

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



**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
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLE MANUFACTURING LOAN**

AND LOAN GUARANTEE SLUSH-FUND CORRUPTION

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

The Facts:

Victims had global character assassination and propaganda-media defamation reprisal attacks operated against them by White House staff and their political financiers: Elon Musk, Larry Page, Steve Jurvetson, Eric Schmidt, Steve Westly, John Doerr, et al. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

Victims were attacked because 1.) they helped law enforcement investigate the attackers, 2.) They competed with the attackers that attacker's products and the Silicon Valley Cartel attackers chose to "cheat rather than compete". Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

The attackers spent over \$30M, part of that using taxpayer resources, attacking the victims as proven in the financial transaction records from Google, Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik, Media Matters, Fusion GPS, et al. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

Victims had been previously funded by the U.S. Government and had a multi-decade relationship with the highest offices of the Government, which provided them with deep knowledge of the crimes that were committed. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

The U.S. Department of Energy is used as a political slush fund to pay back campaign finance millionaires while blockading the competitors of those millionaires from reaching the

market or receiving funding. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tesla Motors, Google, Netflix, Facebook, LinkedIn, Amazon and other tech Cartel members

operate with a common goal of psychological mass ideology manipulation and monopolistic profiteering based on government sponsored anti-trust violations and server control exclusivity. Jury and FBI-compliant evidence proves this as fact.

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

A case study in pay-to-play cronyism

By Dan Epstein (Counsel to The White House)

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

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

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

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

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

*Fisker also has friends in high places. The company, which has since **gone bankrupt**, was*

***backed** by a San Francisco **venture capital firm** whose senior partners **donated millions** to the 2008 Obama campaign and other Democrat causes. **One partner, John Doerr**, parlayed his support into a seat on the President's Council of Jobs and Competitiveness.*

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

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

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

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

Now contrast this preferential treatment with what happened to XP Vehicles and Limnia, neither of which have the same political connections. (My organization is suing the Department of Energy on their behalf). The two companies partnered to manufacture an energy-efficient sport utility vehicle that would have competed with Tesla and Fisker's cars. They applied for loans in

2008 and 2009 under the same loan program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 its 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

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

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

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

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

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

Second, they prevailed in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on their appeal of the district court's ruling that an agency may escape judicial review of its action by requesting a voluntary remand but refusing to reconsider its initial denial of an application. See: Case Federal Two, (D.C. Cir. 2017). The Washington DC Circuit agreed with the victims that an agency may only seek a remand if it promises to reconsider its initial decision. It is because of that victory that the government, under court order is now re-doing the victims applications and GAO, FBI, IG's and Congressional oversight offices are watching to assure effective ethics and transparency.

Third, these cases placed, on permanent public record, one of the most detailed documentation sets, ever assembled, about how modern political "Dark Money" conduits operate. The legal team hired ex-FBI, CIA and SEC experts to track down covert bank accounts, revolving door bribes, insider stock trades and other payola between the victim's competitors and public officials. This documentation now prevents the use of those kinds of criminal efforts, in the future, by exposing their tactics to the public.

Fourth, the victim's team engaged in the interdiction and termination of corrupt agency executives, contractors and their financiers. This included some of the most well-known names in Washington, DC, at the time. Many of them were, and are still being, investigated and watched by the FBI, GAO, SEC and Congress.

Fifth, and most important, the effort put every corrupt political scheme on notice that they WILL be found out and interdicted!

The bottom line?

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

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

Charges against the Department of Energy supported by the factual evidence:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

black-list.

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

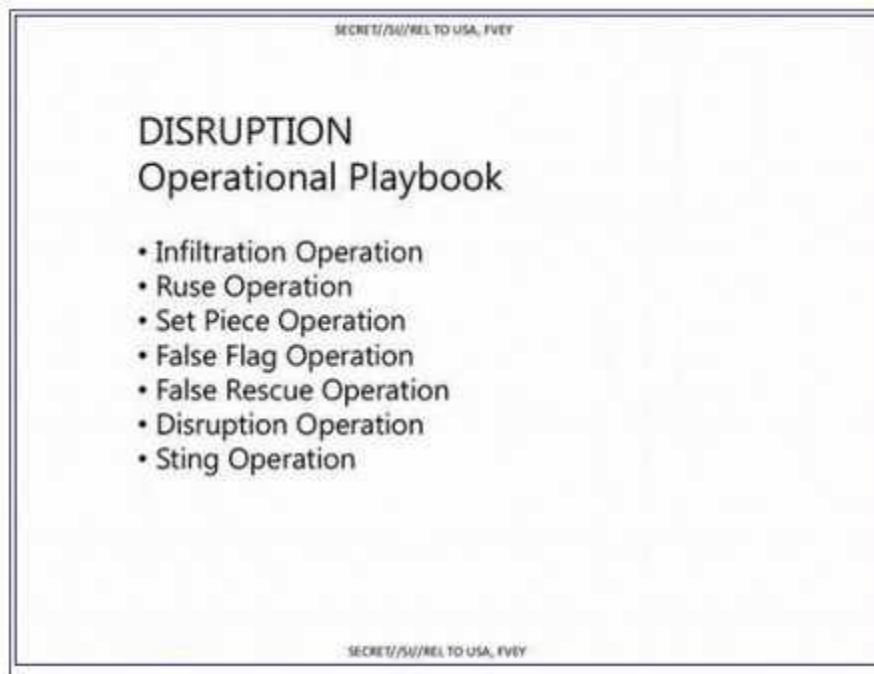
- U.S. Department of Energy and White House officials hired Nick Denton's sleaze-ball tabloid empire comprised of Jalopnik, Gawker Media and Gizmodo Media to run character assassination and defamation campaigns, in partnership with the DNC's Google, to attack any person who exposed the corruption scam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

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

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

WHEN Google ATTACKS!

How GOOGLE became
a tool for revenge,
character assassination,
ideology manipulation
& economic retribution.



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

- DOE staff never even communicated with Applicant's, who were not Obama insiders; yet Tesla, Fisker and other Obama insiders got hundreds of phone calls, meetings and careful help to hand-hold them through the process to make certain that they got their payola while the outsiders only got blockades, Lois Lerner "missing hard drives" and stone-walls.

- The DEFRAUDED staff and employees of Bright, XP, Limnia, ZAP, Brammo, and the other Applicant's, have **NEVER** gotten a fair court hearing, Congressional or IG hearing that was not compromised by an Obama Judge or stock-owning insider. They are owed money for their damages from the deeply corrupt DOE programs!

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

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

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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

AG Barr Finds White House Power Was Used By Obama Administration To Spy On American Citizens And Run Dirty Tricks Reprisal Operations



by [Tyler Durden](#)

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

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

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

Barr has doubled-down on using the term 'spying', which has angered Democrats, after first using it during Senate committee testimony from April 10, where he uttered the now-infamous phrase "I think spying did occur."



The AG has declined to elaborate on what prompted these concerns, **though he has said he'd be interested to see the underlying intelligence that sparked the FBI decision**, in the summer of 2016, to open a counterintelligence investigation. At this point, **Durham's review isn't a criminal investigation**, and Barr hasn't offered a timetable for when the investigation might be completed. Ultimately, the probe could lead to changing FBI protocols involving investigations into political campaigns.

Appearing to respond to Barr's interviews, President Trump declared that his campaign was "conclusively" spied on.

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

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

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

whether Russia was helping the Trump campaign.

Watch the Fox interview below:

The Corrupt Greentech VC Influence Over Washington

- Obama's And Biden's Financiers Control Government Funding

Katie Fehrenbacher



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

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

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

competitive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

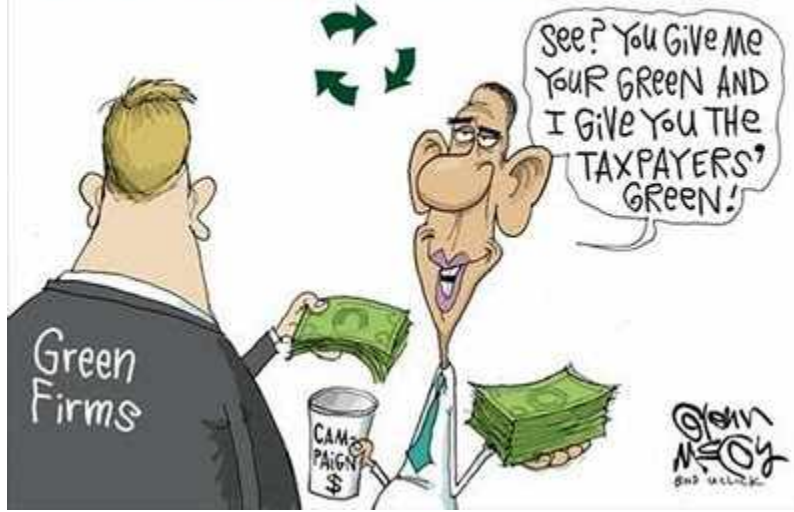
Law firm to which his wife is connected:
Wilson Sonsini
\$2.75 BILLION
 in Energy Department financing
 to companies, including Solyndra, which hired
 the firm to file for Energy Department grants

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THE ELON MUSK AND TESLA MOTORS BRIBES AND CRONY PAYOLA TO PELOSI, FEINSTEIN, REID AND OBAMA

Another Tesla car catches fire in Hong Kong parking lot: media - ALL TESLA BATTERIES EXPECTED TO HAVE CHEMISTRY DEGRADE AND EXPLODE AS DOE WAS WARNED IN WRITING BY BERNIE TSE, BRIGHT AND XP

HONG KONG (Reuters) - A Tesla Inc electric car caught fire in a parking lot in a Hong Kong shopping mall, the Apple Daily newspaper said on Tuesday, but no one was injured in the blaze, whose cause was not immediately known.

The electric car burst into flames 30 minutes after being parked in the city's San Po Kong district on Sunday, the newspaper said, with three explosions seen on CCTV footage.

Firemen took 45 minutes to douse the fire.

The vehicle was a Tesla Model S 85 KWH dual power version, added the paper, which gave no explanation of what might have caused the blaze.

Responding to a request from Reuters, Tesla declined to comment. Reuters was not able to contact the vehicle owner or obtain CCTV footage of the incident.

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

The incident comes three weeks after Tesla said it had sent a team to investigate a video on Chinese social media that showed a parked Tesla Model S car exploding in the commercial hub of Shanghai.

The automaker has said its EVs are about 10 times less likely to experience a fire than petrol-powered cars.

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

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DEADLY EXPLODING LITHIUM ION BATTERIES AND COBALT CORRUPT MINING SCAMS ARE KILLING AND ROBBING THE PUBLIC WITH DIRTY "BLOOD MINERALS" THAT ARE TOXIC, SELF-IGNITING DANGERS

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NiCad Batteries and hundreds of other battery types do not have this many problems... but the ownership of the lithium mining business by Elon Musk, his Silicon Valley cartel and California Senator's families causes other solutions to be hidden, the dangers of lithium ion to be hidden and a monopoly to exist.

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It should be a felony to hire character assassins in the USA. DEMAND A LAW and DEMAND the termination of these attack services. IE: Gawker and Gizmodo Media sets-up the attack stories and, in paid partnership with Google, Google kicks their attack links around the globe, in front of 8 Billion people, forever. Google locks the attack articles of its enemies on the front top search results of Google search results forever, on purpose! That is why Google is being terminated in the largest, most well resourced anti-corruption public service take-down in history!

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**You have probably seen the many issues with Elon Musk And
Tesla Motors in the news, including:**

"His corrupt cobalt mines promote genocide in the Congo as seen in NETFLIX Black Earth Rising"

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"His is not faithful to his girlfriends"

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

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

"He is addicted to drugs and booze"

"He has sociopath mental issues"

"He is a narcissist"

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

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

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

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

"He is the world's biggest government mooch"

"He is a member of the Palo Alto Mafia"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Dianne Feinstein and her family own Musk interests"

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

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

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etc.....

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

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

Elon Musk exists because he bribed DNC politicians including Obama, Clinton and Senators Feinstein, Reid, Boxer, Harris, Spier and Pelosi to give him free taxpayer cash and government resources from the Department of Energy and the California political tax pool. This is proven when you follow-the-money and the insider trading, stock ownership and crony payola kick-backs.

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

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

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They use Black Cube, Mossad, In-Q-Tel, Stratfor, Gawker Media, Gizmodo Media, Media Matters, David Brock, Sid Blumenthal, NY Times, Google servers, Facebook servers, Podesta Group, Perkins Coie, Covington & Burling and a host of "media assassins".

Gawker and Gizmodo Media set-up the attack stories and, in paid partnership with Google, Google

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

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and exploding batteries are not as bad as Tesla's out-of-control corruption and bribery.

Failed Obama Backed Energy Companies

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SunPower: FAIL!
Beacon Power: FAIL!
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A123 Solar: FAIL!
UniSolar: FAIL!
Azure Dynamics: FAIL!
Evergreen Solar: FAIL!
Ener1: FAIL!



HOW THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND THE OBAMA WHITE HOUSE ATTACKS PLAINTIFFS AND ANYBODY WHO EXPOSES THE SCHEME

How and why did a Donald Trump stripper-date named "Stormy" or an Elon Musk sex party or a Kavanaugh drinking incident or the Moonves and Weinstein indiscretions suddenly hit the news at about the same time in news history?

In addition to actual murder, Politicians and Silicon Valley Oligarchs hire operatives to end people's lives in other creative ways.

It is all part of the modern trend in vendetta, revenge and political payback when a Senator or a tech oligarch issues a "kill order" on an opponent.

The client does not like to get their hands dirty so the actual social hit job is performed by companies such as:

IN-Q-Tel - (DNC); Gawker Media - (DNC); Jalopnik - (DNC); Gizmodo Media - (DNC); K2 Intelligence - (DNC); WikiStrat - (DNC); Podesta Group - (DNC); Fusion GPS - (DNC/GOP); Google - (DNC); YouTube - (DNC); Alphabet - (DNC); Facebook - (DNC); Twitter - (DNC); Think Progress - (DNC); Media Matters - (DNC); Black Cube - (DNC); Mossad - (DNC); Correct The Record - (DNC); Sand Line - (DNC/GOP); Blackwater - (DNC/GOP); Stratfor - (DNC/GOP); ShareBlue - (DNC); Wikileaks (DNC/GOP); Cambridge Analytica - (DNC/GOP); Sid Blumenthal-

(DNC); David Brock - (DNC); PR Firm Sunshine Sachs (DNC); Covington and Burling - (DNC), BuzzFeed - (DNC) Perkins Coie - (DNC); Wilson Sonsini - (DNC) and hundreds of others... These are the people and companies that except cash, revolving door jobs, political appointments, insider trading stock in Silicon Valley tech companies, prostitutes and real estate in exchange for destroying the lives of others.

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

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

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

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

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

Timm writes: "Today, we are revealing—for the first time—the Justice Department's rules for targeting journalists with secret FISA court orders. The documents were obtained as part of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by Freedom of the Press Foundation and Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University."

Trending: Brennan and Clapper Accused of Hacking John Roberts To Blackmail Him

Here is the memo published by the Foundation, which dropped the documents in their entirety:

Obama is also clearly linked to the plot to obtain fraudulent FISA warrants on President Trump's team, as evidenced by Peter Strzok and Lisa Page's texts confirming that Obama was overseeing their fly-by-night operation.

Larry Schweikart reported for Big League Politics:

For months pundits and researchers have been pondering the mystery of the FISA approval that led to the illegal and historically titanic scandals to ever hit the U.S. government. Some have argued that Assistant Attorney General Rod Rosenstein knew the FISA was bogus when he extended it. Others have wondered if Special Counsel Robert Mueller knew about the fraudulent basis of the FISA when he used it, in part, to indict Michael Flynn. Other still, that Mueller was fooled by the

FBI.

This is what President Trump calls “SPYGATE”.

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

President Barack Obama did not need a FISA warrant to authorize spying/electronic surveillance on Trump because Obama all along had legal authorization to by-pass the normal court vetting process. According to 50 U.S. Code 1802, the “Electronic Surveillance Authorization” () “Foreign intelligence in relation to a US person (Trump or his associates) is information that’s necessary for the US to protect against attack, hostile acts, sabotage, . . . as well as other clandestine activities by a foreign power . . . OR . . . information relevant to national defense/security of the US, or the conduct of foreign affairs of the U.S.” Such an authorization by Obama required certification by Attorney General Loretta Lynch that must be logged with the FISC court. (“The [AG]+ shall immediately transmit under seal to the court [FISC] a copy of his certification.”)

In short, the DOJ has this. If we are correct, a copy of that certification is currently under seal at least with the DOJ and the FISC. This is what they are hiding.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

searched on every mugshot archive, photo album and corporate database in the worth within minutes using modern super-computers. Your sex life will be on public record in a flash.

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

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

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

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

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

in retribution for their testimony. The federal MSDS documents clearly show that a number of these people were exposed to deadly compounds and radiations, via DOE, without being provided with proper HazMat suits which DOE officials knew were required.

- Victims employers are called, and faxed, and ordered to fire target victims from their places of employment, in the middle of the day, with no notice, as a retribution tactic.

- On orders from Obama White House officials, DNC-financed Google, YouTube, Gawker Media and Gizmodo Media produce attack articles and defamation videos. Google locks this attack media on the internet on the top line, of the front page of all Google searches for a decade in front of 7.5 billion people, around the world. This attack-type uses over \$40 million dollars in server farms, production costs and internet rigging. The forensic data acquired from tracking some of these attacks proves that Google rigs attacks against individuals on the internet and that all of Google's "impressions" are manually controlled by Google's executives who are also the main financiers and policy directors of the Obama Administration. This data was provided to the European Union for its ongoing prosecution of Google's political manipulation of public perceptions.

- Victims HR and employment records, on recruiting and hiring databases, are embedded with negative keywords in order to prevent the victim targets from ever gaining future employment.

- Gary D. Conley, Seth Rich, Rajeev Motwani and many other whistle-blowers in these matters, turned up dead under strange circumstances. It is very possible that some of these attack services, operated by former CIA operatives, even offer discrete murder-for-sale services using high-tech assassination tools that make murders look like heart attacks and brain failures.

- Disability and VA complaint hearings and benefits are frozen, delayed, denied or subjected to lost records and "missing hard drives" as in the Lois Lerner case.

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

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

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

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

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

from a known microwave beam weapon. Any one of the technical departments of the attack services listed at the top of this article can build such a biological harassment weapon. It can be aimed at the target victims office, bedroom or vehicle and, within a week, have caused biological and emotional damage using a weapon that has no visible track of trajectory. It is designed to make the target victim think they are "going crazy" or "hearing sounds in their head". While this may sound pretty out there, web search "Embassy sonic attacks" on the top 5 non-Google search engines and read the very credible reports of these attacks.

- In one case covert political partner: Google, transferred large sums of cash to dirty tricks contractors and then manually locked the media portion of the attacks into the top lines of the top pages of all Google searches globally, for years, with hidden embedded codes in the links and web-pages which multiplied the attacks on Victims by many magnitudes.

- Covert Cartel financier: Google, placed Google's lawyer: Michelle Lee, in charge of the U.S. Patent Office and she, in turn, stacked all of the U.S. Patent Office IPR and ALICE review boards and offices with Google-supporting employees in order to rig the U.S. Patent Office to protect Google from being prosecuted for the vast patent thefts that Google engages in. Google has hundreds of patent lawsuits for technology theft and a number of those lawsuits refer to Google's operations as "Racketeering", "Monopolistic Cartel" and "Government Coup-like" behaviors. Thousands of articles and investigations detail the fact that Google, "essentially" ran the Obama White House and provided over 80% of the key White House staff. A conflict-of-interest unlike any in American history. Google's investors personally told Applicant they would "kill him". Google and the Obama Administration were "the same entity". Applicant testified in the review that got Michelle Lee terminated and uncovered a tactical political and social warfare group inside Google who were financed by Federal and State funds.

- Honeytraps and moles were employed by the attackers. In this tactic, people who covertly worked for the attackers were employed to approach the “target” in order to spy on and misdirect the subject.

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

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

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

will suddenly get cancelled at the last minute. They will get cancelled because your enemies are reading your calendar remotely and covertly sending slander information to those you had hoped to engage with in order to sabotage your life. Nothing you have ever typed on a computer or Smartphone is safe. it WILL be acquired and it WILL be used against you.

- McCarthy-Era "Black-lists" are created and employed against target victims who competed with Obama Administration executives and their campaign financiers to prevent them from getting funding and future employment.

- Obama Administration targets were very carefully placed in a position of not being able to get jobs, unemployment benefits, disability benefits or acquire any possible sources of income. The retribution tactics were audacious, overt..and quite illegal.

- There are thousands of additional Dirty Tricks tactics being used by these Attack Services yet Congress refuses to pass laws out-lawing such attack services. The cost of an attack on a person ranges from \$150,000.00 to over \$50,000,000.00. While a Silicon Valley billionaire can afford to launch counter-measures to these attacks, any regular taxpayer will be utterly destroyed, and incapable of fighting back, against even the smallest version of one of these "kill orders". A number of modern office shootings are the results of these attacks against an individual who has lost everything because of the attack and has no options left.

Federal law enforcement, the United States Congress and the highest level investigators in the U.S., and abroad, have documented (per the "FISA Memo", Congressional Reports and federal employee testimony) and proven the fact that the Obama Administration regularly engaged in the operation of retribution, vendetta and reprisal campaigns known as "hit-jobs" against domestic natural born U.S.

citizen domestic taxpayers. The Federal Court, in at least one previous court case, has ruled that Applicants, in this particular matter, were the victims and target of a number of these attacks designed to inflict permanent medical, emotional, character assassination, brand negation, economic and career damage.

'They Can't Beat Him On The Law So They Are Trying To Destroy His Life' -Sen. Graham Questions Dems' Motives On Brett Kavanaugh Sexual Assault Allegations (dailycaller.com)

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Mueller Hears Evidence That Silicon Valley Has Been Manipulating Huge Political Campaigns, Yet He Covers It Up

- Second former employee of controversial data firm to be questioned by special counsel's inquiry into Russia collusion

By Carole Cadwalladr

Brittany Kaiser is said to be cooperating fully with the Mueller inquiry.

A director of the controversial data company Cambridge Analytica, who appeared with Arron Banks at the launch of the Leave.EU campaign, has been subpoenaed by the US investigation into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government.

A spokesman for Brittany Kaiser, former business development director for Cambridge Analytica – which collapsed after the Observer revealed details of its misuse of Facebook data – confirmed that she had been subpoenaed by special counsel Robert Mueller, and was cooperating fully with his investigation.

He added that she was assisting other US congressional and legal investigations into the company's activities and had voluntarily turned over documents and data.

Kaiser, who gave evidence to the UK parliament last April in which she claimed Cambridge Analytica had carried out in-depth work for Leave.EU, is the second individual connected to the firm subpoenaed by the special counsel. The Electoral Commission has said its investigation into Leave.EU found no evidence that the campaign "received donations or paid for services from Cambridge Analytica ...beyond initial scoping work".

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

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

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

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

He became a subject of the special counsel's inquiry because of work done with Paul Manafort, Trump's campaign manager, in Ukraine. He had also set up a business with Konstantin Kilimnik, a key figure who Mueller has alleged has ties to Russian intelligence and who is facing charges of obstruction of justice. In a 2017 statement to the Washington Post, Kilimnik denied any connection to intelligence services. Kaiser, however, is the first person connected directly to both the Brexit and Trump campaigns known to have been questioned by Mueller.

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

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

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

had met Assange.

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

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

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

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

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

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Lara Logan "I'm Being 'Targeted' For Saying the Media is 'Mostly Liberal'"

by Tamar Auber

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

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

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

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

She also called out her targeters by name.

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

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

Logan made headlines recently when, during a scorched earth podcast interview with Ritland, she said that there was a lot of “weight” in most news organizations on “one side of the political spectrum.”

“The media everywhere is mostly liberal. But in this country, 85 percent of journalists are registered Democrats. So that’s just a fact, right?” she told Ritland.

She also trashed reporting based on single, anonymous government sources.

“That’s not journalism, that’s horseshit,” Logan stressed. “Responsibility for fake news begins with us. We bear some responsibility for that, and we’re not taking ownership of that and addressing it. We just want to blame it all on somebody else.”

Public Record Documents Now Prove The Existence Of Many Obama Hit-Job Services

Internal documents from a private Israeli intelligence firm called Psy-Group show that, at the time of many incidents, the company, and possibly other private investigators, were targeting U.S. citizens because they spoke up about crimes.

Psy-Group's intelligence and influence operations, which included a failed attempt in the summer of 2017 to sway a local election in central California, were detailed in a New Yorker investigation that I co-wrote earlier this month. Before it went out of business (ie: changed it's name) , last year, Psy-Group was part of a new wave of private-intelligence firms that recruited from the ranks of Israel's secret services and described themselves as "private Mossads." Psy-Group initially stood out among its rivals because it didn't just gather intelligence; its operatives used false identities, or avatars, to covertly spread messages in an attempt to influence what people believed and how they behaved. In 2016, Psy-Group held discussions with the Trump campaign and others about conducting covert "influence" operations to benefit the candidate. Psy-Group's founder and C.E.O., Royi Burstien, a veteran Israeli intelligence officer who established the firm in 2014, told me that his talks with the Trump campaign went nowhere. The company's posturing, however, attracted the attention of Robert Mueller, the special counsel, who has been investigating interference in the 2016 Presidential race.'

FED BOMBHELL: Fusion GPS Bribed Dozens of MSM Journalists With Cash To Run Character Assassinations, While News Companies Paid Firm to Dig Dirt on Trump

High-ranking FBI insiders are pulling back the curtain on Fusion GPS, the firm that commissioned and spread the bogus Trump dossier.

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

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

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

Bombshell revelations.

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

“There are dozens of payments from the media flowing into their (Fusion GPS’) account,” one federal law enforcement official said. “One company wired funds to Fusion (GPS) more than a dozen times.”

Why would media companies commission Fusion GPS? Likely to dig dirt on enemies or secure records that reporters could not legally obtain, one federal law enforcement insider said. One FBI insider said the payments to Fusion GPS coincide with Donald Trump's run for the White House.

The payments were made between Sept. 2015 and Sept. 2017, records show.

The unthinkable: The mainstream media paying Fusion GPS for dirt on Trump to the same firm the Democratic National Committee paid to fund the bogus Trump dossier. And at the same time Fusion GPS bribing journalists to place stories — likely negative about Trump, as well as spread the bogus Trump dossier around.

Stunning.

Was BuzzFeed — the only company to publish the full bogus dossier — on that list?

And who is on the payroll? We are trying to run that information down.

And why aren't these people behind bars?

**Feds Could Save Taxpayers 'Billions Of Dollars' By
Straightening Out One Corrupt Energy Department Program, Report
Finds**

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

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

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

“DOE officials said that they are making progress in implementing a national programmatic approach to the cleanup and will continue to work toward this,” GAO reported. “DOE provided technical comments, which were incorporated as appropriate.”

GAO also highlighted an open recommendation to Congress that could save taxpayers up to \$4.3 billion.

“Unless the Department of Energy can demonstrate demand for new Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing loans and viable applications, Congress may wish to consider rescinding all or part of the remaining credit subsidy appropriations,” GAO reported.

The Obama administration used that loan program to hand out taxpayer funds to electric car companies, including luxury automaker **Fisker Automotive, which drew down on \$192 million before [having its government credit stripped](#) away.**

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

[department of energy energy fisker automotive government accountability office](#)

**WHO ARE THE CORRUPT INSIDERS IN THE CLEANTECH
STOCK MARKET PAYOLA SCAMS CHARGED WITH THESE**

CRIMES AND ILLICIT DEEDS?

PALO ALTO MAFIA

Case files exist on each part, below. Surveillance is under-way for each. Financial and beneficiary historical cross-matrix

database forensic payola and payment tracking underway via XKEYSCORE, FINTRACK, et. al. These parties are targeted

for arrest, indictment, doxing and/or additional investigation. Draft 2.7 – not inclusive. See master DOJ7 list.

WHO TOOK BRIBES? -

- > A.J. Delaurio– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Adam Dachis– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Adam Weinstein– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Adrian Covert– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Adrien Chen– Defamation-for-sale blogger

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- > Alan Henry– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Albert Burneko– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Alex Balk– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Alexander Pareene– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Alexandra Philippides– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Allison Spinner – Wife of Steve Spinner and lawyer at WSGR and Solyndra who helped
- > Feinstein rig the Solyndra cash ((Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.)
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- > Allison Wentz– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Andrew Collins– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Andrew Magary– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Andrew Orin– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Angelica Alzona– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Anna Merlan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ariana Cohen– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Arnold Schwarzenegger – Governor (Accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax
- > evasion, illicit deal organization with Russians and more...)
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- > Ashley Feinberg– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ava Gyurina– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Barack Obama – Chicago politician
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- > Barry Petchesky– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Bill Lockyer – Calif State finance head (Under investigation and sex scandal conflicts,
- > charged with corruption by media. Assets and ownerships under investigation)
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- > Brendan I. Koerner– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Brendan O’Connor– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Brent Rose– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Brian Hickey– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Camila Cabrer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Choire Sicha– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Chris Mohny– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Clover Hope– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Daniel Cohen – DOE Legal counsel who assisted in the Steven Chu scam (Sent
- > packing/fired/forced to resign)
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- > Daniel Morgan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > David Axelrod – White House strategist who helped stage the quid-pro-quo (Sent
- > packing/fired/forced to resign)(he is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and
- > kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)
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- > David Matthews– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > David Plouffe – White House money packager. Arranged deals between VC campaign
- > Donors (Forced to Resign. Under investigation)
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- > Dark Money Group relay
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- > Denis McDonough – White House adviser

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- > Diana Moskowitz– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Dianne Feinstein – California politician
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- > Eleanor Shechet– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Elizabeth Spiers– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Elizabeth Starkey– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Emily Gould– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Emily Herzig– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Emma Carmichael– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Eric Holder – Attorney General- DOJ (Forced to resign) (Charged with staff & VC
- > Protections and blockade of FBI and Special Prosecutor deployments in order to run the cover-up)
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- > Eric Strickland – Head of Auto Safety agency under DOT (Sent packing/fired/forced to
- > resign)(he is now under investigation. Charged with cover-up of Tesla and GM auto dangers he had
- > known about)

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- > Erin Ryan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ethan Sommer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Eyal Ebel– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Gabrielle Bluestone– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Gabrielle Darbyshire– Defamation-for-sale blogger and attack services director
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- > Gawker Media – DNC/Clinton/Obama character assassination media tool (In Mid-
- > Termination)
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- > Georgina K. Faircloth– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Gizmodo – DNC/Clinton/Obama character assassination media tool (Failing, rapidly
- > decreasing users and increasing fake ad stats disclosures)
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- > Gregory Howard– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Hamilton Nolan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Hannah Keyser– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Harry Reid – Senator- Solar factory guru, Congress lead (Accused of political bribery and
- > kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...Forced out of Congress in shame)
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- > Heather Deitrich– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Hillary Clinton – Dynastic politician
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- > Hudson Hongo– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Hugo Schwyzer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Hunter Slaton– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ian Fette– Defamation-for-sale blogger and Google, Gawker, Jalopnik, Gizmodo media
- > assassin
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- > Irin Carmon– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Jalopnik – Online defamation facade political publication. Pretends to be about cars but is
- > DNC hit job rag
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- > James Brown Jr – HHS Programming lead in California (Arrested for corruption)
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- > James Brown Jr. - Head of California HHS Obamacare
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> James J. Cooke– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> James King– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Jay Carney – White House adviser
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> Jennifer Ouellette– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Jerry Brown – California politician
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> Jesse Oxfeld– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Jessica Cohen– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Jesus Diaz– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Jillian Schulz– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Joanna Rothkopf– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> John Cook– Defamation-for-sale blogger and director of media assassins group

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> John Herrman– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > John Podesta – White House adviser
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- > Jordan Sargent– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Joseph Keenan Trotter– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Josh Stein– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Julia Allison– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Julianne E. Shepherd– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Justin Hyde– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Kamala Harris– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Kate Dries– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Katharine Trendacosta– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Katherine Drummond– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Kathy Zoi
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- > Kelly Stout– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ken Alex – Adviser to Jerry Brown
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- > Kerrie Uthoff– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Kevin Draper– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Lacey Donohue– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Lachlan Seward – Energy Department gatekeeper
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- > Lucy Haller– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Luke Malone– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Madeleine Davies– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Mario Aguilar– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Matt Hardigree– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Matt Novak– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Michael Ballaban– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Michael Dobbs– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Michael Spinelli– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Nancy Pelosi – California politician
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- > Neal Ungerleider– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Nicholas Aster– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Nicholas Guido Denton– Defamation-for-sale blogger and head of the Gawker, Gizmodo,
> Jalopnik sleaze tabloid empire

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> Omar Kardoudi– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Owen Thomas– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Patrick George– Defamation-for-sale blogger and Character Assassination expert
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> Patrick Laffoon– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Patrick Redford– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Pierre Omidyar– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Rich Juzwiak– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Richard Blakely– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Richard Blum - Investment banker
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> Richard Rushfield– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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> Robert Finger– Defamation-for-sale blogger

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- > Robert Gibbs – White press office head
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- > Robert Sorokanich– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Rory Waltzer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Rosa Golijan– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ryan Brown– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Ryan Goldberg– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Sam Faulkner Biddle– Defamation-for-sale blogger, Runs a large part of the Anti-GOP blog
- > programs
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- > Sam Woolley– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Samar Kalaf– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Sarah Ramey– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Shannon Marie Donnelly– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Shep McAllister– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Sophie Kleeman– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Stephen Totilo– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Steve Rattner – White House car czar, indicted for fraud
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- > Steve Spinner – Energy Department manipulation expert, Wife was Solyndra’s lawyer
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- > Steven Chu – Secretary of Energy – The most corrupt in US history
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- > Tamar Winberg– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Taryn Schweitzer– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Taylor McKnight– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Thorin Klosowski– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Tim Marchman– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Timothy Burke– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Tobey Grumet Segal– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Tom Ley– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Tom Scocca– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Veronica de Souza– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > Wes Siler– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > William Haisley– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > William Turton– Defamation-for-sale blogger
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- > XXXX ...Plus additional persons to be named...
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WHO PAID BRIBES? -

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

- > Abound Solar - Criminally corrupt crony campaign finance front operation. (Terminated)

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> Al D'Amato, Park Strategies. The former GOP New York senator has been a big advocate
> for online gambling as a lobbyist for the Poker Players Alliance.

> Al Mottur and Manuel Ortiz, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Mottur heads up lobbying
> operations at the K Street giant. Ortiz, one of Brownstein's newest hires, is a rising star in
> Democratic circles.

> Alexander Sternhell, Sternhell Group. Previously a Senate Banking Committee staffer,
> Sternhell's two-year-old venture is in the big leagues with clients such as Citigroup Management
> and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

> Alphabet - Privacy abuse, spy-on-the-public, Fake News election rigger, Clinton/DNC
> scheme financier (Under Federal and EU investigation)

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> Andrew McCormack

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> Andy Barbour, Smith-Free Group. Smith lobbies for several financial and insurance
> companies but is best known for his work as the lead Democratic lobbyist for the Financial
> Services Roundtable.

> Andy Bechtolsheim – VC- Insider campaign backer (He is now under investigation)
> (accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)

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> Aneesh Chopra

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- > Bill Daley – White House strong-arm (Forced to resign)(he is now under investigation)
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- > Bill Gurley
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- > Bob Livingston, The Livingston Group. Republican Livingston, a former House
- > Appropriations Committee chairman, is a statesman on K Street.
- > Brian Goncher – Deloitte VC intermediary in the stock market rigging (He is now under
- > investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)
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- > Brobeck Law Firm
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- > Carl Gordon
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- > Chad Hurley
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- > Charles Stenholm, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Bode Matz PC. Stenholm’s decades of
- > experience on the House Committee on Agriculture will be called upon as Congress crafts the next
- > farm bill.
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- > Cheryl Sandberg – Facebook boss, reports to Larry Summers
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- > Chris Jennings, Jennings Policy Strategies. A sage on healthcare reform, Jennings worked
- > on President Clinton’s reform push and later lobbied on Obama’s bill.
- > Chuck Brain, Capitol Hill Strategies Inc. Once a Clinton White House aide and longtime
- > House Ways and Means Committee staffer, Brain would make any list of the best-known

Democratic lobbyists in town.

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- > Civis Analytics – Social manipulation group
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- > Covington & Burling
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- > Dan Tate Jr., Capitol Solutions. Tate delivers stellar client relations while harnessing 10
- > years of upper-level Hill and administration experience.
- > Daniel Boston, Health Policy Source. Boston’s numerous healthcare clients turn to him for
- > the policy expertise he honed as a GOP aide on Capitol Hill.
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- > Dave McClure – VC
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- > David Castagnetti and Alex Vogel, Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti. The bipartisan shop has
- > heavy hitters on both sides of the aisle, thanks to Democrat Castagnetti.
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- > David Danielson
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- > David Drummond – Lawyer/Lobbyist– Google, bribes expert for DC and EU regions
- > (Under investigation. Quail Road, Woodside, CA home bugged)
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- > David Mott
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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)
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- > 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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- > Fred Graefe, Law Offices of Frederick H. Graefe. Graefe is a force among Democratic
- > healthcare lobbyists.
- > Fusion GPS – Defamation and journalist bribery service

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Gabriel Burt

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> Gerald Cassidy and Gregg Hartley, Cassidy & Associates. The trailblazing firm has
> regained momentum by diversifying its practice following a staff shake-up late last year.

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Gilman Louie – VC, founder on IN-Q-Tel

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> Goldman Sachs – Financial packager (Suspected of staging most of the TARP/DOE deals
> for personal gain & insider payouts)

Google, Inc. – Data harvesting company(Ran media attacks, stock market pump and dump
> PR hype and character assassinations)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and
> more...) (charged by EU, and most nations, with multiple abuses of the public. Has totally lost the
trust of the public. Revenue loss increasing geometrically.)

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Greylock Capital – Silicon Valley Insider trading operator (Under investigation)

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> Heather Podesta, Heather Podesta + Partners. The former congressional aide has built a
> solid lobbying practice and helps fundraise for Democrats with her husband, Tony.

In-Q-Tel, Inc. – CIA off-shoot associated with Eric Schmidt, Google, Elon Musk and the
> Cartel leaders. Ran “hit-jobs” on Silicon Valley VC adversaries and reporters (Sued, under
> investigation, exposed in multiple documentaries, under investigation for Cocaine trafficking.
Removal of charity status demanded)

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

portfolio holdings are under investigation)

- > Ivanpah Solar - Criminally corrupt crony Google campaign finance front operation. (In failure mode)
- > J. Steven Hart, Williams & Jensen. Hart is a sought-after GOP fundraiser who has steered the ship for more than a decade as Williams & Jensen's chairman and CEO.
- > Jack Lew
- > Jacque Littlefield – VC, Dead
- > James Bronkema – West Coast Money Man for David Rockefeller and Feinstein financier (Dead)
- > Jared Cohen – Google boss and international political manipulator
- > Jawed Karim
- > Jay Carney – White House press lead (Forced to resign)
- > Jeff Berman and David Russell, Bryan Cave. Berman, the former delegate counter for President Obama's 2008 campaign, and Russell, a former chief of staff to the late Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), are standouts on a capable lobby team.
- > Jeff Lieberman
- > Jeff Peck, Peck, Madigan, Jones & Stewart. Once an aide to then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Peck has carved out a niche working on the Dodd-Frank

reform law.

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Jeffrey Zients

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Jeremy Stoppelman

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> Jim Blanchard and Ilia Rodriguez, DLA Piper. Blanchard, a former Democratic governor of
> Michigan, and Rodriguez, an ex-lobbyist for the Center for American Progress, are at the vanguard
> of a formidable K Street team.

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Jim Breyer – VC and CIA intermediary

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Jim Goetz

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> Jim Pitts and Chris Cox, Navigators Global. Pitts’s firm has welcomed back GOP
> consultant Mike Murphy, adding more Republican talent to pair with Cox, a skilled hand from the
> George W. Bush White House.

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Joe Lonsdale – VC, famous for rape and abuse scandal and domestic spying via Palantir

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Joe Rhodes – White House shill

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> Joel Johnson, The Glover Park Group. The former aide to Sen. Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) helps
> manage one of the marquee Democratic-leaning firms in town.

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Johanna Shelton

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> John Breaux and Trent Lott, Breaux-Lott Leadership Group. Now merged with Patton

> Boggs, the two former senators are going strong with a profitable lobbying practice anchored by
> several blue-chip clients.

> John Doerr – Owner – Kleiner Perkins. “Godfather” – Silicon Valley Cartel (He is now
> under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)(All of
> his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation)

> John Lindfors

> John Raffaelli, Capitol Counsel. The former Democratic staffer has more than 25 years of
> expertise in taxation and international trade — two issues at the top of the congressional agenda.

> Jonathan Silver – DOE VC (Sent packing/fired/forced to resign)(he is now under
> investigation. Shamed in media for epic failures)

> Josh Ackil and Matt Tanielian, Franklin Square Group. With clients including Apple,
> Google and Intel, the two Democrats are among the elite lobbyists for Silicon Valley in
> Washington.

> Josh Kopelman

> Joshua Wright

> JP Gan

> Julie Domenick, Multiple Strategies LLC. The Democratic lobbyist, who was once targeted
> by the K Street Project, has flourished by opening her own firm.

- > 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.
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- > Larry Page – Google Boss
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- > Larry Summers – VC
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- > Licy Do Canto, The DoCanto Group. The former aide to Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and
- > the late Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) is a highly regarded healthcare lobbyist.
- > Linda Daschle, LHD & Associates. Daschle, a former administrator for the Federal
- > Aviation Administration, remains one of Washington's top aviation lobbyists.
- > Linda Tarplin, Tarplin, Downs & Young. Tarplin remained among the elite healthcare
- > lobbyists during the reform debate, and her GOP background makes the 112th Congress a prime
- > time to display her prowess.
- > Lisa Kountoupes, Kountoupes Consulting. The former aide to Rep. John Dingell (D-Mich.)
- > has her own lobby shop and contracts with Best Buy, Yahoo and Intel.
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- > Lloyd Craig Blankfein – VC and Sachs boss
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- > Luke Nosek
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- > Marc Andreessen -VC
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- > Marc Lampkin and Jack Quinn, Quinn Gillespie & Associates. Republican Lampkin and
- > Democrat Quinn make for a blockbuster pairing.
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- > Margaret Sullivan – VC, USAID Boss and Tom Steyer bpartner
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- > Mario Rosatti – VC
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- > Mark Isakowitz, Fierce, Isakowitz and Blalock. Isakowitz and his GOP lobby shop scored a
- > coup this year when Apple and Facebook both signed up as clients in a two-week span.
- > Mark Kadesh, Kadesh & Associates. Kadesh, once chief of staff to Sen. Dianne Feinstein

- > (D-Calif.), has an A-list of California clients and a reputation as a real pro.
 - > Mark Rayder, Alston + Bird. Rayder's Hill experience in appropriations and healthcare
- > policy makes for a dynamite combination.
 - > Mark Zuckerberg – Facebook Boss
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 - > Martin LaGod -VC
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 - > Marty Paone, Prime Policy Group. Paone spent decades on Capitol Hill working for Senate
 - > Democrats and is part of the leadership team at Prime Policy, one of K Street's most successful
 - > firms.
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 - > Mary Meeker – VC
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 - > Matt Keelen, The Keelen Group. The Republican lobbyist and campaign guru is a bridge to
 - > labor for the GOP.
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 - > Matt Rogers – VC and pass-through conduit
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 - > Max Levchin -VC
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 - > Mckinsey Consulting – The firm you hire to rig white papers and insider hires in
 - > government positions for the Palo Alto Mafia
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 - > Megan Smith

- > Melissa Schulman, The Bockorny Group. A former aide to Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.),
- > Schulman has the connections to centrist Democrats that are always prized on K Street.

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- > Michael Eisenberg
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- > Michael Herson, American Defense International. Herson's Pentagon and White House
- > experience has been an asset to him as president of the successful defense consulting and lobbying
- > firm.

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- > Michael Moritz -VC
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- > Mike Fulton, GolinHarris. Fulton is well versed in the minutiae of the Washington
- > bureaucracy and is adept at finding federal grants for his clients.

- > Mike House, Hogan & Lovells. House leads the government relations practice at the firm
- > and calls the shots on a prized account with Nissan North America.

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- > Mikey Dickerson
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- > Mitch Feuer and Robert Griner, Rich Feuer Group. The two lobbyists work for first-tier
- > clients from the financial services world, including Visa and Goldman Sachs.

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- > Morrison and Foerster
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- > Nathan Parker
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- > Neerag Agrawal
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- > Nicholas Guido Denton – Gawker, Gizmodo, Jalopnik homosexual scandal mob boss

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> Nick Allard, Thomas Hale Boggs Jr., Micah Green, Jonathan Yarowsky and Edward
> Newberry, Patton Boggs. The firm continues to reign on K Street thanks to its roster of seasoned
> power brokers.

> Nick Giordano, Washington Council Ernst & Young. A former counsel to the Senate
> Finance Committee, Giordano is one of the best tax lobbyists in town.

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> Perkins Coie – Campaign conduit law firm

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> Peter Fenton

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> Peter Thiel – VC

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> Rakesh Saxena – Canadian in-house arrest, arms dealer, western political packager

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> Rahm Emanuel – White House boss

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> 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

> 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

> 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.

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> Solyndra Solar Company – FBI raided corrupt Clean Tech company

> SpaceX – Elon Musk company that Obama gave part of NASA to in exchange for campaign
> conduits

- > Steve Chen
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- > Steve Elmendorf and Jimmy Ryan, Elmendorf | Ryan. A former aide to ex-House
- > Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt (Mo.), Elmendorf brought in Ryan to help expand the Senate
- > ties of his thriving firm.
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- > Steve Jurvetson – VC embroiled in sex abuse charges
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- > Steve McBee, McBee Strategic. A former aide to Rep. Norm Dicks (D-Wash.), McBee has
- > seen his lobby firm take off.
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- > Steve Perry and Andy Wright, Dutko Grayling. Perry and Wright man the roster for one of
- > the top 20 lobby shops in Washington.
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- > Steve Spinner – VC
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- > Steve Westly – VC
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- > Stu Van Scoyoc, Van Scoyoc Associates. The man who founded a top-earning lobby firm
- > specializing on taxation and appropriations will have plenty of work in the months ahead.
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- > 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.

> Tim Draper – VC

> Todd Park – IT manipulator inside White House

> 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.

> Tom Perkins – Dead KPCB Palo Alto Mafia founder

> 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.

> Tom Steyer – VC

> Tomorrow Ventures – Social manipulation group

> 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.
- > Viktor Vekselberg – Russian business entity
- > Vinod Khosla -VC
- > 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.
- > Wilson Sonsini Partner Club
- > Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosatti
- > XXXX ...Plus additional persons to be named...

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THE FILES PROVIDED (AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER DIGITAL REPOSITORIES AROUND THE GLOBE) HOLD PROOF OF THESE ASSERTIONS OF CRIMINAL AND ILLICIT CORRUPTION ACTIVITIES OPERATED BY WHITE HOUSE

AND DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY EXECUTIVES!

**WE DEMAND A SPECIAL COUNSEL DEDICATED TO INVESTIGATING, AND
NOT COVERING UP, THIS CASE!**

WE DEMAND THAT ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES INVOLVED BE FIRED!

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

**WE DEMAND THAT THE WHISTLE-BLOWERS RECEIVE PROTECTION AND
ARE ALLOWED TO SPEAK BEFORE CONGRESS!**

DOE corruption—appointed and elected officials should face prison time

By [Marita Noon](#)

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An exhaustive review of [350+ pages of leaked emails](#) regarding the Obama administration’s handling of the various green-energy loan and grant programs makes several things very clear: they [lied](#), engaged in favoritism, and rushed application approvals to suit the political agenda of the White House. At the same time, worthy projects that went through a complete due diligence process were denied or ultimately withdrawn, as the lengthy approval process “taxed investors’ patience”—as was the case with Aptera Motors, which worked closely with the DOE for two years.

Paul Wilbur, President and CEO at Aptera, didn’t think they were treated unfairly. He told me, “At the end of the day, we couldn’t get through the process.” But, he admits, he hasn’t read the emails.

Aptera was trying to build a very efficient electric vehicle with an under \$30K price point. Wilbur met with Secretary Chu who could see the value in the technology. But our research shows that value was not the deciding factor in which projects got funded and which ones didn’t. Wilbur reports that he didn’t donate to any candidate. He wanted to keep the whole process clean and do what was “good for America.”

[The report](#) from the House Oversight Committee says Aptera first applied for an ATVM loan in December of 2008 and “shut down on December 2, 2011.” The report implies that Aptera was led on: “After numerous negotiations with DOE, in September 2011, Aptera received a conditional loan commitment of \$150 million if the company was able to raise \$80 million privately.” And: “The loans given to Fisker and Tesla gave Aptera hope that DOE would eventually

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

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

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

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

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

public on how government accountability and transparency protects taxpayer interests and economic activity.”

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

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

He reported: “Staff from within the DOE have provided evidence which is quite compelling.” As Aptera's Wilbur made clear, the individuals within the DOE were very thorough. One of the emails, in the 350+ pages, was from Secretary Chu himself in which he criticized staffers for taking a “principled stand,” which held up the approval process of projects the White House wanted advanced. Another indicated that the pressure to rush was coming from “above the agency.” Overall, the emails show that projects were rushed so that announcements could coincide with visits, speeches, and photo ops—as well as providing talking points for the president.

Our XP source told us “We experienced, and have been provided evidence of, applicant submissions and reviews being modified in order to benefit some and disadvantage others, and the

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

While he didn’t provide us with a name, the XP official said, “We experienced a senior senator blockading our efforts and then providing favors to a competitor, which then benefited his family financially.” The discovery the lawsuit will provide will expose the “senior senator,” but our previous research shows that [Senator Harry Reid](#)’s actions seem to fit the XP official’s comment.

XP Technologies believes that “DOE officials changed the first-come-first-served published rules and standards of the funding in order to take applicants in order of who they favored and who had purchased the most influence instead of the order in which they applied, as required.”

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

Time, the lawsuit, and subsequent investigation will tell.

While the House Oversight Committee has been digging deeply into the mismanagement and corruption of the green energy loans, the media has paid little attention. Other than [our report](#), the October 31 release of the emails cited here received virtually no news reporting. Even the Fox News Channel ignored the story. The plight of promising companies like Aptera and XP Technologies would have gone unnoticed if not for the lawsuit. The legal complaint attracted attention.

On November 16, the [Heritage Foundation](#) broke the XP story: “A lawsuit filed in federal

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

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

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

The XP story and subsequent media coverage offers a lesson for others—especially industries who have been wronged by the Obama Administration's practices (such as energy). The lawsuit may—or may not—send officials to federal prison, as our XP source suggests, but it could go a long way to winning in the court of public opinion.

**IN ADDITION TO OUR EYE-WITNESS, FIRST-HAND, VIEWING OF THESE
CRIMES THESE SMALL SAMPLES OF THE BROADCAST NEWS REPORTS,
CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS, FBI CASE EVIDENCE AND AGENCY REPORTS PROVE
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HUNDREDS OF APPLICANTS WERE LIED TO, DEFRAUDED OF THEIR TIME, MONEY, IP AND OTHER RESOURCES AND USED, WITHOUT PERMISSION, AS A SMOKE-SCREEN TO HIDE THE HARD-WIRED INSIDER CRONY PAYOLA SCHEMES THAT THE OBAMA WHITE HOUSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HAD RIGGED UP!



February 28, 2012

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

Dear Secretary Chu,

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

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

The actions – or better said "lack of action" -- by your team means hundreds of great manufacturing and technical jobs, union and non-union alike, and thousands of indirect jobs in Indiana and Michigan will not see the light of day. It means our product, the Bright IDEA plug-in hybrid electric commercial vehicle, will not provide the lowest total cost of ownership for our commercial and government fleet customers, saving millions of barrels of oil each year. It means turning your back on a bona fide step forward in our national goal to wean America away from our addiction to foreign oil and its implications on national security and our economic strength.

In good faith we entered the ATVM process, approved under President Bush with bi-partisan Congressional approval, in December of 2008. At that time, our application was deemed "substantially complete." As of today, we have been in the "due diligence" process for more than 1175 days. That is a record for which no one can be proud.

We were told by the DOE in August of 2010 that Bright would get the ATVM loan "within weeks, not months" after we formed a strategic partnership with General Motors as the DOE had urged us to do. We lined up and agreed to private capital commitments exceeding \$200M – a far greater percentage than previous DOE loan applicants. Finally, we signed definitive agreements with state-of-the-art manufacturer AM General that would have employed more

than 400 union workers in Indiana in a facility that recently laid-off 350 workers. Each time your team asked for another new requirement, we delivered with speed and excellence.

Then, we waited and waited; staying in this process for as long as we could after repeated, yet unmet promises by government bureaucrats. We continued to play by the rules, even as you and your team were changing those rules constantly – 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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reuben Munger" followed by a stylized flourish.

Reuben Munger
CEO

Mike Donoughe
COO

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

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

Per Hilary Kao, of the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review, In the year following the Fukushima nuclear disaster in March 2011, the renewable and clean energy industries faced significant turmoil— from natural disasters, to political maelstroms, from the Great Recession, to U.S. debt ceiling debates. The Department of Energy’s Loan Guarantee Program (“DOE LGP”), often a target since before it ever received a dollar of appropriations, has been both blamed and defended in the wake of the bankruptcy filing of Solyndra, a California-based solar panel manufacturer, in September 2011, because of the \$535 million loan guarantee made to it by the Department of Energy (“DOE”) in 2009. Critics have suggested political favoritism in loan guarantee awards and have questioned the government’s proper role in supporting renewable energy companies and the renewable energy industry generally. In looking beyond the Solyndra controversy to examine the origin, structure and purpose of the DOE LGP. It asserts that loan guarantees can serve as viable policy tools, but require careful crafting to have the potential to be effective programs. The third-party studies conclude that the DOE LGP did not have consistent or

achievable legislative directives nor did it have a reasonable timetable to implement its Loan Guarantee Program....

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This risk profile, however, reflects the DOE’s failure to meet its statutory goals, because the DOE had competing and contradictory Congressional directives, dooming the Loan Guarantee Program’s ability to succeed. First, her Article examines the ambiguous language commonly used to describe renewable energy, green energy, clean energy and industries associated with these terms. It then defines two terms: the Renewable Energy Industry (“REI”) and the Renewable Energy Electrical Generation Industry (“REEGI”). Second, the Article examines the state of the market for REEGI and various challenges that face this industry. Third, the Article describes the origin and structure of the DOE LGP and initial assessments of this program prior to the Solyndra scandal. The Article analyzes the DOE LGP and asserts that the program’s contradictory legislative

guidance, by the U.S. Government, limited the effectiveness of the program, ensuring the program would face criticism from all sides no matter which projects it supported. The Article also examines the common arguments made against the DOE LGP specifically, and government loan guarantees generally. Finally, the Article concludes that loan guarantees can be viable policy tools, but their effectiveness depends on both the coherence of legislative authority and implementation. In the case of the DOE LGP, competing legislative purposes, stock market bribes and lack of specificity hampered the program's effectiveness. [Michael Dahlen](#) testifies that, In "[The Assault on Corporations](#)" (*TOS*, Fall 2020), he showed that the economic power of a corporation is fundamentally different from the political power of government. Whereas economic power is the ability to produce and trade, political power is the legal authority to use physical force against people. Government acts legitimately when it uses force to protect people from criminals and hostile nations. But it often acts illegitimately, using force to violate people's rights. A corporation can have vast economic power, but unlike government, it has no legal authority to force anyone to do anything. Despite this, people often conflate economic power with political power, incorrectly ascribing political power to corporations.

Although corporations lack direct political power, some critics retort, this misses the point. They use their economic power to unduly influence government. Corporations thus wield political power, the argument goes, because they gain control over those who have it. "These massive concentrations of economic power," says former secretary of labor Robert Reich, "generate political clout that's easily abused."¹ Liz Kennedy from the Center for American Progress says, "America faces a crisis of corporate capture of democratic government, where the economic power of corporations has been translated into political power with disastrous effects for people's lives."² Or as Massachusetts Institute of Technology Professor Noam Chomsky puts it, "The corporations set the conditions within which the government operates, and control it to a large extent."³ This control encompasses both parties. "The corporate political machines," journalist Chris Hedges writes, "control the Republicans and Democrats."⁴

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

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

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

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

If the government answers to corporations, not voters, then our system is a sham. Rather than a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, we have, as New York University Professors Ralph Gomory and Richard Sylla put it, “a government of the corporations, 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

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

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

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

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

Lobbying and Campaign Spending

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

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

from their corporate clients.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cronyism

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

and taxpayers billions of dollars annually.⁵⁷

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Systemic Corruption

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

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

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

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

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

involved in politics.”⁸¹

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

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

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

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

This is akin not to bribery but *extortion*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The individual's rights? Antiquated.

His freedom and liberty? Dispensable.

His wealth and property? Up for grabs.

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

Why 'More Democracy' Is Not the Answer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Separating Economy and State

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

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

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

No, it shouldn't.

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

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

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

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

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

Individualism, Collectivism, and the Constitution

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

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

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

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

From the Progressive Era to the New Deal, to the Great Society, to the 2010s, “progressive” presidents have couched their political agendas in collectivist terms. President Theodore Roosevelt said we need a “partial substitution of collectivism for individualism.”¹³⁶ President Franklin D. Roosevelt said that his policies “call for a willingness to sacrifice individual gains, to work together for the *public welfare*.”¹³⁷ “We must all learn,” President Lyndon B. Johnson said, “to submerge our individual differences to the *common good*.”¹³⁸ “My days,” he went on, “are spent in trying . . . to use the public's dollars for the *public good*.”¹³⁹ President Barack Obama said, “the call to sacrifice for the country's *greater good* remains an imperative of citizenship.”¹⁴⁰

The main purpose of government, collectivists tell us, is not to protect the individual's rights. Instead, as Bakan says, the government's "sole purpose" is "to protect and promote the public interest and reflect the people's will."¹⁴¹ Ensuring "the common welfare," Hartmann argues, is "why we have government in the first place."¹⁴² According to Lindsey and Teles, "In the ideal democracy, the mechanisms of government are . . . converted into policies that serve the common good."¹⁴³

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The United States Government, through the White House, Department of Energy, SSA, HUD and other agencies ordered, coordinated, funded, operated, managed, approved, over-saw, encouraged and tactic-managed these attacks on Plaintiff using Plaintiff's own taxpayer monies; thus Plaintiff must be compensated for the damages to him and the losses, therefrom.

