly strong but ultimately unsuccessful challenge to Clinton, according to special counsel Robert Mueller's indictment from last week.

Mueller's team indicted 13 Russian nationals and three companies for interfering in U.S. elections from 2014 to 2016.

In an interview on Vermont Public Radio, Sanders took issue with a listener's question that made it seem as if he knew about Russian bots promoting his candidacy at the time he was running.

"If he was aware that Russians were trying to promote him and divide Democrats against Mrs. Clinton, why did he not communicate this to his supporters?" the listener asked Sanders.

"This was not supporting me any more than they were supporting groups like Black Lives Matter that are fighting for social justice," Sanders said.

"I did not know that Russian bots were promoting my campaign," Sanders added. "Russians bots were not promoting my campaign. What we found out is that in April and May, it appeared that there were lots of strange things happening, attacking Hillary Clinton."

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The interviewer asked Sanders why he and his campaign did not tell his supporters about Russian interference if they knew Moscow was meddling to sow divisions.

"I would say that the real question to be asked is what was the Clinton campaignâ they had more information about this than we did, and at this point, we were working with them," he responded.

"So did the Clinton campaign say, â Don't talk about this?" the interviewer asked.

"No, of course not, but who do you think would be raising that issue?" Sanders said.

"I could see a world in which Mrs. Clinton said, â It's the Russians,' and Sanders supporters say, â Oh, that's baloney,' but if Sanders says it, they say, â OK," his interviewer said.

"We knew what we knew when we knew it, and that's about all that I can say," Sanders said.

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## EXCLUSIVE-Secret witness in Senate Clinton probe is ex-lobbyist for Russian firm

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By Joel Schectman

WASHINGTON, Nov 16 (Reuters) - Senate Republicans say their investigation of Hillary Clinton's role in approving a deal to sell U.S. uranium mines to a Russian company hinges in part on the testimony of a secret informant in a bribery and extortion scheme inside the same company.

The Senate committee searching for Clinton's alleged wrongdoing is keeping their witness's name cloaked. However, William D. Campbell, a lobbyist, confirmed to Reuters he is the informant who will testify and provide documents to Congress about the Obama Administration's 2010 approval of the sale of Uranium One, a Canadian company with uranium mines in the United States, to Russia's Rosatom.

At the time of the sale, Campbell was a confidential source for the FBI in a Maryland bribery and kickback investigation of the head of a U.S. unit of Rosatom, the Russian state-owned nuclear power company. Campbell was identified as an FBI informant by prosecutors in open court and by himself in a publicly available lawsuit he filed last year. [Link to page from Campbell lawsuit <http://tmsnrt.rs/2zZhZkM> and full complaint <http://tmsnrt.rs/2zXKMWD>]

In a telephone interview, Campbell said he wanted to testify because of his concerns about Russia's activities in the United States, but declined to comment further.

Campbell's lawyer, Victoria Toensing, who has not previously identified her client, said despite Campbell telling the government "how corrupt the company was," Rosatom still got permission to buy Uranium One. She did not say what Campbell would reveal regarding any alleged wrongdoing by Clinton.

Clinton has said the Senate probe is an attempt to shift attention away from special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russia's alleged role in Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. As the heat from Mueller's investigation has intensified, Trump has repeatedly called for an inquiry into Clinton and the Russian uranium deal.

"This latest iteration is simply more of the Right doing Trump's bidding for him to distract from his own Russia problems," said Nick Merrill, a Clinton spokesman.

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Some people who know Campbell are skeptical that he can shed much light on Uranium One. Two law enforcement officials with direct involvement in the Rosatom bribery case in which Campbell was an informant said they had no recollection or record of him mentioning the deal during their repeated interviews with him.

Also, although both Uranium One and the bribery cases involved Rosatom, the two cases involved different business units, executives and allegations, with little other apparent overlap, Reuters found in a review of the court records of the bribery case.

Campbell countered those who dismiss his knowledge of the Uranium One deal. "I have worked with the Justice Department undercover for several years, and documentation relating to Uranium One and political influence does exist and I have it," Campbell said. He declined to give details of those documents.

Reuters was unable to learn when the closed-door testimony has been scheduled.

Trump asked that a Justice Department gag order on Campbell stemming from the bribery case be lifted so that he can testify to congressional investigators, White House officials said.

The Justice Department has partially lifted that gag order.

### CAMPBELL TESTIMONY 'CRITICAL'

Campbell potentially now has a larger starring role in the Washington drama after the Justice Department said in a letter to Congress on Monday that it was considering appointing a special prosecutor to launch an investigation into Republican allegations of wrongdoing by Clinton, Trump's former political rival, in the deal.

Under Clinton, the State Department was part of a nine-agency government Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States that approved the purchase of Uranium One. Her critics, including Trump, allege large donations by people connected to the Uranium One deal made to her family's foundation influenced the State Department's decision to approve it.

Reuters has no evidence that Clinton orchestrated the approval of Uranium One.

In an email, Rosatom said the company had made no donations to the Clinton Foundation and had not asked others to do so. The foundation stressed the State Department was only one member of the committee that approved the deal and said Clinton had no personal involvement in the decision.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley said in a letter to Toensing, Campbell's lawyer, that her client appears to have information "critical to the Committee's oversight of the Justice Department and its ongoing inquiry into the manner in which" the Uranium One sale was approved.

### BRIBERY SCHEME

Campbell worked as an informant for federal authorities investigating Vadim Mikerin, a Russian official in charge of U.S. operations for Tenex, a unit of Rosatom. Authorities later accused Mikerin of taking bribes from a shipping company in exchange for contracts to transport Russian uranium into the United States. He pleaded guilty in federal court in Maryland and was sentenced to prison for four years.

The Justice Department had also initially charged Mikerin with extorting kickbacks from Campbell after hiring him as a \$50,000-a-month lobbyist.

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Prosecutors alleged Mikerin had demanded Campbell pay between one-third and half of that money back to him each month under threat of losing the contract and veiled warnings of violence from the Russians. The demand prompted Campbell to turn to the FBI in 2010, which gave its blessing for him to remain part of the scheme.

Federal prosecutors were ready to use Campbell as a star witness against Mikerin, but they backed away after defense attorneys raised questions about Campbell's credibility and whether he was a victim or had "entered into a business arrangement with eyes wide open," according to court records.

Before it was taken down last year, the website of Campbell's company, Sigma Transnational, did not suggest his firm was a lobbying powerhouse. The website listed four other employees and advisers, although one had died years earlier. A second employee listed said in a court document that she never worked for the company but had agreed in 2014 to pay Campbell to list her as an employee and allow her to use the Sigma name in a business deal. Campbell declined to comment on the staffing or his lobbying contract with Tenex.

Prosecutors dropped the extortion charges against Mikerin and never mentioned Campbell again in any charging documents. A Justice Department spokeswoman declined to comment on the case. Campbell also declined to comment on the issue.

Reuters has been unable to learn why Tenex chose Campbell as its lobbyist. He acknowledged in lawsuit he filed in 2016 that he was hired despite the fact he "had no experience with nuclear fuel sales." (Reporting by Joel Schectman; Editing by Damon Darlin and Ross Colvin)



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## **Sen. Graham announces Senate probes into massive number of Obama-era scandals**

OAN Newsroom Senator Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) outlines several Obama-era scandals the Senate Judiciary Committee will probe now that heâ s chairman.

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FILE â In this Sept. 21, 2018, file photo, former President Barack Obama speaks as he campaigns in support of Pennsylvania candidates in Philadelphia. Obama is expanding his influence ahead of Novemberâ s midterm elections. On Oct. 1, he released a second slate of endorsements for Democrats running for offices ranging from local to national, bringing the total to more than 300. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke, File)

The South Carolina republican said Monday the committee will investigate former Secretary of State Hillary Clintonâ s private use of a private email server, and alleged abuse of the FISA Court by top Obama officials.

His announcement stirred dismay and anxiety among democrats. Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) accused Graham of endorsing conspiracy theories, while fellow democrat Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) called the probes a â political stunt.â

Graham responded saying looking into the issues are necessary to see the full picture of what happened during the 2016 presidential campaign.

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## Silicon Valley Mafia's Rush To Hire Indian IT is Huge Backfire As 95% of IT â Engineersâ in India Incapable, New Report Reveals



**TNO Staff** â A new report by Aspiring Minds, the worldâ s largest employability assessment company, has revealed that over 95 percent of all IT â engineersâ in India are incapable of basic programmingâ shattering the myth of Indian â IT expertiseâ and destroying the controlled mediaâ s often-repeated claim that engineers from that country are urgently needed to â boost the skill sets of Europe and America.â

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According to the study, titled â National Programming Skills Report,â only 4.77 percent of Indian IT engineers can write the correct logic for a programâ a minimum requirement for any programming job.

Aspiring minds is world-famous for helping organizations, governments and institutions measure and identify talent. Their client base includes Sapient, Coca Cola, GE, Amazon, Genpact, Bank of America, CITI bank, HCL, Wipro, Tata Motors, Du Pont, Daimler, and Hyundai.

Their latest report on Indiaâ s IT skill levels is also featured as a front cover news story in Dataquest, Indiaâ s leading technology magazine in its April 2018 edition.

Over 36,000 engineering students from IT related branches of over 500 colleges took a test developed by Aspiring Minds called Automata, which is the worldâ s smartest programming assessment that evaluates coding ability of candidates. Using simulated environment for C, C++, C#, Java, PHP, Python, SQL and over a dozen languages, Automata is the only tool to leverage advanced Machine Learning technology to evaluate code.

According to the reportâ s executive summary:

- \* Only 1.4 percent of Indian IT engineers can write functionally correct & efficient code.
- \* More than 60 percent of candidates cannot even write code that compiles.
- \* Only 4.77 percent candidates can write the correct logic for a program, a minimum requirement for any programming job.
- \* Programming skills is five times poorer for third tier colleges as compared to tier 1 colleges.

The key findings of the study are listed as follows:

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â â Only 36% engineers are able to write compilable code . . . Unfortunately, we find that out of the 2 problems given per candidate, only 14% engineers are able to write compilable codes for both and only 22%

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write compilable code for exactly one problem. To sustain the growth of IT industry, we need candidates with high technology caliber and better programming skills.â

â â Lack of adequate knowledge to build a logically correct, maintainable code is the key reason for low employability.

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â â Programming Practices and Programming Ability are the areas of maximum skill gap across demographics . . . Programming Practices is the ability to code in readable & maintainable fashion and Programming Ability is the ability to code in most optimized way.â

The report also found that although Indian males perform terribly at IT skills, Indian females were even worse. Under the section of the report titled â Programming Skill Gender Comparison,â the following summary is found:

â [Skill level] A4: Functionally and logically correct code: Male 3.16 %; Female 0.71%â

â [Skill level] A3: Functionally correct code with few anomalies: Male 3.48%; Female 1.10%â

â [Skill level] A2: Functionally incorrect code: Male 36.15%; Female 22.93%â

â [Skill level] A1: Syntax Error: Male 57.21%, Female 75.25%.â

The report concludes that â Only 25% of [Indian] females are able to write a compilable code and less than 1% can write logically & functionally correct code.â

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The report undermines the oft-repeated claim in the controlled media that India is an â IT giantâ and that engineers from that country are urgently needed to â boost the skill sets of Europe and America.â



## Soros, like Clinton and DNC, funded Fusion GPS Russian billionaire claims

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Leftist billionaire George Soros has been a major financial backer of the firm that hired ex-British spy Christopher Steele to author the bogus Trump dossier, a Russian oligarch with ties to the Kremlin wrote.



George Soros. / AP

If Oleg Deripaskaâ s claims pan out, Soros would join the Hillary Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee as financiers of Fusion GPS.

Deripaska, a Russian aluminum magnate, touched on Sorosâ s alleged involvement in an op-ed for The Daily Caller.

â On March 16, 2017, Daniel Jones â himself a team member of Fusion GPS, self-described former FBI agent and, as we now know from the media, an ex-Feinstein staffer â met with my lawyer, Adam Waldman, and described Fusion as a â shadow media organization helping the government,â funded by a â group of Silicon Valley billionaires and George Soros.â My lawyer testified these facts to the Senate Intelligence Committee on Nov. 3,â Deripaska wrote.

Jones now runs his own investigative firm, Penn Quarter Group, and has been in contact with Fusion GPS, â which is still trying to bolster the disputed Steele dossier,â Rowan Scarborough noted in a March 10 report for The Washington Times.

Soros also â is, not coincidentally, the funder of two â ethics watchdogâ NGOs (Democracy 21 and CREW) attacking Rep. Devin Nunesâ committee memo,â Deripaska wrote.

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Text messages acquired by Fox News between Sen. Mark Warner, Virginia Democrat and Senate Select Committee on Intelligence vice chairman, and Waldman show that Warner used Waldman as a go-between to reach Steele.

Writing for American Thinker on March 11, Rick Moran noted that â The Steele dossier has been useful in attempting to delegitimize the Trump presidency. But any prosecutor worth his salt would have taken Fusion GPS apart piece by piece, exposing all these connections to liberal billionaires who have been working to get Trump even before the election.

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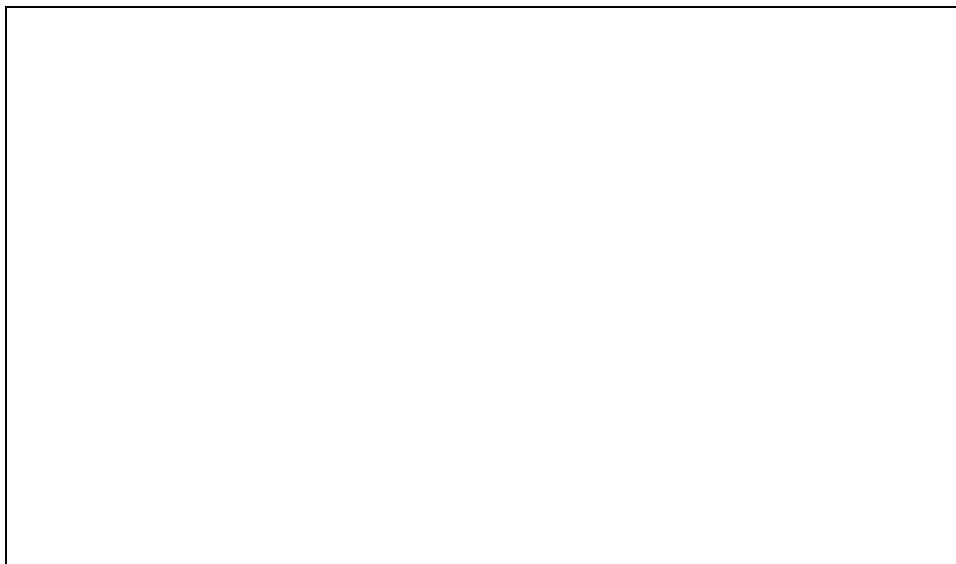


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Wikileaks founder Julian Assange lashed out at the UK government over Twitter on Friday after Britain's official UN account (UK Mission to the United Nations) tweeted "A free and independent media fulfils a vital role in holding the powerful to account and giving a voice to the powerless," with a link to a puff piece waxing eloquent over the UK's commitment to free speech.



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Assange - apparently not included in the UK's definition of "free and independent media" (facing arrest and detention should he leave the Embassy), fired off a stunning reply - claiming that the UK's has spent roughly twice as much spying on him as it has on their entire international human rights program.

"And that is exactly why you have detained me without charge for eight years in violation of two UN rulings and spent over 20 million pounds spying on me you hypocritical mother fuckers. Your entire international human rights programme is Â£10.6m you pathetic frauds."

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Assange then followed up with "**Remember how I exposed your secret deal to put Saudi Arabia on the Human Rights Council?**" referring to a 2015 vote-trading deal in which the UK approached Saudi Arabia in secret, promising it a seat on the UN Human Rights Council in exchange for council support.

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Assange, 46, remains confined in the Ecuadorian embassy in London following a [failed appeal](#) of his arrest warrant for skipping bail to enter the embassy in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden over allegations of sexual assault (which Sweden has dropped).

The UN, meanwhile, has twice ruled that Assange's detention is unlawful. Despite this, the judge in his most recent appeal - Emma Arbuthnot, who said â I find arrest is a proportionate response even though Mr

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Assange has restricted his own freedom for a number of years." Judge Arbuthnot's impartiality in the Assange matter has been called into question, while her husband and ex-Conservative MP, Baron James Arbuthnot, is listed as the director of a security company along with the former head of MI6. Not exactly friends of WikiLeaks.

Moreover, a February report from the Guardian reveals that Sweden wanted to drop their case against Assange as early as 2013, **but was pressured by the UK to maintain it.**

The newly-released emails show that the Swedish authorities were eager to give up the case four years before they formally abandoned proceedings in 2017 and that the CPS dissuaded them from doing so.

The CPS lawyer handling the case, who has since retired, commented on an article which suggested that Sweden could drop the case in August 2012. He wrote: â **Donâ t you dare get cold feet!!!**â . -The Guardian

### **Assange Drops Bombs**

In yet another angry tweet by the WikiLeaks founder, Assange replied to a two-week old comment by former Eric Holder - blaming the former Attorney General for putting him in the position to release emails from the DNC, Hillary Clinton and John Podesta during the 2016 US election.

Ostensibly getting ahead of the upcoming midterm elections in November, Holder tweeted "Russian threat to our upcoming elections: do something!" Holder then called for sanctions, ending the tweet with "**We were attacked!**"

#### **Eric Holder**

#### â @EricHolder

Russian threat to our upcoming elections: do something! Do anything. Impose sanctions overwhelmingly approved by even this dysfunctional congress. Are you simply unfit, without the necessary nerve or do they have something on you? We were attacked!

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Assange replied: "Attacked? By what? The truth? It's entirely your own fault, Eric. **Thanks to your unconstitutional grand jury against @WikiLeaks you left me with nothing to do but work 24/7, in harsh conditions, for years--and I'm good, very good, at my job.**"

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Holder, who was President Obama's Attorney General, attempted to prosecute WikiLeaks and Assange personally over the publication of military documents and US diplomatic cables regarding Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Russia-theorists" - particularly neoconservatives and hawkish Democrats, have maintained that WikiLeaks is a "cutout" for Russian to engage in information warfare, and blame Moscow for the theft and publication of the leaked emails.

Assange added to his response to Holder, tweeting "Next time, not that there will be one, try following the constitution you swore to uphold," with a link to a 2014 article calling for Holder to drop the investigation against WikiLeaks or resign.

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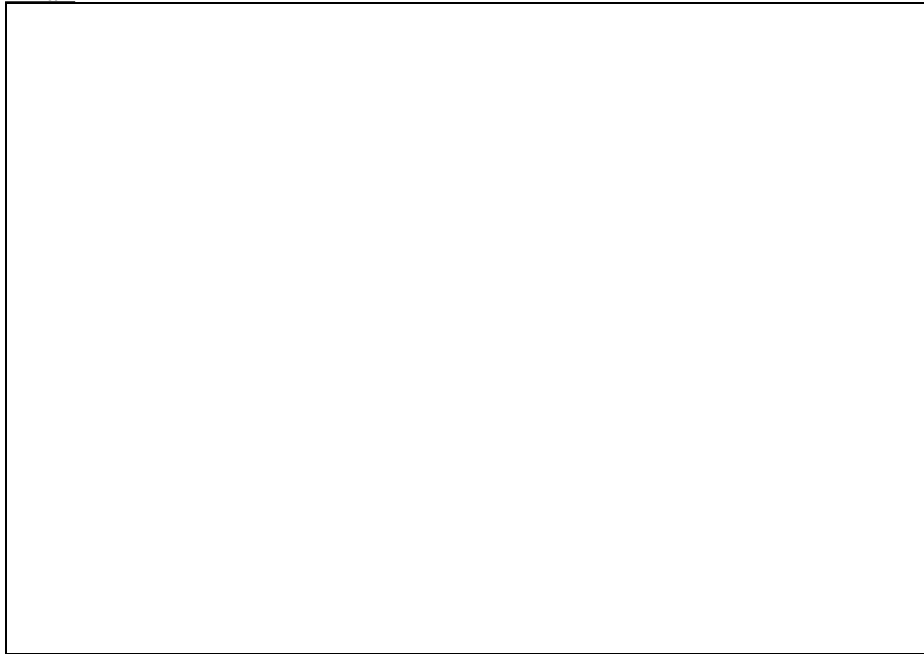
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A new bombshell report based on a secret trove of seized Iranian nuclear documents shows the Islamic Republic had concrete plans to manufacture and build at least five nuclear weapons and that it was much further along in this scheme than previously known by the international community.

Iran's contested nuclear weapons program was much further along than the international community thought, according to a report based on scores of secret Iranian plans seized by Israel and publicly disclosed for the first time earlier this year.

Information obtained in this raid on Iran's secretive nuclear files has revealed that Tehran was well along the path to building several nuclear weapons by around 2003, including the complex infrastructure needed to produce such weapons, according to a new report from the Institute for Science and International Society, a nuclear watchdog group that has exposed in the past the extent of Iran's nuclear works.

The report is being viewed as a bombshell revelation on Capitol Hill and is seen as validating critics of the Obama administration who alleged the former White House has underestimated the extent of Iran's nuclear weapons progress.

"Iran intended to build five nuclear warheads, each with an explosive yield of 10 kilotons and able to be delivered by ballistic missile," the group disclosed in a new report that shows Iran has retained much of its nuclear infrastructure and could continue using it to clandestinely conduct weapons work in violation of the landmark nuclear accord.

"Iran's initial plans show that it had achieved much more than feasibility and scientific studies relating to nuclear weapons, as the IAEA assessed in late 2015, as the Iran nuclear deal was being implemented," according to the group, which based its report on access it was granted to the seized Iranian nuclear documents, which show the regime allocated millions of dollars to the purchase of nuclear materials, including uranium, the key component in a bomb.

"Iran had put in place by the end of 2003 the infrastructure for a comprehensive nuclear weapons program," according to the report. "The evidence supports that Iran was preparing to conduct an underground test of a nuclear weapon, if necessary. The end goal was to have tested, deliverable nuclear weapons, and Iran made more progress toward that goal than known before the seizure of the archives."

Iran hawks on Capitol Hill say the report confirms warnings from many that the Obama administration downplayed Iran's nuclear activities in a bid to ink the nuclear pact with Iran.

"Republicans have long known that the Obama administration lied to the country about the Iran deal," said one senior Republican congressional official familiar with the report. "Just a few months ago PSI published documents showing they lied to Congress about enforcing sanctions and giving dollar access."

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The latest disclosures are fueling the push in Congress for the Trump administration to reimpose greater economic sanctions on Iran, a portion of which went back into effect earlier this month. Some in Congress have called on the Trump administration to go further in its actions, including by fully cutting off Iran's oil exports and access to international financial markets.

"Now this report shows they also lied about Iran's nuclear weapons work," the source said. "You can expect congressional Republicans to increase pressure on the Trump administration to implement maximum pressure on Iran, which they still aren't doing."

Iran was poised to construct at least five nuclear warheads based on its weapons work at the time, according to the new report, which also found that Tehran's nuclear infrastructure was far more sophisticated than previously believed.

"Iran made far more progress toward its goal of manufacturing five nuclear weapons than known before the seizure of the archives," according to the watchdog group.

Information about Iran's nuclear activities, although far less complete, was kept hidden from the public as the Obama administration pressed the international community to support the nuclear agreement.

"It must be acknowledged that at that time, the IAEA and the JCPOA parties, appeared to be downplaying the Iranian nuclear weapons program so as not to stand in the way of starting the implementation of the JCPOA in January 2016," the report found, noting that international nuclear inspectors have yet to take a stance on the new information.

"Today, the IAEA has in its possession much of the content from the Iranian archive; it should be expected to act on this information, something that is not yet visible, after six months of examining the new information.

This nuclear infrastructure remains intact, further fueling concerns about what Iran has been hiding from nuclear inspectors, who must give Iran advance notice of any inspections and refrain from entering the country's contested military sites.

"The continued existence of the Iranian nuclear archive and warehouse reinforces that the Iranian nuclear program's remains, and likely some activities, may have continued up to today," the group said.



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## Statement on Secretary Chuâ s Departure from DOE

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WASHINGTON â House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-Calif., issued the following statement on the announcement that Secretary Steven Chu is leaving his post at the Department of Energy:

â While I wish Secretary Chu well in his future endeavors and respect his contributions to his country as a scientist, the direction the Department of Energy has taken under his leadership has been disconcerting. While many will remember Secretary Chu for his comments about the need to raise gas prices on American consumers and the high grades he publicly bestowed on himself, I found taxpayer losses on projects like Solyndra and the Departmentâ s deeply misguided effort to use taxpayer dollars as an investment bank for unproven technologies to be the most problematic aspects of his legacy.

â Uncovered e-mails from Department employees, sent in violation of the Federal Records Act, even raised fundamental questions about rogue operators at the center of the Departmentâ s controversial loans program engaging in an intentional effort to hide discussions from oversight. The e-mails revealed a culture that looked to White House officials, and not the Secretary, as key decision makers on loan issues for politically connected companies seeking assistance. The next Secretary of Energy will need to refocus the Department on removing barriers for the safe use of proven technologies that can quickly lower the costs of energy for all Americans and reduce our dependence on foreign sources.â

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# Steven Chu Was The Kick Back Boss For The Obama Corruption Payola

Prior to â appointmentâ , meeting notes, presentation records and emails show that Steven Chu had a deep relationship with McKinsey and Kleiner Perkins, who lobbied for his appointment.

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## Stifling Innovation with Subsidies

Posted by Tad DeHaven

A couple of weeks ago I wrote about a story in *Wired* regarding the Department of Energyâ s Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program. The gist was that government subsidies to particular manufacturers are putting non-recipients at a competitive disadvantage in obtaining private capital. The author, a former Tesla Motors official, noted that â this massive government intervention in private capital markets may have the unintended consequence of stifling innovation by reducing the flow of private capital into ventures that are not anointed by the DOE.â

An article in yesterdayâ s *Wall Street Journal* builds on this theme by detailing the political shenanigans surrounding the DOEâ s awarding of a loan to Finnish high-end automaker, Fisker Automotive:

When tiny Fisker Automotive Inc. hit a financing glitch last year, threatening its plan to build a fancy gasoline-electric hybrid car in Finland, it turned to the U.S. Department of Energyâ !Within months, Vice President Joe Biden, the former senator from Delaware, was helping lure the embryonic car company to a shuttered General Motors Co. factory four miles from his house in Wilmington, right across the tracks from Biden Park. Soon, Fisker Automotive, a two-year-old business that has yet to sell a car, won loans from the federal government totaling \$528 million.

A DOE spokesman claimed that, in the *Journal*â s words, the subsidy decision process is insulated from politics. Oh sure, and I drive an emissions-free car that runs on fairy dust.

As the following snippet illustrates, multiple Delaware politicians teamed up to tilt the system to their stateâ s advantage:

On June 1, GM said it was closing 14 plants, including the one in Delawareâ !State officials and politicians were determined to keep it alive. In the middle of August, they learned the plant had drawn interest from Fisker. CEO Henrik Fisker came to see it and dropped by the office of a Delaware senator, Tom Carper, a Democrat. The visit unleashed a flurry of activity. Gov. Jack Markell, also a Democrat, quickly called an old friend at Kleiner Perkins to check on Fisker. Kleiner Perkins itself has political roots. A leading partner, John Doerr, sits on President Barack Obamaâ s economic advisory board, and another partner is former Vice President Al Gore.

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Of course, the story canâ t end without some grandstanding from the master of hyperbole himself, Joe Biden:

In a rousing speech, Mr. Biden recalled how every election year, including his first in 1972, â I would stand here at this gate and shake hands at every shift.â He told of many â long talksâ he said he had had with Mr. Fisker. He called the project â a metaphor for the rebirth of the country.â

The article is long, but worth the read for those concerned that American capitalism might be taking a corporatist turn for the worse.

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**Chu Set to Tell Obama Loans Healthy Before Solyndra Failed**

By Mark Drajem

U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu was set to assure President Barack Obama in mid-2011 that all loans in the departmentâ s clean-energy program would be repaid, just two months before the bankruptcy of recipient Solyndra LLC.

A draft prepared by Energy Department officials for Chu to brief Obama on June 27, 2011, also pushed to continue the program, slated to expire three months later, according to documents released today by the Republican-led House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The e-mails show Chu seeking to defend the program amid objections by officials in the White House, Treasury Department and Office of Management and Budget. Chu told aides in an e-mail that the document for the briefing was â missing important informationâ and needed to explain: â Why did the loans take so long, and why was there so much interagency angst?â

Treasury and OMB officials worried that companies aided by the program were getting excessive subsidies in the loan terms, which allowed â Unjust enrichment,â Chu wrote.

The documents â show how many people in the administration had serious doubtsâ about the program, Frederick Hill, a spokesman for the oversight panel, said today. Given the upbeat presentation, were the programâ s risks â kept away from the president?â he asked.

**â Deep Troubleâ**

Solyndra, a solar-panel maker in Fremont, California that received a \$535 million U.S. loan guarantee, sought bankruptcy protection in September and fired its 1,100 workers. The Energy Department restructured terms of its loan in early 2011, as the companyâ s finances began to wobble. None of the information released today mentioned Solyndra. Chu told lawmakers in November that by June 2011 he was aware that Solyndra was â in deep trouble.â

The U.S. program also backed Beacon Power Corp. (BCONQ), an energy-storage company that sought bankruptcy protection in October, with a \$43 million loan guarantee in August 2010. Abound Solar Inc., a solar-panel maker, shut after borrowing \$70 million from the U.S.

Congressional Democrats and the White House have repeatedly said the loans were made on the merits, and not as a result of political pressure. The latest e-mails further underscore that point,

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according to Damien LaVera, a spokesman for the Department of Energy.

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â Everything in the more than 900,000 pages of documents we have voluntarily provided to Congress validates what we have said from day one: All decisions on loan applications were made on the merits after careful review by career officials and technical experts in the loan program,â LaVera said in an e-mail.

The briefing by Chu for Obama was scheduled because â at official events and political events he interacts with business community and Congressional membersâ who have â affiliation or interestâ in applications for backing in the program, according to an e-mail to Chu on June 24 from Brandon Hurlbut, Chuâ s chief of staff. â The president has likely heard a wide range of feedback on the program and wants to know its status.â

White House officials asked Chu to discuss two projects in particular, the Cape Wind Associates LLC wind farm project off the coast of Nantucket in Massachusetts and USEC Inc. (USU)â s bid to build an enrichment plant for uranium in Piketon, Ohio. The governor of each state â Democrat Deval Patrick in Massachusetts and Republican John Kasich in Ohio â had pressed Obama on the projects, Hurlbut wrote.

Both loan applications are still pending with the government.

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### **GOP accuses Chu of false testimony**

By Zack Colman

Republicans accused Energy Secretary Steven Chu on Wednesday of offering false testimony on the Energy Department loan program that gave funds to failed solar firm Solyndra.

Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) said a briefing on the loan programâ s status that Chu provided to President Obama in June of 2011 contradicts Chuâ s testimony to the committee earlier this year about the extent of his communication with the White House.

They also allege the private emails show Chu was involved in a meeting with former White House Chief of Staff William Daley on the loan guarantee program.

The lawmakers say this conflicts with testimony Chu gave in which he said he did not communicate directly with the White House about the energy program. The program became a huge controversy after the bankruptcy of Solyndra, which received a \$535 federal loan guarantee.

Becca Watkins, a spokeswoman with the committee, told The Hill that it is â a little bit of a gray areaâ on whether this is the first time the committee has made such accusations against Chu. Issa sent a

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letter in July asking Chu to clarify his involvement with the loan program, but Watkins said â this time we have the documents.â

The March testimony from Chu the lawmakers cite in the letter is clipped from a fuller line of questioning. Video of the hearing shows Chuâ s answers were not in response to his communication with the White House about the program as a whole, but rather his knowledge of nine specific projects.

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) asked Chu during that hearing about whether he corresponded with the administration about that select, specific group of energy loans through the program. Chu responded that he had not.

One of those projects Jordan mentioned was Solyndra, Watkins noted. But documents have not shown that the June 2011 briefing Chu gave Obama about the loan program included any mention of that firm.

In the letter to Chu sent Tuesday, the lawmakers asked the secretary to clarify in accurate statements, to produce relevant documents the department has not released on the loan program and to testify before the Oversight and Government Reform Committee in September.

Jordan (R-Ohio) and Trey Gowdy (R-S.C.) also signed the letter.

â Your apparent false or â at minimum â misleading testimony, combined with the widespread use of private e-mail accounts by Department employees, creates the appearance that you have been complicit in an organized effort to deceive Congress and hide the motives and process for decisions to use taxpayer funds to aid private interests,â the lawmakers said in the letter.

The lawmakers also argue Jonathan Silver, the former head of the DOE loan program, asked for staffersâ personal email addresses to discuss official business to avoid getting that correspondence subpoenaed in a possible investigation. The lawmakers said that is in violation of the Federal Records Act.

â Recently-obtained documents show DOE officials frequently used Yahoo! and Gmail to communicate about the loan guarantee program,â the legislators said. â This use of non-government e-mail accounts for official business may have violated the Presidential Records Act (PRA) and the Federal Records Act (FRA). The documents also show that testimony given to the Committee by current and former DOE officials, including you, was inaccurate, and may have been intentionally false.â

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that Energy Department officials advised staffers not to use personal email addresses for office business because they could get subpoenaed. Days later, Solyndra went bankrupt.

Silver said in a statement to the Post on Tuesday that, â I intended to advise my DOE colleagues to use their official email for official purposes and personal email for personal purposes. It was never my intention to avoid the requirements of the Federal Records Act.â

DOE responded to the charges with a statement to The Hill on Wednesday: â In the rare cases where the Department has found that some officials may have used their personal email accounts to discuss official business, the Department has treated those emails as official records and voluntarily provided them when requested by congressional investigators. For example, just last week, we voluntarily

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provided these emails to the Committee.â

Source:

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/243773-gop-questions-chu-on-solyndra-testimony>

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**Chu Says Backing Prologis Had â Nothing to Do With Solyndraâ**

By Brian Wingfield

(Adds information on investigation in fourth paragraph.)

(Bloomberg) â U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu, responding to a House investigation, said he didnâ t intervene to support a \$1.4 billion partial loan guarantee for a Prologis Inc. solar-power project as a way to aid failing Solyndra LLC.

Chu said he supported the plan to install solar panels on warehouse roofs in 28 states because of its business model that included financing from private investors.

â It had nothing to do with Solyndra,â Chu told reporters today at an energy conference near Washington in suburban Maryland.

Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee asked the Obama administration official to explain links between San Francisco-based Prologis and Solyndra, which sought creditor protection in September, two years after receiving a \$535 million U.S. loan guarantee. Solyndra was to be the only supplier in the first phase of Prologisâ s initiative, known as Project Amp, according to a letter to Chu from the panel.

Committee leaders want to know whether Chu helped Prologis secure its U.S. backing in order to prop up Solyndra. The Fremont, California, company had already filed for bankruptcy protection when the Energy Department gave Prologis, a real- estate investment trust, its loan guarantee in September. Solyndra was no longer a supplier when Prologis won its award.

Project Amp, which has been stalled by the Solyndra bankruptcy, is being funded by Prologis and its partners, which include NRG Energy Inc. of Princeton, New Jersey, and Bank of America Corp. of Charlotte, North Carolina, James Larkin, a Prologis spokesman, said in an e-mail. The loan guarantee provides U.S. backing for the project.

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**STEVEN CHU - OBAMA'S PAYOLA FRONT MAN**

BY: CJ Ciaramella â



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Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu may have personally intervened in a \$1.4 billion partial loan guarantee in an effort to help floundering solar company Solyndra, Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee alleged in a letter Friday.

Committee Republicans opened a new front in their ongoing investigation of the Solyndra scandal in a letter to Chu on Friday, requesting documents and emails regarding a \$1.4 billion loan to a solar project that was to be supplied equipment by Solyndra. Prologis, an industrial real-estate company, received a partial loan guarantee in September 2011 to install solar panels on its commercial facility rooftops. The committee said the sole supplier of those panels would have been Solyndra, which had also received a \$535 million loan guarantee from the Energy Department.

At the time, Solyndra was struggling to avoid bankruptcy. Its loan guarantee had been restructured just months earlier.

Solyndra would ultimately declare bankruptcy on Aug. 31, 2011, putting the DOEâ s loan program in Republican crosshairs.

In the letter to Chu, Republicans say they have documents revealing Solyndraâ s involvement in Prologisâ project was â a significant factor in negotiations between DOE and Solyndra relating to a possible second restructuring of the loan guarantee in August 2011, as well as the closing of the Project Amp loan guarantee.â

The letter also quotes a June 17 email from a Solyndra employee claiming Chu personally intervened to secure the Prologis loan.

â [O]n three occasions this week he thought that the [Project Amp] deal was dead, but Secretary Chu personally pulled it off,â the email reads. â Chu shared with the team that this deal went to higher levels in the Obama Administration to gain approval than any other transaction in the Loan Guarantee Program, and that he personally committed to seeing it through to a successful conclusion.â

The Energy Department disagreed with the committeeâ s characterization.

Secretary Chu strongly supported Project Amp because it will be the largest rooftop project in U.S. history and is expected to generate enough clean, renewable electricity to power over 88,000 homes while supporting at least a thousand jobs all across the country,â DOE spokesman Damien LaVera said.

â Project Amp represents a transformational new approach to financing and operating solar panels, and has been supported by some of the most prominent companies in the world, including Merrill Lynch, Bank of America and NRG Energy.â

A DOE source said Solyndra was one of many potential suppliers and would ultimately have only accounted for less than 20 megawatts out of more than 750 total megawatts in the project.

Furthermore, the DOE said Chuâ s involvement had nothing to do with Solyndra.

A source from the DOE said Chu got involved because of a disagreement between the DOE loan program and other agencies about the number of megawatts the project should support and how long the installation period should be.

Project Amp, when completed, will be the largest rooftop solar generation project in the world. It has attracted

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significant private funding, and the businesses participating in the project include Bank of America, Merrill Lynch, and NRG Energy.

But the Energy Departmentâ s rebuttals will likely not deter House Republicans from their investigation, which has been going on for more than a year. Committee sub-chair Rep. Cliff Stearns said the documents raise even more concerns about the loan program.

â Documents obtained by the Committee indicate that DOE had some hesitation in approving the loan guarantee and that Secretary Chu intervened on behalf of Project Amp,â Stearns said in a statement. â This brings up many questions, including if this was an attempt to support the faltering Solyndra since it occurred during discussions over the second restructuring of the Solyndra loan guarantee.â

â It is astonishing that DOE actively negotiated a plan to risk even more taxpayer money to prop up Solyndra at all costs,â Stearns continued.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee set a Feb. 24 deadline for the requested documents.

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**Did Obamaâ s Energy Secretary Seek \$1.4 Billion Bailout Loan to Prop Up The Failing Solyndra because The Feinstein family owned Chu and Solyndra interests?**

by Wynton Hall

Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) wants answers from Energy Secretary Steven Chu about documents that appear to indicate that Mr. Chu personally intervened to help secure a \$1.4 billion partial loan guarantee for a large-scale rooftop solar project known as Project Amp that was to be supplied equipment by the sinking ship that was Solyndra. â It is astonishing that DOE actively negotiated a plan to risk even more taxpayer money to prop up Solyndra at all costs,â said Rep. Stearns.

In his role as Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committeeâ s Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Rep. Stearns sent Sec. Chu a letter inquiring why the Energy Secretary would have helped put even more taxpayer money at risk when it was clear Solyndra was yet another failed green energy scheme, particularly since the Department of Energy itself seemed squeamish about approving the loan:

Project Amp is a large-scale rooftop energy generation project using solar panels on commercial facility rooftops to generate electricity for saletto utilities and power purchasers. The panels for first phase of Project Amp were to be sole sourced from the failing Solyndra, Inc. Documents obtained by the Committee indicate that DOE had some hesitation in approving the loan guarantee and that Secretary Chu intervened on behalf of Project Amp. This brings up many questions, including if this was an attempt to support the faltering Solyndra since it occurred during discussions over the second restructuring of the Solyndra loan guarantee.

According to Rep. Stearns letter, a Solyndra employee email suggests that, indeed, Mr. Chu was part of a Herculean effort to craft a deal that â went to higher levels in the Obama Administrationâ :

In a June 17, 2011 email, a Solyndra employee shared what he had learned from a BAML [Bank of America Merrill Lynch] senior investment banker who took part in the Project Amp negotiations with DOE, stating that, â [O]n three occasions this week he thought that the [Project Amp] deal was dead, but Secretary Chu personally pulled it off. Chu shared with the team that this deal went to higher levels in the Obama Administration to gain approval than any other transaction in the Loan Guarantee Program, and that he

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personally committed to seeing it through to a successful conclusion.â Further, the minutes of the June 18, 2011, DOE Credit Review Board for Project Amp stated that â Secretary Chu had requested the CRB convene to consider Project Amp.

Mr. Chuâ s views on energy have come under fire before. In September 2008, Mr. Chu told the Wall Street Journal that he wanted to see U.S. gas prices goup in order to force Americans to drive less. â Somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe,â Mr. Chu told The Journal. Given Mondayâ s news that American gas prices were the highest they have ever been at this time of the year, Mr. Chuâ s energy plans appear to be working.

No word yet on Mr. Chuâ s response to Rep. Stearnsâ s inquiry as to why he would fight to secure and dump \$1.4 billion taxpayer dollars into Solyndraâ s sinking hole.

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**Chuâ s Performance Review: Way Below Expectations. In Fact - He Sucked!**

By EDWARD MORRISSEY, The Fiscal Times

Earlier this month, Energy Secretary Steven Chu testified before Congress after a series of bankruptcies from companies floated by green-tech stimulus loans.

Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA) asked Chu what kind of grade he would give himself as a steward of public funds. Chu replied, â Thereâ s always room for improvement, maybe an A new report from the Government Accountability Office shows that massive grade inflation has struck the Obama administration. The GAO looked at the handling of \$30

billion outstanding in loan guarantees and future commitments and discovered that the DOE rarely follows its own written procedures for vetting and auditing applications. In fact, in many cases, the Loan Guarantee Program (LGP) couldnâ t even find the data managers needed to administer the loans properly:

â When GAO requested data from the LGP on the status of these applications, the LGP did not have consolidated data readily available and had to assemble these data over several months from various sources. Without consolidated data on applicants, LGP managers do not have readily accessible information that would facilitate more efficient program management, and LGP staff may not be able to identify weaknesses, if any, in the programâ s application review process and approval procedures.â

That, however, was the least of the problems the GAO found in the management of the loan guarantees. In the case of Solyndra, the Obama administration ended up overriding the expressed concerns of DOE auditors to grant the solar-tech firm \$535 million in taxpayer guarantees, all of which disappeared in the companyâ s collapse.

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**Steven Chu's Sick Wrong Approach to High Gas Prices**

| Mijin Cha

Hereâ s the wrong way to try to lower the price of gas: blocking loans that would help develop more efficient cars.

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American companies looking to develop cleaner cars are not receiving the loan support they need. The short-term consequence is the shutting down of factories and the loss of jobs. The long-term consequence is that we will still be at the mercy of oil companies and foreign countries and the wide fluctuations in gas prices that accompany that dependence for years to come.

In 2007, in conjunction with new federal fuel economy requirements, the Department of Energy created the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing program, ATVM, to provide loans for the development of more fuel-efficient vehicles. So far, only \$8.4 billion of the \$25 billion authorized by Congress has been allocated. Many companies have been strung along for years and are starting to falter. Last month, Bright Automotive, an Indiana company looking to build energy efficient fleet trucks, shut down and laid off all 60 workers.

Brightâ s business plan had been endorsed by major companies with large gas-guzzling fleets, like Frito-Lay and Comcast. It had also received advanced orders for its trucks.

It seems the DoE is still stinging from the Solyndrabankruptcy and implementing overly restrictive protocol, but preventing clean technology from developing is the wrong lesson to learn. As weâ ve highlighted extensively, government investment in clean technology development is not only a good thing, itâ s the right thing. Investing in start-ups so they can develop technology that will then be commercialized is not only a smart use of resources, it is fundamentally necessary because there is no private incentive for certain benefits, like environmental protection.

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**The Secretary of Energy lied to Congress**

Itâ s up to us to set the record straight!

Let Congress know we need them to help stop the misinformation coming out of DOE in order to protect special interest friends of the DOE staff. Stop the privatization of our government by nuclear and oil friends of the staff. Oil, Coal & Nuke-people hate hydrogen and fuel cells because they compete with them and do it cleaner and better! GAO investigations have already proven DOE favoritism in published reports. We need new leadership at DOE!

This week, DOE Secretary Steven Chu appeared in front of the Senate Energy and Water Development Subcommittee to face questions about the Presidentâ s FY2012 energy budget. The first question out of the gate from Committee Chair Diane Feinstein, who pre-arranged the question/response with Chu, was about Sec. Chuâ s â current view on hydrogen technology and whether it can be successful or not.â

Sec. Chu gave incorrect information on hydrogen that contradicts real world data as well as numerous DOE studies and reports. He claimed that hydrogen obtained from natural gas had â no benefitâ in terms of carbon elimination. Yet, DOE-funded research has shown that the most clean and efficient use of natural gas for transportation is to use it to create hydrogen to power a fuel cell electric vehicle. Chu also said hydrogen storage was a problem due to high pressure. Whatâ s the problem Sec. Chu? These tanks have logged nearly 3 million miles, had more than 27,000 fill ups, and managed to fuel vehicles for more than 114,000 hours of operation.

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We need you to tell Congress that the DOE should stop giving misleading information â it is up to DOE to fairly represent the current state of the technology. Right now, they arenâ t doing that. We need critical decisions on our energy future made based on fact!

The time is now to redouble our efforts to ensure that fuel cells and hydrogen energy are included in any clean energy strategy.

We need Congress to know that the head of the Energy Department is compromised and is not giving the White House and the rest of the country the facts on how robust fuel cell and hydrogen technologies have become. We are asking for fairness. The DOE owes the President and the country that much.

All of the oil is at risk due to unrest, Al Qaida targeting of tankers, and wells running dry. To cut out Clean, Green, Renewable AMERICAN hydrogen and fuel cells in order to favor personal investments puts America at risk.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our campaign.

Sincerely,

*Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association*

*American Clean Energy Association*

*National Green Power Campaign*

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**A space that allows me to pontificate on China, alternative fuel vehicles, and anything else I feel like opining about**

**Is the U.S. government sending electric vehicle technology to China? YES!**

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The U.S. government is sending alternative fuel vehicle technology to China. Okay, that is a bit strong. But, the lack of funding for companies with such technology, and the strict criteria recipients of loans from the Department of Energy Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program must meet, is forcing U.S. companies to look to China for funding. The ultimate result is a technology transfer to China forced in part by coast of ownership, said Bright.

What are the some of the requirements for getting one of those DOE Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loan? The DOE does due diligence just as any investor would. And conducts a â competitive review similar to what applicants would find at banking financial institutions.â And the company has to be pretty far along with its product already. The loan isnâ t â intended to finance research and development costs.â Indeed, the product has to be ready to produce since the loan can â only be used to reimburse the applicant for (i) costs that are reasonably related to reequipping, expanding, or establishing a manufacturing facility in the United States or (ii) costs of engineering integration performed in the United States.

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The Chinese government, and private Chinese companies looking for technology, faces no such conditions. Sure, private Chinese companies want to get a good return on investment. But they are in essence private equity investors with a big appetite for risk. As for the Chinese government, well, it is an authoritarian government after all. It can do what it wishes with its money. Sure, if Beijing chooses to invest billions in foreign companies and the investment is clearly specious, there could be some social unrest. But who can be bothered to protest against some special tax breaks?

When Boston Power <http://www.boston-power.com> was also turned down in 2009 for a \$100 million DOE loan, it didnâ t close down. Boston Power turned to China, and landed \$125 million in funding in late 2011 from a combination of investors including GSR Ventures <http://www.gsrventures.cn/en/index.html>, a Silicon Valley company with ties to China.

<http://green.autoblog.com/2011/09/22/boston-power-secures-125-million-in-funds-will-move-most-operat/>

GSR also negotiated substantial Chinese government support for Boston Power including low interest loans, grants, and financial and tax incentives. Boston Power is building a battery manufacturing plant, R&D center, and an engineering facility in China.

Though Boston Power says it will retain control of its intellectual property, letâ s get real. How can it do R&D, engineering, and manufacturing in China and not pass that knowledge on to Chinese engineers? Other U.S. companies are skipping the U.S. government loan application process entirely and looking directly to China for funding. Iâ ve written about some of them in this column. The question, then, is what is the cost of losing these companies, and the technology, to China? Time will tell.

On February 28, Bright closed its doors. Its CEO Reuben Munger and COO Mike Donoughe wrote accusatory letters to the Department of Energy Secretary Stephen Chu. [http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1073497\\_startup-bright-automotive-shuts-down-slams-doe-loan-process](http://www.greencarreports.com/news/1073497_startup-bright-automotive-shuts-down-slams-doe-loan-process)

A few excerpts from their letters (copies of which were obtained by me and anyone else who asked Bright): In a Feb 23 letter pleading for the DOE to make a decision on Brightâ s application for a \$314 loan from the DOE: â Unfortunately, irrationality and petty politics have paralyzed your agency at a time America needs you most.â

And a Feb 28 letter: â The ineffectiveness of the DOE to execute its program harms commercial enterprise as it not only interfered with the capital markets; it placed American companies at the whim of approval by a group of bureaucrats.â

The Bright executives conclude: â Because of ATVMâ s distortion of U.S. private equity markets, the only opportunities for 100 percent private equity markets are abroad.â

â We unfortunately did not aggressively pursue an alternative funding path in China as early as we would have liked based on our understanding of where we were in the DOE process,â they say.

Guess they should have grabbed the golden ring when it was offered. And whoâ s to say they wonâ t still turn to China for funding? The company may have closed down, but the technology still exists. Of course the China

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funding was not a sure thing. What is a sure thing is that obtaining funding from Chinese companies and even the Chinese government seems a bit easier these days than getting a piece of the U.S. governmentâ s cash hoard.

The DOEâ s official response to the question of why the approval process for the Bright loan dragged on so long: â We understand that this is a difficult day for Bright Automotive and their workers. Over the last three years, the Department has worked with the company to try to negotiate a deal that supported their business while protecting the taxpayers. In the end, we were not able to come to an agreement on terms that would protect the taxpayers.â

The Department of Energy Loan Program Office (LPO) <http://www.lpo.energy.gov> was established to (according to the DOE website) â work with private companies and lenders to mitigate the financing risks associated with building out commercial-scale clean energy projects, thereby encouraging the broader and more rapid growth of the sector.â That would seem to indicate some appetite for riskier investments, but as you will read below, the DOE is not about risk taking. It is about getting a return on tax payersâ dollars. Fair enough, but not much more than any commercial bank does.

The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing program [https://lpo.energy.gov/?page\\_id=43](https://lpo.energy.gov/?page_id=43) was set up under the LPO in 2007 (yes, that was President George W. Bush) and expanded by President Obama. Of its \$25 billion in funds, \$8.4 billion has been allocated so far. The recipients of the two largest loans donâ t seem too risky: Ford Motor Co. and Nissan North America Inc.

Why is it so tough for smaller companies to get a U.S. government loan? Politics plays a big part. The Obama administration has been lambasted for the failure of solar panel maker Solyndra Inc., a company that had obtained a \$535 million loan from the Department of Energy in 2009 (under a different program than the ATVM).

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/solyndra-politics-infused-obama-energy-programs/2011/12/14/gIQA4HIIHP\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/solyndra-politics-infused-obama-energy-programs/2011/12/14/gIQA4HIIHP_story.html)

Now, any company applying for a loan has to meet incredibly high standards. Those standards were in place political pressure. Pretty ironic.

The most recent example is Bright Automotive <http://www.brightautomotive.com>, a company in the mid-western state of Indiana that aimed to manufacture plug-in hybrid electric vans for fleets.

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**GAO shows grade inflation at the Department of Energy**

by Ed Morrissey

Remember this moment from two weeks ago? Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA) challenged Energy Secretary Steven Chu to assign himself a grade specifically on his stewardship of Department of Energy resources in relation to the 2009 stimulus funds granted for the Loan Guarantee Program. After Broun recites a litany of failures in

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LGP, Chu insists that heâ s done very well â and gives himself an A-minus:

As it turns out, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has another grade entirely for the LGP, the DoE, and ultimately Energy Secretary Steven Chu. In the report released this week, the GAOâ s spot check of applications and loans granted and committed under the LGP â \$30 billion in all â shows systemic mismanagement, uncompleted reviews, missing documentation, and a process failure rate of 85% or more, their own money:

President Obama himself told a Nevada town hall in February 2010 that â tax dollars shouldnâ t be used to reward the very irresponsible lenders and borrowers who helped bring about the housing crisis.â At least that was Obamaâ s position until this month, when he announced a plan that would expand HAMP to include the real-estate speculators that helped inflate the housing bubble.

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Just one month ago, Obama spoke about the legal settlement with the banks that finally allowed long-pent-up foreclosures to move forward. In his speech, Obama twice mentions irresponsible actions by lenders that hurt others who acted more responsibly. He specifically noted the robo-signing and other violations that drove the process off the rails and cost many people their homes:â In many cases, they didnâ t even verify that these foreclosures were actually legitimate.

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Professor Chu, who demonstrated the most extreme case of grade inflation yet seen. emphases mine:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has made \$15 billion in loan guarantees and conditionally committed to an additional \$15 billion, but the program does not have the consolidated data on application status needed to facilitate efficient management and program oversight. For the 460 applications to the Loan Guarantee Program (LGP), DOE has made loan guarantees for 7 percent and committed to an additional 2 percent. The time the LGP took to review loan applications decreased over the course of the program, according to GAOâ s analysis of LGP data. However, when GAO requested data from the LGP on the status of these applications, the LGP did not have consolidated data readily available and had to assemble these data over several months from various sources. Without consolidated data on applicants, LGP managers do not have readily accessible information that would facilitate more efficient program management, and LGP staff may not be able to identify weaknesses, if any, in the programâ s application review process and



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approval procedures. Furthermore, because it took months to assemble the data required for GAOâ s review, it is also clear that the data were not readily available to conduct timely oversight of the program. LGP officials have acknowledged the need for a consolidated system and said that the program has begun developing a comprehensive business management system that could also be used to track the status of LGP applications. However, the LGP has not committed to a timetable to fully implement this system.

The LGP adhered to most of its established process for reviewing applications, but its actual process differed from its established process at least once on 11 of the 13 applications GAO reviewed. Private lenders who finance energy projects that GAO interviewed found that the LGPâ s established review process was generally as stringent as or more stringent than their own. However, GAO found that the reviews that the LGP conducted sometimes differed from its established process in that, for example, actual reviews skipped applicable review steps. In other cases, GAO could not determine whether the LGP had performed some established review steps because of poor documentation. Omitting or poorly documenting reviews reduces the LGPâ s assurance that it has treated applicants consistently and equitably and, in some cases, may affect the LGPâ s ability to fully assess and mitigate project risks. Furthermore, the absence of adequate documentation may make it difficult for DOE to defend its decisions on loan guarantees as sound and fair if it is questioned about the justification for and equity of those decisions. One cause of the differences between established and actual processes was that, according to LGP staff, they were following procedures that had been revised but were not yet updated in the credit policies and procedures manual, which governs much of the LGPâ s established review process. In particular, the version of the manual in use at the time of GAOâ s review was dated March 5, 2009, even though the manual states it was meant to be updated at least annually, and more frequently as needed. The updated manual dated October 6, 2011, addresses many of the differences GAO identified. Officials also demonstrated that LGP had taken steps to address the documentation issues by beginning to implement its new document management system. However, by the close of GAOâ s review, LGP could not provide sufficient documentation to resolve the issues identified in the review.

On 11 of 13 loan applications investigated by the GAO, they found that the DoE hadnâ t done the required work for reviewing and approving applications. Thatâ s an 85% failure rate. And more than three years into this program, even with the deficiencies identified, the DoE still hasnâ t fixed their problems. That kind of failure is more associated with an F-minus, not an A-minus.

Furthermore, as I note in my column for The Fiscal Times, this comes from the same administration that loves to harp on â irresponsible lendersâ who fail to adhere to lending and documentation standards when playing with their own money:

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**Morano on Tesla electric cars and CEO Elon Musk: â That is what we are finding, model after model, across the board, the consumers are not interestedâ |Tesla reported sales 30% below expectationsâ |Lost \$660 million over 14 quartersâ |CEO Elon Musk is driven by fear of Co2, worrying that it will destroy large parts of the earth. Heâ s an ideologue. This guy is worth \$2 billion.â**

The DOE Restructured Its Loan to Tesla: â Imagine that. Weeks to go before the election and the Department of Energy has restructured its \$465 million loan to the electric-car company to make sure it didnâ t run out of cash. The New York Times reports: (Emphasis mine)

As it ramps up sales of its sleek electric sedan, Tesla doesnâ t appear to be much of a loser right now. But a closer look at companyâ s cash flows suggests it is hardly out of the woodsâ |The federal government eased terms of its \$465 million loan to Tesla to ensure the company didnâ t breach key financial hurdles. The company then raised \$193 million in a secondary stock offering, easing cash concernsâ |Teslaâ s CEO has said he raised the \$193 million â simply for risk reduction.â Yeah. Itâ s called the risk to Obama of Tesla running out of cash right before the election.â

Taxpayers Subsidize Forbes â Greenâ Billionairesâ Schemes: Musk, best known as co-founder of the company that became PayPal, is Chairman of SolarCity and CEO of Tesla. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, SolarCity spent \$535,000 in 2009 and 2010 to lobby Congress and the Department of Energy on climate legislation, the Recovery Act, â green workforce training and development,â and provisions in various legislation â relevant to solar development.â â |So far, according to DOE reports, SolarCity has received more than \$66 million from that program. The company also won a partial guarantee from DOE of a \$344 million loan that will place up to 160,000 rooftop solar installations on military housing across the country. Similarly, Muskâ s Tesla Motors spent \$480,000 from 2007 to 2011 to lobby Congress, the White House, EPA and DOE on climate and energy issues, the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loan program, the Promoting Electric Vehicles Act, and the Recovery Act. Tesla received a \$465 million loan guarantee from DOEâ s ATVM program. Musk is also a generous political donor, mostly to Democrats, although his investments and giving are equally diverse.

Tesla Motors warns it will miss sales expectations

Climate Depotâ s report: Electric/Hybrid car industry loses power in the face of market reality and lack of consumer demand â Washington Post on Chevy Volt: â The basic theoryâ if you build them, customers will come â was a myth. And an expensive one, at thatâ

Tesla CEO Elon Musk: â There is no question that at a certain level, [CO2 emissions] will destroy the Earth, or destroy large portions of the Earthâ

Tesla is fine, repaying U.S. government loans: CEO: Tesla Motors Inc (TSLA.O) Chief Executive Elon Musk dismissed fears the electric carmaker was in financial trouble and said it was making an advance payment on the federal loan used to make its Model S sedan.

How Does Paying \$40,000 For A Tesla EV Replacement Battery Sound? â The Tesla electric carâ s batteries will cost \$40,000 to replace when they run out of juice â how appealing are those electric car advantages at resale time? The Tesla electric car is produced by a company run by a whiny corporate billionaire and taxpayer welfare mooch â to the tune of \$450 million in U.S. taxpayer loans provided by

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Obama. What did Obama see in the company? Great question, and btw, donâ t expect the loan to be repaid, ever.

Who killed the electric car? You, perhaps, if you didnâ t charge it: â DONâ T leave your electric car parked for too long â by the time you get back it could have turned into a \$200,000 brick. Electric car maker Tesla is defending claims its cars become immobilized if the battery ever becomes completely discharged. This results in a battery replacement cost of about one-fifth the carâ s \$206,000 sticker price.â

Oops. Major Design Flaw Found With Tesla Electric Cars: â Sounds like another \$500 million down Obamaâ s taxpayer-funded toiletâ

â Itâ s A Brickâ â Tesla Motorsâ Design Problem Devastating: â Tesla Motorsâ lineup of all-electric vehicles â its existing Roadster, almost certainly its impending Model S, and possibly its future Model X â apparently suffer from a severe limitation that can largely destroy the value of the vehicle. If the battery is ever totally discharged, the owner is left with what Tesla describes as a â brickâ : a completely immobile vehicle that cannot be started or even pushed down the street. The only known remedy is for the owner to pay Tesla approximately \$40,000 to replace the entire battery. Unlike practically every other modern car problem, neither Teslaâ s warranty nor typical car insurance policies provide any protection from this major financial loss. â

More on the Electric Edsel: â It is 1890 and horse travel is becoming problematic. The horses poo all over the place, making a disgusting mess in crowded urban areas â and theyâ re just not practical for speedy, efficient travel in a rapidly industrializing nation. Did the government start throwing billions (well, millions in those days) at politically connected big businesses to develop an alternative? The answer, of course, is no. Inventors thought about the problem and tinkered. The internal combustion engine (gas and diesel) was invented â and perfected. It became reliable â and soon, affordable. Henry Ford and others like him came along. Cars replaced horses. And â a key fact â impractical cars such as the early steam-powered and electric cars â were dropped in favor of practical cars like the Model T, which put the country (not just the elites) behind the wheel.

The analysts at Green Car Reports, â the ultimate guide to cleaner, greener driving,â worry that the Fisker Karma may discredit the entire Department of Energy loan program.

Elon Musk, a tycoon who has reaped millions of dollars from government for schemes for EVs, solar and outer space, may feel good about Tesla compared to Fisker for the moment, but in the Automobile interview he revealed massive problems in management and development while he planned to seek those loans from the Department of Energy.

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**DOE:**

**Expected Chu departure sparks second-term speculation**

**Nick Juliano, E&E reporter**

*Greenwire:*

No matter who wins the White House next week, Steven Chu is widely expected to soon book a one-way ticket back to California, sparking heightened speculation over who may be tapped to take over after his

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embattled term leading the Department of Energy if President Obama is re-elected.

Chu has not announced his plans, and a DOE spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment. But it is all but impossible to find anyone in Washington energy circles who thinks he will be sticking around if Obama wins re-election, after four years facing sharp criticism over nearly everything in DOEâ s portfolio, especially the loan guarantee program.

â The working assumption by many here is that Secretary Chu will move back to California,â said one energy policy expert who works with the administration and asked not to be identified. â Thatâ s completely understandable; heâ s accomplished a heck of a lot in four years in Washington, particularly for someone more accustomed to the warmer and friendlier climes in California.â

Supporters of the energy secretary say he has been unfairly maligned by congressional Republicans who have homed in on the handful of failed loan guarantee recipients, most notably the bankrupt solar panel manufacturer Solyndra, while ignoring companies that have succeeded after receiving DOE loan guarantees and other efforts within the department to boost clean energy research and development.

â Steven Chu is going to be a difficult act to follow because thereâ s never been such a prominent scientist as secretary of Energy,â said Daniel Weiss, a clean energy expert at the Center for American Progress Action Fund.

Chuâ s background as a Nobel Prize-winning physicist made him one of the most credentialed DOE heads. But he seemed ill-prepared to deal with some of the more rough-and-tumble aspects of Washington, where facing hours of grilling from hostile members of Congress is as much a part of the job as keeping up with the latest developments coming out of DOEâ s labs.

Obama is likely to tap someone with more of a political background to replace Chu, who is expected to announce his departure before the end of the year, several policy experts said in recent interviews.

Among the top people being mentioned as possible candidates to take over as next Energy secretary are former North Dakota Sen. Byron Dorgan (D), whose post-congressional activities include an association with the Bipartisan Policy Center, where he has focused on energy policy (*Greenwire*, Jan. 19); former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D); Center for American Progress President John Podesta, who was President Clintonâ s chief of staff and head of Obamaâ s transition team; and Duke Energy CEO Jim Rogers, who was a key industry supporter of the Obama administrationâ s efforts to address climate change and helped lure the 2012 Democratic National Convention to Charlotte, N.C., where Dukeâ s corporate headquarters is located.

Others being mentioned in some policy circles are former Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal (D), who is practicing environment and natural resources law in Cheyenne, Wyo.; former Iowa Gov. Chet Culver (D), who is doing consulting work for the wind energy industry (*E&E Daily*, March 6); and Kathleen McGinty, who served in the Clinton administration before leading the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. She is a founding partner of Peregrine Technology Partners LLC, a clean-tech firm, and is a director at NRG Energy Inc., a wholesale power company.

Of course, beyond policy chops, anyone asked to lead DOE also will have to decide whether he or she has the constitution to take on such a high-stress role. The department has a broad portfolio, from securing nuclear material to funding research into carbon capture and sequestration, but the most prominent role for a second-term energy secretary likely will be continuing to face hostile questions from House Republicans.

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â There are a lot of people who are qualified, who would be great candidates, who say, â I donâ t want to do this,â said one renewable energy lobbyist following the jockeying to replace Chu.

If Republican nominee Mitt Romney wins the election, observers expect his DOE would be led by someone with ties to the oil, natural gas or coal industries. The most mentioned contenders are former Sen. Jim Talent (R-Mo.), American Petroleum Institute President Jack Gerard and Harold Hamm, the CEO of Continental Resources who has been advising the Romney campaign on energy issues, although several other names also have been floated (Greenwire, Oct. 23).

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**Steven Chu must go â Energy Dept. Disaster**

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Editorâ s Note â SUA has been watching the Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu and his abysmal testimony before Congress, the scandals he allowed like Solyndra, gasoline prices (which he flip-flopped on), Chevy Volts, and the disastrous â green agendaâ of the Obama Administration for the past three plus years and it is now clear, Steven Chu must go. Just like our call for Eric Holderâ s resignation, Chu is inept, a pawn for â crony capitalismâ , and a disaster to our economy and energy independence

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**GOP Says Energy Dept. Cut Corners to Lend Az. Solar Firm \$1.6 Billion As Political Payola**

By MATTHEW MOSK  
ABC News

House Republicans are preparing to grill Energy Secretary Steven Chu this week over \$1.6 billion in loans to finance two massive solar energy projects planned for the desert Southwest, saying investigators have found evidence suggesting the administration cut corners in order to get the loans approved.

â The Department of Energy manipulated analysis, ignored objections from career professionals, and strategically modified loan evaluations in order to force project funding out the door,â

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-California, said in a statement provided to ABC News. The Department of Energy says Chu will have plenty of material with him to rebut those allegations Tuesday when he comes to the Hill to testify before Issaâ s committee. Agency officials continued to characterize criticism from House Republicans as misleading attacks that are aimed at scoring political points.

Energy Department spokesman Damien LaVera accused the committee of â inventing false and misleading controversy.â

â Decisions made on loan applications were made on the merits after extensive review by the experts in the loan program,â LaVera said. â In this case, the Department backed loans for two innovative solar projects that will support hundreds of jobs and provide clean power to tens of thousands of homes.â

Two separate House committees have been investigating the Energy Departmentâ s loan program for more than a year. Their efforts gathered steam last fall when the first company to receive a federal green energy loan, Solyndra, filed for bankruptcy. This latest review delves into highly technical aspects of the

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administrationâ s sizeable bet on solar energy and the complex rules set up to help the administration pick the best projects to support.

Energy officials told ABC News the department followed a rigorous process to evaluate each applicant, and the two projects being scrutinized by Issaâ s committee are some of the most exciting solar ventures underway in the United States. If successful, the massive generating facilities would be by far the largest of their kind in the world â comprised of more than five million solar panels and 35,000 metric tons of steel.

Republicans say they sifted through tens of thousands of pages of internal records turned over by the Energy Department in response to their requests.

Investigators with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said the documents they reviewed have raised new questions about the administrationâ s decision to grant multiple loans to the solar energy giant

First Solar, an Arizona-based company that both makes solar panels and assembles enormous solar generating facilities that are then turned over to utility companies to operate. Two of the companyâ s largest projects won federal loans â generating facilities called Agua Caliente, in Arizona, and the Antelope Valley Solar Ranch in California. (One more First Solar facility also qualified for another \$1.5 billion in loan guarantees, making the company one of the nationâ s largest beneficiaries of the Obama administrationâ s green energy initiative.)

In order to receive the loan money, First Solar had to provide evidence that each project would employ new and innovative technologies to generate energy. Republican investigators said Friday the records they reviewed raised doubts about whether the solar facilities actually do that. Among the documents they cite is an email from a top technical expert inside the department, written less than six weeks before the loans to First Solar were approved, in which he argues that one of the supposed advances â use of something called a â single axis trackerâ â was actually not all that new.

â Be clear this is not an innovation,â wrote Dong K. Kim, the director of the loan programâ s technical division.

â The record will show we did not grade this as an innovation.â

Further, Kim writes that â someone keeps changingâ internal documents to hold out the tracking technology as

innovative. And he warns that â whoever continues to make this change needs to understand that Technical does not support [identifying the trackers] as an innovative component.â

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### **Energy Secretary Chuâ s Hopeless Clean Energy Crush**

By Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

Energy Secretary Steven Chu is on a mission to proliferate the use of clean energy no matter the cost to American taxpayers. In 2008, Secretary Chu told the Wall Street Journal, â Somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe.â Even worse, according to White House Press Secretary Jay Carney, President Obama never asked Secretary Chu to walk back his comments. Today, the average gallon of gas in Europe



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costs more than \$8.

With gas prices just over \$4 per gallon in the U.S., and projected by Barronâ s to hit \$4.50 this spring, Secretary Chu and the Administration are less than \$1 away before electric vehicles become a reasonable price option for the average American family.

When President Obama was inaugurated the price of a gallon of gas was \$1.84. In less than 4 years under this Administration, the price of gas has more than doubled. Not to mention, this has all occurred at a time when unemployment is at its longest streak above 8.0% since the Great Depression. Once you factor in the U-6 measure of unemployment, which includes discouraged workers and part-time workers seeking full time employment, the real unemployment rate is at a sky high 14.9%. Unfortunately, the price of gas is not the only area in which Secretary Chu is putting a dent in American taxpayersâ wallets. He is also responsible for the mismanagement of the Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Guarantee Program.

If you were to listen to Secretary Chu and the White House, they would have you believe that the United States is currently engaged in a global solar race with China, reminiscent of the Cold War. They believe that we must use every option within our arsenal to win the war no matter the cost to taxpayers.

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**Energy Secretary Hammered On Gas Prices  
Washingtonâ s Partisan Divide On Display At  
Hearing**

By Tom Cohen CNN

WASHINGTON (CNN) â A committee hearing Tuesday on the Department of Energyâ s use of stimulus funding kept returning to rising gas prices as Republicans hammered Secretary Steven Chu over the pain at the pump.

The partisan divide of Washington was on full display at the House Oversight Committee hearing.

Democrats on the panel repeatedly asked Chu leading questions that provided him the chance to defend administration policies, while Republicans confronted him with allegations of cronyism in Department of Energy loan programs or complaints that he and President Barack Obama donâ t understand what consumers face from higher gas prices. Republican Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle of New York asked Chu to â go to the administration and say, â The American people are hurting. They need you to do something now.â â

She and fellow Republican Rep. Patrick McHenry of North Carolina pushed Chu on what steps he has taken in his three years on the job to

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bring down gas prices.

When Chu noted investments to boost the use of electric cars and increase fuel efficiency standards, McHenry said those mean nothing to his constituents who have long commutes by car every day.

â I have heard nothing of a policy that will meaningfully impact the price at the pump, other than driving it up,â McHenry complained. To tell people in his district facing 10% unemployment to buy a new electric vehicle â is absolutely ridiculous,â he said.

Buerkle also challenged the Obama administrationâ s contention that America has 2% of the worldâ s known oil reserves, saying the actual amount is much greater and that expanded exploitation could reduce gas prices in the long term.

Obama has argued there is no single step or â silver bulletâ to lower gas prices in the short term, saying oil costs are set by an international market influenced by rising demand in China and India as well as jitters over Middle East instability, particularly involving Iran.

With a presidential election looming, Republican leaders including the presidential hopefuls in the midst of a nomination battle have targeted Obamaâ s energy policies. They seek to blame Obama for high energy costs, saying a failure to greatly expand U.S. oil production is a cause. Chu repeated administration talking points that the United States is producing more oil and natural gas now than any time in recent years, and that a balanced approach that invests in innovation such as alternative energy sources is needed to remain competitive in global markets.

Despite the Republican criticism, Chu insisted the policies and programs he has pushed are the right ones at a time of changing energy needs and opportunities.

â America has reached a crossroads and members of Congress have a big decision to make: We can play to win in the clean-energy race â investing in Americaâ s workers, industries, and innovations â or we can wave the white flag and cede leadership to other countries that are investing in these industries,â Chu said.â

Asked about his previous comment that he deserved an A-minus grade for his performance so far, Chu stuck to it, adding it should be â a little higherâ for efforts to reduce oil imports by steps such as developing electric and natural gas-powered vehicles.

When Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-South Carolina, repeatedly tried to get Chu to discuss his oft-quoted 2008 comment in favor of higher gas prices in America, the secretary refused to engage, responding several times that he had â nothing more to add to that quote.â

â Iâ m not trying to boost the price of gasolineâ as energy secretary, Chu told

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Gowdy. â Quite the opposite. Iâ m trying, as a scientist, to diversify the use of gasolineâ to bring down fuel costs.

Other Republicans repeatedly asked Chu about loans made under a Department of Energy program intended to promote innovation, such as \$500 million for the California solar panel manufacturer Solyndra that later went bankrupt.

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Energy Secy. Chu disputes GOP claims that Obama energy programs rife with incompetence, political favoritism Energy Secretary Steven Chu defended his departmentâ s policies to Congress on Tuesday after House Republicans released two extensive reports charging that alternative-energy loan programs and a huge home weatherization program for poor households were riddled with failures and mistakes.

The reports by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, chaired by Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., are part of a more than a year long crusade by Republicans to expose waste, incompetence and political favoritism in energy loan programs after the bankruptcy of Fremont solar manufacturer Solyndra.

Energy, spurred by rising gasoline prices, has become a major issue in the presidential campaign between President

Obama and Republican front-runner Chu, a UC Berkeley physicist and Nobel laureate who had testified to Congress twice in the past week, told the committee that he had also advised former Republican President George W. Bush on his effort to end what Bush called the national addiction to oil. Chu also awarded himself a better than A-minus grade on trying to reduce gasoline prices.

Largest investor

He said that he is a tough grader, but that his efforts to find alternatives to costly fossil fuels were bearing

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fruit. Last year, Chu said, the United States became the worldâ s largest investor in alternative fuels, however temporarily, given that the stimulus money was mostly temporary.

Independent audits by the departmentâ s inspector general and the Government Accountability Office have found some mismanagement of the loan and weatherization programs, the result in part of the 2008 stimulus program that brought aflood of money into the Energy Department, doubling its budget and overwhelming its administrative capacity.

On Tuesday, Chu faced an unusually collegial grilling from Issa, who shared Chuâ s enthusiasm for the potential of natura lgas-powered vehicles.

Issa said the nation was fortunate to have what he called one of the smartest energy secretaries ever, and noted that both he and Chu hold extensive patents. One of the committee reports, called â The Department of Energyâ s Disastrous Management of Loan Guarantee Programs,â faulted Chu for overemphasizing investment in

solar energy. Plunging prices for natural gas, the result of technological breakthroughs that can extract previously inaccessible reserves from shale rock and other sources, have made solar far less competitive, the report said.

Chu said he is â very enthusiasticâ about the potential of using natural gas as a â transition fuelâ to a clean-energy economy.

Natural gas emits about half as much carbon dioxide as coal.

Chu said the department is aggressively researching natural gas fuel tanks that could be adapted to the conventional internal combustion engines incars and trucks. The problem is that the gas must be held under pressure in veryexpensive carbon-fiber tanks.

### Fixing problems

Chu downplayed reports of shoddy weatherization work, including instances of windows that fell out of their frames and exposed wires. He said audits showed that thosejobs amounted to no more than 4 percent of the 680,000 homes that were weatherized under the stimulus. He said contractors were required to fix the problems at no cost to the government.

The committee report also noted, but Chu did not address, large unexpected expenses and delays caused by relocating desert tortoises at the \$2.2 billion BrightSource solar plant being built in Californiaâ s Mojave Desert. The company got a \$1.6 billion loan guarantee and has spent \$56 million relocating tortoises, including the expense of erecting 50 miles of special fencing at a cost of \$50,000 a mile, according to the committee report, based on a Los Angeles Times story.

The stimulus money rapidly increased government spending on alternative energy, including \$14.5 billion in loan guarantees such as the \$528 million loan to Solyndra.

Although fossil fuels have received government support since 1916, a report this month by the Congressional Budget Office found that last year, renewable-fuel and energy-efficiency programs made up 78 percent of government support for energy, followed by 15 percent for fossil fuels and 4 percent for nuclear.

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**â Conclusion**

The findings regarding the DOE loan programs discussed in this report tell only part of a much greater storyâ **a story of mismanagement, waste and abuses** symptomatic of reaching too far, working too fast, and spending too much to achieve unrealistic objectives. There are significant concerns about DOEâ s management and administration of the weatherization, 1705, and ATVM programs. And a management structure unprepared and incapable of dealing with the challenges it faced when pressed to push out the door tens of billions of dollars in a short period of time. In the days ahead, the Committee will continue its investigation and examine DOEâ s record on a loan-by-loan basis, with the continued hope that spotlighting these shortcomings will provide Congress and the American people with the insight they need to assess the true valueâ or costâ of these types of programs.â

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**Chu, GOP Trade Jobs Over Green Energy Funding**

By MATTHEW LAROTONDA

Energy Secretary Steven Chu defended his agency today against allegations the Obama administration cut corners to get funding approved for a number of alternative energy projects, including \$1.6 billion in loans for two massive solar installations.

As Chu testified before the House Oversight and Reform Committee, Republicans claimed their investigators found evidence the administration had ignored objections from within the department to approve risky ventures, and suggested companies with political ties to the White House had benefitted.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, told Chu he believed many loan recipients had credit ratings that would classify them as â junkâ investments. Alleging a culture of â cronyism,â at the agency, Jordan claimed 23 of 27 businesses approved for federal loans had connections to campaign donors or administration officials, including former economic adviser Larry Summers.

Interrupting the secretary at times during his testimony, Jordan told Chu, â Thereâ s no other conclusion you can reach. You helped your friends or you guys were incompetent.â

Chu defended the integrity of the loan process. â Weâ ve put in place an aggressive monitoring system to ensure that the department and its grantees spend recovery act funds wisely,â he said. â The department takes any case of waste, fraud or abuse very seriously.â

**Obamaâ s Green Car Program Under Scrutiny**

Chu said he wasnâ t aware of many of the alleged connections but said department guidelines would have prevented any of the individuals from participating in discussions that would have influenced the loan process.

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Further, Chu says the decision would have come from career agency employees, not political appointees who could be influenced by their party.

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### **Energy secretary hammered on gas prices Washingtonâ s partisan divide on display at hearing**

A committee hearing Tuesday on the Department of Energyâ s use of stimulus funding kept returning to rising gas prices as Republicans hammered Secretary Steven Chu over the pain at the pump.

WASHINGTON (CNN) â

The partisan divide of Washington was on full display at the House Oversight Committee hearing.

Democrats on the panel repeatedly asked Chu leading questions that provided him the chance to defend administration policies, while Republicans confronted him with allegations of cronyism in Department of Energy loan programs or complaints that he and President Barack Obama donâ t understand what consumers face from higher gas prices.

Republican Rep. Ann Marie Buerkle of New York asked Chu to â go to the administration and say, â The American people are hurting.

They need you to do something now.â â he and fellow Republican Rep. Patrick McHenry of North Carolina pushed Chu on what steps he has taken in his three years on the job to bring down gas prices.

When Chu noted investments to boost the use of electric cars and increase fuel efficiency standards, McHenry said those mean nothing to his constituents who have long commutes by car every day.

â I have heard nothing of a policy that will meaningfully impact the price at the pump, other than driving it up,â McHenry complained. To tell people in his district facing 10% unemployment to buy a new electric vehicle â is absolutely ridiculous,â he said.

Buerkle also challenged the Obama administrationâ s contention that America has 2% of the worldâ s known oil reserves, saying the actual amount is much greater and that expanded exploitation could reduce gas prices in the long term.

Obama has argued there is no single step or â silver bulletâ to lower gas prices in the short term, saying oil costs are set by an international market influenced by rising demand in China and India as well as jitters over Middle East instability, particularly involving Iran.

With a presidential election looming, Republican leaders including the presidential hopefuls in the midst of a nomination battle have targeted Obamaâ s energy policies. They seek to blame Obama for high energy costs, saying a failure to greatly expand U.S. oil production is a cause.

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Chu repeated administration talking points that the United States is producing more oil and natural gas now than any time in recent years, and that a balanced approach that invests in innovation such as alternative energy sources is needed to remain competitive in global markets.

Despite the Republican criticism, Chu insisted the policies and programs he has pushed are the right ones at a time of changing energy needs and opportunities.

â America has reached a crossroads and members of Congress have a big decision to make: We can play to win in the clean-energy race â investing in Americaâ s workers, industries, and innovations â or we can wave the white flag and cede leadership to other countries that are investing in these industries,â Chu said.â

Asked about his previous comment that he deserved an A-minus grade for his performance so far, Chu stuck to it, adding it should be â a little higherâ for efforts to reduce oil imports by steps such as developing electric and natural gas-powered vehicles.

When Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-South Carolina, repeatedly tried to get Chu to discuss his oft-quoted 2008 comment in favor of higher gas prices in America, the secretary refused to engage, responding several times that he had â nothing more to add to that quote.â

â Iâ m not trying to boost the price of gasolineâ as energy secretary, Chu told Gowdy. â Quite the opposite. Iâ m trying, as a scientist, to diversify the use of gasolineâ to bring down fuel costs. Other Republicans repeatedly asked Chu about loans made under a Department of Energy program intended to promote innovation, such as \$500 million for the California solar panel manufacturer Solyndra that later went bankrupt.

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Rep. Jim Jordan (R., Ohio) grilled Energy Secretary Steven Chu over the political connections of many green energy companies that received Energy Department loans at a hearing of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Tuesday.

Jordan listed nine people with ties to the Obama administration and financial stakes in Energy Department loan recipients, asking Chu if any had influenced the Energy Department's decision to award the loans.

For example, there is Steve Spinner, a loan program officer at the Energy Department and a former bundler for the Obama campaign. Spinner's wife's law firm represents Solyndra, the bankrupt solar company, which received \$535 million in taxpayer backed Energy Department loans.

â My understanding is there were 27 companies in the 1705 loan program, eight of which had connections to the White House,â Jordan said. â Do you see a pattern or concern there?â

Chu said the political connections had no influence on his decision to award the loans. He said neither they nor the WhiteHouse lobbied him for the loan guarantees.

Chu testified Tuesday on the Department of Energy loan program, which was in charge of awarding billions of dollars in stimulus money as part of the Obama administration's green jobs initiative.

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**STEVEN CHU RAN THE MOST CRIMINALLY CORRUPT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN U.S. HISTORY**

The U.S. Energy Department mismanaged stimulus programs, putting taxpayer dollars at risk, according to two Republican reports released at a hearing where lawmakers debated who is responsible for rising gasoline prices.

The reports, by Republican staff on the House Oversight and Investigations Committee, focused on a program that gave Solyndra LLC its \$535 million loan guarantee two years before the company went bankrupt, and on a \$5 billion home-energy efficiency initiative.

â These reports document a Department of Energy seemingly unprepared to deal with the exponential increase in taxpayer funds it received under the stimulus, leading to serious questions of waste and abuse,â Representative Darrell Issa, a California Republican and committee chairman, said.

The programs provided jobs, reduced pollution and helped low-income homeowners cut energy costs, Energy Secretary Steven Chu said today at the hearing. Republicans said the reports showed the stimulus wasn't effective in creating jobs and risky bets were made on companies with poor credit ratings.

Republicans often ignored the committee's reports and pressed Chu on administration actions to stem rising gasoline prices, which climbed for 11 straight days through yesterday.

Representative Patrick McHenry, a North Carolina Republican, asked what steps are being taken to cut prices at the pump.

**More Cash Needed**

After Chu said the administration is promoting the use of natural gas from shale in long-haul trucks, McHenry



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said the U.S. needed to do more to promote oil production on federal lands. Other Republicans faulted Obama for taking credit for rising domestic oil production on private lands.

â The administration is supportive of increased production,â Chu said.

The Republicansâ 74-page report on the loan program found that two solar projects, developed by Tempe, Arizona-based First Solar Inc. (FSLR), werenâ t sufficiently innovative or different from one another to qualify for the guarantees.

Chu, who defended Solyndraâ s loan while testifying in November to a House Energy and Commerce Committee panel, said the department has largely met its mission to spend stimulus funding quickly, responsibly and transparently.

â We evaluate each loan application on its technical merits,â Chu said.

### â Robustâ Dialogue

E-mails Republicans highlighted in the report were part of a â robustâ dialogue, he said. Ultimately, career professionals found the projects met Energy Department eligibility requirements, Chu said.

The projects under scrutiny are Antelope Solar Valley Ranch in California and Agua Caliente in Arizona. Exelon Corp. (EXC), based in Chicago, bought Antelope, and NRG Energy Inc. (NRG) in Princeton, New Jersey, purchased Agua Caliente immediately after First Solar won the awards.

In one e-mail cited by Republicans, Dong Kim, the loan programâ s technical director, said the Antelope projectâ s use of single axis tracker wasnâ t innovative. The technology lets the solar panels track the sun throughout the day.

â The record will show that we did not grade this as innovative during intake review,â Kim wrote in the June 23 e-mail.

Jonathan Silver, then the executive director of the loan program, in an e-mail dated Feb. 1, 2011, referred to the projects as alike in design.

### â Carbon Copyâ

â Where are we with antelope valley?â Silver asked energy official David Frantz. â Isnâ t that a carbon copy of agua caliente?â

â It is,â Frantz responded.

An Energy Department rule states a company can only submit one application using a particular technology, Republicans said.

Chu said he believed Silver and Frantz were discussing the projectsâ similar financial structure, and not comparing their technical components.

The department yesterday released an Aug. 4, 2010, memo from Dong Kim that said Agua Caliente included â new and innovative componentsâ and that Antelope was sufficiently different to be eligible for a loan

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guarantee.

The Republican report says the loan-guarantee program was too focused on solar energy, distributing about 80 percent of the loans to projects relying on the sun. More diversity in spending would have offered taxpayers better protections against market fluctuations, according to the Republican report.

**Weatherization Faulted**

Representative Jim Jordan, an Ohio Republican, said eight administration officials had ties to companies that won clean- energy loans. Chu said firewalls prevented officials who might gain from the awards from participating in decisions affecting the companies.

A separate report said a \$5 billion weatherization program paid for shoddy work that in some cases actually damaged homes, in some cases repeating critical findings from the Energy Departmentâ s independent Inspector Generalâ s reports.

For example, contractors in Alabama sprayed insulation in a furnace compartment in a legally blind womanâ s kitchen in a way that could have caused a fire.

Chu said the department had worked to correct mistakes identified by the agency watchdog. Overall, the program has worked well, improving the efficiency of 680,000 homes, including for a woman in Milwaukee who said the work made her home more comfortable, allowing her to eat breakfast in her kitchen for the first time in Wisconsinâ s cold winter months and cutting her energy costs, he said.

â It was overall a very successful program,â Chu said.

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**Chu Gets Chewed Out: Youâ re Telling My Constituents They â Need to Buy a Nissan Leaf!?!â**

A House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform congressman became frustrated with the secretaryâ s testimony on what initiatives were being taken in order to lower gas prices at the pump.

*CONGRESSMAN:*

*â My time is short, youâ ve listed a long list of things that this administration has done. I have not yet heard that there are trying to increase the supply of American oil or our refining capacity or limit the regulations in the diversity of blends that are required.*

*I have heard nothing from you today that indicates a policy this administration has put in place that will meaningful impact the price at the pumps, other than driving it up!*

*The policies this administration has put in place have actually increased the cost of fuel at the pumps. They have increased the cost of commuting for my constituents.*

*And to tell my constituents, with 10 percent unemployment, Western North Carolina, that you need to buy a*

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*Nissian Leaf? That in order to commute for 50 minutes a day youâ re going to have to have an employer who is wonderful enough to provide you a place to plug in your car, so you can get home? Is absolutely ridiculous.*

*And the anger my constituents have at the cost of the pumps is very real, and if the President doesnâ t get this and if the Secretary of energy doesnâ t get this then weâ ve got a real problem here. Weâ ve doubled the budget of the department of energy in 2009. And yet we are paying twice as much at the pumps. This is absolutely ridiculous!*

*Weâ ve seen Solyndras, but havenâ t seen a reduction at the pumps.â*

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### **Energy Dept Cut Corners to Lend Arizona Solar Firm \$1.6 Billion As Political Favor To Obama Financiers**

(WASHINGTON) â House Republicans are preparing to grill Energy Secretary Steven Chu this week over \$1.6 billion in loans to finance two massive solar energy projects planned for the desert Southwest, saying investigators have found evidence suggesting the administration cut corners in order to get the loans approved.

â The Department of Energy manipulated analysis, ignored objections from career professionals, and strategically modified loan evaluations in order to force project funding out the door,â House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-California, said in a statement provided to ABC News.

The Department of Energy says Chu will have plenty of material with him to rebut those allegations Tuesday when he comes to the Hill to testify before Issaâ s committee. Agency officials continued to characterize criticism from House Republicans as misleading attacks that are aimed at scoring political points.

Energy Department spokesman Damien LaVera accused the committee of â inventing false and misleading controversy.â

â Decisions made on loan applications were made on the merits after extensive review by the experts in the loan program,â LaVera said.

â In this case, the Department backed loans for two innovative solar projects that will support hundreds of jobs and provide clean power to tens of thousands of homes.â

Two separate House committees have been investigating the Energy Departmentâ s loan program for more than a year. Their efforts gathered steam last fall when the first company to receive a federal green energy loan, Solyndra, filed for bankruptcy. This latest review delves into highly technical aspects of the administrationâ s sizeable bet on solar energy and the complex rules set up to help the administration pick the best projects to support.

Energy officials told ABC News the department followed a rigorous process to evaluate each applicant, and the two projects being scrutinized by Issaâ s committee are some of the most exciting solar ventures underway in the United States. If successful, the massive generating facilities would be by far the largest of their kind in the world â comprised of more than five million solar panels and 35,000 metric tons of steel.

Republicans say they sifted through tens of thousands of pages of internal records turned over by the Energy Department in response to their requests.

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Investigators with the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform said the documents they reviewed have raised new questions about the administrationâ s decision to grant multiple loans to the solar energy giant First Solar, an Arizona-based company that both makes solar panels and assembles enormous solar generating facilities that are then turned over to utility companies to operate. Two of the companyâ s largest projects won federal loans â generating facilities called Agua Caliente, in Arizona, and the Antelope Valley Solar Ranch in California. (Two more First Solar facilities also qualified for another \$2 billion in loan guarantees, making the company one of the nationâ s largest beneficiaries of the Obama administrationâ s green energy initiative.)

In order to receive the loan money, First Solar had to provide evidence that each project would employ new and innovative technologies to generate energy. Republican investigators said Friday the records they reviewed raised doubts about whether the solar facilities actually do that. Among the documents they cite is an email from a top technical expert inside the department, written less than six weeks before the loans to First Solar were approved, in which he argues that one of the supposed advances â use of something called a â single axis trackerâ â was actually not all that new.

â Be clear this is not an innovation,â wrote Dong K. Kim, the director of the loan programâ s technical division. â The record will show we did not grade this as an innovation.â

Further, Kim writes that â someone keeps changingâ internal documents to hold out the tracking technology as innovative. And he warns that â whoever continues to make this change needs to understand that Technical does not support [identifying the trackers] as an innovative component.â A second aspect of the solar plants that the Energy Department identified as innovative had already been in use in over 200 units in Europe, according to the internal documents.

â These facts make clear DOE substantively failed to fund innovation, and instead gambled with \$3 billion taxpayer dollars on a single firm, First Solar,â said Becca Watkins, an oversight committee spokeswoman.

Energy Department officials told ABC News they believe the Republican investigators are looking at an incomplete picture, saying that Kim â the author of the email â ultimately signed off on the technical innovations in the two solar projects, as did senior loan officers who conducted their own thorough review. They also suggested the House investigators have misread the rules â that the innovations in the solar project meet the requirements.

The fact that some of the innovative technology has been used in projects in Europe, for instance, does not mean the project is not innovative under the rules the department set out to govern the loan program. Technology that has not been used commercially in the United States will qualify as innovative, the rules say. House Republicans counter that the rules explicitly call for technology that is â new or significantly improved.â

â For nearly a year, Congressional critics of the Departmentâ s loan programs have demonstrated a consistent pattern of cherry-picking individual emails from the hundreds of thousands of pages of documents the Department has provided to Congress with the sole purpose of inventing false and misleading controversy,â LaVera said.

â While the law that created the [green energy] loan program does not include any requirement to limit our support to innovative projects, the Department chose to apply a tougher standard that would ensure we were investing in the kind of projects that will help the United States compete for the clean energy jobs of the future,â he said. â After a careful review on the merits, the senior career official responsible for the loan programâ s technical reviews made clear these projects met that standard.â

For its part, First Solar officials say it considers the two projects funded with government loans to be

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revolutionary in the solar industry.

Both are â of unprecedented size and scale that will provide clean power for 175,000 average homes while displacing 360,000 metric tons of CO2 annually â equivalent to taking 70,000 cars off the road,â said Ted Meyer, the companyâ s vice president of global corporate communications.

Both projects are incorporating new technologies to â help to ensure the reliability and stability of transmission systems, which is imperative for the long-term integration of renewable energy into the grid. It is expected that these technologies will eventually become standard in the solar power industry,â he said. In addition, he added that the single-axis trackers at the Antelope Valley project â will enable the modules to rotate to capture more sunlight, typically resulting in 15-25 percent more annual energy yield, depending on location.â

First Solar officials say they are forecasting more than \$3 billion in revenue this year, but they acknowledge the company has suffered along with the rest of the solar industry as European subsidies have dried up and China has flooded the market. The companyâ s stock has been sliding, and has become a favorite for so-called â short sellersâ â investors who are betting on the company to fail.

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### **OVERNIGHT ENERGY: Chu, Issa face off over Obama's corrupt energy loans**

By Andrew Restuccia and Ben Geman

State of play: Energy Secretary Steven Chu will be back on Capitol Hill Tuesday for the latest in a series of hearings on the departmentâ s embattled loan programs.

Chu will testify before the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on what Republicans on the panel call the â management challengesâ in overseeing the loan program.

Republicans have made Chu a top target of their investigation into the loan program, alleging that he failed to adequately vet companies that received taxpayer-backed loans.

The GOP probe reached a fever pitch in September when Solyndra, the California solar panel maker that received a \$535 million loan guarantee in 2009, filed for bankruptcy.

If previews offered by Republicans and Democrats are any indication, the hearing is certain to be dramatic.

Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) is slated to unveil a staff memo that alleges the department â manipulated analysis, ignored objections from career professionals and strategically modified loan evaluations in order to force project funding out the door,â according to The New York Times.

The Energy Department Obama insiders aggressively pushed back on Issaâ s allegations Monday.

Meanwhile, committee Democrats will work to undercut Issaâ s credibility by arguing that Issa has launched â unsubstantiatedâ investigations into Energy Department projects.

Expect more of the same from Chu. In past hearings he has stood by the loan program, while expressing regret that Solyndra went belly up. The loan guarantee program, he says, is meant to support companies that might

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not  
attract private financing, so it is inherently risky.

Chu will argue that the Energy Department is a job creator and has contributed to the economic recovery.

â We are supporting more than 15,000 projects across the country,â Chu will say, according to his written testimony.

â And since the summer of 2010, we have consistently supported between 40,000 and 50,000 direct jobs each quarter, and likely thousands more throughout the supply chain.â

He will call oversight of the departmentâ s stimulus programs â a top priority,â while welcoming â sincereâ outside reviews by Congress and others.

â I have spent my career as a scientist. Rigorous peer review and double-checking someone elseâ s findings are fundamental to a sound scientific process â and I believe the same is true in government,â he will say. â So I welcome any and every sincere effort at oversight, and where we find mistakes, we have and we will move swiftly to correct them. I hope today can be an opportunity to have a serious, substantive dialogue.â

Issaâ s investigation, which focuses on the loan program broadly, complements a year-long probe of the Solyndra loan being conducted by House Energy and Commerce Committee Republicans.

The Solyndra investigation has found no evidence that the loan was approved for political reasons. But the probe has uncovered information thatâ s embarrassing and politically damaging to the administration, including that top officials questioned the wisdom of issuing the loan.

Democrats and administration officials have alleged that Republicans are using their investigations of the Energy Department to score political points during an election year.

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PoliticalNews.me â Mar 14,2012 â **Sen. Paul Questions Energy Secretary on Solyndra Loans**

WASHINGTON, D.C. â Below is transcript of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on oversight of the Department of Energy loan guarantee program, in which Sen. Rand Paul questioned Energy Secretary Steven Chu on the origin of Solyndra loans and similar preferential treatment to other energy-related companies seeking government-backed loans.

TRANSCRIPT:

SEN. RAND PAUL: Thank you for coming, Secretary Chu. Have you met George Kaiser?

ENERGY SECRETARY STEVEN CHU: I think I might have at a roundtable meeting.

PAUL: More than once?

CHU: The only one I can recall at the time was during a roundtable session.

PAUL: Are you concerned about the propriety of giving money, \$500 million to a billionaire, you know, and then sort of changing the rules some so he gets to, you know, maybe get a better deal than the taxpayers do?

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CHU: Iâ m convinced nothing Iâ ve seen in the loan program or anything in the White House had â that any connection that George Kaiser had with raising of money had anything to do with the selection of the loan. As you well know, Solyndra was at the head of the line picked by the previous Department of Energy â under a previous administration and it was the one that the career people advanced forward as the one that had the most work done on that loan that satisfied the conditions of the intent of the loan, you knowâ ;

PAUL: Thatâ s sort of troubling though that they were the best case scenario and met all the criteria best and then they went bankrupt. But also I think whatâ s troubling to most of us is that weâ re giving \$500 million loans to a guy whoâ s a billionaire. Why in the world would we do that?

CHU: Well, there were other investors in Solyndra also very wealthy people, also, but associated with the Republican party and so again, theâ ;

PAUL: I wouldnâ t give it to them either.

CHU:â ; the â the politics of the investors was not part of the decision whether to give a loan to Solyndra.

PAUL: Do you think thereâ s a question of propriety though when youâ ve got someone who works for you, whoâ s married to somebody who works for Solyndra, who you say there is this firewall at the beginning maybe but youâ re not insinuating that he never wrote e-mails and never corresponded with people in favor of Solyndra.

CHU: Well for exampleâ ;

PAUL: He did, correct?

CHU: He â he was corresponding to â after the loan was approved, corresponding to the timingâ ;

PAUL: Do you think thatâ s appropriate for him to be involved at any stage, not just â to say he wasnâ t involved in the beginning is a little bit of an excuse for him but he should have never, ever had a word â the word Solyndra should have never left his lips and never been in any writing and I think it was.

CHU: The Department of Energy has very rigorous standards that we enforce on any potential conflict of interest and as you mentioned it, for example, his wife was actually firewalled from having to do any business with Solyndra as well.

PAUL: Have you met Robert Kennedy, Jr.?

CHU: Probably, Iâ m not sure.

PAUL: Do you recall how many times?

CHU: Well, since Iâ m not sureâ ;

PAUL: Are you aware â are you aware the Kennedy family fortune that theyâ re pretty wealthy also, probably worth hundreds of millions of dollars and we gave Robert Kennedy, Jr.â s company \$1.8 billion. Are you aware that someone works for you who used to work for the Kennedyâ s who people say was involved with that loan process?

CHU: Iâ m not aware of that.

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PAUL: I think thatâ s something we need to look into as well and this suggestion will go on with the hearings in the House as well that really this revolving door from big business into the Department of Energy to get large loans â \$1.8 billion is a lot of money given once again to a large campaign contributor of the presidentâ s. It looks unseemly and I donâ t think thatâ s your background but unfortunately, youâ re the head of this organization thatâ s been giving these loans to very wealthy people who are donors of the presidentâ s and it looks really bad.

Do you give loans to foreign companies?

CHU: We give loans for loans meant to manufacture in the United States.

PAUL: What about Fisker-Karma, are they spending any of our money in Finland?

CHU: We gave a loan that was to a design group in Los Angeles and thereâ s another tranche to the loan if they satisfied the covenants of the loan which would go to manufacturing in the United States. So the money we give in loans is very targeted to jobsâ !

PAUL: My understanding is they were struggling here and that this money was actually going to be used in Finland.

CHU: Well, as I said before the loans we give are for American jobs and weâ re very clear about that. So if they, you know, if itâ s a design groupâ !

PAUL: No money goes to Finland then, Fisker-Karmaâ s not allowed to use any of that money in Finland?

CHU: As I said, the â the â we give loans for â for jobs in America and weâ re very clear about that.

PAUL: So Fisker-Karma is not using any U.S. taxpayer dollars in Finland.

CHU: Well I can get back to you on the details on that but I know the overall scope of the loan is for manufacturing in the United States and for design and it went to a design groupâ !

PAUL: And you â you can see our concern, the whole idea of picking winners and losers. People are saying that windmills, which have subsidized for years and years now, that even though we have paid for the windmills, weâ ve got them up, weâ ve got them started, if you take away the subsidies, theyâ ll never make a profit. They just arenâ t profitable.

You know talk about tilting at windmills, weâ re just throwing money at windmills and it â I just donâ t see the purpose and it really gets down fundamentally to what Senator Lee is talking about. We shouldnâ t be in this business at all and then thing is youâ re choosing, you know, \$50 light bulbs. Nobody understands that in America and thereâ s a â thereâ s a real problem here and I donâ t think youâ re going to wind the perception war on this and my counseling and advice to you would be letâ s get out of this business, letâ s not be involved with stuff like this.

The â also the thing is by your involvement in it, it really looks unseemly and I â I donâ t question your character. Youâ re known for being an upright person from academia, I mean but the thing is, is youâ re overseeing something that really doesnâ t pass the smell test.

Thank you.



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**Chu Testifies He Might Have Met Obama Bundler George Kaiser And Chu Worked For George Soros**

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a full committee hearing today on Energy Department loan guarantees.

Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu testified about his association with George Kaiser, billionaire and top Obama â bundlerâ whoâ s been accused of pushing the White House for the Solyndra loan, which squandered \$535 million of stimulus money in a little over a year.

Senator Rand Paul asked Chu directly if he had met Mr. Kaiser to which Chu replied that he might have met him at â round table meetingâ once.

Paul pressed further on the topic, asking if Kaiser got a â better dealâ on the loan deal but Chu dismissed the notion stating that Solyndra was at the â head of the lineâ because it was â picked by the previous administrationâ

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**Chu Backtracks on High Gas Prices Love**

By Amy Harder

Energy Secretary Steven Chu on Tuesday retracted his now-infamous quote from 2008: â Somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe.â

â I no longer share that view,â Chu said in response to questioning from Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, at a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on another topic related to DOEâ s loan-guarantee program.

Chuâ s 2008 quote, initially included in a Wall Street Journal article, has formed the foundation for daily Republican attacks on President Obama over high gas prices.

Chu seemed to equivocate, pause, and stumble over his words when responding to Leeâ s question about high gas prices. Other comments Chu made at another hearing late last month put him in hot water on gas prices.

Politico reported on Feb. 28 that Chu told a House committee that he was not working to lower gasoline prices but to wean the United States off oil. That story has since been corrected to clarify that DOE is working to both lower gas prices and wean the country off oil. But that was only after the story was picked up by Republicans and used against the administration.

During his testimony before the Senate panel on Tuesday, after stopping and starting with a few thoughts on the economy and the departmentâ s commitment to alternatively fueled vehicles, Chu told Lee: â Of course we donâ t want the price of gasoline to go up. We want it to go down.â

New polling out this week found that the presidentâ s disapproval rating is going up alongside high gasoline prices, which averaged \$3.80 per gallon nationwide on Tuesday.

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After the hearing, Chu told reporters that he changed his view from 2008 because of the fragile economy. â There is a real hardship that Americans are suffering at the gasoline pump,â Chu said. â The recovery is fragile. Another spike in gasoline prices could put that recovery at jeopardy. So there are many, many reasons why we do not want the price of gasoline to go up.â

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### **Energy Secretary Chu Testifies on Loan Guarantees**

WASHINGTON, DC

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee holds a full committee hearing on Energy Department loan guarantees.

The hearing focuses on the â Report of the Independent Consultantâ s Review with Respect to the Department of Energy Loan and Loan Guarantee Portfolio,â but will likely also examine Solyndra, which received more than half a billion dollars in federal loan guarantees before it filed for bankruptcy last year.

House Republicans opened their investigation into Solyndra nearly 13 months ago, but this is the first time Democratic controlled Senate will examine the program since Solyndra went under.

Herbert Allison, author of the report and former Treasury assistant secretary, will testify along with Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

The White House commissioned the report last year at the height of the Solyndra scandal and it was released on Feb. 10 of this year.

It covers the current status of of loans and loan guarantees administered by the Energy Department to support alternative energy projects, as well as recommendations for managing and monitoring the programs and for identifying and fixing potential problems with individual loans and loan guarantees.

It reviews the Energy Departmentâ s portfolio of 30 loans, worth just under \$24 billion, and shows potential losses from the program will likely be less than Congress and the White House projected, according to the White House.

The report includes recommendations on how to improve the programs by filling key positions in management, clarifying authorities and accountabilities of managers and the establishing of a comprehensive information management system to inform the early warning system for troubled loans.

The report was limited to companies still in operation and did not include Solyndra.

## Steven Chu forced out as Obama Energy secretary

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Energy Secretary Steven Chu, who oversaw expanded federal support for low-carbon energy and defended it against GOP attacks, announced Friday that he is stepping down.

Chu, in a letter to Energy Department employees, said he would remain with the department at least until the end of February, and perhaps beyond "so that I can leave the Department in the hands of the new Secretary."

"Serving the country as Secretary of Energy, and working alongside such an extraordinary team of people at the Department, has been the greatest privilege of my life. While the job has had many challenges, it has been an exciting time for the Department, the country, and for me personally," he wrote.

While he didnâ t announce specific plans, Chu said heâ s like to return to academic life and move back to the West Coast.

â While I will always remain dedicated to the missions of the Department, I informed the President of my decision a few days after the election that Jean and I were eager to return to California. I would like to return to an academic life of teaching and research, but will still work to advance the missions that we have been working on together for the last four years,â Chu writes.

President Obama thanked Chu in a statement Friday and said the outgoing secretary â brought to the Energy Department a unique understanding of both the urgent challenge presented by climate change and the tremendous opportunity that clean energy represents for our economy.â

â And during his time as Secretary, Steve helped my Administration move America towards real energy independence. Over the past four years, we have doubled the use of renewable energy, dramatically reduced our dependence on foreign oil, and put our country on a path to win the global race for clean energy jobs,â Obama said.

The Nobel Prize-winning physicist took the Energy Departmentâ s (DOE) helm shortly before the agency received \$35 billion under the 2009 stimulus law.

The 64-year-old Chu, with White House support, backed a larger federal role in R&D and commercialization of renewable, energy efficiency and battery technologies.

But part of the effort â grants and loans to help specific green-energy companies take flight â brought big political headaches for Chu and Obama when a handful of them failed or struggled.

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In particular, the 2011 collapse of the solar panel manufacturer Solyndra, which received a half-billion-dollar federal loan in 2009, prompted GOP-led Capitol Hill hearings and an avalanche of election-season attacks.

Chuâ s departure has been widely expected and is part of a larger turnover of Obamaâ s energy and environment team.

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Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson announced in late December that she is leaving after Obamaâ s mid-February State of the Union speech, and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will leave by the end of March.

The long list of potential nominees to replace Chu includes former Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.); former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D), Deputy Energy Secretary Daniel Poneman; and Sue Tierney, a managing principal at the Analysis Group who was DOEâ s assistant secretary for policy under former President Clinton.

Others include former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter (D); Center for American Progress founder John Podesta, who was Clintonâ s chief of staff; and Stanford Universityâ s Dan Reicher, who formerly headed climate and energy initiatives for Google and served on Obamaâ s transition team.

Whoever replaces Chu will face a number of challenges running the sprawling department at a time of fiscal pressure and budget battles.

Its missions range from overseeing the nationâ s nuclear weapons stockpile to managing strategic petroleum reserves to financing R&D into alternative energy and other sciences.

For instance, DOE is facing competing political pressures as it weighs a slew of industry applications to export liquefied natural gas.

Chu, for his part, arrived at DOE with scientific heft but scant political experience as the White House sought to jumpstart the green-energy sector and tackle climate change.

Chu is the son of Chinese immigrants who was focused heavily on green energy as director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory when Obama picked him for DOE.

He worked to overhaul DOEâ s R&D programs.

Chu has frequently touted the model of the former AT&T Bell Laboratories â where his work in the mid-1980s would yield his 1997 Nobel Prize â for incubating and developing ideas.

Under Chu, DOE has launched various â energy innovation hubs,â or research centers, that focus on batteries and energy storage, advanced nuclear reactors and several other topics.

Chu also focused on two programs that were authorized before his arrival but really got rolling under the current administration.

One was the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E), which funds so-called high-risk, high-reward research into breakthrough technologies. The agency was created in 2007 legislation but did not receive funding until 2009.

The other was the green technology loan-guarantee program, which had not finalized support for any companies before Chuâ s arrival.

It was created in a bipartisan 2005 energy law, and modified and funded through the 2009 stimulus, which ultimately provided support for Solyndra and many other power generation and manufacturing projects.

The demise of Solyndra and some other companies that received federal loans or grants â such as Abound Solar and battery maker A123 Systems â threw DOE on the defensive and fueled GOP arguments that the

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White House green-energy agenda has been a failure.

A House GOP probe of Solyndra, a company that Obama visited personally in 2010, brought Chu into high-profile collisions with lawmakers and unearthed information that's politically embarrassing for the White House.

A White House-commissioned outside review completed in early 2012 called for several reforms to improve management of the loan program.

But the congressional Solyndra inquiry did not substantiate Republican allegations that federal backing for the California company was a political payoff for a wealthy campaign donation bundler for Obama.

Administration officials say the woes of a few companies should not obscure the wider successes of the loan program, which has backed more than two-dozen power-generation, manufacturing and other projects. More broadly, they frequently point out that U.S. renewable energy generation has risen sharply on their watch.

However, the green-energy push that the Obama administration launched in 2009 has had its share of stumbles.

Chu on Thursday acknowledged that the administration may not meet its goal of having one million electric vehicles on U.S. roads by 2015.

Throughout his tenure, Chu has warned often that the U.S. will cede growing green-technology markets to China and other nations absent muscular federal policies to nurture and support those industries.

Chu also played a role that few could have predicted.

He lent scientific expertise to the fraught, months-long effort to contain BP's runaway Macondo well in the Gulf of Mexico, which spewed several million barrels of oil after blowing out in April of 2010.

*Washington Post* reporter Joel Achenbach's book about the crisis, *A Hole At The Bottom Of The Sea*, recounted the arrival of the government's alpha scientist at BP's Houston office in May of 2010.

Chu, who has been a professor at Stanford University and the University of California, won unanimous Senate confirmation in January of 2009.

He used the DOE perch to call for stronger action to fight climate change, including efforts to impose costs on carbon emissions that have stalled in Congress.

The outgoing secretary has been especially enthusiastic about solar technologies that he likes to point out are marching toward cost competitiveness with fossil fuels.

In 2011, Chu joked that addressing pressing energy and climate-change problems led to his downward spiral from professor to administrator to government bureaucrat.

â *Justin Sink contributed.*

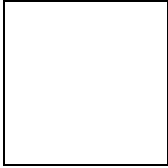
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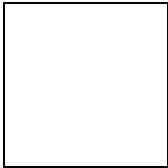
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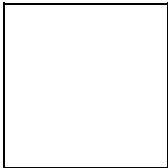
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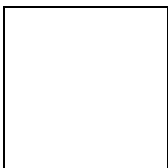
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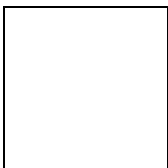
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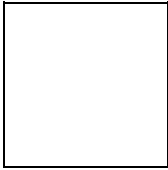
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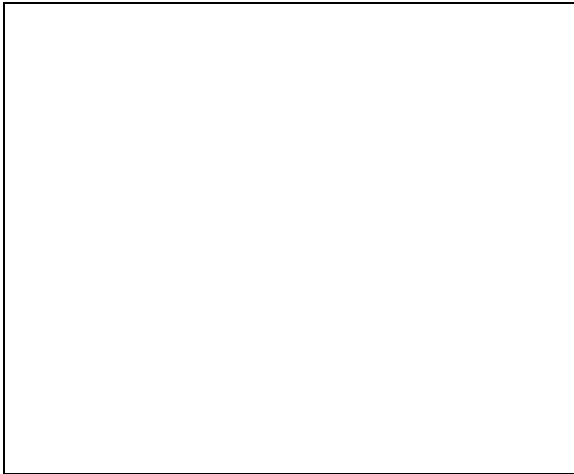
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Steven Chu, who is leaving his position as secretary of energy, might have been a great pick for the job, if only the real world worked like bad science fiction.

In comedies and sci-fi, we often encounter the â generic professorâ character, the all-discipline scientist, the master of all areas of human knowledge. In real life, though, most scientists specialize. One might be an expert on the CCR5-Delta32 AIDS-resistance allele, another on the (mem)brane concept in string theory. The amount of study and the narrow focus needed to become a world-class scientist rarely allow scientists to move outside their fields.

When scientists get involved in politics and public policy, they often make fools of themselves. Scientists promoted now-discredited ideas about phrenology (linking traits such as criminality to the shapes of peopleâ s heads), eugenics, white supremacy, nuclear winter and the â impossibilityâ of missile defense.

All-star polymaths do exist, and some have become effective politicians. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin come to mind.

Steven Chu is no Ben Franklin.

Thereâ s no question heâ s a great physicist. He won the Nobel Prize (with two other scientists) for the development of techniques for trapping and cooling atoms with laser beams. That research makes it easier for scientists to study individual atoms, notably to study biology at the single-atom level. To his credit, he did important work to bring together the fields of biomedicine and physics, and he defied political correctness by speaking out in support of nuclear power.

The problem was that Mr. Chu overreached and became an activist. Science is supposed to be based on replicable experimentation, but little scientific research is independently verified. So trust plays a big role in science. Thatâ s why so many scientists fell for the â evolutionary levelsâ concept that fed Nazism, and for the idea of catastrophic, man-made global warming.

President Obama, it is said, brags about having Mr. Chu among his top advisers. Never mind that the secretary of energy should know something about the oil and gas business, and that a random guy working a rig in the Gulf of Mexico is probably more qualified to be energy secretary. Mr. Chu is a famous scientist â and thus an expert on everything.

Inevitably, Secretary Chu fell for one con after another.

First, Solyndra, which received \$535 million from taxpayers, is now bankrupt. Abound Solar ate up \$374 million and is now bankrupt. Others include UniSolar, \$100 million; Ener1, \$118.5 million; and Nevada Geothermal, \$98.5 million. All are bankrupt. Well, at least thereâ s A123 Systems, which was awarded \$249 million and developed some impressive battery technology. Oh, wait â A123 was sold to the Chinese. How about LG Chem (\$142 million)? The new jobs it promised ended up in South Korea.

Mr. Chu and his cohorts claim to have created 3.1 million â green jobsâ â a term that includes janitors at solar-powered facilities, drivers of hybrid buses and people who fuel the buses, workers at antique shops and used-record stores, environmentalist professors, and oil company lobbyists. In other words, the term is a fraud.

What about â renewable energyâ ? Another fraud, given that wind and solar require, for example, rare-earth minerals that are most definitely not renewable.



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The United States sits on massive energy reserves. Our country is the Saudi Arabia of both coal and natural gas and has abundant supplies of oil, but we canâ t exploit our resources fully because anti-hydrocarbon ideology stands in the way.

Mr. Chu prefers a â glucose economyâ based on glucose from tropical plants. Before his nomination he said, â Somehow we have to figure out how to boost the price of gasoline to the levels in Europe,â which would be \$8 to \$10 a gallon.

Most frighteningly, Mr. Chu dreams of a U.S.-China partnership, rooted in the theory of man-made global warming, that would set the course for the world economy.

Daniel Roth reported in Wired magazine (May 2010) that Mr. Chu considers China â the key to Americaâ s long-term energy future. Since the U.S. and China produce some 40 percent of the worldâ s carbon dioxide emissions, Chu argues that far-reaching multicountry agreements arenâ t really necessary â ¡. Itâ s smarter to deal with China alone.â

Just picture it: The United States, teamed up with a government that has killed more of its own people than any other government in world history, in order to bully the rest of the world.

With Mr. Chuâ s departure, we could have a new secretary of energy with real-world experience in the energy field and with sophisticated views about technology, business and dangerous nations such as China. More likely, though, weâ ll get someone like Mr. Chu â someone who reminds us that the term â know it allâ is usually sarcasm.

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## **Steven Chu, Oh Where Are You? (Solyndra Roundup)**

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Sphinx-like Secretary of Energy Steven Chu may or may not be getting closer to approaching a plan to begin the process of preparing to lay the groundwork for issuing a preliminary statement on the Solyndra bankruptcy.

TheHill.com notes that the House Energy and Commerce Committeeâ s investigative panel is asking nicely for a comment from Chu:

Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas) and other Republicans on the subcommittee have called on Chu to testify on the Solyndra loan guarantee.

Republicans on the panel wrote to Chu last week to request all communications between the Energy Department and the White House on the Solyndra loan guarantee.

The document request is part of a broader effort by Republicans to determine if the White House rushed consideration of the loan guarantee.

The committee, which launched its investigation into Solyndra in February, has already received more than 35,000 documents and has released select emails that Republicans say show that the White House tried to rush a decision on the companyâ s financing so that the loan guarantee could be announced at the Sept. 2009 groundbreaking of the companyâ s factory.

The administration has insisted that it thoroughly reviewed the project, and has strongly denied any wrongdoing.

In a striking example of overpromising and underdelivering, Politico takes a story that contains no new comments from Chu and some speculation about what the energy secretary might say here he inclined to say anything, then gives it the impressive title â On Solyndra, the buck stops with Secretary Steven Chu.â A sample:

Chu will eventually get his chance to explain his role in the sequence of events when he appears â perhaps as early as October â at a House hearing on Solyndra. He can expect a politically charged atmosphere. Republicans, after all, have already called for Silver to be fired and haven't ruled out making the same case for Chu's dismissal.

What the lawmakers will likely hear from the Nobel Prize-winning physicist is an explanation that heâ s always been the key decider in the Solyndra process, with a record articulated in dozens of public statements and interviews given over the last 2½ years.

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Chuâ s message has been clear: Hearing calls from top GOP and Democratic lawmakers, including during his Senate confirmation hearing, he wanted to break through red tape inside DOE and at rival Cabinet agencies that had resisted getting loan guarantees out the door for several years after their authorization by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

I love that â eventually get his chance to explain.â Because Cthulhu knows itâ s impossible for a cabinet-level department head to get any airtime to make a statement, what with the fragmentation of media and all.

As Chu spends time with his family, we may have a clue to why the FBI launched its investigation of Solyndra: an investigation into possible inaccurate financial statements.

The DoEâ s impeccably timed \$737 million loan to the Solar Energy Project is also smelling worse by the day. It canâ t be a good sign when one of the most prominent beneficiaries of the loan is former House speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California)â s brother-in-law, and that isnâ t even the scandalous part. NROâ s Andrew Stiles expands:

But thatâ s not all. [Santa Monica-based SEP developer] Solar Reserve is also investment partners with Argonaut Private Equity, an arm of the (George) Kaiser Family Foundation that was a major investor in Solyndra and was involved in negotiations with the DOE to restructure the failed companyâ s loan agreement. That agreement would ultimately give Argonaut and other private investors priority status over the American taxpayer with respect to the first \$75 million recovered in the event of Solyndraâ s collapse. As Republicans argued at a recent House committee hearing, this arrangement was almost certainly a violation of federal statute.

Argonautâ s managing director, Steven Mitchell, served on Solyndraâ s board when the restructuring took place, and reportedly still serves on the companyâ s board. He is also listed as a â board participantâ at Solar Reserve.

In other words: We have top men working on it right now.

Meanwhile, the *Wall Street Journal* reports that a new poll indicates few Americans are paying attention to the Solyndra scandal, and most still support so-called clean energy initiatives:

Of 650 Ohio voters surveyed after Solyndraâ s bankruptcy, just 11% said they had heard â a great dealâ about the issue, the pollsters said. They also found that while 16% said they had heard â a little,â those people couldnâ t talk about the issue in any detail.

California voters who participated in focus groups were more aware of the story, but still supported clean energy and considered Solyndra to be a bad apple rather than an indication of a systemic problem. Nearly two-thirds of voters in the Ohio poll expressed similar sentiment, saying their view was more aligned with a statement that problems with one failed company should not stop clean energy investments as a whole.

More surprising than the continued support for solar power is the apparent support for spending taxpayer dollars on it, which the report [pdf] from Public Opinion Strategies has at 62 percent, versus 31 percent opposed. However, Iâ m a little skeptical of the strongly leading questions:

I hope the remaining 7 percent answered, as I would have, â Both of these options are stupid.â I donâ t want my taxes subsidizing private companies of any kind, and Iâ m aware that the amount of energy

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conventional solar power generates is modest. But how the hell should I know whether solar businesses can compete or succeed without government assistance?

The only way to find out whether these companies can work in the marketplace is to let them compete without government assistance. In the wake of Solyndra a few companies have in fact come forward to brag about their subsidy-free business models, and I wish them well. If anything, the stunning longevity of the Mars rovers has impressed upon me the viability of solar power, on Mars.

Finally, this video has been in wide circulation for a few weeks, but seems to be getting a lot of attention today. Joe Biden, youâ ve done it again!

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## Steven Chu

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Steven Chu is a traitor.

Steven Chu is a traitor.

â The final decisions on Solyndra were mine,â said Secretary of Energy Steven Chu in his testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Oversight Committee on November 17, 2011. And this should be his political epitaph. Chuâ s decision to pour \$528 million tax dollars into a failing green energy boondoggle that went belly-up in 2011 is indefensible and corrupt, especially in light of the fact that Solyndraâ s key investor (Tulsa billionaire George Kaiser) also happens to be a major Obama campaign donor.

On March 12, 2012, Rep. Darrell Issaâ s (R-CA) Energy and Oversight Committee exposed the full extent of Chuâ s incompetence and corruption in a report citing â numerous examples of dysfunction, negligence and mismanagement by DOE [Department of Energy] officials, raising troubling questions about the leadership at DOE and how it has administered its loan guarantee programs.â The report accused Chuâ s DOE of having â turned a blind eye to the risks that have been glaringly apparent since the inception of the program.â

Whether Chu indeed made the â finalâ decision on Solyndra, or is simply protecting the president and his donor, this is a scandal of a major magnitude. And yet, it is only the tip of the iceberg. As Peter Schweizer, author of the book *Throw Them All Out* wrote, â According to the Department of Energyâ s own numbers â In the 1705 government-backed-loan [green energy] program, \$16.4 billion of the \$20.5 billion in loans granted â went to companies either run by or primarily owned by Obama financial backersâ individuals who were bundlers, members of Obamaâ s National Finance Committee, or large donors to the Democratic Party.â

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## Story Laundering: Fusion GPS, Fake News, Russians and Reporters

The mediaâ s real business is â story launderingâ .

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"The average reporter we talk to is 27 years old, and their only reporting experience consists of being around political campaigns," Ben Rhodes gloated. "Thatâ s a sea change. They literally know nothing."

Rhodes, the White Houseâ s â Obama whispererâ , was explaining how he had pulled the wool over the mediaâ s eyes on the Iran Deal to a journalist. The media responded to the story by attacking the journalist who reported it, not Rhodes for viewing them as easily manipulated useful idiots.

The media knew that it knew nothing. And it didnâ t care. It just didnâ t want outsiders to know it.

What ties together the debate about Russian collusion, fake news and Fusion GPS is the implosion of the media. What were the professional reporters doing while Rhodes was manipulating the 27-year-olds? They were working at places like Fusion GPS and â story launderingâ narratives to the kiddies.

The media markets its investigative journalism chops even as investigative journalism no longer fits into its business model. Companies like Fusion GPS and political

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manipulators like Ben Rhodes step into the vacuum by covertly providing them with the core product. Much of the media is really in the business of â story launderingâ by rewriting talking points, smears and hit pieces from organizations like Fusion GPS.

The readers get talking points served to them without ever knowing who actually produced them. The forensic examination of the Trump dossier answered some of these questions. Hillary Clinton hired Fusion GPS. Fusion GPS hired a British former intelligence officer. And he got his material from, among other sources, a Russian intelligence officer. And they passed the material to the media and the FBI.

It took a great deal of effort, including a congressional subpoena, a national scandal and the threat of impeachment, to peel back the workings of the media and expose how the dossier sausage got made. Most packaged media stories never receive this level of scrutiny. And the media is quick to indignantly defend its lack of transparency and reliance on anonymous sources in its Trump hit pieces.

But what the current controversy really reveals is the decline and fall of the media.

The media has outsourced story generation to the shadowy underworld that produced the Trump dossier. Much as NPR outsourced its coverage of the Iran Deal to Ploughshares and the Iran Lobby in exchange for \$100K. This isnâ t bias in the conventional sense. Itâ s native advertising all the way. The media â rentsâ space to outside interests. It rewrites their stories in the house style and runs them.

Sometimes, like NPR, thereâ s a financial arrangement. Other times the media gets stories that it lacks the resources and the time to generate on its own. Or access. And sometimes itâ s just a political alliance.

The media is trying to cash in on the institutional legacy of the corporations that bear the old names, but have no functional resemblance to what the news business used to be. Todayâ s media isnâ t in the news business. Its outlets report the news only to the degree that they have to. And when they do, they rely on viral stories or rewriting an original report. The mediaâ s real business is serving as a clearinghouse for narratives. These clearinghouses operate out of major urban power centers. They know next to nothing about much of the country. And they donâ t care. Itâ s why they didnâ t see Trumpâ s victory coming.

Trump doesnâ t just outrage the media politically. Heâ s a threat to their business model. The mediaâ s new business is political gatekeeping as the intermediary between political interests and the public. If you want to give Iran a blank check to develop its nukes, touch off a panic over the environment or make anthem protests into a trend, you go to the media. And then your business deal with Iran, your solar panel investments or your hijacked family foundation pushing black nationalist chic will thrive.

The existence of President Trump undermines the mediaâ s gatekeeping powers. He is a living reminder that the mediaâ s power is limited. Thatâ s why he has become the mediaâ s number one target.

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The internet is the mediaâ s other problem. Gatekeeping was easier when broadcasting was expensive and hard. The media used Trumpâ s victory to corral Facebook and Google, the big search and social media companies, into letting them serve as the gatekeepers of online news under the guise of fighting fake news. But the mediaâ s fake news crusade is entirely a consequence of its own corruption.

The public turned to alternative news, both real and fake, because it doesnâ t trust the media. And the Trump dossier case is more evidence that the media canâ t be trusted. Everything from satire sites to Russian influence operations thrive in the alternative media space because there is no longer a consensus about truth or ethics. And itâ s the media that destroyed truth and ethics in journalism.

As the media moved from biased reporting to political gatekeeping, it sharply narrowed the range of permissible opinions. Every story became an â adâ for one cause or another. Fewer stories existed for their own sake. Instead each story promoted a political or cultural agenda. Even if a story was not overtly political, a political â advertisementâ of some kind had to be slipped in there somehow.

Most people didnâ t realize that they were reading, watching and hearing a bunch of non-stop political ads disguised in a thousand different styles from reporting (â Gun Violence Strikes Again in American City) to explainers (â 10 Things You Need to Know About Gun Violenceâ ), but they found the product stifling and artificial. When everything is an ad, then nothing feels real.

The Russians were perfectly adapted to enter this space because the media had become â Russianâ . It was a collective propaganda organ with close links to the government blasting identical content from its interchangeable outlets. As in Russia, the public instinctively distrusted the media. Different became authentic. The more different, the more authentic.

And instead of trying to regain public trust, the media decided to censor the internet.

The media wasnâ t prepared for there to be a debate about the meaning of â fake newsâ . It wants the power to define what â newsâ and â fake newsâ are. This is not the agenda of an institution dedicated to public service, but of a cartel whose entire identity is tied up with total control over a product.

The product isnâ t news. Itâ s narrative.

The media is a narrative cartel. Forget the five Ws of journalism, who, what, where, when and why. It isnâ t interested in what happened. It wants to make certain things happen. And when you want to make things happen, youâ re no longer an observer. Youâ re not the fifth estate. Youâ re one of the first two.

And so the media is in a power struggle with the White House not, as it pretends, over access, transparency or truth, but over policy. And itâ s acting as a proxy in this power struggle for assorted interests, some named and some nameless, as it did with Hillaryâ s anti-Trump dossier.

The media is no longer a journalistic institution. Itâ s a political institution. Itâ s a component of a political infrastructure of unelected officials, bureaucracies and

The mediaâ s real business is â story launderingâ .



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institutions that controls our government.

Fake news, Fusion GPS, internet censorship and all the rest are symptoms of this overriding problem.

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## Stunning. How The Russians Got The Material To Destroy America

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**On Wednesday Russian leader Vladimir Putin threatened the West with unstoppable intercontinental nuclear missiles.**

**Putin announced that Russia had developed an intercontinental nuclear missile that canâ t be stopped or shot down by any countryâ s defence system**

The Russian leader said the rocket travels 20 times the speed of sound and has unlimited range.

**Now we know where Putin gained the technology to build the missiles.  
â Hillary Clinton.**

Diana West at [The Daily Caller](#) reported, via [Andrew Bostom](#):

This shocking set of emails that the Examiner [reported on](#) shows the nexus of Bill and Hillary Clintonâ s foundation, Hillary Clintonâ s State Department, Bill Clinton, Russian oligarch Vekselberg, and Skolkovo, â Russiaâ s Silicon Valley,â the Putin project to

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transfer Western technology to Russia that was championed and driven by Mrs. Clinton â and, what do you know, 17 out of 28 tech companies that hitched up with Skolkovo also contributed to the Clinton Foundation? What a coincidence. Meanwhile, Barack Obamaâ s support for Russian WTO membership made the whole global flow so much easier.

No wonder Herd Media, the Uniparty Congress and FBI Director James Comey never noticed a thing. Oh, except that Putin â hatedâ Hillary Clinton, â wanted to do her harm,â as Comey told Congress this week. Grrr. Maybe hypersonic technology wasnâ t enough. But Iâ m getting ahead of the story.

Letâ s pick up with an Army report on Skolkovo written in 2012 (released in 2013) to assess â the implications â t for U.S. policymakers.â

Although military activities are not an official cluster of activity, the Skolkovo Foundation has, in fact, been involved in defense-related activities since December 2011, when it approved the first weapons-related projectâ the development of a hypersonic cruise missile engine. The project is a response to the U.S. Department of Defenseâ s Advanced Hypersonic Weapon, part of the Prompt Global Strike program.

Fast forward to November 2016, shortly after Donald Trump was elected president when the US Air Force released a report on â no way â the Russian and Chinese hypersonic missile threat to the United States.

The United States is vulnerable to future attack by hypersonic missiles from China and Russia and is falling behind in the technology race to develop both defensive and offensive high-speed maneuvering arms, according to a new Air Force study.

â The Peopleâ s Republic of China and the Russian Federation are already flight-testing high-speed maneuvering weapons (HSMWs) that may endanger both forward deployed U.S. forces and even the continental United States itself,â an executive summary of the report says.

â These weapons appear to operate in regimes of speed and altitude, with maneuverability that could frustrate existing missile defense constructs and weapon capabilities.â

In a functioning democratic republic, the executive branch decisions and procedures and corruption that led to this defense cataclysm would actually alarm security officials, lawmakers, and even arouse media curiosity, if nothing else. But Skolkovo, the money, the corruption, the treachery, the danger, inspire no reaction at all.

**Hillary Clinton gave the Russians this technology to destroy American cities. And she gets cheered at restaurants all over New York City.**

[Putin says Russia has nuclear weapons 'invulnerable to interception' Thanks Hillary \(dailymail.co.uk\)](http://dailymail.co.uk)

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## **THE CIA VS. THE FBI: THE SILICON SEDITION AND WIKILEAKS**

### **VAULT 7 REVELATIONS**

By WIKINEWS TEAM (with research support from The Intercept, The Guardian, Able Danger and WIKILEAKS)

The CIA hates Trump because Republicans donâ t do CIA profiteering stuff. Democrats do CIA profiteering stuff. The CIA are experts in â dirty tricksâ . The Wikileaks Vault 7 revelations reveal that the dirty tricks tactics of the CIA touch every single thing you can buy in a store, experience on your phone, TV or computer and any transportation device you may get in, or near. They are now exposed doing these things â inside domestic bordersâ , ie: â Trump Towerâ .

That is against the law!

The FBI and CIA brass are NEVER allowed to discuss the spy vs. spy war in the media but it is a running joke in Washington, DC that both agencies hate each other and each accuse the other of allowing 9-11, the Kennedy Assassination and other â epic IC errorsâ to have happened.

The divisive nature of American public politics has come to infest the biggest, spookiest, agencies on Earth?

How did this happen?

Here are some of the red flag facts you can see for yourself in Congressional and Vault 7 public records:

Former CIA Boss James Woolsey promoted lithium ion batteries, which is an industry owned by the Democrats. He also promoted his hatred for the competing fuel cells, which is an industry owned by the Republicans.

Woolsey got himself listed as a top spy advisor on the Trump Team and then was suddenly thrown out of the Trump Team when his insider gig for the DNC came to light.

Silicon Valleyâ s Elon Musk, John Doerr, Larry Page and Eric Schmidt are the biggest campaign financiers of Obama and Clinton. That Silicon Mafia cartel controls the lithium ion battery markets and paid off CIA insiders with stock in Google, Facebook, Tesla, Solyndra, and their â driverless car projectsâ , which all use lithium and Dept. of Transportation and Energy crony taxpayer financed kick-backs.

Woolsey, his USAID front operation (which Clinton Foundation is recorded on IRS records as the co-financiers of) and the Silicon Valley billionaires promoted the invasion of Afghanistan and covert incursions into Bolivia to control their Lithium mines as well as covert incursions in the Congo (The only

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place you can get it) to control the Cobalt for DNC financier Elon Muskâ s lithium ion batteries.

The USAID promoted the Afghan, Bolivian and Congo â monetizationâ . Obama and The Clintons actively fund and promote USAID projects and share in USAID â Monetization Programsâ . Obama and The Clintons are DNC deep-and-wide.

Silicon Valley DNC financiers were promised â Cleantechâ and spy contract kick-backs by Obama and Clinton in exchange for putting Obama and Clinton in office via â social engineeringâ .

Woolsey, and his staff were said to be the "handlers" for Gawker Media, a CIA/DNC tabloid operation which exclusively attacked Republicans or DNC enemies.

The CIA co-financed Google and Facebook for â social engineeringâ and they all became jolly Democrats.

CIA operatives and their In-Q-Tel peers work for Google and Elon Musk.

Thus, the current version of the CIA is a Silicon Valley/DNC dirty tricks joint operation which loves a good Coup Dâ etat.

The current version of the FBI is an old fashioned cop-shop full of gun carrying Republicans who hate the CIA. The stage is now set for some big fun!

See the Big Picture Now?

But waitâ ! WIKILEAKS says: â *WIKILEAKS is only just getting started...*â

Yikes!

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## **CIA CREATES SOFTWARE TO CRASH TESLAâ S, AIRPLANES AND OTHER THINGS FOR ASSASSINATIONS**

### **Wikileaks Unveils 'Vault 7': "The Largest Ever Publication Of**

### **Confidential CIA Documents"; Another Snowden Emerges**

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by Tyler Durden

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WikiLeaks has published what it claims is the largest ever release of confidential documents on the CIA. It includes more than 8,000 documents as part of â Vault 7â , a series of leaks on the agency, which have allegedly emerged from the CIA's Center For Cyber Intelligence in Langley, and which can be seen on the org chart which Wikileaks also released at this link:

A total of 8,761 documents have been published as part of â Year Zeroâ , the first in a series of leaks the whistleblower organization has dubbed â Vault 7.â WikiLeaks said that â Year Zeroâ revealed details of the CIAâ s â global covert hacking program,â including â weaponized exploitsâ used against company products including â *Apple's iPhone, Google's Android and Microsoft's Windows and even Samsung TVs, which are turned into covert microphones.*â

WikiLeaks tweeted the leak, which it claims came from a network inside the CIAâ s Center for Cyber Intelligence in Langley, Virginia.

Among the more notable disclosures which, if confirmed, "would rock the technology world", the CIA had managed to bypass encryption on popular phone and messaging services such as **Signal, WhatsApp and Telegram**. According to the statement from WikiLeaks, government hackers can penetrate Android phones and collect â **audio and message traffic before encryption is applied.**â

Another profound revelation is that the CIA can engage in "false flag" cyberattacks which portray Russia as the assailant. Discussing the CIA's Remote Devices Branch's UMBRAGE group, Wikileaks' source notes that it "**collects and maintains a substantial library of attack techniques 'stolen' from malware produced in other states including the Russian Federation.**

*"With UMBRAGE and related projects the CIA cannot only increase its total number of attack types but also misdirect attribution by leaving behind the "fingerprints" of the groups that the attack techniques were stolen from. UMBRAGE components cover keyloggers, password collection, webcam capture, data destruction, persistence, privilege escalation, stealth, anti-virus (PSP) avoidance and survey techniques."*

As Kim Dotcom summarizes this finding, "**CIA uses techniques to make cyber attacks look like they originated from enemy state. It turns DNC/Russia hack allegation by CIA into a JOKE**"

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**But perhaps what is most notable is the purported emergence of another Snowden-type whistleblower: the source of the information told WikiLeaks in a statement that they wish to initiate a public debate about the â security.**



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**creation, use, proliferation and democratic control of cyberweapons.**â Policy questions that should be debated in public include â whether the CIA's hacking capabilities exceed its mandated powers and the problem of public oversight of the agency,â WikiLeaks claims the source said.

The FAQ section of the release, shown below, provides further details on the extent of the leak, which was â obtained recently and covers through 2016â . The time period covered in the latest leak is between the years 2013 and 2016, according to the CIA timestamps on the documents themselves. Secondly, WikiLeaks has asserted that it has not mined the entire leak and has only verified it, asking that journalists and activists do the leg work.

Among the various techniques profiled by WikiLeaks is â Weeping Angelâ , developed by the CIA's Embedded Devices Branch (EDB), which infests smart TVs, transforming them into covert microphones. After infestation, Weeping Angel places the target TV in a 'Fake-Off' mode, so that the owner falsely believes the TV is off when it is on. In 'Fake-Off' mode the TV operates as a bug, recording conversations in the room and sending them over the Internet to a covert CIA server.

As Kim Dotcom chimed in on Twitter, "CIA turns Smart TVs, iPhones, gaming consoles and many other consumer gadgets into open microphones" and added " CIA turned every Microsoft Windows PC in the world into spyware. Can activate backdoors on demand, including via Windows update"

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*Key Highlights from the Vault 7 release so far:*

- **"Year Zero" introduces the scope and direction of the CIA's global covert hacking program, its malware arsenal and dozens of "zero day" weaponized exploits against a wide range of U.S. and European company products, include Apple's iPhone, Google's Android and Microsoft's**

**Windows and even Samsung TVs, which are turned into covert microphones.**

- Wikileaks claims that the CIA lost control of the majority of its hacking arsenal including malware, viruses, trojans, weaponized "zero day" exploits, malware remote control systems and associated documentation. This extraordinary collection, which amounts to more than several hundred million lines of code, gives its possessor the entire hacking capacity of the CIA. The archive appears to have been circulated among former U.S. government hackers and contractors in an unauthorized manner, one of whom has provided WikiLeaks with portions of the archive.
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- **The CIA had created, in effect, its "own NSA" with even less accountability and without publicly answering the question as to whether such a massive budgetary spend on duplicating the capacities of a rival agency could be justified.**
- Once a single cyber 'weapon' is 'loose' it can spread around the world in seconds, to be used by rival states, cyber mafia and teenage hackers alike.

**Snowden 2.0?**

- In a statement to WikiLeaks the source details policy questions that they say urgently need to be debated in public, including whether the CIA's hacking capabilities exceed its mandated powers and the problem of public oversight of the agency. The source wishes to initiate a public debate about the security, creation, use, proliferation and democratic control of cyberweapons.

**CIA targets iPhones, Androids, smart TVs:**

- CIA malware and hacking tools are built by EDG (Engineering Development Group), a software development group within CCI (Center for Cyber Intelligence), a department belonging to the CIA's DDI (Directorate for Digital Innovation). The DDI is one of the five major directorates of the CIA (see this organizational chart of the CIA for more details).
- The increasing sophistication of surveillance techniques has drawn comparisons with George Orwell's 1984, but "Weeping Angel", developed by the CIA's Embedded Devices Branch (EDB), which infests smart TVs, transforming them into covert microphones, is surely its most emblematic realization.

**Also cars, suggesting that the CIA may have a role in the death of Michael Hastings:**

- As of October 2014 the CIA was also looking at infecting the vehicle control systems used by modern cars and trucks.
- The purpose of such control is not specified, **but it would permit the CIA to engage in nearly undetectable assassinations.**

**And computers:**

- The CIA also runs a very substantial effort to infect and control Microsoft Windows users with its malware. This includes multiple local and remote weaponized "zero days", air gap jumping viruses such as "Hammer Drill" which infects software distributed on CD/DVDs, infectors for removable media such as USBs, systems to hide data in images or in covert disk areas ( "Brutal Kangaroo") and to keep its malware infestations going.

### **Hoarding of Zero Day exploits:**

- In the wake of Edward Snowden's leaks about the NSA, the U.S. technology industry secured a commitment from the Obama administration that the executive would disclose on an ongoing basis â rather than hoard â serious vulnerabilities, exploits, bugs or "zero days" to Apple, Google, Microsoft, and other US-based manufacturers.
- Serious vulnerabilities not disclosed to the manufacturers places huge swathes of the population and critical infrastructure at risk to foreign intelligence or cyber criminals who independently discover or hear rumors of the vulnerability. If the CIA can discover such vulnerabilities so can others.

### **Proliferation of leaked/hacked Cyberwar programs:**

- While nuclear proliferation has been restrained by the enormous costs and visible infrastructure involved in assembling enough fissile material to produce a critical nuclear mass, cyber 'weapons', once developed, are very hard to retain. Cyber 'weapons' are in fact just computer programs which can be pirated like any other. Since they are entirely comprised of information they can be copied quickly with no marginal cost.
- Over the last three years the United States intelligence sector, which consists of government agencies such as the CIA and NSA and their contractors, such as Booz Allen Hamilton, has been subject to unprecedented series of data exfiltrations by its own workers.
- Once a single cyber 'weapon' is 'loose' it can spread around the world in seconds, to be used by peer states, cyber mafia and teenage hackers alike.

### **The U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt is a covert CIA hacker base**

- In addition to its operations in Langley, Virginia the CIA also uses the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt as a covert base for its hackers covering Europe, the Middle East and Africa. CIA hackers operating out of the Frankfurt consulate ( "Center for Cyber Intelligence Europe" or CCIE) are given diplomatic ("black") passports and State Department cover.
- The instructions for incoming CIA hackers make Germany's counter-intelligence efforts appear inconsequential: "Breeze through German Customs because you have your cover-for-action story down pat, and all they did was stamp your passport"

### **Examples of CIA projects**

- The CIA's Engineering Development Group (EDG) management system contains around 500 different projects (only some of which are documented by "Year Zero") each with their own sub-projects, malware and hacker tools. The

majority of these projects relate to tools that are used for penetration, infestation ("implanting"), control, and exfiltration.

- **Umbrage:** The CIA's Remote Devices Branch's UMBRAGE group collects and maintains a substantial library of attack techniques 'stolen' from malware produced in other states including the Russian Federation. With UMBRAGE and related projects the CIA cannot only increase its total number of attack types but also misdirect attribution by leaving behind the "fingerprints" of the groups that the attack techniques were stolen from.
- **Fine Dining:** Fine Dining comes with a standardized questionnaire i.e menu that CIA case officers fill out. The questionnaire is used by the agency's OSB (Operational Support Branch) to transform the requests of case officers into technical requirements for hacking attacks (typically "exfiltrating" information from computer systems) for specific operations. Among the list of possible targets of the collection are 'Asset', 'Liason Asset', 'System Administrator', 'Foreign Information Operations', 'Foreign Intelligence Agencies' and 'Foreign Government Entities'. Notably absent is any reference to extremists or transnational criminals.
- **Improvise;** a toolset for configuration, post-processing, payload setup and execution vector selection for survey/exfiltration tools supporting all major operating systems like Windows (Bartender), MacOS (JukeBox) and Linux (DanceFloor).
- **HIVE:** HIVE is a multi-platform CIA malware suite and its associated control software. The project provides customizable implants for Windows, Solaris, MikroTik (used in internet routers) and Linux platforms and a Listening Post (LP)/Command and Control (C2) infrastructure to communicate with these implants. The implants are configured to communicate via HTTPS with the webserver of a cover domain; each operation utilizing these implants has a separate cover domain and the infrastructure can handle any number of cover domains.

#### **And some key sections from the FAQ:**

- **What time period is covered?** The years 2013 to 2016. The sort order of the pages within each level is determined by date (oldest first). WikiLeaks has obtained the CIA's creation/last modification date for each page but these do not yet appear for technical reasons. Usually the date can be discerned or approximated from the content and the page order. If it is critical to know the exact time/date contact WikiLeaks.
- **What is "Vault 7"** "Vault 7" is a substantial collection of material about CIA activities obtained by WikiLeaks.
- **What is the total size of "Vault 7"?** The series is the largest intelligence publication in history.
- **When was each part of "Vault 7" obtained?:** Part one was obtained recently and covers through 2016. Details on the other parts will be available at the time of publication.
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- **How did WikiLeaks obtain each part of "Vault 7"?** Sources trust WikiLeaks to not reveal information that might help identify them.
- **Isn't WikiLeaks worried that the CIA will act against its staff to stop the series?** No. That would be certainly counter-productive.

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## **PREVIOUSLY**

As a reminder, last night Wikileaks announced that it has released an encrypted torrent file which reportedly contains information on the mysterious "Vault 7", and which we now know is the biggest "collection of material about CIA activities obtained by WikiLeaks.publication in history." It can be downloaded now at the following URL, and accessed using the password

**"SplinterItIntoAThousandPiecesAndScatterItIntoTheWinds"**

Wikileaks had previously announced that it would hold an 8am Eastern press conference, as part of the unveiling.

ANNOUNCE: WikiLeaks press conference in under five hours at 8am ET / 1pm UTC / 14:00 CET. Streamed live. #askWL

â WikiLeaks (@wikileaks) March 7, 2017

However, there appeared to have been some complications, with Wikileaks tweeting that "**the press conference is under attack: Facebook+Periscope video used by WikiLeaks' editor Julian Assange have been attacked.** Activating contingency plans"

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In a separate tweet, Wikileaks has just released the passphrase to decrypt the torrent file: RELEASE: CIA Vault 7 Year Zero decryption passphrase:

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## **Press Release**

### **Vault 7: CIA Hacking Tools Revealed**

Today, Tuesday 7 March 2017, WikiLeaks begins its new series of leaks on the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Code-named "Vault 7" by WikiLeaks, it is the largest ever publication of confidential documents on the agency.

The first full part of the series, "Year Zero", comprises 8,761 documents and files from an isolated, high-security network situated inside the CIA's Center for Cyber Intelligence in Langley, Virginia. It follows an introductory disclosure last month of CIA targeting French political parties and candidates in the lead up to the 2012 presidential election.

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Since 2001 the CIA has gained political and budgetary preeminence over the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA). The CIA found itself building not just its now infamous drone fleet, but a very different type of covert, globe-spanning force â its own substantial fleet of hackers. The agency's hacking division freed it from having to disclose its often controversial operations to the NSA (its primary bureaucratic rival) in order to draw on the NSA's hacking capacities.

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Julian Assange, WikiLeaks editor stated that "There is an extreme proliferation risk in the development of cyber 'weapons'. Comparisons can be drawn between the uncontrolled proliferation of such 'weapons', which results from the inability to contain them combined with their high market value, and the global arms trade. But the significance of "Year Zero" goes well beyond the choice between cyberwar and cyberpeace. The disclosure is also exceptional from a political, legal and forensic perspective."

Wikileaks has carefully reviewed the "Year Zero" disclosure and published substantive CIA documentation while avoiding the distribution of 'armed' cyberweapons until a consensus emerges on the technical and political nature of the CIA's program and how such 'weapons' should analyzed, disarmed and published.

Wikileaks has also decided to redact and anonymise some identifying information in "Year Zero" for in depth analysis. These redactions include ten of thousands of CIA targets and attack machines throughout Latin America, Europe and the United States. While we are aware of the imperfect results of any approach chosen, we remain committed to our publishing model and note that the quantity of published pages in "Vault 7" part one (â Year Zeroâ ) already eclipses the total number of pages published over the first three years of the Edward Snowden NSA leaks.

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## **Analysis**

### **CIA malware targets iPhone, Android, smart TVs**

CIA malware and hacking tools are built by EDG (Engineering Development Group), a software development group within CCI (Center for Cyber Intelligence), a department belonging to the CIA's DDI (Directorate for Digital Innovation). The DDI is one of the five major directorates of the CIA (see this organizational chart of the CIA for more details).

The EDG is responsible for the development, testing and operational support of all backdoors, exploits, malicious payloads, trojans, viruses and any other kind of malware used by the CIA in its covert operations world-wide.

The increasing sophistication of surveillance techniques has drawn comparisons with George Orwell's 1984, but "Weeping Angel", developed by the CIA's Embedded Devices Branch (EDB), which infests smart TVs, transforming them into covert microphones, is surely its most emblematic realization.

The attack against Samsung smart TVs was developed in cooperation with the United Kingdom's MI5/BTSS. After infestation, Weeping Angel places the target TV in a 'Fake-Off' mode, so that the owner falsely believes the TV is off when it is on. In 'Fake-Off' mode the TV operates as a bug, recording conversations in the room and sending them over the Internet to a covert CIA server.

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As of October 2014 the CIA was also looking at infecting the vehicle control systems used by modern cars and trucks. The purpose of such control is not specified, but it would permit the CIA to engage in nearly undetectable assassinations.

The CIA's Mobile Devices Branch (MDB) developed numerous attacks to remotely hack and control popular smart phones. Infected phones can be instructed to send the CIA the user's geolocation, audio and text communications as well as covertly activate the phone's camera and microphone.

Despite iPhone's minority share (14.5%) of the global smart phone market in 2016, a specialized unit in the CIA's Mobile Development Branch produces malware to infest, control and exfiltrate data from iPhones and other Apple products running iOS, such as iPads. CIA's arsenal includes numerous local and remote "zero days" developed by CIA or obtained from GCHQ, NSA, FBI or purchased from cyber arms contractors such as Baitshop. The disproportionate focus on iOS may be explained by the popularity of the iPhone among social, political, diplomatic and business elites.

A similar unit targets Google's Android which is used to run the majority of the world's smart phones (~85%) including Samsung, HTC and Sony. 1.15 billion Android powered phones were sold last year. "Year Zero" shows that as of 2016 the CIA had 24 "weaponized" Android "zero days" which it has developed itself and obtained from GCHQ, NSA and cyber arms contractors.

These techniques permit the CIA to bypass the encryption of WhatsApp, Signal, Telegram, Weibo, Confide and Cloackman by hacking the "smart" phones that they run on and collecting audio and message traffic before encryption is applied.

## **CIA malware targets Windows, OSx, Linux, routers**

The CIA also runs a very substantial effort to infect and control Microsoft Windows users with its malware. This includes multiple local and remote weaponized "zero days", air gap jumping viruses such as "Hammer Drill" which infects software distributed on CD/DVDs, infectors for removable media such as USBs, systems to hide data in images or in covert disk areas ("Brutal Kangaroo") and to keep its malware infestations going.

Many of these infection efforts are pulled together by the CIA's Automated Implant Branch (AIB), which has developed several attack systems for automated infestation and control of CIA malware, such as "Assassin" and "Medusa".

Attacks against Internet infrastructure and web servers are developed by the CIA's Network Devices Branch (NDB).

The CIA has developed automated multi-platform malware attack and control systems covering Windows, Mac OS X, Solaris, Linux and more, such as EDB's "HIVE" and the related "Cutthroat" and "Swindle" tools, which are described in the examples section below.



## **CIA 'hoarded' vulnerabilities ("zero days")**

In the wake of Edward Snowden's leaks about the NSA, the U.S. technology industry secured a commitment from the Obama administration that the executive would disclose on an ongoing basis â rather than hoard â serious vulnerabilities, exploits, bugs or "zero days" to Apple, Google, Microsoft, and other US-based manufacturers.

Serious vulnerabilities not disclosed to the manufacturers places huge swathes of the population and critical infrastructure at risk to foreign intelligence or cyber criminals who independently discover or hear rumors of the vulnerability. If the CIA can discover such vulnerabilities so can others.

The U.S. government's commitment to the Vulnerabilities Equities Process came after significant lobbying by US technology companies, who risk losing their share of the global market over real and perceived hidden vulnerabilities. The government stated that it would disclose all pervasive vulnerabilities discovered after 2010 on an ongoing basis.

"Year Zero" documents show that the CIA breached the Obama administration's commitments. Many of the vulnerabilities used in the CIA's cyber arsenal are pervasive and some may already have been found by rival intelligence agencies or cyber criminals.

As an example, specific CIA malware revealed in "Year Zero" is able to penetrate, infest and control both the Android phone and iPhone software that runs or has run presidential Twitter accounts. The CIA attacks this software by using undisclosed security vulnerabilities ("zero days") possessed by the CIA but if the CIA can hack these phones then so can everyone else who has obtained or discovered the vulnerability. As long as the CIA keeps these vulnerabilities concealed from Apple and Google (who make the phones) they will not be fixed, and the phones will remain hackable.

The same vulnerabilities exist for the population at large, including the U.S. Cabinet, Congress, top CEOs, system administrators, security officers and engineers. By hiding these security flaws from manufacturers like Apple and Google the CIA ensures that it can hack everyone &mdsh; at the expense of leaving everyone hackable.

## **'Cyberwar' programs are a serious proliferation risk**

Cyber 'weapons' are not possible to keep under effective control.

While nuclear proliferation has been restrained by the enormous costs and visible infrastructure involved in assembling enough fissile material to produce a critical nuclear mass, cyber 'weapons', once developed, are very hard to retain.

Cyber 'weapons' are in fact just computer programs which can be pirated like any other. Since they are entirely comprised of information they can be copied quickly

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with no marginal cost.

Securing such 'weapons' is particularly difficult since the same people who develop and use them have the skills to exfiltrate copies without leaving traces â sometimes by using the very same 'weapons' against the organizations that contain them. There are substantial price incentives for government hackers and consultants to obtain copies since there is a global "vulnerability market" that will pay hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars for copies of such 'weapons'. Similarly, contractors and companies who obtain such 'weapons' sometimes use them for their own purposes, obtaining advantage over their competitors in selling 'hacking' services.

Over the last three years the United States intelligence sector, which consists of government agencies such as the CIA and NSA and their contractors, such as Booz Allen Hamilton, has been subject to unprecedented series of data exfiltrations by its own workers.

A number of intelligence community members not yet publicly named have been arrested or subject to federal criminal investigations in separate incidents.

Most visibly, on February 8, 2017 a U.S. federal grand jury indicted Harold T. Martin III with 20 counts of mishandling classified information. The Department of Justice alleged that it seized some 50,000 gigabytes of information from Harold T. Martin III that he had obtained from classified programs at NSA and CIA, including the source code for numerous hacking tools.

Once a single cyber 'weapon' is 'loose' it can spread around the world in seconds, to be used by peer states, cyber mafia and teenage hackers alike.

## **U.S. Consulate in Frankfurt is a covert CIA hacker base**

In addition to its operations in Langley, Virginia the CIA also uses the U.S. consulate in Frankfurt as a covert base for its hackers covering Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

CIA hackers operating out of the Frankfurt consulate ( "Center for Cyber Intelligence Europe" or CCIE) are given diplomatic ("black") passports and State Department cover. The instructions for incoming CIA hackers make Germany's counter-intelligence efforts appear inconsequential: "Breeze through German Customs because you have your cover-for-action story down pat, and all they did was stamp your passport"

*Your Cover Story (for this trip)*

**Q:** Why are you here?

**A:** Supporting technical consultations at the Consulate.

Two earlier WikiLeaks publications give further detail on CIA approaches to customs and secondary screening procedures.

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Once in Frankfurt CIA hackers can travel without further border checks to the 25 European countries that are part of the Shengen open border area â including France, Italy and Switzerland.

A number of the CIA's electronic attack methods are designed for physical proximity. These attack methods are able to penetrate high security networks that are disconnected from the internet, such as police record database. In these cases, a CIA officer, agent or allied intelligence officer acting under instructions, physically infiltrates the targeted workplace. The attacker is provided with a USB containing malware developed for the CIA for this purpose, which is inserted into the targeted computer. The attacker then infects and exfiltrates data to removable media. For example, the CIA attack system Fine Dining, provides 24 decoy applications for CIA spies to use. To witnesses, the spy appears to be running a program showing videos (e.g VLC), presenting slides (Prezi), playing a computer game (Breakout2, 2048) or even running a fake virus scanner (Kaspersky, McAfee, Sophos). But while the decoy application is on the screen, the underlying system is automatically infected and ransacked.

## **How the CIA dramatically increased proliferation risks**

In what is surely one of the most astounding intelligence own goals in living memory, the CIA structured its classification regime such that for the most market valuable part of "Vault 7" â the CIA's weaponized malware (implants + zero days), Listening Posts (LP), and Command and Control (C2) systems â the agency has little legal recourse.

The CIA made these systems unclassified.

Why the CIA chose to make its cyberarsenal unclassified reveals how concepts developed for military use do not easily crossover to the 'battlefield' of cyber 'war'.

To attack its targets, the CIA usually requires that its implants communicate with their control programs over the internet. If CIA implants, Command & Control and Listening Post software were classified, then CIA officers could be prosecuted or dismissed for violating rules that prohibit placing classified information onto the Internet. Consequently the CIA has secretly made most of its cyber spying/war code unclassified. The U.S. government is not able to assert copyright either, due to restrictions in the U.S. Constitution. This means that cyber 'arms' manufactures and computer hackers can freely "pirate" these 'weapons' if they are obtained. The CIA has primarily had to rely on obfuscation to protect its malware secrets.

Conventional weapons such as missiles may be fired at the enemy (i.e into an unsecured area). Proximity to or impact with the target detonates the ordnance including its classified parts. Hence military personnel do not violate classification rules by firing ordnance with classified parts. Ordnance will likely explode. If it does not, that is not the operator's intent.

Over the last decade U.S. hacking operations have been increasingly dressed up in military jargon to tap into Department of Defense funding streams. For instance,

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attempted "malware injections" (commercial jargon) or "implant drops" (NSA jargon) are being called "fires" as if a weapon was being fired. However the analogy is questionable.

Unlike bullets, bombs or missiles, most CIA malware is designed to live for days or even years after it has reached its 'target'. CIA malware does not "explode on impact" but rather permanently infests its target. In order to infect target's device, copies of the malware must be placed on the target's devices, giving physical possession of the malware to the target. To exfiltrate data back to the CIA or to await further instructions the malware must communicate with CIA Command & Control (C2) systems placed on internet connected servers. But such servers are typically not approved to hold classified information, so CIA command and control systems are also made unclassified.

A successful 'attack' on a target's computer system is more like a series of complex stock maneuvers in a hostile take-over bid or the careful planting of rumors in order to gain control over an organization's leadership rather than the firing of a weapons system. If there is a military analogy to be made, the infestation of a target is perhaps akin to the execution of a whole series of military maneuvers against the target's territory including observation, infiltration, occupation and exploitation.

## Evading forensics and anti-virus

A series of standards lay out CIA malware infestation patterns which are likely to assist forensic crime scene investigators as well as Apple, Microsoft, Google, Samsung, Nokia, Blackberry, Siemens and anti-virus companies attribute and defend against attacks.

"Tradecraft DO's and DON'Ts" contains CIA rules on how its malware should be written to avoid fingerprints implicating the "CIA, US government, or its witting partner companies" in "forensic review". Similar secret standards cover the use of encryption to hide CIA hacker and malware communication (pdf), describing targets & exfiltrated data (pdf) as well as executing payloads (pdf) and persisting (pdf) in the target's machines over time.

CIA hackers developed successful attacks against most well known anti-virus programs. These are documented in AV defeats, Personal Security Products, Detecting and defeating PSPs and PSP/Debugger/RE Avoidance. For example, Comodo was defeated by CIA malware placing itself in the Window's "Recycle Bin". While Comodo 6.x has a "Gaping Hole of DOOM".

CIA hackers discussed what the NSA's "Equation Group" hackers did wrong and how the CIA's malware makers could avoid similar exposure.

## Examples

The CIA's Engineering Development Group (EDG) management system contains around 500 different projects (only some of which are documented by "Year Zero") each with their own sub-projects, malware and hacker tools.

The majority of these projects relate to tools that are used for penetration, infestation ("implanting"), control, and exfiltration.

Another branch of development focuses on the development and operation of Listening Posts (LP) and Command and Control (C2) systems used to communicate with and control CIA implants; special projects are used to target specific hardware from routers to smart TVs.

Some example projects are described below, but see [the table of contents](#) for the full list of projects described by WikiLeaks' "Year Zero".

## UMBORAGE

The CIA's hand crafted hacking techniques pose a problem for the agency. Each technique it has created forms a "fingerprint" that can be used by forensic investigators to attribute multiple different attacks to the same entity.

This is analogous to finding the same distinctive knife wound on multiple separate murder victims. The unique wounding style creates suspicion that a single murderer is responsible. As soon one murder in the set is solved then the other murders also find likely attribution.

The CIA's [Remote Devices Branch's UMBORAGE group](#) collects and maintains a [substantial library](#) of attack techniques 'stolen' from malware produced in other states including the Russian Federation.

With UMBORAGE and related projects the CIA cannot only increase its total number of attack types but also misdirect attribution by leaving behind the "fingerprints" of the groups that the attack techniques were stolen from.

UMBORAGE components cover keyloggers, password collection, webcam capture, data destruction, persistence, privilege escalation, stealth, anti-virus (PSP) avoidance and survey techniques.

## Fine Dining

Fine Dining comes with a standardized questionnaire i.e menu that CIA case officers fill out. The questionnaire is used by the agency's OSB ([Operational Support Branch](#)) to transform the requests of case officers into technical requirements for hacking attacks (typically "exfiltrating" information from computer systems) for specific

operations. The questionnaire allows the OSB to identify how to adapt existing tools for the operation, and communicate this to CIA malware configuration staff. The OSB functions as the interface between CIA operational staff and the relevant technical support staff.

Among the list of possible targets of the collection are 'Asset', 'Liason Asset', 'System Administrator', 'Foreign Information Operations', 'Foreign Intelligence Agencies' and 'Foreign Government Entities'. Notably absent is any reference to extremists or transnational criminals. The 'Case Officer' is also asked to specify the environment of the target like the type of computer, operating system used, Internet connectivity and installed anti-virus utilities (PSPs) as well as a list of file types to be exfiltrated like Office documents, audio, video, images or custom file types. The 'menu' also asks for information if recurring access to the target is possible and how long unobserved access to the computer can be maintained. This information is used by the CIA's 'JQJIMPROVISE' software (see below) to configure a set of CIA malware suited to the specific needs of an operation.

## **Improvise (JQJIMPROVISE)**

'Improvise' is a toolset for configuration, post-processing, payload setup and execution vector selection for survey/exfiltration tools supporting all major operating systems like Windows (Bartender), MacOS (JukeBox) and Linux (DanceFloor). Its configuration utilities like Margarita allows the NOC (Network Operation Center) to customize tools based on requirements from 'Fine Dining' questionnaires.

## **HIVE**

HIVE is a multi-platform CIA malware suite and its associated control software. The project provides customizable implants for Windows, Solaris, MikroTik (used in internet routers) and Linux platforms and a Listening Post (LP)/Command and Control (C2) infrastructure to communicate with these implants.

The implants are configured to communicate via HTTPS with the webserver of a cover domain; each operation utilizing these implants has a separate cover domain and the infrastructure can handle any number of cover domains.

Each cover domain resolves to an IP address that is located at a commercial VPS (Virtual Private Server) provider. The public-facing server forwards all incoming traffic via a VPN to a 'Blot' server that handles actual connection requests from clients. It is setup for optional SSL client authentication: if a client sends a valid client certificate (only implants can do that), the connection is forwarded to the 'Honeycomb' toolserver that communicates with the implant; if a valid certificate is missing (which is the case if someone tries to open the cover domain website by accident), the traffic is forwarded to a cover server that delivers an unsuspecting looking website.

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The Honeycomb toolserver receives exfiltrated information from the implant; an operator can also task the implant to execute jobs on the target computer, so the toolserver acts as a C2 (command and control) server for the implant.

Similar functionality (though limited to Windows) is provided by the RickBobby project.

See the classified [user](#) and [developer](#) guides for HIVE.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why now?

WikiLeaks published as soon as its verification and analysis were ready.

In Febuary the Trump administration has issued an Executive Order calling for a "Cyberwar" review to be prepared within 30 days.

While the review increases the timeliness and relevance of the publication it did not play a role in setting the publication date.

### Redactions

Names, email addresses and external IP addresses have been redacted in the released pages (70,875 redactions in total) until further analysis is complete.

1. **Over-redaction:** Some items may have been redacted that are not employees, contractors, targets or otherwise related to the agency, but are, for example, authors of documentation for otherwise public projects that are used by the agency.
2. **Identity vs. person:** the redacted names are replaced by user IDs (numbers) to allow readers to assign multiple pages to a single author. Given the redaction process used a single person may be represented by more than one assigned identifier but no identifier refers to more than one real person.
3. **Archive attachments (zip, tar.gz, ...)** are replaced with a PDF listing all the file names in the archive. As the archive content is assessed it may be made available; until then the archive is redacted.
4. **Attachments with other binary content** are replaced by a hex dump of the content to prevent accidental invocation of binaries that may have been infected with weaponized CIA malware. As the content is assessed it may be made available; until then the content is redacted.
5. The **tens of thousands of routable IP addresses references** (including more than 22 thousand within the United States) that correspond to possible targets, CIA covert listening post servers, intermediary and test systems, are redacted for further exclusive investigation.

6. **Binary files of non-public origin** are only available as dumps to prevent accidental invocation of CIA malware infected binaries.

## Organizational Chart

The organizational chart corresponds to the material published by WikiLeaks so far.

Since the organizational structure of the CIA below the level of Directorates is not public, the placement of the EDG and its branches within the org chart of the agency is reconstructed from information contained in the documents released so far. It is intended to be used as a rough outline of the internal organization; please be aware that the reconstructed org chart is incomplete and that internal reorganizations occur frequently.

## Wiki pages

"Year Zero" contains 7818 web pages with 943 attachments from the internal development groupware. The software used for this purpose is called Confluence, a proprietary software from Atlassian. Webpages in this system (like in Wikipedia) have a version history that can provide interesting insights on how a document evolved over time; the 7818 documents include these page histories for 1136 latest versions.

The order of named pages within each level is determined by date (oldest first). Page content is not present if it was originally dynamically created by the Confluence software (as indicated on the re-constructed page).

## What time period is covered?

The years 2013 to 2016. The sort order of the pages within each level is determined by date (oldest first).

WikiLeaks has obtained the CIA's creation/last modification date for each page but these do not yet appear for technical reasons. Usually the date can be discerned or approximated from the content and the page order. If it is critical to know the exact time/date contact WikiLeaks.

## What is "Vault 7"

"Vault 7" is a substantial collection of material about CIA activities obtained by WikiLeaks.

## When was each part of "Vault 7" obtained?

Part one was obtained recently and covers through 2016. Details on the other parts will be available at the time of publication.

## Is each part of "Vault 7" from a different source?

Details on the other parts will be available at the time of publication.



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### **What is the total size of "Vault 7"?**

The series is the largest intelligence publication in history.

### **How did WikiLeaks obtain each part of "Vault 7"?**

Sources trust WikiLeaks to not reveal information that might help identify them.

### **Isn't WikiLeaks worried that the CIA will act against its staff to stop the series?**

No. That would be certainly counter-productive.

### **Has WikiLeaks already 'mined' all the best stories?**

No. WikiLeaks has intentionally not written up hundreds of impactful stories to encourage others to find them and so create expertise in the area for subsequent parts in the series. They're there. Look. Those who demonstrate journalistic excellence may be considered for early access to future parts.

### **Won't other journalists find all the best stories before me?**

Unlikely. There are very considerably more stories than there are journalists or academics who are in a position to write them.

THE CLEANTECH CRASH, SCANDAL UPDATES

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Letâ s check out the latest news in the notorious â *Cleantech Crash*â that brought you Solyndra, corruption scandals and political ruckus. Here is a quick overview of the latest findings.

What were the attacks and abuses of office:

- **Federal officials specifically assigned contract, and funding application, reviews to individuals known to already have political, financial and familial incentives to see the Plaintiffs fail. These federal officials knew, from the outset, that their associates would never pass anyone who competed with their friends, and who was not on a pre-approved list of â hard-wiredâ insiders. Most of these â reviewersâ were, themselves, competitors to Plaintiff, whose technology could have put some of their companies out of business.**
- What is the proof?:
- Financial, stock, employment, payment, asset, email and meeting documents confirm this. Government and media investigations provide additional proof.

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- **Federal records show that one of the Plaintiffs companies was in the #1 position to receive funding in the federal program. When the friends of federal officials discovered Plaintiffs lead position, and realized that they were also technology competitors, they ordered Dept. of Energy bosses to change the taken-in-order received rules so that Plaintiffs were no longer in the lead. This was done because White House and Department of Energy friends were the campaign financiers, competing applicants, business competitors and pre-arranged awardees**
- What is the proof?:
- Federal public records and DOE witnesses

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- **Department of Energy senior staff promised to provide a single one-sentence comment to Plaintiffs investors in order for those investors to provide the application fee, which the Department of Energy had required, from one of Plaintiffs Companies. The Senior Department of Energy official refused to provide the response until after the deadline for application receipt had passed. At the moment that the deadline had passed, the official, sent a time stamped email stating that it was too late to apply because we had missed the deadline which he had caused to be missed. This senior DOE staff member had intentionally sabotaged the application by refusing to respond, per his promise, to a huge number of emails, FedEx requests and phone calls; even though his secretary said he was in the next room, each time Plaintiffs attempted to follow-up. He was an associate of Plaintiffs competitors and ran part of the Department of Energy**
- What is the proof?:
- Time stamped communications, Department of energy records and law enforcement surveillance.

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- **One of Plaintiffs Companies wrote a letter of complaint to Senator Bingaman and the Senate Committee that oversees the Department of Energy. Senator Bingaman forwarded the letter to Steven Chu, for his comment on the issue. Steven Chu wrote a letter back in which Chu specifically refused to comment on the issue.**
- What is the proof?:
- Library of Congress and Federal document records

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- **Steven Chu only awarded federal funds to his friends, who also were campaign financiers and business competitors of Plaintiffs companies.**
- What is the proof?:
- Federal records, email, stock market records, emails, investigative documents, surveillance.

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- **White House staff had pre-coordinated with Steven Chu, and the few awardees who actually received the funding, in advance of the beginning of the funding program, in order arrange quid-pro-quo kickback arrangements, while, at the same time, damaging their competition.**
- What is the proof?:
- Public records, news reports, stock evidence, PAC reports, family trust records, financial records, corporate records, ownership documents, and surveillance.

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- **Federal officials solicited independent applicants such as ZAP, Bright Automotive, Aptera, XPV and many others, to use them as cover stories in order to make the program look like it had not been rigged, in advance, when, in fact, it had been. Every applicant who was not on the pre-rigged insider list, and competed with those who were, was terminated by the actions of federal officials**
- What is the proof?:
- Retrospective records and federal documents prove that no independent company, who was not friends with, and financiers for, DOE and White House campaigns, was rejected. Emails, witnesses, financial documents, waterfall charts, surveillance, restaurant videos of meetings, and testimony records.

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- **White House and DOE officials ordered, coordinated, managed and supported media and economic financial assassination and character assassination attacks on applicants who reported misdeeds. They used their contractors: In-Q-Tel, New America Foundation, Think Progress, Gawker Media and certain other, specific, hired writers, and operatives to engage in this revenge and retribution attacks.**
- What is the proof?:
- The vast and clearly visible publicly published news coverage clearly proves that the attacks did happen. Numerous other citizens have recently filed lawsuits against federal officials proving that they were subjected to the same attacks by the same Administration. All of the above-mentioned attack contractors have been financially, politically, familiarly, asset, communications and activity

traced back the same federal officials and their friends, who also happen to be the same friends who are the only ones to receive the cash from the funding programs and who also, coincidentally, happen to be competitors of the Plaintiffs; while, also coincidentally, being the campaign financiers of this Administration. Additionally, the particular scope, distribution and timing of the attacks specifically times out to be synchronous to the complaints filed by the Plaintiffs. All Plaintiffs had glowing reference and top standings until the attacks, for decades prior, proving the attack period to be an anomaly. Web published exhortations by the attackers show that they, exclusively, financed, managed and controlled the attacking contractors. IP and DNS server records.

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- **Federal officials control the search results of Google, for political purposes, and used Googleâ s monopolistic control of internet news and media to attack the Plaintiffs because they were competitors and because they reported the misdeeds of those federal officials and cooperated with federal investigators who were looking into their crimes.**
- What is the proof?:
- EU investigations have proven that Google rigs its search engine via manual manipulation. Kliener Perkins created Google, received some of the largest cash kickbacks from DOE and White House sources, funded The White House and West Coast Senators campaigns and can be financially, stock market, communications and witness-traced as the controlling party in most Google political search manipulations. Additionally, multiple research institutes, as well as Plaintiffs own private investigators, have revealed that they had placed thousands of internet servers across the internet to document and records Googleâ s malicious search engine manipulations, and political attacks, ever since 2009. Complete technical evidence now exists to prove that Google, specifically manipulated its search results, at the request of federal officials, in order to attack the Plaintiffs in revenge for helping investigators and to seek to minimize their credibility if a Special Prosecutor should ever be appointed.

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- **Eric Holder and Steven Chu were placed in office with orders to protect the Department of Energy and TARP kickback scheme from discovery.**
- What is the proof?:
- The law firm of Covington and Burling lobbied to place both of them in office under the direction and payroll of the very same people who were Steven Chuâ s friends and recipients of the DOE cash. Public records, family trust disclosures, emails, former Covington and Burling staff, surveillance and federal investigation files. Both are shown to have had personal, business and stock relationships with all of the financiers and their companies, before, during, and after their federal office roles.

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- **Lachlan Seward, Steven Chuâ s cash administrator at the Department of Energy, ordered federal record shredded and told his staff to ignore, and/or manipulate the records of the applicants who were not friends of Steven Chu.**
- What is the proof?:
- Previous, and later, documents for Tesla Motors show differences in the documents. DOE staff engaged in shredding order by Seward. DOE Maintenance records. DOE cameras. Emails. Missing evidence requested by Committees.

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- **Steven Chu waived Tesla Motors application fees on request of White House operatives.**
- What is the proof?:
- Tesla staff have been recorded confirming this. U.S. Treasury and OBM staff have, additionally, confirmed this.

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- **Elon Musk, at the time one of the richest men in America, has needed to receive tens of billions of dollars of taxpayer hand-outs as a kickback for him, and his friends, for funding Obamaâ s and Dianne Feinsteinâ s political efforts. He got his State & federal cash as part of a kick-back scheme**
- What is the proof?:
- For the Feinstein proof. Emails, surveillance, public records and witness testimony proves that the Feinstein family did lobby to put Solyndra and Tesla on the same plot of land that they controlled in Fremont, California. The real estate records, family trust documents, tax documents, emails, Fremont council meetings with Feinstein staff, Feinstein control of Newman Search HR for Tesla and Solyndra, Feinstein sharing of staff with Tesla/Solyndra, Feinstein inside stock trading, Feinstein adjacent property ownership, Feinstein construction company ownership, Feinstein leasing and contract rights ownerships, and related documents, Documents from Toyota, prove that the Feinsteinâ s got Solyndra and Tesla funded in exchange. For insider trading and cash kickbacks. Additionally, emails, phone records and surveillance show that Feinstein staff threatened some of the Plaintiffs and engaged in sabotage against their business efforts which competed with Tesla and Solyndra. Steven Chu and Elon Musk are personal friends and associates of the Feinstein family. The evidence and proof of the Feinstein/Tesla/Solyndra collusion is quite substantial. For the evidence of the White House/Musk collusion connects to both Musk and John Doerrâ s company: Kliener Perkins: Emails, family trusts, HSBC leaks, witnesses, other related lawsuit evidence, Goldman Sachs surveillance recordings, stock ownership and transaction records, and federal criminal investigation files provide ample proof. Additionally, simple math also provides verification. There is no record, in recorded history, of such a wealthy man receiving so many government handouts, in such sizes, with such minimal results, unless there was an organized crime scheme underway. Additional evidence and leak documents also verify these charges.

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- **The Plaintiffs had the best, most attractive debt-ratio standing of all applicants. Tesla had the worst debt-ratio standing, of all the applicants, yet Tesla received the award even though the federal section 136 law said that debt-ratio status was the key determination component.**
- What is the proof?:
- Elon Musk has been recorded in news articles, network TV and in his own emails testifying to the fact that, at the time of his application to DOE, Tesla was about to go bankrupt and he was preparing â Golden Parachuteâ massive payout packages for the end of Tesla. Teslaâ s own financial records and documents filed with Welles Fargo Bank prove that Tesla was mired in debt, had no demand for its product, and should file bankruptcy. In spite of these facts, Tesla, in violation of the Section 136 law, was awarded federal taxpayer cash when they had no hope of surviving without that cash. This was illegal. Federal criminal investigation records by multiple agencies and committees further prove this fact.

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- **White House and Federal Reserve Bank staff help keep Tesla afloat by shifting stock market metrics, stock pumps with buyback incentives and other special resources in order to do**

**anything to keep Tesla from bankruptcy and investigation like its next-door twin: Solyndra.**

- What is the proof?:
- When Solyndra died and was FBI raided, Presidential candidate Mitt Romney was recorded saying â Tesla and Solyndra were Losersâ . This is published widely in news broadcasts and publications. White House press staff became so fearful that the Steven Chu campaign finance kickback scheme would go public that they organized one of the biggest character assassination campaigns, ever created, against Romney, using the Google politics engine. Romney is recorded and documented, in many news broadcasts describing this character assassination attack on him by White House operatives. The ultimate crash of Tesla will vindicate the deeply White House hated Romney, provide steam to competing campaigns, and expose the whole kickback scheme. White House operatives have been shown to stop at nothing to keep Tesla alive in the media in order to avoid lethal embarrassment. While Tesla has had a record number of deaths, fires, crashes, drunk driving incidents, toxic vapors, divorces, fraud lawsuits and low demand; all of those downsides are covered up by Google and White House controlled media as proven in 5 years of side by side news story comparisons of actual news in non-controlled outlets vs. manipulated news in White House campaign financier controlled outlets such as Google.

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**Federal officials had their contractors call Plaintiffs employers and get them fired, in revenge.**

- What is the proof?:
- Phone records, federal surveillance, HR services.

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**Gary D. Conley, Rajeev Motwani, David Bird, Karl Slym, Ravi Kumar, and many other, mysteriously deceased, persons had personal competitive, investigative or business interactions with the Defendants?**

- What is the proof?:
- YouTube videos, family members, their own boogs, published communications, emails.

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**Federal officials asked applicants to work on federal projects which involved toxic and lethal materials which Plaintiffs were exposed to working with the U.S. Department of Energy program. When Plaintiffs filed for federal offsets for their poisoning by toxic materials, their disability claims were stalled, manipulated and denied.**

- What is the proof?:
- MSDS records, federal contracts and NDAâ s, surveillance and security office records, nuclear secrets agreement documents filings, federal records, emails, phone communications, federal hearing records.

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**Federal officials ordered their contractors to manipulate job hiring databases so that Plaintiffs who had reported mis-deeds would get â red flaggedâ when recruiters or employers tried to hire them; thus terminating any hopes they had for getting future employment.**

- What is the proof?:

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- Klayman lawsuit records, Judicial Watch NSA lawsuit filings, database research, sting investigation, HR test via private investigators, Comparative analysis metrics.

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- **Part of Steven Chu's scam involved manipulating mining commodities with Goldman Sachs and Kleiner Perkins, using taxpayer money.**
- What is the proof?:
- The Frank Guistra disclosures, evidence in the Raj Gupta arrest, Steven Ratnerâ s indictment file, HSBC leak documents, origination records for the published articles entitled: "Afghanistan is the Saudi Arabia of Lithium" and "Trillions of dollars of lithium in Afghanistan". FBI records from the Solyndra raid. U.S. Senate investigation files from the Goldman Sachs metals commodity manipulation investigations. Stock ownership disclosures, family trust ownership documents, Cayman Islands banking disclosures, PAC forensic examination files, real estate and shipping ownership records, supplier contracts from Solyndra, Tesla Motors, A123 and related commodity exploiters, surveillance records, witness testimony, DOJ records and investigations, U.S. Treasury records and investigations. Goldman Sachs skimming of stock profits on almost every Steven Chu funded federal deal.

There are over 200 **additional** misdeeds and proof overviewsâ l stay tuned.

Records, evidence and material provide by, and shared with: Law enforcement agencies, news bureaus, news aggregation sites, consumer rights organizations, taxpayer organizations, Grand Jury offices, subscribed voters and related entities.

Security Note: To protect Plaintiffs, All of the data exists in globally published, disguised, encrypted  
â Drawstringâ torrents which can be released on a momentâ s notice by multiple parties

## THE DNC HAS BEEN PENETRATED BY RUSSIAN AGENTS VIA KLEINER PERKINS INSIDER DEALS

DNC Hack Involved Russian Agents "Within The Democratic Party": Unreleased Steele Memo



by [Tyler Durden](#)

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Shortly after WikiLeaks released emails from the Democratic National Committee (DNC) on July 26, 2016, former UK spy Christopher Steele filed a memo with his employer, Fusion GPS, **claiming that the DNC "hack" during the 2016 election involved Russian agents "within the Democratic Party structure itself,"** [The New Yorker](#) reports.

On July 26, 2016, after WikiLeaks disseminated the D.N.C. e-mails, Steele filed yet another memo, this time claiming that the Kremlin was â behindâ the hacking, **which was part of a Russian cyber war against Hillary Clintonâ s campaign.** Many of the details seemed far-fetched: **Steeleâ s sources claimed that the digital attack involved agents â within the Democratic Party structure itself,â** as well as Russian Ã©migrÃ©s in the U.S. and â associated offensive cyber operators.â

The unverified claim was contained within a multitude of memos compiled by Steele on behalf of Fusion GPS, which was conducting opposition research on then-candidate Donald Trump for Hillary Clinton and the DNC.

Of note, the 35-page "Trump-Russia" dossier used in part by the FBI to obtain a FISA warrant on one-time Trump campaign advisor Carter Page was comprised of seventeen of Steele's memos - including one which alleged that Trump had paid "a number of prostitutes to perform a â golden showersâ (urination) show in front of him," which would defile a bed that Barack and Michelle Obama had slept in during a state visit - an allegation attributed to four individuals' second-hand reporting.





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The shocking claim comes amid recent reports that Special Counsel Robert Mueller is preparing criminal charges against Russian hackers allegedly behind the breaches of both the DNC and John Podesta's email.

NBC News reports:

Much like the indictment Mueller filed last month charging a different group of Russians in a social media trolling and illegal-ad-buying scheme, **the possible new charges are expected to rely heavily on secret intelligence gathered by the CIA, the FBI, the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), several of the officials say.** [â ] **Muellerâ s consideration of charges accusing Russians in the hacking case has not been reported previously.** Sources say he has long had sufficient evidence to make a case, but strategic issues could dictate the timing. Potential charges include violations of statutes on conspiracy, election law as well as the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act.

The sources say the possible new indictment â or more than one, if thatâ s how Muellerâ s office decides to proceed â would delve into the details of, and the people behind, the Russian intelligence operation that used hackers to penetrate computer networks and steal emails of both the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta.

Meanwhile, as we have been reporting, Mueller has yet to even reach out to Julian Assange of WikiLeaks, or New Zealand entrepreneur Kim Dotcom - who clearly knew of the upcoming email leaks before they were dropped. While Assange has heavily insinuated it was DNC staffer Seth Rich, Dotcom has gone "all in" over the last few months - tweeting that he knows Seth Rich was Wikileaks' source, Rich used a memory stick, and that Dotcom himself was involved.

**Kim Dotcom**

â **@KimDotcom**

Let me assure you, the DNC hack wasnâ t even a hack. It was an insider with a memory stick. I know this because I know who did it and why. Special Counsel Mueller is not interested in my evidence. My lawyers wrote to him twice. He never replied. 360

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**Did Kim Dotcom warn the world about the DNCHack?**

Megaupload boss Kim Dotcom said in 2015 that he knew of information that was going to create an obstacle for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential election bid.

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As [Josh Caplan](#) of *TGP* notes, In Donna Brazile's book, â Hacks: The Inside Story of the Break-ins and Breakdowns that Put Donald Trump in the White House,â the Democrat operative admits the DNC allowed alleged Russian hackers to steal data from the partyâ s servers. From the [Daily Caller](#):

Donna Brazile says in her new book the Democratic National Committee (DNC) went against professional advice and sat idly for a month while Russians stole data because primaries were still underway in a number of states.

In May, **when CrowdStrike recommended that we take down our system and rebuild it, the DNC told them to wait a month, because the state primaries for the presidential election were still underway**, and the party and the staff needed to be at their computers to manage these efforts,â Brazile wrote in her new [book](#), â [Hacks](#).â

â For a whole month, CrowdStrike watched Cozy Bear and Fancy Bear operating. Cozy Bear was the hacking force that had been in the DNC system for nearly a year.â

Cozy Bear and Fancy Bear are cybersecurity firms that have [reported](#) ties with Russian hackers. Both groups are blamed for the hacks on the DNC in 2016. CrowdStrike is a private U.S. cybersecurity firm that oversaw the protection of the DNCâ s servers.

Nothing to see here folks - just Trump's enemies using Steele's unverified memos with info from high level Kremlin officials when it benefits them, while ignoring the ones which suggest "insiders" was involved in the DNC hack.

Nancy Pelosi, George Soros / Getty Images

## THE EXACT NAMES OF THE PLOTTERS OF THE ANTIFA-BASED COUP ARE NAMED

**A secretive three-day conference where big money liberal donors are plotting the next steps of the â resistanceâ will be headlined by Friday speeches by billionaire George Soros and Democratic House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, according to internal documents obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon*.**

**Via: Brent Scher & Joe Schoffstall**

The Democracy Alliance, a donor club of deep-pocketed liberal donors that each pledge to direct hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding to approved left-wing groups, descended on Californiaâ s posh La Costa Resort on Wednesday morning for its fall donor summit. The group continued its tradition of secrecy, promising all members and guests of the summit their participation would â remain confidential.â

The first page of the conference agenda, which was obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon* and can be viewed in its entirety below, lays out â participation guidelines,â explaining that the Democracy Alliance is a â safe placeâ for donors and activists to meet. Guests are instructed not to share membersâ names with the press and not to post to any social media sites, to contact Democracy Alliance if â the media or a bloggerâ contacts them, and to â refrain from leaving sensitive materials out where others may find them.â

### *La Costa Resort*

This latter directive was ignored.

The agenda for the meeting, titled â Beyond #Resistance: Reclaiming our Progressive Future,â lays out three full days of events culminating in a Friday night dinner headlined by Pelosi.

#### **Democracy Alliance Fall Investment Conference Agenda**

A few hours earlier guests can attend â A Talk with George Soros,â who will be introduced with a â special videotaped messageâ by Democratic senator Kamala Harris (Calif.).

All of the events are scheduled to take place at the La Costa Resort, which features 17 tennis courts of both clay and hard surfaces including one with 1,000 seats for spectators, 36 holes of golf on the Legends Course and the Champions Course, an array of pools including three hot tubs that overlook said golf courses, a spa building, and the Deepak Chopra Center, where guests can do yoga or receive mind-body medical consultations.

Pelosi and Harris are not the only two politicians to have a presence at the swanky conferenceâ Pennsylvania governor Tom Wolf (D.) held a Thursday event on his reelection efforts, Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D., Minn.) will speak on Friday about â Russian interference in the 2016 election,â and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D., Minn.), who chairs the DCCC, will attend a â festive brunchâ on Saturday morning. Also making a â special appearanceâ on Friday will be Virginiaâ s governor-elect Ralph Northam.

The agenda also lists â special guestsâ at the conference, some more famous than others. Attendees showcased in the agenda range from failed California politician Sandra Fluke to liberal CNN contributor Van Jones to Center for American Progress CEO Neera Tanden.

Jones was headlining a Thursday dinner on â going outside the bubbleâ and learning from Trump voters.

Not all events and prominent guests are listed in the conference agenda.

Not listed, for example, was a Thursday night happy hour hosted by Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards, who was spotted in attendance.

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Also not listed as a special guest at the conference was David Brock, who checked in early Wednesday afternoon and has made himself highly visible at La Costaâ slowly strolling around the sprawling property and staying up at the hotel bar till past midnight.

Brock is not a â partnerâ of Democracy Allianceâ in fact, he has worked to create his own liberal donor networkâ but groups he controls, such as Media Matters for America, are among the many groups Democracy Alliance directs funding to.

Not listed in the agenda or spotted at the resort has been billionaire Tom Steyer, one of Democracy Allianceâ s most prominent members in the past. Pelosi publicly reprimanded Steyer earlier this month for running a \$10 million ad calling for President Trumpâ s impeachment.

Also not listed in the Democracy Alliance program was a meeting held by Patriotic Millionaires, who gave a Thursday morning briefing on the â tax fightâ and â what is at stake.â The briefing was delivered by Larry Mishel of Americans for Tax Fairness, Thea Lee of Economic Policy Institute, and Jacob Leibenluft, a member of the Obama administrationâ s National Economic Council who is now with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Not all meetings at the conference are open to all guests. Some meetings are â by invitation only,â â for prospective partners only,â or for â partners only.â

Right before Pelosiâ s speech, for example, will be a â Partners onlyâ forum dedicated to â committing resources.â The Democracy Alliance has never made its commitment decisions available to the public.

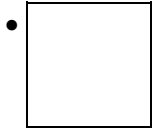
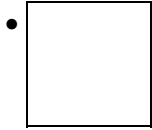
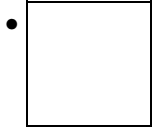
Democracy Alliance president Gara LaMarche wrote in a letter to attendees included in the agenda that President Trumpâ s November victory was â the most cataclysmic election of modern history.â

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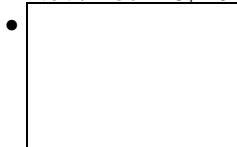
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## Energy Department Facing Scrutiny for Loan to Russian Subsidiary

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File: June 2, 2012: House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Rep. Darrell Issa speaks on Capitol Hill. (AP)

The Energy Departmentâ s \$730 million conditional loan commitment to Severstal, a Russian company led by a multibillionaire, has come under fire from Rep. [Darrell Issa](#), chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"The government is taking the risk, but getting the short end of the reward," the California Republican told Fox News about the project designed to improve an advanced high-strength steel plant in Dearborn, Michigan.

Severstal is controlled by Alexei Mordashov, a chief executive whose net worth is listed at \$18.5 billion by Forbes magazine, and is known to have close ties to the Kremlin.

Issa asked Energy Secretary [Steven Chu](#) why taxpayer money is needed when â announcements made by Severstal during the loan consideration process indicated that the company had ample means to carry out the project.â

But the Energy Department says tax dollars have not been spent, and career staffers are still doing their due diligence on the project.

The department also believes the project would support more than 2,500 construction jobs and more than 260 permanent manufacturing jobs in Michigan.

"This project has received bipartisan support because producing the next generation of automotive advanced high strength steel is vital to helping American workers remain competitive," Energy Press Secretary Damien LaVera told Fox News.

But Issa has his questions â especially after the high-profile Solyndra failure cost taxpayers \$535 million on a Department of Energy loan guarantee. "The Department of Energy has a number of problems, and under this secretary, these problems have either blossomed or certainly not been fixed," Issa said.



## U.S.-backed battery company's sale to Russian tycoon sparks anxiety

### Julie Wernau

Batteries made in America for America and backed by America. That's how politicians hailed Ener1.

The company tapped the country's top scientists at Argonne National Lab in Illinois, and U.S. taxpayers pledged up to \$118 million in federal stimulus funds and \$80 million in state and local incentives to help Ener1 produce cutting-edge battery technology for electric cars and the U.S. military.

"This is about the future. And the question is which nation is going to seize the future. Some nation is going to grab it by the throat. One of the nations of the world is going to lead the world in green energy and technology," Vice President Joe Biden said in January 2011 in a speech praising federal support for Ener1 at its facility in Indiana.

That nation, it turns out, is Russia.

A little more than a year after Biden's visit to Ener1's Indiana manufacturing plant, the company's technology is owned outright by Boris Zingarevich, a Russian businessman with ties to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, a fact that concerns some technology experts in the U.S.

Zingarevich acquired Ener1 out of bankruptcy March 30 with an agreement to infuse \$81 million in financing, giving him a sophisticated line of batteries that can power electric cars, store electricity for power grids and supply portable power for soldiers. His plans for Ener1 aren't known. A company spokesman declined to comment, saying Ener1 is privately held. Zingarevich couldn't be reached for comment.

The deal for Ener1 shows how the global economy can blur the lines between private business and national interest.

While there have been instances of Russian nationals accused of using illegal means to acquire U.S. technology, U.S. government officials said there is no law that bans transferring technology paid for by U.S. taxpayers to foreigners.

Wealthy Russians are major investors in the U.S., owning stakes in companies such as Facebook and Twitter, and Zingarevich was Ener1's largest shareholder from the beginning in 2002. Yet there is a big difference between being a shareholder and gaining control of a company.

"In a company whose ownership is connected to Medvedev, you have a golden opportunity for a military technology transfer and, perhaps, civil transfer from the U.S. to Russia at no cost," said Stephen Blank, an expert on Russia and a research professor of national security affairs for the Strategic Studies Institute at the United States Army War College.

Under Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, Blank said, Russia has expanded efforts to obtain high-tech energy-related technology from the U.S. through both illicit and legal means as Russia tries to reduce its reliance on hydrocarbons. Russia is second only to China in trying to gain high-tech information related to military uses, energy generation and manufacturing, according to the U.S. Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive.

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In the case of Ener1, neither the Department of Energy nor the Navy checked on foreign ownership before awarding the company grants and research and development contracts. The Army, which also awarded contracts, said individual employees underwent routine background checks as contractors, but scrutinizing the company's ownership structure was not part of its purview.

The Department of Energy, in an email, said it was only interested in whether the company could successfully produce and sell its batteries. The Navy said it didn't place restrictions on foreign access to the company's work on unmanned aerial vehicles, a highly sought-after technology, according to the intelligence community, or to battery technology that could be used to track U.S. military personnel.

Despite the fact that the company's Russian investment didn't worry the DOE or Pentagon, others in the U.S. government were concerned about Russian participation for some time.

Citing national security concerns, U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, is seeking internal documents from the White House, Department of Energy, Ener1 and its EnerDel battery unit, his office confirmed.

"There is definitely a growing concern about a foreign-controlled or owned company attempting to gain a foothold into our supply chain in the United States," said Stearns, whose subcommittee held a hearing March 27 about such threats. "We need to make sure the federal government isn't an unwitting accomplice to the theft of our own national secrets by providing them with multimillion-dollar government grants," he said in a statement, referring to battery technology produced in concert with U.S. scientists.

The U.S. has been leery of foreign control of U.S. energy companies in the past. In 2005, a bid by a Chinese government-owned firm to purchase Unocal, then the ninth-largest U.S. oil and gas producer, set off a firestorm of political controversy. CNOOC Ltd. had outbid Chevron Corp. by about \$1.5 billion for Unocal. But after concerns were raised that the transaction was little more than a thinly masked move by China to corner oil supplies, CNOOC withdrew its bid.

Ener1 marks the second major case of the U.S. losing control of a stimulus project. The Department of Energy's \$535 million loan guarantee to Solyndra to produce solar panels was aimed at spurring alternative energy growth in the U.S. and to lessen dependence on fossil fuels. Instead, competition from China felled Solyndra last year, which left the U.S. to pay the bill.

"Instead of producing thousands of 'clean energy' jobs, the administration's loan guarantee and grant programs are yielding bankruptcies and the squandering of taxpayer dollars," Stearns said. "Only two days after President Obama highlighted federal investments in high-tech batteries in his State of the Union address earlier this year, Ener1 joined Solyndra, Beacon Power, Evergreen Solar, SpectraWatt and AES in bankruptcy â all recipients of taxpayer dollars."

Biden's office declined to comment and referred questions to the Energy Department.

Mary Anne Sullivan, who previously served as DOE general counsel and now heads law firm Hogan Lovells' energy regulatory practice in Washington, D.C., said: "You want the government to be where the private sector sees a risk they won't take. But it calls for judgment. There is no formula that tells you, 'Yes, this will succeed,' or, 'No, this won't.'"

Ener1, based in New York City but with manufacturing operations in Indiana, began working on batteries for hybrid electric vehicles in June 2009. With the promise of creating manufacturing jobs, the company received access to Argonne scientists and DOE funding.

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Theodore O'Neill, senior vice president of alternative energy for Wunderlich Securities, said it is unlikely the battery technology Ener1 developed was any more high-tech than what Russia had already acquired or developed.

Ilias Belharouak, an Argonne researcher who worked on the battery project, said the company didn't move forward with battery production because by then the auto industry had introduced plug-in vehicles, and the company's batteries were too heavy.

The technology, however, is ideally suited to storing energy for the electrical grid, said Belharouak. Such batteries can provide backup power as well as store energy produced by the wind and sun. "It has the safety, it has the power, and the cost of the technology is very, very attractive," Belharouak said.

In its March 31, 2011, filing, Ener1 listed the Russian electric grid as its largest battery customer. The company first agreed to supply lithium-ion battery units in 2010. Last fall, Charles Gassenheimer, then CEO, said the company was negotiating a second "substantially large order" from the Russians. That same year a Russian state-owned bank accepted 40 percent of Ener1's common stock as collateral for \$24 million in loans, with an option to go up to \$100 million total, according to filings.

Ener1 stood to reap \$118.5 million from the DOE to produce batteries for electric vehicles. So far it has collected \$55 million and could receive more if it adds to its U.S. workforce of 275 under its contract, according to the DOE.

In an emailed statement, the Energy Department said Ener1's project was selected "based on the merit and commercialization potential of its batteries."

"We need to invent them here, make them here and sell them around the world. That's just what (the) battery manufacturing facility is doing, and that's why both the company and the project have received strong bipartisan support," Jen Stutsman, spokeswoman for the Energy Department, said last month.

The DOE added that during a financial due diligence check it did not find any issues requiring further investigation.

Michael Grosberg, chief operating officer of Global Technology Systems Inc., a Massachusetts-based maker of industrial and military batteries and energy control systems, said, "The U.S. government should act immediately to ensure more taxpayer dollars are not lost and U.S. security is not compromised."

Technology experts are raising concerns about nearly \$8 million in military contracts the company received, including a Navy contract for research and development related to unmanned aerial vehicles.

In 2006, according to filings, Ener1 also was awarded a \$1 million Department of Defense contract for so-called asset tracking, a technology used to track people carrying battery-powered devices.

The tracking systems in military battery packs are designed to protect personnel. For instance, if a soldier stops moving, falls down or is running out of battery power, technology inside his or her radio automatically alerts a command center. The Navy said prototype batteries were produced but not used and do not pose a threat to U.S. military personnel or civilians.

But some believe the technology could pose a threat to national security, as it can be used to track troop movements or anyone who has devices that contain those batteries.

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"I live in that world," said Daniel Engels, a chief technology officer for Revere Security, a technology security firm. "We need to stop thinking about batteries as just a battery. As soon as they become intelligent, they become a potential entry point into your system."

Through such batteries, he said, an enemy could even remotely turn off lines of communication.

Russia ranks second to China in spying in the U.S., according to a 2011 report from the Office of National Counterintelligence Executive. The case that made the biggest splash occurred two years ago, when 10 agents of the Russian Foreign Intelligence Office were arrested after collecting information related to U.S. technology and intelligence. Other cases have involved bribes for automotive and helicopter technology, the report said.

Ener1's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission indicate steadily widening losses since 2008. In 2010, losses totaled \$68.8 million on sales of \$77.4 million.

The company's plans for those DOE-backed batteries were tied to Think Global, an Elkhart, Ind., maker of electric vehicles with the same Russian backers. When Think Global didn't find a market for its buglike vehicles, Ener1 in May 2011 wrote off its \$73 million stake in the company.

The following month, Think Global filed for bankruptcy in Norway, listing \$32 million it owed Ener1. Zingarevich bought the company at auction in July for an undisclosed sum.

The ramifications for Ener1 were profound. Ener1's share price tumbled to pennies, and its shares were delisted from the Nasdaq stock exchange.

Ener1, too, filed for bankruptcy in January, but it emerged March 30 in a transaction that canceled its shares and ceded control to Zingarevich.

Separately, the enforcement division of the SEC is investigating Ener1 for securities fraud after it failed to report its financial condition and business dealings. The company said in February that it was ordered to produce information as part of the investigation.

"We have emerged from bankruptcy with significantly less debt, more working capital and a stronger financial position to enable us to compete more effectively in pursuing business opportunities to provide energy storage solutions for electric grid, transportation and industrial applications," the company's interim CEO, Alex Sorokin, said in an announcement.

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, whose goal was to make his state the capital of the electric car industry, has backed the company. His office Friday said Daniels "remains hopeful Ener1 will be successful."

Bald and stocky with piercing blue eyes, the 52-year-old Zingarevich now controls Ener1. He is one of an elite group of Russian "oligarchs" whose resources are significant enough to influence national politics, according to a 2005 study in the *Journal of Economic Perspectives*.

In 1992, he co-founded Ilim Pulp, one of Russia's largest pulp and paper companies. He remains on its board. In 1993, Ilim Pulp hired Medvedev as its legal affairs director. Medvedev, who at one point owned 20 percent of the company, helped it grow significantly. He sold his stake in 1999, the same year he took a central government post.

At about that same time period, several of Ilim Pulp's competitors were attacked or murdered under mysterious circumstances. Dimitry Varvarin, director general of Orimi, Ilim Pulp's major rival, was shot to

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death in St. Petersburg in March 2000. Later that month, another founder of Orimi, Sergei Krizhan, was also murdered, along with his son, according to news reports.

Later that year, a lumber exporter was attacked, and a hotel owned by another player in the timber market was set on fire. And in 2001 the external manager of another competitor was also attacked, according to Russian media.

None of the murders or attacks were tied to Zingarevich or Ilim Pulp.

While Zingarevich has kept a fairly low profile, his son, Anton Zingarevich, 29, hasn't been as publicity shy. In 2007, a year after he graduated with his bachelor's degree from Regents Business School in London, his father installed him as vice president of operations at Ener1 and CEO of a subsidiary, NanoEner.

Stories about Anton Zingarevich began to appear recently in publications such as the Daily Mail and the Reading Chronicle in England when he purchased a stake in a British football club for nearly \$40 million. He also was in the limelight a little more than two years ago when he married Belarusian supermodel Yekaterina Domankova when she was 20 years old.

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## **Lithium-Ion Battery Maker Ener1 Inc., Partners With Russia's ...**

News Feed Item. Lithium-Ion Battery Maker **Ener1** Inc., Partners With Russia's Federal Grid Company to Develop Energy Storage Opportunities on Country's National Power Network

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## **Former Energy Secretary Joins Board of Stimulus Recipient**

Former Energy Secretary **Steven Chu** will join the board of a company that got millions of dollars from the Department of Energy during **Chu's** tenure and is backed by some of the nation's most politically connected investors. Lithium ion battery manufacturer Amprius announced **Chu's** move on Monday ...

[freebeacon.com/issues/former-energy-secretary-joins](http://freebeacon.com/issues/former-energy-secretary-joins)

## **Ener1, parent of DOE aid recipient, seeks Chapter 11 - Alex ...**

**Ener1** is controlled by **Russian** millionaire and timber ... He then urged DOE's Energy Secretary **Steven Chu** to approve the company's application for the \$118.5 ...

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## **DOE Secretary Chu visits Russian LED maker Optogan**

Steven Chu, the US Energy Secretary, has visited the LED manufacturer Optogan as part of a diplomatic trip to Russia to discuss future collaborations in the energy sector.

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## **Breaking down the Russian uranium deal hanging over Hillary Clintonâ s campaign**

By [Tim Fernholz](#) April 23, 2015

Itâ s time for political scandal season to begin in the US, and one of our first entries involves Russia, the global uranium market, and Bill and Hillary Clinton.

### **What are the allegations?**

**You can pay Bill to get to Hillary.** In 2010, then-US secretary of state Hillary Clinton was part of a US government committee that approves foreign purchases of US assets. She signed off on a deal that allowed Russiaâ s atomic energy agency to purchase Uranium One, a mining company behind one-fifth of US uranium production. Since 2005, investors in the mining concern, and specifically a financier named Frank Giustra, gave tens of millions to the Clinton Global Foundation, and in 2010, while the committee was considering the deal, a Russian investment bank paid Bill Clinton \$500,000 for a speech.

### **Whatâ s new?**

**Failure to disclose.** The Clinton Global Foundation had not previously disclosed \$2.35 million donations from the Canadian chairman of Uranium One between 2009 and 2013, as Russiaâ s energy agency negotiated first a minority stake and eventually majority ownership of the company. This is despite an agreement with the Obama administration to disclose foreign donations.

### **Is there an innocent explanation?**

**Yes.** In 2010, the US was still pushing for a â resetâ of its relationship with Russia, and allowing this kind of investment is one way to reduce tensions. As the energy deal was progressing, Russia agreed to support increased sanctions on Iran to stop nuclear proliferation. The foreign investment committee had eight other members besides Clinton, including its chair, then-Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, then-Defense Secretary Bob Gates and then-Energy Secretary Steven Chu. **Update:** Brian Fallon, Clintonâ s press secretary, further disputes pay-to-play narrative.

### **So whatâ s the scandal?**

**Crappy disclosure and enforcement.** Whether or not anyone can prove that donations to Bill Clinton and the family foundation actually influenced Hillary Clintonâ s role in approving this deal, the real scandal (repeat after me) is always whatâ s legal: Weâ ve already seen how secretary of state Clinton elided FOIA requests by using her own e-mail server. Clinton said she â opted for convenience to use my personal email account, which was allowed by the State Department, because I thought it would be easier to carry just one device for my work and for my personal emails instead of two.â

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The notion that she failed to live up to the voluntary disclosure program that was supposed to dispel accusations of foreign influence on her husband while she was secretary of state is ethically questionable, regardless of legality.

Putting aside the question of the Clintonsâ ethics, thereâ s a larger and more worrisome national security concern: Despite the Nuclear Regulatory Commissionâ s assertion that uranium from the mine canâ t leave the US without its license, it has been shipped to Canada for refining under another companyâ s aegis, and 25% of it ends up outside the US.

## Is this a panic moment for the Clintons?

No. The trouble caused by Bill Clintonâ s high-rolling ways in todayâ s story were also highlighted in 2008, in both cases by New York Times reporters. Republican candidate Rand Paul has been darkly warning of a Clinton scandal that will be revealed in a new book called *Clinton Cash* by conservative writer Peter Schweizer, but absent a smoking gun, file this scandal under â raises questions,â not â ends campaign.â

## Secretary Chu to Travel to Russia Next Week

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WASHINGTON - U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu will travel to Russia from June 6-11 where he will highlight the tremendous potential for mutually beneficial cooperation and shared economic opportunities with Russia in the areas of innovative clean energy technology, safe and reliable civilian nuclear power, best practices in energy efficiency, and nuclear non-proliferation. The visit will promote continued collaboration between U.S. and Russian scientists, technical experts, and energy sector businesses. It will also pave the way for U.S. investment and clean technology exports to Russia.

"From clean energy to nuclear security, the United States and Russia have a growing number of opportunities for partnerships that can benefit both countries and the world," said Secretary Chu. "I'm looking forward to a constructive and productive dialogue on ways we can seize these opportunities and work closely together to achieve our shared goals."

The Secretary's unique itinerary will include visits to St. Petersburg, Moscow, and the closed city of Sarov. Secretary Chu will visit Sarov's All-Russian Institute of Experimental Physics (VNIIEF), considered the "Los Alamos" of Russia, where he will tour the facilities, meet with VNIIEF's scientific community, and congratulate VNIIEF on the 65th anniversary of the institute.

The Secretary will depart the U.S. on Sunday, June 5, and arrive in St. Petersburg on Monday, June 6. Upon his arrival, he will visit the Optogan LED Factory, a unique Russian-owned facility that produces innovative LED lighting. He will tour the St. Petersburg Seaport to review radiation detection systems installed in cooperation with the National Nuclear Security Administration's "Second Line of Defense" program. The Secretary will address Russia's next generation of engineers and scientists at the St. Petersburg State Mining Institute, one of Russia's leading technical universities. He will also meet with St. Petersburg government officials to discuss cooperation on an energy efficiency pilot project for municipal buildings.

The Secretary then travels to Moscow on Tuesday, June 7, where he will chair the U.S.-Russia Presidential

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Bilateral Commission's Energy Working Group. Joint activities to be addressed at that meeting include a smart grid MOU between the cities and utilities of San Diego in the U.S. and Belgorod, Russia. Presidents Obama and President Medvedev highlighted this unique City-to-City smart grid project in Deauville, France on May 26. The Secretary will also attend Atomexpo 2011, an international forum on civilian nuclear power development. Secretary Chu will address a special plenary session along with Sergei Kiriienko, Director General of the Russian State Corporation for Atomic Energy, and Bernard Bigot, Chairman of the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission.

Other activities in Moscow include a meeting with Rusnano officials to discuss Russian innovation in nanotechnology, a meeting with the Russian Federal Power Grid Company to discuss power grid modernization and energy efficiency, a roundtable discussion with experts on climate change issues, a meeting with the Energy Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce, a visit to the Kurchatov Institute, and meetings with renowned Russian scientists.



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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S BIG CRIME COVER-UP

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## THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CLEANTECH CRASH

In all of recorded history, there has never been so much taxpayer cash given to so few people, where each, and every, one of the recipients was a friend of the politician giving away the taxpayer cash and everyone who got the cash immediately skimmed "unjust profits" and shut down the business. On top of that, every applicant, who was not a friend of the politician, was considered a competitor, and was attacked and sabotaged using state and federal resources. This was a felony-class crime that has cost taxpayers trillions of dollars in losses. Evidence proving this, as fact, many times over, is available to be presented before the Special Prosecutor in a public hearing.

# THERE WERE MANY SOLYNDRA'S. OBAMA LOST ANOTHER \$400 MILLION ON A TEXAS "GREEN" ENERGY COMPANY TOO

## Weeding Out Waste and Fraud at Federal Agencies

By H. Sterling Burnett

"...Some recent inspector general reports from within various federal agencies show that the Trump administration is attempting to weed out abuse, fraud, and waste in government programs.

....A second report, this one from the Department of Energy (DOE)'s I.G., found that in its push to commercialize the capture and storage of carbon dioxide from coal-fired power plants, the Obama administration failed to exercise proper oversight over more than \$400 million it gave to a now bankrupt Texas company. This was a case of incompetence rather than malfeasance.

Summit Texas Clean Energy (Summit) partnered with DOE on the Texas Clean Energy Project, which promised to capture 2 million tons of carbon dioxide per year from a coal plant, or 90 percent of its annual emissions, and bury them underground. The project never became operational.

Because the project was continually beset with delays and Summit proved unable to attract private financing to finish it, the Energy Department stopped supporting the deal in June 2016, but not before it spent approximately \$450 million in taxpayer money. Summit filed for bankruptcy in October 2017.

The I.G. report noted that under the terms of the project, DOE was supposed to obtain invoices from Summit prior to allowing expenses or reimbursing the company, but the I.G. found that DOE had approved more than \$38 million in reimbursements without receiving proper documentation. Among the expenses the IG deemed "potentially unallowable" were bills sent by Summit to DOE for more than \$1.2 million in lobbying costs and \$1.3 million in "questionable or prohibited" travel-related expenses.

Under federal law, companies partnering with the federal government are disallowed from charging the government for their lobbying activities. The travel-related expenses included more than \$650,000 paid to a consultant for Summit, which the consultant spent on items such as a spa service, alcohol, first-class travel, limousine services, receipts in foreign currency, and business meals.

The I.G. said the Energy Department under the Obama administration was to blame for these prohibited expenses being reimbursed because it had not implemented required "invoice review controls" and that "[the Office of] Fossil Energy had not always exercised sound project and financial management practices in its oversight of the project." That's the understatement of the year!

One lesson to draw from these two cases is that government regulatory agencies are just too big for Congress or even their own auditors to exercise proper oversight. Because bureaucrats aren't held accountable when they undertake illegal activities or exercise inept financial controls, they play fast and loose with taxpayers' money, resulting in poor program results and squandered resources.

It's good to see the Trump administration attempting to rein in out-of-control agency officials. However, I believe that to really have a far-reaching effect, punishment for such activities must ensue. Only when bureaucrats lose their jobs and pensions or spend some time behind bars for their malfeasance will they take seriously their charge to serve the public and spend taxpayers' dollars wisely.

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## Taxpayer Funded Chevy Volt Costs Taxpayers Up to \$250K Per Vehicle And Now It Is Gone. Chevy Grabs Govt Cash Then Kills Car.

**Analyst: 'This might be the most government-supported car since the Trabant or the Tesla'**

By Tom Gantert  |

(Editorâ s note: This article has been updated with a reaction from a General Motor's official.)

Each Chevy Volt sold thus far may have as much as \$250,000 in state and federal dollars in incentives behind it â a total of \$3 billion altogether, according to an analysis by James Hohman, assistant director of fiscal policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Hohman looked at total state and federal assistance offered for the development and production of the Chevy Volt, General Motorsâ plug-in hybrid electric vehicle. His analysis included 18 government deals that included loans, rebates, grants and tax credits. The amount of government assistance does not include the fact that General Motors is currently 26 percent owned by the federal government.

The Volt subsidies flow through multiple companies involved in production. The analysis includes adding up the amount of government subsidies via tax credits and direct funding for not only General Motors, but other companies supplying parts for the vehicle. For example, the Department of Energy awarded a \$105.9 million grant to the GM Brownstown plant that assembles the batteries. The company was also awarded approximately \$106 million for its Hamtramck assembly plant in state credits to retain jobs. The company that supplies the Voltâ s batteries, Compact Power, was awarded up to \$100 million in refundable battery credits (combination tax breaks and cash subsidies). These are among many of the subsidies and tax credits for the vehicle.

Itâ s unlikely that all the companies involved in Volt production will ever receive all the \$3 billion in incentives, Hohman said, because many of them are linked to meeting various employment and other milestones. But the analysis looks at the total value that has been offered to the Volt in different aspects of production â from the assembly line to the dealerships to the battery manufacturers. Some tax credits and subsidies are offered for periods up to 20 years, though most have a much shorter time frame.

GM has estimated theyâ ve sold 6,000 Volts so far. That would mean each of the 6,000 Volts sold would be subsidized between \$50,000 and \$250,000, depending on how many government subsidy milestones are realized.

If those manufacturers awarded incentives to produce batteries the Volt may use are included in the analysis, the potential government subsidy per Volt increases to \$256,824. For example, A123 Systems has received extensive state and federal support, and bid to be a supplier to the Volt, but the deal instead went to Compact Power. The \$256,824 figure includes adding up the subsidies to both companies.

The \$3 billion total subsidy figure includes \$690.4 million offered by the state of Michigan and \$2.3 billion in federal money. Thatâ s enough to purchase 75,222 Volts with a sticker price of \$39,828.

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Additional state and local support provided to Volt suppliers was not included in the analysis, Hohman said, and could increase the level of government aid. For instance, the Volt is being assembled at the Poletown plant in Detroit/Hamtramck, which was built on land acquired by General Motors through eminent domain.

â It just goes to show there are certain folks that will spend anything to get their vision of what people should do,â said State Representative Tom McMillin, R-Rochester Hills. â Itâ s a glaring example of the failure of central planning trying to force citizens to purchase something they may not want. â ! They should let the free market make those decisions.â

â This might be the most government-supported car since the Trabant,â said Hohman, referring to the car produced by the former Communist state of East Germany.

According to GM CEO Dan Akerson, the average Volt owner makes \$170,000 per year.

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## **The Biggest Corruption Scam Ever: Silicon Valley Dark Funds!**

By Carrie Lee

This is a tip-sheet to the FBI, The SEC and the U.S. Congress. Let's see how long it is before they do anything about this:

Keiner Perkins, Draper Fisher, Greylock, and a host of "venture capital" firms in Silicon Valley, partner with Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank to rig election "Dark Funds". They use tricky giant law firms: Covington & Burling, Wilson Sonsini, MoFo, Perkins Coie and their brethren, to operate the schemes.

Dark Funds are when a group of fund managers get together with a candidate's management staff (ie: The Podesta's or David Plouffe's of the world) and give that candidate a list of orders.

Those marching orders are calculated to make nearly a trillion dollars of profits for the VC's if their candidate pulls the levers in their crony rat cage, as directed by the Vinod Khosla, John Doerr or Steve Jurvetson-type that is running the scam.

They did this with Harry Reid, Jerry Brown, Kamala Harris, Nancy Pelosi, Dianne Feinstein and other politicians.

It is a criminal endeavor!

Bigger venture funds, pension funds, CALPers, Saudi's, Russian billionaires commit to giving Keiner Perkins, Draper Fisher, Greylock, etc, a guarantee to fund the candidate's campaign via Dark Money. "Dark Money" and "Dark Funds" are two different things.

Dark Money is the way they sneak money around under different kinds of stealth facades. Dark Funds are the venture capital payola schemes that payback the crooked investors.

Dark Funds managers invest in the candidate's crooked nature. They are betting that solar panels or lithium ion batteries will suddenly become a "big thing" because they told their owned candidates to make them a "big thing". Of course Keiner Perkins, Draper Fisher, Greylock, etc had previously monopolized the market for such goods. Keiner Perkins, Draper Fisher, Greylock, etc. sabotage any outsider who competes with the designated goods, along with ordering the candidates they own to blockade those competitors.

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## The CIA Democrats

DNC FINANCIER ELON MUSK EMPLOYS A HUGE NUMBER OF CIA AND IN-Q-TEL EX STAFF.

DNC FINANCIER GOOGLE EMPLOYS A HUGE NUMBER OF CIA AND IN-Q-TEL EX STAFF AND MANAGES AND EXCHANGES FUNDS WITH IN-Q-TEL.

ALL OF THE DNC DIRTY TRICKS POLITICAL TACTICS ARE BASED OFF OF CIA MANUALS.

WHY IS THE DNC SO ALL ABOUT THE CIA?

### Part one

By Patrick Martin

*This is the first part of a three-part article.*

An extraordinary number of former intelligence and military operatives from the CIA, Pentagon, National Security Council and State Department are seeking nomination as Democratic candidates for Congress in the 2018 midterm elections. The potential influx of military-intelligence personnel into the legislature has no precedent in US political history.

If the Democrats capture a majority in the House of Representatives on November 6, as widely predicted, candidates drawn from the military-intelligence apparatus will comprise as many as half of the new Democratic members of Congress. They will hold the balance of power in the lower chamber of Congress.

Both push and pull are at work here. Democratic Party leaders are actively recruiting candidates with a military or intelligence background for competitive seats where there is the best chance of ousting an incumbent Republican or filling a vacancy, frequently clearing the field for a favored â starâ recruit.

A case in point is Elissa Slotkin, a former CIA operative with three tours in Iraq, who worked as Iraq director for the National Security Council in the Obama White House and as a top aide to John Negroponte, the first director of national intelligence. After her deep involvement in US war crimes in Iraq, Slotkin moved to the Pentagon, where, as a principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, her areas of responsibility included drone warfare, â homeland defenseâ and cyber warfare.

Elissa Slotkin

The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) has designated Slotkin as one of its top candidates, part of the so-called â Red to Blueâ program targeting the most vulnerable Republican-held seatsâ in this case, the Eighth Congressional District of Michigan, which includes Lansing and Brighton. The House seat for the district is now held by two-term Republican Representative Mike Bishop.

The Democratic leaders are promoting CIA agents and Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans. At the same time, such people are choosing the Democratic Party as their preferred political vehicle. There are far more former spies and soldiers seeking the nomination of the Democratic Party than of the Republican Party. There are so many that there is a subset of Democratic primary campaigns that, with a nod to *Mad* magazine, one might call â spy vs. spy.â

The 23rd Congressional District in Texas, which includes a vast swathe of the US-Mexico border along the Rio Grande, features a contest for the Democratic nomination between Gina Ortiz Jones, an Air Force intelligence officer in Iraq, who subsequently served as an adviser for US interventions in South Sudan and

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Libya, and Jay Hulings. The latterâ s website describes him as a former national security aide on Capitol Hill and federal prosecutor, whose father and mother were both career undercover CIA agents. The incumbent Republican congressman, Will Hurd, is himself a former CIA agent, so any voter in that district will have his or her choice of intelligence agency loyalists in both the Democratic primary and the general election.

CNNâ s â State of the Unionâ program on March 4 included a profile of Jones as one of many female candidates seeking nomination as a Democrat in Tuesdayâ s primary in Texas. The network described her discreetly as a â career civil servant.â However, the Jones for Congress website positively shouts about her role as a spy, noting that after graduating from college, â Gina entered the US Air Force as an intelligence officer, where she deployed to Iraq and served under the US militaryâ s â Donâ t Ask, Donâ t Tellâ policyâ (the last phrase signaling to those interested in such matters that Jones is gay).

According to her campaign biography, Ortiz Jones was subsequently detailed to a position as â senior advisor for trade enforcement,â a post President Obama created by executive order in 2012. She would later be invited to serve as a director for investment at the Office of the US Trade Representative, where she led the portfolio that reviewed foreign investments to ensure they did not pose national security risks. With that background, if she fails to win election, she can surely enlist in the trade war efforts of the Trump administration.

### **How this article was prepared**

The House of Representatives is currently controlled by the Republicans, with a majority of 238 compared to 193 Democrats. There are four vacancies, one previously held by the Democrats. To reach a majority of 218 seats in the next Congress, the Democrats must have a net gain of 24 seats.

The DCCC has designated 102 seats as priority or competitive, including 22 seats where the incumbents are not running again (five Democrats and 17 Republicans), and 80 seats where Republican incumbents could be defeated for reelection in the event that polls predicting a sizeable swing to the Democrats in November prove accurate.

The *World Socialist Web Site* has reviewed Federal Election Commission reports filed by all the Democratic candidates in these 102 competitive districts, focusing on those candidates who reported by the latest filing date, December 31, 2017, that they had raised at least \$100,000 for their campaigns, giving them a financial war chest sufficient to run in a competitive primary contest. In addition, there are a few cases where a candidate had less than the \$100,000 cutoff, but was unchallenged for the nomination, or where last-minute retirement or resignation has led to late entry of high-profile candidates without an FEC report on file. These have also been included.

The total of such candidates for the Democratic nomination in the 102 districts is 219. Each has a website that gives biographical details, which we have collected and reviewed for this report. It is notable that those candidates with a record in the military-intelligence apparatus, as well as civilian work for the State Department, Pentagon or National Security Council, do not hide their involvement, particularly in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. They clearly regard working as a CIA agent in Baghdad, an Army special ops assassin in Afghanistan, or a planner for drone missile warfare in the White House or Pentagon as a star on their rÃ©sumÃ©, rather than something to conceal.

One quarter of all the Democratic challengers in competitive House districts have military-intelligence, State Department or NSC backgrounds. This is by far the largest subcategory of Democratic candidates. National security operatives (57) outnumber state and local government officials (45), lawyers (34), corporate executives, businessmen and wealthy individuals (30) and other professionals (18) among the candidates for Democratic congressional nominations.



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Of the 102 primary elections to choose the Democratic nominees in these competitive districts, 44 involve candidates with a military-intelligence or State Department background, with 11 districts having two such candidates, and one district having three. In the majority of contests, the military-intelligence candidates seem likely to win the Democratic nomination, and, if the Democrats win in the general election, would enter Congress as new members of the House of Representatives.

There are some regional differences. In the Northeast, 21 of the 31 seats targeted by the Democrats have military-intelligence candidates. This area, not the South or Midwest, has the highest proportion of military-intelligence candidates seeking Democratic nominations.

In the West, only 7 of the 23 targeted seats have military-intelligence candidates, while in a half dozen seats the leading candidates are self-funded millionaires, mainly from the IT industry. There has been a wave of Republican retirements in California and wealthy people are bidding for these seats.

The military-intelligence candidates are disproportionately favored by the party apparatus, encouraged to run in districts that are the most likely takeover targets. Military-intelligence candidates account for 10 of the 22 districts selected for the most high-profile attention as part of the â red-to-blueâ program, or nearly half. In some cases, military-intelligence candidates have amassed huge campaign war chests that effectively shut out any potential rivals, an indication that the financial backers of the Democratic Party have lined up behind them.

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## **Dept. of Energyâ s Steven Chu: Not As Dumb As He Says!**

By Randall Evers

The massive number of horrific corruption incidents, payola, company failures, uranium and lithium mining scandals and crony kickbacks that occurred under the leadership of Secretary of Energy Steven Chu has been called â *The accidents of a feeble mind* . Chuâ s backerâ s claim that he was â *...just too technical to notice all of the corruption around him...*â

That is just a load of BS!

Steven Chu planned and organized the crimes that he was involved in.

### **Secretary of Energy Steven Chu - 10 Most Wanted**

"The final decisions on Solyndra were mine," said Secretary of Energy **Steven Chu** in his testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Oversight Committee on ...

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Prior to "appointment", meeting notes, presentation records and emails show that **Steven Chu** had a deep relationship with McKinsey and Kleiner Perkins, who ...

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Dr. **Steven Chu** served as the Secretary of Energy from January 21, 2009, to April 22, 2013. Dr. **Chu** was charged with helping implement President Obama's ambitious ...

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## **The Deep States Desperate Attempt To Hide Barack Obamas Secret Emails At All Cost**

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**Yes, the Deep State wanted to protect Hillary Clinton, but that protection was primarily motivated by its overwhelming desire to shield the Obama Machine, including Barack Obama and Valerie Jarrett. Here is an exchange during the recent James Comey congressional testimony that confirms this fact. Note how Mr. Comey admits he knew of both private emails being used by Mrs. Clinton and Barack Obama while one was Secretary of State and the other President of the United States. Two secret emails. (Obama used a pseudonym for his email account and also lied publicly about having knowledge of Clintonâ s even though he emailed her multiple times.) Why has the Establishment Media (and most politicians) said almost nothing about Obamaâ s secret email account? Because the Deep State has ordered them not to. Imagine what those secret Obama emails might uncover. Oh, just imagineâ ;**

President Obama were communicating via email through an unsecure, unclassified server?

Mr. Comey. Yes, they were between her Clinton email.com account and his -- I don't know where his account, his unclassified account, was maintained. So I'm sorry. So, yes, there were communications unclassified between two accounts, hers and then his cover account.

Mr. Ratcliffe. Yes. And by "cover account" are you referring to the fact that President Obama emailed Secretary Clinton using a pseudonym?

Mr. Comey. Yes. I don't remember what it was, but it wasn't Barack Obama at such and such.

Mr. Ratcliffe. But the communication was to her Clinton email.com address, not a State.gov address?

Mr. Comey. That's right. The only reason I hesitate is I don't know whether I ever saw him taking the initiative of emailing her or just replying to an email she sent and that that Clinton email.com address, my recollection is, wouldn't necessarily be visible in the body of the email, but it would definitely go to that Clinton email.com email address.

Mr. Ratcliffe. Did your review of these emails or the content of these emails impact your decision to edit out a reference to President Obama in your July 5th, 2016, press conference remarks?

Mr. Comey. I don't recall as I sit here.

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The secret Obama emails are out there somewhere. The media has said nothing. Lawmakers have said (almost) nothing. And the Deep State, well the Deep State has allowed just enough â get Hillary Clintonâ distraction to then use that time to likely bury those emails deep-deep-deep from any potential prying eyes. Why are former high-ranking Deep State officials like Clapper and Brennan so openly and aggressively attacking President Trump? Because POTUS Trump is the single greatest threat to getting to Barack Obama and the entirety of the Obama Machine, including Valerie Jarrett. That same Obama Machine is slated to make BILLIONS in the coming years via media licensing, foreign â investmentâ , kickbacks, etc., and there are a great many hands waiting to get their fair share of that multi-billions pie.

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# The Energy Loan Guarantee Program is Worth Reforming

Philip Rossetti

## Executive Summary

- The Loan Programs Office (LPO) was created under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to create a source of capital for early stage energy technologies that may struggle to attract loans. The program was designed to pay for itself by having applicants pay for their expected subsidy.
- After its creation, the Obama Administration expanded LPO by funding the expected subsidy costs of LPO loan guarantees via federal appropriations. As some high profile projects such as Solyndra failed, the economic stimulus rationale for the program was proven to be faulty, and some have called to end LPO altogether.
- The program still offers value in accelerating the deployment of innovative energy technologies, and it is worth reforming. A comprehensive pro-innovation energy policy should pare back existing late-stage renewable energy subsidies and use that revenue to turn LPO into a more transparent and competitive program that could better attract applicants. Absent reform, LPO would remain a revenue-neutral or revenue-positive loan guarantee program with few applicants.

## Introduction

The Loan Programs Office (LPO) is an obscure federal agency within the Department of Energy (DOE), but many people have heard of one of its biggest failures: Solyndra. Solyndra was a solar panel manufacturer that was meant to be the exemplar for the Obama Administrationâ s 2009 economic stimulus package. â We can see the positive impacts right here at Solyndraâ !Before the Recovery Act, we could build just 5 percent of the worldâ s solar panels. In the next few years, weâ re going to double our share to more than 10 percent,â said President Obama in May of 2010. Not long after President Obama said this, Solyndra went bankrupt.

Solyndra epitomized much that was wrong with President Obamaâ s â green jobsâ strategy for growth: Companies that are supported by taxpayer funds to satisfy a policy objective are not as efficient as companies that succeed in the market without support. Ever since Solyndra, conservatives have frequently called for the elimination of LPO. To be sure, the office has significant flaws and is open to abuse. But Solyndra has been a distraction from a deeper truth about LPO: There is an appropriate role for the government to play in supporting energy and environmental innovation.

Reforming LPO to play this roleâ and not to be some sort of economic stimulus programâ would require several discrete reforms as well as broader reforms to other federal energy policies. Such reforms would not prevent another Solyndra, exactlyâ the government would still support risky ventures that could fail, as supporting ventures too risky for the private sector is the pointâ but they would focus the program around a specific mission while increasing the possibility of successfully supporting breakthrough technologies at a lower risk to taxpayers.



## What is the Loan Programs Office?

The DOEâ s LPO began under Title 17 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), which created a governmental program to offer loan guarantees with the express objective of reducing pollution, and specifically greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. The program predominantly supports cutting-edge innovations in electricity production: Under Title 17 regulations, only new technologies with fewer than three commercial implementations are eligible for a loan guarantee.

The rationale behind LPO was that the private sector has little economic incentive to pursue clean energy innovation on its own, creating a market failure as there is no market incentive to address the externalities of pollution. Several factors underscore this reality. Electricity production is extremely capital intensiveâ it costs a lot up-front to build a generation facilityâ which creates considerable exposure in a capital lenderâ s portfolio. Furthermore, determining whether a new technology will work as intended requires significant engineering expertise, so the due diligence required for an innovative electricity generating technology is much greater than that for other technologies. Simply, because electricity is a commodity, a private sector lender is afforded little-to-no advantage for supporting an innovative electricity generating technology over a commercially proven incumbent technology, and Title 17 loan guarantees are intended to relieve the private sector of some of the costs (particularly due diligence) and risks associated with them.

The LPO initially issued loan guarantees with little government money, instead recouping the risk and costs through various fees. Conventionally, a loan guarantee is effectively a subsidy because it moves the risk of the loan from the private sector to the taxpayers, allowing for more favorable rates. In the case of LPOâ s Title 17 loans, however, the loan guarantee applicant pays for this subsidy through a fee equal to the â credit subsidy cost (CSC),â or estimated total cost to the federal government (called a credit subsidy fee). Fees of \$100,000 to \$350,000 are also paid for the due-diligence that LPO performs, in addition to a \$50,000 application fee. In other words, a loan applicant must pay \$150,000 to \$400,000 worth of fees even before the CSC is calculated, and then the applicant must continue to pay for due diligence throughout the life of the loan. And these fees are on top of the interest that the applicant is already paying to the lender.

LPO was created to provide loan guarantees at virtually no cost to taxpayers. Not surprisingly, since Title 17 loans did not offer any subsidy, and the private sector had no incentive to pursue innovation that may not offer much reward for many years, the program struggled to attract applicants.

This all changed, however, during the Great Recession.

## The Mission Drift of LPO During the Recession

Shortly after President Obama took office, his administration and Congress sought to fund government programs to stimulate the economy, which was in the midst of a recession. As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), LPO received a hefty appropriation to cover the CSC of some applicants (these ARRA supported loan guarantees became known as section 1705 loans, which are different from the unsubsidized section 1703 loans where the CSC is not paid for by government), which turned the program into a substantial subsidy for innovation. This injection of money effectively added a prong to LPOâ s mission, turning it into an economic program as much as an environmental or innovation one. LPOâ s objectives dovetailed nicely with the Obama Administrationâ s stated goal of creating â green jobsâ as a panacea for both the recession and the environment. But this mission drift of the LPO revealed some big problems and created some others.

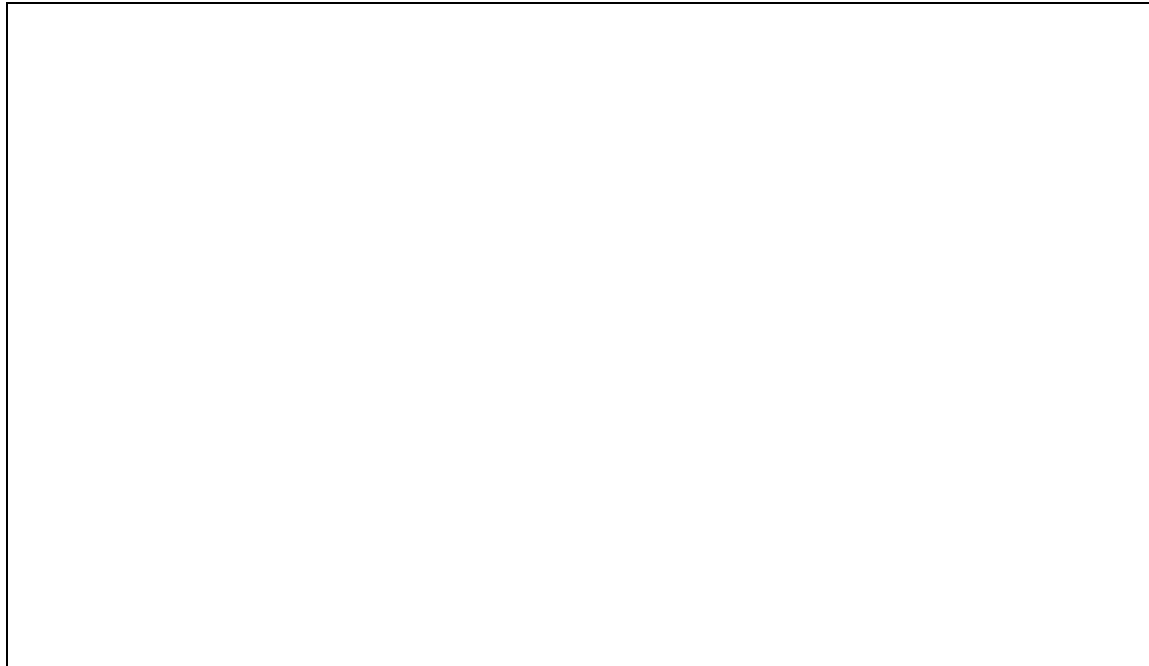
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One big problem was that the promise of economy-boosting â green jobsâ never materialized. For example, the solar-panel manufacturer Solana received a subsidized Title 17 loan guarantee for an amount of \$1.45 billion, but only expected to support 90 permanent jobs.

Another, potentially bigger problem was the influence of the administrationâ s policy priorities on what was originally an innovation-focused program. Documents released in 2011 showed that the Obama Administration was seeking information on specific projects to tout on the campaign trail. Vice President Joe Biden heralded Solyndra as â so importantâ to powering the world of tomorrowâ yet soon after Solyndra went bankrupt and defaulted on its government-guaranteed loans. The hopes for funded projects did not match economic realityâ and taxpayers ended up footing the bill.

The ARRA might have heightened the pressure for using LPO as an economic stimulus tool, but the potential for LPO to be repurposed for other policy issues was already present. The Secretary of Energy has an unduly large amount of authority in the acceptance or rejection of applicants (by statute). As a result, risky-but-popular projectsâ such as Solyndraâ might be accepted, or potentially innovative technologies that do not align with the administrationâ s priorities (or fear that they do not) could decline to apply.

To put in context LPOâ s place in government energy policy, below are the biggest consumers of government spending on what can be described as â clean energyâ or â innovationâ objectives. Included is basic and applied research conducted by the DOE, as well as development and the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (better known as ARPA-E), the Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Innovation Tax Credit (ITC), and budget authority for Title 17 loan guarantees (minus collected fees).



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Source: DOE Budget Requests, FY2009-FY2019.

What the chart above shows is that LPO was a huge (and ultimately not very successful) part of the governmentâ s innovation strategy as part of the ARRA, but since then has played very little role while the costs of the PTC and ITC continue to rise.

Why did LPO struggle to attract applicants or fill a gap in private sector financing? Put simply, with government money it created an artificial government preference for specific technologies, yet without any government money it is not attractive to many potential applicants. While LPO was originally intended to pursue innovative technologies as an environmental program, the government repurposed LPO to take tax money and fund the administrationâ s sanctioned projects as an economic stimulus that would only support a small number of jobs. The result was that LPO accomplished neither of its goals: It did not stimulate the economy, and it did not meet expectation as a major driver of innovation.

Since the ARRAâ s budget authority for covering CSCs has mostly ran out, the number of new Title 17 applicants for LPO has plummeted, and the Trump Administration has requested the elimination of LPO in its budget requests. But such a move ignores the potential benefits that a refocused LPO could have.

### **Restoring LPO as a Pro-Innovation Environmental Program**

Earlier this year, Chairwoman of the Senate Energy and Resources Committee [Lisa Murkowski said](#), â I donâ t want Title 17 programs eliminated. I want them reformed.â The senatorâ s statement reflected a view that is starting to take holdâ that LPO still has value to offer in seeding innovation. The same market dynamics that instigated LPO initially are even more pronounced today, as electricity demand has stagnated. Further, the political rationale for reducing GHG emissions remains strong.

LPO must return to its original mission of supporting environmental innovation. As an environmental program, LPO and its Title 17 program hold considerable potential (if reformed), but it cannot be part of any so-called â green jobsâ or other economic growth strategy. Government redistribution does not spur economic growth, and LPO is no exception to this rule: A government-directed environmental program will not directly boost the economy. Yet this fact does not mean that there is not a role for LPO, as the government has goals besides strengthening the economy. Politicians seek GHG reductions, and, as outlined above, existing technology in the market is unlikely to deliver them. There is therefore a role for a program that can provide capital to innovative technologies. LPO could be that invaluable environmental program.

The reasoning behind pursuing innovation as an environmental policy is premised on the projection that a future technology will be able to achieve better environmental outcomes at a lower cost than the technology available today. LPO could help to make such technology a reality. Other government programs show that government does have a valuable role to play in seeding innovation. The [National Labs](#), for example, have supported the development of such valuable technologies as lasers and directional drilling (which has facilitated the shale revolution in the natural gas industry). Reframing LPO as an environmental innovation program, and reforming it with that mission in mind, could make the program into a valuable success.

### **Key Reforms**

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Three major changes need to be made to LPO to focus it squarely on its primary mission of being an innovation program.

First, the potential for mission drift of LPO need to be minimized. It is antithetical to the goals of the Title 17 program to have a loan-guarantee program that is contingent upon the approval of the administration in power. Proper innovation policy should absolutely be as technology-neutral as possible, since any government preference could potentially prohibit or delay the commercialization of a technology that could be economically competitive.

Approval or disapproval of loan guarantees should therefore not be under the authority of the Secretary of Energy, but rather up to a commission or nonpartisan entity within DOE. Transitory policy issues should not affect LPO oversight and loan guarantee approval or disapproval, and decisions of approval or disapproval should be made purely on the technological potential of a project, its potential GHG reductions, and the ability to repay. There certainly is no way to insulate LPO completely from the oversight of political appointees, but these steps would help to insulate it from an administration using it as an electioneering tool.

Second, there needs to be more transparency in what an applicant can expect as a CSC fee. The CSC is a reflection of both technological and financial risk, and thus the ability of an applicant to repay. A low-risk loan guarantee will have a low CSC, and a high-risk one a higher CSC. Given the relatively low rate of default among Title 17 projects, one would expect the CSCs to be quite low, yet the Government Accountability Office notes that the expected appropriations under the ARRA to cover the CSCs (that is, section 1705 loan guarantees) were approximately 11.4 percent of the total loan guarantee volumesâ indicating a fairly high subsidy cost. And such high subsidy costs have continued: The estimated CSC for Vogtle, a major nuclear power plant supported by LPO loan guarantees, was \$1.6 billion, or about 20 percent of the loan guarantee amount (the CSC has since been zeroed out, as the project is in a regulated market with guaranteed cost recovery).

Considering that fees even before the credit subsidy fee can reach up to \$400,000, (not even counting the legal fees incurred in navigating the process) it seems unreasonable to expect that a company with an innovative technology would expend resources pursuing a loan that they know will be expensive and might not even be affordable. If applicants have a range of what CSC they can expect to pay if their project is accepted, it might increase the pool of applicants. LPO could set a maximum CSC that would be accepted, which would have the dual purpose of rejecting projects that would struggle to repay and let loan guarantee applicants know the maximum they could expect to pay in fees *before* they apply.

Third, the program needs to be more competitive, which requires spending money. Recall that the program is currently designed to cost taxpayers nothingâ but the result has been a program that struggles to attract applicants. To wit: The current remaining LPO loan guarantee authority (i.e. guarantees it is authorized to make, not money it is spending) is approximately \$40 billion, and the total volume of all Title 17 issued loan guarantees was approximately \$21 billion. (LPO authority can also be used for Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loans, which are not discussed in this piece).

LPO would function better if it were a prize-based system. In other words, the terms of the loan guarantees should be very attractive but only a few projects should then be supported. Such a structure would constrain the overall costs of the program by taking only the projects most likely to be truly innovative and commercially disruptive. LPO could implement such a reform to be more competitive by setting targets that are tied to specific awards. As an example, if a project were expected to achieve a certain threshold for emissions reductions via its â Life Cycle Assessmentâ of GHG impacts, it could have the credit subsidy fees waived (up to a certain value). Industry participants with specific needs could also offer to cover the credit subsidy fees of projects that promise to fulfill the requirements of contract (such as a power marketing agreement or manufacturing delivery), which may be an easier lift than providing capital directly. For

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example, the new renewable portfolio standards in California encourages electricity providers in that state to fund the commercialization of technology that can comply with new regulations.

Yet such competitiveness means companies are competing for something in particular: government funds. The current structure is expensive for those applying and doesnâ t offer enough benefits. Spending money means that the government is more likely to support innovations in clean energy production.

### **Reforming LPO Should Coincide with Other Energy Policy Reforms**

The above reforms to LPO, though, would mean little absent broader reforms to how both the federal government and state and local governments approach innovation and energy policy. Companies that receive LPO loan guarantees often can double-dip in other programs, discouraging any incentive to contain costs. For example, Vogtle has received \$8 billion of loan guarantees via LPO, but the state where the plant is being deployed, Georgia, is a cost-of-service marketâ meaning Vogtle can charge for power whatever it cost them to produce it. Because Vogtleâ s cost-recovery is guaranteed by captive ratepayers, and the risk associated with their debt is subsidized by LPO, the cost of the project does not matter to Vogtleâ s owners. The dynamics are similar when considering wind and solar projectsâ which make up most of LPOâ s Title 17 portfolioâ as they are supported beyond their loan guarantees with the ITC and PTC after commercialization.

The ability of projects to â double-dipâ for government support creates a poor incentive structure. The ITC and PTC (to take two problematic policies) create market-distorting incentives for particular technologies (solar and wind), which in turn affects the credit worthiness of particular loan-guarantee applicants. Such a distortion compromises the neutrality of the loan guarantee program.

Looking more broadly, any reforms of LPO should be done in light of the federal budget. As mentioned above, a vibrant Title 17 loan guarantee program will likely require federal funding to cover at least a portion of the CSC, but in the current deficit environment, an increased appropriation for energy innovation is difficult to accept. Reforming LPO, then, should be done in a revenue-neutral manner that pays for appropriations to LPO by cutting other energy subsidies.

Future tax credits for wind and solar via the Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Investment Tax Credit (ITC) are projected to cost more than \$60 billion over the next 10 years. Curtailing these would mostly be untenable, as much of the provisions are baked in and promised to existing projects that secured financing based on the subsidies. The Joint Committee on Taxation, however, estimated when scoring the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that ending the inflation provision of the PTC for *future* wind turbines would save \$12.3 billion. It should also be noted that subsidies for the oil and gas industry remain, such as the â excess of percentage over cost depletionâ credit which is estimated to cost \$6.4 billion over the next 10 years.

The significance of these cost estimates is that serious reforms to how the federal government treats energy and innovation policy could identify subsidies worthy of curtailing, and those revenues could fund reforms to LPO to turn it into a more attractive and competitive offering. Recall that GAO estimated that the CSC required for loan guarantees (in other words, the subsidy required), was around 11.4 percent. That means funding LPO reforms via ending the excess of percentage over cost depletion would allow for a loan guarantee authority of \$56 billion. Clearly, serious policy reforms that aim for a more technology-neutral and pro-innovation treatment of energy sources have opportunities for revenue-neutral reform that could hold taxpayers harmless.

## Conclusion

LPOâ s Title 17 loan program can, and should, play a greater role in the governmentâ s energy innovation policies, which even without LPO represent \$16.3 billion of spending in 2017. But the programâ s struggles in the past show the program is desperately in need of reform. The program needs to be redesigned to remove the unduly large amount of authority that political appointees have over accepting or rejecting applicants. There also needs to be a better value proposition for applicants; without any real incentive to direct their capital towards innovation in energy, investors will likely seek better returns elsewhere. Finally, the program needs a competitive process for approving applicants, which will increase the likelihood that companies with approved loan-guarantees will have higher economic value.

Merely reforming LPO, though, is not enough to fundamentally improve the U.S. governmentâ s energy innovation policies. The governmentâ s innovation policies interact in unhelpful ways, and it would be important to reform other energy and environmental policies at the same time as revamping LPO. Making existing tax incentives more neutral would also have the effect of making LPO more neutral, and would also provide more than enough revenue to the government to fund an LPO.

LPO should be reformed to focus it purely on supporting innovations in clean energy production. To be sure, the result could be, in a sense, more Solyndraâ funding innovation is risky, and some projects could fail. But the result could also be breakthrough technologies that transform how we produce power.

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## **The Media Stopped Reporting The Russia Collusion Story Because They Helped Create It**

The press has played an active role in the Trump-Russia collusion story since its inception. It helped birth it.

By Lee Smith

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Half the country wants to know why the press wonâ t cover the growing scandal now implicating the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Justice, and threatening to reach the State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, and perhaps even the Obama White House.

After all, the release last week of a less-redacted version of Sens. Charles Grassley and Lindsey Grahamâ s January 4 letter showed that the FBI secured a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act warrant to search the communications of a Trump campaign adviser based on a piece of opposition research paid for by the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee. The Fourth Amendment rights of an American citizen were violated to allow one political party to spy on another.

If the press did its job and reported the facts, the argument goes, then it wouldnâ t just be Republicans and Trump supporters demanding accountability and justice. Americans across the political spectrum would understand the nature and extent of the abuses and crimes touching not just on one political party and its presidential candidate but the rights of every American.

Thatâ s all true, but irrelevant. The reasons the press wonâ t cover the story are suggested in the Graham-Grassley letter itself.

### **Steele Was a Media Informant**

The letter details how Christopher Steele, the former British spy who allegedly authored the documents claiming ties between the Trump campaign and Russia, told the FBI he wasnâ t talking to the press about his investigation. In a British court, however, Steele acknowledged briefing several media organizations on the material in his dossier.

According to the British court documents, Steele briefed the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, Yahoo! News, *The New Yorker*, and CNN. In October, he talked to *Mother Jones* reporter David Corn by Skype. It was Cornâ s October 31 article anonymously sourced to Steele that alerted the FBI their informant was speaking to the press. Grassley and Graham referred Steele to the Department of Justice for a criminal investigation because he lied to the FBI.

The list of media outfits and journalists made aware of Steeleâ s investigations is extensive. Reuters reported that it, too, was briefed on the dossier, and while it refrained from reporting on it before the election, its national security reporter Mark Hosenball became an advocate of the dossierâ s findings after November 2016.

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BBCâ s Paul Wood wrote in January 2017 that he was briefed on the dossier a week before the election. *Newsweek*â s Kurt Eichenwald likely saw Steeleâ s work around the same time, because he published an article days before the election based on a â Western intelligenceâ source (i.e., Steele) who cited names and data points that could only come from the DNC- and Clinton-funded opposition research.

A line from the Grassley-Graham letter points to an even larger circle of media outfits that appear to have been in contact with either Steele or Fusion GPS, the Washington DC firm that contracted him for the opposition research the Clinton campaign and Democratic National Committee commissioned. â During the summer of 2016,â the Grassley-Graham letter reads, â reports of some of the dossier allegations began circulating among reporters and people involved in Russian issues.â

## Planting the Carter Page Story

Indeed, it looks like Steele and Fusion GPS founder Glenn Simpson may have persuaded a number of major foreign policy and national security writers in Washington and New York that Trump and his team were in league with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Those journalists include *New Yorker* editor David Remnick, *Atlantic* editor Jeffrey Goldberg, former *New Republic* editor Franklin Foer, and *Washington Post* columnist Anne Applebaum.

A Foer story published in Slate on July 4, 2016 appears to be central. Titled â Putinâ s Puppet,â Foerâ s piece argues the Trump campaign was overly Russia-friendly. Foer discusses Trumpâ s team, including campaign convention manager Paul Manafort, who worked with former Ukrainian president Victor Yanukovich, a Putin ally; and Carter Page, who, Foer wrote, â advised the state-controlled natural gas giant Gazprom and helped it attract Western investors.â

Thatâ s how Page described himself in a March 2016 *Bloomberg* interview. But as Julia Ioffe reported in a September 23, 2016 *Politico* article, Page was a mid-level executive at Merrill Lynch in Moscow who played no role in any of the big deals he boasted about. As Ioffe shows, almost no one in Moscow remembered Page. Until Trump read his name off a piece of paper handed to him during a March interview with the *Washington Post*, almost no one in the Washington foreign policy world had heard of Page either.

So what got Foer interested in Page? Were Steele and Simpson already briefing reporters on their opposition research into the Trump campaign? (Another Foer story for Slate, an October 31, 2016 article about the Trump organizationâ s computer servers â pingingâ a Russian bank, was reportedly â pushedâ to him by Fusion GPS.) Page and Manafort are the protagonists of the Steele dossier, the former one of the latterâ s intermediaries with Russian officials and associates of Putin. Pageâ s July 7 speech in Moscow attracted wide U.S. media coverage, but Foerâ s article published several days earlier.

The Slate article, then, looks like the predicate for allegations against Page made in the dossier after his July Russia trip. For instance, according to Steeleâ s investigations, Page was offered a 19 percent stake in Rosneft, one of the worldâ s energy giants, in exchange for help repealing sanctions related to Russiaâ s 2014 incursion into Ukraine.

## Building an Echo Chamber of Opposition Research

Many have noted the absurdity that the FISA warrant on Page was chiefly based, according to a House intelligence committee memo, on the dossier and Michael Isikoffâ s September 23, 2016 news story also based on the dossier. But much of the Russiagate campaign was conducted in this circular manner. Steele and Simpson built an echo chamber with their opposition research, parts of the law enforcement and intelligence communities, and the press all reinforcing one another. Plant an item in the open air and watch it growâ like



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Pageâ s role in the Trump campaign.

Why else was Foer or anyone so interested in Page? Why was Pageâ s Moscow speech so closely watched and widely covered? According to the Washington Post, Page â chidedâ American policymakers for an â often-hypocritical focus on democratization, inequality, corruption and regime changeâ in its dealings with Russia, China, and Central Asia.

As peculiar as it may have sounded for a graduate of the Naval Academy to cast a skeptical eye on American exceptionalism, Pageâ s speech could hardly have struck the policy establishment as shocking, or even novel. Theyâ d been hearing versions of it for the last eight years from the president of the United States.

In President Obamaâ s first speech before the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), on September 23, 2009, he insisted that no country, least of all America, has the right to tell other countries how to organize their political lives. â Democracy cannot be imposed on any nation from the outside,â said Obama. â Each society must search for its own path, and no path is perfect. Each country will pursue a path rooted in the culture of its people and in its past traditions.â

Obama sounded even more wary of American leadership on his way out of office eight years later. In his 2016 UNGA speech, the 2009 Nobel laureate said: â I do not think that America can â or should â impose our system of government on other countries.â Obama was addressing not just foreign nations but perhaps more pointedly his domestic political rivals.

In 2008 Obama campaigned against the Iraq War and the Republican policymakers who toppled Saddam Hussein to remake Iraq as a democracy. All during his presidency, Obama rebuffed critics who petitioned the administration to send arms or troops to advance U.S. interests and values abroad, most notably in Ukraine and Syria.

In 2016, it was Trump who ran against the Republican foreign policy establishmentâ which is why hundreds of GOP policymakers and foreign policy intellectuals signed two letters distancing themselves from the partyâ s candidate. The thin Republican bench of foreign policy experts available to Trump is a big reason why he named the virtually unknown Page to his team. So why was it any surprise that Page sounded like the Republican candidate, who sounded like the Democratic president?

## **Why Didnâ t the Left Like Obamaâ s Ideas from a Republican?**

On the Right, many national security and foreign policy writers like me heard and were worried by the clear echoes of Obamaâ s policies in the Trump campaignâ s proposals. Did those writing from the left side of the political spectrum not see the continuities?

Writing in the *Washington Post* July 21, 2016, Applebaum explained how a â Trump presidency could destabilize Europe.â The issue, she explained, was Trumpâ s positive attitude toward Putin. â The extent of the Trump-Russia business connection has already been laid out, by Franklin Foer at *Slate*,â wrote Applebaum. She named Page and his â long-standing connections to Russian companies.â

Did Applebaumâ s talking points come from Steeleâ s opposition research?

Even more suggestive to Applebaum is that just a few days before her article was published, â Trumpâ s campaign team helped alter the Republican party platform to remove support for Ukraineâ from the Republican National Committeeâ s platform. Maybe, she hinted, that was because of Trump aide Manafortâ s ties to Yanukovich.

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Did those talking points come from Steeleâ s opposition research? Manafortâ s relationship with Yanukovich had been widely reported in the U.S. press long before he signed on with the Trump campaign. In fact, in 2007 Glenn Simpson was one of the first to write about their shady dealings while he was still working at the *Wall Street Journal*. The corrupt nature of the Manafort-Yanukovich relationship is an important part of the dossier. So is the claim that in exchange for Russia releasing the DNC emails, â the TRUMP team had agreed to sideline Russian intervention in Ukraine as a campaign issue.â

The reality, however, is that the Trump campaign team never removed support for Ukraine from the party platform. In a March 18, 2017 Washington Examiner article, Byron York interviewed the convention delegate who pushed for tougher language on Russia, and got it.

â In the end, the platform, already fairly strong on the Russia-Ukraine issue,â wrote York, â was strengthened, not weakened.â Maybe Applebaum just picked it up from her own paperâ s mis-reporting.

For Applebaum, it was hard to understand why Trump would express skepticism about the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, except to appease Putin. She referred to a recent interview in which Trump â cast doubt on the fundamental basis of transatlantic stability, NATOâ s Article 5 guarantee: If Russia invades, he said, heâ d have to think first before defending U.S. allies.â

## The Echoes Pick Up

In an article published the very same day in the *Atlantic*, Jeffrey Goldberg made many of the very same observations. Titled â Itâ s Official: Hillary Clinton is Running Against Vladimir Putin,â the article opens: â The Republican nominee for president, Donald J. Trump, has chosen this week to unmask himself as a de facto agent of Russian President Vladimir Putin.â What was the evidence? Well, for one, Pageâ s business interests.

Trumpâ s expressed admiration for Putin and other â equivocating, mercenary statements,â wrote Goldberg, are â unprecedented in the history of Republican foreign policymaking.â However, insofar as Trumpâ s fundamental aim was to find some common ground with Putin, itâ s a goal that, for better or worse, has been a 25-year U.S. policy constant, across party lines. Starting with George W.H. Bush, every American commander-in-chief since the end of the Cold War sought to â resetâ relations with Russia.

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But Trump, according to Goldberg, was different. â Trumpâ s understanding of Americaâ s role in the world aligns with Russiaâ s geostrategic interests.â Here Goldberg rang the same bells as Applebaumâ the Trump campaign â watered downâ the RNCâ s platform on Ukraine; the GOP nominee â questioned whether the U.S., under his leadership, would keep its [NATO] commitments,â including Article 5. Thus, Goldberg concluded: â Donald Trump, should he be elected president, would bring an end to the postwar international order.â

That last bit sounds very bad. Coincidentally, itâ s similar to a claim made in the very first paragraph of the Steele dossier â the â Russian regime,â claims one of Steeleâ s unnamed sources, has been cultivating Trump to â encourage splits and divisions in the western alliance.â

The West won the Cold War because the United States kept it unified. David Remnick saw it up close. Assigned to the *Washington Post*â s Moscow bureau in 1988, Remnick witnessed the end of the Soviet Union, which he documented in his award-winning book, â *Leninâ s Tomb*.â So itâ s hardly surprising that in his August 3, 2016 New Yorker article, â Trump and Putin: A Love Story,â Remnick

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sounded alarms concerning the Republican presidential candidateâ s manifest affection for the Russian president.

Citing the â original reportingâ of Foerâ s seminal Slate article, the *New Yorker* editor contended â that one reason for Trumpâ s attitude has to do with his business ambitions.â As Remnick elaborated, â one of Trumpâ s foreign-policy advisers, has longstanding ties to Gazprom, a pillar of Russiaâ s energy industry.â Who could that be? Rightâ Carter Page. With Applebaum and Goldberg, Remnick was worried about Trumpâ s lack of support for Ukraine and the fact that Trump â has declared *NATO* â obsoleteâ and has suggested that he might do away with Article 5.â

## Where Did All These Echoes Come From?

This brings us to the fundamental question: Is it possible that these top national security and foreign policy journalists were focused on something else during Obamaâ s two terms in office, something that had nothing to do with foreign policy or national security? It seems we must even entertain the possibility they slept for eight years because nearly everything that frightened them about the prospects of a Trump presidency had already transpired under Obama.

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The Trump team wanted to stop short of having the RNC platform promise lethal support to Ukraineâ which was in keeping with official U.S. policy. Obama didnâ t want to arm the Ukrainians. He ignored numerous congressional efforts to get him to change his mind. â There has been a strong bipartisan well of support for quite some time for providing lethal support,â said California Rep. Adam Schiff. But Obama refused.

As for the western alliance or international order or however you want to put it, it was under the Obama administration that Russia set up shop on NATOâ s southern border. With the Syrian conflict, Moscow re-established its foothold in the Middle East after 40 years of American policy designed to keep it from meddling in U.S. spheres of influence. Under Obama, Russiaâ s enhanced regional position threatened three U.S. allies: Israel, Jordan, and NATO member Turkey.

In 2012, Moscowâ s Syrian client brought down a Turkish air force reconnaissance plane. According to a 2013 *Wall Street Journal* article, â Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan raised alarms in the U.S. by suggesting that Turkey might invoke NATOâ s Article V.â However, according to the *Journal*, â neither the U.S. nor NATO was interested in rushing to Article Vâ ! NATO was so wary of getting pulled into Syria that top alliance officials balked at even contingency planning for an intervention force to protect Syrian civilians. â For better or worse, [Syrian president Bashar al- Assad] feels he can count on NATO not to intervene right now,â a senior Western official said.â

Whatever one thinks of Obamaâ s foreign policy, it is hardly arguable that heâ wisely, cautiously, in the most educated and creative ways, or unwisely, stupidly, cravenly, the choice of adjectives is yoursâ ceded American interests and those of key allies in Europe and the Middle East in an effort to avoid conflict with Russia.

When Russia occupied Crimea and the eastern portion of Ukraine, there was little pushback from the White House. The Obama administration blinked even when Putinâ s escalation of forces in Syria sent millions more refugees fleeing abroad, including Europe.

## Was Anyone Paying Attention When This Happened?

Surely it couldnâ t have escaped Applebaumâ s notice that Obamaâ s posture toward Russia made Europe vulnerable. Sheâ s a specialist in Europe and Russiaâ sheâ s written books on both. Her husband is the former foreign minister of Poland. So how, after eight years of Obamaâ s appeasement of a Russia that threatened to withhold natural gas supplies from the continent, did the Trump team pose a unique threat to European stability?

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What about Goldberg? Is it possible that heâ d never bothered to research the foreign policy priorities of a president he interviewed five times between 2008 and 2016? In the last interview, from March 2016, Obama told him he was â very proudâ of the moment in 2013 when he declined to attack Assad for deploying chemical weapons. As Obama put it, thatâ s when he broke with the â Washington playbook.â He chose diplomacy instead. He made a deal with Russia over Assadâ s conventional arsenalâ which Syria continued to use against civilians throughout Obamaâ s term.

Again, regardless of how you feel about Obamaâ s decisions, the fact is that he struck an agreement with Moscow that ensured the continued reign of its Syrian ally, who gassed little children. Yet only four months later, Goldberg worried that a Trump presidency would â liberate dictators, first and foremost his ally Vladimir Putin, to advance their own interests.â

Remnick wrote a 2010 biography of Obama, but did he, too, pay no attention to the policies of the man he interviewed frequently over nearly a decade? How is this possible? Did some of Americaâ s top journalists really sleepwalk through Obamaâ s two terms in office, only to wake in 2016 and find Donald Trump and his campaign becoming dangerously cozy with a historical American adversary?

## Allâ s Fair in War and Politics

Of course not. They enlisted their bylines in a political campaign on behalf of the Democratic candidate for president and rehearsed the talking points Steele later documented. But werenâ t the authors of these articles, big-name journalists, embarrassed to be seen reading from a single script and publishing the same article with similar titles within the space of two weeks? Werenâ t they worried it would look like they were taking opposition research, from the same source?

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No, not really. In a sense, these stories werenâ t actually meant to be read. They existed for the purpose of validating the ensuing social media messaging. The stories were written around the headlines, which were written for Twitter: â Putinâ s Puppetâ ; â Itâ s Official: Hillary Clinton is Running Against Vladimir Putinâ ; â Trump and Putin: A Love Storyâ ; â The Kremlinâ s Candidate.â The stories were vessels built only to launch thousands of 140-character salvos to then sink into the memory hole.

Since everyone took Clintonâ s victory for granted, journalists assumed extravagant claims alleging an American presidential candidateâ s illicit ties to an adversarial power would fade just as the fireworks punctuating Hillaryâ s acceptance speech would vanish in the cool November evening. And the sooner the stories were forgotten the better, since they frankly sounded kooky, conspiratorial, as if the heirs to the Algonquin round table sported tin-foil hats while tossing back martinis and trading saucy limericks.

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Yes, the Trump-Russia collusion media campaign really was delusional and deranged; it really was a conspiracy theory. So after the unexpected happened, after Trump won the election, the Russiagate campaign morphed into something more urgent, something twisted and delirious.

## Quick, Pin Our Garbage Story on Someone

When CNN broke the storyâ co-written by Evan Perez, a former colleague and friend of Fusion GPS principalsâ that the Obama administrationâ s intelligence chiefs had briefed Trump on the existence of the dossier, it not only cleared the way for BuzzFeed to publish the document, it also signaled the press that the intelligence community was on side. This completed the echo chamber, binding one American institution chartered to steal and keep secrets to another embodying our right to free speech. We know which ethic prevailed.

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Now Russiagate was no longer part of a political campaign directed at Trump, it was a disinformation operation pointed at the American public, as the pre-election media offensive resonated more fully with the dossier now in the open. You see, said the press: everything we published about Trump and Putin is *really* trueâ thereâ s a document proving it. What the press corps neglected to add is that theyâ d been reporting talking points from the same opposition research since *before* the election, and were now showcasing â evidenceâ to prove it was all true.

The reason the media will not report on the scandal now unfolding before the country, how the Obama administration and Clinton campaign used the resources of the federal government to spy on the party out of power, is not because the press is partisan. No, it is because the press has played an active role in the Trump-Russia collusion story since its inception. It helped birth it.

To report how the dossier was made and marketed, and how it was used to violate the privacy rights of an American citizenâ Pageâ would require admitting complicity in manufacturing Russiagate. Against conventional Washington wisdom, the cover-up in this case is not worse than the crime: Both weigh equally in a scandal signaling that the institution where American citizens are supposed to discuss and debate the choices about how we live with each other has been turned against a large part of the public to delegitimize their political choices.

## This Isnâ t the 27-Year-Oldsâ Fault

Iâ ve argued over the last year that the phony collusion narrative is a symptom of the structural problems with the press. The rise of the Internet, then social media, and gross corporate mismanagement damaged traditional media institutions. As newspapers and magazines around the country went bankrupt when ownership couldnâ t figure out how to make money off the new digital advertising model, an entire generation of journalistic experience, expertise, and ethics was lost. It was replaced, as one Obama White House official famously explained, by 27-year-olds who â literally know nothing.â

But the first vehicles of the Russiagate campaign were not bloggers or recent J-school grads lacking wisdom or guidance to wave off a piece of patent nonsense. They were journalists at the top of their professionâ editors-in-chief, columnists, specialists in precisely the subjects that the dossier alleges to treat: foreign policy and national security. They didnâ t get fooled. They volunteered their reputations to perpetrate a hoax on the American public.

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Thatâ s why, after a year of thousands of furious allegations, all of which concerning Trump are unsubstantiated, the press will not report the real scandal, in which it plays a leading role. When the reckoning comes, Russiagate is likely to be seen not as a symptom of the collapse of the American press, but as one of the causes for it.

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## The Obama Administration LIED To The American People. Repeatedly. Here's The Proof.

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The Obama administration lied to the American people.

A lot.

The latest proof of their dishonesty: [according to the Associated Press](#), the Obama administration attempted to end-around its own sanctions in order to give cash to the worst terror sponsor on the planet. Hereâ s the report:

The report by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations revealed that under President Barack Obama, the Treasury Department issued a license in February 2016, never previously disclosed, that would have allowed Iran to convert \$5.7 billion it held at a bank in Oman from Omani rials into euros by exchanging them first into U.S. dollars. If the Omani bank had allowed the exchange without such a license, it would have violated sanctions that bar Iran from transactions that touch the U.S. financial system.

Only the fact that U.S. banks didnâ t want to violate American law prevented Iran from getting its hands on \$5.7 billion more in U.S. dollars. As Senator Rob Portman (R-OH) explained, â The Obama administration misled the American people and Congress because they were desperate to get a deal with Iran.â The Obama administration repeatedly lied â over and over again â about their supposed unwillingness to allow Iran â access to the US financial system.â Obamaâ s Treasury Secretary Jack Lew even testified to that effect.

So, what did Team Obama have to say about all of this? Unnamed Obama officials told the AP that they were acting â in line with the spirit of the deal,â and that the lies were justified because they were attempting to debunk arguments that Team Obama wanted to give even *more* concessions to the Iranians. Which is somewhat like arguing that Bill Clinton didnâ t lie about Monica Lewinsky, he just wanted to debunk rumors that he had sex with an intern.

The Obama administration activity on behalf of Iran went even further, the AP reports. In March 2016, Obama officials including execrable Secretary of State John Kerry â fanned out across Europe, Asia and the Middle East trying to convince banks and businesses they could do business with Iran without violating sanctions and facing steep fines.â In other words, the Obama administration became the foreign ministry for the mullahs in Iran. The AP continues:

That same week, the AP reported that the Treasury had prepared a draft of a license that would have given Iran much broader permission to convert its assets from foreign currencies into easier-to-spend currencies like euros, yen or rupees, by first exchanging them for dollars at offshore financial institutions.

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The draft involved a general license, a blanket go-ahead that allows all transactions of a certain type, rather than a specific license like the one given to Omanâ s Bank Muscat, which only covers specific transactions and institutions. The proposal would have allowed dollars to be used in currency exchanges provided that no Iranian banks, no Iranian rials and no sanctioned Iranian individuals or businesses were involved, and that the transaction did not begin or end in U.S. dollars.

Obama administration officials at the time assured concerned lawmakers that a general license wouldnâ t be coming. But the report from the Republican members of the Senate panel showed that a draft of the license was indeed prepared, though it was never published.

And when questioned by lawmakers about the possibility of granting Iran any kind of access to the U.S. financial system, Obama-era officials never volunteered that the specific license for Bank Muscat in Oman had been issued two months earlier.

This is the second story this week demonstrating that Team Obama lied to Americans about the Iran deal, which Obama treasured so dearly.

On Tuesday, the Iranian government announced that they had completed a new centrifuge assembly at their Natanz facility â just a month after President Trump killed the Iran nuclear deal. This is deeply suspicious, given their supposed acquiescence to disarmament under that deal. Here's how Obama fanboys at [The New York Times](#) reported that odd development:

While Iran said it would keep enrichment within limits set by the 2015 nuclear accord, the centerâ s opening seemed to signal that it could swing to industrial-level enrichment if that agreement, which the United States withdrew from last month, should further unravel. ... Under the 2015 nuclear deal, Iran stopped enriching uranium to the 20 percent level that would allow for rapid development of a nuclear weapon and agreed to a limit of under 5 percent. It will adhere to that limit, Iranâ s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said in a speech on Monday.

Yes, surely the mullahs who lied about their nuclear program for well over a decade would never have lied to us, facilitated by the obsequious Obama administration.

And, of course, the Obama administration lied constantly during the Iran negotiations about the supposedly "moderate" Iranian regime that had opened the door to those negotiations, with serial confabulator Ben Rhodes taking the lead. Rhodes later bragged about his "[echo chamber](#)" strategy to anyone who would listen.

We keep hearing that the Trump administration is historically dishonest. But the same press saying so largely overlooked and in many cases actively covered for Team Obamaâ s dishonesty on the Iran deal, beyond even covering for Team Obamaâ s rampant dishonesty on issues ranging from Libya to Obamacare. Obama goes around bragging that his administration was scandal-free. Thatâ s factually untrue. But his administration was largely criticism-free thanks to a media replete with his supporters.



## The Russian collusion myth was hatched by Team Hillary immediately after her loss

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Hillary Clinton pauses while speaking in New York, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, where she conceded her defeat to Republican Donald Trump after the hard-fought presidential election. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik) [more >](#)

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By [Larry O'Connor](#) -

:The Russian Collusion mythology is the most dominant story in the news media and has been for the past eighteen monthsâ | dating back to November 7, 2016. And when one examines the contemporaneous reporting by Jonathan Allen and [Amie Parnes](#) in their excellent book *[Shattered: Inside Hillary Clintonâ s Doomed Campaign](#)*.

Allen and [Parnes](#) had incredible access to the entire [Clinton](#) campaign infrastructure because their book was really meant to be a historical account of the triumphant campaign for the first female president in American history.

As we know, it didnâ t work out that way. And the authorsâ account of the immediate aftermath tells us much about how the media were spoon-fed the collusion narrative: (*emphasis added*)

â Sheâ s not being particularly self -reflective,â said one longtime ally who was on calls with her shortly after the election. Instead, [Hillary](#) kept pointing her finger at Comey and Russia. â *She wants to make sure all these narratives get spun the right way,*â this person said.

And if the Clinton campaign was good at anything, it was making sure narratives were â spun the right way.â So, the entire team, within 24 hours of the devastating loss, assembled to hatch the story. The scene, as painted with amazing detail by Allen and [Parnes](#), sounds like a writersâ room for a television drama. The creative writing team throwing lots of story ideas around to see which one the consensus likes the most.

That strategy had been set within twenty-four hours of her concession speech. Mook and Podesta assembled her communications team at the Brooklyn headquarters to engineer the case that the election wasnâ t entirely on the up-and-up. For a couple of hours, with Shake Shack containers littering the room, they went over the script they would pitch to the press and the public. Already, Russian hacking was the centerpiece of the argument.

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In Brooklyn, her team coalesced around the idea that Russian hacking was the major unreported story of the campaign, overshadowed by the contents of stolen e-mails and Hillaryâ s own private- server imbroglio.

Of course, the plan would only work if the media took the bait. They had that angle knitted up. All they had to do was focus their anger and ire at their friends in the press and accuse them of being at fault for Trumpâ s victory.

They also decided to hammer the media for focusing so intently on the investigation into her e-mail, which had created a cloud over her candidacy. â The press botched the e-mail story for eighteen months,â said one person who was in the room. â Comey obviously screwed us, but the press created the story.â

â It was all **your** fault,â theyâ d say to their pals in the press. And now, they had to make good.

Listen to the pertinent passage from the audio book that I played on my radio program on WMAL in Washington DC:

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UC BERKELEY: â HARD TO DEFENDâ FREE SPEECH OF CONSERVATIVES WHO  
â INCITEâ LIBERAL STUDENTS

Military Angel

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In light of the acute distress it caused to staff and students, in essence they are saying that cannot accept or discuss an opposing view. They did not need to be on campus to exercise the right of free speech. In other words your right to free speech is not allowed on campus if it conflicts with our beliefs. However, we, the college, have the right to destroy and burn on campus as well as attack conservatives in order to exercise our 1st Amendment; something you are not allowed if you oppose us. Very Orwellian.

DONALD TRUMP AT NRA CONVENTION CALLS FOR ARMING â QUALIFIEDâ TEACHERS. SLAMS GUN-FREE ZONES

shagstar

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They will have to hire a bunch of, qualified teachers because the majority of the current ones are friggin liberal snowflakes who work for soros & co.

VIRGINIA FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE BLASTS PROSECUTORS IN MANAFORT CASE

Commonsense74

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About time the judicial system calls out Mueller for simply forcing people to say something he wants to hear when he can not prove a thing. Time for Mueller to admit there is nothing to investigate and take his

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retirement.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SEEKS TO UNIFY U.S., BUT SOME SECULAR AMERICANS SEE DISCORD, DIVISION

John Dale

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Whoever told Mr Richardson that the Soviet Union was officially secular needs to study both History and English to at least Elementary School level in order to correct that.

DEFENSE ATTORNEY DELIVERS POSSIBLE BLOW TO ROBERT MUELLER PROBE

clovisdad

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It seems unlikely that Mr. Mueller will be deterred. He is the Swamp's hero, and his responsibility is to bring down Trump. Watching his procedures in destroying anyone associated with Trump, I doubt he is going to ever concede defeat: destroying those who pose a threat to the Swamp is his job.

RUDY GIULIANI CLARIFIES EARLIER COMMENTS ABOUT TRUMPâ S REIMBURSEMENT OF STORMY DANIELS HUSH MONEY

Jarhead

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It's apparent that there is chaos in the West Wing. That's what happens when your Chief of Staff has been reduced to a clerk and has no control over important matters. November will tell everyone where the White House stands with the American citizens.

MIKE PENCE TO NRA: IN THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION, RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS WILL â NOT BE INFRINGEDâ

notjascha

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NRA SUPPORTERS, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS:In an open meeting with congressional Democrats and Republicans, Trump embraced raising the age limit on purchasing certain weapons and suggested that law enforcement should be allowed to confiscate peopleâ s guns before going through due process in a court.

DAVID HOGG INSULT SPARKS RECALL EFFORT AGAINST NICK ISGRO, MAYOR OF WATERVILLE, MAINE

Barbara

9 Apr

when? Seems that should have been done about a month ago. The typical progressive way anymore, don't agree with them, then into a concentration camp with you for extermination. OH, right, been there, done that already. This little HITLER HOGG needs to shut up, finish school and perhaps grow up a whole lot.

KANYE WEST HIT WITH â ALL WHITEâ PHOTOSHOP ATTACK BY SNOOP DOGG OVER TRUMP SUPPORT

OrangeRocket

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Snoop, like most blacks, is a RACIST!

RFK FUNERAL TRAIN PHOTO EXHIBIT: KENNEDYâ S FINAL JOURNEY

Zorba dog

24 Apr

What is the purpose of this article? Keeping RFK out of the white house was divine intervention. An RFK presidency would be like a Borgia Papacy.

WHEN THERE WAS NO CRYING IN THE NEWSROOM

The Good the Bad and the Ugly

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Could not possibly be clearer and more on the mark.

JENNIFER PENA, PENCE DOCTOR, QUILTS AMID FALLOUT OVER FAILED RONNY JACKSON NOMINATION

BlueChilli

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.Actually, Pence's wife discovered that the female doc was giving the VP a weekly prostate exam which was a concern because it could lead to the two of them (the VP and the doc) having lunch together..

ERIC SWALWELL CALLS FOR MANDATORY BUYBACK OF ALL â MILITARY-STYLE SEMIAUTOMATICâ WEAPONS

GoldScissors

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3 words...Cold, Dead, Hands...

SEAN HANNITY SLAMS â FAKE NEWSâ MEDIA OVER RUDY GIULIANI INTERVIEW COVERAGE

Daniel Davies

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The MSM sharks are always circling this administration, smelling for blood. When they smell it (or think they do) they go into a feeding frenzy. This is only the most recent of a long list of distractions the MSM/Deep Swamp Alliance hopes will take down Trump. When it fails (which it will), they will go back to their circling pattern again waiting for the next smell of blood, real or imagined. Such a boring farce.

KEZIAH DAUM, BLASTED IN U.S. FOR â CULTURAL APPROPRIATIONâ OVER PROM DRESS, WOWS CHINA

CyanClover

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Just another fake issue by the lefty snowflakes. Cultural appropriation?!?! LOL!! We can wear anything we please. The left can't defend liberalism or have any good issues to push, so they resort to this social warrior nonsense. They must want to Trump to get re-elected.

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## **Dear Steve Chu: Send Us All Your DOE Files on 1705. Thanks, Congress**

The Solyndra blowback continues. A love letter from the House Committee on Energy and Finance.

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Dear Steve Chu: Send Us All Your DOE Files on 1705. Thanks, Congress

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The Solyndra debacle is the gift that keeps on giving.

Unless you're [Jonathan Silver](#), former head of the DOE loan program. Or unless you're [Brian Harrison, the former CEO of Solyndra](#) currently under investigation by Congress, the FBI and probably several other investigative organizations.

But if you're on the House Committee of Energy and Commerce -- Solyndra really provides a reason to get up out of bed. It is also managing to keep journalists busy.

Anyway -- I hope congressional staff members have a lot of reading time on their hands.

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The House Committee on Energy and Commerce has just requested pretty much the entire document file for every loan guarantee under the DOE's 1705 program including independent due diligence, audited financial statements, etc. Here's a [link to download the letter](#).

Realize that Solyndra was just one of about 40 loans and loan guarantees issues by the department spanning solar photovoltaics, concentrated solar power, wind farms, and biofuels.

Here's a list of just the solar loan guarantee recipients, followed by the letter from the Committee to DOE Secretary Chu.

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What do Stearns and Upton hope to find amidst the mind-numbing minutiae in these files, other than LCOE calculations and capex estimates?

**1705**

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| <b>1366 Technologies</b>           | Solar Mfg | \$150M  | MA |
| <b><u>Abengoa Solar</u></b>        | Solar Gen | \$1.4B  | AZ |
| <b>Abengoa Solar</b>               | Solar Gen | \$1.2B  | CA |
| <b><u>Abound Solar</u></b>         | Solar Mfg | \$400M  | CO |
| <b><u>Agua Caliente</u></b>        | Solar Gen | \$967M  | AZ |
| <b><u>BrightSource Energy</u></b>  | Solar Gen | \$1.6B  | CA |
| <b><u>Cogentrix of Alamosa</u></b> | Solar Gen | \$90.6M | CO |
| <b>First Solar (Antelope)</b>      | Solar Gen | \$680M  | CA |
| <b>First Solar (Sunlight)</b>      | Solar Gen | \$1.8B  | CA |
| <b>First Solar (Topaz)</b>         | Solar Gen | \$1.9B  | CA |
| <b>Fotowatio</b>                   | Solar Gen | \$45.6M | NV |
| <b>Sempra Mesquite</b>             | Solar Gen | \$398M  | AZ |
| <b>NextEra (Genesis)</b>           | Solar Gen | \$852M  | CA |
| <b>Prologis</b>                    | Solar Gen | \$1.4B  | US |
| <b><u>SolarReserve</u></b>         | Solar Gen | \$734M  | NV |
| <b><u>SoloPower</u></b>            | Solar Mfg | \$197M  | OR |
| <b><u>Solyndra Inc.</u></b>        | Solar Mfg | \$535M  | CA |
| <b><u>SunPower (CVSR)</u></b>      | Solar Gen | \$1.1B  | CA |

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**jgroelinger** â ç [7 years ago](#)

Someone mentioned "due diligence" - a point I'd like to further explore. At a high level, there are two major steps to the process before a company can lose the money it receives. First it has to receive a loan guarantee. Then it has to receive the money from a lender (because a guarantee is just that a guarantee, not money). In the 80s I was a consultant to, and then a senior officer of, the US Synthetic Fuels Corp., a US government corporation formed late in the Carter administration. Our authority was to issue federal loan guarantees to alternative energy projects. I found that, for such high-risk projects, the issuance of a US government guarantee was a necessary, but not a sufficient, step for the owners to receive funds. Financial institutions would still perform extensive due diligence on the borrower and the project, because the last thing lenders wanted to do was to try to collect from the US government against the loan guarantee. So, I've been puzzled. Even if the US governments Department of Energy saw fit to issue the loan guarantee, what lender saw fit to actually provide the \$535 million? It turns out that it was also the US government, through the Federal Financing Bank (FFB). Why was the FFB involved? According to its website, FFB has statutory authority to purchase any obligation issued, sold, or guaranteed by a federal agency to ensure that fully guaranteed obligations are financed efficiently. Was there no other source of efficient financing? Did the FFB perform any due diligence? Did the FFB step up because independent lenders wouldn't lend to Solyndra despite the loan guarantee? Was this a package deal that bypassed what would normally be a legitimate third-party project review? The answers to these questions would show the extent to which this was a political or a business deal. If it was a business deal, I'd agree that all deals don't turn out to be winners. If, however, this was a political deal, shame on those involved.

**Dr. Lewis Fraas, Editor, Solar** â ç [7 years ago](#)

For the record: Solyndra discussion between Dr. Lewis Fraas at JX Crystals Inc and Jason Strauch at Sandia National Labs (a DOE LAB) on March 30, 2009 Jason Here are my comments on the Solyndra deal. Solyndra is a tragic waste of money. The circumference of a circle is  $(\pi)D$ . If they deposit the CIGS on the circumference of the tubes, they are creating a low efficiency semiconductor with area of  $(\pi)D$ . The sun at any time during the day will illuminate an area =  $D$ . This is the inverse of concentration. Their utilization of the semiconductor material is  $1/(\pi)$  or  $1/3.14 = 0.32$ . I guess they really don't believe in motors for tracking and they do believe in paint with efficiency of 9% or now it is  $9/3.14 = 2.9\%$ . How stupid can people be?? This is the thin film fantasy carried to even higher levels of incredibility. Also, they have a drawing and we have a photo of our 3-sun PV module and 2.5 years of operation. This should be a funny joke except that they are serious. I looked at their web site. I do not see a module spec sheet. Also everything seems to be art work with no photos or performance data whatsoever. Has Sandia or NREL or any other gov lab tested this hypothetical product before the DOE issued this guaranteed loan? Lewis

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**R. Marks** â ç [7 years ago](#)

I believe the whole process of giving loans is politically corrupt. Why is it that most loans go to CA based companies? My real issue is with the ATVMIP program for rebuilding the auto industry to produce advanced

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technology vehicles. This program was passed in 2008 as part of the trouble assets bill. Of the \$25B in loans, there is \$17B remaining which have not been given out. In June of 2009 Ford, Nissan, and Tesla were given loans, Fisher followed in September. None of the remaining 75+ applications have received anything. Now to my point: Tesla is in Pelosi's district and it is reported that her VC husband is a Tesla investor, and then Fisker, is in Biden's home state. Now how does this process really work??

**ramon** â ¢ [7 years ago](#)

Solyndra goes far beyond just being a bad loan. It was only one of many crooked deals that have been used to enrich party faithful and administration relatives. Those seeking to cover up these deals or excuse them as simply a bad investment are ignoring the sleaze and incompetence involved. No one who looks at the actions of Chu and his dept and the White House can possible claim that this was an isolated case. I also note Obama's purchase of \$150 billion in GM stock, now worth about half that amount. That loan was payback to the UAW and other unions, who contributed half of Obama's campaign funds in the last election. He called it a "good investment." Well, for him I suppose it was - he can count of plenty of support from those unions next election. This is called buying votes and campaign contributions, using taxpayer money. Obama has a history of corruption and throwing away money by the bucketful. Anyone who defends this kind of behavior is just as crooked as he is. And what about Evergreen Solar? And what about that brilliantly conceived "weatherization program"? It doesn't take much digging to find plenty of dirt and filth in this crooked administration. Now we learn that Pelosi's relatives were benefiting from all these corporate loans as well. Seems like the entire Democratic Party is involved. Pack of thieves.

**SolarEnima** â ¢ [7 years ago](#)

Eric, thanks for this continued coverage. By the way, keep in mind, not all modules are made alike and appropriate for all applications. Also, before investing, it is called...due diligence. Not because it is a trendy company with lots of schwag and marketing hype, liquidated shares and inflated stock prices. FirstSolar - Hmmm, \$4.38 billion in DOE loans and down to \$60/share already (from \$160 only six months ago!), I can't imagine what's going to happen if the House Committee of Energy and Commerce held the loan process up? Do ya think any execs sold at 300 in May 2008?...go figure, only suckers buy solar at that price. Does anyone know how Abengoa got on the list? Aren't there other American companies that could have benefitted from loans? As per Google Finance "Abengoa SA is a Spain-based company, which principal activities range from solar energy to industrial waste, information technology and engineering" Sounds fishy. In my opinion, it would have been nice to see many smaller solar installer companies benefit from loans. Since when did Solar Manufacturers excel in installing solar? Why don't us little guys just move out of the way and let the SunPower and First Solar who are in bed with the DOE install solar. How many of those Solar companies have NABCEP certified installers installing solar for their jobs?? once again...go figure Check those First Solar systems in the desert in nine years and see how many modules didn't make the 90% power warranty cut?

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## **The U.S. Department Of Energy Has Turned Into A Predatory Lender Operating Against The Public?**

By Anston Conners

Your tax dollars pay for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to exist but if you want to get some of your tax money on loan to help the public by building electric cars or energy efficient homes you have to PAY DOE to even file an application and it will almost always not be approved.

You will have to spend enough of your own money to buy a house in Wisconsin, and over year of your life, to find out that the money you hoped to get was only hard-wired to political insiders.

**Per DOE: *You have to pay the government between \$150,000.00 and up to \$400,000.00 to even look at your loan application.***

***Contrast this with the fact that DOE has demonstrated, for over a decade, that it will reject all applicants who are not friends or financiers of Obama.***

***Additionally, contrast this with the fact that a commercial bank charges nothing, or less than \$500.00, for the same application process and takes 2-3 weeks instead of 2-5 years as DOE dies!***

***Contrast this with the fact that Obamaâ s friends at Tesla, Fisker and Solyndra were simply handed funds from this account with almost no review or up-front â feesâ .***

***Read the specs at these links:***

Renewables/Energy Efficiency solicitation, page 18-19:

[https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/DOE-LPO\\_REEE\\_Solicitation\\_03-Jun-2014.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/DOE-LPO_REEE_Solicitation_03-Jun-2014.pdf) and Fossil solicitation, Supplement 1:

[https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/DOE-LPO\\_ADV-FOSSIL\\_Supplement-01\\_8-Jul-2014.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/12/f27/DOE-LPO_ADV-FOSSIL_Supplement-01_8-Jul-2014.pdf)

DOE has now *legally* defined itself as a â BANKâ but it is not regulated as a BANK! DOE holds a monopoly on certain types of financing in violation of anti-trust laws. If Elon Musk, an Obama financier, tells his partners inside of DOE to not fund you, you donâ t get funded!

The communications from DOE, the videos of DOE staff from presentations, the communications with others, the actions of DOE, the statements by those who have interacted with DOE, the documents produced by DOE and other material, legally define DOE as an entity offering â *Financial Offerings such as a Bankâ* .

DOE is engaging in â Predatory Lendingâ which is supposed to be regulated by Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

By definition, predatory lending benefits the lender and ignores or hinders the borrowerâ s ability to repay the debt. These lending tactics often try to take advantage of a monopoly finance position which the lender created. A number of banks have been sued by the U.S. Government for such practices. DOE used systems, as discussed in former Tesla head Darryl Siryâ s article:

<https://www.wired.com/2009/12/doe-loans-stifle-innovation/> to become the ONLY source of domestic auto and energy product financing by the way DOE â arranged thingsâ . They created, working with the

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National Venture Capital Association (A predominantly DNC-controlled entity) the ONLY banking route and became THE ONLY BANK in high tech cars and alternative energy.

Standard banking practice holds precedent that a \$100M business loan application takes three weeks, or less, to approve or deny, has few, if any fees required to process it and that the Federal Government never charges itâ s constituent taxpayers, on average, more than \$100.00 for any federal financing instrument.

DOE appears, by itâ s actions, to now be violating numerous banking laws, ethics and standards and inflating process, fees and standards to protect our competitors and using our tax dollars to do so. The previous applicants will confirm these assertions.

### Predatory Lending Practices

What constitutes a predatory lending practice? A number of actions are often cited as such â including a failure to disclose information or disclosing false information (such as the fact that DOE did NOT disclose that applicants direct competitors are the â loan reviewersâ AND beneficiaries; that the money was â hard-wired to Tesla, Ener1, Fisker, etc;) and, that DOE uses risk-based pricing and **inflated charges and fees**. There are other predatory practices such as loan packing, loan flipping, asset-based lending and reverse redlining in use by DOE staff.

These practices, either individually or in concert with each other, create a cycle of debt and corruption that causes severe financial hardship on any applicant who is not a DNC insider. Here are some predatory lending practices that many are concerned about:

### Inadequate or False Disclosure

The lender hides or misrepresents the true costs, risks and/or appropriateness of a loanâ s terms, or the lender changes the loan terms after the initial offer.

### Risk-Based Pricing

While all lenders depend on some form of risk-based pricing â tying interest rates to credit history â predatory lenders abuse the practice by charging very high interest rates.

### Inflated Fees and Charges

Fees and costs (e.g., appraisals, closing costs, document preparation fees) are much higher than those charged by reputable lenders, and are often hidden in fine print or do not follow industry standards.

### Loan Packing

Unnecessary products are added into the cost of a loan.

### Loan Flipping

The lender encourages a borrower to refinance an existing loan into a larger one with a higher interest rate and additional fees.

### Asset-Based Lending

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Borrowers are encouraged to borrow more than they should when a lender offers a refinance loan based on their amount of equity, rather than on their income or ability to repay.

### Reverse Redlining

The lender targets limited-resource industries like high-tech cars that conventional banks may shy away from. Everyone in the industry is charged higher rates to borrow money, regardless of credit history, income or ability to repay and/or process is changed for friends of â the bankâ .

### Balloon Mortgages

A borrower is convinced to refinance a loan with one that has lower payments upfront but excessive (balloon) payments later in the loan term. When the balloon payments cannot be met, the lender helps to refinance again with another high-interest, high-fee loan.

### Negative Amortization

This occurs when a monthly loan payment is too small to cover even the interest, which gets added to the unpaid balance. It can result in a borrower owing substantially more than the original amount borrowed.

### Abnormal Prepayment Penalties

A borrower who tries to refinance a loan with one that offers better terms can be assessed an abusive prepayment penalty for paying off the original loan early.

### Mandatory Arbitration

The lender adds language to a loan contract making it illegal for a borrower to take future legal action for fraud or misrepresentation. The only option, then, for an abused borrower is arbitration, which generally puts the borrower at a disadvantage.

### Unlicensed Loan Offers

Beware of loan offers through public officials. Make sure any lender you work with is licensed. Is DOE licensed?

### Promises

Stay clear of lenders who promise that your loan will be approved regardless of your credit history or rating.

### Being Rushed to Sign Papers

Applicants were rushed into the loan process with high Interest Rates and Fees

### Blank Spaces in Documents

DOE left the loan application document up to the applicants, as they stated in the videos, the ENTIRE document was a â blank spaceâ .

### **Legal Protections**

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Federal laws protect citizens against predatory lenders. Chief among them is the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA). This law makes it illegal for a lender to impose a higher interest rate or higher fees based on a personâ s race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status or national origin.

The HOEPA Act protects citizens from excessive fees and interest rates. Loans that are considered â high costâ are subject to additional disclosure requirements and restrictions.

In addition, 25 states have anti-predatory lending laws, and 35 states limit the maximum prepayment penalty that a lender is required to pay.

### **Loan Churning a Problem**

One of the most common practices among predatory lenders is loan churning, where borrowers are forced into a relentless loan cycle in which they are constantly paying fees and interest.

Loan churning usually works like this: The lender makes a loan the borrower canâ t afford. The borrower fails to pay the loan back on time, so the lender offers a new loan that includes another set of fees and interest. The borrower, already under stress for not repaying the first loan, agrees to the second loan and the loan-cycle churn has started.

### **Prepayment Penalties**

Another practice among predatory lenders is to include a prepayment penalty on loan agreements, especially those involving subprime mortgages or car loans.

A prepayment penalty is a fee charged to borrowers who repay a loan before its due date. It usually happens when borrowers are refinancing to take advantage of a more affordable interest rate. Prepayment penalties are meant to discourage borrowers from paying off a loan early because it deprives the lender of interest they expect to receive for the life of the loan.

Prepayment penalties vary from lender to lender. Many are for 2% of the amount owed. Others are for the equivalent of six months of interest on the loan. Most prepayment penalties are based around the number of years you have been paying the mortgage and usually expire after three years.

The Truth In Lending Act requires lenders to provide a disclosure form to borrowers that includes a box that the lender must check if a prepayment penalty is in play. The wording on the form says a penalty â mayâ be charged and that wording often confuses consumers. Some people will read that to mean â may notâ or simply skip over it in hopes that it will not ever be enforced.

The smarter practice is for the borrower to ask the lender for details on the amount of the penalty and how long the prepayment period is.

Many states have laws preventing high interest rate loans.

This document: <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R43087.pdf> lists the entities that may have an interest in DOEâ s deceptive and predatory lending practices.

Is DOE breaking the law?

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## **The U.S. Department of Energy Engaged In Criminal Activities**

By Lance LeLand

That may sound like an over-the-top assertion but the federal evidence I have seen appears to prove it.

Elon Musk, John Doerr, Vinod Khosla, Tom Steyer, Steve Jurvetson, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly and Steve Spinner are, at once:

- 1.) Silicon Valley oligarchs, as well as;
- 2.) The financiers of Barack Obama's political campaigns, as well as;
- 3.) The core beneficiaries of the Barack Obama Administration, as well as;
- 4.) The men who ordered and operated "hit-jobs" against anyone who competed with them, as well as;
- 5.) The bosses, or top shareholders, of the core staff that Obama hired to staff his Administration and the U.S. Department of Energy, as well as;
- 6.) The "Dark Money" operators during the Obama Administration, as well as;
- 7.) The past and future "revolving-door" employers of Obama's staff, as well as;
- 8.) The people that the Obama White House and Department of Energy actually report to, as well as all of the other things, above.

This is not conjecture. It is fact provable in court and known widely by FBI, GAO, Treasury and SEC investigators. Government investigators are blockaded from acting on this information by their bosses who are compensated by these men via Dark Money conduits.

Two of the above items might be a "coincidence". Eight such inter-connections are a "crime"!

This hurts the average person because this kind of corruption breaks the trust that voters hope to have in their government.

Department of Energy officials went to great lengths to **A.)** give away taxpayer money to these men, through covert stock market and investor routes, **B.)** pump the stock valuations owned by these men to stratospheric fluff numbers and **C.)** exclusively benefit their political campaign financing "PayPal Mafia Cartel". At the same time, Department of Energy officials went to great lengths to **D.)** sabotage, stone-wall, log-jam, defraud and lie to the competitors of these men in order to protect these Silicon Valley oligarchs, per their deals with Obama's Robert Gibbs, David Plouffe, Valarie Jarrett, Jay Carney, David Axelrod, Tom Steyer, Rahm Emanuel, Steve Rattner and Matt Rogers: Their "handlers" in the Obama White House.

Top Department of Energy Officials stated on video that applicants for Department of Energy funding would be reviewed on a "first-to-apply/first-served" basis. The law that created the funding even said that. None of the Silicon Valley Mafia insiders had their acts together, though, and assumed the money would just be handed to them. The Paypal Mafia insiders never bothered to submit their application paperwork on time.



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When top Obama/DOE crook's Steven Chu and Lachlan Seward realized that none of the Silicon Valley Mafia insiders had their acts together and that the competitors of their friends had filed applications first, they simply ignored their own rules, changed the submission criteria and refused to process the applications of anyone who was not an Obama campaign financier. They stone-walled the campaign financiers competitors until they forced almost all of them out of business.

By applying for DOE funds as a business, you can't get funding from any VC in the NVCA, or any bank, until AFTER DOE decides about your funding. By freezing decisions, that only take two weeks to process, for many years, DOE killed an entire next generation auto industry.

In one instance, exposed in a federal lawsuit, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, an investor in some of the Silicon Valley Cartel's own companies, had his top staffer tell an applicant multiple lies. The lies were designed to sabotage the applicant, one of Elon Musk's and John Doerr's most feared competitor's. If the applicant got the federal funds then the companies owned by Elon Musk, John Doerr, Tom Steyer, Vinod Khosla, Steve Jurvetson, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly and Steve Spinner could not possibly compete.

In this instance, for one of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) funding pools, Steven Chu and Lachlan Seward wanted a fee paid to the Department of Energy in order to get them to look at the application. The applicant, XP, agreed to pay the \$50,000.00 fee and acquired outside investors to fund the effort. All investors engage in due diligence and these investors required that one DOE official engage in one phone call for 3minutes to answer their single question about the process. The call was arranged **BUT** the DOE executive did not show up. The applicant faxed, email, FEDEX'd and messaged DOE daily, for weeks, but Steven Chu's staff ducked the calls as the deadline approached. DOE was made keenly aware that the funding depended on a single answer to a question. In one call, the DOE Secretary stated that the DOE executive was "not in the office" while he could be clearly heard in his office talking behind her. The DOE executive was standing right there and avoiding the call because he knew that the call was the last thing the applicant needed to complete the process.

The DOE executive was protecting Elon Musk, John Doerr, Vinod Khosla, Tom Steyer, Steve Jurvetson, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly and Steve Spinner because he got paid by them.

The applicant's investors were getting nervous because DOE was not responding. On the day of the deadline, after getting a waiver for the fee, even though the applicant had the money ready, The DOE official finally responded and said "*sorry, you missed the deadline, you can't play*". He had log-jammed and stone-walled the applicant to try to put them out of business to protect his bosses investments.

Carol Battershell worked at DOE as an Obama funding insider at this time. She was a huge promoter of climate change metrics. What we now know is that in 2008, every solution to the climate change crisis, if there was a "climate change crisis", just happened to be owned by Elon Musk, Tom Steyer, John Doerr, Vinod Khosla, Steve Jurvetson, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly and Steve Spinner. Another amazing coincidence! Carol has quit DOE, under pressure over falsified climate change data, and now bird-watches in Ohio.

Carol Battershell was in charge of reviewing applicants for DOE yet refused to return any phone calls or emails from applicants who were competitors of Elon Musk, Tom Steyer, John Doerr, Vinod Khosla, Steve Jurvetson, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly and Steve Spinner. What another amazing coincidence!

Battershell refused to ever talk to, or communicate with, any engineers or founders of the applicants who were the competitors of Obama's financiers.

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That group of insiders may ring some bells for you. Steve Spinner was the husband of Alison Spinner who was the lawyer for Solyndra and Tesla. Solyndra was raided by the FBI and Tesla is still under FBI investigation. Steve Rattner was indicted in New York for stock market fraud. Steve Jurvetson was fired for sex scandal activities yet he is still in the news for hosting sex parties for Elon Musk. John Doerr is Climate Change advocate Al Gore's business partner and the subject of Silicon Valley's biggest sex lawsuit. Vinod Khosla is in the news for taking over a California public beach and nay-saying #METOO claims. Every one of these men has a dark and dirty dossier that makes one shudder to imagine the Omerta's they must engage in.

DOE officials used the most lame-brain excuses they could come up with to avoid funding their financiers competitors. They told the electric car company that the car was "not using enough gasoline". Then they told the same applicant that electric cars were too futuristic...while funding the same electric car with Nissan, a huge Obama Dark Money financier. At one point DOE stated that they did not have enough money for the applicants. IN FACT, they had enough money to fund EVERY applicant and there are still billions of dollars sitting unused in the fund.

Bright Automotive staff distributed a notoriously harsh letter that they had sent to Energy Secretary Chu after they realized that Chu had defrauded them too. Bright competed with the interests of Elon Musk, Tom Steyer, John Doerr, Vinod Khosla, Steve Jurvetson, Larry Page, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly and Steve Spinner. Bright staff say the DOE out-right defrauded them. DOE knew, from Day One, that only Obama political campaign financiers would get the funding. DOE used the other applicants as a smoke-screen.

The Obama Administration used the U.S. Department of Energy as a political slush fund to pay off campaign financiers. Hillary Clinton promised Silicon Valley she would do the same thing using the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund "Driverless Cars" (that nobody actually wants). That is why DNC financiers Tesla, Apple, Google, etc. are fanatically pushing their driverless car projects. These are DARK MONEY POLITICAL SLUSH FUNDS. They are criminal programs!

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# **This Case is About Taxpaying Members Of The Public Fighting the Silicon Valley and Hollywood Cartels Because Law Enforcement Won't Do Anything About Them**

These Cartels have engaged in hundreds of felony crimes, but the agencies and law enforcement entities bosses who are supposed to arrest them have been bribed to not take any action.

# This orange, squishy body armor material could save lives and make cars crash-proof

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## **Orange, squishy body armor material could save lives**

It's bright orange, it's squishy, it stretches like taffy â and it is unlike any body armor you've ever seen. Defense Specialist Allison Barrie gives an up-close look at a new orange goo, developed by D3O, which is the key to ultra-lightweight body armor that can deliver incredible protection.

Itâ s bright orange, itâ s squishy, it stretches like taffy â and it is unlike any body armor youâ ve ever seen.

If you were attacked with a baseball bat and you were wearing this bright orange goop under your clothes, then your attacker might as well have swung a toothpick at you â the goop will take the hit for you and absorb the strike.

D3O concocted this remarkable, soft, stretchy, flexible, orange material that absorbs shock. Incorporated into their TRUST line of armor, there is a wide range available from helmets, chest, back and knuckle armor through to elbow, knee and foot protection. Orange goo-fortified options can shield you head to toe against blunt force trauma.

Sure, the raw material looks, and feels, like very orange Silly Putty. But this advanced material is the key to ultra-lightweight body armor that feels like you are wearing regular apparel.

This orange goo is so powerful it only requires a thin layer to deliver incredible protection.

## **TANK-KILLING ROBOT REVEALED**

Blunt force trauma to the abdomen can be dangerous. A swing of a tire iron at your belly could lead to possible abdominal organ contusions and ruptures â D3O armor can absorb that sort of strike and reduce those injuries.

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TRUST Vest (D3O)

A serious blow to the head could mean concussion or even death. D3O helmet liners absorb the impact, take the beating for you, and reduce these serious risks.

### **How does it work?**

The TRUST armor is soft and flexible until it gets struck. At impact, the goo stiffens, providing a shield to absorb the attack.

The result? The amount of force transmitted to your body is greatly reduced and a wearer will not feel the blow â or at least experience a significantly reduced impact. Once the blow is absorbed, the goo-infused apparel goes back to its soft, flexible, smushy mode.

### **What is it made of?**

The D3O secret sauce is proprietary and highly sophisticated, employing advanced polymer chemistry. On the most simplistic level, molecules move about freely in the soft material. When hit, the molecules lock, absorbing and dispersing the energy from the impact. The molecules then return to moving freely and the material becomes flexible again.

### **PODCAST: WHAT CAN KILL YOU WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT? THIS SPECIAL FORCES SHARPSHOOTER REVEALS HIDDEN DANGERS IN BACKYARDS AND WAR ZONES**

### **How could the orange goo protect U.S. police?**

Every year, law enforcement and military members are assaulted and subjected to blunt force in the line of duty.

### **NEW FUTURISTIC ISRAELI 'DUNE-BUGGY' IS BRISTLING WITH WEAPONS, READY FOR COMBAT**

Patrolling on foot, catching criminals, physical dispute intervention, public disorder incidents, traffic stops, searches and suspects who resist capture are just a few of the many ways police officers can end up suffering a blunt force trauma injury.

Those who serve our nation deserve every possible protection â and they need protection that wonâ t hinder their ability to do their job. They need light protection that doesnâ t slow them down or inhibit movement.

3M ultra lightweight ballistic bump helmet <sup>(3M)</sup>

D3Oâ s bright orange goo helps achieve both protection and unrestricted movement at the same time. Unlike traditional heavy, clunky, hot, awkward-fitting armor, the TRUST armor is a comfortable armor to wear because it bends, stretches and breathes with smart air flow designs â while still providing a high degree of protection from the sort of blunt force trauma that commonly occurs.

Some scenarios will require maximum ballistic protection, but in other scenarios with a different threat assessment, the conventional heavy armor may not be necessary and a lighter, less restrictive armor could be a better solution.

This orange, squishy body armor material could save lives and make cars crash-proof

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### **The â James Bondâ Factor**

Since mere millimeters of thickness can provide serious protection, it also means G3O is a great choice for undercover or covert type work. It can be worn under regular clothes, and deliver low profile, if not invisible, protection.

#### **Who uses this armor?**

So far, elite military teams like U.S. Special Forces have been leveraging D3O for body protection.

### **FORMIDABLE 'JAGUAR' RECON VEHICLE REVEALED, TOUTS POWERFUL CANNON AND ANTI-TANK MISSILES**

Allies such as France and Great Britain have been exploring its potential in military and policing applications.

#### **G1 Knuckle Protection**

D3O

The D3O orange goo can be integrated into gloves to discreetly provide enhanced protection. There are several options available for different protection levels and task.

Hand dexterity is vital in defense and law enforcement for weapon handling, of course, but also many, many other tasks. Fit and flexibility are key factors to maintain dexterity, so the G1 has multiple flex points incorporated and thin and light protection built in.

D3Oâ s research suggests that when fingers are hit with blunt force, the innovative orange material provides a whopping 50 percent better reduction in the amount of force that reaches the fingers than other protective gloves available on the market.

### **PODCAST: THIS GEORGIA BOY STOPPED THE MILITARYâ S #2 AND #3 MOST WANTED â FIND OUT HOW FROM THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR HIMSELF**

#### **TRUST Vest**

The futuristic looking TRUST Vest armor worn beneath a regular shirt will basically be unnoticeable.

### **EUROSATORY 2018: POCKET-SIZED SPY DRONE IS A POWERFUL EYE IN THE SKY FOR US TROOPS**

In practice, this means if youâ re wearing a vest protecting your stomach, the orange goo inside the vest will absorb a punch, a thrown brick â even the impact of a tire iron swung at you.

The TRUST Vest meets the British HOSDB Blunt Trauma Protector standard and incorporates flame resistant fabric.

#### **Enhancing Helmet Protection**

If you have a helmet with these astonishing orange goo liners, then you could have a chair smashed over your head and the goo will absorb the blow for you.

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D3O has created TRUST helmet pads for many military and law enforcement helmet development programs like the U.S. Armyâ s Enhanced Combat Helmet.

The seven-component TRUST helmet liner system weighs 13.65 grams and includes a 14-millimeter thick trap pad.

### **EUROSATORY 2018: HUGE WHEELED MILITARY ATV SWIMS AND SURPRISES**

Based on company research, the Helmet Liner System provides 33 percent more protection than the level required for the U.S. Army Advanced Combat Helmet tests at 10ft/sec.

3M Ceradyneâ s new military Ultra-Light Weight Ballistic and Bump Helmet, with advanced protection against ballistic penetration and fragmentation as well as blunt force trauma, incorporates D3Oâ s amazing materials.

### **Football, Baseball and Beyond**

There are countless other military and law enforcement applications for this remarkable innovation, such as better protection above the foot from a blow and better shock absorption below to reduce fatigue and injury.

The bright orange goo could also be used to reduce impact injury in vehicles and to protect mission electronics from impact and vibration.

When D3O first launched, it immediately caught the interest of top Hollywood stuntmen, who recognized it could provide much-needed relief from their regular beatings at work.

### **FUTURISTIC MINI-SUB COULD BE A VALUABLE WEAPON FOR NAVY SEALS**

Partnerships, like the D3O liner integration into Schuttâ s sports helmets, have helped to make access to this remarkable innovation more available to civilians.

Now, football, lacrosse and baseball players can benefit from this advanced trauma protection too. The amazing goo is also now available in protective apparel for other high impact popular sports like motorcycle racing, mountain biking and snowboarding.

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## Top 10 â Most Corruptâ List Dominated by Obama Administration

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President Obama and key members of his Democrat cabinet like Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, disgraced Attorney General Eric Holder, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, and UN Ambassador Susan Rice were all among the top ten most corrupt politicians in Washington for 2012, according to an [annual list compiled by the non-partisan Judicial Watch](#). Also on the roster were several lawmakers including two GOP congressmen from Florida and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nevada).

The president himself made the infamous â [Ten Most Wanted Corrupt Politicians](#)â list due to a series of scandals and broken promises that have plagued virtually his entire time occupying the White House. Lawless behavior, regular violations of the U.S. Constitution, unprecedented secrecy, and abuse of so-called â executive privilegeâ to protect his senior officials all contributed to Obamaâ s designation as one of the most crooked politicians in the capital today.

Citing the presidentâ s 2009 vow that â transparencyâ and the â rule of lawâ would be the â touchstonesâ of his presidency, Judicial Watch said the statement would get in on the first ballot if there were a â Hall of Fameâ for broken promises. â Instead of transparency and the rule of law over the past four years, we have witnessed the greatest expansion of government in modern political history and, consequently, an explosion of government secrecy, scandals, and abuses of power,â the non-profit public interest watchdog explained.

Among the specifics that earned Obama the designation was a shroud of lawless secrecy that permeated the entire administration. Judicial Watch, which investigates and prosecutes official corruption, was forced to file almost 1,000 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and close to 100 lawsuits against the administration to find out what was going on, it said. Despite stonewalling, the group investigated elements of ObamaCare, the showering of taxpayer money on mega Wall Street banks, continued funding of the â criminal ACORN network,â and much more.

According to the Washington-based group and countless other analysts, while Obama touts transparency in public, he actually condones the routine violation of federal open records laws by his administration in an effort to conceal his activities. There are almost countless examples to prove the point.

Another series of abuses that helped put the president himself on the widely respected corruption list was the use of [unconstitutional and mostly unaccountable â czarsâ](#) â many of whom [were lawlessly put in charge of major government policies and programs](#). There are [now 45 such figures in Washington](#), and more than a few have been linked to â scandals, thefts and kickbacks, flagrant and offensive statements, conflicts of interest, and radical leftist political ideologies and policies,â according to Judicial Watch, which has been monitoring â czarâ developments for years. [Obamaâ s â Green Jobs Czarâ Van Jones was even a self-styled communist.](#)



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Also among the reasons cited for Obamaâ s â corruptâ designation: multiple unconstitutional power grabs employed to advance the administrationâ s controversial agenda. One of the most brazen, according to former officials and Judicial Watch, was the presidentâ s lawless attempt to unilaterally appoint a number of key officials while getting around the Senate in a corrupt process criticized across the political spectrum.

The unconstitutional use of â executive ordersâ to further Obamaâ s agenda on illegal immigration despite clear laws passed by Congress, meanwhile, was also included on the list of his corrupt activities. Finally, the presidentâ s fraudulent and illegal use of so-called â executive privilegeâ to shield disgraced Attorney General Holder from prosecution over the Fast and Furious gun-running scandal also contributed to the presidentâ s corrupt designation.

â The list could go on ad infinitum â with Benghazigate, bailouts, abusing the perks of office for luxury vacations for his family, and, of course, his personal involvement in the Solyndra scandal,â the non-profit group said in its listing. â But the bottom line is this: The federal government under Barack Obama is off the rails and out of control. And now, with Obama having been given the â flexibilityâ of a second term, it can only be expected to get worse.â

Aside from the president himself, many of his top cabinet officials also wound up on the corruption list. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who has previously appeared on the list, and Obamaâ s Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice, were both listed together. The reason: â Hillary Clintonâ s and Riceâ s lies about one of the most significant terrorist attacks since 9/11 are, perhaps, the scandal of the year out of this administration,â Judicial Watch noted. That scandal, however, is far from over.

As expected, Attorney General Holder â a regular on the corruption list â was on it again this year as well. He kept his spot for â shamelesslyâ running â the most blatantly politicized Department of Justice (DOJ) in a generation.â Plus, as *The New American* has documented extensively, the administrationâ s arming of Mexican drug cartels in Operation Fast and Furious through the Justice Department means that, as Judicial Watch explained, â it is no exaggeration that his agency has blood on its hands.â

The lies and subsequent attempt to cover-up the deadly scandal â hundreds of Mexicans and at least two U.S. law enforcement officers have been murdered with weapons provided by the Obama administration â eventually led to Holder becoming the first attorney general in American history to be held in criminal contempt by Congress. â Every day that Eric Holder remains at the helm, the Department of Justice sinks further into the abyss of cronyism, corruption, and deceit,â the organization said. â And it is well past time for him to go.â Over 120 U.S. lawmakers agree.

Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, meanwhile, earned his spot among the most corrupt politicians thanks to his admitted role in the â green energyâ scams â especially the Solyndra scandal in which the U.S. government gave more than \$500 million to a failed company and one of its key investors, Obama backer George Kaiser. Altogether, as *The New American* documented recently, the administration funneled billions of taxpayer dollars into the pockets of wealthy Democrats and Obama supporters, who in turn gave some of the cash back via campaign contributions. More than 75 percent of the over \$20 billion went to Obama financial backers, according to DoE figures analyzed by researchers.

Last but not least among Obamaâ s corrupt cabinet for 2012 was Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius. According to the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, the radical pro-abortion and pro-tax funded contraception official was guilty of violating the Hatch Act by campaigning for the president in her official capacity. Violators are normally fired, but Sebelius got off without punishment after claiming she â got a little caught up in the notion that the gains which had been made would clearly not continue without

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the presidentâ s reelection.â

Congress, one of the most unpopular institutions in America based on recent polls, also had its share of corrupt officials on both sides of the aisle. Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. (D-Ill.), Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), and Rep. David Rivera (R-FL) all made the 2012 list. Each of them was involved in their own scandals, but based on the evidence offered by Judicial Watch, it appears that all four of them have been implicated in major corruption.

There were also a few lawmakers from both sides of the aisle who earned a â dishonorable mention.â Along with them were disgraced general and former CIA chief David Petraeus, who was caught in an affair, and Obamaâ s Homeland Security boss Janet Napolitano, known to critics as â Big Sis,â who earned a mention by violating her oath of office to advance Obamaâ s unlawful amnesty agenda.

Sen. Harry Reid, meanwhile, who leads the majority party in the Senate, was among the top ten most corrupt politicians, too â again, being described by Judicial Watch as â a repeat Top Ten offender.â This year, he made the cut thanks to a variety of corrupt influence-peddling scandals â often benefiting his sons â exposed by reporters in Nevada. However, as multiple sources attest, the latest schemes are hardly the first time Reid has been embroiled in corruption scandals.

Considering the sheer volume of dirty deals, influence peddling, lawlessness, scandals, and outright violations of the Constitution emanating from the capital, it takes quite a bit for somebody to end up on the top ten most corrupt list. It appears, however, that unless concerned citizens take action, the Obama administration and members of Congress in both parties intend to continue operating a corrupt government regardless of the law or even the Supreme Law of the Land, the U.S. Constitution. And now they want your guns.

*Photo of President Barack Obama: AP Images*

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## Toyota lied to consumers about Prius fuel efficiency, experts say

By RALPH VARTABEDIAN

About 800,000 Toyota Priuses were recalled in 2014 to address overheating. Some drivers and experts who studied Toyota documents say the company's software fix resulted in a reduction in fuel economy. (Joe Raedle / Getty Images)

When Robert Enger took his Toyota Prius into a dealership for a safety recall, he didn't expect that his fuel economy would drop.

Just six months after buying the new 2013 Prius, Enger learned that the company was recalling it to fix the car's hybrid electrical system, which was overheating and frying itself. A technician plugged the car into a diagnostic tool that installed new computer code in two electronic modules. That was supposed to fix the problem.

The repair itself has become controversial amid allegations that the electrical systems are still overheating after the software fix. But Enger noticed something else: His fuel economy dropped by 5 miles per gallon in city driving. Enger, an electrical engineer from Hermosa Beach, checks his mileage every fill-up, dividing the number of miles he drove since the last fill-up by the number of gallons he pumped to top off the tank.

About 800,000 Toyota Priuses in the U.S. were recalled in 2014 to address overheating that damages the car's inverter, a key part of the electrical power system. A lawsuit brought last year by one of Southern California's largest Toyota dealers asserted that the software fix did not solve the overheating problem and could lead to an abrupt loss of power. A related complaint by the dealer is now under review by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Academic experts contacted by The Times said it is likely the software change reduced the car's fuel efficiency. And a lawsuit this month in federal court makes allegation that Toyota "concealed from consumers that the software reflash decreased the fuel efficiency â defeating the very purpose of owning these hybrid vehicles."

A statement by Toyota did not directly address questions about whether fuel economy and emissions are affected, but said the company would defend itself against such allegations.

The company's documents show it modified not only software that controls the inverter's function, but also the software in the vehicle's powertrain control computer that determines how much power is supplied to the transmission by the gasoline engine and by the electric motors, according to the experts, hybrid vehicle engineers at major academic research centers.

The inverter, a device about the size of a large shoe box, boosts the battery's 200 volts to about 500 volts for the electric motors and converts the battery's direct current to alternating current (similar to what comes out of a household outlet). When the brakes are applied, the power flows in the other direction to charge the battery.

The change in the powertrain software and evidence of physical problems in the inverter probably shows that the company's modification reduced the power supplied by the battery and increased reliance on the Prius'

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four-cylinder gasoline engine, according to the academic experts who have reviewed those filings. If so, the car's fuel economy probably dropped and its emissions increased, they say.

The Prius has an EPA fuel economy rating of 51 miles per gallon in city driving for the 2010 model and 49 mpg for the 2014 model. Enger said his city driving mileage dropped from 49 mpg before the software change to 44 mpg afterward.

Assertions that the Toyota software change decreased the car's fuel economy are contained in a lawsuit seeking class-action status filed this month in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. "Unbeknownst to drivers, Toyota reduced the vehicles' fuel efficiency, which is the main reason why consumers purchase Priuses," it alleges. The suit by two Toyota owners, filed by Los Angeles attorney Skip Miller, contends that Toyota's inaccurate fuel efficiency claims violate various consumer protection laws and result in fraud, false advertising and breach of contract.

Roger Hogan, who owns two big Toyota dealerships in Southern California, has sued Toyota, alleging that more than 100 Priuses have come to his service departments with failed inverters after the software fix was made.

Hogan's suit said that Toyota was slow to notify owners of the defect. It said that the company waited several years to issue the recall for the basic Prius after knowing about the problem and then waited another 18 months to extend the recall to the Prius V.

Toyota of Claremont refuses to sell these Priuses because, a lawsuit alleges, they have a defect that can cause the cars to lose power. Owner Roger Hogan, center, filed the suit. (Gina Ferazzi / Los Angeles Times)

Toyota officials at the company's U.S. headquarters in Texas issued a statement disputing the allegations in the class-action suit, saying they are without merit. They previously said the Hogan suit is without merit.

"Toyota's focus remains on the safety and security of our customers, and we stand behind the effectiveness and appropriateness of the Prius inverter recall remedy," the statement said. "Due to the pending litigation, we cannot address the specific fuel economy claims in detail at this time, however, we intend to defend against them vigorously."

The company notified the California Air Resources Board of the software change in January 2014, saying that that it made "no significant difference on emissions and fuel economy," according to a board spokeswoman. NHTSA referred questions about the performance to the Environmental Protection Agency, which did not respond by the time of publication.

The Times interviewed more than a dozen Prius owners who described reliability and fuel consumption issues with their Priuses. When the inverter overheats, the car can suffer a total loss of power or enter what Toyota calls a "limp home mode." When it happens, the dashboard lights up with warnings.

Kathleen Ryan, a Marina del Rey Prius owner who got the software fix in 2014, was driving in the fast lane on the 91 Freeway in January, cruising along at 70 mph, when suddenly "it felt like somebody pulled the emergency brake."

The car slowed down to 15 mph and Ryan had to cross three lanes of high-speed traffic that was swerving around her slow car. Several California Highway Patrol Officers on the shoulder, who had stopped to deal with a stalled big rig, told her she was lucky to be alive, she said.

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"If I had been in an accident, nobody would know how it happened," said Ryan. "They would say, 'Oh, this old lady doesn't know how to drive.' If somebody dies, we wouldn't even know how it happened."

Jason Levine, executive director of the Center for Auto Safety, said that a car in limp-home mode may be better than a full stall, but still puts drivers in a "freaky" situation. "You have gone to a large golf cart," he said.

Levine and others compare Toyota's software fixes to Apple's secret modification of software that controls the iPhone, slowing down the device as the battery ages and loses its ability to hold a full charge. The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Justice Department said in January they were launching investigations into Apple's practices.

In many cases, the inverters fail when drivers step hard on the accelerator or brake hard, which subjects the inverter to high loads. In its recall notice to owners, Toyota suggested drivers should temporarily take it easy on their Priuses: "Until the remedy is performed, drivers should avoid placing a high load on the hybrid system by avoiding full throttle application when possible."

The company has been struggling with the overheating problem in the Prius as far back as May 2011, according to a "defect information report" that it filed with federal safety regulators in 2014. Its engineers examined the possibility that solder joints were cracking, a result of "excessive thermal stress."

In following years, engineers found cracks in the solder, but could not find a problem in its manufacturing process. Later, the report said, the cracks were not turning up in the wagon version of the vehicle, the Prius V, which has the same inverter. By 2014, Toyota finally settled on changing the software in the inverter and engine controller. It told federal regulators it would sent owners notices by 2015.

The overheating occurs in special electronic devices, known as "insulated gate bipolar transistors," or IGBTs, which boost voltage and convert the DC power from the battery to AC power.

Heath Hofmann, an electrical engineering professor at the University of Michigan and an expert in hybrid vehicle power systems, describes the transistors as high-power switches that turn on and off thousands of times per second. The auto industry is trying to find a substitute for the silicon transistors, but so far continues to use IGBTs. It is likely the transistor loads are at the heart of Toyota's problem, he said, based on the defect information reports.

"It strongly suggests that they did something to change the vehicle's overall power management system," Hofmann said after looking at some of the Toyota recall documents. "The likely thing they did was reduce the power running through the inverter and the motor generator, particularly if they are having problems in high power demand situations."

Michael Pecht, a University of Maryland professor who founded the school's Center for Advanced Life Cycle Engineering, which focuses on electronics reliability, also reviewed the Toyota recall documents. "Clearly, they are saying the problem is in the IGBT, but they couldn't find the cause for two years," he said.

Pecht said the software fix to reduce temperatures in the inverters may help, but "it is just going to delay when the failure occurs. My gut is that the software fix saves money. This is really serious. The inverters need to be replaced."

In his lawsuit, Hogan alleges that replacing an inverter costs more than \$2,000, while the software fix costs the manufacturer \$80.

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Hogan said a few Toyota owners have returned to his dealership, saying their Prius suffered a loss of fuel economy after the software fix. A few Prius owners contacted by The Times said they did not notice any change in their fuel economy. Other Prius owners have made the same complaint as Enger in Toyota chat rooms, saying it "detunes" their cars and increases the use of the gasoline engine.

In many cases, however, Prius owners may not know their fuel economy has degraded because they don't routinely check it or they may not associate it with the software recall.

Enger, the Hermosa Beach engineer, said he tried to get answers from his dealer and then finally called Toyota's customer service hotline. He said he wasn't able to get to the bottom of his problem with customer relations.

"It was like talking to a cat," he said.

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## Trump Did Not Create Distrust Of The Media, Distrust Of The Media Created Trump

Posted By [Ian Schwartz](#)

(relative portion begins at 5:00)

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From Thursday's broadcast of *Special Report*:

MOLLIE HEMINGWAY, THE FEDERALIST: Donald Trump did not create distrust of the media; distrust of the media helped create Donald Trump and the media really need to get a handle on why so many Americans don't just dislike them but loathe them.

If the only way you can sort of defend media performances, or if you get really upset about Donald Trump criticizing the media is if you think the media are doing a good job.

The fact is that very few Americans actually think the media are doing a good job. A recent poll showed that 72% of Americans think that the media deliberately report fake, false, or misleading news. I think the misleading thing is really significant there.

It's not that people are just making up facts out of whole cloth, but the bias, and the self-aggrandizement, and the idiocy that people see in the media is frustrating them and the media really need to take a hard look inside.

Jim Acosta telling a woman that she needs to say certain words or else he's not going to stop yelling at her is not going to improve the relationship between the media and the American people.

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## Turns Out California Democrats Used Illegals For Ballot Harvesting

Rod Thomson

Sometimes a clueless leftist media is a conservativeâ s best friend.

The Los Angeles Times published a big mushy kiss of a puff piece on New Yearâ s Day about how Dreamers got deeply involved in the 2018 midterm elections that turned so many red Congressional seats blue â particularly in the days *after* the election through ballot harvesting.

Nowhere were the Dreamers more active than in California, where the almost entirely Republican blue Orange County flipped to 100 percent Democrat red and where these DACA beneficiaries were very active.

Hereâ s the storyâ s lead:

*â Gabriela Cruz, who was brought to the U.S. illegally when she was 1, couldnâ t vote, but in the final hours before the Nov. 6 election, she was making one last run to get people to the polls.*

*The sun was setting in Modesto when she found Ronald Silva, 41, smoking a cigarette on a tattered old couch behind a group home. He politely tried to wave her off until she reminded him he had a right that she as an immigrant without citizenship didnâ t have.*

*â It could really make a change for us,â said Cruz, 29.*

*Half an hour later, she was helping Silva look up candidates as he filled out his ballot by the light of her phone. â Iâ m glad you guys came,â he said. â I was going to leave it in my drawer.â â (Emphasis added)*

The notion of an ethnic â usâ in America has always been poisonous. It requires the opposite and equal reaction of a different ethnic â them.â Divisive poison that the LA Times flatters.

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So a foreigner, a non-citizen of the United States, was openly working to affect the outcome of our elections. In another context, this is a scandal of enormous proportions. In this context, it is a wonderful of example of immigrant civic involvement.

More from the L.A. Timesâ story:

*â In California, Dreamers like Cruz phoned voters, walked precincts and protested outside Republican lawmakersâ offices, reaching people who had not been called or visited by either party. Their efforts helped boost turnout among Latinos in this yearâ s midterm election â 29 million nationwide were eligible to vote, according to the Pew Research Center â which is projected to surpass levels higher than in past presidential election years, political analysts said.*

*An analysis of data from eight states by the Latino Policy and Politics Initiative at UCLA found the Latino vote grew by an estimated 96% from 2014 to 2018, compared with 37% among non-Latinos. The surge, researchers said, helped move 20 House districts held by Republicans to Democratic control in California,*



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*Arizona, Nevada, Texas, New Mexico, Florida, New Jersey and New York.*

*In another study, the political research firm Latino Decisions found that an increase in Latino voter turnout contributed to flipping six GOP-held congressional seats in California â four in the once conservative bastion of Orange County and two in the Central Valley that have long eluded Democrats.*

In eight states, the Hispanic vote doubled in four years? Does that in any way seem legitimate, in a real sense?

Letâ s be clear. The Democratic Party employed the manpower of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of foreigners living in the United States to effect the outcome of an election. And the media applauds. Further, there were no controls on the actions of those involved with ballot harvesting â whether legal or illegal â in how they handle ballots.

Is there really any doubt that the Timeâ s example, Gabriela Cruz, or other Democrat ballot harvesters, would be highly incentivized to â helpâ these indifferent and obviously politically ignorant â votersâ in how they should vote? Remember her comment about â us.â She was pursuing Hispanics to vote in Democrats to help other Hispanics like her in the country illegally become legalized.

In most states, laws require political activity at polling places to be a certain distance from where voters are actually voting to limit undue political pressure.

But in ballot harvesting, there is no such thing. Quite the opposite, with people hunting down registered voters who had not voted because they want specific votes to be cast. They are not looking to simply turn out voters. They are turning out Democrat *votes* by people too indifferent to know the issues, the candidates or even vote until someone knocks on their door and essentially does it for them.

And in 2018, in California, a lot of the people doing that were not even American citizens.

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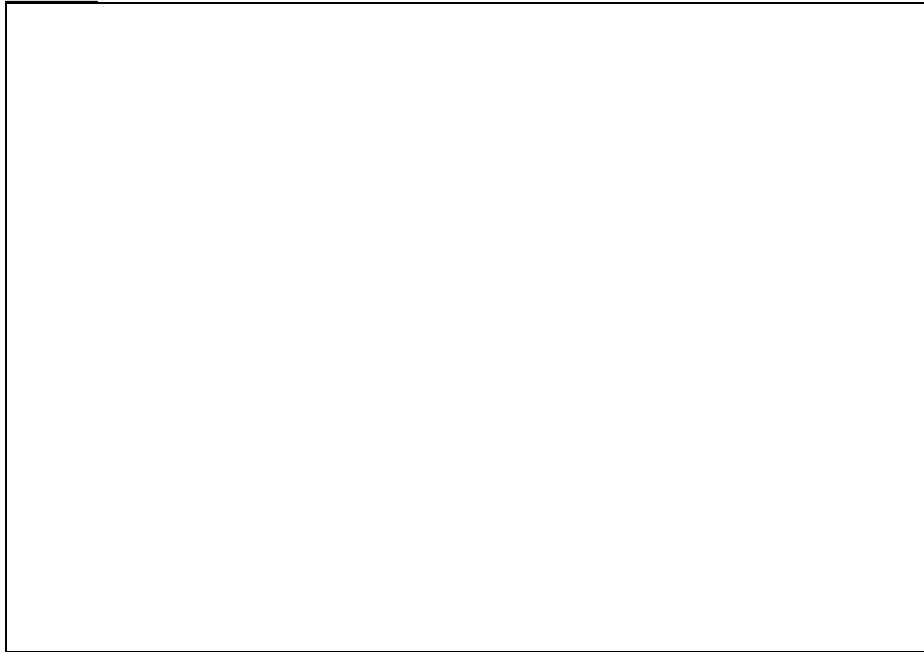
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The U.S. government continues to perform highly secretive experiments on human subjects, according to partial information about these continuing experiments released under a Freedom of Information Act request.

At least 12 programs run by the Department of Energy are using human beings as part of the experiments, which operate under unusual names such as "Moose Drool," "Little Workers," and "Hidden Valley," among others.

An unclassified [list of these experiments](#) was provided to the Federation of American Scientists under a FOIA request and included in the organizationâ s latest newsletter.

Little information about the nature of these experiments was provided by the government, which lists the total number of participants in the programs at around 300.

"Human subjects research refers broadly to the collection of scientific data from human subjects," FAS noted in its review of the experiments. "This could involve physical procedures that are performed on the subjects, or simply interviews and other forms of interaction with them."

Controversy has surrounded past efforts by the U.S. government to conduct human experiments, including radiation tests that sparked a government committee years ago.

"Research using human subjects provides important medical and scientific benefits to individuals and to society. The need for this research does not, however, outweigh the need to protect individual rights and interests," FAS noted, quoting the DOE's [2016](#) guidance on protection of human subjects in classified research.

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### **Pay-off Campaign Billionaires and Destroy Their Competitors**

California Senators and Washington agency chiefs are on the hot seat for a trillion dollar-plus political corruption case which abused taxpayers nation-wide and the public policy system over-all. You will remember the Solyndra FBI-raid and the amazing failures of more Department of Energy-funded â green energyâ companies (in a matter of two years) than ever in U.S. history. It turns out they were all owned by the same handful of men who used them as a stock market pump-and-dump scam.

Senators Reid and Feinstein, White House staff and Dept. of Energy executives had insider trading deals with Silicon Valley tech billionaires. They used Google and Gawker Media to attack witnesses, destroy competitors and rig the news in their favor while exploiting illicit mining and stock market crony corruption deals. The only "Green" thing they were interested in was the cash! They had "hard-wired" the DOE money, in advance, for the campaign financiers and simply used/defrauded the non-crony applicants as a smoke-screen to hide their scam while monopolizing markets in a scheme agreed to with Rahm Emanuel, David Axelrod, David Plouffe and their Cartel.

The victims of these politician-sponsored crimes demand justice and restitution for the fraud, harassment and interference they suffered. These citizens must be compensated for the malicious, proven, retribution tactics, lies, toxic poisonings, vendetta cut-offs of all government benefits, vendetta cut-offs of all employment and revenue sources, interference, "missing hard drives" and interdiction efforts conducted, with applicants own tax dollars, against the applicants. Say the victims: neither they, nor their families, staff and associates will rest until justice prevails.

In this election year, the public demands the arrest of the corrupt. Justice demands resolution, or the repercussions will only continue to accelerate and amplify. This crime continues to this day. The cover-ups continue to this day. The attacks on the victims and losses by the victims continue to this day.

These were felony crimes that the DOJ has been told not to act on because arrests will cause â political embarrassmentâ . Seriously?!

These days, voters want more political embarrassment of the corrupt and less â political correctnessâ and cover-ups. Without justice and restitution for the victims, it destroys American voters faith in The System. The taxpayers have lost trillions of their dollars, and public services, because of this corruption. Famous Senators and White House staff who benefited from the crimes, are operating the cover-up. Evidence now proves that the Obama staff ordered DOJ, FBI, SEC, FCC, FTC, OSC and the AG to "Take no action on this investigation" in an overt set of orders to illegally operate a cover-up. That is not acceptable to the public.

The definition of â politicsâ is: *â The process in which a man fights with another man to see which man, and his friends, will get to put your tax money in their pockets.â*

Representation of taxpayers in Washington, DC has become almost entirely about making fake â lawsâ which direct U.S. Treasury cash to one side or another. In the â Cleantech Crashâ incident, this process stooped to the level of mobster-ism and organized crime.



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At least one alliance of the victims of what 60 Minutes calls: â The Cleantech Crashâ , sent letters this week to The California Senators and Washington politicians who are supposed to clean up the Cleantech Crash. Part of the letter reads:

â ...As you are by now aware, all of these communications have been placed on permanent public record either by our filings or by state-sponsored hackers who have been publicly reported to have entered and copied your agencyâ s servers for a number of years.

*We will no longer accept your refusal to do your jobs by way of your officeâ s â BSâ claim â that this is outside of our purviewâ , or by finger-pointing to some other agency, stone-walling, slow-walking, or losing your files or hard-drives. We, and the rest of the 300+ million citizens, pay you to work for us and we were told and expect you to work for us and protect and serve us.*

*You were not hired by us to simply run cover-ups for some criminally corrupt Silicon Valley campaign finance billionaires.*

*Waiting us out and thinking this will â all just go awayâ has proven to be an epically false assumption on your part. Your attack dog, Gawker Media, who you used to put a hit-job on us, has been taken down. Holder, Gibbs, Chu, Seward, Solyndra, Abound, etc. have all been shut down. Every person and company that organized and operated the CleanTech Crash Crimes has been identified, targeted, placed under investigation and/or had criminal charges filed against them.*

*Our first lawsuits have made political history and set legal precedents, and they will never end until we get restitution and justice.*

*As we have proven, we can, and will sue your agency executives PERSONALLY for corruption and will not hesitate to name each agency executive in RICO filings.*

*In other words, you must now come to the table with a restitution and justice proposal for the victims of these crimes. We have become witnesses and provided testimony to James Comey, David Johnson, Patricia Rich and others at the FBI, as well as the EU, GAO, SEC, FTC and U.S. Congress.*

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*Do your job for the American people!*

*How much will your agency slot out of your discretionary budget for our restitution and/or whistle-blower rewards? We will make certain that every voter knows your answer prior to the election.*

*We are done putting up with your delays and cover-ups. The voters are done putting up with your delays and cover-ups.*

*How will you serve us as our legally and morally obligated government representative and protector? Time is running outâ !.â*

So it looks like the do-nothing politicians did nothing for a little too long. Now, they need to do something to fix this..and before the 2016 Election!

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- 1.) They send out character assassination attacks AGAINST opponents of the corporation who covertly work for the corporation, and...
- 2.) They conduit bribes, in a secret manner, to their crony candidates like Harris, Pelosi, Reid, Feinstein, Breed, etc., who have promised them insider deals. When the skill candidate gets elected, these corrupt politicians support the agenda of the corporation and steer government funds to the corporation and away from the corporation's competitors.

At the Obama Department of Energy, while engaging in *Dark Money* corruption, the Energy Department hired Silicon Valley's own people to run the scam for Silicon Valley oligarchs. These crony crooks were paid in sex workers, insider trading stock and revolving door jobs and they worked hand-in-hand with the Federal government to attack and destroy competing domestic companies.

If multi-millionaire politicians are as '*impassioned to serve the public*' as they say, then shouldn't they volunteer, for free, to serve in office and allow the taxpayers to see all of their stock market accounts and bank accounts?

Of course they will volunteer to help the public because most of them are getting "**DARK MONEY**" covert payola and they are in office only to serve their own criminal kick-back schemes. While left wing main stream news outlets have long promoted the Koch Brothers as the force behind Dark Money, it is in fact left-leaning Greylock Capital, Google, Tom Steyer, Clinton Alliance, George Soros, Kleiner Perkins, Rothschild Family that operate the majority of modern Dark Money conduits. Their Dark Money operation is 356 times larger than that of the Koch Brothers. The left leaning operators, who ran the Department of Energy during the Obama Administration, use the law firms of MOFO, Wilson Sonsini, Perkins Coi, Latham Watkins, Covington and Burling and related firms as their cover-up designers for their covert machinations.

Politician's Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Nancy Pelosi, Harry Reid and 42 others, sent out letters, emails, meeting requests and pitches to solicit members of the public to join a cause. The top staff of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) sent out the same pleas. They promised a "wonderful new opportunity for all" in the first market break for outsiders in 30 years.

In meetings, on camera, they promised to give members of the public a fair shot at a group of new Department of Energy funds that Obama had put in place.

They failed to mention one key fact: **ALL OF THE TAXPAYER MONEY HAD ALREADY BEEN SECRETLY PROMISED ("Hard Wired" it is called) TO OBAMA'S, AND THE DOE BOSSES,**

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### **FRIENDS, IN ADVANCE.**

That is a felony violation of the law. A crime which FBI Director James Comey, and his staff covered up and which DOE Boss Steven Chu and his staff actively implemented. Our team knows this, as fact, because they reported directly to Comey, Chu and their offices.

It was not an '*accident*', it was not an '*oversight*', it was not '*an agency just overwhelmed with paper*'. It was a precision controlled, coordinated organized crime effort designed to *rape*, both, the U.S. taxpayers and the non-crony applicants for these funds.

The crime used the traditional bribes, crony payola contracts, revolving doors, sex worker payoffs and other political corruption but it mainly used a new tactic called '*Dark Money*'.

Our team knows this because some of them were solicited to participate in these crimes and some of them had close personal relationships with the politicians who are now known to have operated these crimes. Some of our witnesses and insiders have been involved with the DOE since before 2000. They have 'seen it all'.

**Companies, their executives and their investors were induced by California and New York Senators, White House Staff and the top staff of the U.S. Department of Energy to invest many years of their lives, and tens of millions of dollars of their personal cash in a fake government program which only existed to pay off Obama's political financiers.**

American taxpayers were lied to and ruined by the U.S Department of Energy and their damages are increasing monthly. The DOE has NEVER apologized, NEVER offered fixes and NEVER provided the victims with anything other than 'Fusion-GPS' kinds of attacks on those who asked for help or who reported the crimes. The stone-walling, cover-ups and obfuscation that the DOE has engaged in has been historical in scope.

This scam happened in 2008. History has proven that the DOE funds, since then, were rigged. Congress, the news media and special investigations have proven that these crimes happened. Nothing has ever been done to help the victims (over 100 companies and over 1800 individuals) recover from their state-sponsored losses.

What happened when the victims of these crimes reported the incidents to authorities? The Obama Administration ordered and operated attacks on the victims. Those attacks included the following reprisal, retribution and revenge efforts:'

- - DOE solicited the victims with false promises and caused them to expend millions of dollars and years of their time for projects which DOE had covertly promised to their friends and were using the victims as a â smokescreenâ to cover their illegal DOE slush-fund for the victims competitors and personal enemies.
- - Social Security, SSI, SDI, Disability and other earned benefits were stone-walled. Applications were â lostâ . Files in the application process â disappearedâ . Lois Lerner hard drive â incidentsâ took place in order to seek to hide information and run cover-ups.
- - DOEâ s Jonathan Silver, Lachlan Seward and Steven Chu contacted members of the National Venture Capital association (NVCA) and created national â black-listsâ to blockade Victims from ever receiving investor funding. This was also confirmed in a widely published disclosure by Tesla Motors Daryl Siry and in published testimony.
- FOIA requests were hidden, frozen, stone-walled, delayed, lied about and only partially responded to in order to seek to hide information and run cover-ups.

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- - State and federal employees played an endless game of Catch-22 by arbitrarily determining that deadlines had passed that they, the government officials, had stonewalled and obfuscated applications for, in order to force these deadlines that they set, to appear to be missed.
- - Some Victims found themselves strangely poisoned, not unlike the Alexander Litvenko case. Heavy metals and toxic materials were found right after their work with the Department of Energy weapons and energy facilities. Many wonder if these "targets" were intentionally exposed to toxins in retribution for their testimony. The federal MSDS documents clearly show that a number of these people were exposed to deadly compounds and radiations, via DOE, without being provided with proper HazMat suits which DOE officials knew were required.
- - Victims employers were called, and faxed, and ordered to fire Victims from their places of employment, in the middle of the day, with no notice, as a retribution tactic.
- - On orders from Obama White House officials, DNC-financed Google, YouTube, Gawker Media and Gizmodo Media produced attack articles and defamation videos and locked them on the internet on the top line, of the front page of all Google searches for a decade in front of 7.5 billion people, around the world, at a cost of over \$40 million dollars in server farms, production costs and internet rigging. The forensic data acquired from this attack proved that Google rigs attacks against individuals on the internet and that all of Google's "impressions" are manually controlled by Google's executives who are also the main financiers and policy directors of the Obama Administration. This data was provided to the European Union for its ongoing prosecution of Google's political manipulation of public perceptions.
- - Victims HR and employment records, on recruiting and hiring databases, were embedded with negative keywords in order to prevent them from gaining future employment.
- - Our associates: Gary D. Conley, Seth Rich, Rajeev Motwani and over 30 other whistle-blowers in this matter, turned up dead under strange circumstances. They are not alone in a series of bizarre deaths related to the DOE investigations.
- - Disability and VA complaint hearings and benefits were frozen, delayed, denied or subjected to lost records and "missing hard drives" as in the Lois Lerner case.
- - Paypal and other on-line payments for on-line sales were delayed, hidden, or re-directed in order to terminate income potential for Victims who competed with DOE interests and holdings.
- - DNS redirection, website spoofing which sent Victims websites to dead ends and other Internet activity manipulations were conducted. All commercial storefronts and on-line sales attempts by Victims, had their sites hidden, or search engine de-linked by an massively resourced facility in order to terminate revenue potentials for those victims.
- Over 50,000 trolls, shills, botnets and synth-blog deployments were deployed to place defamatory statements and disinformation about victims in front of 7.5 billion people around the world on the internet in order to seek to damage their federal testimony credibility by a massively resourced facility.
- - Campaign finance dirty tricks contractors IN-Q-Tel, Think Progress, Black Cube, Podesta Group, Stratfor, Fusion GPS, IN-Q-Tel, Media Matters, Gawker Media, Gizmodo Media, Syd Blumenthal, etc., were hired by DOE Executives

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and their campaign financiers to attack Victims who competed with DOE executives stocks and personal assets.

- - Covert DOE partner: Google, transferred large sums of cash to dirty tricks contractors and then manually locked the media portion of the attacks into the top lines of the top pages of all Google searches globally, for years, with hidden embedded codes in the links and web-pages which multiplied the attacks on Victims by many magnitudes.
- Covert Cartel financier: Google, placed Googleâ s lawyer: Michelle Lee, in charge of the U.S. Patent Office and she, in turn, stacked all of the U.S. Patent Office IPR and ALICE review boards and offices with Google-supporting employees in order to rig the U.S. Patent Office to protect Google from being prosecuted for the vast patent thefts that Google engages in. Google has hundreds of patent lawsuits for technology theft and a number of those lawsuits refer to Googleâ s operations as â Racketeeringâ , â Monopolistic Cartelâ and â Government Coup-likeâ behaviors. Thousands of articles and investigations detail the fact that Google, â essentiallyâ ran the Obama White House and provided over 80% of the key White House staff. A conflict-of-interest unlike any in American history. Googleâ s investors personally told Applicant they would â kill himâ . Google and the Obama Administration were â the same entityâ . Applicant testified in the review that got Michelle Lee terminated and uncovered a tactical political and social warfare group inside Google who were financed by Federal and State funds.
- - Honeytraps and moles were employed by the attackers. In this tactic, people who covertly worked for the attackers were employed to approach the â targetâ in order to spy on and misdirect the subject.
- - Mortgage and rental applications had red flags added to them in databases to prevent the targets from getting homes or apartments.
- - McCarthy-Era "Black-lists" were created and employed against Victims who competed with DOE executives and their campaign financiers to prevent them from funding and future employment.
- - Targets were very carefully placed in a position of not being able to get jobs, unemployment benefits, disability benefits or acquire any possible sources of income. The retribution tactics were audacious, overt..and quite illegal.

How does DOE Dark Money work? Let's take a look:

In the politics of the United States, **dark money** is funds given to nonprofit organizationsâ and include 501(c)(4)(social welfare) 501(c)(5) (unions) and 501(c)(6) (trade association) groupsâ that can receive unlimited donations from corporations, individuals, and unions, and spend funds to influence elections, but are not required to disclose their donors.<sup>[3][4]</sup> Dark money first entered politics with Buckley v. Valeo (1976) when the United States Supreme Court laid out Eight Magic Words that define the difference between electioneering and issue advocacy.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, "spending by organizations that do not disclose their donors has increased from less than \$5.2 million in 2006 to well over \$300 million in the 2012 presidential cycle and more than \$174 million in the 2014 midterms."<sup>[3]</sup> The New York Times editorial board has opined that the 2014 midterm elections were influenced by "the greatest wave of secret, special-interest money ever raised in a congressional election."<sup>[5]</sup>

The term was first used by the Sunlight Foundation to describe undisclosed funds that were used during the United States 2010 mid-term election.<sup>[6][7]</sup> Its practical effect has been described by Donald Trump as

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Congress "being under the magical spell of the donors."<sup>[8]</sup>

In some elections, dark money groups have surpassed traditional political action committees (PAC) and "super PACs" (independent-expenditure-only committees) in the volume of spending.<sup>[4]</sup> In 2014, the group Freedom Partners was identified as the "poster child" for the rise of dark money.<sup>[4]</sup> In 2012, Freedom Partners had the ninth-highest revenues among all U.S. trade associations which filed tax returns that year, more than "established heavyweights" such as the American Petroleum Institute, PhRMA, and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.<sup>[4]</sup> Freedom Partners largely acted as a conduit for campaign spending; of the \$238 million it spent in 2012, 99 percent went to other groups, and Freedom Partners itself did not have any employees.<sup>[4]</sup> This was a major distinction between other high-revenue trade associations, which typically have many employees and devote only about 6 percent of spending to grants to outside groups.<sup>[4]</sup>

The rise of dark money groups was aided by the U.S. Supreme Court decisions in FEC v. Wisconsin Right to Life, Inc. (2008) and Citizens United v. FEC (2010).<sup>[4]</sup> In Citizens United, the Court ruled (by a 5â 4 vote) that corporations and unions could spend unlimited amounts of money to advocate for or against political candidates.<sup>[9]</sup>

2010 election cycle

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, dark money (which it defined as funds from outside groups that did not publicly disclose donors, plus groups that received a substantial portion of their contributions from such nondisclosing groups) accounted for nearly 44% of outside spending in the 2010 election cycle.<sup>[10]</sup>

In the 2012 election cycle, more than \$308 million in dark money was spent, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.<sup>[11]</sup> An estimated 86 percent was spent by conservative groups, 11 percent by liberal groups and 3 percent by other groups.<sup>[11]</sup>

The three dark money groups which spent the largest sums were Karl Rove's American Crossroads/Crossroads GPS (\$71 million), the Koch brothers' Americans for Prosperity (\$36 million) and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce (\$35 million), all conservative groups.<sup>[11][12]</sup> Aside from a complex, and still highly covert network created by The Clinton Foundation, Media Matters and The Podesta Group, the three liberal groups with the largest dark-money expenditures were the League of Conservation Voters (\$11 million), Patriot Majority USA, a group focusing on public schools and infrastructure (\$7 million), and Planned Parenthood (almost \$7 million).<sup>[11]</sup>

The 2014 election cycle saw the largest amount of dark money ever spent in a congressional election; the New York Times editorial board described 2014 "the greatest wave of secret, special-interest money ever."<sup>[5]</sup> On the eve of the election, Republican-leaning dark money groups dominated, with \$94.6 million in expenditures, exceeding dark money expenditures by Democratic-leaning dark money groups (\$28.4 million), and by expenditures that could not be classified (\$1.9 million).<sup>[13]</sup> Karl Rove's dark money group Crossroads GPS alone spent over \$47 million in the 2014 election cycle.<sup>[14]</sup>

In the Senate elections, dark money spending was highly concentrated in a handful of targeted competitive states, and especially in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Kentucky, and North Carolina.<sup>[15]</sup> In the eleven most competitive Senate races, \$342 million was spent by non-party outside groups, significantly more than the \$89 million spent by the political parties.

In the 2014 Kentucky election, a key player was the "Kentucky Opportunity Coalition," a group supporting Mitch McConnell, Republican of Kentucky,<sup>[16]</sup> whom the New York Times editorial board has described as "the most prominent advocate for unlimited secret campaign spending in Washington."<sup>[5]</sup> The Kentucky Opportunity Coalition, a 501(c)(4) "social welfare" group,<sup>[17]</sup> raised more than \$21 million, while

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McConnell raised about \$32 million and McConnell's opponent, Democratic candidate Alison Lundergan Grimes, raised about \$19 million.<sup>[17]</sup> According to a Center for Public Integrity analysis of data provided by advertising tracking firm Kantar Media/CMAG, the group ran more than 12,400 television advertisements.<sup>[17]</sup> Every Kentucky Opportunity Coalition's television advertisements mentioned either McConnell or Grimes; overall, about 53 percent of the group's ads praised McConnell while the rest were attack ads against Grimes.<sup>[18]</sup> The Kentucky Opportunity Coalition relied heavily on political consultants in Washington, D.C. and Virginia linked to Karl Rove's Crossroads groups,<sup>[19]</sup> and received \$390,000 in a grant from Crossroads GPS.<sup>[17]</sup> Described as "mysterious," the group was listed by a Post Office box,<sup>[17]</sup> and the only name formally associated with the group was political operative J. Scott Jennings, a deputy political director in the George W. Bush administration, a worker for McConnell's previous campaigns.<sup>[18]</sup> Melanie Sloan of the watchdog organization Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington said that the Kentucky Opportunity Coalition was "nothing more than a sham."<sup>[17]</sup>

Dark money also played a role in other competitive Senate seats in 2014. In ten competitive Senate seats, the winners had the following in dark-money support, according to an analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law:<sup>[20]</sup>

| <b>Winning Candidate</b>      | <b>Dark Money in Support</b> | <b>Dark Money as % of Nonparty Outside Spending in Support</b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <u>Thom Tillis</u> (R-NC)     | \$22,888,975                 | 81%  |
| <u>Cory Gardner</u> (R-CO)    | \$22,529,291                 | 89%  |
| <u>Joni Ernst</u> (R-IA)      | \$17,552,085                 | 74%  |
| <u>Mitch McConnell</u> (R-KY) | \$13,920,163                 | 63%  |
| <u>Tom Cotton</u> (R-AR)      | \$12,502,284                 | 65%  |
| <u>David Perdue</u> (R-GA)    | \$11,098,585                 | 86%  |
| <u>Dan Sullivan</u> (R-AK)    | \$10,823,196                 | 85%  |
| <u>Pat Roberts</u> (R-KS)     | \$8,454,938                  | 78%  |
| <u>Gary Peters</u> (D-MI)     | \$4,226,674                  | 28%  |
| <u>Jeanne Shaheen</u> (D-NH)  | \$3,478,039                  | 35%  |
| <b>Total</b>                  | \$127,475,231                | 71%  |

In North Carolina, the pro-Tillis group "Carolina Rising" received nearly all (98.7%) of its funds from Crossroads GPS; the Center for Responsive Politics highlighted this as an example of how Crossroads GPS, a 501(c)(4) group, "evades limits on political activity through grants" to other 501(c)(4) groups.<sup>[16][21]</sup> In the 2014 cycle, Crossroads GPS also gave \$5.25 million to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, \$2 million to the American Future Fund, and \$390,000 to the Kentucky Opportunity Coalition.<sup>[21]</sup> In total, Crossroads GPS spent more than \$13.6 million on grants to other groups, which it described as being for the purposes of "social welfare."<sup>[21]</sup>

In 2014, the Democratic Party-aligned dark money group Patriot Majority USA, a 501(c)(4), spent almost \$13.7 million on "direct and indirect political campaign activities," airing 15,000 television ads in targeted Senate races.<sup>[22]</sup> About half of the \$30 raised by the group came from five anonymous donors.<sup>[22]</sup> The group was led by Craig Varoga, "a staunch ally" of Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, Democrat of Nevada.<sup>[22]</sup>

In Alaska, Mark Begich was "one of the few Democratic candidates to come close to receiving as much support from dark money as his Republican opponent."<sup>[15]</sup> The pro-Begich Alaska Salmon PAC, funded entirely by the League of Conservation Voters and its Alaska affiliate, spent funds in support of Begich.<sup>[15]</sup>



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According to the Center for Responsive Politics, by October 2015, \$4.88 million in dark money had already been spent for the 2016 election cycle, "more than 10 times the \$440,000 that was spent at this point during the 2012 cycle."<sup>[11]</sup> The money was spent by six groups - five conservative groups (including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which spent \$3 million, and Americans for Prosperity, which spent \$1.5 million) and one liberal group (Planned Parenthood, which spent just under \$75,000).<sup>[11]</sup>

According to Richard Skinner of the Sunlight Foundation, "the focus of early dark money being spent in the 2016 cycle" is on competitive U.S. Senate elections and some U.S. House of Representatives races.<sup>[11]</sup> However, dark money also is playing a role in the 2016 Republican presidential primaries; by June 2015, at least four Republican presidential candidates were raising funds via 501(c)(4) organizations: Bobby Jindal's America Next, Rick Perry's Americans for Economic Freedom, John Kasich's Balanced Budget Forever, and Jeb Bush's Right to Rise.<sup>[23]</sup>

Comparison to (and relationship with) super PACs<sup>[edit]</sup>

Dark money (501(c)) groups and super PACs compared

(source: Sunlight Foundation<sup>[24]</sup>)

|   | <b>Super PACs</b>                     | <b>Dark-money groups</b>  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| Type of entity                            | Campaign committee (regulated by FEC) | Nonprofit (regulated by IRS)  |
| Disclosure of contributors required?      | Yes                                   | No  |
| Disclosure of expenditures required?      | Yes                                   | Through tax filings (Form 990s)<br>(Typically delayed by year or more; often submitted long after elections have ended) |
| Limits on dollar amount of contributions? | None                                  | None  |
| Can be wholly political?                  | Yes                                   | No<br>(political activity cannot be majority of expenditures)   |
| Coordination with candidates?             | Impermissible                         | Impermissible   |

501(c) "dark money" groups are distinct from super PACs.<sup>[25]</sup> While both types of entity can raise and spend unlimited sums of money, super PACs "must disclose their donors," while 501(c) groups "must not have politics as their primary purpose but don't have to disclose who gives them money."<sup>[25]</sup> However, a single individual or group can create both types of entity and combine their powers, making it difficult to trace the original source of funds.<sup>[25][26]</sup> ProPublica explains: "Say some like-minded people form both a Super-PAC and a nonprofit 501(c)(4). Corporations and individuals could then donate as much as they want to the nonprofit, which isn't required to publicly disclose funders. The nonprofit could then donate as much as it wanted to the Super-PAC, which lists the nonprofit's donation but not the original contributors."<sup>[25]</sup> In at least one high-profile case, a donor to a super PAC kept his name hidden by using an LLC formed for the purpose of hiding their personal name.<sup>[27]</sup> One super PAC, that originally listed a \$250,000 donation from an LLC that no one could find, led to a subsequent filing where the previously "secret donors" were revealed.<sup>[28]</sup>

During the 2016 election cycle, "dark money" contributions via shell LLCs became increasingly common.<sup>[29]</sup> The Associated Press, Center for Public Integrity, and Sunlight Foundation all "flagged dozens of donations of anywhere from \$50,000 to \$1 million routed through non-disclosing LLCs to super PACs" backing various presidential candidates, including Marco Rubio, Hillary Clinton, Ted Cruz, John Kasich, Jeb Bush, and Carly Fiorina.<sup>[29]</sup>

Bradley A. Smith, a former FEC chairman who is now with the Center for Competitive Politics, a group that opposes campaign-finance reform, argues that this practice is not problematic, writing that "it is possibly the making of a campaign contribution in the name of another," a violation of existing law.<sup>[30]</sup>

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According to Kathy Kiely, managing editor of the Sunlight Foundation, "untraceable dark money is a preferred tactic of conservatives, while Democrats tend to use traceable super PACs."<sup>[31]</sup>

The first federal law requiring disclosure of campaign contributions, the Federal Corrupt Practices Act, was passed in 1910. By the late 1970s, virtually all states and the federal government required public disclosure of campaign contributions and information on political donors. Most states and the federal government also required public disclosure of information about donors and amounts spent on independent expenditures, that is, expenditures made independently of a candidate's campaign.

In January 2010, at least 38 states and the federal government required disclosure for all or some independent expenditures or electioneering communications, for all sponsors.<sup>[32]</sup>

Yet despite disclosure rules, it is possible to spend money without voters knowing the identities of donors before the election.<sup>[33][34]</sup> In federal elections, for example, political action committees have the option to choose to file reports on a "monthly" or "quarterly" basis.<sup>[35][36][37]</sup> This allows funds raised by PACs in the final days of the election to be spent and votes cast before the report is due.

In addition to PACs, non-profit groups ranging from Planned Parenthood to Crossroads may make expenditures in connection with political races. Since these non-profits are not political committees, as defined in the Federal Election Campaign Act, they have few reporting requirements beyond the amounts of their expenditures. They are not required by law to publicly disclose information on their donors. As a result, voters do not know who gave money to these groups. Reports have disclosed instances where non-profits were managed by close associates, former staff, or a candidate's family member, and this has led to concern that the candidates benefiting from their expenditures would be able to know who donated the funds to the non-profit group, but the public would not.<sup>[38] [39]</sup>

For example, in the 2012 election cycle, one organization, the National Organization for Marriage, or NOM, operated two non-profit arms that received millions in donations from just a few donors. It in turn funded several different PACs. While these PACs had to disclose that NOM contributed the funds, they were not required to disclose who gave money to NOM.<sup>[40]</sup>

On March 30, 2012 a U.S. District Court ruled that all groups that spend money on electioneering communications must report all donors that give more than \$1,000.<sup>[41][42]</sup> However, this ruling was overturned on appeal.<sup>[43]</sup>

Legislative and regulatory proposals and debate over dark money According to Columbia Law School's Richard Briffault, disclosure of campaign expenditures, contributions, and donors is intended to deter corruption.<sup>[45]</sup>

The Federal Elections Commission, which regulates federal elections, has been unable to control dark money. According to the Center for Public Integrity, FEC commissioners are voting on many fewer enforcement matters than in the past because of "an overtaxed staff and commissioner disagreement."<sup>[12]</sup> The IRS (rather than the FEC) is responsible for oversight of 501(c)(4) groups.<sup>[12]</sup> The IRS "found itself ill-prepared for the groundswell" of such groups taking and spending unlimited amounts of money for political purposes in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission in 2010.<sup>[12]</sup> The agency particularly "struggled to identify which organizations appeared to be spending more than the recommended 50 percent of their annual budgets on political activitiesâ and even to define what 'political spending' was."<sup>[12]</sup> When the IRS began looking at nonprofit spending, it was accused of improper targeting in a 2013 controversy.<sup>[12]</sup>

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"With the FEC and IRS duly sidelined" advocates for disclosure turned to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); nine academics from universities across the U.S. filed petitioned the SEC in August 2011 for the agency to "develop rules to require public companies to disclose to shareholders the use of corporate resources for political activities."<sup>[12]</sup> The petition received over a million comments in the following month, "a record amount for the SEC, with the overwhelming majority of voters asking for better disclosure."<sup>[12]</sup> According to Lucian Bebchuk, a Harvard professor of law, economics, and finance who helped draft the petition, the request had drawn the support of "nearly a dozen senators and more than 40 members of the House."<sup>[12]</sup> Under current SEC regulations, public corporations must file a Form 8-K report to publicly announce major events of interest to shareholders.<sup>[46]</sup> The Sunlight Foundation, a group which advocates for a comprehensive disclosure regime, has proposed that the 8-K rule should be updated to require that aggregate spending of \$10,000 on political activities (such as monetary contributions, in-kind contributions, and membership dues or other payments to organizations that engage in political activities) should be disclosed and made publicly available via the 8-K system.<sup>[46]</sup>

In 2015, Republicans in Congress successfully pushed for a rider in a 2015 omnibus spending bill that bars the IRS from clarifying the social-welfare tax exemption to combat dark money "from advocacy groups that claim to be social welfare organizations rather than political committees."<sup>[47]</sup>

Other provisions in the 2015 bill bar the SEC from requiring corporations to disclose campaign spending to shareholders, and a ban application of the gift tax to nonprofit donors. The Obama administration opposed these provisions, but President Obama eventually acceded to them in December 2015, with the White House declining to comment. The nonpartisan Campaign Legal Center said in a statement that the dark-money provision ensures "that the door to secret foreign dollars in U.S. elections remains wide open through secret contributions to these ostensibly 'nonpolitical' groups that run campaign ads without any disclosure of their donors."<sup>[47]</sup>

The Center for Competitive Politics (CCP), chaired by former FEC chairman Bradley A. Smith, opposes legislation to require the disclosure of dark-money groups, saying: "Our view is that many people will be driven out of politics if they are forced to disclose their names and their personal information. The purpose of disclosure is to help people monitor the government, not for the government to monitor the people."<sup>[12]</sup> The Center for Competitive Politics views "dark money" as a pejorative term, stating that the phrase "evokes an emotional, fearful reaction" and contending that "many of the statistics published on the topic aim to mislead rather than enlighten."<sup>[48]</sup> The CCP maintains that dark money "comprises a very small percentage of total campaign spending," calculating the percent of money spent in federal elections by organizations that did not provide itemized disclosure of their donors as 4.3% in 2012 and 3.7% in 2014.

The U.S. Department of Energy was complicit in the processing of Dark Money payola cycling to Obama's financiers as a 'hand-on' operator of a RICO-class crime.

All of the ruckus with Donald Trump and California/DOE VS. Trump is almost entirely based on West Coast and New York corrupt senators, and their insiders, freaking out about their Dark Money organized crime payola scam coming apart and getting exposed.

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Nonprofits are required to disclose who they give cash grants to.

But they arenâ t required to disclose who gave them cash grants.

This weak system of one way verification is being abused by Brock. Heâ s been cycling money between his organizations for years, and the Bonner Groupâ s 12.5% commission gets triggered after every pass.

In 2014, Media Matters for America raised \$10,021,188.

The Bonner Group was credited for raising these funds. Media Matters paid them a \$1,147,882 commission.

| (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)                                      | (ii) Activity         | (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? |    | (iv) Gross receipts from activity | (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i) | (vi) Amo (or ret organ |
|--|-----------------------|--|----|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
|  |                       | Yes  | No |                                   |  |                        |
| 1<br><u>BONNER GROUP INC</u><br>455 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE SUITE 640<br><br>WASHINGTON, DC 20001 | FUNDRAISER CONSULTANT |  | No | <u>10,021,188</u>                 | <u>1,147,882</u>   |                        |

That same year, Media Matters gave a \$930,000 cash grant to David Brockâ s Franklin Education Forum, an organization that shares office space with Media Matters.

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**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**  
Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be dupl

| (a) Name and address of organization or government                                      | (b) EIN    | (c) IRC section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) FRANKLIN EDUCATION FORUM<br>455 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NW 6TH FL WASHINGTON, DC 20001 | 46-3009324 | 501(C)(3)                     | 930,000                  |                                   |

In 2014, the Franklin Education Forum reported \$994,000 in total contributions. 93.6% of that total came from Media Matters!

Surprisingly, though, the Franklin Education Forum gave full credit to Bonner for raising that money. They paid the fundraiser a \$124,250 commission in 2014!

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|   |                       | Yes  | No |                                   |  |   |
| 1<br>BONNER GROUP INC<br>455 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE SUITE 640<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20001 | FUNDRAISER CONSULTANT |  | No | 994,000                           | 124,250  |   |

**NOTICE WHAT HAPPENED?**

1. David Brockâ s *Media Matters* gave a \$930,000 cash grant to David Brockâ s *Franklin Education Forum*
2. David Brockâ s *Franklin Education Forum* credited *the Bonner Group* for raising those funds, triggering the 12.5% commission
  - ♦ David Brock paid *the Bonner Group* a \$124,250 commission to solicit a cash grant â l from *himself!*

**IT DOESNâ T STOP THERE**

After the Franklin Education Forum retained \$869,750, they sent a \$816,224 cash grant to David Brockâ s *The Franklin Forum*:

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**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.**  
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| (a) Name and address of organization or government  | (b) EIN    | (c) IRC section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (1) <u>THE FRANKLIN FORUM</u><br>455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE<br>SUITE 600<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20001 | 46-3018149 | 501(C)(4)                     | <u>816,224</u>           |                                   |

Note: The â Franklin Education Forumâ is a 501(c)3, and â The Franklin Forumâ is a 501(c)4. They are not the same company.

Since The Franklin Forum 501(c)4 paid Bonner a commission in 2013, itâ s safe to assume fundraiser received a \$102,028 commission in 2014. Unfortunately, itâ s hard to tell for sure. They still havenâ t filed their taxes for 2014!

**LETâ S RECAP**

Say, for example, you donate \$1,062,857 to Media Matters for America. This is how David Brock would have used your charitable donation in 2014:

1. **Media Matters** would receive your \$1,062,857 donation
  - ◆ **The Bonner Group** would earn a \$132,857 commission
  - ◆ **Media Matters** would retain \$930,000
2. Next, **Media Matters** would give whatâ s left of your *entire donation*, \$930,000, to the **Franklin Education Forum**
  - ◆ The **Bonner Group** would â earnâ a \$116,250 commission
  - ◆ The **Franklin Education Forum** would retain \$813,750
3. The **Franklin Education Forum** would then forward the remaining \$813,750 to **The Franklin Forum**
  - ◆ The **Bonner Group** would â earnâ a \$101,718 commission
  - ◆ **The Franklin Forum** would retain \$712,031

In the end, Brockâ s solicitor would have pocketed \$350,825, almost a third of your initial donation! Thatâ s a far cry from the advertised 12.5% commission.

As bizarre as that scenario may sound, this is *exactly* what David Brock did in 2014.

**HOW CAN WE BE SURE THIS IS INTENTIONAL?**

David Brock is the Chairman for each of these organizations! How could he *not* know whatâ s going on?

Heâ s a hands-on Chairman. According to their tax returns, Brock allocates time, weekly, to his organizations:

- Media Matters: 31.50 hours per week
- Franklin Education Forum: 3 hours per week
- The Franklin Forum: 1 hour per week

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Furthermore, the New York Times reports that David Brock shares a summer rental in the Hamptons with Mary Pat Bonner, the President of the Bonner Group!

David Brock will have a hard time claiming ignorance on this. These transfers are intentional. He vacations with his solicitor. Case closed.

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### STILL NOT CONVINCED?

David Brock didnâ t even bother to give his organizations different phone numbers. *They all share the same phone number!*

|   |            |   |
|---|------------|---|
| <b>C Name of organization</b><br><u>MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA</u>         |            | <b>D Employer identification number</b><br>47-0928008 |
| Doing business as   |            |   |
| Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | <b>E Telephone number</b><br><u>(202) 756-4100</u>    |
| 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW NO 6TH FL  |            |   |

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|---|------------|---|
| <b>C Name of organization</b><br><u>THE FRANKLIN EDUCATION FORUM</u>      |            | <b>D Employer identification number</b><br>46-3009324 |
| Doing business as   |            |   |
| Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | <b>E Telephone number</b><br><u>(202) 756-4100</u>    |
| 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE NO 600   |            |   |

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| <b>C Name of organization</b><br><u>THE FRANKLIN FORUM</u>                |            | <b>D Employer identification number</b><br>46-3018149       |
| Doing Business As   |            |   |
| Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | <b>E Telephone number</b><br><u>(202) 756-4100</u>          |
| 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  | 600        |   |
| City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  |            | <b>G Gross receipts \$</b> 897,460.                         |
| WASHINGTON, DC 20001  |            | <b>H(a) Is this a group return</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|------------|---|
| <b>C Name of organization</b><br><u>MEDIA MATTERS ACTION NETWORK</u>      |            | <b>D Employer identification number</b><br>77-0646754 |
| Doing business as   |            |   |
| Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | <b>E Telephone number</b><br><u>(202) 756-4100</u>    |
| 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE NW NO 6TH FL  |            |   |
| City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  |            | <b>G Gross receipts \$</b> 833,127                    |
| WASHINGTON, DC 20001  |            |   |

## WHAT IFâ |?

We even located the Bonner Groupâ s solicitation agreement with Media Matters on Floridaâ s Gift Giversâ Guide. Clarification on their commission can be found on page 2:

### *Commission*

Additionally, Media Matters agrees to pay Bonner a commission of twelve and a half percent (12.5%) of the gross amount of all contributions received by Media Matters during the term of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing:

1. Media Matters shall not pay Bonner any such commission on contributions made by prospects identified in writing as "Excludes" and mutually agreed upon by both parties;

In English: Contractually, David Brock has the option to exclude certain contributions from triggering the commission. In spite of this option, he intentionally chooses to trigger the 12.5% commission for money grants between his organizations.

*Note: Yes, we are making the assumption that all of Brockâ s organizations have the same solicitation agreement with the Bonner Group. Given that his organizations share the same address, board members, and telephone number, we feel itâ s safe to assume they also share the same solicitation agreement.*

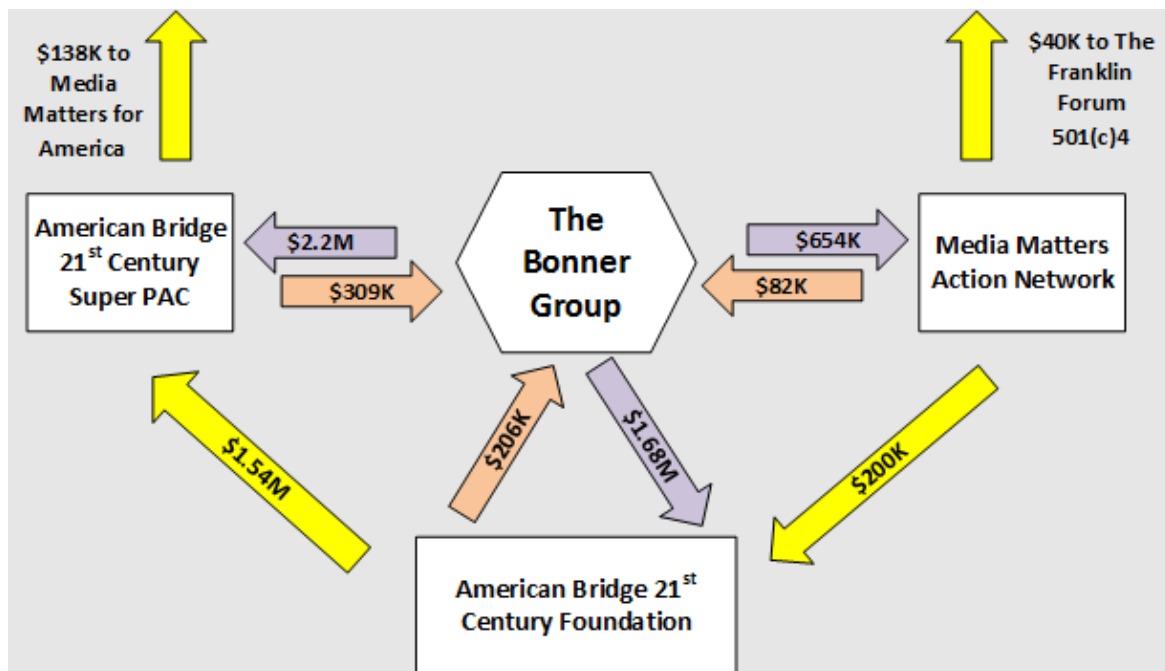
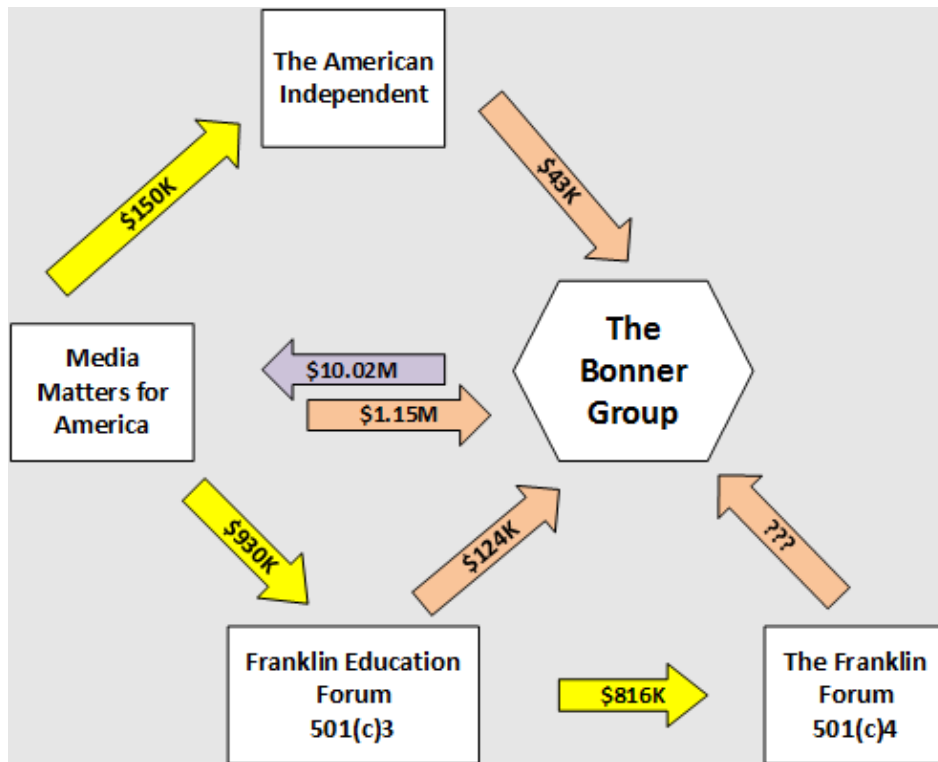
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## THIS BARELY SCRATCHES THE SURFACE

Utilizing public facing tax returns, along with records submitted to the FEC, we mapped out all the significant money transfers from 2014 that took place in Brockâ s office:



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This is all from just one year! No further commentary required.

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We understand this may be hard to believe. We first came across this in July, and are still having a hard time wrapping our heads around it.

All of the data referenced in this article originated from publicly accessible sources. Check for yourself â we provided links to the source material in our [article](#) exposing the organizations operating in Brockâ s office, This data has been sitting out in the open, gathering dust for *years!*

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### SUMMARY

If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck.

Weâ ve spent *months* trying to find some sort of loophole to justify this activity. But there arenâ t any loopholes. David Brock has something to hide. Just last week, [The Daily Caller](#) reported the following:

â Brockâ s former long-time live-in boyfriend William Grey (whom Brock has thanked in several of his books) threatened to go to the IRS with damaging information about how Brock was running his Media Matters empire. What did Brock do? He [paid Grey \\$850,000](#) to keep quiet. Brock reportedly had to sell his home in Rehoboth, Delaware to come up with the money. This certainly seems to indicate that Brock was terrified about what the authorities would uncover.â

Adding to this, [Fox News](#) reported the following:

â Grey accused Brock of â financial malfeasanceâ and threatened to undermine Brockâ s fundraising efforts.

â Next step is I contact all your donors and the IRS,â Grey wrote in an email dated May 19, 2010.

â This is going to stink for you if you do not resolve this now.â â

We believe that the information presented in this article is what has Brock so terrified. We feel confident in saying, with close to absolute certainty, that **David Brock is laundering money through his Media Matters conglomerate.**

Look at the argument weâ ve been making on The Citizens Audit:

- [The 14 organizations stuffed into Brockâ s office in Washington DC](#)
- [The fraudulent tax returns filed by Media Matters for America](#)
- [The dirty money flowing into the conglomerate via his unregistered solicitor, the Bonner Group](#)
- The records exposed and analyzed in this article

Adding to this, we can also say, with close to absolute certainty, that David Brockâ s Media Matters conglomerate is breaking campaign finance law by illegally coordinating with the Clinton Campaign:

- [The Clinton Campaignâ s illegal purchase of research from Brockâ s Super PAC](#)
- [Brockâ s shadow campaign for Hillary Clinton](#)

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We still have a couple articles worth of content to publish, and hope to wrap things up by the end of this week. We will then focus our efforts on promoting and exposing our findings.

If youâ d like to help, all we ask is that you share this article.

Please send an email to [Andrew@TheCitizensAudit.com](mailto:Andrew@TheCitizensAudit.com) to get started.

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## **US Inventors to President Trump: Eliminate the Patent Office PTAB**

US Inventor sent a letter to President Trump on September 12 alerting him to the crisis facing the U.S. patent system.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce released an alarming report showing our patent system has slipped from its historic first place to tenth in the world. At the core of this historic drop are three problems: the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), established under President Obama, the â abstract ideaâ exception to patentable subject matter under 35 USC 101, and injunctive relief, which is now rarely awarded upon a finding of infringement.

These problems all boil down to the current view of patent rights, minted under your predecessor, that a patent is not a property right despite over 220 years of precedent and black letter law. As a result, a small company cannot defend a patent. As a result, the company cannot attract investment. Instead, that investment is now going overseas â primarily to China â and job creation follows. Soon, this will also have grave national security implications.

Inventors and startups need the PTAB eliminated, exceptions to 35 USC 101 reigned in, and injunctive relief upon a finding of infringement restored. Without these three changes, innovative new businesses will attract limited early stage investment.

**[Read the letter in its entirety here.](#)**

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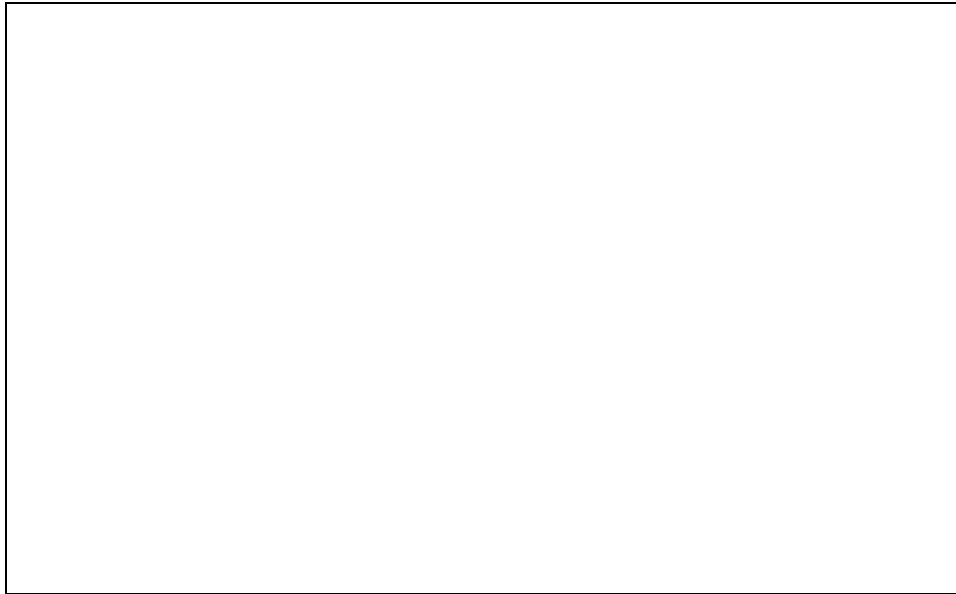


by [Tyler Durden](#)

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The FBI has refused to declassify 37 pages of materials related to the Uranium One deal, citing national security and the privacy issues, reports [The Hill's](#) John Solomon. The documents are thought to contain information regarding then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's involvement, as well as the Obama administration's knowledge of the controversial deal.



The existence of the documents became known after a recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) release of related material contained an entry entitled "**Uranium One Transaction.**" The publicly available portion includes benign material, such as public letters from members of Congress who demanded information on the Uranium One approval.

Perhaps the FBIâ s unexpected â releaseâ â and I use that word loosely, since they gave up no public information of importance â in the FOIA vault was a warning flare designed to remind America there might be evidence worth looking at.

One former U.S. official, who had access to the evidence shared with CFIUS during the Uranium One deal, said this to me: â **There is definitely material that would be illuminating to the issues that have been raised. Somebody should fight to make it public.**â

That somebody could be President Trump, **who could add these 37 pages of now-secret documents to his declassification order** he is considering in the Russia case. -[The Hill](#)

## William Campbell and the FBI

In October of 2017, John Solomon and Alison Spann broke the story of former CIA and FBI undercover

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agent, William D Campbell - who remained unnamed until this year. Campbell was deeply embedded in the Russian nuclear industry while Robert Mueller was the Director of the FBI - which paid him a \$51,000 "thank you" award for his service.

â **For several years my relationship with the CIA consisted of being debriefed after foreign travel,**â Campbell noted in his testimony, which was obtained by this reporter.

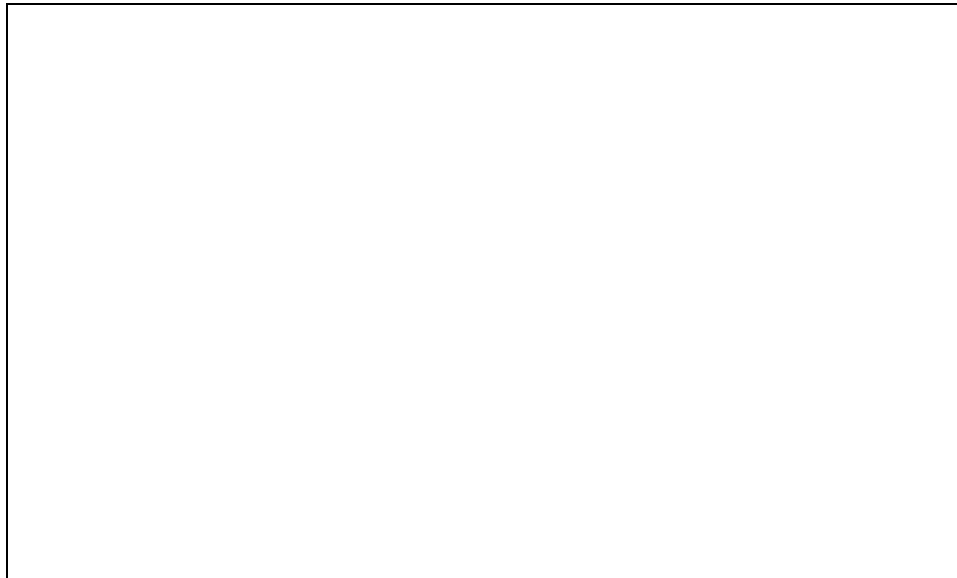
â **Gradually, the relationship evolved into the CIA tasking me to travel to specific countries to obtain specific information.** In the 1990â s I developed a working relationship with Kazakhstan and Russia in their nuclear energy industries. **When I told the CIA of this development, I was turned over to FBI counterintelligence agents.**â

*-saracarter.com*

While undercover, Campbell was forced by the Russians (with the FBI's blessing) to launder large sums of money - which allowed the FBI to uncover a massive **Russian "nuclear money laundering apparatus."** Campbell claims to have collected over 5,000 documents along with video evidence of money being stuffed into suitcases, Russians bragging about bribing the West, **and millions of dollars routed to the Clinton foundation.**

The evidence was compiled as Secretary Clinton courted Russia for better relations, as her husband former President Clinton collected a \$500,000 speech payday in Moscow, and as the Obama administration approved the sale of a U.S. mining company, Uranium One, to Rosatom. -The Hill

Campbell initially discovered that **Moscow had compromised an Maryland-based uranium trucking firm, Transport Logistics International (TLI) in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act** â which bribed a Russian nuclear official in exchange for a contract transport Russian-mined U.S. uranium, including "yellowcake" uranium secured in the Uranium One deal.



*Yellowcake uranium*

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He delivered bribes from TLI in \$50,000 increments to Russian nuclear official Vadim Mikerin of Tenex. Under orders from the FBI in order to maintain his cover, Campbell fronted hundreds of thousands of dollars he says he was never reimbursed for. As a result of Campbell's work, TLI co-president Mark Lambert was charged in an **11-count indictment** in connection with the scheme, while Vadim Mikerin, who resides in Maryland, was prosecuted in 2015 and handed a four-year sentence.

**Second**, Campbell says that Russian nuclear officials revealed a **scheme to route millions of dollars to the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI)** through lobbying firm ARPCO, which was expected to funnel a portion of its annual \$3 million lobbying fee to the charity.

â The contract called for **four payments of \$750,000 over twelve months**. APCO was expected to give assistance free of charge to the Clinton Global Initiative **as part of their effort to create a favorable environment to ensure the Obama administration made affirmative decisions on everything from Uranium One to the U.S.-Russia Civilian Nuclear Cooperation agreement**.â *-William Campbell*

Campbell told Congressional investigators that the Uranium One deal along with billions in other uranium contracts inside the United States during the Obama administration was part of a "**Russian uranium dominance strategy**" involving Tenex and its American arm Tenem - both subsidiaries of state-owned Russian energy company Rosatom.

â The emails and documents I intercepted during 2010 made clear that **Rosatomâ s purchase of Uranium One** â for both its Kazakh and American assets â **was part of Russiaâ s geopolitical strategy to gain leverage in global energy markets**,â he testified. â **I obtained documentary proof that Tenex was helping Rosatom win CFIUS approval**, including an October 6, 2010 email â asking me specifically to help overcome opposition to the Uranium One deal.â

â Rosatom/Tenex threw a party to celebrate, which was widely attended by American nuclear industry officials. At the request of the FBI, I attended and recorded video footage of Tenamâ s new offices,â he added.

Officials with APCO - the lobbying firm accused of funneling the money to the Clinton Global Initiative, told *The Hill* that its support for CGI and its work for Russia were not connected in any way, and involved different divisions of the firm.

### **What did Obama know?**

As Solomon notes, a giant question remains that may be solved by the release of the 37-pages of classified information; what did the Obama administration know about this?

Did the FBI notify then-President Obama, Hillary Clinton and other leaders on the CFIUS board about Rosatomâ s dark deeds before the Uranium One sale was approved, or did the bureau drop the ball and fail to alert policymakers?

Neither outcome is particularly comforting. Either the United States, eyes wide open, approved giving uranium assets to a corrupt Russia, or the FBI failed to give the evidence of criminality to the policymakers before such a momentous decision. -The Hill

Campbell says that his FBI handlers assured him that Obama had been briefed by then-FBI Director Mueller on Rosatom's criminal activities as part of the president's daily briefing, however "politics" was the reason that

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the sale was approved anyway.

### **Smearing Campbell**

After Solomon broke the Campbell story, Democrats viciously attacked Campbell, a cancer-stricken man showered by praise by the Obama administration at a 2016 celebration dinner in Crystal City, VA. Since his undercover work in Russia, Campbell has undergone 35 intensive radiation treatments after being diagnosed with brain cancer and leukemia.



*Michael Isikoff*

**Michael Isikoff** of *Yahoo News* wrote an article slamming Campbell - saying he would be a "disaster" as a witness because some of his claims could not be documented, **an anonymous source told Isikoff** (Isikoff's *Yahoo News* article was used by the FBI to support the FISA spy warrant on Trump aide Carter Page, after Isikoff was fed information by Christopher Steele).

Meanwhile, in a move which can only be interpreted as an effort to protect the FBI, the Obama administration and the Clintons, **AG Jeff Sessions and Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein even tried to suggest the nuclear bribery case uncovered by Campbell is not connected to the Uranium One deal.**

Via John Solomon last November:

â **Attorney General Jeff Sessions in testimony last week and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein in a letter to the Senate last month tried to suggest there was no connection between Uranium One and the nuclear bribery case.** Their argument was that the criminal charges werenâ t filed until 2014, while the Committee of Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) approval of the Uranium One sale occurred in October 2010.â -*The Hill*

**This rubbed several Congressional GOP the wrong way:**

â Attorney General Sessions seemed to say that the bribery, racketeering and money laundering offenses involving Tenexâ s Vadim Mikerin occurred after the approval of the Uranium One deal by the Obama administration. **But we know that the FBIâ s confidential informant was actively compiling incriminating evidence as far back as 2009,**â Rep. Ron DeSantis, (R-Fla.) told The Hill, adding "It is **hard to fathom how such a transaction could have been approved** without the existence of the underlying corruption being disclosed"

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Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-IA) sent a similar rebuke to Rosenstein, saying the deputy attorney generalâ s first response to the committee â largely missed the pointâ of the congressional investigations.

Between the DOJ stonewalling Campbell and the MSM smear job he was subjected to after he went public, perhaps it's more important than ever that those 37 pages see the light of day.

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## **Uranium One Informant Reveals Russians â Bragged About Bribing Clintonsâ (VIDEO)**

by Joshua Caplan 160 Comments

**In a video report released Monday, veteran political pollster Dick Morris, revealed FBI informant William Campbell told congressional investigators that Russians involved in the Uranium One deal bragged about bribing the Clintons.**

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Credit: Dick Morris

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Morris reports:

The lawyer for FBI informant William Campbell said that her client has told congressional committees that the Russians â bragged that the Clintonsâ influence in the Obama Administration would ensure CIFUS (Committee on Foreign Investments in the United States) approval for [the] Uranium One deal.â [â ]

Before CIFUS, on which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sat, approved the Uranium One deal, nine investors in Uranium One gave the Clinton Foundation a combined total of \$145 million.

The deal called for the United States to allow Russia to purchase 20 percent of our uranium reserves, giving Russia access to vastly more uranium than we have.

The Hillâ s John Solomon recently reported Campbell broke his silence on a Russia plot to steer millions of dollars to the U.S. in an effort to benefit the Clinton Foundation.

John Solomon reports:

An FBI informant connected to the Uranium One controversy told three congressional committees in written testimony that Moscow routed millions of dollars to America with the expectation it would be used to benefit Bill Clintonâ s charitable efforts while Secretary of State Hillary Clinton quarterbacked a â resetâ in US-Russian relations.

The informant, Douglas Campbell, said in the testimony obtained by The Hill that he was told by Russian nuclear executives that Moscow had hired the American lobbying firm APCO Worldwide specifically because it was in position to influence the Obama administration, and more specifically Hillary Clinton. [â ]

Campbell said Russian nuclear officials â told me at various times that they expected APCO to apply a portion of the \$3 million annual lobbying fee it was receiving from the Russians to provide in-kind support for the Clintonâ s Global Initiative,â he added in the testimony.

Things have been relatively quiet on the Uranium-One front since Justice Department officials in the District of Maryland announced Mark Lambert of Mount Airy, Maryland would be indicted on 11 counts related to foreign bribery. The charges stem from an alleged scheme by Lambert to bribe Vadim Mikerin, a Russian official at JSC Techsnabexport (TENEX).

Circa reporter Sara Carter previously reported on the background of APCO Worldwide Inc., the consulting firm with ties to the Clinton family that lobbied on behalf of Russian nuclear giant TENEX in relation to the Uranium One deal.

Circa reports:

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Roughly \$3 million in payments from 2010 to 2011 were made to APCO Worldwide Inc., which is described on their website as the second largest lobbying firm in the United States.

Long-time Clinton supporter and APCO CEO, Margery Kraus signed the continuing contract on April, 12, 2010, with TENEX, as the Russian companyâ s top executive Russian businessman Vadim Milkerin was being investigated by the FBI for kickbacks and bribery involving American companies, according to the APCO TENEX contract and court documents obtained by Circa. TENEX is a subsidiary of the the Russian state owned nuclear giant Rosatom, according to financial filings of the company.

In a head-scratching statement, APCO Worldwide Inc. claimed it had nothing to do with the Clinton-Uranium One scandal.

In a statement to Circa, APCO Worldwide Inc. said, â APCO was not involved on any aspect of Uranium One, or the CFIUS process relating to it. APCO Worldwide undertook activities on behalf of Tenex in 2010 and 2011 relating to civil nuclear cooperation, which APCO properly disclosed in detail at the time in public filings. Separately, since 2007-2008, APCO provided services in kind to the Clinton Global Initiative. APCOâ s work for Tenex and APCOâ s work for the Clinton Global Initiative were separate and unconnected, publicly documented from the outset, and fully consistent with all regulations and US law.â

## Valerie Jarrett: Communist Russian Infiltrator?

### FBI Files Document Communism in Valerie Jarrettâ s Family

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Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) files obtained by Judicial Watch reveal that the dad, maternal grandpa and father-in-law of President Obamaâ s trusted senior advisor, Valerie Jarrett, were hardcore Communists under investigation by the U.S. government.

Jarrettâ s dad, pathologist and geneticist Dr. James Bowman, had extensive ties to Communist associations and individuals, his lengthy FBI file shows. In 1950 Bowman was in communication with a paid Soviet agent named Alfred Stern, who fled to Prague after getting charged with espionage. Bowman was also a member of a Communist-sympathizing group called the Association of Internes and Medical Students. After his discharge from the Army Medical Corps in 1955, Bowman moved to Iran to work, the FBI records show.

According to Bowmanâ s government file the Association of Internes and Medical Students is an organization that â has long been a faithful follower of the Communist Party lineâ and engages in un-American activities. Bowman was born in Washington D.C. and had deep ties to Chicago, where he often collaborated with fellow Communists. JW also obtained documents on Bowman from the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) showing that the FBI was brought into investigate him for his membership in a group that â follows the communist party line.â The Jarrett family Communist ties also include a business partnership between Jarrettâ s maternal grandpa, Robert Rochon Taylor, and Stern, the Soviet agent associated with her dad.

Jarrettâ s father-in-law, Vernon Jarrett, was also another big-time Chicago Communist, according to separate FBI files obtained by JW as part of a probe into the Jarrett familyâ s Communist ties. For a period of time Vernon Jarrett appeared on the FBIâ s Security Index and was considered a potential Communist saboteur who was to be arrested in the event of a conflict with the *Union of Soviet Socialist Republics* (USSR). His FBI file reveals that he was assigned to write propoganda for a Communist Party front group in Chicago that would â disseminate the Communist Party line amongâ lthe middle class.â

Itâ s been well documented that Valerie Jarrett, a Chicago lawyer and longtime Obama confidant, is a liberal extremist who wields tremendous power in the White House. Faithful to her roots, she still has connections to many Communist and extremist groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood. Jarrett and her family also had strong ties to Frank Marshal Davis, a big Obama mentor and Communist Party member with an extensive FBI file.

JW has exposed Valerie Jarrettâ s many transgressions over the years, including her role in covering up a scandalous gun-running operation carried out by the Department of Justice (DOJ). Last fall JW obtained public records that show Jarrett was a key player in the effort to cover up that Attorney General Eric Holder lied to Congress about the Fast and Furious, a disastrous experiment in which the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (ATF) allowed guns from the U.S. to be smuggled into Mexico so they could eventually be traced to drug cartels. Instead, federal law enforcement officers lost track of hundreds of weapons which have been used in an unknown number of crimes, including the murder of a U.S. Border

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Patrol agent in Arizona.

In 2008 JW got documents linking Valerie Jarrett, who also served as co-chairman of Obamaâ s presidential transition team, to a series of real estate scandals, including several housing projects operated by convicted felon and Obama fundraiser/friend Antoin â Tonyâ Rezko. According to the documents obtained from the Illinois Secretary of State, Valerie Jarrett served as a board member for several organizations that provided funding and support for Chicago slum projects operated by Rezko.

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**WHEN YOU REPORT A CRIME IN WASHINGTON DC, THIS IS HOW THEY COVER IT UP**

The process of Cover-Your-Ass is actually Cover-Your-Bosses-Ass in Washington DC. Everybody knows that their boss will get fired and that they will get more stress if they report a crime than if they cover up a felony that their co-workers did.

Nothing will ever get prosecuted and "Justice" will get stone-walled for decades if you go through the "proper channels". You will get finger-pointing, the endless run-around and every single person will find some reason to say: "ohhh, that's not in our jurisdiction" to avoid paperwork.

There are now thousands of reports from top CIA, NSA, White House, Department of Energy, NASA and other agency experts about how each and every one of them suffered vendetta and reprisal attacks and their crime reports were never acted on. Even Edward Snowden tried over and over to go through proper channels until he was forced to take matters into his own hands.

Here are actual responses from one case in which over 100 federal agencies said: *"Not my circus, not my monkeys"* and ran blow-off, after blow-off finger-pointing to someone else for over a decade. At no point in this entire process did any investigator or agency executive respond, reach out or engage in even the most remote attempt to look into the crime :

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***Good morning,***

***Within the OIG we receive allegations concerning a myriad of concerns related to the Department, to include Whistleblower reprisal complaints. Further information can be found here: <https://www.energy.gov/ig/ig-hotline>***

***Our website discusses the various means to report allegations, see the sections regarding being anonymous and confidentiality. We can make no assertions regarding the outcome of a Whistleblower complaint. The complainant is welcome to contact us at any time, using whatever means they deem appropriate. How to contact us is on our website as well.***

***Thank you for contacting the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General Hotline.***

***Hotline Coordinator***

***U.S. Department of Energy***

***Office of Inspector General"***

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**"As of June 11, 2018, the FCC is no longer monitoring this email box. You will receive no further contact from the FCC. If you wish to submit an informal complaint to the FCC regarding a specific issue you are experiencing with your Internet provider, please go to [consumercomplaints.fcc.gov](http://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov)."**

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**"The Office of the Victimsâ Rights Ombudsman does not conduct investigations of possible criminal conduct, or provide legal assistance or victim services, and cannot assist you. We have limited authority to investigate specific rights violations established under the Crime Victimsâ Rights Act, which become available to federal crime victims only when criminal proceedings are initiated by complaint, information, or indictment. Attorney General Guidelines for Victim and Witness Assistance, rev. May 1, 2012. If you wish to file a complaint against state law enforcement officials, you will need to contact the Attorney Generalâ s Office in your state for information and assistance.**

**This office does not provide victim services. If you are seeking victim services, please contact the Office for Victims of Crime for assistance, at <https://ovc.ncjrs.gov/findvictimservices/>. You may also reach that office at 202-307-5983.**

**You may wish to consult with an attorney. If you believe you have evidence of federal criminal activity, you may wish to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation at 1-800-CALLFBI or email at [www.tips.fbi.gov](http://www.tips.fbi.gov). The FBI can investigate your complaint, and, if appropriate, refer the matter for criminal prosecution."**

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**"Thank you for your message. The EERE Exchange Support email account will assist applicants with the operation of the EERE Funding Opportunity Exchange website. Your message is important to us and it will be responded to as quickly as possible during normal business hours M - F from 9 AM to 5 PM ET. Note: funding opportunity managers do not monitor this email account.**



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*If your question is about the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) content then you are encouraged to send your message to the FOA Content email account that is listed in the "Contact Information" section of the Funding Opportunity announcement on the EERE Funding Opportunity Exchange website (<http://EERE-Exchange.energy.gov>). That email address is monitored by the Funding Opportunity managers and they will publish their responses to FOA frequently Asked Questions.*

*Thank you for your interest in EERE Funding Opportunities."*

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***"Thank you for taking the time to contact the Judiciary Committeeâ s Republican Oversight and Investigations staff. Your email has been received and will be reviewed. If you are a constituent of Senator Grassleyâ s from Iowa, and did not provide your physical address please contact the personal office at the following link to ensure that you receive a reply:  
<http://www.grassley.senate.gov/constituents/questions-and-comments>***

***Unfortunately, if you are not a constituent, you may not receive an individual response due to the high volume of emails from around the country and the officeâ s limited resources. You may wish to consider contacting your home state senators:  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?)***

***We will contact you if further information is needed to inquire into the issues you have raised.***

***Although we cannot pursue every allegation that we receive, that does not mean your concerns may not have merit. You should consider reporting waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement elsewhere as well, if you have not already done so. Confidential, protected whistleblower disclosures can also be made to:***

***• the Office of Special Counsel  
(<https://osc.gov/pages/file-complaint.aspx>)***

***• the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Justice (<http://www.justice.gov/oig/hotline/>), or***

***• the office of inspector general at another relevant agency  
(<https://www.ignet.gov/contact-us>).***

***If you report your concerns to one of these agencies, please let us know so that we can ensure that the agency treats it appropriately. Should you have additional information to***

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***provide, please do not hesitate to forward it to us at this email address. All disclosures are treated as protected, and none of the information will be used without consulting with you first. Thank you."***

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*" Thank you for contacting the Whistleblower Office of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. We are eager to hear from and provide assistance to persons who would like to be considered for an award under the whistleblower program. We will respond to your questions as quickly as we can. Please note the following:*

*℞• This email address should be used only to ask questions about the whistleblower program. Please do not attempt to send a whistleblower submission by email.*

*℞• If you would like to become a whistleblower, please file a Form TCR either electronically, by mail or by facsimile. To file electronically, please click on the â File a Tip or Complaintâ button located on the right-hand side of the Commissionâ s home page, [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov), and click on the form under the description of the whistleblower program. To file by mail or facsimile, please print a blank Form TCR, complete it, and mail or fax it to the address or number below:*

*Commodity Futures Trading Commission*

*Whistleblower Office*

*1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW*

*Washington, DC 20581*

*Fax: (202) 418-5975*

*℞• While the Whistleblower Office can explain the law and rules behind the whistleblower program, we cannot provide you with legal advice or an opinion about your particular whistleblower submission or award claim.*

*℞• Please understand that any further inquiry conducted by the Commission as a result of any information you provide is confidential. The fact that the Commission may investigate a firm or person generally will not be disclosed until such time as a public proceeding is brought either before the Commission or in federal court.*

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• You can learn more about the whistleblower program by visiting the "Whistleblower Program" page of the Commissionâ s website, [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov), where you will find the rules for the whistleblower program, frequently asked questions, and filing instructions."

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*"Thank you for writing to the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB). Your inquiry will be forwarded to the staff person who can best answer your question. You will receive a response as soon as possible.*

*If you would like to speak to a staff person during regular business hours, please note the following toll-free phone number:*

- For assistance regarding CalVCB, call 1-800-777-9229.

*Sincerely,*

*The California Victim Compensation Board*

*For more information about the VCB or its Programs, please visit [www.victims.ca.gov](http://www.victims.ca.gov).*

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**"Because we have no jurisdiction in this area, we have forwarded your email to the DOE Inspector Generalâ s office.**

**Docket Section**

**Office of Hearings and Appeals**

**Department of Energy**

**[OHA.Filings@hq.doe.gov](mailto:OHA.Filings@hq.doe.gov)**

**202.287.1566"**

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*"We have received your email at OHA.Filings@hq.doe.gov. If this is a new case filing, you will receive an official acknowledgment of your submission.*

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*"This is an automated response from the FTC Office of Inspector General (OIG). Thank you for your e-mail correspondence.*

*The OIG has jurisdiction over fraud, waste, abuse and misconduct affecting the programs and operations of the FTC. Information within OIG jurisdiction will be reviewed by FTC OIG staff and you will be notified if the OIG will address your complaint.*

*Consumer related inquiries and consumer complaints fall within the jurisdiction of the FTC's Consumer Response Center (CRC). If you have a consumer related question, a complaint against a company or individual, or if you are the victim of identity theft please contact the FTC CRC directly via the web or by telephone as indicated below:*

***CONTACT CRC VIA THE WEB: <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/?OrgCode=09>***

***CONTACT CRC VIA THE TELEPHONE: 1-877-382-4357 Monday -Friday, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. EST.***

***CONTACT CRC REGARDING IDENTITY THEFT: 1-877-438-4338 Monday -Friday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. EST.***

***For all other questions regarding the FTC, you may call the FTC business number at 202-326-2222."***

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After our 22nd Email to Them Requesting An "Update On Our Complaint":

*"Thank you for contacting the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General Hotline.  
Please note that your complaint to the Office of Inspector General does not preclude you from  
You may request an update on the status of your complaint by contacting the Hotline.*

*Hotline Coordinator  
U.S. Department of Energy*

Office of Inspector General"

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*"Thank you for contacting the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC). Please note that OSC cannot respond to every email we receive. This email addresses the most frequently asked questions we receive about prohibited personnel practices (PPPs) and disclosures of wrongdoing (Disclosures). Please see below for additional information about filing complaints and checking the status of existing claims. For more information about what we do and our processes, please see [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov). OSC cannot: (1) initiate a new complaint via email--see below about how to file; (2) issue advisory opinions, (2) tell you whether or not to file a claim, (3) tell you whether or not yours is a winning claim, or (4) provide you legal advice.*

*If you already filed a complaint, thank you! Your complaint will be assigned to an attorney or investigator for review within 30 days of our receiving it, if it hasnâ t been already. We will forward the email you sent us today to the employee assigned your case who will reach out to you directly.*

*The #1 question we receive is how long will this process take? Itâ s an understandable question but also the one we are least able to answer. Know that we strive to resolve claims as quickly as we can and in the order in which we receive them. Because we receive thousands of complaints each year, it may be some time before we are able to address your claim. We know this can be a lengthy and stressful process for you. We will be in touch as soon as possible, but we appreciate your patience as we review the complaints we received before yours.*

*If you want to file a complaint or make a disclosure, you must formally file with OSC. We cannot initiate a complaint or disclosure based on your email to us today. The fastest way to get your complaint to us is to file electronically via our website [www.osc.gov](http://www.osc.gov). From the home page, locate the large, red button in the upper right-hand side of the screen that reads â File a Complaint.â Click that button, identify which type of claim you want to file (see below for more information about what we do), enter or establish your username and password, and answer the questions that follow. Be sure to scroll down to the end of the page. If you do not want to file your claim electronically, the only other way to initiate a complaint is to mail or fax us your complaint form. The form for filing a PPP complaint, which includes our mailing address and fax number, is available at: <https://osc.gov/Resources/osc11.htm>. The form for filing a disclosure, to report fraud, waste, abuse, or a danger to public health or safety, is available at: <https://osc.gov/Resources/osc12.htm>.*

*If you have not filed a complaint and do not know if you can file, please see below for additional information about OSC, our mission, and our processes. If you still have questions, please review our Frequently Asked Questions at <https://osc.gov/Pages/Resources-FAQ.aspx>.*

### *Prohibited Personnel Practices*

*Can I file a claim? OSC is empowered to review PPP complaints filed by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment. OSC does NOT have jurisdiction to consider complaints from employees of: the FBI, CIA, DIA, NGA, NSA, ODNI, NRO, and other intelligence agencies; the GAO; government corporations; residents in a Department of Housing and Urban Development property; patients in a Department of Veterans Affairs facility; government contractors; non-appropriated fund employees; or uniformed members of any branch of the U.S. military and/or Public Health Service. If you are unsure if we have jurisdiction over you, go ahead and file your claim.*

- ***What is a PPP? Prohibited personnel practices, commonly called PPPs, are personnel actions that are banned in the Federal workforce because they violate the merit system through some form of employment discrimination; retaliation; improper hiring practices; or failure to adhere to laws, rules, and regulations that concern the merit system principles.***
- ***What is a personnel action? Any claim of prohibited personnel practices must begin with a personnel action taken, or threatened, against the employee. A â personnel actionâ means: (i) an appointment; (ii) a promotion; (iii) an action under chapter 75 of this title or other disciplinary or corrective action; (iv) a detail, transfer, or reassignment; (v) a reinstatement; (vi) a restoration; (vii) a reemployment; (viii) a performance evaluation under chapter 43 of this title or under title 38; (ix) a decision concerning pay, benefits, or awards, or concerning education or training if the education or training may reasonably be expected to lead to an appointment, promotion, performance evaluation, or other action described in this subparagraph; (x) a decision to order psychiatric testing or examination; (xi) the implementation or enforcement of any nondisclosure policy, form, or agreement; and (xii) any other significant change in duties, responsibilities, or working conditions.***
- ***Is there a statute of limitations for filing a PPP complaint? No. However, it may be difficult to investigate a complaint if there has been a significant lapse of time between an alleged violation and an employee's decision to file with OSC. So, file your complaint promptly.***
- ***Does OSC investigate every PPP complaint? Yes! We review every claim we receive to the extent necessary to determine whether there are reasonable grounds to believe that a PPP occurred, or is about to.***
- ***Will my employer know I filed a claim? Obviously, in order to correct a PPP, OSC must notify an agency of the complaint and the employee who made it. Know that OSC will never tell your employer that you filed a complaint without your permission and, even with your consent, we will not identify you as the complainant until absolutely necessary.***
- ***Am I protected from reprisal for filing with OSC? Of course. Retaliation for filing an OSC complaint or cooperating with an OSC investigation is a PPP. 5 U.S.C. Â§ 2302(b)(9). If you believe your agency has taken a personnel action against you in reprisal for engaging in either of these protected activities, you may file your own PPP complaint with our office.***
- ***If my case is meritorious, what can OSC do for me? Many forms of relief are available, including job restoration, reversal of suspensions or other adverse actions, and back pay. Where appropriate, OSC may also seek disciplinary action against any employee who commits a PPP.***

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*Reporting Wrongdoing (Disclosures)*

*OSC reviews disclosures of information filed by current and former Federal employees and applicants for Federal employment, which the employee, former employee, or applicant reasonably believes evidence: a violation of law, rule, or regulation; gross mismanagement; a gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.*

*OSC accepts disclosures from current federal employees, former federal employees, and applicants for federal employment (executive branch only). OSC does not have jurisdiction over disclosures filed by:*

- *Employees of the U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission;*
- *Members of the armed forces of the United States (i.e., non-civilian military employees);*
- *State employees operating under federal grants;*
- *Other employees or federal agencies exempt by federal law (see: "Jurisdiction"); or*
- *Congressional or judicial branch employees.*

*Disclosures that involve foreign intelligence or counterintelligence information must be transmitted by the Special Counsel to the National Security Advisor and to the congressional intelligence committees.*

*If you are unsure if we have jurisdiction over you, please file your disclosure. More information about reporting wrongdoing to OSC is available on our website at: <https://osc.gov/Pages/dow.aspx>. The answers to frequently asked questions may be found here: [Disclosure FAQs](#).*

*If you are not a current, former, or prospective federal employee, you may be able to report wrongdoing to the Inspector General for the agency involved in the wrongdoing. For a list of Inspectors General, please click [here](#).*

*Thank you!!*

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*"Thank you for contacting the Office of Government Information Services. This is an auto reply message.*

*If you requested our assistance with resolving a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) dispute, please send these documents to OGIS by email, fax, or mail. Our contact information is below in this message. Due to an increased demand for our services, there may be a delay in our response. We appreciate your patience.*

*Sincerely,  
The OGIS Staff*

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OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES  
National Archives and Records Administration  
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The list of samples of generic, form letter-type responses goes on and on for pages. The

The entire voting public believes that these agencies are there to help the voters resol

These agencies have forgotten that they are the EMPLOYEES of the public.

In no case in the matter referenced above, and in thousands of other cases by other part



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## **WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DEAD BODIES ASSOCIATED WITH SILICON VALLEY "CLEAN ENERGY?"**

## Wane of social media 'influencers' as big brands drop 'stars' because all of their 'followers' are fake and Russian bots

- - YouTube 'Make-up Girls' lose cash as it turns out no live humans are watching them put on make-up, only fake bot 'followers'

Fake followers on social media make it hard for brands to measure the return on their investment CREDIT: CHESNOT/GETTY IMAGES EUROPE

- [Helen Chandler-Wilde](#)

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The appeal of [social media](#) â influencersâ to advertise products may be slipping, as Unilever called for â urgent actionâ to address the problem of fake followers.

The consumer goods company has pledged never to use influencers who buy followers to advertise its brands, which include Marmite, Dove soap and Colmanâ s Mustard.

They also warn of the limited ways of accurately tracking the benefits of promotion from social media stars and measuring â authentic engagementâ .

Zazzle Media, a UK-based marketer, said the appeal of influencers is falling and they are â not a key focusâ for any of the brands they work with.

A survey of brands done by the company found that influencers were not a focus for a single one.

â Part of the problem is itâ s hard to determine return on investment with influencersâ , said Julia Ogden, Content and PR Director for the company.

â Some do it for free, theyâ re happy to do whatever for an incentive. Some are charging a couple of hundred pounds, some tens of thousands. Itâ s even more when they have an agent.â

Keith Wood, the Chief Marketing Officer of Unilever said that trust needed to be built back into the digital world, through improving integrity and transparency of influencers.

â Their power comes from a deep, authentic and direct connection with people, but certain practices like buying followers can easily undermine these relationshipsâ , said Mr Wood.

â The key to improving the situation is three-fold: cleaning up the influencer ecosystem by removing misleading engagement; making brands and influencers more aware of the use of dishonest practices; and improving transparency from social platforms to help brands measure impact.

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â We need to take urgent action now to rebuild trust before itâ s gone forever.â

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**Was Steven Chu "The Secretary of Corruption"? Where did that Trillion dollars of taxpayer losses go?**

**It's about CRIME Not About Politics.** This case has nothing to do with political parties. It is entirely about organized crime and the theft of federal funds. The facts, herein, can be researched and verified using the most rudimentary of law enforcement or journalism investigation skills. This site is an aggregation of published news articles and reports, which document the crime. So far, every corrupt individual has been identified and placed under investigation. 90% of those person's have now been forced to quit their state and federal jobs. A number of their companies and funds have been terminated. Some parties have been arrested. Procedures have been changed so that they can never do what they did, using those tactics, again. Over 10,000 news stories have been released, by main stream news sources, documenting the criminal incidents. Additional interdiction productivity is expected.



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**Former Bright Automotive Staffer:** *".. The Department of Energy defrauded hundreds of America companies by participating in the solicitation of those companies for DOE funding programs while DOE officials had already planned, in advance, to not give any of those applicants any funds, and to blockade those applicants in order to favor a handful of campaign backer's companies. DOE falsified reviews and data and violated federal process in order to provide kick-backs to favored companies. The companies that were abused were encouraged to expend their own funds, irreparable work hours and work years and their market opportunities based on false promises and political manipulations secretly, and illegally, arranged by DOE executives and other federal officials, in violation of the law and in violation of common moral principles. These applicants were targeted, manipulated and maliciously damaged for purposes of political corruption. The DOE, and other investigative entities, refuse to hold a public hearing, to confront these issues, in order to maintain a cover-up of the facts... ."*

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"...Working with federal executives, a group of Silicon Valley men formed a cartel and ran an organized crime kickback scheme which cost the taxpayers billions of dollars and which broke numerous felony laws. They have been protected, up to this point, but the evidence against them is now over-whelming. Recent whistle-blower documents from the Snowden, Sony, HSBC and other investigation sources, has only served to additionally validate the charges. Hundreds of credible witnesses, and investigators, are prepared to go before any Special Prosecutor, Federal Court or network news broadcast and verify all of the facts. It is time for action and an end to the cover-ups..."

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***" Department of Energy officials, essentially, sabotaged a number of American technology companies in order to clear the decks for their crony friends, who they had direct, and documented, financial and political relations with..." - Zap Automotive Manager***

"...Working with federal executives, a group of Silicon Valley men formed a cartel and ran an organized crime

**This site documents the set of events that took place, that hundreds of investigators at agencies, news groups and special task forces have now confirmed. This is for legal teams and investigators working on this matter. The purpose of this website is to demand that a non-secret Federal Special Prosecutor be assigned to investigate this case and to seek justice for the many applicant/victims who were intentionally targeted, sabotaged and terminated by federal executives at the request of campaign backers. This published article about the matter provides a good high-level outline:** *" A cartel rigged a U.S. Government funding program to exclusively benefit themselves financially and politically. It back-fired on them! A large number of applicant's were targeted and terminated by Steven Chu and his staff, at the request of campaign investors. The same set of tactics was used in every case. In every case, the applicants had a technology which competed with, and in most cases was better than, those campaign investors competing products. This was a clear cut case of kickbacks and coordinated industrial market sabotage. Historical records have proven that ONLY campaign investors companies were funded; and that EVERY single non-campaign investor applicant was blockaded and manipulated into shut-down. The actions undertaken by Steven Chu, and his associates, constitute a felony violation of a number of laws and ethics standards. The applicants are now seeking justice against the associated parties who assisted in the attacks. The incident involves rigging energy industry minerals and supplies to benefit a select handful of billionaires who had taken control of the market for batteries and raw materials used by Tesla, Fisker, Solyndra and other notorious companies from this scandal. Lithium ion batteries, when they burn, cause brain cancer, liver cancer and other, potentially lethal, toxic poisoning. Certain regulators are told to "ignore these issues" because certain lithium ion investors donated cash to certain campaigns. The chemicals for lithium ion batteries come from countries which needed to be invaded in order to monopolize the mining of those chemicals. Certain politicians are told to "ignore these issues" because certain lithium ion investors engaged in war profiteering in order to control those minerals. The FAA has issued numerous warnings and videos showing that lithium ion batteries do spontaneously self-ignite and crash airplanes. Numerous people have been killed in lithium ion plane crashes. Certain regulators are told to "ignore these issues" because certain lithium ion investors donated cash to certain campaigns. Flight MH370 was carrying tons of lithium ion batteries in itâ s cargo hold. Lithium ion batteries have self-ignited and set numerous children and senior citizens on fire. They have set homes on fire. They have set offices on fire. They have set Apple Stores on fire. You constantly hear about passenger airlines being forced to land because passengers "smell smoke in the cabin". This is almost always a lithium ion battery going off in the cabin and exposing all of the passengers to it's carcinogenic ignition vapors. There have been multiple recalls of Tesla for fires including the battery charger cord setting homes on fire and the need for an entire titanium add-on plate to cover the whole underside of the Tesla. Tesla's have now been involved in many deaths. Silicon Valley investors took over the lithium ion battery market, along with Goldman Sachs (recently called before Congress for this very same â commodity manipulationâ ), because they knew they were getting large government hand-outs from the Department of Energy in exchange for campaign contributions. Lithium ion batteries lose their power and memory over a relatively short time. Lithium ion batteries blow up when they get wet or bumped. Fisker Motors went out of business when millions of dollars of Fisker cars, using lithium ion batteries, got wet and all blew up. Tesla battery packs have blown up, on multiple occasions, from simply hitting bumps in the road. Manufacturing these kinds of batteries is so toxic that even China, a country known for the most minimal regulations, has closed a huge number of battery factories because of the massive numbers of deaths they caused to workers and nearby residents. Journalists have published a glut of articles exposing cover-ups about the dangers and corruption involved with lithium ion batteries. The U.S. Government and numerous groups have filed charges against Panasonic, and similar battery companies for bribery, corruption, dumping, price fixing and other unethical tactics. Every key investor in lithium ion was also a campaign donor who also received huge federal cash from the Department of Energy in the same funding cycle in which they paid campaign contributions. By driving a Tesla, in addition to the common public perception that it is a "douche-bag car", there is something far worse about driving it. You are making a public statement to the world that you support organized crime by driving this car. Here is why: Investigators say that, political operatives David Plouffe, Rahm Emanuel, Steven Rattner, Dan Pfeiffer, Bill Daly, David Axelrod and Robert*

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*Gibbs arranged with Silicon Valley investors to take over the lithium battery industry in order to monopolize the trillions of dollars of lithium, and related mining deals, in Afghanistan. The Afghan war has now cost American's over 6 trillion dollars, with almost nothing to show for it. They say that they traded federal funding for campaign support assisted by Harry Reid and Dianne Feinstein, who received numerous stock and cash kickbacks in the scheme. They say they used the money to fund political campaigns. They used the Silicon Valley investors internet companies, (mostly Google), to manipulate voter perceptions and web searches in favor of their personal agenda and profits. The Silicon Valley investors received favorable federal laws, tax gifts, free federal loans, stock bumps and other perks. The Silicon Valley investors companies that used the Afghan minerals: Abound, Solyndra, Fisker, Ener1, Tesla, and many, many more, that received the Department of Energy kickback funds, managed by Steven Chu, have all either failed, been raided, been charged with fraud or otherwise turned out to be disasters because they were based on a financial fraud skimming scheme instead of a good business plan. Anyone who spoke out about details of the scam, particularly journalists, had a character assassination hit-job ordered on them by Axelrod, Gibbs and Carney; using tabloid fronts that they controlled. All of these facts are known, in great detail, by many investigators. Nearly a million pages of evidence exist. A Special Prosecutor is required to perform proper prosecutions. No matter what political party you belong to: This is **organized crime** against the taxpayers. All of this information can now be validated, and confirmed, on any law enforcement, or investigative news, database."*

Hundreds of expert witnesses are prepared to testify to the veracity of these facts before the U.S. Congress, Federal judges and/or Special Prosecutors.

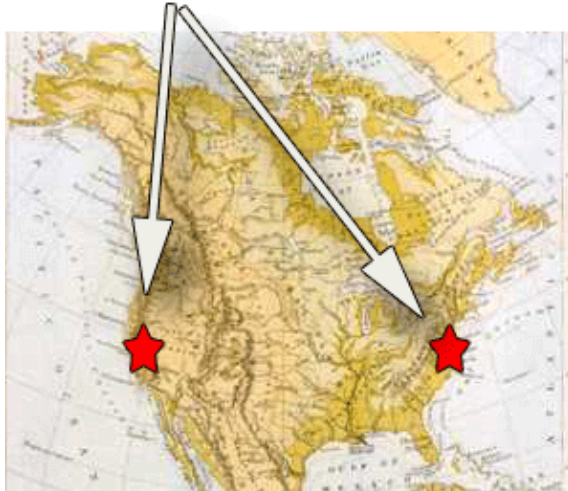
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**There are 320 Million people in America.** In "The Incident", out of 320 Million American's, only 21 of them made billions of dollars of profit, in taxpayer cash, off of "The Incident" AND **Those same 21 people were huge campaign backers and they all knew each other AND The competitors of each of those 21 people were sabotaged or held-back in "The Incident"** so If you play Vegas, you know what "Odds-Makers" are. If you buy insurance you know what "Actuarials" are. The odds, or actuarials, of those things, that happened in "The incident" happening on their own, without organized crime manipulation are: **OVER FOUR TRILLION TO ONE.** The Facts are clear. The cover-ups are wearing thin and multiple investigators now have all of the emails, recordings and evidential proof. Time for action!

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**From one Senator:** " If you are an average member of the public, you may read all of this about spies, intrigues, murders, political corruption, trillion dollar stock scams and crime and think: *'oh my, I don't live in this world. This doesn't apply to me. I don't want to know about this'* ..but you would be wrong. All of this affects your job, the price of eggs you buy at the corner store, the cost of your gas, your retirement savings and many things that go on in your life every day. To ignore the facts is to subject you, and your family, to economic ills that you could have fixed by being pro-active. Pay attention, know these facts and VOTE the bad people out, and the good people in, if you want to improve your own personal life!"

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The executives of Google, In-Q-Tel and New America Foundation and the investors and beneficiaries of the "CleanTech" cash and the organizers of the libel, slander and defamation attacks against competing applicants are IN FACT, all the same people. In-Q-Tel and New America Foundation staff strategized the attacks while Gawker Media and Google executed the attacks. Google received numerous legal requests to cease the attacks and, not only, refused to cease the attacks, but, in fact, increased them. Google manually, malicious and intentionally locked the attacks into the top and forefront positions on their web control architecture in order to optimize and maximize the damage against applicants as a retribution tactic. Google deleted and down-ranked any media coverage which was beneficial to applicants in order to assert their damage against the applicants in favor of their investors. Because Google operates under federal cash contracts and is legally a "Monopoly" this is a felony.

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A Few Examples of The Corruption in this Case: \* A few applicants became suspicious of the process, and, at the request of investigators, submitted two different applications for the same exact thing, under different names. As suspected, each application was rejected but for entirely different reasons in each 100% clone test application, in each case. In some rejection points, the thing that was stated as a positive in one response was stated as a negative in another. This stands as a portion of the proof that no actual due diligence took place and that every applicant was rejected for any reason that could be found, if they were not one of the "pre-selected"

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insiders. \* Applicants state that Senators Feinstein, Boxer, Reid, Granholm and other elected officials, "stabbed applicants in the back" by helping to sabotage those applicants applications so that those Senators, and their families and associates, could receive stock, campaign funding, family contracts, and special insider perks. Historical investigative facts do show that many applications were manipulated, and sabotaged, and that all of those Senators did receive those listed perks at the same time.

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**END THE COVER-UPS!  
START THE PERP WALKS!  
WHERE IS THE  
SPECIAL PROSECUTOR?  
WHERE IS THE JUSTICE?**

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News Updates: - Huge Article on the Case Came Out At (THIS LINK) - Now over 11 lawsuits underway against the perpetrators, and you thought "SOLYNDRA" was big. "you ain't seen nuthin yet!" - New Congress to take up the matter more aggressively. - Staff From ELIO Motors claim that they are being "stone-walled" by political investors at DOE - Staff from Bright Motors claim Bright was lied to by DOE - Staff From ZAP Motors claim DOE manipulated Process - Founder of Brammo Motors quoted in media saying DOE program was "not right" - President misses stated electric car "Moon Program" goal by 72%, wonders why his DOE screwed him - Staff from Apterra Motors say "DOE program was "rigged" - Fisker Motors shut down and sold to China under cloud of investigations, fires and corruption kickback charges - Most of DOE programs hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars found to have gone to China, via deals that Senators, who own stock in those Chinese ventures, set up! - Head of Tesla recorded by News cameras saying his company did not qualify for the federal cash but they got it anyway. - Steven Chu under criminal investigation by three separate groups - Stock Tracker and Trust Fund ownerships investigators discover disturbing off-shore ownerships - Reid & Feinstein family ownerships in Chinese interests investigated - Feinstein removed from Intelligence Panel - Goldman Sachs called before Congressional Investigation committee for mineral commodity stock manipulation - XP has Sued DOE for "corruption" for their car project (which was NOT an inflatable car, it was exactly like the Nissan Leaf). That case is before the federal courts. - Irreversible facts of history now prove that hundreds of applicants were manipulated out of program in fake "due diligence" process and that ONLY "friends" of the management were allowed in. Irrefutable evidence prepared for U.S. Congress. Scam cost American taxpayers over \$300 Billion in losses. - Investigators say that HSBC leaks, Goldman Sachs hidden recordings and other surveillance now prove that campaign investors took federal kickback cash and hid the money, mostly overseas, to avoid paying taxes.

- Another "CleanTech Funding Kickback" scandal announced. This one will take out the Governor of Oregon!

- ELLEN PAO/KLEINER PERKINS LAWSUIT EXPOSES SOCIOPATH MYSOGINISTIC TENDENCIES OF SILICON VALLEY CAMPAIGN BACKERS SHOWS WHAT KINDS OF PEOPLE WOULD TAKE OVER A GOVT. PROGRAM FOR EGO

- WHITE HOUSE & ERIC HOLDER CHARGED IN CLEANTECH CAMPAIGN FUNDING SCANDAL

- Aptera Car Company says they were screwed over by DOE program

- Staff from: **Local Motors, BioTrike, Eco Motors, Vectrix, VVC, WrightSpeed, VPG, ElectroRides, ZAP Motors, Futuris** and many more car companies, say DOE staff manipulated their applicant process and delayed reviews to let crony's through.

**- MASSIVE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION HAULS IN TOP BANKERS ON PRECIOUS METAL MINING SCAM TIED TO XYZ CASE. DOJ, SWISS INVESTIGATORS, CFTC CHARGE MASSIVE KICKBACK RIGGING OF MATERIALS USED BY SUSPECTS. HSBC & SNOWDEN LEAKS SHOW COMPLICITY.**

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Most Applicants did not intend to get involved this much, but when the "bad guys" started putting **"hit jobs"** on them to punish them, **the "bad guys" made it very personal!** SHORT VERSION: A case about a group

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of American small businesses, and taxpayers, that stumbled into a political organized crime operation, and a series of cover-ups. The small businesses reported the crimes to authorities and were attacked for it. Use the "More..." tab, above, to see the rest of the pages... These are multi-company legal actions. Companies are pursuing claims for RICO, Fraud, and other related claims, against the entities that attacked these companies and abused their trust as domestic business groups and as individual taxpayers. So far: White House Staff, Major bankers and Investors and well-known companies have been under federal investigation and/or forced to resign or cease operations. Multiple cases are currently before the federal courts but not all of the attackers have been addressed yet. Multiple deaths are under investigation. Additionally, multiple law enforcement and special authority investigations are continuing. **THIS SITE IS FOR, CO-LITIGANTS, LAWYERS AND EXPERT WITNESS DISCUSSIONS ONLY FOR THE GOOGLE, IN-Q-TEL and NAF RICO-Class "Hit-Job" Cases.**

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## Case Overview

(Click On each highlighted item to see the video explanation from news broadcasts. Over 800,000 pages of paper evidence also exist in multiple federal repositories. Check back for updated newscast evidence, arriving daily.) Joint FBI/GAO Report DE-3467 Draft 4.5.2E

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**â A group of Silicon Valley investors received some documents from some â friendsâ stating that there was â A trillion dollars of lithium in Afghanistanâ . These documents were passed around by Goldman Sachs & Silicon Valley VCâ s. This group thought they could exploit Afghan, and other countryâ s, mining contracts on a commodity monopolization scheme fronting the use of the raw materials by â Green-washingâ it to be used for â electric car and solar programsâ , under the guise of, â itâ s â CleanTechâ the voters should love itâ , in order to try to make it pass Congressional oversight faster. Recent press disclosures confirm vast campaign funding, by mining companies, through back-door avenues, ie: the Guistra matter and others.**



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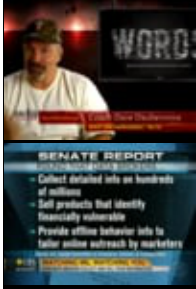
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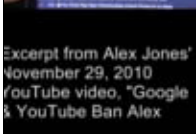
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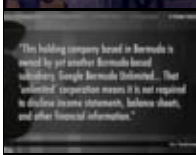
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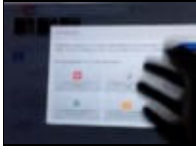
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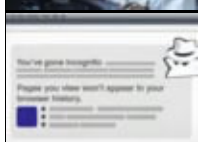
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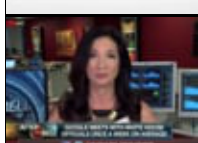
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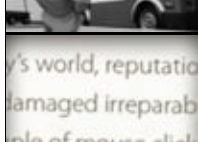
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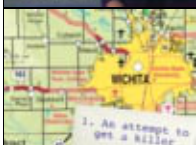
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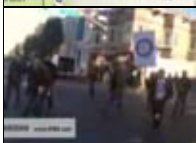
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â **These investors were deeply affiliated with Goldman Sachs.**

**Goldman Sachs was involved in almost every aspect, stock manipulation, application â winnerâ , profit funnel and deployment aspect of the case. Goldman created the process known as the â Flash Boy Pumpâ . This used Department of Energy and TARP cash award announcements to synthetically inflate stock values long enough to â skimâ profits off those stock holdings. Goldman is now under many investigations for this kind of â Commodity riggingâ .**



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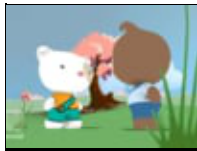


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**â These investors used their campaign donations, lobbyists and PACâ s to acquire the services of a number of U.S. Senators and foreign diplomats. They primarily paid the Senators in stock options for those Senators, their families and business associates. The FEC and FTC have Congressional insider trading investigations under-way, over**



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**these very actions, which have been stone-walled by the very Senators who engaged in the insider trading.**



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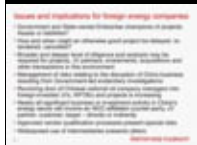
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**â So much money was moving that a scheme was created to pass the money through the U.S. Department of Energy and a new program, called TARP, so that the transactions appeared to be federal programs**



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**â The characters involved in the scandal have now been uncovered as highly unethical, disreputable, willing to break laws and moral codes and are held in low regard by the public. They formed a cartel now known as The Silicon Valley Cartel. One of the largest participants is Google, Inc. and itâ s investors. The Cartel was recently exposed in the Silicon Valley â ANGELGATEâ and â NO POACHINGâ collusion scandals and lawsuits**



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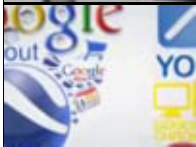
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**â The best friendâ s of the Silicon Valley Cartel were Steven Chu and Eric Holder. The cartel arranged, via the legal firm connected to both: Covington & Burling, to get them both nominated and appointed to the two federal agencies that control the money pass-through. Both of these individuals have been proven to have had previous business and personal relationships with the Cartel. Steven Chu sabotaged any**

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**technologies or companies that competed with his, and his friends, stock investments. Both have been forced to quit.**



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â The Cartel used consulting Company McKinsey for insider trading deal support and to author papers and reports which were distributed throughout Washington to say that certain very specific products and technologies were â *trending in the new CleanTech industry*â . In fact, every â *trending company and technology*â that McKinsey raved over was already owned and monopolized by the Cartel. At least one major McKinsey executive has gone to federal prison. A number of others are under surveillance and investigation. **LINKS TO EXAMPLE MATERIALS: KLEINER PERKINS #1 VC RACKETERING #1 MCKINSEY CONSULTING #1 STEVEN CHU #1 CORRUPTION #1 CHARACTER ASSASSINATION #1**

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â As Secretary of Energy, it was noticed that Steven Chu gave quite a lot of U.S. tax dollars to Russian owned or controlled companies. It was subsequently discovered that the Silicon Valley Cartel had deep Russian connections and business relations with USSR businessmen, to assist in the mining of Afghan, and other Middle Eastern countries, for the personal gain of the Cartel. Steven Chu sabotaged over 200 applicants, for the federal programs, simply because they competed with the Cartel and were not part of the Cartel.



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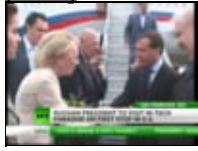
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Arnie and Silicon Valley on Medvedev's scheme to get Afghan lithium for Silicon Valley

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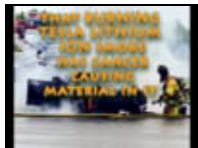
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**VC RACKETERING #1 STEVEN CHU #1 TESLA**  
**MOTORS #1 CORRUPTION #1**

**â John Doerr ran Kleiner Perkins, one of the lead coordinators of the Scheme and the Cartel**



THE LITHIUM SCAM- SM [10:58]



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A SILICON CRIME SPREE [21:27]

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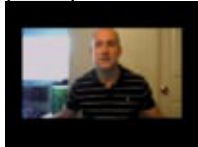
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**â Elon Musk was a behind the scenes Google and Kleiner Perkins partner, Cartel organizer and cash conduiting agent. THIS LINK has many confirming data points . Elon Musk, a billionaire, has now received billions of free taxpayer dollars in out-right cash hand-outs, tax waivers, free or low-cost resources, stock pumps and federal NASA contracts. Muskâ s companies would not exist today if not for taxpayer**



**hand-out cash. No other living person has received this much taxpayer money from the Obama administration. No other living person has given so much money to the Obama administration through his companies, investors and partners, like Google. No other living person has had the Obama administration sabotage, terminate or rule against so many of his competitors. Federal records demonstrate this to be one of the most overt examples of a political campaign kick-back scheme in this decade. In Muskâ s carefully orchestrated, self-aggrandizing, media campaigns, all mention of his true financial connections, extensive fraud lawsuits, and employee distrust is carefully expunged. Muskâ s companies exploited the key minerals from the mining deals and both Tesla & Solyndra, who sit next door to each other, were kickback lobbied by Dianne Feinstein, whose family profited on both deals.**



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[Jessy Ventura on Lithium in Afghanistan \[0:00\]](#)



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**â Vinohd Khosla was a key organizer in the Cartel and connected to Raj Gupta, now imprisoned**



[60 Minutes THE CLEANTECH CRASH PT1 \[6:59\]](#)



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**â Senators Feinstein, Reid, Pelosi and Boxer received the largest amount of stock, insider trading deals and campaign kick-backs from the Cartel. Feinsteinâ s family and associates received massive resources from the Tesla and Solyndra deals. They were, essentially, paid program facilitators. These Senators leveraged state tax officials,**

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**including Bill Lockyer of California, to exclusively, and extraordinarily, give tens of millions of dollars of additional taxpayer money, at a state level, to Cartel billionaire-owned companies: Tesla & Solyndra. Which sit on the same plot of land and have supplier contracts with the Senators families. These Senators took active steps to sabotage applicants who competed with Tesla, Solyndra & the Cartel, such as Gary D. Conley of SolFocus; who may have been murdered.**



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**â Eric Schmidt was the core lobbyist and director of a large part of the Cartel**

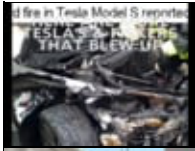


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**â When whistle-blowers saw through the scheme, Cartel leaders Doerr and Schmidt would organize (SEE THIS LINK) character assassination hit-jobs against those adversaries, sabotage their business and career databases with negative flags, create whisper campaigns and black list them via the National Venture Capital Association, which was controlled by a large number of Cartel members. The Cartel used itâ s resources, concurrently, at Google and Gawker Media, to put media hit-jobs on Santorum, ALICE, Romney, whistle-blowers, and other adversaries by locking devastating hatchet jobs (EXAMPLE AT THIS LINK) onto massive numbers of search engine pages controlled by each. Schmidt is known to have used his control of In-Q-Tel, New**

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**America Foundation and other covert groups, along with the Google search engine, to deploy one of the largest media attack systems in history.**



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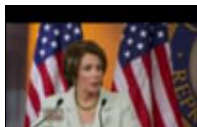


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**â Recently disclosed documents and videos prove that the Cartel spent more time in the White House, from 2007 forward, than all of the members of Congress COMBINED. Additionally, the disclosures of financial connections between the Cartel members, The White House, campaign financing and federal policy decisions demonstrates the operation of a felony-level corruption activity.**



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â The mining chemicals that the cartel sought to monopolize were  
â dumpedâ on the Cartel by the Russians via, possibly, doctored  
documents which overstated the volume and value of the materials and  
who knew that the materials were toxic, explosive and had no long-term  
economic viability. The Cartel did not investigate the materials usage  
and rushed to profiteer, driven By Goldman Sachs, who didnâ t care  
about the long-term, they just wanted to â skimâ their fees and  
â stock pumpsâ off the top.



A SILICON CRIME SPREE [21:27]



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â The American GAO, Judicial Watch & Transparency Center have  
discovered that U.S. taxpayers lost additional billions of dollars as the  
result of tax waivers, credits and reductions given exclusively to Cartel  
companies as gifts in exchange for election services. **LINKS TO**



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**CHU #1**      **CORRUPTION #1**

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**â Google executives and investors used Google, Inc. as a â central commandâ for lobbying, leverage, media stock manipulation, spying on competitors, media hit jobs and revenue profiteering. The upside was that it provided for the largest media, stock and information manipulation system ever devised. The downside is that it focused public, agency and law enforcement scrutiny on this central point until the voluminous indiscretions, finally, became highly visible, as shown AT THIS LINK, and in the follow newscasts:**



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THE SILICON MOBSTERS [12:32]



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The Official Google Theme Song [3:42]

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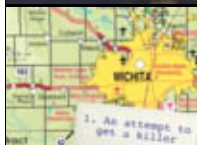
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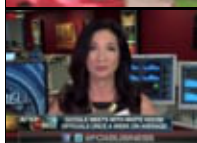
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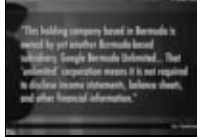
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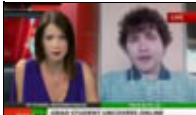


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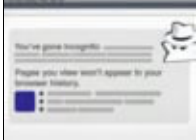
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**â The key White House staff who assisted in this scheme were: Rahm Emanuel, David Plouffe, Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, Steve Rattner, Jay Carney and Bill Daily. When confronted about their involvement, historical records show that they all quit their White House jobs at the most desired positions in America, in a bad economy, to take far lower positions, thus implicating themselves, along with their emails, in culpability. These staffers worked harder than any**

**other administration to cut-off the press,  
attack whistle-blowers and increase NSA domestic surveillance in  
order to delay the revelation of these crimes. LINKS TO EXAMPLE  
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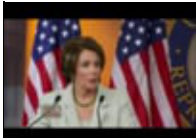
â A key aspect of the scam was the â Pump & Goâ stock swindle combined with pulling cash off-the-top by Sachs and the Cartel. In the following evidence set, you will notice a record setting number of huge cash intakes and sudden bankruptcies immediately thereafter. That part of the scheme seems to have worked like this: 1.) Technically â idealâ companies were set-up, 2.) huge cash amounts were wired in from the U.S. Treasury. 3.) Huge â feesâ were paid to VCâ s, executives and Sachs, right when the money arrived at the tech company, while Sachs & the VCâ s â pumpedâ the stock market valuations of those companies using the sudden â free moneyâ from the Dept. of Energy to falsify valuation marketing. This gave short term, sudden, stock profits that they also grabbed , 4.) the companies were managerially abandoned and then 5.) filed bankruptcy. 6. ) The VCâ s and Sachs then filed tax loss credits, on the failures, in order to get a double profit upside. Investigators called this â unjust rewardsâ . This volume of award/failure scenarios has never occurred in the history of America, particularly with a series of same-type companies who had just received massive federal funding windfalls. It seems obvious that these sequential incidents were planned and coordinated. Investigators believe Kleiner Perkins and Goldman Sachs were the key organizers of this tactic. Time-tracking of financial details in the HSBC â Swiss Leaksâ seems to confirm federal award/personal gain sequences.



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**KLEINER PERKINS #1**

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**LITHIUM DANGERS#2**

**VC**

**RACKETERING #1**

**STEVEN CHU #1**

**TESLA MOTORS**

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**ALL ADDITIONAL VIDEOS PLUS UNCATEGORISED AND NEW VIDEOS FROM BBC AND CBS SOURCES:**



'Democrats Have Mastered The Art Of Character Assassination' low [15:17]



'How much of that shitty deal did you sell to your clients-' Goldman Sachs Hearing HIGH

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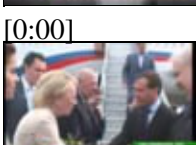
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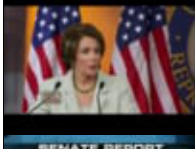
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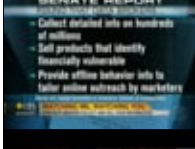
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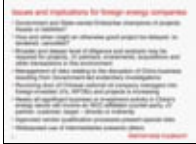


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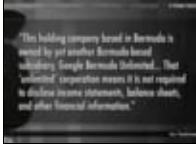


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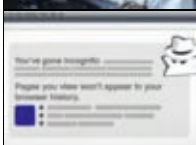
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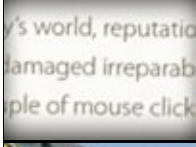
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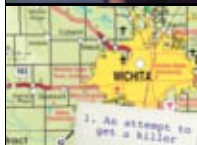
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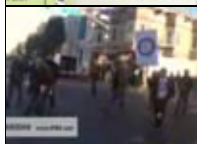
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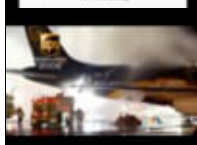
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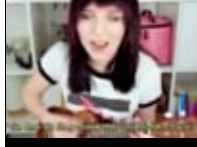
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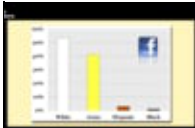
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As Washingtonâ s shock over winning the Stanley Cup demonstrates, the nationâ s capital isnâ t used to being first in anything. As a city, itâ s not the oldest, nor the biggest, nor the richest, and its sports teams are notoriously snakebitten. But finally, the capital has a claim to No. 1â and unfortunately, itâ s not just in hockey.

Ryan Murphy, an economist at Southern Methodist University, recently published a [working paper](#) in which he ranked each of the states by the predominance ofâ thereâ s no nice way to put itâ psychopaths. The winner? Washington in a walk. In fact, the capital scored higher on Murphyâ s scale than the next two runners-up combined.

â I had previously written on politicians and psychopathy, but I had no expectation D.C. would stand out as much as it does,â Murphy wrote in an email.

When Murphy matched up the â constellation of disinhibition, boldness and meannessâ that marks psychopathy with a previously existing map of the statesâ predominant personality traits, he found that dense, coastal areas scored highest by farâ with Washington dominant among them. â The District of Columbia is measured to be far more psychopathic than any individual state in the country,â Murphy writes in the paper. The runner-up, Connecticut, registered only 1.89 on Murphyâ s scale, compared with the overwhelming 3.48 clocked by the District.

Whatâ s going on? Thereâ s one big structural reason: There tend to be more psychopathic personalities in denser areas, and the District of Columbia is denser than even the densest state, so it makes sense that it would top the list. But even when you correct the rankings for density, Murphy says, Washington still ranks first.

This, Murphy hypothesizes, is because psychopaths are attracted to the kinds of jobs Washington offersâ jobs that reward raw ambition, a relentless single-mindedness and, letâ s admit it, the willingness to step over a few bodies along the way. â Psychopaths have an awfully grandiose way of thinking about themselves, and D.C. has numerous means of seeking and attaining power,â he wrote in an email. The television critics who dismissed Netflixâ s â House of Cardsâ as cartoonish and unrealisticâ surely nobody could be *that* villainousâ may have a few apologies to make. â The presence of psychopaths in the District of Columbia is consistent with the conjecture â that psychopaths are likely to be effective in the

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political sphere,â Murphy writes in the paper.

To psychologists, a â psychopathâ isnâ t necessarily a Norman Bates or Patrick Bateman lurking with an ax in the shadows; itâ s a person with a particular collection of antisocial traits, including a powerful sense of spite and an inability to consider the welfare of others. Murphy realized it might be possible to plot them on a map of America when he came across a forthcoming paper from of psychologists at the University of Georgia and Purdue University that projects those antisocial traits onto the â Big Fiveâ personality traitsâ openness to experience, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticismâ which had already been mapped geographically. By combining those studies, he could get a rough idea of which areas have the most psychopathic personalities.

Psychologists study psychopathy because when it combines with other undesirable personality traits in what they call the â dark triad,â it can lead to dangerous and even criminal behavior. For Washingtonians who might now worry about walking out the front door every day, thereâ s no more reason to fret than anywhere else in the country. Although D.C., like most major urban centers, struggles with a high crime rate, itâ s nowhere near the outlier in that department that it is in psychopathy. In their less dangerous form, the traits might combine in that person rudely elbowing past you on the Metro in the morning, or cutting the taxi line with a smirk, determined to get her way at your expense if necessary.

Not all Murphyâ s colleagues buy his analysis. As a working paper, it hasnâ t yet been through peer review. Josh Miller, a University of Georgia psychologist whose work Murphy used to map psychopathic traits onto the already-existing map of those across the country, points out that Murphyâ s measurement of â psychopathicâ traits includes some positive ones, like low neuroticism and high extraversion. A city high in civic-minded Type A personalities might very well rate high on this scale without producing many harmful psychopaths. And people tend to rate as more â disagreeableâ when theyâ re youngerâ so highly millennial cities, like Washington, can get skewed results.

Still, Murphy notes that other work supports his broad conclusions. Washington is awfully rich in the kinds of jobs rated â disproportionately psychopathicâ by the psychologist Kevin Dutton, author of *The Wisdom of Psychopaths: What Saints, Spies, and Serial Killers Can Teach Us About Success*. These include lawyers, journalists, civil servants, as well as CEOs and chefs. (What are the low-psychopathy jobs? Nurse, therapist, craftsperson, beautician/stylist, charity worker, teacher, artist, doctor, and accountant.)

Among psychologists, itâ s become accepted wisdom that psychopaths can be eerily effective in their given professions. Paul Babiak, a New York psychologist who specializes in business and management, developed, alongside the Canadian psychopathy pioneer Bob Hare, the B-Scan 360, a business tool intended to identify the psychopath in your workplace. According to some psychologists, thereâ s a good chance itâ s the person in the corner office. â Their natural tendency is to be charming,â Babiak told a BBC documentary crew in 2011. â Take that charm and couch it in the right business language, and it sounds like charismatic leadership."

The top five habitats for such people, by Murphyâ s measure, are D.C., Connecticut, California, New Jersey, and New York and Wyoming tied for fifth. The five least psychopathic states are West Virginia, Vermont, Tennessee, North Carolina and New Mexico. (â This is a rare ranking of states where West Virginia is rated as â best,â â Murphy points out, â in the sense that psychopathy is generally viewed as a social bad.â )

If that sounds like a pattern, it is: The psychopath/nonpsychopath binary matches up, with a few exceptions, with the urban/rural divide, although thereâ s still disagreement among experts as to why. A psychopath map of the U.S. would also look quite a bit like the red-blue political map, with the red areas notably lower in psychopathy. (Though not universally: Vermont, a deep-blue state, is extremely low on the list, while red

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Wyoming is up in the top five.)

Murphy warns against drawing any partisan conclusions, given the diversity in both the data and the countryâ s political makeup. â The literature supports the idea that psychopaths are attracted to cities, but I donâ t think there is strong theoretical support [that] â Democratic voters are psychopaths.â â

Politicians as a class, however, may be another story. In a [previous paper](#), impishly titled â Kissing Babies to Prove You Are Not a Psychopathâ â which explored the motivations behind our collective need to witness our leaders displaying empathyâ Murphy foreshadowed his findings here, writing that in a system designed to reward the power-hungry, voters are given the unenviable but important responsibility of weeding out the phonies.

Murphyâ s findings might ring true to anyone in D.C. whoâ s found themselves on the wrong end of a ruthless bureaucratic knife-fighter, or just anyone whoâ s been cut off one too many times by a BMW in downtown Bethesda. On a national level, it raises the troubling question as to what it means to live in a country whose institutions are set up to reward some very dubious human traits. Like it or not, weâ re more likely than not to wind up with some alarming personalities in positions of power.

That may or may not always be a bad thing, according to some psychologists. â I always joke that I wish I were more fearlessly dominant,â said Miller, referring to one trait that psychopaths have in spades. â These people are resilient to depression and anxiety, well-liked, and thereâ s little to link [that trait] to anti-social behavior.â

But that doesnâ t relieve of us the responsibility to consider the darker side and somehow allow for it. â The way we design our political institutions,â Murphy wrote in an email, â should reflect the fact that psychopaths are more likely to be effective politicians.â

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A new study ranks each state, plus D.C., by their psychopathic tendencies. The race for first? It isnâ t even close.

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# What Politicians Do - A Job Description

By Peter Wentley

In order to run for political office you have to spend a vast amount more money than any regular person could ever earn doing honest work.

To get the money to run for office you, either, have to be planted as a candidate by a special interest group, who asks you to be their shill, or you have to go to a corrupt business group and promise to rig the government for their profiteering in exchange for TV ads and search engine rigging.

Each election cycle there are a number of clown-like TV-ready funny candidates who do not have the funds to run and were placed there as "Pied Piper" pretend candidates to help swing election results or distract from key points in debates.

99% of the current elected politicians, are, essentially: Criminals.

Once they get in you can't get them out so all they care about is getting the Notice of Election.

The modern politician is compensated with bribes that come in many forms: Cash, sex, ads, search engine rigging, real estate, parties, media manipulation, legal fees, etc. The entire job of the modern politician is to make a fake concerned facial expression when you talk to them and to use the phrase *"..I will make some calls.."*, convincingly.

There is absolutely no requirement for any politician to accomplish anything.

The entire life-cycle of the modern politician involves running their payola programs via this, or a very similar, process:

**1. Senator gets bribe from Company X.**

**2. Senatorâ s spouse or daughter buys covert stock in Company X and the suppliers of Company X via Goldman Sachs, et al.**

**2. Senator makes law or exclusive ruling to give Company X exclusive cash and taxpayer resources.**

**3. Company X makes â campaign contributionâ to Senator as a follow-up bribe.**

**4. Company X has Goldman Sachs use free government cash to â pump-and-dumpâ Company X stocks which Senator, Governor, DOE and Obama staff covertly own. Senator, DOE execs and Obama execs make billions in windfall profits via Googleâ s PR hype of the stock. (Of course, none of this is reported to the FEC and the SEC)**

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**5. Senator and DOE staff black-list and sabotage Company X competitors from receiving the same benefits or competing with Company X.**

**6. As soon as the crooks get all of their skims, they bankrupt Company X and make even more profits off of the dead Company X by filing â Tax Lossâ filings and take another windfall.**

**7. DOE, IG, FBI and DOJ refuse to investigate the crime and run cover-ups because some of their bosses own stock in Company X and the suppliers of Company X.**

**8. Wash, Rinse Repeat and they go out and do it all over again.**

As you can see, being a modern American politician means that you get to run the Government like a Mafia-style crime syndicate.

You will join either 1.) The DC Beltway Scumbags, 2.) The Silicon Valley Scumbags, 3.) The Hollywood Scumbags, 4.) The Dallas Scumbags, 5.) The Chicago Scumbags or 6.) The Florida Scumbags. These are groups of men who manage regional political cartels. They will give you your orders.

The only way to stop you from doing your crimes is if the public shoots you. Since almost every politician, particularly Senator's, have stooped to the most extreme criminal graft possible, the most extreme political crooks should probably band together and try to take away all of the public's guns.

Politicians do something called "creating policy". This is the most bullshit term in the English language. "Policy" sounds like "goodwill policy" or "customer satisfaction policy" but political "policy" is, in fact, the rules a politician makes to pay off his campaign financier money-bags. "Policy" is standards rules for payola.

It works like this. Chicago mobsters with the DNC wanted a TV-catchy candidate, so they picked Obama because he could say TV sound-bites non-stop from memory. Google's Eric Schmidt said: *"OK, we will rig all of the news and search results to make Obama President as long as Google gets all of the CIA contracts and as long as our Google VC's get the exclusive on electric cars and solar panels..."*; *"Done!"* Said Obama. Obama then "made policy", or rules, so that Google's insiders got the CIA, electric car and solar panel stuff and nobody else did. See? Easy!

Now that you know how contemporary U.S. politicians operate, you should know about some of the downsides. It isn't all hookers and gin around the clock. Mostly it is..but not every minute!

Most people that you see running for office are narcissists with a pretty face who have a desperate need for affirmation. Almost all of them, though, are running for the corrupt cash.

That damn internet lets the entire world know about all of your rapes, drug addictions and crimes within an hour. Watch out for that stuff when you get "Doxed". You WILL get Doxed these days, so be ready.

The public can use that damn internet to monitor and investigate you better than the FBI and the CIA can. The Fed investigators are just collecting a paycheck, going through routines and unlikely to want to make trouble. The public investigators are mad, motivated and tireless in their pursuit of justice.. just sayin'. (oh yes.. and there are 300+ million of them)

So there you go. Do you want to be a Politician?

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## Where Do Church Donations Go? The Catholic Church Has Used Almost \$4 Billion Settling Child Molestation Lawsuits

[6 Comments](#)  
By [Alexa Erickson](#)

Pedophilia has become a huge topic of discussion over recent weeks as not only have sexual abuse outings been taking place in [Hollywood](#), but the exposure of [pedophilia in Hollywood](#) and amongst the elite is becoming more common.

The reality of child molestation by the Roman Catholic Church has surfaced time and time again, and yet, somehow, it continues to happen. If you watched the movie *Spotlight*, perhaps you have an idea of just how things are going down. But letâ s break it down *to date*.

While you canâ t put a price on the innocence of a child, you can put a price on just how much the Roman Catholic Church has paid out in lawsuits over the never-ending epidemic of child molestation wreaking havoc in its ranks.

We hope the facts below help us to realize that in some ways our financial support of the catholic church is helping to cover up and defend pedophilia and child sexual abuse. Not to mention the government is providing tax breaks to what may be the biggest pedophile ring on the planet.

Also consider that the church has known about this for years and has done little to nothing to deal with it, instead they cover it up.

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According to Jack and Diane Ruhl of the National Catholic Reporter, who decided to research this particular topic, since 1950, the Vatican has spent \$3,994,797,060.10. Thatâ s nearly \$4 billion to keep the issue hush hush. That number may even be a bit conservative considering the amount of â under the tableâ dealings have taken place which were uncovered in Spotlight investigations. Most cases were never reported nor were they taken to court, leaving their reality in the dark.

The figure is based on a three-month investigation of data, which includes a review of over 7,800 articles from LexisNexis Academic and NCR databases and information from BishopAccountability.org. Reports from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops were also used.

If the amount of money dished out was divided evenly amongst the U.S.â s 197 dioceses, each one would get almost \$20 million. An incredible amount of cash from hard working people who chose to support the good faith and intentions of the Church â people who are parents to little boys being sexually abused â is being used to cover up unfathomable crimes executed by priests.

In the early nineties, a monk who worked at the Vatican opened up to *The New Yorker*, admitting: â You wouldnâ t believe the amounts of money the church is spending to settle these priestly sexual-abuse cases.â By 1992, U.S. Catholic dioceses had given 400 million dollars to settle hundreds of molestation cases. That was a shocking chunk of change then, and that figure has only risen exponentially since. The men running the Vatican are well aware of the problem, and yet they refuse to provide justice.

When Pope Francis addressed hundreds of bishops on the issue, he said:

I realize how much the pain of recent years has weighed upon you, and I have supported your generous commitment to bring healing to victims â in the knowledge that in healing we too are healed â and to work to ensure that such crimes will never be repeated.

His words of â generous commitmentâ only further show just how tightly knit the Church truly is â worried more about reputation than morality.

â The people he was talking to are the people who moved the pedophiles around to prey on kids,â said John Salvesson, a 59-year-old Philadelphia businessman who was abused as a child by a priest. â If you gave me 100 years to pick a word to describe the U.S. bishopsâ reaction to this crisis, â generousâ would never make the list.â

Terry McKiernan, who runs BishopAccountability.org, noted that Francis overlooked the fact that many dioceses around the country havenâ t disclosed the names of abusers, and furthermore, continue to lobby against reforming statute of limitations laws that shield priests from prosecution for crimes from the past.

David Clohessy, executive director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, was once optimistic that Francis would push for change in how the Church handled the scandal, but has since lost hope. â Thereâ s nothing he could say that would be helpful, because Catholic bishops have said it all before â â Iâ m sorry, we didnâ t know, weâ ll do better.â Weâ ve heard that for decades,â he said. â This is a pope who has refused to take steps to expose one predator or punish one enabler. . . . He could simply defrock, demote, discipline, or even clearly denounce just one complicit bishop. He refuses, not one.â

Spanning many hundreds of years, children have suffered at the hands of child predators who remain safe in the authority and integrity of an honorable faith, yet organizations, investigators, reporters, etc. continue to raise awareness, while the Catholic Church continues their fight to block bills that would extend the statute of limitations for reporting sex abuse.

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### **Final Thoughts**

There is more coming to light about the true nature of workings of many of the things we follow and believe in. Truth is coming to the surface more now than it ever has and itâ s all happening for us to question the true nature of the systems and structures around us as well as the veil that has been pulled over our eyes about them.

Another key reflection point, how does covering up child sexual abuse serve to make humanity better or more peaceful? Especially from a religious institution.

## Why Science Says You Should Be Reading Small Independent Media

While trust in corporate news has gone down over the past few years, trust in independent news is strong.

Jo Ellen Green Kaiser posted Nov 10, 2017

Google, Facebook, and Twitter were hauled in front of Congress last week to explain how Russian bots were able to spread fake news on their platforms. The concernâ and a very real oneâ is that these bots and fake news sites had a significant impact on the 2016 election.

A better way to secure a media system that works for democracy is to strengthen independent news outlets.

Fighting fake news, however, is not the only or best way to ensure that our content ecosystem prioritizes real news. This week, [a groundbreaking article in Science](#) proves that a better way to secure a media system that works for democracy is to strengthen independent news outlets.

The five-year-long study published this week in Science, directed by Harvard professor Gary King and supported in part by Voqal, shows that even small independent news outlets can have a dramatic effect on the content of national conversation. King, along with his now former graduate students Ben Schneer and Ariel White, found that if just three outlets write about a particular major national policy topicâ such as jobs, the environment, or immigrationâ discussion of that topic across social media rose by as much as 62.7 percent of a dayâ s volume, distributed over the week.

Over 60 percent of the participating outlets were members of the Media Consortium, the organization I direct. The Media Consortium outlets that had the highest participation rates in the Science study, in order: Truthout, In These Times, Bitch Media, The Progressive, Earth Island Journal, Feministing, Generation Progress, Ms. Magazine, and YES! Magazine. The median outlet size was The Progressive, with about 50,000 subscribers.

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Individually, none of them is a New York Times or CNN. In fact, too often, philanthropic foundations refuse to support these outlets because they are â too smallâ and â donâ t have enough impact.â What this Science study proves is that when independent news outlets work together to co-publish stories on the same topic in the same week, they can have a mighty effect.

Independents have strong and loyal followers.

We expected independents would have a big impact on national conversations, for several reasons. First, independents have strong and loyal followers who are eager to talk about the content they read and view at their favorite outlets. When Bitch, Feministing, and Truthout together publish stories on reproductive health, they have a social reach of over 1 million followers.

But independent media followers are not just thumbs-up people. They not only comment and repost on social, but they donate to these organizations and attend events in real life. These are people who want to participate in national conversations about topics they care about, from immigration to climate change to school reform. So it makes sense that they would push those conversations on social.

Second, studies coming out over the past five years have demonstrated that collective efforts make a bigger impact than stand-alone efforts. When even small outlets join together, they can have an effect larger than any of them would individually. Weâ ve seen that recently with the publication of the Panama Papers and other large-scale collaborations.

Trust matters on platforms that too often provide space for fake news.

Our outlets implicitly understood those effects: The Media Consortium was founded in order to build a collaborative network. In fact, when the researchers started working with us to figure out what they could randomize, it was we who suggested the experiment be built upon randomized timing of collaborative publication.

Finally, we have faith in the American people. Yes, everyone likes a cute cat photo or a bit of salacious gossip. But people care at a very fundamental level about the schools their kids attend, about their own reproductive choices, about their communities, neighbors, and friends. They hunger for stories that impact their everyday lives. And those are the stories they will talk about and share. In fact, they will increase their sharing of stories like these by 62.7 percent when the stories originate on outlets they trust.

Trust matters on platforms that too often provide space for fake news. Increasingly, people will look at what outlet is providing them with that news. While trust in corporate news has gone down over the past few years, trust in independent news is strong.

The implication of the Science study is simple: If we want to foster robust conversations about national policy, we need to continue to support independent news outlets.

Producing in-depth, thoughtful journalism for a better world is expensive â but supporting us isnâ t. If you value ad-free independent journalism, consider subscribing to YES! today.

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### **Why Are There Suddenly So Many Race Wars In The Modern World? Thank John Podesta!**

John Podesta, The DNC dirty tricks operative, came up with this idea that the Democrats could re-direct government expenditures, of your tax money, into John Podesta's friend's bank accounts.

Podesta knew, from his Cleantech scam, that he organized, that you could exclusively get all the federal tax dollars in his buddies Goldman Sachs accounts if Obama only created laws to benefit his friends.

Working on Podesta's favorite messaging concept that "*...All Republicans are old white Colonel Sanders-type men..*", he pushed a concept, along with Debbie Wasserman, to import non-whites to the U.S.

Podesta believes that all non-whites that come to America "*...will always be poor...*" and that "*...the poor always vote Democrat*"

Podesta and the USAID Agency sent teams of people called "AID Workers" and socialism-oriented PR workers to the third world nations to hint that everybody should come to America and get free stuff.

As if that idea was bad enough, it suddenly got worse.

ISIS heard about the idea and decided to get the Middle East to move to England and Paris and raise hell, basing off of Podesta's immigrate-for socialism marketing to flood a region with "deplorables".

Iran, Russia and Chinese social media spy contractors turned it into a "Why doesn't Israel allow any black people in Israel" issue to tick off Jewish business monopolies.

Then Republican operatives fired back with the "*It's OK to Be White*", "#WalkAway and "*Transgenders are mentally ill*" efforts as punishment.

Then the average people started paying attention when they saw that most of the murders and crimes were being committed by immigrants that Podesta wanted to be kept poor.

Poor people sometimes do vote Democrat but poor people kill and rape more than they vote Democrat. So now the average people see these hordes of rapers heading towards their white picket fences.

So...when the Millennial Civil War begins. Blame John Podesta!

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## **Why Are We Running This Investigation? Answer Number Two**

Criminal senior executives at State and Federal agencies cost us our jobs, life savings and careers because they were engaged in organized crime against us and the American taxpayers.

No State or Federal agencies have reimbursed us for our damages, offset the crimes, paid us for what they owe us or made any attempt to make things right.

For nearly a decade we have told law enforcement, Congress and the news media, in writing, that certain people and organizations were â criminalsâ and they were breaking the law. Nearly a decade later each of them have been proven to have been criminals. Not â some of themâ , not â most of themâ , but 100% of them. They have been either arrested and/or or charged with: sex trafficking, rape, tax fraud, money laundering, bribery, stock market manipulation, anti-trust law violation, abuse, political bribery, collusion, RICO, fraud, extortion, election rigging and a host of other crimes.

They bribed law enforcement and Congress to â look the other wayâ . Millions of American voters agree that we were right and the â bad guysâ were truly criminals. We will stand our evidence up in any court without a rigged system and with equal legal resources to those of the criminals any day of the week.

Because we have been blockaded from ever getting a jury trial and from ever getting justice, we are using other, fully legal yet novel, means to deliver justice.

Because of this we will hunt them down, 100% legally, for the rest of time, until our damages are offset! We will also do it because it is the right thing to do and the law enforcement entities who are supposed to do this are not doing their jobs.

From one of the Team statements:

### **Senate Statement:**

â *Our companies received millions of dollars in Congressional awards during the Iraq War under a contract to build Americaâ s â back-up planâ for what federal intelligence officials saw as the*

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*â pending collapse of Middle East oil accessâ . Unlike Solyndra, we fully completed our contract. State and Federal officials then solicited us, our families, our friends, our associates and our companies to spend our life savings and millions of additional dollars based on their assurances that the project was moving to the next phase.*

*Phase two of the project was suddenly cancelled the week that the next funding was due to us. That funding was given to our competitors, instead of us, at the last minute. The money had secretly been pre hard-wired for our competitors and the Senators they had in their pockets. Our very own elected officials owned the stock of those competitors and acquired billions of dollars in ill-gotten profits in the scheme. Law enforcement has proven that it was a purely quid-pro-quo crony kick-back scam that our competitors operated with famous elected officials.*

*Federal insiders in the Obama Administration then informed us, and federal investigators, that the entire Department of Energy had been compromised by a corrupt Cartel. The Uranium1 and Solyndra debacles from this corruption are now notorious in the news but there was much more that is only now coming forward in the various Paradise Papers, Swiss Leaks and Panama Papers leaks. The FBI, GAO, Congress and news media uncovered that crony payola and bribes had taken place between a number of U.S. Senators and State and Federal agency bosses and a Silicon Valley Cartel. A number of those illicit crony competing ventures were forced into bankruptcy by Congressional reviews; but not all of them have yet been interdicted.*

*Lawsuits, firings of government officials, news media and FBI investigations of those bribes and fall-out from that case continues to this day.*

*Our staff associates have been federal witnesses in this matter and have suffered retribution, vendetta, reprisal attacks including benefits stone-walling, toxic exposure, character assassinations, black-listing, death threats, database and hacking attacks and other political attack methodologies.â*



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How can Disney executives be so tone deaf?

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## Why Does Urma THurman Want Harvey Weinstein To Move To Oklahoma?

### Oklahoma considers chemical castration for sex offenders

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Oklahoma state Rep. Rick West -R-Heavener, poses for a photo in the House chamber at the Capitol in Oklahoma City, Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018. West has introduced a bill requiring certain sex offenders to undergo so-called "chemical castration" as a condition of release. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) â A Republican lawmaker is pushing to add Oklahoma to the list of states in which so-called chemical castration is an option for certain sex offenders, albeit an option that rarely gets used.

State Rep. Rick West, a first-term lawmaker from Heavener, said he filed the bill at the request of a constituent and that he fully intends to push for its passage, though it's likely to face strong opposition, even in a conservative state with a tough-on-crime reputation.

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If approved, Oklahoma would join at least seven other states that have laws allowing courts to order chemical treatments that reduce male testosterone for certain sex offenders, although experts say the punishment is rarely carried out and one described it as a "half fantasy" version of criminal justice.

"When I knocked on that guy's door when I was campaigning, he said: 'I'll vote for you if you'll run this bill,'" West said.

West, who has introduced a measure that would allow tobacco back inside state prisons, said he's confident his constituents would support efforts to prevent sex crimes, especially against children.

Under the bill, anyone convicted of a sexually violent offense could be required as a condition of release to take the drugs designed to reduce a male offender's testosterone and sexual libido. A second offense would require the treatment unless a court determined it wouldn't be effective.

California became the first state to pass such a law in 1996, and since then at least six other states have passed laws allowing it in some form, including Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Montana, Oregon and Wisconsin, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Texas allows repeat sex offenders to voluntarily elect to be surgically castrated.

It's unclear how often the procedure is used, but it appears to be rare. For it to be used in California, a judge would have to issue an order as part of a convict's sentence. Only a couple of parolees are currently required to receive the treatment every year, said prisons spokesman Luis Patino. Prison officials in Montana and Louisiana are aware of only one case in each state in the last decade in which a judge ordered the treatment.

Oklahoma's American Civil Liberties Union chapter is concerned about West's proposal, saying that requiring unwilling offenders to undergo such treatments likely violates the Constitution's 8th Amendment.

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"It's hard to imagine this couldn't be considered cruel or unusual," said chapter spokeswoman Allie Shinn, who added there's little scientific evidence to suggest such treatments are even effective.

"I don't want to place too much faith in the Oklahoma Legislature to avoid blatantly unconstitutional proposals, but we're hopeful this bill, as written, is just too extreme to move," Shinn said.

While drugs used to diminish an offender's sex drive can be effective, they are mostly successful with offenders who want to change their behavior and take them as prescribed, said Frank Zimring, a law professor at University of California at Berkeley and an expert on sex crimes.

But he said the laws are generally about good politics since sex offenders are an easy target, and not necessarily about sound criminal justice policy.

"Chemical castration is half advertising slogan, half fantasy," Zimring said. "There are chemicals which are supposed to, if dosages are maintained, reduce sex drives. That isn't castration."

The Oklahoma Legislature has over the years entertained various bills involving the castration of sex offenders. In 2002, a measure allowing chemical or surgical castration of sex offenders made it all the way to the desk of Republican Gov. Frank Keating, who promptly vetoed it and derided it as "silly."

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In the fall of 2016, Harvey Weinstein set out to suppress allegations that he had sexually harassed or assaulted numerous women. He began to hire private security agencies to collect information on the women and the journalists trying to expose the allegations. According to dozens of pages of documents, and seven people directly involved in the effort, the firms that Weinstein hired included Kroll, which is one of the worldâ s largest corporate-intelligence companies, and Black Cube, an enterprise run largely by former officers of Mossad and other Israeli intelligence agencies. Black Cube, which has branches in Tel Aviv, London, and Paris, offers its clients the skills of operatives â highly experienced and trained in Israelâ s elite military and governmental intelligence units,â according to its literature.

Two private investigators from Black Cube, using false identities, met with the actress Rose McGowan, who eventually publicly accused Weinstein of rape, to extract information from her. One of the investigators pretended to be a womenâ s-rights advocate and secretly recorded at least four meetings with McGowan. The same operative, using a different false identity and implying that she had an allegation against Weinstein, met twice with a journalist to find out which women were talking to the press. In other cases, journalists directed by Weinstein or the private investigators interviewed women and reported back the details.

The explicit goal of the investigations, laid out in one contract with Black Cube, signed in July, was to stop the publication of the abuse allegations against Weinstein that eventually emerged in the New York Times and The New Yorker. Over the course of a year, Weinstein had the agencies â target,â or collect information on, dozens of individuals, and compile psychological profiles that sometimes focussed on their personal or sexual histories. Weinstein monitored the progress of the investigations personally. He also enlisted former employees from his film enterprises to join in the effort, collecting names and placing calls that, according to some sources who received them, felt intimidating.

In some cases, the investigative effort was run through Weinsteinâ s lawyers, including David Boies, a celebrated attorney who represented Al Gore in the 2000 Presidential-election dispute and argued for marriage equality before the U.S. Supreme Court. Boies personally signed the contract directing Black Cube to attempt to uncover information that would stop the publication of a *Times* story about Weinsteinâ s abuses, while his firm was also representing the *Times*, including in a libel case.

Boies confirmed that his firm contracted with and paid two of the agencies and that investigators from one of them sent him reports, which were then passed on to Weinstein. He said that he did not select the firms or direct the investigatorsâ work. He also denied that the work regarding the *Times* story represented a conflict of interest. Boies said that his firmâ s involvement with the investigators was a mistake. â We should not have been contracting with and paying investigators that we did not select and direct,â he told me. â At the time, it seemed a reasonable accommodation for a client, but it was not thought through, and that was my mistake. It was a mistake at the time.â

Techniques like the ones used by the agencies on Weinsteinâ s behalf are almost always kept secret, and, because such relationships are often run through law firms, the investigations are theoretically protected by attorney-client privilege, which could prevent them from being disclosed in court. The documents and sources reveal the tools and tactics available to powerful individuals to suppress negative stories and, in some cases, forestall criminal investigations.

In a statement, Weinsteinâ s spokesperson, Sallie Hofmeister, said, â It is a fiction to suggest that any individuals were targeted or suppressed at any time.â

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In May, 2017, McGowan received an e-mail from a literary agency introducing her to a woman who identified herself as Diana Filip, the deputy head of sustainable and responsible investments at Reuben Capital Partners, a London-based wealth-management firm. Filip told McGowan that she was launching an initiative to combat discrimination against women in the workplace, and asked McGowan, a vocal womenâ s-rights advocate, to speak at a gala kickoff event later that year. Filip offered McGowan a fee of sixty thousand dollars. â I understand that we have a lot in common,â Filip wrote to McGowan before their first meeting, in May, at the Peninsula Hotel in Beverly Hills. Filip had a U.K. cell-phone number, and she spoke with what McGowan took to be a German accent. Over the following months, the two women met at least three more times at hotel bars in Los Angeles and New York and other locations. â I took her to the Venice boardwalk and we had ice cream while we strolled,â McGowan told me, adding that Filip was â very kind.â The two talked at length about issues relating to womenâ s empowerment. Filip also repeatedly told McGowan that she wanted to make a significant investment in McGowanâ s production company.

Filip was persistent. In one e-mail, she suggested meeting in Los Angeles and then, when McGowan said she would be in New York, Filip said she could meet there just as easily. She also began pressing McGowan for information. In a conversation in July, McGowan revealed to Filip that she had spoken to me as part of my reporting on Weinstein. A week later, I received an e-mail from Filip asking for a meeting and suggesting that I join her campaign to end professional discrimination against women. â I am very impressed with your work as a male advocate for gender equality, and believe that you would make an invaluable addition to our activities,â she wrote, using her wealth-management firmâ s e-mail address. Unsure of who she was, I did not respond.

Filip continued to meet with McGowan. In one meeting in September, Filip was joined by another Black Cube operative, who used the name Paul and claimed to be a colleague at Reuben Capital Partners. The goal, according to two sources with knowledge of the effort, was to pass McGowan to another operative to extract more information. On October 10th, the day *The New Yorker* published my story about Weinstein, Filip reached out to McGowan in an e-mail. â Hi Love,â she wrote. â How are you feeling? . . . Just wanted to tell you how brave I think you are.â She signed off with an â xx.â Filip e-mailed McGowan as recently as October 23rd.

In fact, â Diana Filipâ was an alias for a former officer in the Israeli Defense Forces who originally hailed from Eastern Europe and was working for Black Cube, according to three individuals with knowledge of the situation. When I sent McGowan photos of the Black Cube agent, she recognized her instantly. â Oh my God,â she wrote back. â Reuben Capital. Diana Filip. No fucking way.â

Ben Wallace, a reporter at *New York* who was pursuing a story on Weinstein, said that the same woman met with him twice last fall. She identified herself only as Anna and suggested that she had an allegation against Weinstein. When I presented Wallace with the same photographs of Black Cubeâ s undercover operative, Wallace recalled her vividly. â Thatâ s her,â he said. Like McGowan, Wallace said that the woman had what he assumed to be a German accent, as well as a U.K. cell-phone number. Wallace told me that Anna first contacted him on October 28, 2016, when he had been working on the Weinstein story for about a month and a half. Anna declined to disclose who had given her Wallaceâ s information. Over the course of the two meetings, Wallace grew increasingly suspicious of her motives. Anna seemed to be pushing him for information, he recalled, â about the status and scope of my inquiry, and about who I might be talking to, without giving me any meaningful help or information.â During their second meeting, Anna requested that they sit close together, leading Wallace to suspect that she might be recording the exchange. When she recounted her experiences with Weinstein, Wallace said, â it seemed like soap-opera acting.â Wallace wasnâ t the only journalist the woman contacted. In addition to her e-mails to me, Filip also e-mailed Jodi Kantor, of the *Times*, according to sources involved in the effort.

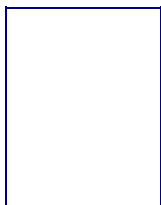
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The U.K. cell-phone numbers that Filip provided to Wallace and McGowan have been disconnected. Calls to Reuben Capital Partnersâ number in London went unanswered. As recently as Friday, the firm had a bare-bones Web site, with stock photos and generic text passages about asset management and an initiative called Women in Focus. The site, which has now been taken down, listed an address near Piccadilly Circus, operated by a company specializing in shared office space. That company said that it had never heard of Reuben Capital Partners. Two sources with knowledge of Weinsteinâ s work with Black Cube said that the firm creates fictional companies to provide cover for its operatives, and that Filipâ s firm was one of them.

Black Cube declined to comment on the specifics of any work it did for Weinstein. The agency said in a statement, â It is Black Cubeâ s policy to never discuss its clients with any third party, and to never confirm or deny any speculation made with regard to the companyâ s work. Black Cube supports the work of many leading law firms around the world, especially in the US, gathering evidence for complex legal processes, involving commercial disputes, among them uncovering negative campaigns. . . . It should be highlighted that Black Cube applies high moral standards to its work, and operates in full compliance with the law of any jurisdiction in which it operatesâ strictly following the guidance and legal opinions provided by leading law firms from around the world.â The contract with the firm also specified that all of its work would be obtained â by legal means and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.â

Last fall, Weinstein began mentioning Black Cube by name in conversations with his associates and attorneys. The agency had made a name for itself digging up information for companies in Israel, Europe, and the U.S. that led to successful legal judgments against business rivals. But the firm has also faced legal questions about its employeesâ use of fake identities and other tactics. Last year, two of its investigators were arrested in Romania on hacking charges. In the end, the company reached an agreement with the Romanian authorities, under which the operatives admitted to hacking and were released. Two sources familiar with the agency defended its decision to work for Weinstein, saying that they originally believed that the assignment focussed on his business rivals. But even the earliest lists of names that Weinstein provided to Black Cube included actresses and journalists.

On October 28, 2016, Boiesâ s law firm, Boies Schiller Flexner, wired to Black Cube the first hundred thousand dollars, toward what would ultimately be a six-hundred-thousand-dollar invoice. (The documents do not make clear how much of the invoice was paid.) The law firm and Black Cube signed a contract that month and several others later. One, dated July 11, 2017, and bearing Boiesâ s signature, states that the projectâ s â primary objectivesâ are to â provide intelligence which will help the Clientâ s efforts to completely stop the publication of a new negative article in a leading NY newspaperâ and to â obtain additional content of a book which currently being written and includes harmful negative information on and about the Client,â who is identified as Weinstein in multiple documents. (In one e-mail, a Black Cube executive asks lawyers retained by the agency to refer to Weinstein as â the end clientâ or â Mr. X,â noting that referring to him by name â will make him extremely angry.â ) The article mentioned in the contract was, according to three sources, the story that ultimately ran in the *Times* on October 5th. The book was â Brave,â a memoir by McGowan, scheduled for publication by HarperCollins in January. The documents show that, in the end, the agency delivered to Weinstein more than a hundred pages of transcripts and descriptions of the book, based on tens of hours of recorded conversations between McGowan and the female private investigator.



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### The contract between a private security firm and one of Harvey Weinsteinâ s lawyers.

Weinsteinâ s spokesperson, Hofmeister, called â the assertion that Mr. Weinstein secured any portion of a book . . . false and among the many inaccuracies and wild conspiracy theories promoted in this article.â

The July agreement included several â success feesâ if Black Cube met its goals. The firm would receive an additional three hundred thousand dollars if the agency â provides intelligence which will directly contribute to the efforts to completely stop the Article from being published at all in any shape or form.â Black Cube would also be paid fifty thousand dollars if it secured â the other halfâ of McGowanâ s book â in readable book and legally admissible format.â

The contracts also show some of the techniques that Black Cube employs. The agency promised â a dedicated team of expert intelligence officers that will operate in the USA and any other necessary country,â including a project manager, intelligence analysts, linguists, and â Avatar Operatorsâ specifically hired to create fake identities on social media, as well as â operations experts with extensive experience in social engineering.â The agency also said that it would provide â a full time agent by the name of â Annaâ (hereinafter â the Agentâ ), who will be based in New York and Los Angeles as per the Clientâ s instructions and who will be available full time to assist the Client and his attorneys for the next four months.â Four sources with knowledge of Weinsteinâ s work with Black Cube confirmed that this was the same woman who met with McGowan and Wallace.

Black Cube also agreed to hire â an investigative journalist, as per the Client request,â who would be required to conduct ten interviews a month for four months and be paid forty thousand dollars. Black Cube agreed to â promptly report to the Client the results of such interviews by the Journalist.â

In January, 2017, a freelance journalist called McGowan and had a lengthy conversation with her that he recorded without telling her; he subsequently communicated with Black Cube about the interviews, though he denied he was reporting back to them in a formal capacity. He contacted at least two other women with allegations against Weinstein, including the actress Annabella Sciorra, who later went public in *The New Yorker* with a rape allegation against Weinstein. Sciorra, whom he called in August, said that she found the conversation suspicious and got off the phone as quickly as possible. â It struck me as B.S.,â she told me. â And it scared me that Harvey was testing to see if I would talk.â The freelancer also placed calls to Wallace, the *New York* reporter, and to me.

Two sources close to the effort and several documents show that the same freelancer received contact information for actresses, journalists, and business rivals of Weinstein from Black Cube, and that the agency ultimately passed summaries of those interviews to Weinsteinâ s lawyers. When contacted about his role, the freelancer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that he had been working on his own story about Weinstein, using contact information fed to him by Black Cube. The freelancer said that he reached out to other reporters, one of whom used material from his interviews, in the hopes of helping to expose Weinstein. He denied that he was paid by Black Cube or Weinstein.

Weinstein also enlisted other journalists to uncover information that he could use to undermine women with allegations. A December, 2016, e-mail exchange between Weinstein and Dylan Howard, the chief content officer of American Media Inc., which publishes the *National Enquirer*, shows that Howard shared with Weinstein material obtained by one of his reporters, as part of an effort to help Weinstein disprove McGowanâ s allegation of rape. In one e-mail, Howard sent Weinstein a list of contacts. â Letâ s discuss next steps on each,â he wrote. After Weinstein thanked him, Howard described a call that one of his reporters made to Elizabeth Avellan, the ex-wife of the director Robert Rodriguez, whom Rodriguez left to



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have a relationship with McGowan.

Avellan told me that she remembered the interview. Howardâ s reporter â kept calling and calling and calling,â she said, and also contacted others close to her. Avellan finally called back, because â I was afraid people might start calling my kids.â In a long phone call, the reporter pressed her for unflattering statements about McGowan. She insisted that the call be off the record, and the reporter agreed. The reporter recorded the call, and subsequently passed the audio to Howard.

In subsequent e-mails to Weinstein, Howard said, â I have something AMAZING . . . eventually she laid into Rose pretty hard.â Weinstein replied, â This is the killer. Especially if my fingerprints r not on this.â Howard then reassured Weinstein, â They are not. And the conversation . . . is RECORDED.â The next day, Howard added, in another e-mail, â Audio file to follow.â (Howard denied sending the audio to Weinstein.) Avellan told me that she would not have agreed to cooperate in efforts to discredit McGowan. â I donâ t want to shame people,â she said. â I wasnâ t interested. Women should stand together.â

In a statement, Howard said that, in addition to his role as the chief content officer at American Media Inc., the *National Enquirer*â s publisher, he oversaw a television-production agreement with Weinstein, which has since been terminated. He said that, at the time of the e-mails, â absent a corporate decision to terminate the agreement with The Weinstein Company, I had an obligation to protect AMIâ s interests by seeking outâ but not publishingâ truthful information about people who Mr. Weinstein insisted were making false claims against him. To the extent I provided â off the recordâ information to Mr. Weinstein about one of his accusersâ at a time when Mr. Weinstein was denying any harassment of any womanâ it was information which I would never have allowed AMI to publish on the internet or in its magazines.â Although at least one of Howardâ s reporters made calls related to Weinsteinâ s investigations, Howard insisted that he strictly divided his work with Weinstein from his work as a journalist. â I always separated those two roles carefully and completelyâ and resisted Mr. Weinsteinâ s repeated efforts to have AMI titles publish favorable stories about him or negative articles about his accusers,â Howard said. An A.M.I. representative noted that, at the time, Weinstein insisted that the encounter was consensual, and that the allegations were untrue.

Hofmeister, Weinsteinâ s spokesperson, added, â In regard to Mr. Howard, he has served as the point person for American Mediaâ s long-standing business relationship with The Weinstein Company. Earlier this year, Mr. Weinstein gave Mr. Howard a news tip that Mr. Howard agreed might make a good story. Mr. Howard pursued the tip and followed up with Mr. Weinstein as a courtesy, but declined to publish any story.â

Weinsteinâ s relationship with Kroll, one of the other agencies he contracted with, dates back years. After Ambra Battilana Gutierrez, an Italian model, accused Weinstein of sexually assaulting her, in 2015, she reached a settlement with Weinstein that required her to surrender all her personal devices to Kroll, so that they could be wiped of evidence of a conversation in which Weinstein admitted to groping her. A recording of that exchange, captured during a police sting operation, was released by *The New Yorker* last month.

During the more recent effort to shut down emerging stories, Kroll again played a central role. E-mails show that Dan Karson, the chairman of Kroll Americasâ Investigations and Disputes practice, contacted Weinstein at his personal e-mail address with information about women with allegations. In one October, 2016, e-mail, Karson sent Weinstein eleven photographs of McGowan and Weinstein together at different events in the years after he allegedly assaulted her. Three hours later, Weinstein forwarded Karsonâ s e-mail to Boies and Weinsteinâ s criminal-defense attorney, Blair Berk, and told them to â scroll thru the extra ones.â The next morning, Berk replied that one photo, which showed McGowan warmly talking with Weinstein, â is the money shot.â

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Berk defended her actions. â Any criminal defense lawyer worth her salt would investigate unproven allegations to determine if they are credible,â she said. â And it would be dereliction of duty not to conduct a public-records search for photographs of the accuser embracing the accused taken after the time of the alleged assault.â

Another firm, the Los Angeles-based *PSOPS*, and its lead private investigator, Jack Palladino, as well as another one of its investigators, Sara Ness, produced detailed profiles of various individuals in the saga, sometimes of a personal nature, which included information that could be used to undermine their credibility. One report on McGowan that Ness sent to Weinstein last December ran for more than a hundred pages and featured McGowanâ s address and other personal information, along with sections labelled â Lies/Exaggerations/Contradictions,â â Hypocrisy,â and â Potential Negative Character Wits,â an apparent abbreviation of â witnesses.â One subhead read â Past Lovers.â The section included details of acrimonious breakups, mentioning Avellan, and discussed Facebook posts expressing negative sentiments about McGowan. (Palladino and Ness did not respond to multiple requests for comment.)

Other firms were also involved in assembling such profiles, including ones that focussed on factors that, in theory, might make women likely to speak out against sexual abuse. One of the other firmâ s profiles was of Rosanna Arquette, an actress who later, in *The New Yorker*, accused Weinstein of sexual harassment. The file mentions Arquetteâ s friendship with McGowan, social-media posts about sexual abuse, and the fact that a family member had gone public with an allegation that she had been molested as a child.

All of the security firms that Weinstein hired were also involved in trying to ferret out reportersâ sources and probe their backgrounds. Wallace, the reporter for *New York*, said that he was suspicious when he received the call from the Black Cube operative using the pseudonym Anna, because Weinstein had already requested a meeting with Wallace; Adam Moss, the editor-in-chief of *New York*; David Boies; and a representative from Kroll. The intention, Wallace assumed, was to â come in with dossiers slugging various women and me.â Moss declined the meeting.

In a series of e-mails sent in the weeks before Wallace received the call from Anna, Dan Karson, of Kroll, sent Weinstein preliminary background information on Wallace and Moss. â No adverse information about Adam Moss so far (no libel/defamation cases, no court records or judgments/liens/UCC, etc.),â Karson wrote in one e-mail. Two months later, Palladino, the *PSOPS* investigator, sent Weinstein a detailed profile of Moss. It stated, â Our research did not yield any promising avenues for the personal impeachment of Moss.â

Similar e-mail exchanges occurred regarding Wallace. Kroll sent Weinstein a list of public criticisms of Wallaceâ s previous reporting and a detailed description of a U.K. libel suit filed in response to a book he wrote, in 2008, about the rare-wine market. *PSOPS* also profiled Wallaceâ s ex-wife, noting that she â might prove relevant to considerations of our response strategy when Wallaceâ s article on our client is finally published.â

In January, 2017, Wallace, Moss, and other editors at *New York* decided to shelve the story. Wallace had assembled a detailed list of women with allegations, but he lacked on-the-record statements from any victims. Wallace said that the decision not to run a story was made for legitimate journalistic reasons. Nevertheless, he said, â There was much more static and distraction than Iâ ve encountered on any other story.â

Other reporters were investigated as well. In April, 2017, Ness, of *PSOPS*, sent Weinstein an assessment of my own interactions with â persons of interestâ â a list largely consisting of women with allegations, or those connected to them. Later, *PSOPS* submitted a detailed report focussing jointly on me and Jodi Kantor, of the *Times*. Some of the observations in the report are mundane. â Kantor is NOT following Ronan Farrow,â it notes, referring to relationships on Twitter. At other times, the report reflects a detailed effort to

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uncover sources. One individual I interviewed, and another whom Kantor spoke to in her separate endeavor, were listed as having reported the details of the conversations back to Weinstein.

For years, Weinstein had used private security agencies to investigate reporters. In the early aughts, as the journalist David Carr, who died in 2015, worked on a report on Weinstein for *New York*, Weinstein assigned Kroll to dig up unflattering information about him, according to a source close to the matter. Carrâ s widow, Jill Rooney Carr, told me that her husband believed that he was being surveilled, though he didnâ t know by whom. â He thought he was being followed,â she recalled. In one document, Weinsteinâ s investigators wrote that Carr had learned of McGowanâ s allegation in the course of his reporting. Carr â wrote a number of critical/unflattering articles about HW over the years,â the document says, â none of which touched on the topic of women (due to fear of HWâ s retaliation, according to HW).â

Weinsteinâ s relationships with the private investigators were often routed through law firms that represented him. This is designed to place investigative materials under the aegis of attorney-client privilege, which can prevent the disclosure of communications, even in court.

David Boies, who was involved in the relationships with Black Cube and *PSOPS*, was initially reluctant to speak with *The New Yorker*, out of concern that he might be â misinterpreted either as trying to deny or minimize mistakes that were made, or as agreeing with criticisms that I donâ t agree are valid.â

But Boies did feel the need to respond to what he considered â fair and importantâ questions about his hiring of investigators. He said that he did not consider the contractual provisions directing Black Cube to stop the publication of the *Times* story to be a conflict of interest, because his firm was also representing the newspaper in a libel suit. From the beginning, he said, he advised Weinstein â that the story could not be stopped by threats or influence and that the only way the story could be stopped was by convincing the *Times* that there was no rape.â Boies told me he never pressured any news outlet. â If evidence could be uncovered to convince the *Times* the charges should not be published, I did not believe, and do not believe, that that would be averse to the *Times*â interest.â

He conceded, however, that any efforts to profile and undermine reporters, at the *Times* and elsewhere, were problematic. â In general, I donâ t think itâ s appropriate to try to pressure reporters,â he said. â If that did happen here, it would not have been appropriate.â

Although the agencies paid by his firm focussed on many women with allegations, Boies said that he had only been aware of their work related to McGowan, whose allegations Weinstein denied. â Given what was known at the time, I thought it was entirely appropriate to investigate precisely what he was accused of doing, and to investigate whether there were facts that would rebut those accusations,â he said.

Of his representation of Weinstein in general, he said, â I donâ t believe former lawyers should criticize former clients.â But he expressed regrets. â Although he vigorously denies using physical force, Mr. Weinstein has himself recognized that his contact with women was indefensible and incredibly hurtful,â Boies told me. â In retrospect, I knew enough in 2015 that I believe I should have been on notice of a problem, and done something about it. I donâ t know what, if anything, happened after 2015, but to the extent it did, I think I have some responsibility. I also think that if people had taken action earlier it would have been better for Mr. Weinstein.â

Weinstein also drafted individuals around him into his effortsâ willingly and not. In December, 2016, Weinstein asked the actress Asia Argento, who ultimately went public in *The New Yorker* with her allegation of rape against Weinstein, to meet in Italy with his private investigators to give testimony on his behalf. Argento, who felt pressure to say yes, declined after her partner, the chef and television personality Anthony Bourdain, advised her to avoid the meeting. Another actress, who declined to be named in this story, said that

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Weinstein asked her to meet with reporters to extract information about other sources.

Weinstein also enlisted two former employees, Denise Doyle Chambers and Pamela Lubell, in what turned out to be an effort to identify and call people who might speak to the press about their own, or othersâ , allegations. Weinstein secretly shared the lists they compiled with Black Cube.

Hofmeister, speaking on Weinsteinâ s behalf, said, â Any â listsâ that were prepared included names of former employees and others who were relevant to the research and preparation of a book about Miramax. Former employees conducting interviews for the book reported receiving unwanted contacts from the media.â

Doyle Chambers declined an interview request. But Lubell, a producer who worked for Weinstein at Miramax decades ago, told me that she was manipulated into participating. In July, 2017, Lubell visited Weinsteinâ s offices to pitch him on an app that she was developing. In the middle of the meeting, Weinstein asked Lubell if they could have a private conversation in his office. Lubell told me that a lawyer working with Weinstein was already there, along with Doyle Chambers. Weinstein asked if Lubell and Doyle Chambers could write a â fun book on the old times, the heyday, of Miramax.â â Pam,â she recalled him saying, â write down all the employees that you know, and can you get in touch with them?â

A few weeks later, in August, after they had made the list, Weinstein â called us back into the office,â Lubell recalled. â And he said, â You know what, weâ re going to put a hold on the book.â â He asked Doyle Chambers and Lubell to â call some of your friends from the list and see if they got calls from the press.â In early September, Weinstein summoned Lubell and Doyle Chambers to his office and asked them to start making calls to people connected to several actresses. â It got kind of intense,â Lubell recalled. â We didnâ t know these people, and all of a sudden this was something very different from what we signed up for.â Several of the targeted women said that they felt the calls they received from Lubell and Doyle Chambers, and from Weinstein himself, were frightening.

Lubell told me that hours before the first *Times* story broke, on October 5th, Weinstein summoned her, Doyle Chambers, and others on his team, including the attorney Lisa Bloom, who has since resigned, to his office. â He was in a panic,â Lubell recalled. â He starts screaming, â Get so-and-so on the phone.â â After the story was published, the team scrambled to respond to it. Bloom and others pored over pictures that, like the ones featured in the Kroll e-mails, showed ongoing contact between Weinstein and women who made allegations. â He was screaming at us, â Send these to the board members,â â Lubell recalled. She e-mailed the photographs to the board ahead of the crisis meeting at which Weinsteinâ s position at his company began unravelling.

Since the allegations against Weinstein became public, Lubell hasnâ t slept well. She told me that, although she knew that Weinstein â was a bully and a cheater,â she â never thought he was a predator.â Lubell has wondered if she should have known more, sooner.

After a year of concerted effort, Weinsteinâ s campaign to track and silence his accusers crumbled. Several of the women targeted, however, said that Weinsteinâ s use of private security agencies deepened the challenge of speaking out. â It scared me,â Sciorra said, â because I knew what it meant to be threatened by Harvey. I was in fear of him finding me.â McGowan said that the agencies and law firms enabled Weinsteinâ s behavior. As she was targeted, she felt a growing sense of paranoia. â It was like the movie â Gaslight,â â she told me. â Everyone lied to me all the time.â For the past year, she said, â Iâ ve lived inside a mirrored fun house.â

- Ronan Farrow, a television and print reporter, is the author of the upcoming book â War on Peace: The End of Diplomacy and the Decline of American Influence.â

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## Why is it that so many prominent environmental campaigners turn out to be such scumbags, sleazebags, hypocrites or frauds?

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by James Delingpole

Why is it that so many prominent environmental campaigners turn out to be such scumbags, sleazebags, hypocrites or frauds?

The latest to be exposed is, of course, New Yorkâ s ex-Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

When Schneiderman wasnâ t busy â allegedly â choking, beating and threatening women, he was busy bullying the people he calls â climate deniersâ .

Here he is on a video in 2014 declaring that â climate deniers have no place in public life.â

He was also one of the lead instigators of a scheme by liberal Attorneys General to use lawfare to harass fossil fuel companies such as Peabody Energy and Exxon Mobil. In 2016, he hosted 16 fellow Democrat AGs and former Vice President Al Gore to launch a coalition called AGs United for Clean Power.

â With gridlock and dysfunction gripping Washington, it is up to the states to lead on the generation-defining issue of climate change. We stand ready to defend the next presidentâ s climate change agenda, and vow to fight any efforts to roll-back the meaningful progress weâ ve made over the past eight years,â said **Attorney General Schneiderman**.

â Our offices are seriously examining the potential of working together on high-impact, state-level initiatives, such as investigations into whether fossil fuel companies have misled investors about how climate change impacts their investments and business decisions.â

My, how the wheel of fortune has turned since!

Schneidermanâ s departure from the scene represents a major blow for the Climate Industrial Complex and its efforts to undermine the Trump administrationâ s environmental and energy reforms. The jubilation among skeptics has been unconfined, as E & ENews reports:

â A lot of climate skeptics are smiling at his downfall because he was an out-of-control, really wacky guy who held a lot of power,â said Marc Morano, who runs the blog Climate Depot.

Morano and his allies have been especially disdainful of the legal attempts Schneiderman led to hold Exxon Mobil Corp. and other oil companies accountable for global warming, calling him â the ultimate shakedown artist.â

â Letâ s take a moment to pause and take a look at the strategy of blaming energy companies for bad weather,â Morano said. He added that Schneidermanâ s resignation and quick disappearance from the public scene will force climate activists to reconsider their approach.

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â He was the lightning rod,â he said. â He was the instigator. It definitely limits the movement when you take out the lead guy.â

Yup. But we still havenâ t answered the question: why *is* it that so many prominent environmental campaigners turn out to be such reptiles?

Let me give you a few more examples:

Al Gore and the Portland massage therapist (one of several victims, allegedly, of his tentacular gropingâ )

Rajendra Pachauri, former head of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, exposed as a serial sex pest.

David Suzuki â Canadaâ s most feted eco-campaigner who just happens to be a dick who is extremely rude and â see also Gore â an appalling hypocrite:

Suzuki, who did not return calls to respond, spends a lot of time hectoring others about over-population (but he has five children), reducing our carbon footprint (he has a jet-set lifestyle of the rich and famous), living smaller (he owns four houses in B.C. and an apartment in Port Douglas, Australia) and much else besides.

Journalist Licia Corbella: David Suzuki told me to â F-offâ , but his hypocrisy gives the finger to his message

**â Suzuki is fond of flying all over the planet to deliver his \$30,000 to \$50,000 speeches, while hypocritically imploring others to stay close to home.â**

Michael Mann â creator of that discredited artifact the Hockey Stick â who apart from being a hypersensitive and hyper-litigious bully likes to claim, falsely, that he won the Nobel Prize.

etc.

This is only a hypothesis â though itâ s a lot more plausible, I think, than man-made global warming theory â but I think it might have to do with the well-observed phenomenon that unpleasant people are attracted to environmental causes in order to greenwash their image.

Theyâ re a bit like sinners who in the past tried to expunge themselves of their earthly vices by engaging in particularly bracing acts of religious devotion.

Championing green causes is the modern equivalent of donning a hair shirt, or going on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, or renouncing society altogether and living on top of a rock in the desert.

The difference is, of course, that there is no personal cost, no suffering involved. You just parade all your green virtue and, hey presto, it magicks away all your vices without any of the trouble of forcing yourself to become a better person.

This isnâ t just true of green virtue-signaling, by the way. Itâ s true of people who espouse liberal politics generally.

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Greens and liberals are always looking for dirt in the lives of leading conservatives. The psychological term for this is â Projection.â



## **You have absolutely, positively been hacked. FBI warns Russians hacked hundreds of thousands of routers**

By Joseph Menn and Sarah N. Lynch

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FILE PHOTO: A man types on a computer keyboard in front of the displayed cyber code in this illustration picture taken on March 1, 2017. REUTERS/Kacper Pempel/Illustration

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By Joseph Menn and Sarah N. Lynch

(Reuters) - The FBI warned on Friday that Russian computer hackers had compromised hundreds of thousands of home and office routers and could collect user information or shut down network traffic.

The U.S. law enforcement agency urged the owners of many brands of routers to turn them off and on again and download updates from the manufacturer to protect themselves.

The warning followed a court order Wednesday that allowed the FBI to seize a website that the hackers planned to use to give instructions to the routers. Though that cut off malicious communications, it still left the routers infected, and Friday's warning was aimed at cleaning up those machines.

Infections were detected in more than 50 countries, though the primary target for further actions was probably Ukraine, the site of many recent infections and a longtime cyberwarfare battleground.

In obtaining the court order, the Justice Department said the hackers involved were in a group called Sofacy that answered to the Russian government.

Sofacy, also known as APT28 and Fancy Bear, has been blamed for many of the most dramatic Russian hacks, including that of the Democratic National Committee during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.

Earlier, Cisco Systems Inc said the hacking campaign targeted devices from Belkin International's Linksys, MikroTik, Netgear Inc, TP-Link and QNAP.

An FBI official told Reuters that the kinds of devices known to be affected by the hack were purchased by users at electronic stores or online.

However, the FBI was not ruling out the possibility that routers provided to customers by internet service companies could also be affected, the official added.

Cisco shared the technical details of its investigation with the U.S. and Ukrainian governments. Western experts say Russia has conducted a series of attacks against companies in Ukraine for more than a year amid armed hostilities between the two countries, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and at least one electricity blackout.

The Kremlin on Thursday denied the Ukrainian government's accusation that Russia was planning a cyber attack on Ukrainian state bodies and private companies ahead of the Champions League soccer final in Kiev on Saturday.

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"The size and scope of the infrastructure by VPNFilter malware is significant," the FBI said, adding that it is capable of rendering peoples' routers "inoperable."

It said the malware is hard to detect, due to encryption and other tactics.

The FBI urged people to reboot their devices to temporarily disrupt the malware and help identify infected devices.

People should also consider disabling remote-management settings, changing passwords and upgrading to the latest firmware.

(Reporting by Sarah N. Lynch in Washington and Joseph Menn in San Francisco; Editing by David Gregorio)

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