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**THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLE MANUFACTURING LOAN AND LOAN
GUARANTEE SLUSH-FUND CORRUPTION**

THE LIES OF THE DEPT OF ENERGY – PART SIX



**AN ORGANIZED-CRIME RICO LAW AND ANTI-TRUST LAW VIOLATION
MATTER INVOLVING SILICON VALLEY OLIGARCHS, WHITE HOUSE AND
CONGRESSIONAL STAFF AND UNITED STATES SENATORS BRIBED WITH
REVOLVING DOOR JOBS, STOCK MARKET OWNERSHIPS, INSIDER TRADING
SCHEMES AND OTHER QUID PRO QUO**

Every aspect of these assertions can be, or already has been, proven in FBI investigations, GAO investigations, Grand Jury hearings, civil jury trials, Congressional investigations and major investigative journalism broadcast news reports.

THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

1 **ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLE MANUFACTURING LOAN**
2 **AND LOAN GUARANTEE SLUSH-FUND CORRUPTION**

3 **The Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program** is a \$25+
4 billion direct public finance program funded by [Congress in fall 2008](#) under the guise of "*providing*
5 *debt capital to the [U.S. automotive industry](#) for the purpose of funding projects that help vehicles*
6 *manufactured in the U.S. meet higher mileage requirements and [lessen U.S. dependence on foreign](#)*
7 *oil.* " The PR department for the U.S. Department of Energy spends nearly a million dollars per year
8 seeking to manipulate news and social media to try to pitch their message that the program was a
9 "success". In fact, it has been, and remains today, ***one of the most criminally corrupt failures in***
10 ***American history***.. It was only a "success" as one of the biggest political slush-funds ever created!

11 **The Facts:**

12 Victims had global character assassination and propaganda-media defamation reprisal
13 attacks operated against them by White House staff and their political financiers: Elon Musk, Larry
14 Page, Steve Jurvetson, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly, John Doerr, et al. Jury and FBI-compliant
15 evidence proves this as fact.
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17 Victims were attacked because 1.) they helped law enforcement investigate the attackers, 2.)
18 They competed with the attackers that attacker's products and the Silicon Valley Cartel attackers
19 chose to "cheat rather than compete". Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.
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21 The attackers spent over \$30M, part of that using taxpayer resources, attacking the victims
22 as proven in the financial transaction records from Google, Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik, Media
23 Matters, Fusion GPS, et al. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

24 Victims had been previously funded by the U.S. Government and had a multi-decade
25 relationship with the highest offices of the Government, which provided them with deep knowledge
26 of the crimes that were committed. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.
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1 The U.S. Department of Energy is used as a political slush fund to pay back campaign
2 finance millionaires while blockading the competitors of those millionaires from reaching the
3 market or receiving funding. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

4 The only entities who participated in the global character assassination and propaganda-
5 media defamation reprisal attacks were those entities owned and controlled by the attackers. Jury
6 and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

7 Through corrupt rare-earth mining scams and control of federal contracts and grants,
8 attackers had planned to acquire at least one trillion dollars in unjust gains and illegal profiteering.
9 Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

10 This amount of money they sought, and the "Mafia-like" structure they adopted, caused the
11 suspects to engage in the most extreme crimes, including murder and "Deep State" coup attempts.
12 Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

13 A significant number of person's who were in conflict with the attackers have died in
14 suspicious manners. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

15 The suspects have hired the largest numbers of lobbyists and corporate manipulation
16 lawyers in U.S. history in order to manipulate political decisions. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence
17 proves this as fact.

18 The suspects have spent more money on political bribes than any group of men has spent in
19 the last century. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

20 The suspects placed top federal law enforcement and agency bosses (ie: Michelle Lee,
21 Steven Chu, Kamala Harris, James Comey, et al) from their own Cartel, into top government
22 positions, with orders to run cover and protection schemes for them. Jury and FBI-compliant
23 evidence proves this as fact.

24 California State officials including the Governor, Controller, The Senators, Secretary of
25 State and regional officials participated in these crimes and pocketed the initial profits from these
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1 crimes in covert investment banking. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

2 Tesla Motors, Google, Netflix, Facebook, Linkedin, Amazon and other tech Cartel members
3 operate with a common goal of psychological mass ideology manipulation and monopolistic
4 profiteering based on government sponsored anti-trust violations and server control exclusivity.
5 Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

6 The attempted cover-ups of these crimes continues to this day. Jury and FBI-compliant
7 evidence proves this as fact.

9 **A case study in pay-to-play cronyism**

10 By Dan Epstein (Counsel to The White House)

11 News flash: Government subsidies and special-interest favors go hand in hand.

12 *The latest example comes from a federal green-energy loan program. Last month, the DC*
13 *District Court ruled that Cause of Action, where I am executive director, can proceed with a*
14 *lawsuit against the Department of Energy. We're suing the federal government for the blatant*
15 *political favoritism in its \$25 billion "Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Loan*
16 *Program."*

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18 In principle, this taxpayer-funded program was supposed to support the manufacture of
19 energy-efficient cars. In practice, it rewarded a select few well-connected companies.

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21 *Since the program was created in 2008, numerous businesses have applied for its taxpayer-*
22 *backed financial support. Yet only a small number were approved. Among the lucky few were two*
23 *electric car manufacturers: Tesla and Fisker.*

24 *Both companies' political connections run deep, especially Tesla's. The company's founder,*
25 *Elon Musk, was a max donor for President Obama. One of its board members, Steven Westly, was*
26 *appointed to a Department of Energy advisory board. And another Obama bundler, Tesla investor*
27 *and adviser Steven Spinner, secured employment in the department's Loan Program Office—the*
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1 very office that gave the company a taxpayer-backed loan.

2 Fisker also has friends in high places. The company, which has since gone bankrupt, was
3 backed by a San Francisco venture capital firm whose senior partners donated millions to the
4 2008 Obama campaign and other Democrat causes. One partner, John Doerr, parlayed his
5 support into a seat on the President's Council of Jobs and Competitiveness.

6 Such connections can allow a company to exert political pressure to enrich itself.
7 Unsurprisingly, Department of Energy emails show that such pressure was rampant in its loan
8 programs.

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10 *There's no shortage of examples. The department's leaders—including then-Secretary of*
11 *Energy Steven Chu—repeatedly promised to deliver results to politicians like Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-*
12 *Md.) and Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.). One emails reads, “DOE has made a political commitment” to*
13 *approve a company's loan. Another says the “pressure is on rea lheavy” from none other than Vice*
14 *President Joe Biden. And still another shows an employee asking, “what's another billion*
15 *anyhow?”*

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17 Unsurprisingly, the Obama administration gave Tesla and Fisker preferential treatment, and
18 then some.

19 *The Department of Energy revised its review process in order finish the companies'*
20 *applications faster. The government gave them extraordinary access to its staff and facilities—even*
21 *to the point of having government employees personally walk them through the loan application*
22 *and approval process. The department ignored its own lending rules in order to approve the*
23 *companies' loans. And it renegotiated the terms of some loans after the companies could not keep*
24 *their original commitments or were experiencing financial difficulties. Tellingly, Fisker has since*
25 *gone out of business, despite receiving over a billion dollars in loans through this federal program.*

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27 Now contrast this preferential treatment with what happened to XP Vehicles and Limnia,
28 neither of which have the same political connections. (My organization is suing the Department of

1 Energy on their behalf). The two companies partnered to manufacture an energy-efficient sport
2 utility vehicle that would have competed with Tesla and Fisker's cars. They applied for loans in
3 2008 and 2009 under the same loan program.

4 The department refused them both—and it used bogus reasons to do so.

5 *For starters, the department made claims that were laughably false. To take one example: It*
6 *rejected XPV's application because its vehicle was powered by hydrogen. It was an electric SUV. It*
7 *also raised objections that it didn't raise with other companies whose applications were approved.*
8 *For instance: The bureaucracy criticized the proposed all-electric vehicle for not using a specific*
9 *type of gasoline. Yet Tesla and Fisker received the loans despite producing similar all-electric*
10 *cars.*

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12 *In light of these obvious problems and hypocrisy, both companies presented the Department*
13 *of Energy with detailed rebuttals. Yet the government failed to respond. To this day, both XPV and*
14 *Limnia are awaiting a satisfactory reply. In the meantime, XPV has gone out of business, unable to*
15 *compete against its politically connected—and subsidized—rivals.*

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17 This casts the Department of Energy's loan program in a new light. It was sold to the
18 American public as a means of promoting energy-efficient vehicles. Instead, it was used to benefit a
19 select few well-connected companies. It was a blatant crony handout, paid for by the U.S. taxpayer.

20 *Sadly, similar examples are widespread in Washington. That's no surprise considering the*
21 *feds spend roughly \$100 billion a year in taxpayer-funded handouts to businesses. This breeds the*
22 *sort of government-business collusion Americans think is rampant in Washington. In fact, over two-*
23 *thirds of likely voters think the federal government helps businesses that hire the most lobbyists,*
24 *shake the right hands, and pad the right pockets. They're right.*

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26 This points to a simple conclusion: Politicians and bureaucrats shouldn't use the public's
27 money to pad private companies' bottom lines. As the Department of Energy's green-vehicle loan
28 program shows, the capacity for corruption is immense—and inevitable.

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Investigator's Statement:

Note: We have absolute and indisputable intelligence agency, FBI-verifiable and forensic expert proof of all of these assertions.

The program was used by the Obama Administration to provide crony payola kick-backs to financiers and friends of the Obama Administration and to attack the competitors of the Silicon Valley financiers of the Obama Administration.

As of 2019, the U.S. Department of Energy claims that they "overhauled" and "re-did" the ATVM program and it's sister program: the Loan Guarantee Program. In fact, that is false.

When you peel back the onion-skin of corruption around the covert stock market and investment bank holdings of Eric Schmidt, Dianne Feinstein, Nancy Pelosi, Elon Musk, etc.; you find that they are invested in something called "rare-earth mining". Rare earth mines are generally in third world nations and use child slave labor. These toxic corrupt operations are responsible for more murders, beatings, rapes and genocides (over control of these "blood minerals") than anything on Earth. These minerals are used in the electric cars, cell phones and solar panels that Silicon Valley has attempted to control. So, you see, it isn't about "*saving the environment*"; it is about greed, bribes and corruption on an epic scale.

The program continues today as a political slush-fund and it is as corrupt as ever. It has NOT been "cleaned-up"! It is STILL a cesspool of corruption! Obama hold-overs and corrupt insiders, with personal conflict-of-interest stock and revolving door career deals, still control the funds and steer the monies exclusively to their friends.

The program has not funded any company who is not a campaign-finance friend of the Obama Administration. The DOE program attacked, lied to, stalled, delayed, gate-keeper blocked

1 and harmed any Applicants who competed with Tesla, Fisker and the Obama financiers. Through
2 the Silicon Valley control of the *facade group: "The National Venture Capital Association"*, DOE
3 ensured that NO car company or solar company in America could get funded, by any private means,
4 without Silicon Valley oligarch approval. The DOE is a corrupt organization operated by corrupt
5 insiders for corrupt purposes!

6 DOE's two main manipulation tricks are: 1.) **STONE-WALLING** - Where DOE staff
7 throw outsider Applicant's filings in a box and forget about them for many years in a Lois-Lerner'd
8 review process that takes any commercial bank only 2 weeks to complete. DOE spends years doing
9 hyperbolic nothings in order to delay campaign financiers competitors, and 2.) **INTERPRETIVE**
10 **LYING** - Where DOE staff make up things that Applicant's never said and twist the Applicant's
11 words into anything BUT what the Applicant's intended, in order to manipulate non-favored
12 Applicant's into negative interpretations. DOE staff never even called outsider Applicant's for
13 clarity discussions of any key data. They did not want to hear the truth, they couldn't handle the
14 truth! They only wanted their crony's to win the funding!

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17 Every applicant who applied, who was not a crony insider, hard-wired, Obama bagman was
18 **DEFRAUDED, LIED TO, STONE-WALLED** and used as a smoke-screen to hide the true nature
19 of the crony payola scheme operated by Secretary of Energy bosses Chu, Moniz and Perry. They
20 are owed money to pay for their damages from tort-based interference in their businesses and other
21 fraud-related DOE-operated causes-of-action.

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23 Silicon Valley oligarchs hired "Lobbyists" (who are political operatives who offer bribes to
24 politicians without ever using the word "bribe") to take-over the program. Silicon Valley insider
25 McKinsey staffed the DOE department while working for the Silicon Valley oligarchs. In a typical
26 corruption example: Steve Spinner worked at DOE handing out money to Solyndra which his wife
27 Alison Spinner worked at as Solyndra's lawyer, while the DNC mailer referred to each of them as
28 the "top West Coast fund-raisers for the DNC".

How One Group of Victims Fought Back

Applicants had been awarded federal commendations, state and federal innovation grants, government R&D contracts,

These citizens instigated Congressional corruption investigations and hearings against the most senior members of the State and Federal government. These actions resulted in the termination of very famous public officials and their crony criminal embezzlement scams and almost resulted in the President being forced to leave office, mid-term, based on revelations of a massive crony kick-back scheme which began to be exposed after the FBI raid of Solyndra. The director of the FBI was fired for assisting in cover-ups related to this matter.

This natural-born American domestic group of engineers was attacked with a \$30 million dollar+ retribution/political reprisal program contracted by White House political operatives, and their appointees, who were also the business competitors of the engineers. The attackers used Fusion GPS-type character assassination smear campaigns (operated by their cronies at Google, Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik and Facebook), NVCA black-listing, Solyndra-laundering, stonewalling, Lois Lerner-class agency manipulation and search engine rigging. In-Q-Tel turns out to be the only federally financed "charity" whose staff are also employed by each of the suspects in this case and who financed the suspects in this case. It was revealed that White House executives ordered government agencies to harm members of the public and to reprisal with-hold public resources from the public. This was a violation of tort, RICO and anti-trust laws.

The victims fought back.

With the encouragement of members of Congress they used 100% legal tools to interdict the corruption.

Essentially; they helped the United States government sue itself!

1 First, with a unique new kind of pioneering federal lawsuit, victims established — FOR
2 THE FIRST TIME IN LEGAL HISTORY — that political cronyism is a valid basis for a claim of
3 arbitrary-and-capricious agency action under the Administrative Procedure Act. See: Federal Case
4 One, (D.D.C. 2015).

5 Second, they prevailed in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
6 Circuit on their appeal of the district court's ruling that an agency may escape judicial review of its
7 action by requesting a voluntary remand but refusing to reconsider its initial denial of an
8 application. See: Case Federal Two, (D.C. Cir. 2017). The Washington DC Circuit agreed with the
9 victims that an agency may only seek a remand if it promises to reconsider its initial decision. It is
10 because of that victory that the government, under court order is now re-doing the victims
11 applications and GAO, FBI, IG's and Congressional oversight offices are watching to assure
12 effective ethics and transparency.
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14 Third, these cases placed, on permanent public record, one of the most detailed
15 documentation sets, ever assembled, about how modern political "Dark Money" conduits operate.
16 The legal team hired ex-FBI, CIA and SEC experts to track down covert bank accounts, revolving
17 door bribes, insider stock trades and other payola between the victim's competitors and public
18 officials. This documentation now prevents the use of those kinds of criminal efforts, in the future,
19 by exposing their tactics to the public.
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21 Fourth, the victim's team engaged in the interdiction and termination of corrupt agency
22 executives, contractors and their financiers. This included some of the most well-known names in
23 Washington, DC, at the time. Many of them were, and are still being, investigated and watched by
24 the FBI, GAO, SEC and Congress.
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26 Fifth, and most important, the effort put every corrupt political scheme on notice that they
27 WILL be found out and interdicted!

28 The bottom line?

1 The victims group WON on every single aspect of their public-interest goals but still have
2 yet to be recompensed for their damages!

3 Now the "bad guys" have less options to engage in the corruption of our Democracy!

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5 **Charges against the Department of Energy supported by the**
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7 **factual evidence:**

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9 - DOE officials told Applicant's they had to pay tens of thousands of dollars in order to
10 apply for the LGP monies but with-held responses until after the dead-line had passed in order to
11 cut non-Obama financiers out of the running.

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13 - Google provided the staffing for the agencies involved, the media manipulation for the
14 politicians involved, and was the beneficiary for some of the funds in a 4-way conflict of interest in
15 which Google staffed the largest contingent of Obama White House staff.

16 - Steven Chu handed massive amounts of DOE cash to Russian billionaires from Ener1,
17 Severstal and other Russian connections even though they were foreign billionaires who had no
18 need of U.S. taxpayer subsidies. If one wants to look at dirty Russian collusion, they need look no
19 further than Steven Chu, the architect of the failed Iran Nuclear deal and corrupt Uranium One deal.
20 Steven Chu and Rahm Emanuel ordered DOE's Sandia Livermore Labs and Argonne Labs (who
21 they were both connected to) to manipulate Applicant data in order to only favor campaign
22 financiers companies.

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24 - DOE abuses of process defrauded non-insider Applicants out of billions of dollars of their
25 savings and investor monies yet DOE never offered those that it harmed and recompense.

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27 - DOE officials owned stock market stock and revolving door job promises in the very
28 companies that they were supposed to be conducting "due diligence" on.

1 - Tesla Motors and SpaceX were staged as campaign finance dark money conduits to
2 transfer taxpayer cash from government treasuries to private parties and then into campaign funds
3 without transparent public disclosure.

4 - The Obama Administration promised an exclusive on Afghanistan mining deals to Frank
5 Guistra and the Silicon Valley oligarchs for lithium, indium, cobalt and rare-earth metals mining
6 after USAID pitched (
7 http://2.bp.blogspot.com/_VyTCyizqrHs/TBaffwKixYI/AAAAAAAAAH74/Wee8LTQfo3k/s1600/afghanminerals.jpg) manipulated reports from McKinsey Consulting saying that "*Afghanistan was*
8 *the Saudi Arabia of lithium and had trillions of dollars of lithium*" to dig up. It turned out to be a lie
9 to get oligarchs to support Obama's Afghan invasion. ([http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2007/3063/pdf-](http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2007/3063/pdf-page.jpg)
10 [page.jpg](http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2007/3063/pdf-page.jpg)) DOE helped sell this lie because the Russians had already scoured Afghanistan and
11 found it to be fairly worthless as a mining potential. Elon Musk bought into this for his battery
12 monopoly. This is why Steven Chu gave so much money to Russians at Ener1 and Severstal. DOE
13 staff were fully aware of this. ([http://www.mining.com/1-trillion-motherlode-of-lithium-and-gold-](http://www.mining.com/1-trillion-motherlode-of-lithium-and-gold-discovered-in-afghanistan/)
14 [discovered-in-afghanistan/](http://www.mining.com/1-trillion-motherlode-of-lithium-and-gold-discovered-in-afghanistan/))

15 - Google, a Tesla investor and bromance buddy with Elon Musk, hired more lobbyists for
16 DOE influencing than anybody had ever hired before in U.S. history. Google hides all negative
17 news stories about Musk and Tesla and only shows fake news hype about Musk, Tesla and SpaceX
18 because Larry Page and Elon Musk share an apartment and financial programs.

19 - The DOE ATVM and LGP programs are based on arbitrary metrics which are not even
20 followed by DOE evaluation staff. There is a secret black-list in operation to keep companies who
21 are competitors to Obama's financiers from ever getting funded. Even though many Applicant's beat
22 every "winner" in Obama's DOE handouts, they were excluded, denied and discriminated against
23 simply for competing with Obama's Silicon Valley oligarchs.

24 - Steven Chu, after getting thrown out of office, went to work for the very people he was

1 supposed to have been conducting due diligence on. Chu is considered to be one of the most
2 criminally corrupt public officials ever in charge of an agency aside from his peer, who also made
3 corruption history: Eric Holder, who helped Comey cover-up the crimes.

4 - The DOE ATVM and LGP programs resulted in: ***THE LARGEST DISTRIBUTION OF***
5 ***TAXPAYER CASH TO THE MOST COMPANIES THAT THEN WENT IMMEDIATELY***
6 ***WENT BANKRUPT IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICA!*** Not only has the DOE ATVM and LG
7 program been NOT A SUCCESS, they have been a disaster!

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9 - Goldman Sachs and Deloitte engineered INTENTIONAL bankruptcies so that their Silicon
10 Valley oligarch clients could claim windfall tax write-offs which the U.S. Treasury said resulted in
11 "unjust gains" for those oligarchs. In other words, the tech oligarch billionaires took U.S. taxpayer
12 subsidies, which they did not need, and then bankrupted their own companies so that they could
13 reap profits in tax write-offs. On top of this Goldman Sachs skimmed "fees" off-the-top for
14 arranging these deals, at taxpayer expense, and then ALSO profited from the "bumps" to the stock
15 market valuations in pump-and-dump crimes. **TO BE CLEAR: MANY OF THESE**
16 **BANKRUPTCIES WERE TAX SKIMS CREATED TO FAIL! After realizing this,**
17 **Applicants and Congressional insiders forced ALL of the kick-back funded companies into**
18 **bankruptcy as payback for the corruption and abuse of their resources. Said one Senator: "If**
19 **they want bankruptcies, we will give them bankruptcies..."**

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21 - Lachlan Seward, one of the DOE money laundering insiders, threatened Applicant's that if
22 they "made trouble" they "would never be funded by DOE as long as they lived".

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24 - When Tesla Motors got their DOE money approved they had NO DESIGN AND WERE
25 PLANNING TO BUILD A FACTORY. Both of which were against the so-called Section 136
26 Rules. Tesla used the DOE money to hire engineers to design the car from scratch as proven by the
27 engineers that were hired. Tesla was running all over the country trying to stage a real estate scam
28 with Dianne Feinstein's Husband's company CBRE. Tesla even got sued for these real estate scams.

1 DOE stated that the "rules" said you already had to have a factory and a design, which the other
2 applicants had. So, against the "rules" Tesla got the money and figured out the car LATER and did
3 not use a pre-existing factory until they were later forced to follow the rules.

4 - For the same kind of commercial loans, Bank of America and Wells Fargo take 4 weeks to
5 approve loans this large. DOE staff were either too stupid to review loans in less than 3 years or
6 were intentionally stone-walling every applicant who was not an Obama crony.

7 - As shown by this letter: [https://news.wttw.com/sites/default/files/Letter%20from
8 %20Bright%20Automotive%20to%20US%20Dept%20of%20Energy.pdf](https://news.wttw.com/sites/default/files/Letter%20from%20Bright%20Automotive%20to%20US%20Dept%20of%20Energy.pdf) ...and hundreds of
9 Congressional reports, DOE staff proved themselves to be liars and scumbag political manipulators
10 at every turn.

11 - The public has not seen the entire FBI and SEC investigation records on the FBI raid and
12 investigation of Solyndra because the records point straight back to the White House Oval Office!

13 - A Congressional report on the ATVM and LG programs exposed layers and layers of
14 crony payola.

15 - The only Judges who got to rule on the cases were "Obama Judges" appointed by or
16 beholden to the Obama Administration.

17 - A CBS News 60 Minutes segment called: "***The Cleantech Crash***" revealed that many of
18 the assets of the ATVM and LGP disasters had been funded by the taxpayers and then sold to China
19 in deals that benefited Diane Feinstein's family and financiers. Later Dianne Feinstein was found to
20 have Chinese spies and insiders on her staff. The Feinstein family owned the stock, staffing
21 services, construction company and services companies at Tesla and Solyndra, which Feinstein got
22 the federal cash for. Her staff then went to work at Tesla and Solyndra.

23 - Although felony-class crimes occurred, no DOE officials have ever been charged with
24 crimes..although multiple FBI officials have been charged with covering up those crimes.

25 - Vice President Al Gore, John Doerr and Vinod Khosla have had all of their finances

1 tracked and connected together through covert routes that reveal insider stock trading and
2 government policy manipulation, in this case, for their own personal profiteering.

3 - Attorney General William Barr has been formally asked, by Applicants, to appoint a
4 federal Special Counsel to investigate this matter.

5 - The Dark Money FEC campaign finance limits were exceeded by the Silicon Valley
6 oligarchs by many magnitudes in this novel deployment of quid-pro-quo and search engine rigging
7 services for political favors and funding.

8 - There has not been a single person involved in "green" DOE funding programs who cared
9 anything about "green energy". The use of the term "green" was a psychological ploy to seek to
10 pacify the public with a crunchy granola positive vibe while stealing taxpayer money in plain sight.

11 - The Obama White House produced a "white list" of friends companies who could get
12 funded and a "black list" of their competitors who could never be funded because Silicon Valley
13 financiers said so. These lists were created from input from John Doerr, Steve Westly and Doerr's
14 business partner: Al Gore. Even though most Applicant's beat the metrics, features and national
15 security issues of favored Obama Applicant's, no outsiders and no non-campaign financiers would
16 ever be approved.

17 - The very first Applicant for the ATVM fund was XP Vehicles, which was solicited to
18 apply by DOE and Barbara Boxer's office. The 1.) Section 136 law, 2.) DOE videos of meetings and
19 3.) DOE documents clearly state that Applicant's would be reviewed on a "*first-come, first served*"
20 basis per the federal law. When XP, which was black-listed by the White House because it
21 competed with Obama financiers Tesla and Fisker, moved far ahead in the Applicant list, DOE
22 illegally changed the rules so that "first come - first served" was ignored and only favored insiders
23 were reviewed. XP, Brammo, EcoMotors, Elio, etc. were all "bottom drawered". Even though XP
24 hand delivered, to DOE and Congress, more customer order proofs than ALL other Applicant's
25 combined, DOE insiders, who held stock in competing companies, placed XP on a permanent
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1 black-list.

2 - As of December 28, 2008 DOE staff already decided who would "win" the money, and
3 who would not, because the entire program had been hard-wired, via lobbyists and insiders, to only
4 go to the "white list" applicants. Nobody who was not on the original "white list" could ever get
5 DOE funding. It only takes one "insider" at DOE, from the Obama Administration (many are still
6 there) to kill any application, no matter how much better that proposal is compared to every other
7 applicant.

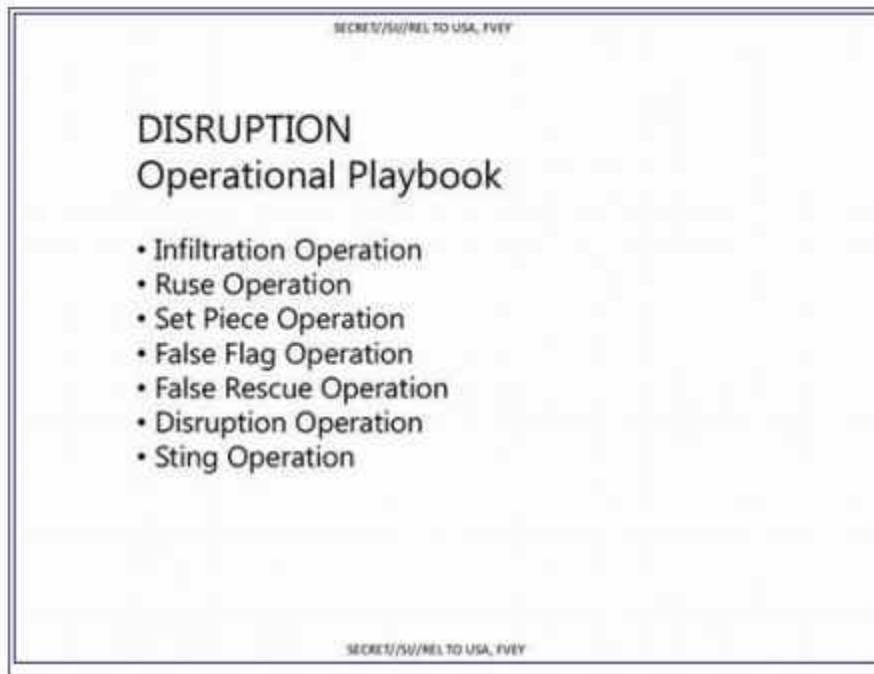
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9 - U.S. Department of Energy and White House officials hired Nick Denton's sleaze-ball
10 tabloid empire comprised of Jalopnik, Gawker Media and Gizmodo Media to run character
11 assassination and defamation campaigns, in partnership with the DNC's Google, to attack any
12 person who exposed the corruption scam at DOE.

13 - The GAO wrote multiple federal reports confirming that DOE was running one of the most
14 poorly administrated non-transparent operations ever and that DOE staff were not even following
15 the Section 136 law.

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17 - White House and DOE staff hired Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik defamation bloggers to
18 attack those who exposed the plot. Patrick George At Jalopnik attacks outsiders under contract with
19 Elon Musk and DNC. Silicon Valley campaign finance oligarchs hire him to run hatchet jobs on
20 innocent outsiders and then Gawker-Gizmodo-Jalopnik uses their financial partnership with the
21 DNC's Google to push the character assassination articles to the top of Google web products and
22 searches. Patrick George, Adrian Covert, John Hermann and Nick Cook are the sexually degenerate
23 cabin boys that report to boy-loving sleaze-tabloid oligarch Nick Denton. They created the Fake
24 News crisis in the media by flooding the internet with defamation posts and reprisal hatchet job
25 articles designed to damage political enemies of the Socialists. They coordinate a large number of
26 the character assassination efforts at Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik, CNN, New York Times and other
27 propaganda outlets.
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1 **WHEN**
2 **Google**
3 **ATTACKS!**

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5 **How GOOGLE became**
6 **a tool for revenge,**
7 **character assassination,**
8 **ideology manipulation**
9 **& economic retribution.**



23 (Above, From tens of thousands of internal Google documents leaked)

24 - DOE staff never even communicated with Applicant's, who were not Obama insiders; yet
25 Tesla, Fisker and other Obama insiders got hundreds of phone calls, meetings and careful help to
26 hand-hold them through the process to make certain that they got their payola while the outsiders
27 only got blockades, Lois Lerner "missing hard drives" and stone-walls.
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1 - The DEFRAUDED staff and employees of Bright, XP, Limnia, ZAP, Brammo, and the
2 other Applicant's, have **NEVER** gotten a fair court hearing, Congressional or IG hearing that was
3 not compromised by an Obama Judge or stock-owning insider. They are owed money for their
4 damages from the deeply corrupt DOE programs!

5 - The Obama Administration officials who carefully manipulate the DOE and federal
6 process for crony favorites include: Steven Chu, Kathy Zoi, Carol Battershal, Steve Westly, Steven
7 Spinner, John Podesta, Jonathan Silver, Danial Cohen, et al; with cover-up support from James
8 Comey, Eric Holder, Steve Rattner, et al...

9 - Over a thousand other criminal and ethics violation charges are charged against DOE and
10 its associates yet no actual interdictions have taken place in California or federal government
11 actions because the "Deep State" cover-ups are so extensive. The raw criminality of the U.S.
12 Department of Energy in these matters is verified, proven and audacious...
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OBAMA



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GREEN ENERGY FAILURES



Some of the "Green Jobs" companies that are now bankrupt or have filed for bankruptcy...
Team Obama's "Recycling Program" for rich Democrat donors & cronies, paid for by We, the Taxpayers

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3 **AG Barr Finds White House Power Was Used By Obama**
4 **Administration To Spy On American Citizens And Run Dirty Tricks**
5 **Reprisal Operations**
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9 by [Tyler Durden](#)

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12 In his first pair of interviews since being sworn in, Attorney General Barr told [Fox News](#)
13 and [WSJ](#) that he was pursuing the investigation into the origins of the Trump-Russia probe - an
14 investigation [he has tasked](#)

15 [John Durham, the US Attorney from Connecticut](#), with leading - because Americans need to
16 know whether the government "**put a thumb on the scale**" to try and undermine President Trump
17 both during the campaign and during the first two years of his term, just like "**we need to ensure**
18 **that foreign actors don't influence the outcome of our elections.**"

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20 Separately, he told [WSJ](#) that "**government power was used to spy on American**
21 **citizens...**I can't imagine any world where we wouldn't take a look and make sure that was done
22 properly."

23 Barr has doubled-down on using the term 'spying', which has angered Democrats, after first
24 using it during Senate committee testimony from April 10, where he uttered the now-infamous
25 phrase "I think spying did occur."
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11 The AG has declined to elaborate on what prompted these concerns, **though he has said**
12 **he'd be interested to see the underlying intelligence that sparked the FBI decision**, in the
13 summer of 2016, to open a counterintelligence investigation. At this point, **Durham's review isn't**
14 **a criminal investigation**, and Barr hasn't offered a timetable for when the investigation might be
15 completed. Ultimately, the probe could lead to changing FBI protocols involving investigations into
16 political campaigns.
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18 Appearing to respond to Barr's interviews, President Trump declared that his campaign was
19 "conclusively" spied on.

20 My Campaign for President was conclusively spied on. Nothing like this has ever happened
21 in American Politics. A really bad situation. TREASON means long jail sentences, and this was
22 TREASON!

23 — Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [May 17, 2019](#)

24 As far as we know, the FBI first started investigating the campaign after an Australian
25 ambassador told his superiors that George Papadopoulos had appeared to know about Russian plans
26 to release 'dirt' on Hillary Clinton. The FBI later sent an informant, Stefan Halper, and a woman
27 who identified herself as a research assistant, to meet with Papadopoulos and push him to say
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1 whether Russia was helping the Trump campaign.

2 Watch the Fox interview below:

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5 **The Corrupt Greentech VC Influence Over Washington**
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7 **- Obama's And Biden's Financiers Control Government Funding**

8 Katie Fehrenbacher



17 [- How Silicon Valley Oligarchs Took Over The Obama Administration](#)

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19 There've been a couple articles in the past few weeks pointing to President Obama as the
20 "[clean tech investor in chief](#)" and the [presidential VC with bets on clean energy](#). The real trend is
21 that venture capitalists focusing on greentech seem to have had an unprecedented influence on U.S.
22 federal policy and allocations of the stimulus package.

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24 When I attended the Department of Energy's (DOE) first [ARPA-E conference](#) (Advanced
25 Research Projects Agency-Energy) earlier this year in Washington D.C., I was struck by how many
26 venture capitalists were there. I shared a cab back to the airport with some familiar Silicon Valley
27 faces, and was told if your firm didn't have a dedicated person in Washington — in some circles
28 they call them lobbyists — maneuvering grant and loan programs, you weren't able to be

1 competitive.

2 Just look at the figures from the stimulus package (which I am fully in support of):
3 somewhere between \$50 billion and \$80 billion into clean power and energy efficiency initiatives
4 ([depending on how you slice it](#)). The Obama administration has gone out of its way to seek the
5 advice of green-leaning venture capitalists and entrepreneurs in the Valley on how to spend that
6 colossal amount and what programs would be the most affective.

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8 Kleiner Perkins managing partner John Doerr is on President Obama's [Economic Recovery](#)
9 [Advisory Board](#), and was able to convince Vice President Al Gore to join Kleiner, in addition to
10 former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Kleiner's investments have had some successful
11 government bids, most notably the [\\$529 million loan to Kleiner portfolio](#) company Fisker
12 Automotive out of the DOE's highly competitive Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing,
13 or ATVM, program. Fisker plans to use the loan to build its factory and launch its electric vehicle in
14 2011.

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16 If you remember, another winner of the \$25 billion ATVM program was Tesla Motors (s
17 TLISA), which, as most of us know, was backed by venture capitalists from Draper Fisher Jurvetson,
18 Technology Partners, and Vantage Point among others.

19 I attended Khosla Venture's LP meeting earlier this year where the firm [announced that](#)
20 [former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair](#) would be joining the firm as Senior Advisor. Several of my
21 journalism peers were comparing the political influence Blair could wield to what Kleiner was
22 doing with Gore.

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24 The Obama administration appointed [former venture capitalist Jonathan Silver](#) as its loan
25 chief to lead both the DOE's loan guarantee and ATVM loan programs. About a third of the DOE's
26 loan guarantee commitments went to venture-backed startups, including thin film solar maker
27 Solyndra and solar thermal company BrightSource.

28 I [wondered earlier this year](#) if the loan guarantee for Solyndra wasn't a mistake, given the

1 company has one of the highest manufacturing costs out of its competitors. The company withdrew
2 its IPO plans, citing poor market conditions. The Government Accountability Office also found that
3 the loan guarantee process treated some companies unfairly in their bids and risked “excluding
4 some potential applicants unnecessarily.”

5 There’s nothing inherently wrong with venture-backed companies getting government
6 support, and the energy sector needs even more federal funding to create innovation. I support
7 Doerr and Bill Gates’ [calls for boosting federal government](#) investing to \$16 billion per year into
8 energy innovation. All I’m saying is that this level of influence should be watched.
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OBAMA'S INSIDER DEALS

AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

THEIR INTERESTS CAME BEFORE TAXPAYERS' INTERESTS.

Venture firm to which he is connected:
VantagePoint Venture Partners
\$2.46 BILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies in which the firm invested



Sanjay Wagle
 Former DOE Adviser



Steve Westly
 Member, Secretary's
 Advisory Board

Venture firm to which he is connected:
Westly Group
\$600 MILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies in which the firm invested

Venture firm to which he is connected:
General Catalyst
\$105 MILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies in which the firm invested



David Danielson
 Solar Program Adviser



David Prend
 Chairman, Solar Technology
 Advisory Panel

Venture firm to which he is connected:
Rockport Capital
\$558 MILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies in which the firm invested



Steve Spinner
 Former DOE Loan Adviser



David Sandalow
 Assistant Secretary

Venture firm to which he is connected (consultant relationship):
Good Energies
\$737 MILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies in which the firm invested

Law firm to which his wife is connected:
Wilson Sonsini
\$2.75 BILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies, including Solyndra, which hired
 the firm to file for Energy Department grants



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Source: Washington Post, "Venture Capitalists Play Key Role in Obama's Energy Department" 2/24/12

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1 **THE ELON MUSK AND TESLA MOTORS BRIBES AND**
2 **CRONY PAYOLA TO PELOSI, FEINSTEIN, REID AND OBAMA**
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5 Another Tesla car catches fire in Hong Kong parking lot: media - ALL TESLA
6 BATTERIES EXPECTED TO HAVE CHEMISTRY DEGRADE AND EXPLODE AS DOE WAS
7 WARNED IN WRITING BY BERNIE TSE, BRIGHT AND XP
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9 HONG KONG (Reuters) - A Tesla Inc electric car caught fire in a parking lot in a Hong
10 Kong shopping mall, the Apple Daily newspaper said on Tuesday, but no one was injured in the
11 blaze, whose cause was not immediately known.
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13 The electric car burst into flames 30 minutes after being parked in the city's San Po Kong
14 district on Sunday, the newspaper said, with three explosions seen on CCTV footage.

15 Firemen took 45 minutes to douse the fire.

16 The vehicle was a Tesla Model S 85 KWH dual power version, added the paper, which gave
17 no explanation of what might have caused the blaze.
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19 Responding to a request from Reuters, Tesla declined to comment. Reuters was not able to
20 contact the vehicle owner or obtain CCTV footage of the incident.

21 Hong Kong's fire services department told Reuters a vehicle caught fire on Sunday, but gave
22 no details, such as the make of the car. Authorities are investigating the cause.

23 The incident comes three weeks after Tesla said it had sent a team to investigate a video on
24 Chinese social media that showed a parked Tesla Model S car exploding in the commercial hub of
25 Shanghai.
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27 The automaker has said its EVs are about 10 times less likely to experience a fire than
28 petrol-powered cars.

1 There have been at least 14 instances of Tesla cars catching fire since 2013, most of them
2 after a crash.

3 Reporting by Donny Kwok and Shellin Li in Hong Kong, Yilei Sun in Shanghai; Editing by
4 James Pomfret and Clarence Fernandez. Our Standards: [The Thomson Reuters Trust Principles](#).

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6 **DEADLY EXPLODING LITHIUM ION BATTERIES AND COBALT CORRUPT**
7 **MINING SCAMS ARE KILLING AND ROBBING THE PUBLIC WITH DIRTY "BLOOD**
8 **MINERALS" THAT ARE TOXIC, SELF-IGNITING DANGERS**
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11 Lithium ion batteries: Cause wars in the Congo, Afghanistan and Bolivia from the corrupt mining
12 deals involved with mining lithium and cobalt; are insider trading-owned by ex-CIA boss Woolsey
13 and DOE Boss Chu; excrete chemicals that mutate fetuses when they burn; destroy your brain,
14 lungs and nervous system when they burn; kill the factory workers who make them; cause
15 Panasonic to be one of the most corrupt companies in the world; poison the Earth when disposed of;
16 can't be extinguished by firemen; poison firemen when they burn; are based on criminally corrupt
17 mining schemes like URANIUM ONE; Have over 61 toxic chemicals in them; come from an
18 industry that spends billions on internet shills and trolls used to nay say all other forms of energy;
19 are insider-trading owned by corrupt U.S. Senators who are running a SAFETY COVER-UP about
20 their dangers.
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24 NiCad Batteries and hundreds of other battery types do not have this many problems... but the
25 ownership of the lithium mining business by Elon Musk, his Silicon Valley cartel and California
26 Senator's families causes other solutions to be hidden, the dangers of lithium ion to be hidden and a
27 monopoly to exist.
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1 Apple products with lithium ion batteries have been exploding and setting people on fire; over time
2 the chemical dendrites inside each battery grow worse and increase the chances of explosion as they
3 age - LITHIUM ION BATTERIES BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO EXPLODE AS
4 TIME GOES ON AND AS THEY AGE; "Bad Guys" have figured out how to make them explode
5 remotely; have their dangers hidden by CNN and MSM because pretty much only the DNC people
6 profit from them; are the heart of Elon Musk's stock market scam.
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9 The Obama Administration promised Silicon Valley oligarchs the market monopoly on lithium ion
10 batteries and the sabotage of fuel cells in exchange for campaign financing and search engine
11 rigging; United States Senators that are supposed to protect us from these deadly products own the
12 stock market assets of them so they protect them and stop the FDA, OSHA, DOT & NHTSA from
13 outlawing them. WRITE YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE AND DEMAND THAT
14 LITHIUM ION BATTERIES BE MADE ILLEGAL TO SELL! NiCAD and Hundreds of other
15 battery chemistries DO NOT have all of these problems but Lithium Ion batteries get a monopoly
16 because of politician insider trading ownerships. A recent fire on U.S. Highway 101 near Mountain
17 View, CA, burned the driver alive and killed him. In Florida two kids died in a Tesla, burned alive,
18 screaming in agony. A man died in agony in a Tesla crash in Malibu that set Malibu Canyon on fire.
19 A young woman, at the start of life, and her boyfriend were burned alive in their crashed Tesla.
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22 There are many more deaths and crashes than you have heard about. The deaths and the cover-ups
23 are endless. Senators Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris and their
24 associates own the stock in Tesla Motors and/or it's suppliers and mining companies and they cover-
25 up and halt investigations and laws designed to save the public. They, and their crony's, spend over
26 \$1B a year to shill and troll hype about lithium ion batteries and cover-up the dangers. Lithium ion
27 EVs are more prone to battery fires. Experts say that their lithium-ion batteries can fuel hotter fires
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1 that release toxic fumes and are more difficult to put out. Lithium ion fires keep reigniting which
2 explains why it takes so long and requires copious amounts of water or foam (it is an electric fire,
3 after all) to smother the flames. Tesla employee Bernard Tse and his team warned Elon Musk about
4 these dangers in 2008 and they got fired and/or warned to "say nothing" by Musk. Three top Tesla
5 engineers died in a plane crash next to Tesla offices in San Carlos after two of them agreed to
6 become whistle-blowers.

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9 Elon Musk exists because he bribed DNC politicians and Senators Feinstein, Reid, Boxer, Harris,
10 Clinton and Pelosi to give him free taxpayer cash and government resources from the Dept. of
11 Energy and the Calif treasury. DOE has been covering-up organized crime activities at DOE in
12 which DOE funds are being used as a slush-fund to pay off DNC campaign financiers and to pay for
13 CIA/GPS Fusion-Class attacks on Silicon Valley business competitors of those DNC campaign
14 financiers who DOE staff share stock market holdings with. Elon Musk is a criminal, a mobster, an
15 asshole, a bald fake-hair wearing, plastic surgery-addicted, douchebag, woman-abusing, sex
16 addicted, tax evader. Musk exploits poor people and child slaves in the Congo and Afghanistan to
17 mine his lithium and Cobalt.
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20 Musk spends billions per year to hire Russian trolls, fake blogger fan-boys and buy fake news self-
21 aggrandizement articles about himself. Musk thinks he is the 'Jesus' of Silicon Valley. Fake News
22 manipulator Google is run by Larry Page and Larry is Musk's investor and bromance butt buddy.

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24 Musk uses massive numbers of shell companies and trust funds to self-deal, evade the law and hide
25 his bribes and stock market insider trading. A huge number of Tesla drivers have been killed;
26 pedestrians and oncoming drivers have also been killed, and Musk covers it up. The DNC and the
27 MSM refuse to allow any articles about Musk's crimes to be printed because they benefit from
28 Musk's crimes. Musk has been professionally diagnosed as a 'psychotic narcissist.' A 'Silicon Valley

1 Mafia; cartel of frat boy sociopath venture capitalists like Steve Jurvetson, Tim Draper, Eric
2 Schmidt, et al; threaten those who do not support the cult of Tesla or their political candidates.

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4 In EVERY blog that you read that mentions 'Musk', at least 1/3 of the comments have been placed
5 their by Musk's paid shills. Musk holds the record for getting sued for fraud by his investors, wives,
6 former partners, employees, suppliers and co-founders. Elon Musk has gone out of his way to hire
7 hundreds of ex-CIA staff and assign them to "dirty tricks teams" to attack his competitors and
8 elected officials who Musk hates. Musk never founded his companies. Musk's "Starlink" satellites
9 are domestic spy and political manipulation tools - never get your internet from one. Musk stole
10 Tesla in a hostile ownership take-over from Marty the true inventor of the Tesla. The same kind of
11 EMF radiation proven to cause cancer from cell phones exists in massive amounts in a Tesla.

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14 Musk can't fix a car or build a rocket and has almost no mechanical skills. If you pull a report of
15 every VIN# of every Tesla ever built and cross reference that with insurance, repair and lawsuit
16 records you will find that the "per volume" fire, crash, death and defect rate is THE WORST of any
17 car maker in history! Musk is a lying con artist and partners with Goldman Sachs to rig the stock
18 market. Sachs has a dedicated team of 18 men who rig stocks and valuation bumps for Musk. Over
19 1000 witnesses can prove every one of those claims in any live televised Congressional hearing!
20 Senators Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris and their associates own the
21 stock in Tesla Motors and/or it's suppliers and mining companies. That is why they criminally help
22 cover-up investigations of Tesla! All of this was reported, in writing, to James Comey, Patricia Rich
23 and David Johnson at the FBI.

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27 The DNC bosses own the stock in lithium, Solar and EV markets and use kickbacks from those
28 markets (Especially via convoluted campaign finance laundering via Elon Musk) to finance the

1 DNC. The DNC bosses use character assassination as their main political tool against any member
2 of the public who speaks out against their felony stock market scams and PizzaGate-like scandals.

3 The Harvey Weinstein reports by Ronan Farrow show that they have teams of hired goons that they
4 pay to destroy people's lives. They use Black Cube, Mossad, In-Q-Tel, Stratfor, Gawker Media,
5 Gizmodo Media, Media Matters, David Brock, Sid Blumenthal, NY Times, Google servers,
6 Facebook servers, Podesta Group, Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling and a host of "assassins".
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9 It should be a felony to hire character assassins in the USA. DEMAND A LAW and DEMAND the
10 termination of these attack services. IE: Gawker and Gizmodo Media sets-up the attack stories and,
11 in paid partnership with Google, Google kicks their attack links around the globe, in front of 8
12 Billion people, forever. Google locks the attack articles of its enemies on the front top search results
13 of Google search results forever, on purpose! That is why Google is being terminated in the largest,
14 most well resourced anti-corruption public service take-down in history!
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3 **You have probably seen the many issues with Elon Musk And**
4 **Tesla Motors in the news, including:**
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7 *"His corrupt cobalt mines promote genocide in the Congo as seen in NETFLIX Black Earth Rising"*

8 *"His corrupt cobalt mines promote mass rape in the Congo as seen in NETFLIX Black Earth*
9 *Rising"*

10 *"His corrupt cobalt mines promote child slave labor in the Congo as seen in NETFLIX Black Earth*
11 *Rising"*

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13 *"His is not faithful to his girlfriends"*

14 *"The workers that build his batteries die or sicken from toxic poisoning"*

15 *"Tesla bribes U.S. Senators with cash and stock in order to get free taxpayer funds"*

16 *"He is addicted to drugs and booze"*

17 *"He has sociopath mental issues"*

18 *"He is a narcissist"*

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20 *"Tesla has had more recalls for safety defects, per volume, than any other car maker. Musk refuses*
21 *to allow the use of the word RECALL but the facts are the facts."*

22 *"It is so easy to hack any Tesla and crash it, break into it or give it bad braking orders that it is*
23 *criminally negligent to allow Tesla's on the street. Even the Chinese have hacked Tesla's from the*
24 *other side of the world!"*

25 *"His partner: Steve Jurvetson, has been charged with sex and corruption issues"*

26 *"He arranged government kick-backs with the White House"*

27 *"He is the world's biggest government mooch"*
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1 *"He is a member of the Palo Alto Mafia"*

2 *"Google (who is a major Tesla investor) hides all negative Musk/Tesla news and hypes TSLA stock*
3 *in order to profiteer with TSLA stock. This is a violation of federal SEC laws"*

4 *"More drivers have been caught driving drunk, in Tesla's, than any other car Per Capita produced"*

5 *"Larry Page is Musk's bromance buddy and he uses Google to cover-up Musk's scandals"*

6 *"His so-called 'foundation' is just a payola and tax evasion scam for his family"*

7 *"His batteries are the most dangerous use of lithium ion storage ever conceived"*

8 *"His partner: Panasonic has been charged with multiple corruption, dumping, price rigging and*
9 *manipulation crimes around the globe"*

10 *"Almost all of the internet 'Tesla Fanboys' are Russian troll farms and hired bloggers that Musk*
11 *pays vast amounts of money to in order to hype up a fake image for him"*

12 *"His SpaceX is nothing more than a domestic spy satellite company"*

13 *"Musk's brain chip company tortures small animals in bad science experiments"*

14 *"His father screwed his daughter and got her pregnant"*

15 *"Dianne Feinstein and her family own Musk interests"*

16 *"You can't put out the fires when his batteries explode"*

17 *"The fumes from his thermal battery vapors give you cancer, lung and brain damage"*

18 *"Elon Musk only takes over other people's ideas. He took over Tesla and ran it into the*
19 *ground, he destroyed SolarCity with his brothers self-dealing scam, his brain cap company just cuts*
20 *open the heads of helpless animals and all SpaceX does, now that Musk took it over, is launch*
21 *satellites that spy on civilians and manipulate media..."*

22 *etc.....*

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27 You may have run across Musk's self promoting, narcissistic, multi-billion dollar, self-aggrandizing
28 PR hype but here is the other side of the coin. We know these facts from personal interaction with

1 Musk, his companies and his politicians. Everything in this letter can be proven in a jury trial,
2 Congressional hearings or live TV debates. Musk will do anything to keep this information from
3 getting out but... it is too late for him! While this may sound like a bad Hollywood movie script. It
4 all really happened and there is now massive hard copy evidence to prove it.

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6 Elon Musk exists because he bribed DNC politicians including Obama, Clinton and Senators
7 Feinstein, Reid, Boxer, Harris, Spier and Pelosi to give him free taxpayer cash and government
8 resources from the Department of Energy and the California political tax pool. This is proven when
9 you follow-the-money and the insider trading, stock ownership and crony payola kick-backs.
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12 The Energy Dept (DOE) has been covering-up organized crime activities at DOE in which DOE
13 funds are being used as a slush-fund to pay off DNC campaign financiers and to pay for CIA/GPS
14 Fusion-Class attacks on Silicon Valley business competitors. DNC campaign financiers and DOE
15 staff share stock market holdings with each other under family trusts, shell corporations and layered
16 Goldman Sachs accounts. The deal was: Obama funds Tesla, Musk conduits campaign funds to
17 Obama, top Obama staff profit off of insider Musk stocks.
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20 Elon Musk is a criminal, a mobster, an asshole, a balding fake-hair wearing, plastic surgery-
21 addicted, bi-sexual douchebag, woman-abusing, sex addicted, tax evader. We can put this in writing
22 because all of those identifications regarding Musk can be proven in court and are documented in
23 existing lawsuits and news stories.
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26 Musk exploits poor people and child slaves in the Congo and Afghanistan to mine his lithium and
27 Cobalt. Look up this phrase on the top search engines: "child labor electric car batteries".
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1 Musk spends billions per year to hire Russian trolls, fake blogger fan-boys and buy fake news self-
2 glory look-at-me articles about himself. Musk thinks he is the 'Jesus' of Silicon Valley and he will
3 do anything to make the public think so. Musk is insecure because his father was abusive and his
4 “trophy wife” Mother is overbearing so he developed sociopath-like mental issues. Musk has been
5 professionally diagnosed as a 'psychotic narcissist. He public stated on an investor call that he uses
6 drugs and alcohol to get through the night. We have the tapes.

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9 Musk relies on Google and the DNC Main Stream News (MSN) to hide bad news about him. Fake
10 News manipulator Google is run by Larry Page. Larry is Musk's investor and bromance ‘Butt
11 buddy’. They share an apartment. Musk uses massive numbers of shell companies and trust funds to
12 self-deal, evade the law and hide his bribes and stock market insider trading. His brother ran Solar
13 City and is now under federal investigation for securities fraud.

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16 A huge number of Tesla drivers have been killed; pedestrians and oncoming drivers have also been
17 killed, and Musk covers it up.

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19 The DNC and the MSM refuse to allow any articles about Musk's crimes to be printed because they
20 benefit from Musk's crimes. VC’s Tim Draper and Steve Jurvetson are so fanatical about not being
21 embarrassed from a Tesla bankruptcy that they will pump the TSLA stock and threaten anybody
22 who might disclose the Musk misdeeds. Peter Thiel, a Musk ‘boyfriend” also protects Musk. Musk,
23 and his cronies, use Palantir, Google and related software to scan the entire internet every few
24 minutes for any occurrence of the words: “Musk”, “Tesla” or “Tesla Fire”. They send trolls and
25 fake bloggers (Many of them Russian) to put pro-Musk comments on the comments section of any
26 blogs or articles discussing those topics and try to flood out the truth about Musk. In EVERY blog
27 that you read that mentions 'Musk', at least 1/3 of the comments have been placed their by Musk's
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1 paid skills. There are no “Tesla Fan Boys”. All of the fanatic Tesla comments on the internet are
2 Musk’s, Thiel’s, Jurvetson’s and Draper’s fake fanboy trolls. Musk, himself, stays up late at night
3 pretending to be a ‘Tesla Fan Boy’ on blogs.
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5 The 'Silicon Valley Mafia; cartel of frat boy sociopath venture capitalists like Steve Jurvetson, Tim
6 Draper, Eric Schmidt, et al; threaten those who do not support the cult of Tesla or their political
7 candidates.
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10 Musk holds the record for getting sued for fraud by his investors, wives, former partners,
11 employees, suppliers and co-founders. Elon Musk has gone out of his way to hire hundreds of ex-
12 CIA and In-Q-Tel staff and assign them to "dirty tricks teams" to attack his competitors and elected
13 officials who Musk hates.
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16 Musk never founded his companies. He took Tesla away from the founder: Marty, in a hostile take-
17 over!
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19 Musk's "Starlink" satellites are domestic spy and political manipulation tools - never get your
20 internet from one. SpaceX is entirely a spy satellite operation.
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22 The same kind of EMF radiation proven to cause cancer from cell phones exists in massive amounts
23 in a Tesla.
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26 Musk can't fix a car or build a rocket and has almost no mechanical skills.
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28 If you pull a report of every VIN# of every Tesla ever built and cross reference that with insurance,

1 repair and lawsuit records you will find that the "per volume" fire, crash, death and defect rate is
2 THE WORST of any car maker in history!

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4 Musk is a lying con artist and partners with Goldman Sachs to rig the stock market. Sachs has a
5 dedicated team of 18 men who rig stocks and valuation bumps for Musk.

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8 Over 1000 witnesses can prove every one of those claims in any live televised Congressional
9 hearing! Senators Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris and their associates
10 own the stock in Tesla Motors and/or it's suppliers and mining companies. That is why they
11 criminally help cover-up investigations of Tesla! All of this was reported, in writing, to James
12 Comey, Patricia Rich and David Johnson at the FBI.

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14 Why aren't all of those parties in prison if it is so easy to prove the crime? Think back to recent
15 history: the heads of the Department of Energy, the FBI, The DOJ and the U.S. Attorney General
16 were kicked out of their jobs for corruption. THIS was the corruption they were doing. They all
17 knew about this crime but they were covering it up.

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20 Musk took over Tesla Motors in a hostile take-over in order to exploit lithium, cobalt and other
21 mining corruption deals for his business partners. Let's take a look at the 'lithium' in Musk's
22 horrifically miss-engineered lithium ion batteries:

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25 His batteries cause wars in the Congo, Afghanistan and Bolivia from the corrupt mining deals
26 involved with mining lithium and cobalt. Lithium ion batteries are insider trading-owned by ex-CIA
27 boss Woolsey and DOE Boss Chu. Lithium ion batteries excrete chemicals that mutate fetuses when
28 they burn; destroy your brain, lungs and nervous system when they burn; kill the factory workers

1 who make them; cause Panasonic to be one of the most corrupt companies in the world; poison the
2 Earth when disposed of; can't be extinguished by firemen; poison firemen when they burn; are
3 based on criminally corrupt mining schemes like URANIUM ONE; Have over 61 toxic chemicals
4 in them; come from an industry that spends billions on internet shills and trolls used to nay say all
5 other forms of energy; and are insider-trading owned by corrupt U.S. Senators who are running a
6 SAFETY COVER-UP about their dangers.
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9 Apple products with lithium ion batteries have been exploding and setting people on fire. Over time
10 the chemical dendrites, or deposits, inside each battery grow worse and increase the chances of
11 explosion as they age - LITHIUM ION BATTERIES BECOME MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO
12 EXPLODE AS TIME GOES ON AND AS THEY AGE. This is not a theory. This is a scientific
13 fact. That is why you hear about more and more lithium batteries catching fire and blowing up.
14 Additionally, scientists also speculate that the increasing presence of low energy nuclear
15 background energy and wifi energy in the environment is making lithium ion batteries explode
16 more often lately. This theory is upheld by the increasing number of FAA reports about commercial
17 airline cabins suddenly "filling up with toxic smoke" as some lithium ion battery explodes in
18 someones overhead luggage. As commercial jets go higher they lose the protection of the
19 atmosphere and are subjected to more gamma (and other) radiation from overhead. This makes the
20 already unstable lithium ion batteries on board blow up.
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23 "Bad Guys" have figured out how to make them explode remotely in devices by making the device
24 electronics cause the batteries to overload. The dangers of lithium ion batteries are hidden by CNN
25 and Main Stream News (MSN) because pretty much only the DNC people profit from them and the
26 DNC folks control CNN and the MSN.
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1 The Obama Administration promised Silicon Valley oligarchs the market monopoly on lithium ion
2 batteries and the sabotage of fuel cells in exchange for campaign financing and search engine
3 rigging; United States Senators that are supposed to protect us from these deadly products own the
4 stock market assets of them so they protect them and stop the FDA, OSHA, DOT & NHTSA from
5 outlawing them.

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7 Tom Steyer is a notorious DNC financier. His partner, Margaret Sullivan ran, the federal USAID
8 agency, USAID sent all of the DNC campaign financiers in Silicon Valley a federal 'report' from
9 USAID that said there was "A TRILLION DOLLARS OF LITHIUM IN AFGHANISTAN" and
10 promised to give those lithium mines, EXCLUSIVELY, to the Silicon Valley venture capitalists if
11 they funded and web search manipulated the election for Obama to take over the White House. We
12 have the documents proving this. In other words, a re-up of the Afghan War was caused by Elon
13 Musk and it killed American soldiers so that Musk could buy more mansions and trophy wives.

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16 Alkaline, NiCAD and hundreds of other battery chemistries DO NOT have all of these problems but
17 Lithium Ion batteries get a monopoly because of politician insider trading ownerships.

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20 Tesla Motors has caused far more deaths and injuries than the world generally knows about. A
21 recent fire on U.S. Highway 101 near Mountain View, CA, burned the driver alive and killed him.
22 In Florida two kids died in a Tesla, burned alive, screaming in agony. A man died in agony in a
23 Tesla crash in Malibu that set Malibu Canyon on fire. A young woman, at the start of life, and her
24 boyfriend were burned alive in their crashed Tesla. There are many more deaths and crashes than
25 you have seen in the Main Stream News (MSN) The deaths and the cover-ups are endless.

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28 Senators Dianne Feinstein, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris and their associates own the

1 stock in Tesla Motors and/or it's suppliers and mining companies and they cover-up and halt
2 investigations and laws designed to save the public. They, and their crony's, spend over \$1B a year
3 to shill and troll hype about lithium ion batteries and cover-up the dangers. Lithium ion EVs are
4 more prone to battery fires. Experts say that their lithium-ion batteries can fuel hotter fires that
5 release toxic fumes and are more difficult to put out. Lithium ion fires keep reigniting which
6 explains why it takes so long and requires copious amounts of water or foam (it is an electric fire,
7 after all) to smother the flames. Tesla employee Bernard Tse and his team warned Elon Musk about
8 these dangers in 2008 and they got fired and/or warned to "say nothing" by Musk. Three top Tesla
9 engineers died in a plane crash next to Tesla offices in San Carlos after two of them agreed to
10 become whistle-blowers.
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13 The DNC bosses, Congress people and federal executives own the stock in lithium, Solar and EV
14 markets and use kickbacks from those markets (Especially via convoluted campaign finance
15 laundering via Elon Musk) to finance the DNC.
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18 The DNC bosses and Musk use character assassination as their main political tool against any
19 member of the public who speaks out against their felony stock market scams and PizzaGate-like
20 scandals. The Harvey Weinstein reports by Ronan Farrow show that they have teams of hired goons
21 that they pay to destroy people's lives.
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24 They use Black Cube, Mossad, In-Q-Tel, Stratfor, Gawker Media, Gizmodo Media, Media Matters,
25 David Brock, Sid Blumenthal, NY Times, Google servers, Facebook servers, Podesta Group,
26 Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling and a host of "media assassins".
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28 Gawker and Gizmodo Media set-up the attack stories and, in paid partnership with Google, Google

1 kicks their attack links around the globe, in front of 8 Billion people, forever. Google locks the
2 attack articles of its enemies on the front top search results of Google search results forever, on
3 purpose! Google and Musk are partners-in-crime. Larry Page steals technology for Google and
4 Musk meets with Larry Page to advise him on which technologies to steal and how to bypass FEC
5 laws. Musk has exceeded FEC campaign finance limits by billions of dollars via “in-kind” services.
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8 SEE MORE AT:

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10 <https://www.propublica.org>

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12 <https://www.transparency.org>

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14 <https://www.icij.org>

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17 <http://tesla-motors-cronyism>

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19 <https://stopelonfromfailingagain.com>

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21 ELON MUSK'S SPACEX DOMESTIC POLITICAL SPY SATELLITES UNDER ATTACK

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23 cleanup-may-cover-story-arms-u-s-satellites-pentagon/](https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2019/02/12/asia-pacific/chinas-space-debris-cleanup-may-cover-story-arms-u-s-satellites-pentagon/)

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27 driver)

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1 ELON MUSK'S PAID-FOR FAKE NEWS MEDIA SHILLS. THEY COVER UP HIS
2 CORRUPTION AND PUSH PUFF-STORIES ABOUT MUSK. NEVER TRUST THEM TO BE
3 ANYTHING BUT BIASED PROPAGANDA OUTLETS. MANY OF THEM OWN TESLA
4 STOCK: Electrek, Google, Facebook, CNN, Huffington Post, Dianne Feinstein's PR office, Nancy
5 Pelosi, Steven Chu, MSNBC, PayPal, KPIX-TV, San Jose Mercury News, Any Hearst owned
6 entity, The SF Chronicle, Motley Fool, Green Car Congress, The executive staff of the DNC, The
7 NY Times,
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25 *Tesla's out-of-control sudden-acceleration surge defects*
26 *and exploding batteries are not as bad as Tesla's out-of-control corruption and bribery.*
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Failed Obama Backed Energy Companies

- Solar Trust of America: FAIL!**
- Bright Source: FAIL!**
- Solyndra: FAIL!**
- LSP Energy: FAIL!**
- Energy Conversion Devices: FAIL!**
- Abound Solar: FAIL!**
- SunPower: FAIL!**
- Beacon Power: FAIL!**
- Ecotality: FAIL!**
- A123 Solar: FAIL!**
- UniSolar: FAIL!**
- Azure Dynamics: FAIL!**
- Evergreen Solar: FAIL!**
- Ener1: FAIL!**



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2 **HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE OBAMA**
3 **WHITE HOUSE ATTACKS PLAINTIFFS AND ANYBODY WHO**
4 **EXPOSES THE SCHEME**
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8 How and why did a Donald Trump stripper-date named "Stormy" or an Elon Musk sex party
9 or a Kavanaugh drinking incident or the Moonves and Weinstein indiscretions suddenly hit the
10 news at about the same time in news history?
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12 In addition to actual murder, Politicians and Silicon Valley Oligarchs hire operatives to end people's
13 lives in other creative ways.
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15 It is all part of the modern trend in vendetta, revenge and political payback when a Senator or a tech
16 oligarch issues a "kill order" on an opponent.
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19 The client does not like to get their hands dirty so the actual social hit job is performed by
20 companies such as:
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22 IN-Q-Tel - (DNC); Gawker Media - (DNC); Jalopnik - (DNC); Gizmodo Media - (DNC); K2
23 Intelligence - (DNC); WikiStrat - (DNC); Podesta Group - (DNC); Fusion GPS - (DNC/GOP);
24 Google - (DNC); YouTube - (DNC); Alphabet - (DNC); Facebook - (DNC); Twitter - (DNC);
25 Think Progress - (DNC); Media Matters - (DNC); Black Cube - (DNC); Mossad - (DNC); Correct
26 The Record - (DNC); Sand Line - (DNC/GOP); Blackwater - (DNC/GOP); Stratfor - (DNC/GOP);
27 ShareBlue - (DNC); Wikileaks (DNC/GOP); Cambridge Analytica - (DNC/GOP); Sid Blumenthal-
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1 (DNC); David Brock - (DNC); PR Firm Sunshine Sachs (DNC); Covington and Burling - (DNC),
2 BuzzFeed - (DNC) Perkins Coie - (DNC); Wilson Sonsini - (DNC) and hundreds of others... These
3 are the people and companies that except cash, revolving door jobs, political appointments, insider
4 trading stock in Silicon Valley tech companies, prostitutes and real estate in exchange for
5 destroying the lives of others.

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8 These attackers deserve to be punished for the rest of their lives for taking away the lives of others
9 in exchange for cash. Any company who is corrupt enough to hire any of these assassins should be
10 forced out of business. These attack services are responsible for 90% of the "Fake News" problem
11 in the world because they are the authors of most fake news. Congress must act to make these kinds
12 of companies illegal!

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14 These digital assassination services offer hit-jobs, character assassinations and economic reprisal
15 programs to famous billionaires and corrupt politicians who are seeking revenge, retribution and
16 vendetta executions.

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19 In the case of reporters getting targeted for attacks, President Donald Trump has been accused by
20 the liberal corporate media of whipping up a hateful frenzy against the press. But while CNN's Jim
21 Acosta grandstands against Trump, real journalists are still reeling from the draconian extrajudicial
22 measures that Barack Obama and his administration used to target them for exposing truth.

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25 This secretive targeting occurred while Obama speechwriter and hate-filled ANTIFA supporter Ben
26 Rhodes was running "Operation Echo Chamber," which reportedly continues, in which he fed
27 information to willing corporate media scribes. "They literally know nothing," Rhodes said of the
28 twentysomething journalists he easily manipulated.

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2 The Freedom of the Press Foundation’s Trevor Timm published documents showing how former
3 attorney general Eric Holder changed the rules to more effectively intimidate and surveil members
4 of the press.

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6 Timm writes: “Today, we are revealing—for the first time—the Justice Department’s rules for
7 targeting journalists with secret FISA court orders. The documents were obtained as part of a
8 Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by Freedom of the Press Foundation and Knight First
9 Amendment Institute at Columbia University.”
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12 Trending: Brennan and Clapper Accused of Hacking John Roberts To Blackmail Him
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14 Here is the memo published by the Foundation, which dropped the documents in their entirety:
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17 Obama is also clearly linked to the plot to obtain fraudulent FISA warrants on President Trump’s
18 team, as evidenced by Peter Strzok and Lisa Page’s texts confirming that Obama was overseeing
19 their fly-by-night operation.
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21 Larry Schweikart reported for Big League Politics:
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24 For months pundits and researchers have been pondering the mystery of the FISA approval that led
25 to the illegal and historically titanic scandals to ever hit the U.S. government. Some have argued
26 that Assistant Attorney General Rod Rosenstein knew the FISA was bogus when he extended it.
27 Others have wondered if Special Counsel Robert Mueller knew about the fraudulent basis of the
28 FISA when he used it, in part, to indict Michael Flynn. Other still, that Mueller was fooled by the

1 FBI.

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3 This is what President Trump calls “SPYGATE”.

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5 It may well be that the surveillance that was conducted began with UK intelligence services and
6 then was fed back to the White House of Barack Obama. Here’s the kicker:

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9 President Barack Obama did not need a FISA warrant to authorize spying/electronic surveillance on
10 Trump because Obama all along had legal authorization to by-pass the normal court vetting process.
11 According to 50 U.S. Code 1802, the “Electronic Surveillance Authorization” () “Foreign
12 intelligence in relation to a US person (Trump or his associates) is information that’s necessary for
13 the US to protect against attack, hostile acts, sabotage, . . . as well as other clandestine activities by
14 a foreign power . . . OR . . . information relevant to national defense/security of the US, or the
15 conduct of foreign affairs of the U.S.” Such an authorization by Obama required certification by
16 Attorney General Loretta Lynch that must be logged with the FISC court. (“The [AG]+ shall
17 immediately transmit under seal to the court [FISC] a copy of his certification.”)
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20 In short, the DOJ has this. If we are correct, a copy of that certification is currently under seal at
21 least with the DOJ and the FISC. This is what they are hiding.

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24 However, the Act requires the AG to keep the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate
25 Committee on Intelligence informed of these authorizations and unmaskings therein. See 1803 (a)
26 (1) (C) If indeed this is what happened, did Lynch report—or only selectively report—to the
27 committees in a way that excluded non-friendlies? Can you see why Adam Schiff, Mark Warner,
28 and their ilk are terrified?

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2 1) Obama authorized spying/electronic surveillance on Team Trump, by-passing normal judicial
3 oversight.

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5 2) To create "foreign intelligence," John Brennan and others organized for UK intelligence to
6 conduct surveillance on Trump and his associates, either from the UK or from UK assets within the
7 U.S. This is another reason revealing this will unleash an excrement storm: the UK is about to be
8 caught meddling bigly in an American election.

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11 3) Lynch certified Obama's authorization which is now held under seal by DOJ (and FISC).

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13 From this authorization, all unmaking followed, as well as the FBI fraudulent counter intel
14 investigation and perhaps the FISA warrant too. Obama knew this was all fake when he made the
15 authorization; Lynch knew it was fake when she certified it; the entire inner circle, including the
16 FBI, all knew. This takes the U.S. into uncharted territory, and could imperil any politician in the
17 British government who supported this or had knowledge of it. Proving any of this would be
18 difficult, as if confronted Lynch would almost certainly cover up and Obama would simply deny
19 knowledge. Without a paper trail, a conviction might be a bridge too far. This is only one of
20 thousands of "kill order" tactics introduced by the Obama Administration.

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24 These are the playbook tactics that Senators and tech oligarchs most often use to destroy the lives of
25 their political and business enemies:

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27 - Government agency bosses sometimes solicit the target victims with false promises of future
28 loans, contracts or grants from their agency and cause the target victims to expend millions of

1 dollars and years of their time for projects which those government bosses had covertly promised to
2 their friends. They use the target victims as a “smokescreen” to cover their illegal government
3 slush-funds for the victims competitors and personal enemies. By using this tactic, the attackers can
4 drain the target victims funds and force them into an economic disaster in plain view of everyone
5 without the government bosses fearing any reprisal for their scam.

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8 - Every match.com, okcupid.com, Plenty Of Fish, Seeking Arrangements and all other IAC-
9 owned, or similar, dating sites (IAC is managed by Hillary Clinton's daughter) have had their
10 profiles, texts, and inter-member communications, since those companies were started, hacked or
11 purchased. The attack service providers use Palantir and In-Q-Tel financed data analysis software to
12 analyze every activity in those dating services in order to find honey-trap, blackmail, sextortion and
13 social conflict exploitation opportunities. If you had a bad date with someone, that someone will be
14 hunted down and convinced to help harm, #metoo or "rape charge" the intended target. All dates
15 involve a search for sex, so the likelihood that a sexual disappointment experience will exist in each
16 persons dating history is high. Searching every past dating email and text of a subject is quite easy
17 with modern software and hacking techniques. A synthetically amplified, PR-agency optimized sex
18 scandal can destroy any target. Your dating experiences from the 70's or 80's will come back to
19 haunt you decades later. Most dates involve drinking alcohol and taking drugs. If you were
20 unattractive or had bad sexual skills your bad date will be called "date rape", "drugging your date
21 for sex" and related twisted narratives that are designed to shame you, the target. If you try to get a
22 date in the future, your potential date will be contacted by a third party who will slander and libel
23 you to make sure your potential first date gets cancelled. Your social life will, essentially, end.
24 Every photo on every dating site is cross checked with every other photo on the internet in order to
25 cull your Facebook, LinkedIn, Snapchat and other social media together to create a total
26 psychological manipulation profile data file on you. A single photo on a dating site can be cross
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1 searched on every mugshot archive, photo album and corporate database in the worth within
2 minutes using modern super-computers. Your sex life will be on public record in a flash.

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4 - Social Security, SSI, SDI, Disability and other earned benefits are stone-walled. Applications of
5 targets are “lost”. Files in the application process “disappeared”. Lois Lerner hard drive “incidents”
6 are operated in order to seek to hide information and run cover-ups.

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9 - Government officials and tech oligarchs contact members of the National Venture Capital
10 association (NVCA) and created national “black-lists” to blockade target victims from ever
11 receiving investor funding. This was also confirmed in a widely published disclosure by Tesla
12 Motors Daryl Siry and in published testimony. If Silicon Valley political campaign finance
13 oligarchs black-list you (see the "AngelGate" Scandal and the "High Tech No Poaching Class
14 Action Lawsuit" cases) you will never get investor funding again.

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17 - FOIA requests are hidden, frozen, stone-walled, delayed, lied about and only partially
18 responded to in order to seek to hide information and run cover-ups.

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20 - State and federal employees will play an endless game of Catch-22 by arbitrarily determining
21 that deadlines had passed that they, the government officials, had stonewalled and obfuscated
22 applications for, in order to force these deadlines that they set, to appear to be missed. This can
23 bankrupt a target victim.

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26 - Some Victims found themselves strangely poisoned, not unlike the Alexander Litvenko case.
27 Heavy metals and toxic materials were found right after their work with the Department of Energy
28 weapons and energy facilities. Many wonder if these “targets” were intentionally exposed to toxins

1 in retribution for their testimony. The federal MSDS documents clearly show that a number of these
2 people were exposed to deadly compounds and radiations, via DOE, without being provided with
3 proper HazMat suits which DOE officials knew were required.
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5 - Victims employers are called, and faxed, and ordered to fire target victims from their places of
6 employment, in the middle of the day, with no notice, as a retribution tactic.
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9 - On orders from Obama White House officials, DNC-financed Google, YouTube, Gawker
10 Media and Gizmodo Media produce attack articles and defamation videos. Google locks this attack
11 media on the internet on the top line, of the front page of all Google searches for a decade in front
12 of 7.5 billion people, around the world. This attack-type uses over \$40 million dollars in server
13 farms, production costs and internet rigging. The forensic data acquired from tracking some of these
14 attacks proves that Google rigs attacks against individuals on the internet and that all of Google's
15 "impressions" are manually controlled by Google's executives who are also the main financiers and
16 policy directors of the Obama Administration. This data was provided to the European Union for
17 its ongoing prosecution of Google's political manipulation of public perceptions.
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20 - Victims HR and employment records, on recruiting and hiring databases, are embedded with
21 negative keywords in order to prevent the victim targets from ever gaining future employment.
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24 - Gary D. Conley, Seth Rich, Rajeev Motwani and many other whistle-blowers in these matters,
25 turned up dead under strange circumstances. It is very possible that some of these attack services,
26 operated by former CIA operatives, even offer discrete murder-for-sale services using high-tech
27 assassination tools that make murders look like heart attacks and brain failures.
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1 - Disability and VA complaint hearings and benefits are frozen, delayed, denied or subjected to
2 lost records and "missing hard drives" as in the Lois Lerner case.

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4 - Paypal (A DNC-biased operation) and other on-line payments for on-line sales are de-
5 platformed, delayed, hidden, or re-directed in order to terminate income potential for target victims
6 who competed with the attackers interests and holdings.

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9 - DNS redirection, "website spoofing" sends target victims websites to dead ends where no sales
10 orders or customer inquiries actually get back to the target. These internet revenue activity
11 manipulations are conducted using Google and Amazon servers. All commercial storefronts and on-
12 line sales attempts by target victims, will have had their sites hidden, or search engine de-linked by
13 a massively resourced facility located in Virginia, Texas or Palo Alto, California in order to
14 terminate revenue potentials for the target victims.

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17 - Over 50,000 trolls, shills, botnets and synth-blog deployments are deployed to place defamatory
18 statements and disinformation about victims in front of 7.5 billion people around the world on the
19 internet in order to seek to damage their federal testimony credibility by a massively resourced
20 facility.

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23 - Campaign finance dirty tricks contractors are hired by campaign financiers to attack the friends
24 and family members of the target victim in order to create low morale for the target victims psyche
25 and motivation.

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27 - Are you getting weird headaches and hearing a "buzzing sound" in your head? The U.S.
28 Government has now acknowledged that the Cuban, Chinese and other embassy "sonic attacks" are

1 from a known microwave beam weapon. Any one of the technical departments of the attack
2 services listed at the top of this article can build such a biological harassment weapon. It can be
3 aimed at the target victims office, bedroom or vehicle and, within a week, have caused biological
4 and emotional damage using a weapon that has no visible track of trajectory. It is designed to make
5 the target victim think they are "going crazy" or "hearing sounds in their head". While this may
6 sound pretty out there, web search "Embassy sonic attacks" on the top 5 non-Google search engines
7 and read the very credible reports of these attacks.
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10 - In one case covert political partner: Google, transferred large sums of cash to dirty tricks
11 contractors and then manually locked the media portion of the attacks into the top lines of the top
12 pages of all Google searches globally, for years, with hidden embedded codes in the links and web-
13 pages which multiplied the attacks on Victims by many magnitudes.
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16 - Covert Cartel financier: Google, placed Google's lawyer: Michelle Lee, in charge of the U.S.
17 Patent Office and she, in turn, stacked all of the U.S. Patent Office IPR and ALICE review boards
18 and offices with Google-supporting employees in order to rig the U.S. Patent Office to protect
19 Google from being prosecuted for the vast patent thefts that Google engages in. Google has
20 hundreds of patent lawsuits for technology theft and a number of those lawsuits refer to Google's
21 operations as "Racketeering", "Monopolistic Cartel" and "Government Coup-like" behaviors.
22 Thousands of articles and investigations detail the fact that Google, "essentially" ran the Obama
23 White House and provided over 80% of the key White House staff. A conflict-of-interest unlike any
24 in American history. Google's investors personally told Applicant they would "kill him". Google
25 and the Obama Administration were "the same entity". Applicant testified in the review that got
26 Michelle Lee terminated and uncovered a tactical political and social warfare group inside Google
27 who were financed by Federal and State funds.
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2 - Honeytraps and moles were employed by the attackers. In this tactic, people who covertly
3 worked for the attackers were employed to approach the "target" in order to spy on and misdirect
4 the subject.

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6 - Gawker Media, Gizmodo Media, Snopes, SPLC and other hired media assassins will be retained
7 to produce "hatchet job" character assassination articles about you. Then those articles will be
8 faxed, mailed and emailed to your employer and investors with a note saying: "You don't want to
9 have anything to do with this person, do you..?" in order to get you fired from your job and get your
10 loans or financing pulled. The attackers will use their round one attack media, that they authored, to
11 create a round two second wave attack designed to end your life via economic warfare.

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14 - Mortgage and rental applications will have had red flags added to them in databases to prevent
15 the targets from getting homes or apartments.

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18 - Krebs On Security, Wired, Ars Technica, The Wall Street Journal and most major IT
19 publications have reported that hundreds of spy "back-doors" have been found on every Intel,
20 AMD, Apple, Xfinity, Cisco, Microsoft, Juniper Networks motherboard, chip-set and hardware
21 component set. This means that any kid with the "key" code can open any computer, server, router,
22 cloud-network or other network connected device and read every file, photo, video, your calendar
23 and email on your devices at any time from any location on Earth. The key codes have been
24 released to every hacker community in the world for over ten years. There is now no government,
25 corporate or personal data that can't be hacked, even data from decades ago. Every single one of
26 your darkest secrets can be in the hands of your enemy within 60 minutes, or less. Important
27 meetings you had planned with potential investors, employers, clients, dates, suppliers and others
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2 **Mueller Hears Evidence That Silicon Valley Has Been Manipulating**
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4 **Huge Political Campaigns, Yet He Covers It Up**

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6 - Second former employee of controversial data firm to be questioned by special counsel's
7 inquiry into Russia collusion
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10 By Carole Cadwalladr
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12 Brittany Kaiser is said to be cooperating fully with the Mueller inquiry.
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14 A director of the controversial data company Cambridge Analytica, who appeared with Arron
15 Banks at the launch of the Leave.EU campaign, has been subpoenaed by the US investigation into
16 possible collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government.
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19 A spokesman for Brittany Kaiser, former business development director for Cambridge Analytica –
20 which collapsed after the Observer revealed details of its misuse of Facebook data – confirmed that
21 she had been subpoenaed by special counsel Robert Mueller, and was cooperating fully with his
22 investigation.
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25 He added that she was assisting other US congressional and legal investigations into the company's
26 activities and had voluntarily turned over documents and data.
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28 Kaiser, who gave evidence to the UK parliament last April in which she claimed Cambridge

1 Analytica had carried out in-depth work for Leave.EU, is the second individual connected to the
2 firm subpoenaed by the special counsel. The Electoral Commission has said its investigation into
3 Leave.EU found no evidence that the campaign “received donations or paid for services from
4 Cambridge Analytica ...beyond initial scoping work”.

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6 Damian Collins, chairman of parliament’s inquiry into fake news, said it was “no surprise” that
7 Kaiser was under scrutiny by Mueller because “her work connected her to WikiLeaks, Cambridge
8 Analytica and [its parent company] SCL, the Trump campaign, Leave.EU and Arron Banks”.

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11 He said it was now vital Britain had its own inquiry into foreign interference: “We should not be
12 leaving this to the Americans.”

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14 Tom Watson, the deputy leader of the Labour party, echoed Collins’s statement, saying: “This is the
15 first evidence that a significant player in the Leave.EU campaign is of interested to the global
16 Mueller inquiry. People will be bewildered that the British government has no interest in
17 establishing the facts of what happened.”

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20 In August, Sam Patten, a US political consultant who had worked for Cambridge Analytica on
21 campaigns in the US and abroad, struck a plea deal with Mueller after admitting he had failed to
22 register as a foreign agent for a Ukrainian oligarch.

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25 He became a subject of the special counsel’s inquiry because of work done with Paul Manafort,
26 Trump’s campaign manager, in Ukraine. He had also set up a business with Konstantin Kilimnik, a
27 key figure who Mueller has alleged has ties to Russian intelligence and who is facing charges of
28 obstruction of justice. In a 2017 statement to the Washington Post, Kilimnik denied any connection

1 to intelligence services. Kaiser, however, is the first person connected directly to both the Brexit
2 and Trump campaigns known to have been questioned by Mueller.

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4 The news came to light in a new Netflix documentary, The Great Hack, which premiered at the
5 Sundance film festival last month and is expected to be released later this spring. Film-makers
6 followed Kaiser for months after she approached the Guardian, including moments after she
7 received the subpoena. She claims the summons came after the Guardian revealed she had visited
8 WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange while still a Cambridge Analytica employee in February 2017,
9 three months after the US election.

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12 One part of Mueller’s investigation focuses on whether the Trump campaign sought to influence the
13 timing of the release of emails by WikiLeaks before the election. Investigators are looking at
14 communications between them. In the film, Kaiser says that she has gone from being a cooperating
15 witness to a subject of investigation because of her contact with Assange.

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18 In October 2017, it was revealed that Alexander Nix, the chief executive of Cambridge Analytica,
19 had contacted Assange in August 2016 to try to obtain emails from Hillary Clinton’s presidential
20 campaign – which indictments from Mueller’s team say were obtained by Russian military
21 intelligence – to use in Donald Trump’s campaign. When Kaiser gave evidence to parliament last
22 year, she was asked about her relationship with Assange and WikiLeaks but failed to reveal that she
23 had met Assange.

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26 In the documentary, Kaiser is shown after receiving an email from the Guardian last June asking
27 about meeting Assange and alleged donations of cryptocurrency to WikiLeaks. Kaiser did not
28 respond to the email at the time, but on camera says: “She knows I met Assange. And she knows I

1 donated money to WikiLeaks in bitcoin.”

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3 Her legal representatives later wrote to the paper to say that the allegations, including that she had
4 “channelled” donations to WikiLeaks, were false. Kaiser said she had received a small gift of
5 bitcoin in 2011 – long before she worked at Cambridge Analytica – and, not knowing what else to
6 do with it, gave it to WikiLeaks, because she had benefited from material it had released over the
7 years.

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10 Her lawyer told the Observer that the meeting with Assange came about after a chance encounter in
11 London with an acquaintance who knew him. It lasted 20 minutes and consisted mainly of Assange
12 telling her “about how he saw the world”. He said they did not discuss the US election.

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14 Patten and Kaiser were involved in a controversial election campaign in Nigeria in January 2015,
15 which former Cambridge Analytica employees say had “unsettling” parallels to the US presidential
16 election.

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19 The Guardian revealed that the data firm had worked alongside a team of unidentified Israeli
20 intelligence operatives on the campaign. Ex-Cambridge Analytica employees described how the
21 Israelis hacked the now-president of Nigeria’s emails and released damaging information about him
22 to the press weeks before the election.

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25 **CBS NEWS 60 MINUTES top reporter proves that White House**
26 **Silicon Valley Cartel targets you in reprisal.**
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Lara Logan "I'm Being 'Targeted' For Saying the Media is 'Mostly Liberal'"

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2 by Tamar Auber

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4 On Wednesday, former CBS News foreign correspondent Lara Logan spoke with Fox News Sean
5 Hannity about her recent comments slamming the media as “mostly liberal.”

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7 Logan told Breitbart podcaster Mike Ritland the remarks made on his show — which drew
8 widespread attention online — amounted to “professional suicide.”

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11 Defending her remarks on Hannity’s show, Logan said that as the result of her speaking out about
12 how the media is “mostly liberal” she has been targeted because she is an independent voice.

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14 “Any journalists who are not beating the same drum and giving the same talking points,” she
15 insisted “pay the price” for not going along with the liberal crowd.

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18 She also called out her targeters by name.

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20 “I know they’re going to come after me,” she told Hannity. “Michael Calderone who is at the
21 Huffington Post. I can give you the script now. I can tell you who the players are. Joe Hagan. Brian
22 Stelter.”

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25 She added: “They smear you personally. They go after your integrity. They go after your reputation
26 as a person and a professional. They will stop at nothing. I am not the only one. And I am just, I am
27 done, right, I am tired of it. And they do not get to write my story anymore. They don’t get to speak
28 for me, I want to say loudly and clearly to anybody who is listening, I am not owned. Nobody owns

1 me, right? I'm not owned by the left or the right."
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3 Logan made headlines recently when, during a scorched earth podcast interview with Ritland, she
4 said that there was a lot of "weight" in most news organizations on "one side of the political
5 spectrum."
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8 "The media everywhere is mostly liberal. But in this country, 85 percent of journalists are registered
9 Democrats. So that's just a fact, right?" she told Ritland.
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11 She also trashed reporting based on single, anonymous government sources.
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13 "That's not journalism, that's horseshit," Logan stressed. "Responsibility for fake news begins with
14 us. We bear some responsibility for that, and we're not taking ownership of that and addressing it.
15 We just want to blame it all on somebody else."
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1 **Public Record Documents Now Prove The Existence Of Many**
2 **Obama Hit-Job Services**
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6 **Internal documents from a private Israeli intelligence firm called Psy-Group show**
7 **that, at the time of many incidents, the company, and possibly other private investigators,**
8 **were targeting U.S. citizens because they spoke up about crimes.**
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10 Psy-Group’s intelligence and influence operations, which included a failed attempt in the summer
11 of 2017 to sway a local election in central California, were detailed in a New Yorker investigation
12 that I co-wrote earlier this month. Before it went out of business (ie: changed it's name) , last year,
13 Psy-Group was part of a new wave of private-intelligence firms that recruited from the ranks of
14 Israel’s secret services and described themselves as “private Mossads.” Psy-Group initially stood
15 out among its rivals because it didn’t just gather intelligence; its operatives used false identities, or
16 avatars, to covertly spread messages in an attempt to influence what people believed and how they
17 behaved. In 2016, Psy-Group held discussions with the Trump campaign and others about
18 conducting covert “influence” operations to benefit the candidate. Psy-Group’s founder and C.E.O.,
19 Royi Burstien, a veteran Israeli intelligence officer who established the firm in 2014, told me that
20 his talks with the Trump campaign went nowhere. The company’s posturing, however, attracted the
21 attention of Robert Mueller, the special counsel, who has been investigating interference in the 2016
22 Presidential race.’
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26 **FED BOMBHELL: Fusion GPS Bribed Dozens of MSM Journalists With Cash To Run**
27 **Character Assassinations, While News Companies Paid Firm to Dig Dirt on Trump**
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2 High-ranking FBI insiders are pulling back the curtain on Fusion GPS, the firm that commissioned
3 and spread the bogus Trump dossier.

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5 It appears the embattled intelligence firm was quite busy paying off Big Media reporters, according
6 to federal sources who have traced dozens of transactions between TD Bank and media members as
7 well as media organizations, sources confirm.

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10 But stunningly, Big Media organizations have employed Fusion GPS to dig dirt on politicians and
11 D.C.'s elite — namely Donald Trump.

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13 “Fusion GPS was on the payroll of the media and in turn had members of the media on its payroll,”
14 one FBI insider said.

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17 Bombshell revelations.

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19 FBI insiders confirm Fusion GPS employed law firms as well as shell companies to send and
20 receive funds to and from media and reporters. But the embattled firm also used its accounts at TD
21 Bank to directly commission reporters. Likewise, Fusion GPS received funds from media
22 companies into its own accounts at TD Bank, FBI insiders said,

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25 “There are dozens of payments from the media flowing into their (Fusion GPS’) account,” one
26 federal law enforcement official said. “One company wired funds to Fusion (GPS) more than a
27 dozen times.”
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1 Why would media companies commission Fusion GPS? Likely to dig dirt on enemies or secure
2 records that reporters could not legally obtain, one federal law enforcement insider said. One FBI
3 insider said the payments to Fusion GPS coincide with Donald Trump’s run for the White House.
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5 The payments were made between Sept. 2015 and Sept. 2017, records show.
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8 The unthinkable: The mainstream media paying Fusion GPS for dirt on Trump to the same firm the
9 Democratic National Committee paid to fund the bogus Trump dossier. And at the same time
10 Fusion GPS bribing journalists to place stories — likely negative about Trump, as well as spread the
11 bogus Trump dossier around.
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13 Stunning.
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15 Was BuzzFeed — the only company to publish the full bogus dossier — on that list?
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18 And who is on the payroll? We are trying to run that information down.
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20 And why aren’t these people behind bars?
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25 **Feds Could Save Taxpayers ‘Billions Of Dollars’ By**
26 **Straightening Out One Corrupt Energy Department Program, Report**
27 **Finds**
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Michael Bastasch | Energy Editor

The Trump administration could save “billions of dollars” if the Energy Department improved its management of radioactive waste cleanups, according to the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The GAO [report](#), released Tuesday, also reported Congress could save up to \$4.3 billion by eliminating the loan program that gave \$192 million to a failed luxury electric car company.

“The Department of Energy could potentially avoid spending billions of dollars by developing a program-wide strategy to improve decision-making on cleaning up radioactive and hazardous waste,” GAO reported.

The Energy Department is responsible for cleaning up waste from nuclear weapons produced during the Cold War. The department has spent \$170 billion on cleanup since 1989, GAO reported, but lots of radioactive waste remains. [\(RELATED: The NYT Walks Back Bombshell EPA Report, Doesn’t Issue A Correction\)](#)

The cost of cleanup is growing. The Energy Department estimates future nuclear waste cleanup could cost \$377 billion at 16 sites across the country. GAO says taxpayers could save billions if they took a programmatic approach rather than each nuclear waste site setting its own priorities.

The 200 Area of the Hanford nuclear site is seen in a 1995 aerial photo. Department of Energy/Handout via REUTERS

For example, Energy Department officials estimated \$18 billion in savings from prioritizing

1 high-risk over low-risk waste at the Hanford site in Washington state. The department has yet to
2 determine what it will do with as much as two-thirds of the low-risk waste at Hanford.

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4 The Hanford site cleanup [came under increased scrutiny](#) after a “take cover” order was
5 given in 2017 after a tunnel containing radioactive waste collapsed.

6 “DOE officials said that they are making progress in implementing a national programmatic
7 approach to the cleanup and will continue to work toward this,” GAO reported. “DOE provided
8 technical comments, which were incorporated as appropriate.”
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10 GAO also highlighted an open recommendation to Congress that could save taxpayers up to
11 \$4.3 billion.

12 “Unless the Department of Energy can demonstrate demand for new Advanced Technology
13 Vehicles Manufacturing loans and viable applications, Congress may wish to consider rescinding all
14 or part of the remaining credit subsidy appropriations,” GAO reported.
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17 The Obama administration used that loan program to hand out taxpayer funds to electric car
18 companies, including luxury automaker **Fisker Automotive, which drew down on \$192 million**
19 **before [having its government credit stripped](#) away.**

20 Fisker’s loan was [sold off to a Chinese billionaire](#) for \$25 million in 2013, netting taxpayers
21 a \$139 million loss.

22 [department of energy energy fisker automotive government accountability office](#)
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26 **WHO ARE THE CORRUPT INSIDERS IN THE CLEANTECH**
27 **STOCK MARKET PAYOLA SCAMS CHARGED WITH THESE**
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1 **CRIMES AND ILLICIT DEEDS?**

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6 Case files exist on each part, below. Surveillance is under-way for each. Financial and
7 beneficiary historical cross-matrix
8 database forensic payola and payment tracking underway via XKEYSCORE, FINTRACK,
9 et. al. These parties are targeted
10 for arrest, indictment, doxing and/or additional investigation. Draft 2.7 – not inclusive. See
11 master DOJ7 list.
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15 WHO TOOK BRIBES? -

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10	>	Alexander Pareene– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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12	>	Alexandra Philippides– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Allison Spinner – Wife of Steve Spinner and lawyer at WSGR and Solyndra who helped
15	>	Feinstein rig the Solyndra cash ((Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.)
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17	>	Allison Wentz– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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27	>	Angelica Alzona– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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1	>	Anna Merlan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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4	>	Ariana Cohen– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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6	>	Arnold Schwarzenegger – Governor (Accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax
7	>	evasion, illicit deal organization with Russians and more...)
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9	>	Ashley Feinberg– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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11	>	Ava Gyurina– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Barack Obama – Chicago politician
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16	>	Barry Petchesky– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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18	>	Bill Lockyer – Calif State finance head (Under investigation and sex scandal conflicts,
19	>	charged with corruption by media. Assets and ownerships under investigation)
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21	>	Brendan I. Koerner– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 1 > Brian Hickey– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 9 > Chris Mohney– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 11 > Clover Hope– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 13 > Daniel Cohen – DOE Legal counsel who assisted in the Steven Chu scam (Sent
- 14 > packing/fired/forced to resign)
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- 16 > Daniel Morgan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 18 > David Axelrod – White House strategist who helped stage the quid-pro-quo (Sent
- 19 > packing/fired/forced to resign)(he is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and
- 20 > kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)
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- 22 > David Matthews– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 24 > David Plouffe – White House money packager. Arranged deals between VC campaign
- 25 > Donors (Forced to Resign. Under investigation)
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- 27 > Dark Money Group relay
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- > Denis McDonough – White House adviser

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9	>	Gabrielle Bluestone– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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11	>	Gabrielle Darbyshire– Defamation-for-sale blogger and attack services director
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13	>	Gawker Media – DNC/Clinton/Obama character assassination media tool (In Mid-
14	>	Termination)
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16	>	Georgina K. Faircloth– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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18	>	Gizmodo – DNC/Clinton/Obama character assassination media tool (Failing, rapidly
19	>	decreasing users and increasing fake ad stats disclosures)
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21	>	Gregory Howard– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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23	>	Hamilton Nolan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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26	>	Hannah Keyser– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 1 > Harry Reid – Senator- Solar factory guru, Congress lead (Accused of political bribery and
- 2 > kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...Forced out of Congress in shame)
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- 4 > Heather Deitrich– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 6 > Hillary Clinton – Dynastic politician
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- 9 > Hudson Hongo– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 11 > Hugo Schwyzer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 14 > Hunter Slaton– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 16 > Ian Fette– Defamation-for-sale blogger and Google, Gawker, Jalopnik, Gizmodo media
- 17 > assassin
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- 19 > Irin Carmon– Defamation-for-sale blogger
- 20 >
- 21 > Jalopnik – Online defamation facade political publication. Pretends to be about cars but is
- 22 > DNC hit job rag
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- 24 > James Brown Jr – HHS Programming lead in California (Arrested for corruption)
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- 26 > James Brown Jr. - Head of California HHS Obamacare
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1	>	James J. Cooke– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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6	>	Jay Carney – White House adviser
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9	>	Jennifer Ouellette– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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11	>	Jerry Brown – California politician
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14	>	Jesse Oxfeld– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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19	>	Jesus Diaz– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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24	>	Joanna Rothkopf– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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26	>	John Cook– Defamation-for-sale blogger and director of media assassins group
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1	>	John Herrman– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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4	>	John Podesta – White House adviser
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9	>	Joseph Keenan Trotter– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Julia Allison– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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16	>	Julianne E. Shepherd– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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19	>	Justin Hyde– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Kevin Draper– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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16	>	Lacey Donohue– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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19	>	Lachlan Seward – Energy Department gatekeeper
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9	>	Matt Novak– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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11	>	Michael Ballaban– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Michael Dobbs– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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16	>	Michael Spinelli– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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18	>	Nancy Pelosi – California politician
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21	>	Neal Ungerleider– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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23	>	Nicholas Aster– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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25	>	Nicholas Guido Denton– Defamation-for-sale blogger and head of the Gawker, Gizmodo,
26	>	Jalopnik sleaze tabloid empire
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1	>	Omar Kardoudi– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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4	>	Owen Thomas– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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6	>	Patrick George– Defamation-for-sale blogger and Character Assassination expert
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9	>	Patrick Laffoon– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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11	>	Patrick Redford– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Pierre Omidyar– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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16	>	Rich Juzwiak– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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18	>	Richard Blakely– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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21	>	Richard Blum - Investment banker
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23	>	Richard Rushfield– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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26	>	Robert Finger– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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1	>	Robert Gibbs – White press office head
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4	>	Robert Sorokanich– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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6	>	Rory Waltzer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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9	>	Rosa Golijan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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11	>	Ryan Brown– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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14	>	Ryan Goldberg– Defamation-for-sale blogger
15	>	Sam Faulkner Biddle– Defamation-for-sale blogger, Runs a large part of the Anti-GOP blog
16	>	programs
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18	>	Sam Woolley– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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21	>	Samar Kalaf– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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23	>	Sarah Ramey– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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26	>	Shannon Marie Donnelly– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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1	>	Shep McAllister– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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4	>	Sophie Kleeman– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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6	>	Stephen Totilo– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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9	>	Steve Rattner – White House car czar, indicted for fraud
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11	>	Steve Spinner – Energy Department manipulation expert, Wife was Solyndra’s lawyer
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14	>	Steven Chu – Secretary of Energy – The most corrupt in US history
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16	>	Tamar Winberg– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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18	>	Taryn Schweitzer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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21	>	Taylor McKnight– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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23	>	Thorin Klosowski– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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26	>	Tim Marchman– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 1 > Timothy Burke– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 4 > Tobey Grumet Segal– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 6 > Tom Ley– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 9 > Tom Scocca– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 11 > Veronica de Souza– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 14 > Wes Siler– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 16 > William Haisley– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- 21 > XXXX ...Plus additional persons to be named...

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25 WHO PAID BRIBES? -

26 (In many cases the bribes were paid through their hired intermediaries)

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- 1 > Abound Solar - Criminally corrupt crony campaign finance front operation. (Terminated)
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- 3 > Al D'Amato, Park Strategies. The former GOP New York senator has been a big advocate
- 4 > for online gambling as a lobbyist for the Poker Players Alliance.
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- 6 > Al Mottur and Manuel Ortiz, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Mottur heads up lobbying
- 7 > operations at the K Street giant. Ortiz, one of Brownstein's newest hires, is a rising star in
- 8 > Democratic circles.
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- 10 > Alexander Sternhell, Sternhell Group. Previously a Senate Banking Committee staffer,
- 11 > Sternhell's two-year-old venture is in the big leagues with clients such as Citigroup Management
- 12 > and PricewaterhouseCoopers.
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- 14 > Alphabet - Privacy abuse, spy-on-the-public, Fake News election rigger, Clinton/DNC
- 15 > scheme financier (Under Federal and EU investigation)
- 16 >
- 17 > Andrew McCormack
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- 19 > Andy Barbour, Smith-Free Group. Smith lobbies for several financial and insurance
- 20 > companies but is best known for his work as the lead Democratic lobbyist for the Financial
- 21 > Services Roundtable.
- 22 >
- 23 > Andy Bechtolsheim – VC- Insider campaign backer (He is now under investigation)
- 24 > (accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)
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- 26 > Aneesh Chopra
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- 28 > Austin Lau

- 1 > Bill Daley – White House strong-arm (Forced to resign)(he is now under investigation)
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- 4 > Bill Gurley
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- 6 > Bob Livingston, The Livingston Group. Republican Livingston, a former House
- 7 > Appropriations Committee chairman, is a statesman on K Street.
- 8 > Brian Goncher – Deloitte VC intermediary in the stock market rigging (He is now under
- 9 > investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)
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- 11 > Brobeck Law Firm
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- 14 > Carl Gordon
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- 16 > Chad Hurley
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- 18 > Charles Stenholm, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Bode Matz PC. Stenholm’s decades of
- 19 > experience on the House Committee on Agriculture will be called upon as Congress crafts the next
- 20 > farm bill.
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- 22 > Cheryl Sandberg – Facebook boss, reports to Larry Summers
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- 24 > Chris Jennings, Jennings Policy Strategies. A sage on healthcare reform, Jennings worked
- 25 > on President Clinton’s reform push and later lobbied on Obama’s bill.
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- 1 > Chuck Brain, Capitol Hill Strategies Inc. Once a Clinton White House aide and longtime
- 2 > House Ways and Means Committee staffer, Brain would make any list of the best-known
- 3 > Democratic lobbyists in town.
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- 5 > Civis Analytics – Social manipulation group
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- 8 > Covington & Burling
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- 10 > Dan Tate Jr., Capitol Solutions. Tate delivers stellar client relations while harnessing 10
- 11 > years of upper-level Hill and administration experience.
- 12 >
- 13 > Daniel Boston, Health Policy Source. Boston’s numerous healthcare clients turn to him for
- 14 > the policy expertise he honed as a GOP aide on Capitol Hill.
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- 16 > Dave McClure – VC
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- 18 > David Castagnetti and Alex Vogel, Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti. The bipartisan shop has
- 19 > heavy hitters on both sides of the aisle, thanks to Democrat Castagnetti.
- 20 >
- 21 > David Danielson
- 22 >
- 23 > David Drummond – Lawyer/Lobbyist– Google, bribes expert for DC and EU regions
- 24 > (Under investigation. Quail Road, Woodside, CA home bugged)
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- 26 >
- 27 > David Mott
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- > David Prend

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- > David Sacks
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- > David Sandalow
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- > Debbie Wasserman Schultz
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- > Doyle Bartlett, Eris Group. Bartlett has years of Capitol Hill experience and a busy lobbying practice that is on the front lines for clients including MetLife, Genentech and eBay.
- > Draper - Fisher – VC firm (Campaign funder who received massive windfalls from Russian mining & tech start-up rigging)
- > Elon Musk – CEO – Tesla (He is now under investigation & in multiple lawsuits for fraud) (accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...) (All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation)
- > Emerson Collective
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- > Eric Paley
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- > Eric Schmidt – Owner- Google (He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)
- > Facebook - Privacy abuse, spy-on-the-public, Fake News election rigger, Clinton/DNC scheme financier (Failing, rapidly decreasing users and increasing fake ad stats disclosures)
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- > Fisker - Criminally corrupt crony campaign finance front operation. (Terminated)
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- 1 > Fred Graefe, Law Offices of Frederick H. Graefe. Graefe is a force among Democratic
2 > healthcare lobbyists.
- 3 >
4 > Fusion GPS – Defamation and journalist bribery service
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6 > Gabriel Burt
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8 > Gerald Cassidy and Gregg Hartley, Cassidy & Associates. The trailblazing firm has
9 > regained momentum by diversifying its practice following a staff shake-up late last year.
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11 > Gilman Louie – VC, founder on IN-Q-Tel
- 12 >
13 > Goldman Sachs – Financial packager (Suspected of staging most of the TARP/DOE deals
14 > for personal gain & insider payouts)
- 15 > Google, Inc. – Data harvesting company(Ran media attacks, stock market pump and dump
16 > PR hype and character assassinations)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and
17 > more...) (charged by EU, and most nations, with multiple abuses of the public. Has totally lost the
18 > trust of the public. Revenue loss increasing geometrically.)
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20 > Greylock Capital – Silicon Valley Insider trading operator (Under investigation)
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22 > Heather Podesta, Heather Podesta + Partners. The former congressional aide has built a
23 > solid lobbying practice and helps fundraise for Democrats with her husband, Tony.
- 24 >
25 > In-Q-Tel, Inc. – CIA off-shoot associated with Eric Schmidt, Google, Elon Musk and the
26 > Cartel leaders. Ran “hit-jobs” on Silicon Valley VC adversaries and reporters (Sued, under
27 > investigation, exposed in multiple documentaries, under investigation for Cocaine trafficking.
28 > Removal of charity status demanded)

1 > Ira Ehrenpreis – VC Campaign backer (He is now under investigation)(accused of political
2 > bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...) (All of his personal assets, investments and
3 > portfolio holdings are under investigation)

4 > Ivanpah Solar - Criminally corrupt crony Google campaign finance front operation. (In
5 > failure mode)

6 > J. Steven Hart, Williams & Jensen. Hart is a sought-after GOP fundraiser who has steered
7 > the ship for more than a decade as Williams & Jensen’s chairman and CEO.

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10 > Jack Lew

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12 > Jacque Littlefield – VC, Dead

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14 > James Bronkema – West Coast Money Man for David Rockefeller and Feinstein financier
15 > (Dead)

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17 > Jared Cohen – Google boss and international political manipulator

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19 > Jawed Karim

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22 > Jay Carney – White House press lead (Forced to resign)

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24 > Jeff Berman and David Russell, Bryan Cave. Berman, the former delegate counter for
25 > President Obama’s 2008 campaign, and Russell, a former chief of staff to the late Sen. Ted Stevens
26 > (R-Alaska), are standouts on a capable lobby team.

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- 1 > Joel Johnson, The Glover Park Group. The former aide to Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) helps
- 2 > manage one of the marquee Democratic-leaning firms in town.
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- 4 > Johanna Shelton
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- 6 > John Breaux and Trent Lott, Breaux-Lott Leadership Group. Now merged with Patton
- 7 > Boggs, the two former senators are going strong with a profitable lobbying practice anchored by
- 8 > several blue-chip clients.
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- 10 > John Doerr – Owner – Kleiner Perkins. “Godfather” – Silicon Valley Cartel (He is now
- 11 > under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)(All of
- 12 > his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation)
- 13 >
- 14 > John Lindfors
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- 16 > John Raffaelli, Capitol Counsel. The former Democratic staffer has more than 25 years of
- 17 > expertise in taxation and international trade — two issues at the top of the congressional agenda.
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- 19 > Jonathan Silver – DOE VC (Sent packing/fired/forced to resign)(he is now under
- 20 > investigation. Shamed in media for epic failures)
- 21 >
- 22 > Josh Ackil and Matt Tanielian, Franklin Square Group. With clients including Apple,
- 23 >
- 24 > Google and Intel, the two Democrats are among the elite lobbyists for Silicon Valley in
- 25 > Washington.
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- 27 > Josh Kopelman
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- > Joshua Wright

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- > JP Gan
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- > Julie Domenick, Multiple Strategies LLC. The Democratic lobbyist, who was once targeted
- > by the K Street Project, has flourished by opening her own firm.
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- > Keith Rabois -VC
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- > Ken Duberstein and Marti Thomas, The Duberstein Group. Duberstein was floated as a
- > candidate for Obama’s chief of staff before the president chose Bill Daley, while Thomas is a
- > Democratic vet who worked in the Clinton Treasury Department.
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- > Ken Howery – VC
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- > Kenneth Kies, Federal Policy Group. Kies will be one to watch during the corporate tax
- > reform debate because he was a key aide during the last overhaul of the tax code.
- > Kleiner Perkins – Campaign funding VC who (Received massive windfalls from Russian
- > mining & tech start-up rigging. Sued. Under investigation. All assets being tracked)
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- > Lachlan Seward – Energy Department gatekeeper
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- > Lanny Griffith and Loren Monroe, BGR Group. Though it has added Democrats, Griffith
- > and Monroe’s firm is known for GOP connections and has benefitted from long-standing ties to the
- > new House leadership.
- > Larry O’Brien, OB-C Group. O’Brien is one of the most potent Democratic fundraisers in
- > the country.

- 1 > Larry Page – Google Boss
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- 4 > Larry Summers – VC
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- 6 > Licy Do Canto, The DoCanto Group. The former aide to Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and
- 7 > the late Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) is a highly regarded healthcare lobbyist.
- 8 > Linda Daschle, LHD & Associates. Daschle, a former administrator for the Federal
- 9 > Aviation Administration, remains one of Washington’s top aviation lobbyists.
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- 11 > Linda Tarplin, Tarplin, Downs & Young. Tarplin remained among the elite healthcare
- 12 > lobbyists during the reform debate, and her GOP background makes the 112th Congress a prime
- 13 > time to display her prowess.
- 14 > Lisa Kountoupes, Kountoupes Consulting. The former aide to Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.)
- 15 > has her own lobby shop and contracts with Best Buy, Yahoo and Intel.
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- 17 > Lloyd Craig Blankfein – VC and Sachs boss
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- 20 > Luke Nosek
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- 22 > Marc Andreessen -VC
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- 24 > Marc Lampkin and Jack Quinn, Quinn Gillespie & Associates. Republican Lampkin and
- 25 > Democrat Quinn make for a blockbuster pairing.
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- 27 > Margaret Sullivan – VC, USAID Boss and Tom Steyer bpartner
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- 1 > Mario Rosatti – VC
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- 3 > Mark Isakowitz, Fierce, Isakowitz and Blalock. Isakowitz and his GOP lobby shop scored a
- 4 > coup this year when Apple and Facebook both signed up as clients in a two-week span.
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- 6 > Mark Kadesh, Kadesh & Associates. Kadesh, once chief of staff to Sen. Dianne Feinstein
- 7 > (D-Calif.), has an A-list of California clients and a reputation as a real pro.
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- 9 > Mark Rayder, Alston + Bird. Rayder’s Hill experience in appropriations and healthcare
- 10 > policy makes for a dynamite combination.
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- 12 > Mark Zuckerberg – Facebook Boss
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- 14 > Martin LaGod -VC
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- 16 > Marty Paone, Prime Policy Group. Paone spent decades on Capitol Hill working for Senate
- 17 > Democrats and is part of the leadership team at Prime Policy, one of K Street’s most successful
- 18 > firms.
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- 20 > Mary Meeker – VC
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- 22 > Matt Keelen, The Keelen Group. The Republican lobbyist and campaign guru is a bridge to
- 23 > labor for the GOP.
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- 25 > Matt Rogers – VC and pass-through conduit
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- 27 > Max Levchin -VC
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- 1 > Mckinsey Consulting – The firm you hire to rig white papers and insider hires in
2 > government positions for the Palo Alto Mafia
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4 Megan Smith
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6 > Melissa Schulman, The Bockorny Group. A former aide to Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.),
7 > Schulman has the connections to centrist Democrats that are always prized on K Street.
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9 Michael Eisenberg
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11 Michael Herson, American Defense International. Herson’s Pentagon and White House
12 > experience has been an asset to him as president of the successful defense consulting and lobbying
13 > firm.
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15 Michael Moritz -VC
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17 > Mike Fulton, GolinHarris. Fulton is well versed in the minutiae of the Washington
18 > bureaucracy and is adept at finding federal grants for his clients.
19 > Mike House, Hogan & Lovells. House leads the government relations practice at the firm
20 > and calls the shots on a prized account with Nissan North America.
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22 Mikey Dickerson
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24 > Mitch Feuer and Robert Griner, Rich Feuer Group. The two lobbyists work for first-tier
25 > clients from the financial services world, including Visa and Goldman Sachs.
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27 Morrison and Foerster
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- 1 > Nathan Parker
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- 4 > Neerag Agrawal
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- 6 > Nicholas Guido Denton – Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik homosexual scandal mob boss
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- 8 > Nick Allard, Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., Micah Green, Jonathan Yarowsky and Edward
- 9 > Newberry, Patton Boggs. The firm continues to reign on K Street thanks to its roster of seasoned
- 10 > power brokers.
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- 12 > Nick Giordano, Washington Council Ernst & Young. A former counsel to the Senate
- 13 > Finance Committee, Giordano is one of the best tax lobbyists in town.
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- 15 > Perkins Coie – Campaign conduit law firm
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- 17 > Peter Fenton
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- 19 > Peter Thiel – VC
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- 22 > Rakesh Saxena – Canadian in-house arrest, arms dealer, western political packager
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- 24 > Rahm Emanuel – White House boss
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- 27 > Raj Gupta – VC, arrested
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- > Ray Lane – VC
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- > Reid Hoffman – VC and sex.com partner with Gary Kremen, also match.com
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- > Rhod Shaw, The Alpine Group. Shaw is an astute observer of Congress who has worked on
- > several major pieces of environmental and telecommunications legislation.
- > Rich Gold, Kathryn Lehman and Gerry Sikorski, Holland & Knight. The firm’s flourishing
- > lobbying practice is plugged in to both parties.
- > Rich Tarplin, Tarplin Strategies. Tarplin exemplifies the breed of lobbyist who makes a
- > living by out-working the competition.
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- > Richard Blum – VC and director/husband of Dianne Feinstein
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- > Rick Kessler and Steve Sayle, Dow Lohnes Government Strategies. The former House
- > Energy and Commerce Committee aides — Kessler a Democrat and Sayle a Republican — have
- > built a well-established lobbying practice.
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- > Robert Raben, The Raben Group. Raben, a former aide to Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and
- > Clinton Justice Department official, runs one of the best Democratic-leaning lobby shops in town
- > with clients in the corporate and nonprofit world.
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- > Robert Van Heuvelen, VH Strategies. Van Heuvelen shrewdly surrounds himself with the
- > best; he recently hired Stephen Ward, formerly chief of staff to Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.), to
- > help keep his firm among the elite.
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- > Rodger Currie, Foley Hoag LLP. A former lobbyist for PhRMA, Currie now works for
- > several clients at Foley Hoag in the healthcare, medical and biotechnology fields.

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- > Roelof Botha
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- > Russel Simmons
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- > Sam Geduldig, Clark Lytle Geduldig & Cranford. The former House Republican leadership aide has seen a business boom at his firm since the GOP takeover of the lower chamber.
- > Sander Lurie and Todd Weiss, SNR Denton. Lurie, a former chief of staff to Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), and Weiss, who has worked for former Sens. Tim Hutchinson (R-Texas) and Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), make for a strong one-two punch.
- > Sandi Stuart and Vin Weber, Clark & Weinstock. Stuart's executive experience under President Clinton and Weber's past as a GOP congressman from Minnesota have lured a diverse clientele to the firm.
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- > Sanjay Wagle – VC
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- > Scott Segal, Bracewell & Giuliani. Segal is a respected advocate for several electric utilities and energy companies and played a big part in the industry response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.
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- > Scott Shleiffer
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- > Sergy Brin – Google boss
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- > Slade Gorton and Emanuel Rouvelas, K&L Gates. Gorton, an ex-GOP senator from Washington, and Democrat Rouvelas are just a few of the big names at the prominent law and lobby firm.

- 1 > Solyndra Solar Company – FBI raided corrupt Clean Tech company
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- 3 > SpaceX – Elon Musk company that Obama gave part of NASA to in exchange for campaign
- 4 > conduits
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- 6 > Steve Chen
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- 8 > Steve Elmendorf and Jimmy Ryan, Elmendorf | Ryan. A former aide to ex-House
- 9 > Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt (Mo.), Elmendorf brought in Ryan to help expand the Senate
- 10 > ties of his thriving firm.
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- 12 > Steve Jurvetson – VC embroiled in sex abuse charges
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- 14 > Steve McBee, McBee Strategic. A former aide to Rep. Norm Dicks (D-Wash.), McBee has
- 15 > seen his lobby firm take off.
- 16 > Steve Perry and Andy Wright, Dutko Grayling. Perry and Wright man the roster for one of
- 17 > the top 20 lobby shops in Washington.
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- 19 > Steve Spinner – VC
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- 22 > Steve Westly – VC
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- 24 > Stu Van Scoyoc, Van Scoyoc Associates. The man who founded a top-earning lobby firm
- 25 > specializing on taxation and appropriations will have plenty of work in the months ahead.
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- 27 > Ted Schlein
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- > Tesla Motors – Car Company that conduits money to campaigns
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- > The Groundwork– Social manipulation group
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- > Thomas Jolly, Jolly/Rissler. Jolly is founding chairman of the Washington Caucus, a group
- > that hosts dinners with lawmakers, and a mainstay among Democratic lobbyists.
- > Thomas Quinn, Venable. Quinn’s ebullient personality is complemented by deep
- > knowledge of the financial sector that dates back to his time as general counsel to the Comptroller
- > of the Currency.
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- > Tim Draper – VC
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- > Todd Park – IT manipulator inside White House
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- > Tom O’Donnell, Gephardt Government Affairs Group. O’Donnell and his former Capitol
- > Hill boss, ex-House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt (Mo.), have done well since joining
- > forces.
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- > Tom Perkins – Dead KPCB Palo Alto Mafia founder
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- > Tom Sheridan, The Sheridan Group. Sheridan uses his social services and public policy
- > experience to bolster causes that don’t fit the typical K Street mold.
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- > Tom Steyer – VC
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- > Tomorrow Ventures – Social manipulation group
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- > Tony Podesta, Podesta Group. The prolific Democratic fundraiser has seen his firm rocket
- > to the echelons of the top five lobby shops.
- > Tracy Spicer, Avenue Solutions. Spicer mastered policy working for the late Sen. Edward
- > Kennedy (D-Mass.) and is a trusted adviser for a number of leading health insurers.
- > Victor Fazio, Joel Jankowsky, Scott Parven and Bill Paxon, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer &
- > Feld. Fazio, Jankowsky, Parven and Paxon are among the lobbyists who keep Akiwn Gump
- > humming along as one of the top earners on K Street.
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- > Viktor Vekselberg – Russian business entity
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- > Vinod Khosla -VC
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- > Wayne Berman, Drew Maloney and Moses Mercado, Ogilvy Government Relations.
- > Ogilvy’s commanding K Street presence reflects the firm’s deep ties to leaders in both parties.
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- > Wilson Sonsini Partner Club
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- > Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosatti
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- > XXXX ...Plus additional persons to be named...

Demand For Action

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2 **THE FILES PROVIDED (AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER DIGITAL**
3 **REPOSITORIES AROUND THE GLOBE) HOLD PROOF OF THESE ASSERTIONS OF**
4 **CRIMINAL AND ILLICIT CORRUPTION ACTIVITIES OPERATED BY WHITE HOUSE**
5 **AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EXECUTIVES!**
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8 **WE DEMAND A SPECIAL COUNSEL DEDICATED TO INVESTIGATING, AND**
9 **NOT COVERING UP, THIS CASE!**

10 **WE DEMAND THAT ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES INVOLVED BE FIRED!**

11 **WE DEMAND THAT THE PUBLIC AND THE VICTIMS RECEIVE DAMAGES**
12 **RECOVERY!**

13 **WE DEMAND THAT THE WHISTLE-BLOWERS RECEIVE PROTECTION AND**
14 **ARE ALLOWED TO SPEAK BEFORE CONGRESS!**
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2 **DOE corruption—appointed and elected officials should face**
3 **prison time**
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5 By [Marita Noon](#)

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7 An exhaustive review of [350+ pages of leaked emails](#) regarding the Obama administration’s
8 handling of the various green-energy loan and grant programs makes several things very clear: they
9 [lied](#), engaged in favoritism, and rushed application approvals to suit the political agenda of the
10 White House. At the same time, worthy projects that went through a complete due diligence process
11 were denied or ultimately withdrawn, as the lengthy approval process “taxed investors’ patience”—
12 as was the case with Aptera Motors, which worked closely with the DOE for two years.
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14 Paul Wilbur, President and CEO at Aptera, didn’t think they were treated unfairly. He told
15 me, “At the end of the day, we couldn’t get through the process.” But, he admits, he hasn’t read the
16 emails.
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18 Aptera was trying to build a very efficient electric vehicle with an under \$30K price point.
19 Wilbur met with Secretary Chu who could see the value in the technology. But our research shows
20 that value was not the deciding factor in which projects got funded and which ones didn’t. Wilbur
21 reports that he didn’t donate to any candidate. He wanted to keep the whole process clean and do
22 what was “good for America.”
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24 [The report](#) from the House Oversight Committee says Aptera first applied for an ATVM
25 loan in December of 2008 and “shut down on December 2, 2011.” The report implies that Aptera
26 was led on: “After numerous negotiations with DOE, in September 2011, Aptera received a
27 conditional loan commitment of \$150 million if the company was able to raise \$80 million
28 privately.” And: “The loans given to Fisker and Tesla gave Aptera hope that DOE would eventually

1 act on their application. More importantly, since the DOE continued to engage with the company
2 throughout the time period, management was convinced that DOE was interested and willing to
3 provide financing for the company.”

4 Aptera’s 100% US technology has since been sold to a Chinese company.

5 Aptera was applying for an Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan (ATVM).
6 Only five loans were given out through the program and all have political ramifications. Christine
7 Lakatos, who has worked with me on the green-energy, crony-corruption reports I’ve written, has
8 done thorough research on the topic. She has read each and every one of the 350+ pages of emails
9 released on October 31 and has written a [blog post](#) specifically addressing the ATVM program and
10 its hijinks. As she cites, Fisker and Tesla (which Romney referenced in the first debate), got loans in
11 2010 and then the Vehicle Production Group’s loan was the only ATVM loan closed in 2011; all
12 have ties to Obama bundlers. The other two ATVM loans went to Ford and Nissan—both of which,
13 according to the House [report](#), “were heavily engaged in negotiations with the Administration over
14 fuel economy standards for model years 2012-2016 at the time the DOE was considering their
15 applications. Both companies eventually expressed publicly their support for these standards, which
16 the Administration described as the ‘Historic Agreement.’”

17 Armed with the sweeping knowledge of the House reports and subsequent hearings,
18 evidence from DOE staffers (many of whom were appointed by Obama), Lakatos’ research, and
19 personal experience, a different ATVM applicant has now taken its case to court citing “corruption
20 and negligence.”

21 On November 16, 2012, [XP Technologies](#) filed a lawsuit against the federal government
22 concerning the DOE’s denial of XP Technology’s loan guarantee application. The [complaint](#)
23 alleges: “criminal activities did take place by DOE staff and affiliates.” A November 23 [press](#)
24 [release](#) announces that XP Technologies is now represented by [Cause of Action](#), “a nonprofit,
25 nonpartisan organization that uses investigative, legal, and communication tools to educate the
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1 public on how government accountability and transparency protects taxpayer interests and
2 economic activity.”

3 According to the document filed on November 16, “Plaintiffs' backgrounds include
4 extensive issued patents on seminal technologies in use world-wide, White House and
5 Congressional commendations and an engineering team of highly experienced auto-makers.
6 Plaintiff brought a vehicle design, which was proposed as the longest range, safest, lowest cost
7 electric vehicle, to be built in America in order to deliver extensive American jobs nationwide. No
8 other applicant, or award ‘winner’, has succeeded in meeting, or (is) intending to meet, that
9 milestone. XP Technology developed a patented lightweight, low-cost, long-range, electric vehicle
10 using air-expanded foam-skinned material for a portion of the polymer body and received numerous
11 patents, acclaim and superior computer modeling metrics over any competing solution. XP
12 presented a vast set of letters of support to DOE from pending customers. Major auto-industry
13 facilities and engineers had joined forces to bring the vehicle to the defense, commercial and
14 consumer market.”

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17 Over the weekend, we had an exclusive interview, on condition of anonymity, with a senior
18 official at XP Technologies about the lawsuit and the experience.

19 He reported: “Staff from within the DOE have provided evidence which is quite
20 compelling.” As Aptera's Wilbur made clear, the individuals within the DOE were very thorough.
21 One of the emails, in the 350+ pages, was from Secretary Chu himself in which he criticized staffers
22 for taking a “principled stand,” which held up the approval process of projects the White House
23 wanted advanced. Another indicated that the pressure to rush was coming from “above the agency.”
24 Overall, the emails show that projects were rushed so that announcements could coincide with
25 visits, speeches, and photo ops—as well as providing talking points for the president.
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27 Our XP source told us “We experienced, and have been provided evidence of, applicant
28 submissions and reviews being modified in order to benefit some and disadvantage others, and the

1 business connections between the different parties associated with the ones that benefited is quite
2 extraordinary.” The leaked emails support this accusation, specifically regarding the “business
3 connections.” In her post, Lakatos calls it “green fraternizing.” The emails show that certain
4 applicants and decision makers went bike riding together, had coffee meetings, sleepovers, beer
5 summits, parties, dinners, and fundraisers.

6 While he didn’t provide us with a name, the XP official said, “We experienced a senior
7 senator blockading our efforts and then providing favors to a competitor, which then benefited his
8 family financially.” The discovery the lawsuit will provide will expose the “senior senator,” but our
9 previous research shows that [Senator Harry Reid](#)’s actions seem to fit the XP official’s comment.
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11 XP Technologies believes that “DOE officials changed the first-come-first-served published
12 rules and standards of the funding in order to take applicants in order of who they favored and who
13 had purchased the most influence instead of the order in which they applied, as required.”

14 Having extensively studied the DOE’s various loan programs, including the ATVM, Lakatos
15 and I agree with our source’s startling conclusion: “Based on the evidence provided by
16 investigators, and experienced directly by our team, it is hard to imagine that at least one or more
17 elected, or?appointed, officials might not be seeing measures ranging from censure or even federal
18 prison time.”
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20 Time, the lawsuit, and subsequent investigation will tell.

21 While the House Oversight Committee has been digging deeply into the mismanagement
22 and corruption of the green energy loans, the media has paid little attention. Other than [our report](#),
23 the October 31 release of the emails cited here received virtually no news reporting. Even the Fox
24 News Channel ignored the story. The plight of promising companies like Aptera and XP
25 Technologies would have gone unnoticed if not for the lawsuit. The legal complaint attracted
26 attention.
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28 On November 16, the [Heritage Foundation](#) broke the XP story: “A lawsuit filed in federal

1 court on Wednesday alleges mass favoritism in the Department of Energy’s decisions to award
2 federal grants to major car companies to develop electric vehicles, according to a legal complaint
3 obtained by Scribe.”

4 On November 19, Lakatos, whose work is listed as “evidence” in the legal complaint,
5 received a call from Fox News’ Gary Gastelu—who [reported on the story](#) on November 20. The
6 next day, Fox News covered the lawsuit on America’s Newsroom. Even the Drudge Report picked
7 up on the story.

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9 XP has a [litigation website](#) on which the company states: “The case has nothing to do with
10 complaining about not getting the loans. It has everything to do with HOW the applicants didn't get
11 the loans!” They are communicating with other applicants about participating in the lawsuit.

12 The XP story and subsequent media coverage offers a lesson for others—especially
13 industries who have been wronged by the Obama Administration’s practices (such as energy). The
14 lawsuit may—or may not—send officials to federal prison, as our XP source suggests, but it could
15 go a long way to winning in the court of public opinion.
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18 **IN ADDITION TO OUR EYE-WITNESS, FIRST-HAND, VIEWING OF THESE**
19 **CRIMES THESE SMALL SAMPLES OF THE BROADCAST NEWS REPORTS,**
20 **CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS, FBI CASE EVIDENCE AND AGENCY REPORTS PROVE**
21 **EVERY ASSERTION WE HAVE MADE:**

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14 February 28, 2012

15 Secretary Steven Chu
16 U.S. Department of Energy
17 Washington, D.C.

18 Dear Secretary Chu,

19 Today Bright Automotive, Inc will withdraw its application for a loan under the ATVM program
20 administered by your department. Bright has not been explicitly rejected by the DOE; rather,
21 we have been forced to say "uncle". As a result, we are winding down our operations.

22 Last week we received the fourth "near final" Conditional Commitment Letter since September
23 2010. Each new letter arrived with more onerous terms than the last. The first three were
24 workable for us, but the last was so outlandish that most rational and objective persons would
25 likely conclude that your team was negotiating in bad faith. We hope that as their Secretary,
26 this was not at your urging.

27 The actions – or better said "lack of action" -- by your team means hundreds of great
28 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
– 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

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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 – 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 plug-in 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 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.

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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
CEO

Mike Donoughe
COO

1 Over the past two decades, corruption has emerged as a significant area of engagement as part of
2 overall efforts to promote “good governance”. From a citizen perspective, the fight against
3 corruption is also driven by normative considerations as well as a perceived need to show domestic
4 audiences they are taking a tough stand on corruption.

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6 A central message emerging from ongoing anticorruption work is that not all types of corruption are
7 the same, and that multiple, differing responses are needed based on the context, stakeholders and
8 specific nature of corrupt behaviours. The evidence analysed as part of this case looks at several
9 different kinds of interventions, including public financial management, supreme audit institutions,
10 direct anti-corruption interventions and social accountability initiatives, none of which the
11 Department of Energy or the U.S. Government have launched with any sincerity. Window-dressing
12 PR that accomplishes nothing but shutting up the citizens is pointless.

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14 Per Hilary Kao, of the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review, In the year
15 following the Fukushima nuclear disaster in March 2011, the renewable and clean energy industries
16 faced significant turmoil— from natural disasters, to political maelstroms, from the Great
17 Recession, to U.S. debt ceiling debates. The Department of Energy’s Loan Guarantee Program
18 (“DOE LGP”), often a target since before it ever received a dollar of appropriations, has been both
19 blamed and defended in the wake of the bankruptcy filing of Solyndra, a California-based solar
20 panel manufacturer, in September 2011, because of the \$535 million loan guarantee made to it by
21 the Department of Energy (“DOE”) in 2009. Critics have suggested political favoritism in loan
22 guarantee awards and have questioned the government’s proper role in supporting renewable energy
23 companies and the renewable energy industry generally. In looking beyond the Solyndra
24 controversy to examine the origin, structure and purpose of the DOE LGP. It asserts that loan
25 guarantees can serve as viable policy tools, but require careful crafting to have the potential to be
26 effective programs. The third-party studies conclude that the DOE LGP did not have consistent or
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1 achievable legislative directives nor did it have a reasonable timetable to implement its Loan
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19 This risk profile, however, reflects the DOE’s failure to meet its statutory goals, because the
20 DOE had competing and contradictory Congressional directives, dooming the Loan Guarantee
21 Program’s ability to succeed. First, her Article examines the ambiguous language commonly used to
22 describe renewable energy, green energy, clean energy and industries associated with these terms. It
23 then defines two terms: the Renewable Energy Industry (“REI”) and the Renewable Energy
24 Electrical Generation Industry (“REEGI”). Second, the Article examines the state of the market for
25 REEGI and various challenges that face this industry. Third, the Article describes the origin and
26 structure of the DOE LGP and initial assessments of this program prior to the Solyndra
27 scandal. The Article analyzes the DOE LGP and asserts that the program’s contradictory legislative
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1 guidance, by the U.S. Government, limited the effectiveness of the program, ensuring the program
2 would face criticism from all sides no matter which projects it supported. The Article also examines
3 the common arguments made against the DOE LGP specifically, and government loan guarantees
4 generally. Finally, the Article concludes that loan guarantees can be viable policy tools, but their
5 effectiveness depends on both the coherence of legislative authority and implementation. In the case
6 of the DOE LGP, competing legislative purposes, stock market bribes and lack of specificity
7 hampered the program's effectiveness. [Michael Dahlen](#) testifies that, In "[The Assault on](#)
8 [Corporations](#)" (*TOS*, Fall 2020), he showed that the economic power of a corporation is
9 fundamentally different from the political power of government. Whereas economic power is the
10 ability to produce and trade, political power is the legal authority to use physical force against
11 people. Government acts legitimately when it uses force to protect people from criminals and
12 hostile nations. But it often acts illegitimately, using force to violate people's rights. A corporation
13 can have vast economic power, but unlike government, it has no legal authority to force anyone to
14 do anything. Despite this, people often conflate economic power with political power, incorrectly
15 ascribing political power to corporations.
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18 Although corporations lack direct political power, some critics retort, this misses the point.
19 They use their economic power to unduly influence government. Corporations thus wield political
20 power, the argument goes, because they gain control over those who have it. "These massive
21 concentrations of economic power," says former secretary of labor Robert Reich, "generate political
22 clout that's easily abused."¹ Liz Kennedy from the Center for American Progress says, "America
23 faces a crisis of corporate capture of democratic government, where the economic power of
24 corporations has been translated into political power with disastrous effects for people's lives."² Or
25 as Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Noam Chomsky puts it, "The corporations set
26 the conditions within which the government operates, and control it to a large extent."³ This control
27 encompasses both parties. "The corporate political machines," journalist Chris Hedges writes,
28 "control the Republicans and Democrats."⁴

1 How do they suppose this happens? Pointing to the Constitution, Senator Sheldon
2 Whitehouse asserts that the founding fathers made a tragic mistake. “They overlooked one threat.
3 They overlooked the corporation,” he says; “The Founding Fathers saw no specific threat to our
4 government from corporate entities, so they built no specific defenses to protect against them.”⁵
5 Because of this oversight, as author Robert Monks puts it, “Corporations have effectively captured
6 the United States: its judiciary, its political system, and its national wealth.”⁶

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8 Reportedly, corporations have pulled this off through lobbying and campaign spending. As
9 George Monbiot (*The Guardian*) says, “The forces that threaten to destroy our wellbeing are also
10 the same everywhere: primarily the lobbying power of big business and big money.”⁷ According to
11 Professors Benjamin Page (Northwestern) and Martin Gilens (University of California at Los
12 Angeles), “Too much damage is being done to democracy by the flood of private money in our
13 politics.”⁸ Senator Whitehouse agrees: “Giant corporations and their minions exert power over our
14 democracy—flooding our elections with cash intended to buy results.”⁹

15 The results that corporations buy include tariffs, subsidies, deregulation, and tax cuts. Some
16 call this bribery; some call it corruption; some call it cronyism.

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18 This undue corporate influence, many argue, stifles the government’s ability to get
19 important things done, thwarting the will of the public. Billionaire and Democrat presidential
20 primary candidate Tom Steyer says, “The corporations own the government, and the government
21 serves them and not the people of the United States.”¹⁰ Or as authors Wendell Potter and Nick
22 Penniman write, “It is difficult to imagine how we can make meaningful progress as long as so
23 many of our lawmakers and regulators are in the deep pockets of a few big companies.”¹¹

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25 If the government answers to corporations, not voters, then our system is a sham. Rather
26 than a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, we have, as New York
27 University Professors Ralph Gomory and Richard Sylla put it, “a government of the corporations,
28 by the corporations, and for the corporations.”¹² On this belief, many citizens have lost trust in the
system. A 2010 survey of young adults revealed that the top reason they planned not to vote was

1 “because no matter who wins, corporate interests will still have too much power and prevent real
2 change.”¹³ According to Senator Elizabeth Warren, “People feel like the system is rigged against
3 them, and . . . they’re right. The system is rigged.”¹⁴

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5 The solution to this rigged system, many say, is obvious: The government, author David
6 Korten writes, must “limit the power and freedom of powerful corporations in order to restore
7 democracy.”¹⁵ Political activist Ralph Nader says we must “subordinate raw corporate power to the
8 will of the people.”¹⁶ And echoing a widespread sentiment, Senator Bernie Sanders says we must
9 “get corporate money out of politics.”¹⁷

10 By shackling corporations and unrigging the system, we are told, our democracy will work
11 properly again, enacting good policies in the public interest. As Page and Gilens write, “We believe
12 that majority rule . . . tends to produce public policies that benefit the largest number of people and
13 promote the common good.”¹⁸

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15 The above narrative contains snippets of truth. However, lacking relevant context, it grossly
16 misconstrues how the politico-economic system works. As most people on both the left and the
17 right agree, our system *is* dysfunctional. But are corporations to blame for this dysfunction? And is
18 more democracy the answer?

19 **Lobbying and Campaign Spending**

20 Many corporations *do* lobby; that is, they petition the government in order to influence
21 public policy. Besides contracting outside firms to lobby for them, some corporations have a
22 government affairs department, employing in-house lobbyists. Corporations also lobby through
23 trade and industry associations, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association
24 of Realtors, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

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26 Politicians and their staffers rely heavily on lobbyists to provide information, present policy
27 research, and help draft legislation.¹⁹ Lobbyists also help politicians raise money for their
28 campaigns. Besides contributing themselves, lobbyists hold political fund-raisers, soliciting money

1 from their corporate clients.

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3 Corporate lobbyists target politicians on regulatory committees that oversee their industries.
4 These committees write and approve bills before Congress votes on them, and lobbyists influence
5 what gets included or excluded from them. Not coincidentally, those on high-profile committees—
6 such as the Financial Services Committee, the Energy and Commerce Committee, and the
7 Agriculture Committee—get the most campaign contributions from the industries they oversee.
8 They also get far more contributions than others in Congress. But those on the Ways and Means
9 Committee—responsible for writing tax laws—get the *most*.²⁰

10 Although the Tillman Act of 1907 banned corporations from providing funding directly to
11 political candidates, many big corporations have political action committees (PACs) in which they
12 raise money to contribute. They also spend money independently on political ads.²¹ Corporations,
13 however, are not alone in lobbying and political spending. From labor unions to the National Rifle
14 Association, to the National Education Association, to the American Association of Retired
15 Persons, myriad special interest groups also try to influence elections and public policy. Combined,
16 corporations, PACs, and special interests devote billions of dollars annually to politics. In 2019,
17 they spent \$3.47 billion on lobbying and \$5.72 billion on political campaigns.²²

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19 It wasn't always like this. Before the 1970s, lobbying and campaign spending were meager
20 compared to today. Few corporations had lobbyists, and fewer had Washington offices. Some trade
21 associations lobbied, but their efforts were sporadic; their methods, unsophisticated; their influence,
22 small.²³ In 1971, Lewis Powell, before becoming a Supreme Court justice, wrote what was later
23 called the Powell Memo. "As every business executive knows," the memo reads, "few elements of
24 American society today have as little influence in government as the American businessman [and]
25 the corporation. If one doubts this, let him undertake the role of 'lobbyist' for the business point of
26 view before Congressional committees."²⁴

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28 This changed rapidly. Corporations started to mobilize politically, opening Washington
offices while creating more industry associations. Several top CEOs formed the Business

1 Roundtable in 1972 for the purpose of lobbying. Meanwhile, from 1974 to 1980, membership in the
2 Chamber of Commerce doubled.²⁵ From 1971 to 1982, firms with registered lobbyists exploded
3 from 175 to 2,445. Corporate PACs also grew, from 89 in 1974 to more than 1,200 in 1980.²⁶ And
4 the total number of PACs (including noncorporate ones) rose from fewer than 1,000 in 1974 to
5 nearly 4,600 in 1985.²⁷ With them came more campaign spending. From 1974 to 1982, spending by
6 all congressional candidates increased from \$77 million to \$343 million.²⁸

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8 A 1979 poll revealed that 90 percent of corporate executives said their firm’s “concern with
9 and involvement in federal government relations” had risen in the past three years, and for a
10 majority, this concern was “extremely strong.”²⁹ The question is: Since the 1970s, why have
11 lobbying and campaign spending grown so dramatically?

12 Observe that in the 1960s and 1970s, the entitlement state and the regulatory state also grew
13 dramatically. President Lyndon B. Johnson’s “Great Society” created many wealth redistribution
14 programs, from Medicare to Medicaid, to food stamps, to subsidies for higher education. It also
15 enlarged other programs, including Social Security. Moreover, by signing the Tax Reform Act of
16 1969, President Richard Nixon raised taxes on business. He also expanded the power of the Federal
17 Trade Commission while creating several new regulatory agencies, including the Occupational
18 Safety and Health Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Consumer
19 Product Safety Commission. Adjusted for inflation, federal entitlement spending from 1960 to 1980
20 grew nearly sixfold, from \$112 billion to \$657 billion.³⁰ And the *Code of Federal Regulations* grew
21 nearly fivefold, from 22,877 to 102,195 pages.³¹

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23 *The vast growth of the regulatory-entitlement state led to the vast growth of lobbying and*
24 *campaign spending.*³² Why? The more government intervenes in the economy—restricting the
25 freedom of corporations, mandating what they must and must not do, imposing onerous compliance
26 costs—the more incentive corporations have to influence *how* it intervenes. A government that
27 heavily redistributes wealth, moreover, favoring some at the expense of others, foments an interest-
28 group society: Privileged groups will lobby to protect their loot, some victims will lobby to become

1 a privileged group, and other victims will lobby to protect their rights. As the great French political
2 economist Frédéric Bastiat wrote in 1850, when law is “diverted from its true purpose—that it may
3 violate property instead of protecting it—then everyone will want to participate in making the law,
4 either to protect himself against plunder or to use it for plunder.”³³

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6 The burst of corporate lobbying in the 1970s was in *self-defense*, as corporations tried to
7 protect themselves against Johnson’s and Nixon’s interventionist onslaught. The CEOs who created
8 the Business Roundtable believed business should play a “role in the formation of public policy” in
9 order to reduce “unwarranted intrusion by government into business affairs.”³⁴

10 Although corporate lobbying efforts slowed such intrusion in the 1980s, a potentially
11 enormous threat arose in 1993 with President Bill and First Lady Hillary Clintons’ universal health-
12 care plan. Among other things, it would have imposed price controls, forced employers to provide
13 health insurance, and mandated what benefits insurance plans could offer. In response, the health-
14 care industry upped its lobbying, which helped defeat the plan. From 1992 to 1994, the number of
15 health-care firms engaged in lobbying nearly doubled.³⁵ Campaign contributions followed suit. “As
16 Congress prepares to debate drastic changes in the nation’s health care system,” the *New York*
17 *Times* reported, “its members are receiving vast campaign contributions from the medical industry,
18 an amount apparently unprecedented for a non-election year. . . . It is apparent that the early winners
19 are members of Congress.”³⁶

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21 Another, more recent intrusion is President Donald Trump’s “trade war,” which is harming
22 not only businesses that import consumer goods, but also those that import components and raw
23 materials. This has led many such businesses to hire lobbyists to help them get tariff exemptions. As
24 *Politico* reports, “Trump’s trade wars have turned lobbying on tariff exemptions into a big business.
25 . . . More than two dozen mostly small- and mid-sized companies have hired a Washington lobbyist
26 for the first time.”³⁷

27 The top reason corporations lobby, according to a survey of lobbyists, is the “need to protect
28 against changes in government policy (or other government actions) that could be harmful.”³⁸ The

1 evidence shows that most corporations *start* lobbying for defensive reasons. Yet for some
2 corporations, resisting government encroachment is not the only reason they *continue* lobbying.

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4 Historically, most businessmen wanted government to stay out of their way. But in recent
5 decades, the attitudes of some have changed. As one lobbyist describes it, “It’s gone from ‘leave us
6 alone’ to ‘let’s work on this together.’”³⁹ Lobbyists have helped engender this shift because they
7 have vested interests in persuading their corporate clients to sign up for more lobbying.⁴⁰ Like most
8 services, lobbying comes in degrees, ranging from a narrow focus on one issue to a comprehensive,
9 multipronged strategy encompassing many issues.

10 The most politically active corporations don’t always know everything their outside
11 lobbyists are doing, as most executives focus on their businesses while leaving political affairs to
12 specialists.⁴¹ As Senator Whitehouse points out, “CEOs may be wildly ignorant of their own
13 lobbying operation . . . [leading to] one set of policies in the executive suites, but a completely
14 different push from their lobbying muscle in Congress.”⁴²

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16 As corporations become more politically engaged, the strategies of some—often at the
17 behest of their lobbyists—shift from defense to *offense*.

18 **Cronyism**

19 The pharmaceutical industry presents an example of lobbying that shifted from defense to
20 offense. Whereas the industry’s trade group, PhRMA, lobbied against the Clinton health-care plan,
21 it lobbied *for*—and helped draft—the Medicare Modernization Act (MMA, 2003).⁴³ The MMA
22 added a prescription drug subsidy (Part D), the biggest expansion of Medicare in history. As the
23 government became a main buyer of prescription drugs, pharmaceutical sales soared. Medicare Part
24 D now costs almost \$100 billion annually.⁴⁴

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26 Congressman Billy Tauzin, receiving substantial campaign contributions from the health-
27 care industry, shepherded the MMA through the House.⁴⁵ After leaving Congress in 2005, he
28 became president of PhRMA, which then lobbied heavily for the Affordable Care Act (ACA, 2010).

1 President Barack Obama wanted measures to contain costs on Medicare Part D, but PhRMA
2 opposed them. Obama agreed to limit these measures, and in exchange, PhRMA ran a \$150 million
3 ad campaign supporting the bill.⁴⁶ But PhRMA wasn't the only group to lobby. More than fourteen
4 hundred organizations also lobbied on the ACA.⁴⁷

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6 PhRMA's offensive lobbying strategy—pursuing special favors, corporate welfare, and
7 rights-violating regulations—is an instance of *cronyism*, the practice of lobbying for policies in
8 which government wields force to help a company or harm its competitors. Defensive lobbying, by
9 contrast—legitimately lobbying to avoid unjust penalties—is *not* cronyism. But as we will see, the
10 line between defensive lobbying and offensive lobbying is often unclear.

11 Because wealth redistribution and government intervention are rife, so is cronyism. The
12 government favors some corporations with tariffs (e.g., steel), subsidies (agriculture), bailouts
13 (banks), loan guarantees (alternative energy), and monopoly franchises (public utilities)—to name a
14 few. A government that dispenses such favors will inevitably attract favor-seeking corporations.

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16 Of course, corporations and politicians never admit that cronyism is their motive for
17 supporting such policies. Instead, they often rationalize these policies by offering specious
18 economic arguments. Consider the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) “bailout” of big banks.
19 When the financial crisis unfolded in the fall of 2008, politicians argued that banks were “too big to
20 fail,” so government must bail them out to prevent “contagion.” Yet there is no evidence to support
21 this view—and ample evidence to show that the government's capricious, haphazard response
22 worsened the crisis.⁴⁸ By bailing out Bear Stearns, then Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the
23 government created the expectation that it wouldn't let any large financial institutions fail.
24 Inexplicably, it then let Lehman Brothers fail. Markets panicked from the government's
25 inconsistency, plummeting further *after* it enacted TARP. Despite this, no firms defaulted
26 specifically because Lehman did; its bankruptcy caused no adverse ripple effects or cascading
27 failures. And the company was unwound in a smooth, orderly manner, as its businesses were sold
28 off quickly to other firms.⁴⁹

1 Whereas some politicians supported TARP because they feared the crisis would be worse
2 without it, others supported it because of their ties to the financial industry. Is it a coincidence that
3 the architect of TARP, Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson, was the former CEO of Goldman Sachs?
4 ⁵⁰ Maybe. But shortly before the bailout, Senator Charles Schumer summoned several financial
5 executives for a Democrat fundraiser. He told them that TARP would be a hard sell in Congress, yet
6 they could count on his party. Over the next week, those executives sent \$135,000 in campaign
7 contributions.⁵¹ According to one study, the more contributions politicians got from the financial
8 industry, the more likely they were to vote for TARP.⁵² Another analysis showed that “politically
9 engaged firms were not only more likely to receive TARP support, but they also received a greater
10 amount of TARP support and received the support earlier than firms that were not politically
11 involved.”⁵³

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13 The TARP bailout reeked of cronyism. Perhaps the most notorious crony corporation,
14 however, is not in banking but in agriculture: Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM). For decades, former
15 CEO Dwayne Andreas had close ties to politicians and contributed millions of dollars to their
16 campaigns.⁵⁴ Close to half of ADM’s business involves producing ethanol and high-fructose corn
17 syrup (both derived from corn). These two products wouldn’t be economically feasible without
18 heavy government intervention—which ADM lobbied for. Although ethanol is a substitute for
19 gasoline, in a free market, no one would use ethanol as it costs much more and is a lower-quality
20 fuel than gasoline. But thanks to a combination of tariffs, subsidies, mandates, and tax incentives,
21 the government has artificially created a market for one of ADM’s main products.⁵⁵

22 High-fructose corn syrup, a substitute for sugar, has a similar story. The price of sugar in the
23 United States is two to three times higher than the average price in other nations because of tariffs,
24 price supports, subsidized loans, and import restrictions, all lobbied for by the sugar industry.⁵⁶ But
25 one company producing no sugar also supports these policies: ADM. Why? The artificially high
26 price of sugar has artificially increased demand for high-fructose corn syrup. Many food and
27 beverage companies that would prefer sugar instead use high-fructose corn syrup because it costs
28 less. While lining the pockets of ADM, the government’s sugar and ethanol policies cost consumers

1 and taxpayers billions of dollars annually.⁵⁷

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3 Besides lobbying for tariffs or subsidies, some corporations lobby for more *regulation*. Yet
4 pundits often tell us that corporations reflexively oppose regulations, fighting ruthlessly against
5 them. “When corporations lobby government,” law Professor Joel Bakan says, “their usual goal is
6 to avoid regulation.”⁵⁸ This is true for many corporations but not all. H&R Block lobbied for new
7 IRS requirements on professional tax preparers.⁵⁹ Mattel and Hasbro lobbied for strict regulations
8 on toy safety.⁶⁰ Sylvania and General Electric lobbied for higher efficiency standards on
9 lightbulbs.⁶¹ Kellogg and the Grocery Manufacturers of America lobbied for more stringent food
10 safety regulations.⁶² “I believe we need a more active role for governments and regulators,”
11 Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg says; “From what I’ve learned, I believe we need new
12 regulation.”⁶³

13 Regulations raise the cost of doing business. So why would a corporation support them?
14 Some think regulation will give them a government stamp of approval, creating greater trust among
15 consumers and investors. Other corporations, if they know regulation is coming anyway, would
16 rather deal with one set of federal regulations than fifty sets of state regulations. Crony corporations,
17 however, support regulation for a different reason: It creates *barriers to entry*, insulating industry
18 incumbents from new competition. During the Reagan administration, Robert Monks and Nell
19 Minow worked on a Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief. To their surprise, they “found
20 that business representatives continually sought more rather than less regulation, particularly when
21 it would . . . protect them from competition.”⁶⁴

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23 Some regulations purposely stifle competition, and even those that don’t nonetheless have
24 the same effect. *The Code of Federal Regulations* is now more than 185,000 pages long. Though
25 small businesses are exempt from some regulations, other regulations impose onerous burdens on
26 them. Fred Deluca, founder of Subway, says, “If I started Subway today, Subway would not exist.”
27 The environment for entrepreneurs, he continues, has “gotten worse because there are more and
28 more regulations. It’s tough for people to get into business, especially a small business.”⁶⁵ Peter

1 Schiff, founder of Euro Pacific Capital, agrees: “My small brokerage firm now has a rather sizable
2 compliance department. Had all the rules and regulations that exist today been in place in the mid
3 1990s when I started my firm, I simply would not have had the financial resources to start it up.”⁶⁶

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5 Notably, some of the most ardent supporters of regulations recognize that they stifle
6 competition. Our “regulatory system,” Nader observes, “undermines competition and entrenches
7 monopoly at the public’s expense.”⁶⁷ Small businesses and community banks “are drowning in
8 complicated regulations,” Senator Warren points out; “long, complex rules create loopholes that the
9 big companies can take advantage of, but they leave little guys out in the cold.”⁶⁸ And as political
10 commentator Thom Hartmann explains, “large businesses have an infrastructure to deal with
11 regulations, [whereas] the burden of regulations on small businesses sometimes wipes them out.”⁶⁹

12 Although regulations generally disadvantage smaller competitors, some small businesses
13 still profit from government favoritism.⁷⁰ The Small Business Administration and other government
14 agencies, for example, subsidize and guarantee loans for small businesses. And in some industries,
15 regulations protect incumbent small businesses by blocking newcomers. Liquor stores, limousine
16 drivers, taxi companies, moving companies—these are just a few industries in which state
17 certificate of need (CON) laws restrict the entry of new firms.⁷¹

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19 Regulation, in short, harms some small businesses, yet favors others. This highlights an
20 important truth about cronyism. Most critics stress that cronyism victimizes consumers and
21 taxpayers. But they often overlook another group of victims: *other corporations*.

22 Manufacturers paying higher prices for steel are among the victims of steel tariffs. Food
23 companies paying higher prices for sugar, and candy companies that have moved their operations
24 offshore because of higher prices are among the victims of sugar subsidies. Sound financial
25 institutions that would have bought the assets of failing banks at fire-sale prices are among the
26 victims of the TARP bailout. Corporations that would enter other industries, yet are blocked from
27 doing so, are among the victims of CON laws and monopoly franchises. Car manufacturers banned
28 from selling directly to consumers are among the victims of state laws favoring car dealerships.

1 Companies such as Airbnb and Uber, banned in some cities, are among the victims of these cities'
2 efforts to insulate hotels and taxis from competition. The most innovative, successful corporations
3 are among the victims of antitrust; less successful corporations file about 95 percent of antitrust
4 lawsuits, seeking to hog-tie their rivals.⁷²

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6 When government intervenes in the economy—restricting, mandating, prohibiting,
7 expropriating—it initiates *force* against people and businesses, violating their rights. This is why the
8 regulatory-entitlement state invariably harms us all—even those it seemingly benefits.

9 Suppose a corporation's lobbyists cannot repeal a harmful intervention. (This is common, as
10 lobbying is far more effective at blocking proposed policies than at repealing existing ones.)⁷³ If, to
11 offset this harmful intervention, the corporation lobbies to gain or keep another seemingly
12 beneficial intervention, is that defensive or offensive? If offensive, is it justified? Or suppose the
13 government subsidizes a corporation's competitors. If that corporation, too, lobbies for a subsidy to
14 negate its competitors' unfair advantage, is that defensive or offensive? Answering these questions
15 is complicated because many corporations are harmed by countless interventions while profiting
16 from others. Whether, on net balance, they are unjustly gaining or unjustly losing is thus extremely
17 difficult to decipher.

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19 As cronyism becomes more pervasive, and as more corporations become beneficiaries *and*
20 victims of it, the line between defensive lobbying and offensive lobbying becomes increasingly
21 unclear.

22 **Systemic Corruption**

23 If corporate lobbyists raise money and contribute to political campaigns in return for
24 government favors, isn't that bribery? According to the law, no. Lobbyists and politicians know
25 how to play the game legally. If their exchange is indirect, if a quid pro quo is not explicit, it is
26 technically not bribery. But technicalities aside, from an outsider's perspective, even if it's legal, it
27 certainly smells like bribery, and that is how pundits often describe it. However, for an exchange to
28 be considered bribery, the person handing over the money must be the initiator. Corporate lobbyists,

1 though, don't often volunteer to give money; *politicians* "request" it.

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3 "We imagine lobbyists stalking the halls of Congress," NPR reports, "trying to influence
4 lawmakers with cash. But often, it's the other way around: Members of Congress stalk lobbyists,
5 looking for contributions."⁷⁴ As one former lobbyist puts it, "when a Congressman calls and you
6 need his vote, you agree to host a fundraiser. That means finding other people to come and give
7 money."⁷⁵ In a voice mail left for a lobbyist, Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton said she was
8 "surprised" that the lobbyist had not contributed to her. "I'm simply candidly calling," she said, "to
9 ask for a contribution." She also reminded the lobbyist that she is a senior member of the committee
10 and chair of the subcommittee in his "sector."⁷⁶ NPR pointed out that what Norton did is common:
11 "Hundreds of such calls from lawmakers likely occur every month. And that's no doubt an
12 understatement."⁷⁷

13 Nearly everyone across the political spectrum laments that corporations unduly influence
14 government. But the dirty secret of Washington is that politicians want corporations to lobby. Why?
15 Because raising money from corporations that lobby is far easier than raising money from those that
16 don't. Moreover, politicians know that in order to get corporations to lobby, government must
17 intervene in their affairs. Heavily regulated industries also lobby heavily—and contribute to
18 political campaigns. As Tim LaPira of the Center for Responsive Politics puts it, "industries like
19 banking or oil and gas spend an enormous amount of money because they have a history and legacy
20 of being regulated." By contrast, he points out, "The small proportion of money [hedge funds] are
21 spending is related to the fact that they are not heavily regulated."⁷⁸

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23 That was in early 2007, but as the *New York Times* reported, "Washington has turned its
24 attention to the fast-growing hedge fund industry."⁷⁹ After Senator Schumer held a dinner with
25 hedge fund managers, lobbying expenditures for the industry grew sevenfold in a year while its
26 campaign contributions more than tripled from the 2006 to the 2008 election cycles.⁸⁰ One can only
27 presume Schumer's message to the hedge fund industry was similar to Senator Orrin Hatch's earlier
28 message to the tech industry. "If you want to get involved in business," Hatch said, "you should get

1 involved in politics.”⁸¹

2
3 Entangling corporations in politics means more lobbying, which means more contributions
4 for politicians. In 1994, Vice President Al Gore proposed lighter regulation for Internet service
5 providers. The response from Congress, according to one of Gore’s aides was, “Hell no! If we
6 deregulate these guys, how are we going to raise any money from them?”⁸²

7
8 Besides regulation, the tax code is an inexhaustible tool for politicians to solicit campaign
9 contributions. But according to many commentators, the tax code also exemplifies cronyism and
10 corporate welfare. How? Targeted tax breaks.⁸³ A corporation that lobbies for tax cuts, however, is
11 not lobbying for a handout; it’s lobbying for the “privilege” of keeping more of its *own* money. Yet
12 critics argue that taxing some corporations less than others is unfair. True, though corporations that
13 pay less taxes should not be blamed for this. Corporate taxes are unequal, and the tax code is mind-
14 numbingly complex because politicians purposely designed it this way.

15
16 Consider “tax extenders.” These are targeted tax breaks, such as the biodiesel fuel tax credit,
17 that expire every few years. Yet Congress renews most, so why not make them permanent?⁸⁴ That
18 would defeat their purpose—from the politicians’ perspective. When a tax extender is about to
19 expire, the corporations benefiting from it will lobby for renewal. This is what the politicians want,
20 as they will raise money from those corporations in exchange for renewing the tax break—
21 temporarily, of course.⁸⁵

22
23 The game politicians play with tax extenders is similar to a more insidious tactic they use to
24 extract campaign contributions. Politicians will often introduce a bill that would harm an industry.
25 Corporations will then pony up money to have the bill quashed. But the politicians, wanting this
26 from the start, had no intention of enacting the bill. Its purpose was only to raise money from the
27 industry. Politicians even have nicknames for these bills, including “milker bills,” “juicer bills,” and
28 “fetcher bills.”⁸⁶ In this context, campaign contributions are protection money. “Pay us,” the
politicians wink and nod, “and we won’t harm you.”

1 This is akin not to bribery but *extortion*.

2
3 When John Hofmeister, former president of Shell Oil Company, appeared before Congress,
4 politicians grilled him about high oil prices. Representative Maxine Waters even threatened “taking
5 over and the government running all of your companies.”⁸⁷ As Hofmeister recounts, “After the
6 hearings, a lot of those who had been attacking Shell asked me to donate to their campaigns or help
7 to organize a fund-raiser for them.”⁸⁸

8 Besides threatening harm, politicians also raise money by promising benefits. In 1999, Jim
9 Nicholson, chairman of the Republican National Committee, sent a letter to Charles A. Heimbold
10 Jr., CEO of Bristol-Myers Squibb. (The letter was disclosed in a campaign finance lawsuit.) “We
11 must keep the lines of communication open,” Nicholson wrote, “if we want to continue passing
12 legislation that will benefit your industry.”⁸⁹ He also asked for a \$250,000 donation.⁹⁰

13
14 Whether dangling a carrot or brandishing a stick, when politicians who hold life-and-death
15 power over an industry come “asking” for money, corporations have no choice but to play the
16 political game. They *must* lobby, and they *must* contribute to political campaigns—or suffer the
17 consequences.

18 Look at what happened to Microsoft. In the 1990s, it spent little on lobbying, and CEO Bill
19 Gates bragged that Microsoft did not have a Washington office. This upset some politicians.
20 Senator Hatch said Microsoft is “knuckle-headed and hard-nosed. . . . I have given (Microsoft)
21 advice, and they don’t pay any attention to it.”⁹¹ According to one lobbyist, “You can’t say, ‘We’re
22 better than that.’ At some point, you get too big, and you can’t just ignore Washington.”⁹² In March
23 1998, a congressional staffer presciently commented, “The [tech] industry had an attitude that
24 government should do what it needs to do but leave us alone. . . . Their hands-off approach to
25 Washington will come back to haunt them.”⁹³

26
27 So it did. Two months later, the Justice Department slapped Microsoft with an antitrust
28 lawsuit. What was its crime? It offered a Web browser, Internet Explorer, for free, bundling it with

1 the Windows operating system. After years of litigation, a settlement was reached, but the damage
2 was already done. Though Microsoft was best positioned to create an operating system for cell
3 phones, it lost to Google’s Android. “We were doing what was called Windows Mobile,” Gates
4 said. “We missed being the dominant mobile operating system by a very tiny amount. We were
5 distracted during our antitrust trial.”⁹⁴

6
7 Gates regretted that he was not politically engaged, and Microsoft quickly learned its lesson,
8 spending boatloads of money on lobbying. Other tech companies followed suit. Yet one tech
9 company held out longer than its peers: Apple. Until 2012, it spent relatively little on lobbying. At
10 the time, Jeff Miller, a former senior aide on a Senate Antitrust Subcommittee, said, “I never once
11 had a meeting with anybody representing Apple. There have been other tech companies who chose
12 not to engage in Washington, and for the most part that strategy did not benefit them.”⁹⁵ Apple’s
13 lobbying expenditures have since more than tripled in response to increased scrutiny from the
14 government.⁹⁶

15 Unlike Apple and Microsoft, who play the political game because they must, some
16 corporations play it because they can. Rather than seeking independence, they seek tariffs,
17 subsidies, anticompetitive regulations, and the like. That such corporations should be condemned
18 seems obvious. But condemning them, though justifiable, is often problematic because identifying
19 which corporations should be condemned is fraught with difficulty, given the unclear line between
20 defensive and offensive lobbying. Also, such condemnation is often misplaced because crony
21 corporations are a symptom of the problem, not its cause.

22
23 Primarily, what must be condemned and changed is the *system* that goads corporations to
24 lobby in self-defense while enticing them to lobby for political favors. This politico-economic
25 system is a *mixed economy*, a mix of freedom and government intervention, of capitalism and the
26 regulatory-entitlement state. One argument for a mixed economy is that, although capitalism is a
27 great engine of wealth creation, its “excesses” must be tamed. Government intervention is vital for
28 the “public interest” and the “common good.”

1 We need to rethink this view. The dysfunction and injustice of this system follows from the
2 government's power to intervene in the economy, dispensing political favors to some at the expense
3 of others. Who should receive such favors? At whose expense? And why? In a mixed economy, the
4 groups wielding the most political influence determine who wins and who loses. The result is a free-
5 for-all of corporations, special interests, and their lobbyists vying to sway public policy. The
6 implicit principle underpinning this system is: There are no principles.

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8 The individual's rights? Antiquated.

9 His freedom and liberty? Dispensable.

10
11 His wealth and property? Up for grabs.

12 No policy, however immoral or irrational, is off-limits if lobbyists can jockey enough
13 politicians, or enough politicians can jockey each other, to support it. Every major bill is hundreds,
14 if not thousands, of pages because politically connected groups pull strings, inserting provisions that
15 benefit themselves—or harm others. As a result, government policy is a jumbled, unintelligible mix
16 of privileges and penalties. In a mixed economy, competition for political favors increasingly
17 replaces competition in the marketplace. Meanwhile, as the volume and complexity of government
18 intervention grow, so does the burden on the economy. What is the solution to this rotten system?

19 **Why 'More Democracy' Is Not the Answer**

20
21 Our system has so many problems, some argue, because our democracy has been hijacked.
22 "Regular people," Senator Whitehouse laments, "are no longer in the driver's seat of American
23 democracy."⁹⁷ Who, then, is in the driver's seat? The "forces of corporate power," Whitehouse
24 continues, "have infiltrated our democracy."⁹⁸ Korten says, "When corporations rule over our
25 political, cultural, and economic spaces, democracy is at best an illusion."⁹⁹ Or as Reich declares,
26 "democracy cannot be achieved unless power is reallocated."¹⁰⁰

27 In this view, unless we take power from corporations and return it to the people, no progress
28 is possible. "We need to fix democracy," Potter and Penniman argue, "before we can fix the other

1 problems we all face.”¹⁰¹ This will “give public-interest legislation a much better shot of winning
2 over the private interests.”¹⁰² Professors Page and Gilens agree: “Our problems can be more
3 effectively addressed if we reform our political system to achieve *more democracy*: more equal
4 opportunity for all citizens to shape what their government does and policies that better address the
5 needs of all Americans.”¹⁰³

6
7 In order to fix our democracy, these intellectuals argue, we must get private money out of
8 political campaigns. Why? Because, as Page and Gilens assert, “Money profoundly corrupts U.S.
9 politics.”¹⁰⁴ Or as Potter and Penniman put it, “Money in politics isn’t just something bad that’s
10 getting worse—it’s paralyzing the country.”¹⁰⁵ The problem with money, they tell us, is that
11 politicians become more responsive to their donors than their constituents. This is why we need
12 campaign finance reform. According to former Representative Mickey H. Edwards, “Limiting
13 campaign support, either directly to a candidate or as an independent expenditure, would help return
14 the focus to public, rather than private, interests.”¹⁰⁶

15 But campaign finance regulation hasn’t fixed anything, and further reform won’t either.
16 Failing to keep private money out of politics, the history of campaign finance law is a history of
17 circumvented rules. Limit contributions directly to candidates, and people will contribute to
18 political parties. Limit that, and they will contribute to PACs. Limit that, and they will raise money
19 for candidates and “bundle” the contributions together. Limit that, and they will buy ads urging
20 citizens to vote for a candidate (“express advocacy”). Limit that, and they will buy ads highlighting
21 a candidate’s record without declaring for whom to vote (“issue advocacy”). Limit that, and they
22 will distribute campaign literature anonymously. Closing such “loopholes” is futile. If people want
23 to funnel money into politics, they will find a way to do it.¹⁰⁷

24
25 Even if regulation *could* effectively limit private money in politics, this would have an
26 ominous effect: protecting incumbent politicians. Incumbents benefit from name recognition, and
27 they get more press coverage, enjoying a big advantage over challengers. The only hope for most
28 challengers, therefore, is to raise enough money in order to tell voters who they are and what their

1 message is. But limiting contributions makes this arduous task more difficult, further
2 disadvantaging them.¹⁰⁸

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4 This wouldn't be a problem, some argue, if we had publicly funded elections. Although
5 that's debatable, such elections are troublesome for other reasons. Redistributing wealth from
6 individuals to politicians is bad enough. But forcing people to subsidize political speech they
7 *disagree* with is indefensible. Moreover, the government certainly cannot fund every potential
8 challenger. Who, then, should be funded? And how much should they get? These questions cannot
9 be decided fairly or rationally when the source of money is illegitimate.

10 This leads us to the biggest problem of campaign finance regulation: It violates the First
11 Amendment. The Supreme Court, in cases such as *Citizens United v. FEC* (2010), has recognized
12 this, though inconsistently.¹⁰⁹ Yet supporters of regulation strongly disagree. Money, they argue, is
13 not speech. That's true but irrelevant. The right to free speech entails the right to give, accept, or
14 spend money for the purpose of speaking. Communicating with a mass audience costs money.
15 Restricting money used for speech restricts speech.

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17 As for corporate political spending, it should be treated the same as that of individuals or
18 other organizations. The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the
19 freedom of speech, or of the press." It does not say, "except for corporations." We recognize that
20 news and media corporations have a right to support or oppose candidates, but we ought to
21 recognize that *all* corporations have this right. A newspaper editorial endorsing a candidate is, in
22 principle, no different from a corporation sponsoring a commercial for the same purpose.

23 Unlike some who deny that campaign finance regulation restricts free speech, others openly
24 admit it does. Senator Whitehouse argues that to combat corruption, "the right to speech must
25 yield."¹¹⁰ Never mind the corruption *that* leads to. Yale Professor Owen Fiss, though, argues that
26 we must restrict some speakers when they are too effective. "The state," he says, "may even have to
27 silence the voices of some in order to hear the voices of others. Sometimes there is simply no other
28 way."¹¹¹

1 Even if campaign finance regulation, despite its insurmountable problems, could somehow
2 “fix democracy,” as some claim, it would not fix the dysfunction and injustice of a mixed economy.
3 Why? Because money is not what corrupts politics. With or without money, politics becomes
4 corrupted when it is not guided by objective principles.

5
6 Observe that the loudest supporters of more democracy are also the loudest supporters of a
7 bigger regulatory-entitlement state—albeit a more democratic one free from corporate influence.
8 “We the people,” Korten says, “must strip corporations of their power.”¹¹² This would lead, we are
9 told, to less cronyism and less corporate welfare. Meanwhile, “more democracy,” Page and Gilens
10 explain, leads to “public policies that reflect the will of all Americans.”¹¹³ What policies? Universal
11 health care, free college tuition, a higher minimum wage, and greater redistribution of wealth to
12 combat “inequality.” “Any true democracy,” Chomsky says, “has to be what we today call a welfare
13 state—actually, an extreme form of one, far beyond anything envisioned in this century.”¹¹⁴

14 A more democratic regulatory-entitlement state, one that allegedly would stop government
15 from violating rights for the benefit of corporations, would *still* violate rights. A regulatory-
16 entitlement state run according to the wishes of the majority is as unjust as one run according to the
17 wishes of a politically connected minority. (The American mixed economy has elements of both.)
18 In each case, the system is essentially the same; the only difference is the quantity and identity of
19 the victims.

20
21 Isn’t majority rule, however, a valid basis for deciding public policy? If the majority wants a
22 regulatory-entitlement state, doesn’t that legitimize it? After all, as Hartmann notes, the question for
23 a democracy is “*what is the will of the people?*”¹¹⁵ And many believe that America’s founders
24 intended to create a democracy. Expressing a widespread sentiment, former Representative Jim
25 Leach says, “Our founders . . . went to great lengths to attempt to erect a system that would be
26 democratic.”¹¹⁶

27 This view is wrong. “It has been observed . . . that a pure democracy, if it were practicable,
28 would be the most perfect government. Experience has proved that no position in politics is *more*

1 *false than this.*¹¹⁷ The man who said this was not an autocrat but coauthor of *The Federalist*
2 *Papers*, Alexander Hamilton. “There never was a democracy yet,” John Adams observed, “that did
3 not commit suicide.”¹¹⁸ The founders went to great lengths to create not a democracy but a system
4 with safeguards *against* it. This system is a constitutional republic. “We are now forming a
5 republican government,” Hamilton said; “Real liberty is neither found in despotism or the extremes
6 of democracy.”¹¹⁹

7
8 Although “democracy” and “republic” are sometimes used interchangeably, the founders did
9 not equate them. The primary definition of democracy—of pure democracy—is unlimited majority
10 rule.

11 Some political theorists argue that we have a basic choice between two alternatives: “rule by
12 the people” or “rule by elites.” Or as Reich puts it, “It’s democracy or oligarchy.”¹²⁰ This is not the
13 fundamental issue, and it is a false alternative. (The federal government has features of each: The
14 House of Representatives is popularly elected, but the Supreme Court is not, nor was the Senate
15 before the ratification of the Seventeenth Amendment in 1913.)

16
17 *Who* governs and *how* they are selected are important yet secondary questions. The primary
18 question is the *purpose* for which they govern. Without a rational purpose, rule by the people can be
19 as oppressive as rule by elites. The powers of those who govern, therefore, must be limited and
20 specifically defined. And the institutional structure of government must be designed to combat
21 abuses of those powers. One way is elections, a method for selecting who will govern, for checking
22 their power, and for peacefully removing them when needed.

23 But elections are not the only method, nor are they enough for checking political power.
24 Though the Constitution contains democratic elements, they are not the essential, the defining, or
25 the most important part of the political system the founders created.¹²¹ Elections are one of many
26 institutions—from federalism to a bicameral legislature, from the Bill of Rights to an independent
27 judiciary, from the electoral college to checks and balances, from enumerated powers to separation
28 of powers. The purpose of these institutions—and the defining characteristic of the constitutional

1 republic the founders created—is not to enshrine majority rule but to *protect individual rights*. The
2 Declaration of Independence states this purpose explicitly: “to secure these Rights [to life, liberty,
3 and the pursuit of happiness] Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers
4 from the Consent of the Governed.”

5
6 Yet, since the Progressive Era at the turn of the 20th century, a “progressive” intellectual-
7 political movement has tried to override the Constitution.¹²² The New Deal Supreme Court, for
8 example, nullified the principle of limited, enumerated powers (the Tenth Amendment and Article I,
9 section 8) in cases such as *Helvering v. Davis* (1937), *United States v. Carolene Products* (1938),
10 and *Wickard v. Filburn* (1942).¹²³ This opened the door to the enormous growth of the regulatory-
11 entitlement state.

12 But quashing enumerated powers is not enough for the “progressive” supporters of
13 democracy. They also decry the Senate and the Supreme Court, the electoral college and the
14 separation of powers.¹²⁴ These “undemocratic features of our political system,” Page and Gilens
15 lament, prevent “the adoption of new policies that large majorities of Americans want.”¹²⁵

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17 That is precisely the point. The fatal flaw of pure democracy is the lack of institutional
18 safeguards to prevent the majority from *voting away others’ rights*. James Madison understood this.
19 “Democracies,” he pointed out, have “been found incompatible with personal security and the rights
20 of property.”¹²⁶

21 If more democracy means fewer limits on political power, it won’t end the cronyism and
22 corruption of a mixed economy. Why? Because this “solution” not only fails to fix the problem, it
23 exacerbates the problem. The problem is not that corporations have too much power; it’s that
24 *government* has too much power.

25 **Separating Economy and State**

26
27 As we have seen, when government has the power to redistribute wealth and intervene in
28 economic affairs, this impels corporations and special interests to influence how it uses that power.

1 And those with the deepest pockets and the most political connections will be best positioned to
2 exploit political power for their own ends.

3
4 Some say this shows why cronyism is wrong: It favors “big guys” more than “little guys.”
5 Authors Brink Lindsey and Steven M. Teles of the Niskanen Center ask, “How can we have a
6 welfare and regulatory state strong enough to undergird a modern economy and render its outcomes
7 tolerably fair while not using that power to simply transfer resources to the most powerful and best
8 organized?”¹²⁷ This is a loaded question. Whether the regulatory-entitlement state favors the rich or
9 poor, the powerful or nonpowerful, is not the issue. Cronyism is wrong not because it benefits the
10 “wrong people,” but because it violates individual rights. The question is not: *Who* should
11 government privilege at the expense of others? The question is: *Should* the government have such
12 power?

13 No, it shouldn’t.

14
15 Cronyism, political extortion, and special interest lobbying inevitably follow from a
16 government with the power to meddle in the economy. The solution, therefore, to the dysfunction
17 and injustice of a mixed economy is an *unmixed* economy, an economy *separated* from the state.
18 And this entails abolishing the regulatory-entitlement state. In such a system, the power of
19 government would be constitutionally limited to protecting individual rights. In an economic
20 context, this consists of outlawing theft and fraud, enforcing contracts, settling liability disputes—
21 and nothing else.

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23 This system—the system in which economy and state are fully separated—is *laissez-faire*
24 *capitalism*. Some intellectuals, however, argue that capitalism deserves the blame for cronyism.
25 “Crony-capitalism,” Conor Lynch (*Salon*) says, “is not a perversion of ‘pure capitalism,’ it is simply
26 a natural evolution of it.”¹²⁸ Professor Luigi Zingales says, “Pure laissez-faire can breed crony
27 capitalism.”¹²⁹ According to economists Michael Munger and Mario Villarreal-Diaz, “The road to
28 cronyism leads directly through capitalism.”¹³⁰

1 The problem with this view, besides lacking evidential support, is that cronyism long
2 predated capitalism. Further, observe that statist regimes with the most heavily controlled, least
3 capitalist economies have the *most* cronyism and corruption.¹³¹ Yes, semi-capitalist systems (mixed
4 economies) exhibit cronyism, but as this article has shown, cronyism follows from government
5 intervention, not from capitalism.

6
7 Throughout all of history, some people have sought political favors at others' expense. Such
8 behavior can be curtailed only in a system in which political power is properly limited. Stripped of
9 its authority to redistribute wealth and intervene in the economy, the government would have no
10 power to privilege some or penalize others.

11 Corporations and special interests would have no incentive to lobby for favors if government
12 has no favors to give.¹³² Corporations, too, would have no need to lobby in self-defense if
13 government didn't have life-and-death power over them. And lacking such power, politicians could
14 not threaten corporations with harmful legislation in order to extort campaign contributions from
15 them.

16 **Individualism, Collectivism, and the Constitution**

17
18 If separating economy and state requires a government constitutionally limited to protecting
19 individual rights, and if this will solve the problems of a mixed economy, then why has the United
20 States devolved into the regulatory-entitlement state that it has become? The U.S. Constitution was
21 designed to protect against such a path. So what went wrong? The New Deal Supreme Court, as we
22 have seen, nullified the principle of limited, enumerated powers—and this followed from a
23 “progressive” intellectual-political movement, a movement committed to eroding the spirit, essence,
24 and purpose of the Constitution.¹³³

25 The Constitution alone is not enough. It cannot withstand a long-term concerted effort to
26 subvert it. A constitution devised to protect individual *rights* requires an individualist *philosophy* in
27 the culture to preserve it.

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1 Such a philosophy recognizes that the individual’s life belongs not to others but to himself.
2 His life is his responsibility, and he must support it by his own thought and effort. To live a
3 flourishing life, he must be free to pursue his happiness and to voluntarily associate with others. He
4 must be free to pursue all this—by right. The individual’s rights are not grants from society that it
5 can rescind. Neither arbitrary nor subjective, the principle of individual rights derives from the
6 objective requirements of human life. Because life requires reasoned action, the individual must be
7 free to act on his own thinking and judgment as long as he respects the freedom of others to do the
8 same (the right to liberty). And because life requires producing material values, the individual
9 legitimately owns the wealth he creates (the right to property). This, in brief outline, is the
10 philosophy needed to preserve a rights-protecting constitution.¹³⁴

11 A contrary doctrine, however, inspired the movement to erode the Constitution. This
12 doctrine elevates *society* above the individual. It considers the individual not an end in himself but a
13 means to the ends of others. It calls for sacrificing his interests to the “public interest.” It calls for
14 subordinating his rights to the “will of the people.” It calls for restricting his freedom for the
15 “general welfare.” It calls for invading his privacy for the “greater good.” It calls for taking his
16 wealth for the “common good.” We should “agree on a set of responsibilities shared by all
17 members,” Reich says, “exacting certain sacrifices for the common good.”¹³⁵ This doctrine is
18 *collectivism*.

19 From the Progressive Era to the New Deal, to the Great Society, to the 2010s, “progressive”
20 presidents have couched their political agendas in collectivist terms. President Theodore Roosevelt
21 said we need a “partial substitution of collectivism for individualism.”¹³⁶ President Franklin D.
22 Roosevelt said that his policies “call for a willingness to sacrifice individual gains, to work together
23 for the *public welfare*.”¹³⁷ “We must all learn,” President Lyndon B. Johnson said, “to submerge
24 our individual differences to the *common good*.”¹³⁸ “My days,” he went on, “are spent in trying . . .
25 to use the public’s dollars for the *public good*.”¹³⁹ President Barack Obama said, “the call to
26 sacrifice for the country’s *greater good* remains an imperative of citizenship.”¹⁴⁰
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1 The main purpose of government, collectivists tell us, is not to protect the individual's
2 rights. Instead, as Bakan says, the government's "sole purpose" is "to protect and promote the
3 public interest and reflect the people's will."¹⁴¹ Ensuring "the common welfare," Hartmann argues,
4 is "why we have government in the first place."¹⁴² According to Lindsey and Teles, "In the ideal
5 democracy, the mechanisms of government are . . . converted into policies that serve the common
6 good."¹⁴³

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8 The "public interest," the "common welfare," the "common good," and the like—what do
9 these vague platitudes mean? "There is a confusing lack of consistency," Edwards observes, "in
10 determining where the common good lies."¹⁴⁴ If so, then what is the standard for defining it? "The
11 final arbiter of the public good," political analyst Jay Cost says, "must be the public itself."¹⁴⁵ The
12 meaning of these catchphrases depends on the ever-changing will of the public. What constitutes the
13 "common good" or the "public good" is elusive and nonobjective.

14 Although collectivist catchphrases have no clear meaning, politicians, intellectuals, and
15 special interests do have a clear *purpose* in using them: rationalizing interventionist government.
16 John Hawkins (*National Review*) says that breaking up big tech corporations "would reduce the
17 power of these companies and serve the public interest."¹⁴⁶ Harvard Professor Howard E. Gardner
18 says, "I endorse the promulgation of regulations . . . that 'nudge' [read: force] people and
19 institutions toward the common good."¹⁴⁷ According to Korten, policies "in the public interest"
20 include "the breakup of corporate monopolies" (any big corporation), "the equitable distribution of
21 property ownership" (taking property from some to give to others), "a living wage for working
22 people" (forcing employers to pay higher wages), and "a progressive tax system" (taxing some at
23 much higher rates than others).¹⁴⁸

24
25 If doubts still exist about the purpose of collectivist catchphrases, Korten lays it bare.
26 "Government," he says, must "use coercive power in the public interest, including the power to
27 confiscate property."¹⁴⁹ *That* is the undisguised essence of the regulatory-entitlement state—
28 straight from one of its most outspoken advocates.

1 Government policies that steal the individual’s wealth, restrict his liberty, and force him to
2 act against his judgment are immoral. This is why the regulatory-entitlement state should be
3 abolished. But to achieve this, we must reject collectivism, exposing it for what it is: a wholesale
4 rationalization for violating individual rights.

5
6 The late historian Howard Zinn, an icon of the left, said “‘big government’ . . . is here to
7 stay. The only question is: whom will it serve?” He was clear on whom *he* thought it should serve.
8 After decrying a government that serves business and “the wealthy classes,” he said, “We want [a]
9 government” that, among other things, “gives free medical care to everyone and pays for it out of a
10 reformed tax system which is truly progressive.”¹⁵⁰ So government either serves the “1 percent” at
11 the expense of the “99 percent” or it serves the “99 percent” at the expense of the “1 percent.” But
12 this is a false alternative.

13 Leftist-collectivist-progressive supporters of democracy such as Zinn oppose cronyism
14 because it benefits the “wrong people”—the “1 percent.” Yet their opposition to cronyism will not
15 help to end it. In subverting constitutional limits on political power and calling for even fewer limits
16 on such power, they’ve worsened the problem.¹⁵¹

17
18 Zinn rejects the possibility of a system without victims, a system based on a constitutionally
19 limited, rights-protecting government—one barred from picking “winners and losers,” one that
20 deems everyone equal under the law, one that is *just*. This is the only kind of government resistant
21 to cronyism, and contrary to Zinn, it is exactly what we should be striving for. More important, we
22 must also strive for a culture that embraces the indispensable foundation of such a government: an
23 individualist philosophy.

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