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**"WE BELIEVE
TRANSPARENCY CAN
REVOLUTIONIZE
HOW WE GOVERN
OURSELVES."**





LETTER FROM **THOMAS W. SMITH, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

The greatest threat to our country will always come from within. Today, our exploding debt, our exploding federal bureaucracy is no longer just lurking, it has become an inevitable threat to the progress our Democratic market economy has enjoyed the past 250 years.

Pervasive fiscal irresponsibility has engulfed both political parties. When Bush, Jr. took office, the federal debt was under \$6 trillion. The debt almost doubled under his administration.

Under the Obama administration, the debt more than doubled.

The Trump administration did not stop the federal debt's growth.

The Biden administration has put the growth, the bureaucracy growth on steroids.

Before they were sworn in, the current House Republicans held a secret vote to restore earmarks. 158 Republican Congressman voted for earmarks.

The Federal debt is now over \$35 trillion – six times what it was under Bush, Jr. The interest on the Federal debt increased 41% last year. The interest on the Federal debt is now greater than the defense budget.

It has become painfully obvious that if we are going to solve this inevitable fiscal crisis, it cannot start from the top down. It has to start with the voters. The voters have to change the culture in Washington. That is what OpenTheBooks is working to help the voters accomplish.

We are fortunate. The cloud, big data, this new tech world has given us the ability to do just that. It has given us the ability to attack this persistent fiscal irresponsibility with transparency. That is what OpenTheBooks is all about. We are bringing transparency to government.

We have developed a software system, a \$7 million investment thus far, which allows us to file nearly 60,000 freedom information act request yearly.

We are in the process of putting every government expense, local state and federal online real time on every citizens, cell phone, iPad and computer. This is a new communications world.

In early 2024, we launched a new chat bot named Benjamin. We think it is game changing.



We have an OpenTheBooks government expense library with trillions of government expense items, free, and open to the public. That's a big database and it's hard to mine. Benjamin makes our government expense library dramatically easier to mine for politicians, would-be politicians academics, the communications world, students, everyone, anyone. We are experiencing a dramatic increase in usage.

As we bring the information age to government, as voters become aware of the pervasive fiscal irresponsibility, which still exists within government, they will vote differently. Government will become dramatically more efficient and more effective. That is what OpenTheBooks is all about.

Transparency within our government has given us reason to be optimistic about the preservation of the greatest country in all of history.



THOMAS W. SMITH
Chairman



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*"Power tends to corrupt and
absolute power corrupts absolutely."
LORD ACTON*

2023 AT A GLANCE

"When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat."

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

\$9 TRILLION

IN CAPTURED
GOVERNMENT
SPENDING FY2022
(FEDERAL, STATE & LOCAL)

26.1M SALARIES

VIRTUALLY EVERY PUBLIC
EMPLOYEE SALARY &
PENSION RECORDS AT EVERY
LEVEL OF LOCAL, STATE,
& FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
(FY2022)

55,574

FREEDOM OF
INFORMATION ACT
REQUESTS FILED



\$325 MILLION

CRACKED OPEN THE NIH HIDDEN
THIRD PARTY ROYALTY COMPLEX



2,086,120

WEBSITE SESSIONS AT
OPENTHEBOOKS.COM



597,000

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



200,000

EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS



\$35.2 MILLION

IRS PURCHASE OF GUNS,
AMMUNITION, & MILITARY
EQUIPMENT SINCE 2006



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CAPTURED STATE CHECKBOOKS



4.1 MILLION

YOUTUBE VIEWS ON "THE DEPTH OF THE SWAMP"

By OpenTheBooks CEO/Founder Adam Andrzejewski
Presentation at National Leadership Seminar
Hillsdale College, Naples, FL | February 2020

700

INVESTIGATIONS
PUBLISHED

4

OVERSIGHT REPORTS

14,000

MEDIA MENTIONS

27 CONGRESSIONAL IMPACTS

FLOOR SPEECHES (10)
OVERSIGHT LETTERS (10)
& AMENDMENT VOTES (5-2)

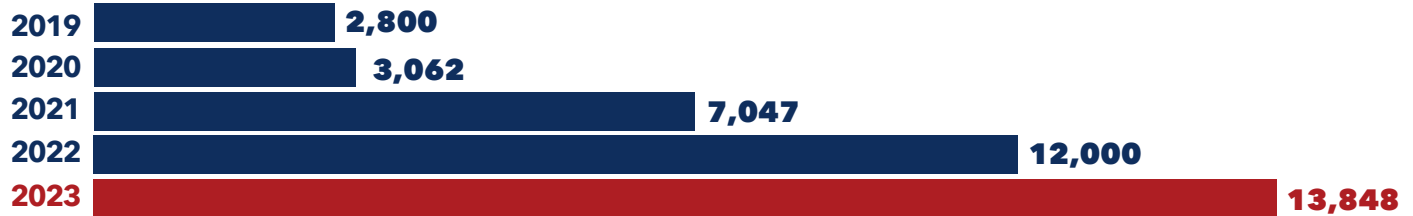
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LIVE TELEVISION & RADIO
INTERVIEWS DURING
CALENDAR YEAR 2023

KEY METRICS

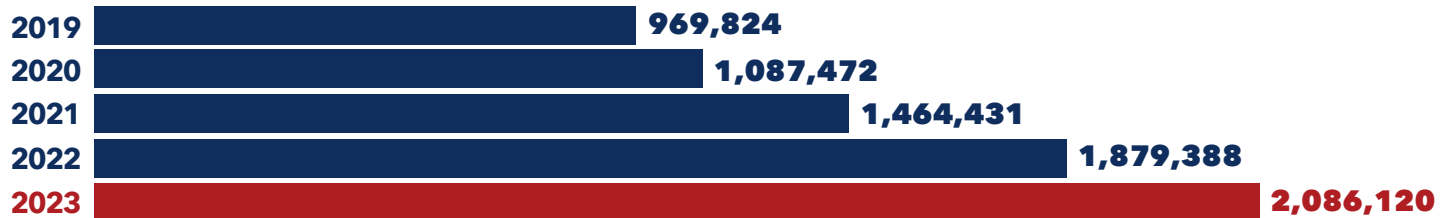
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Source: Meltwater



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Source: Google Analytics



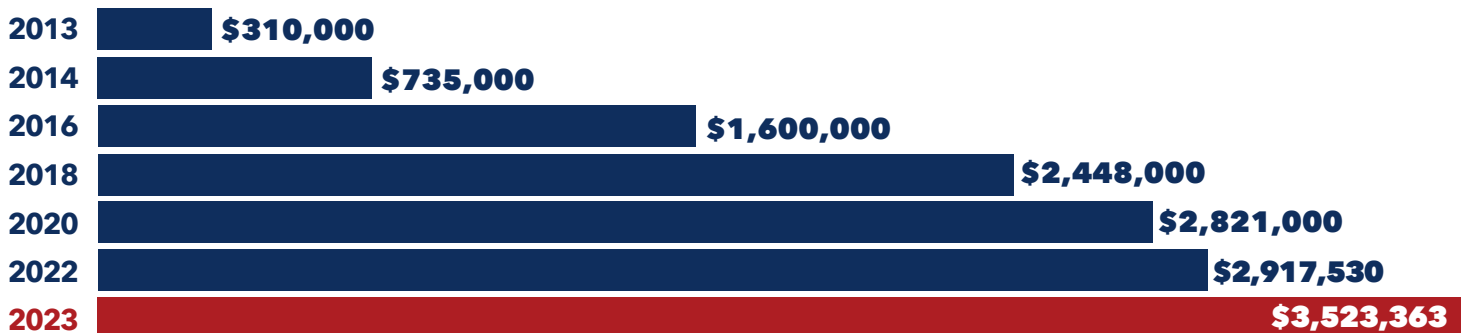
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REVENUE BY FISCAL YEAR



2023... **OUR STRONGEST YEAR EVER**

We are speaking truth to power in some of the most important fights in the country. And in 2023 we opened the books on more government spending than ever before.

We published more investigations (700), received more media mentions (14,000), captured more government spending (55,000 FOIAs), raised more funds (\$3.5 million), and had the most impact in Congress than any previous year!

And - since the pandemic, we've racked up more than 41,000 media citations.

We captured nearly every dime taxed and spent at every level of government across America - federal, state, and local - *for the first time in history!*

Our investigations in Congress were cited at least 27 times: in ten floor speeches, ten oversight letters from Members to the federal agencies, and seven times Congress voted on a bill or amendment inspired by our investigations - five of which passed!

Our 2023 reports were cited by The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Politico, C-SPAN, FOX News, CNBC, The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast, New York Post, Washington Post, and many more.

Throughout the year we racked up more hard-hitting wins than in any previous year.

In January the U.S. House Republican majority instituted our transparency in legislation rule, "Read The Bill" requiring legislation to be posted publicly 72 hours before final floor consideration.

We exposed the Pentagon's K-12 public school embrace of DEI. In March we worked with Congressional allies and whistleblowers on military bases across the world, and Secretary Loyd Austin canceled the first ever DEI office and reassigned the chief.

We won amendments on legislation in the U.S. House covering fights such as a mandatory audit of the IRS gun locker, and stripping EPA special agents of arrest and firearm authority.

Our ideas became law as we aligned our hard data with breaking news.

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst attached an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act to include a mandatory audit of spending in foreign labs. U.S. Senator Josh Hawley's amendment successfully required reporting to quantify costs of remote work and underutilized office space.

In November, we exclusively quantified \$1.2 billion in Palestinian aid doled out by the Biden Administration - aid given despite no guarantee that it wouldn't be stolen by Hamas. FOX News reported our findings live from the White House lawn.

60 days later **President Biden halted the aid** after an Israeli intelligence dossier proved that the UN agency distributing such funds was infiltrated by Hamas.

Your investment in the Transparency Revolution made for our best year yet. **Thank you.**

WE BELIEVE TRANSPARENCY CHANGES EVERYTHING!



ADAM ANDRZEJEWSKI
CEO/Founder

2023 OVERSIGHT & INVESTIGATIONS

- 1** U.S. Foreign Aid To Middle East
- 2** Ivy League, Inc.
- 3** Victory: Pentagon Cancels DEI Unit In Their K-12 Schools
- 4** Victory: Read The Bill 72 Hour Legislative Timeout
- 5** San Francisco Poop Map
- 6** Militarization of IRS
- 7** Wall Street Journal - Ban Earmarks
- 8** Congress Goes Hog Wild For Earmarks
- 9** \$1.3 Billion To Russia & China
- 10** The House of Fauci
- 11** Flashback: Congressional Hearings on 3rd Party Royalties
- 12** \$325M Hidden Third Party Royalty Complex
- 13** Biden's Bloated White House Payroll
- 14** Club Fed
- 15** Newsom, Inc.
- 16** Newsom's Invent Your Own Gender, Legal Pay to Play & More
- 17** Pandemic Furniture Splurge \$3.3B
- 18** \$3 Trillion In Improper Payments Since 2004
- 19** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Oversight Report
- 20** \$13B Spent On Unaccompanied Minors at Border
- 21** Largest Non-Profit Hospitals Racked Up Huge Profits During Pandemic
- 22** The Covid-Aid Waste Compendium
- 23** Wall Street Journal: Transparency Changes Everything
- 24** Our Substack Investigations
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- 26** Key Media

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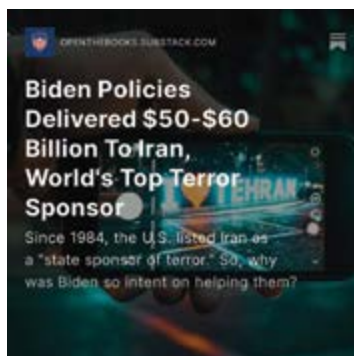
QUANTIFYING U.S. FOREIGN AID TO MIDDLE EAST



**BIDEN PAYS, ROCKETS FLY:
ADMINISTRATION SENT \$1B IN
PALESTINIAN AID AFTER TRUMP'S FREEZE**

As soon as Biden opened the spigot, Hamas launched thousands of rockets from Gaza at Israel.

Published: [Substack](#) | October 17, 2023



**BIDEN POLICIES
DELIVERED \$50-\$60B TO IRAN,
WORLD'S TOP TERROR SPONSOR**

Since 1984, the U.S. listed Iran as a "state sponsor of terror."

So, why did Biden help them?
Published: [Substack](#) | October 30, 2023



**MIDDLE EAST RECEIVED \$21B IN
U.S. FOREIGN AID UNDER BIDEN
ADMINISTRATION**

Israel received \$6.6B for defense. Another 17 countries split \$14B - including direct cash payments (2021-2023).

Published: [Substack](#) | November 6, 2023

TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Breaking with live reporting on the White House lawn by Edward Lawrence and Peter Ducey, we found the Biden Administration provided more than \$1 billion in Palestinian aid. President Trump froze the aid in August 2018 and Biden restarted the aid in April 2021.

Immediately, the Biden Administration pushed back and tried to get FOX to retract the story. However, we showed producers the U.S. State Department disclosures and corroborating sources.

Biden aid policy toward Iran and the Middle East: We found one-third of the aid went to Israel and two-thirds went to the other 17 countries. The aid to Israel was only for military defense, while the aid to the rest of the region was often cash payments. Codified into Palestinian law is the gruesome practice of "pay-to-slay" - paying pensions to the family of terrorists who kill Jews.

Major television: Breaking exclusively on FOX News Channel and FOX Business, our report aired on FOX & Friends (1.2 million views); America's Newsroom with Hemmer and Perino (1.2 million views); Special Report with Brett Baier (1.8 million views); Varney & Co. (350,000 views); Mornings with Maria Bartiromo; and The Big Money Show with Charles Payne (250,000 views). Our report was cited by Megyn Kelly Podcast and our interviews aired on The National Desk (TND) with Sinclair Broadcast Group; NewsMax TV - The Count and American Agenda; America's Real Voice; One America News; and on Outback- Fearless with Tomi Lahren.

Prominent coverage: The New York Post and Visegrad24 tweeted our findings. Interviewed with Newsweek Josh Hammer podcast. Editorials published in the Washington Examiner by Michael Lucchese; Townhall; and Zero Hedge. The Washington Times editorial board called for Biden to block the funds. Real Clear Investigations published our "Waste of the Day" article. National radio coverage included Andrew Wilkoff Majority on Sirius XM and the Bill Martinez Show.

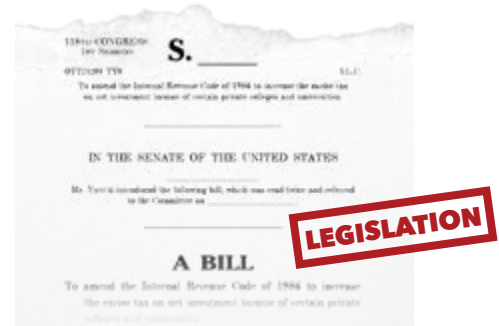
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IVY LEAGUE, INC.

\$65 BILLION ENDOWMENT GAIN WEALTHY UNIVERSITIES (2018-2022)

UNIVERSITY	2018 ENDOWMENT	2022 ENDOWMENT	GAIN
HARVARD	\$39.2 BILLION	\$50.0 BILLION	\$10.7 BILLION
YALE	\$39.4 BILLION	\$49.7 BILLION	\$10.3 BILLION
STANFORD	\$36.5 BILLION	\$46.5 BILLION	\$10.0 BILLION
PRINCETON	\$35.9 BILLION	\$45.8 BILLION	\$9.9 BILLION
UPENN	\$32.4 BILLION	\$41.9 BILLION	\$9.5 BILLION
NORTHWESTERN	\$11.1 BILLION	\$21.4 BILLION	\$10.3 BILLION
COLUMBIA	\$10.5 BILLION	\$20.0 BILLION	\$9.5 BILLION
CORNELL	\$8.9 BILLION	\$18.4 BILLION	\$9.5 BILLION
QUINCY	\$5.5 BILLION	\$14.8 BILLION	\$9.3 BILLION
BRANDEIS	\$2.8 BILLION	\$12.5 BILLION	\$9.7 BILLION
TOTALS	\$172.2 BILLION	\$237 BILLION	\$64.8 BILLION



IT'S TIME CONGRESS OPENED THE BOOKS ON HARVARD

The U.S. tax code and federal grants swell the coffers of wealthy Ivy League universities that teach hatred is ok. Taxpayers should cut them off.

Published: [Tablet](#)
December 10, 2023

WEALTHY, ELITE UNIVERSITIES LIKE HARVARD TAXED YOU \$45B IN LAST FIVE YEARS

Quantifying U.S. taxpayer subsidies, tax-breaks, and federal payments into the Ivy League colleges plus Stanford and Northwestern (2018-2022)

Published: [Substack](#)
November 15, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, CONGRESSIONAL & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: Elite universities are more federal contractor today than educator. These universities received more from taxpayers on contracts and grants than they collected in undergraduate student tuition. Moreover, these universities reap special tax benefits as public education charities.

While their endowments ballooned by \$65 billion, these universities received \$33 billion in federal contracts and grants in a five-year period, 2018-2022. They don't need taxpayer help.

Many federal grants are wasteful. Columbia University received \$3.5 million to "de-colonialize" the earth sciences - the study of the atmosphere and biology, for example. They think it's too white and Western and want to turn it woke.

Congressional action: Rep. Kevin Riley (R-CA) gave a floor speech televised on C-SPAN cited us and calling for reform. U.S. Senator J.D. Vance (R-OH) introduced a bill to increase the 1.4-percent tax on excessive endowments to 35-percent. Our findings were tweeted by Sen. Ted Cruz, and journalists Mark Levin, Peter Schweizer, and Tammy Bruce.

Major coverage: Our findings published on the homepage of FoxNews.com and aired across the FOX Radio network. Television coverage included Special Report by Brett Baier (1.2 million); Varney & Co. (350,000); Mornings with Maria Bartiromo; and across America on the local TV stations owned by FOX News.

Digital coverage included an editorial at The Hill by Merrill Mathews, The Boston Globe, Daily Caller, Epoch Times, Real Clear Politics, Reason, Washington Time, One America News, and National Review. Sinclair Broadcast Group - owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX stations across America aired a segment on the nightly news and our interview on The National Desk platform.

The New York Post published a board editorial calling on the Ivies to lighten the load on the American taxpayer. A feature story published at Newsmax Magazine (750,000 distribution). Featured as Real Clear Investigations "Waste of the Day." Also featured in the documentary, Exclusion U.

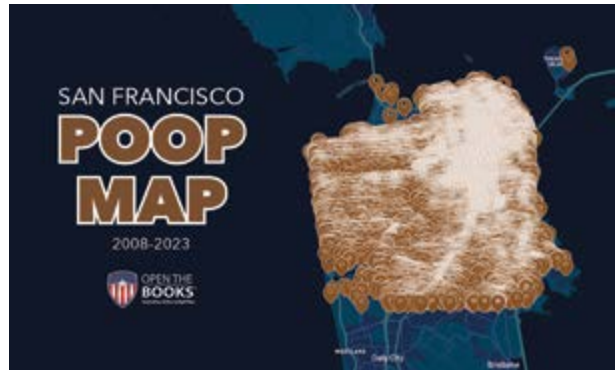
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SAN FRANCISCO POOP MAP



RED STATE VS. BLUE STATE DEBATE
Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) vs. Gov. Gavin Newsom (D-CA)
 November 30, 2023



UPDATED: The San Francisco Poop Map by OpenTheBooks in Real Time
 More than 270,000 cases reported since 2011
 Published: [Substack](#) | December 1, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS

Top Debate Moment: FOX News ranked it the “Top Moment” when Gov. Ron DeSantis (FL) held up our 2019 San Francisco “Poop Map” and forced Gov. Gavin Newsom (CA) to defend it. **Many pundits thought it was the pinnacle moment of the debate** - and by extension the ill-fated DeSantis campaign for President.

The DeSantis debate statements and our map were then “fact-checked” by Poynter Institute Fact Check, Washington Post Fact Checker, and PolitiFact. Our findings held up. In 2019, we published our initial map at Forbes: San Francisco’s Human Waste Challenge.

Updating the Poop Map in real time: Immediately, our team updated the map through December 1, 2023 and published our oversight at Substack. We found the situation in San Fran isn’t getting better, it’s getting worse. The number of cases of human waste in the public way spiked to all-time highs in 2020-2023.

Major coverage: Breaking exclusively on FOX News - host of The Red State vs. Blue State Debate - the hashtag #poopmap trended on national Twitter (X). The Wall Street Journal, Washington Times, Politico, Newsweek, The Daily Mail, and many others cited the moment in their live debate coverage. The Five, Greg Gutfield at FOX News did a segment and Molly Hemmingway cited us in her FOX interview. The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast Group aired our interview.

The New York Post wrote, “Poop Scoop! DeSantis Confronts Newsom With Map of Public Human Feces in San Fran In Debate.” The San Francisco Chronical published our interview as a part of their debate coverage, cited us, and embedded our map. Nearly every major California newspaper mentioned the event.

The Blaze embedded our map (2 million views). Hollywood actor James Woods tweet received 100,000 views. The DeSantis campaign itself retweeted our updated Substack findings.

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MILITARIZATION OF IRS



THE MILITARIZATION OF THE IRS

UPDATED: IRS PURCHASED \$35M IN GUNS, AMMUNITION, AND MILITARY-STYLE EQUIPMENT SINCE 2006

And why does the IRS need guns?

Published: [Substack](#) | May 1, 2023



**THE MILITARIZATION OF THE U.S. EXECUTIVE AGENCIES
OPENTHEBOOKS OVERSIGHT REPORT**

Non-Military Purchases of Guns, Ammunition, and Military-Style Equipment FY2015-FY2019

Published: [OpenTheBooks.com](#)
January 2021

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & CONGRESSIONAL IMPACTS

Our findings: To perform their duties, IRS agents need pencil and paper, a calculator, tactical shotguns, and ... sub-machine guns?

The tax agency has spent \$35.2 million since 2006 on guns, ammunition, body armor, and more weaponry for its 2,100 special agents authorized to use "deadly force." *Almost a third of the spending came at the peak of the pandemic. At one point, the IRS had over 5 million rounds of ammo stockpiled.*

The IRS is just one of 103 federal agencies outside the Department of Defense that spent \$3.7 billion since 2006 on weapons for 200,000 bureaucrats, including the Social Security Administration and Department of Agriculture. For comparison, there are only 186,000 U.S. Marines.

Congressional impact: Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) introduced the aptly named Why Does The IRS Have Guns Act and quoted us in her press release. Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Montana) introduced a companion bill in the House.

Rep. Stephanie Bice wrote an oversight letter to the IRS demanding a full accounting of the \$10 million the agency spent on weaponry in the last three years. She also appeared on FOX News to discuss the issue and the amendment passed the U.S. House in September 2023.

The U.S. House passed an amendment from Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) in July to freeze the IRS' weapon inventory at current levels. Rep. Gary Palmer's (R-AL) amendment to disarm the EPA special agent passed while citing our findings. Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN) introduced an amendment that would have completely disarmed the IRS, but it failed 187 to 238 in November.

Major coverage: Immediately after our launch on Substack, Larry Kudlow called for disarming the IRS live on FOX Business. Our interview with Liz McDonald aired on The Evening Edit and aired on Mornings with Maria Bartiromo. We were hosted by C-SPAN founder, Brian Lamb, hosted us for his Booknotes+ podcast and by EpochTV's American Thought Leaders. Sean Hannity hosted us for a 20-minute live radio interview which was replayed four times. FOX Radio ran national reporting by Mark Meridith. Russell Brand hosted us on his podcast, Stay Free.

Our findings were cited on One American News by Ron Paul; The Blaze by Glenn Beck; Grover Norquist on FOX Business; Tomi Lahren at Outkick; Newsmax by John Bachmann, and during an interview between Rob Schmitt and presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy.

Major local broadcast news networks cited our findings including Nexstar Media Group, owners of 197 local ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America; Gray TV, owners of 180 local stations; and Sinclair Broadcast Group, owners of 294 local stations.

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BIDEN'S BLOATED WHITE HOUSE PAYROLL

JOE BIDEN'S FAT WHITE HOUSE PAYROLL SPIKES TO HISTORIC HIGHS

Includes 524 Employees Costing Taxpayers \$52+ Million

Bidenomics Hits the White House Payroll

Published: [Substack](#) | June 30, 2023

TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: President Joe Biden needed a lot of help during his first three years in office; more than any president since 1971.

Each year, the White House is mandated to release its annual report to Congress on the White House Office Personnel. The payroll data includes employee name, status, salary, and position title for all White House staffers as of July 1, 2023.

Biden spent \$158.8 million in his first three years on a White House payroll that included more than 500 staffers for the first time since the Nixon administration.

Biden employed 108 more people than Trump and 70 more than Obama with a turnover rate of 46%. His staffers worked on vital public policy issues such as creating the donkey emoji and coordinating Covid-19 responses after Biden declared the pandemic over.

Jill Biden followed suit with 20 staffers, eight more than Melania Trump.

The highest-paid White House employee in 2023 was Deputy Coordinator for the Monkeypox Response Demetre C. Daskalakis, who made \$260,718, and 115 "special assistants" made up to \$132,500.

Major coverage: Our report broke on our Substack and beat all other national media to the findings—for the fifth year in a row. Quickly, our report was showcased in the Washington Secret column by Paul Bedard at the Washington Examiner.

The National Desk amplified our findings in a digital piece and hosted our CEO for an interview aired across their platform at Sinclair Broadcast Group, owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX stations across America.

The founder of C-SPAN hosted us on Booknotes + podcast, as did Lars Larson's top 10 national radio program. Others such as Council on National Policy (CNP) highlighted the findings in their "Heard Around The Hill" newsletter.

Additional coverage included Daily Caller, America's Real Voice - Grant Stinchfield Show, Dennis Michael Lynch and Mike Broomhead Show, Ed Dean Radio in Jacksonville, and Jeannie Ives Show on WIND 560AM, Chicago.

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CLUB FED

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES ARE HIGHLY COMPENSATED AND PAID TO WORK FROM HOME



WHERE'S WALDO AT CLUB FED?

By: U.S. Senator Joni Ernst & Adam Andrzejewski

Published: [Newsweek](#)
March 30, 2023



SEEKING DAYLIGHT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst and watchdog organization OpenTheBooks demand transparency of federal payrolls.

Published: [Substack](#)
April 28, 2023



CLUB FED

U.S. Senate Floor Speech by Joni Ernst (R-IA)

[Watch on C-SPAN](#)
October 31, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & CONGRESSIONAL IMPACT

Our findings: It's \$1.2 million a minute - in taxpayer money flowing from your pocketbook into the paychecks of federal bureaucrats.

The average salary in 109 of 125 federal agencies is above \$100,000 for a total annual payroll of more than \$210 billion. This is only the rank-and-file federal agencies and doesn't include the Department of Defense and Post Office.

There's a war on transparency. The Biden administration redacted over 350,000 names from its payroll in 2022, compared to 2,300 names under Obama (2016). Our auditors estimated that \$36 billion in salary and bonuses is hidden in the swamp.

Congressional impact: We first published our findings at Newsweek in an editorial co-authored with U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA).

In August, Sen. Ernst awarded 'Club Fed' her 'Squeal Award,' as the worst example of federal waste.

As a result of our editorial, in October, the Senate unanimously approved Ernst's amendment to quantify and increase transparency within all federal agencies and their use of remote work and space utilization.

Ernst delivered a U.S. Senate floor speech dedicated to our mutual oversight on 10/31/2023.

Major coverage: We launched our article with Sen. Ernst in Newsweek. In primetime on the Front Line with Carl Higbe show at Newsmax our segment drew 250,000 viewers. Our interview aired on The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast, owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX local stations across America. Our interview also aired C-SPAN, Booknotes with Brian Lamb and on Good Day Maine in Portland, Maine - the state's largest city.

We received more digital coverage from Daily Caller, Reason, Epoch News, FedSmith, Yahoo! News, and on radio with The Jeannie Ives Show on 560AM WIND, Chicago.

**AS SEEN IN
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.**

"EARMARKS IN TODAY'S CONGRESS IS LIKE AN OPEN BAR TAB FOR A BUNCH OF ALCOHOLICS

WALL STREET JOURNAL | OCTOBER 13, 2023



**BAN EARMARKS!
OUR WSJ FULL PAGE OPEN LETTER**

Published: [Wall Street Journal](https://www.wsj.com) | October 2023

Democrats take every opportunity to spend your tax dollars. The GOP was supposed to know better.

Unfortunately, the first thing the GOP did after they took control of the U.S. House - before the new Congress was even sworn in - they held a secret vote on earmarks. Last December, 158 GOP members of Congress voted to include earmarks in the year-end omnibus spending bill.

House Republicans "opened the bar" for the spendaholics.

Those 158 secret-voting members caused **\$16,012,272,565 of your tax dollars** to be spent on **7,509 earmarks**.

Not only did those 158 members adopt earmarks, the Republicans spent more of your tax dollars than their Democratic earmarking colleagues.

In the fiscal year 2024 spending bills being debated this fall, the top 63 earmarkers in the U.S. House are Republicans. Eight of the top ten earmarkers in the U.S. Senate are Republicans.

THE REBIRTH OF EARMARKS IS A STATEMENT FAR MORE DEVASTATING THAN THE NUMBERS:

- It is a statement of the culture within Congress.
- A culture that shows no respect for your tax dollars.
- No respect for the lurking danger the exploding federal debt poses for our country.

IF OUR GREAT COUNTRY IS TO SURVIVE, THE CULTURE WILL HAVE TO CHANGE.

Voters need to hold their elected officials accountable for tax and spend decisions. OpenTheBooks.com gives them the tools to do just that.

Once the voters understand how much of their tax dollars are being wasted. Once elected officials know that, unlike the past, there is no place to hide financial irresponsibility, the culture within government will begin to change.

Doing so will not only work to diminish the federal debt, but it will also make our government more effective, more efficient.

Transparency can transform how we govern ourselves.

We greatly appreciate all of your help. **Transparency has never been more important to the survival of our country as our founders envisioned it, as we have lived it.**

 **READ OUR ORIGINAL WALL STREET JOURNAL AD**

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CONGRESS GOES HOG WILD FOR EARMARKS

EARMARKS: RETURN OF THE SWAMP CREATURES

OPENTHEBOOKS OVERSIGHT REPORT
MAPPING \$16 BILLION IN CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS FY2023

Published: OpenTheBooks.com | June 9, 2023

DECLARING OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM EARMARKS

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE TO SEE WHO'S "IN" AND WHO'S "OUT" ON EARMARKS. NO SECRETS.

Published: Substack | August 1, 2023

TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: Congress went hog wild for earmarks. It was \$16 billion spent on 7,509 earmarks to fund pet projects in their home districts.

Seven of the top 10 earmarkers were Senate Republicans, and Republicans spent more than Democrats in 21 states.

Taxpayers spent \$2 million on the National Great Blacks Wax Museum where Rep. Kweisi Mfume has his own statue and \$3.6 million to extend the Michelle Obama Trail in Atlanta, Georgia.

Our researchers created an interactive map so you can track the project location and dollar value of every earmark. We also called on the Speaker of the House to hold a public vote to ban earmarks.

Major coverage: We launched our findings at The Wall Street Journal with a full-page paid placement. Jesse Watters hosted our CEO for a primetime interview on FOX News (2.5 million viewers).

Our interviews aired with The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast; Russell Brand's 'Stay Free' podcast; Newsmax Tom Basile's America Right Now, Carl Higbe's Frontline, and Wake Up America morning show; C-SPAN's Booknotes+ with Brian Lamb and C-SPAN's Washington Journal; America News with John Hines and The Dan Ball Show; Good Day Maine, CBS-Austin, NBC-Las Vegas, FOX17 Nashville, and FOX45 Baltimore; and Epoch TV's American Thought Leaders. Gray TV, owners of 160 local ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America, featured our interview and findings on their nightly newscast.

Digital coverage included Epoch Times with Mark Tapscott; Daily Wire; Washington Times with Stephen Dinan; Breitbart News by Sean Moan; an editorial by Michael Reagan at Newsmax; PJ Media by Mark Tapscott; Real Clear Politics 'Waste of the Day'; MSN; Daily Caller editorial by Peter Roff; and many more.

Radio interviews included Emily Compagno at FOX Radio across America; Ed Dean Show in Jacksonville; John Steigerwald Show in Pittsburgh; Tom Miller Show WJPF Carbondale, IL; Rod Arquette Show, KNRS, Salt Lake City; and Jeanne Ivies Show, WIND, Chicago.

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GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM OVERSIGHT

THE SILICON VALLEY BANK COVERUP & The Roads Leading To Gov. Gavin Newsom

The bank just deleted their Twitter account. So much for transparency from a bank that is now 100% backed by taxpayers.

Published: [Substack](#)
March 13, 2023

THE NEWSOMS' LUCRATIVE WOKE SCHEME

Published: [Newsweek](#)
February 27, 2023
By: Adam Andrzejewski

JENNIFER SIEBEL NEWSOM

Charity Is Out Of Compliance But Solicits Donations From State Vendors & Governor's Campaign Contributors

Her non-profit, The Representation Project, raises money from the governor's backers... and the state.

Published: [Substack](#)
January 12, 2023

TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: When the Silicon Valley Bank collapsed, we found a Newsom nonprofit inextricably linked to the bank. John China, a Silicon Valley Bank executive, was also the founding board director of the nonprofit, California Partners Project (CPP), a 501c(4) public advocacy group, Gov. Gavin Newsom personally solicited a \$100,000 gift from the bank to the nonprofit. This gift wasn't repaid after the failure.

Our investigation and exposure resulted in the resignation of John China from the board at Newsom's nonprofit.

As governor, Gavin Newsom established the first ever Office of First Partner for his wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, and poured nearly \$5 million in taxpayer funding into the hiring of nine staffers. **This blurred all the lines between taxpayer funding and Jennifer's non-profit organizations and their missions.**

We also found Gov. Newsom's administration pouring millions of taxpayer dollars into the public schools pushing children to "invent their own gender." These "neogenders" included "foxgender" - a student that identifies as a fox, or "rock gender," a student identifying as a rock.

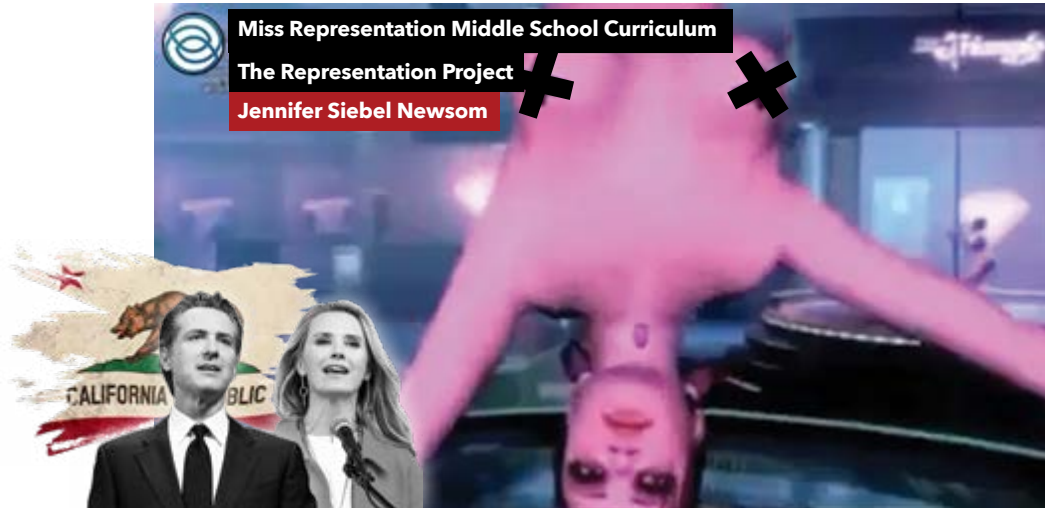
In the days after our investigation was published, websites were deleted.

Major coverage: Our findings were featured as a "Hot Topic" on FOX News, and we interviewed on C-SPAN's Washington Journal - taking questions from the American people.

Newsweek published our editorial which summarized our "Newsom, Inc." findings. Max Eden, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, published an editorial at City Journal regarding the "invent your own gender" push by Newsom.

Additional coverage provided by Luke Rosiak at Daily Wire; our interviews with Tomi Lahren Is Fearless interview at Outkick, The National Desk by Sinclair Broadcast, owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America, and Lars Larsen national radio show, and the Jeanne Ives show at AM560 WIND, Chicago.

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INVENT YOUR OWN GENDER
 Gov. Gavin Newsom Encourages Youth With Millions In Taxpayer Support
 "You're on a gender journey"
 - California K-12 schools teach students that genders are limitless.
 Published: [Substack](#)
 August 29, 2023

NEWSOM, INC.
 "Legalized" Pay-To-Play In California
 The Newsom's Create Problems, "Solve" Them & Cash Checks Along The Way
 Published: [Substack](#)
 February 12, 2023

SIEBEL NEWSOM'S FILMS FEATURE PORN - SHOWN IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS
 Feature Radical Gender Ideologies, Porn & Her Husband Gavin
 2.6M students across 11,200 classrooms & 5,000 schools are subjected to Newsom's films & curricula
 Published: [Substack](#)
 January 20, 2023

TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: After forcing open the California state checkbook, we investigated Newsom, Inc. - how Gov. Gavin Newsom and his wife Jennifer Siebel Newsom create problems and "solve" them - by profiting through their own "non-profits."

Launched our findings with a FOX News exclusive: Jennifer Siebel Newsom's nonprofit, The Representation Project, broke California law by accepting donations while its state registration was invalid throughout 2022.

We found Newsom's films were a pipeline to pornography in public schools. Featuring naked or nearly naked women, they are shown slapped and brutalized. Screened in middle and high schools, the content includes images of an upside-down stripper with tape over her breasts. **Furthermore, the films offer a roadmap to porn outside of the classroom** - by prominently displaying the website addresses of porn sites.

2.6 million children across all 50 states in 11,000 classrooms across America have seen the films. Over 5,000 schools have paid up to \$599 per video for use in lesson plans.

Most films also star the governor, himself, Gavin Newsom.

Funding these films included state contractors, such as AT&T and Comcast, who donated to the nonprofit while executives also donate to Newsom's campaign fund.

Media coverage: The Laura Ingraham Show on FOX News aired our interview in prime time (1.7 million viewers) and FoxNews.com published three digital stories regarding our investigation. Tucker Carlson Tonight, Harris Faulkner, and Liz McDonald's Evening Edit on FOX Business cited our findings.

Newsweek published our editorial. All 12 newspapers owned by the Orange County Register covered our findings. Max Eden, an American Enterprise Institute fellow, published an editorial at Washington Examiner.

The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast, John Bachman Show at Newsmax (136,000 views), Stay Free with Russell Brand (677,000 views), and One American News aired our interviews. California Political Review, California Today, and the California Globe published articles. We were interviewed on Peter Schweizer's Drill Down podcast, Steve Hilton's podcast, and Steve Bannon's War Room.

Yahoo! News article had 1,200 comments. Our investigation republished at Zero Hedge received more than 150,000 views. More coverage included Daily Caller, Epoch Times, Children's Health Defense, PJ Media, KFI Los Angeles, Glenn Beck radio show, Redstate, David Web on Sirius XM, Lars Larsen national radio, Louder with Crowder, Michael Savage radio, John Rush radio in Denver, John Steigerwald radio in Pittsburgh, Washington Free Beacon, AM870 in Los Angeles, and AM560 in Chicago.

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FAUCI & WIFE'S NET WORTH EXCEEDED \$11M WHEN HE DEPARTED GOVERNMENT POST, DISCLOSURES REVEAL

DR. FAUCI'S NET WORTH UP SHARPLY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Published: [FOX News](#)
September 19, 2023

HOUSE OF FAUCI

How Dr. Christine Grady, AKA Mrs. Fauci, Used Her NIH Position to Backstop Her Husband's Pandemic Health Directives

America's top doctor and his wife - the chief ethicist - were the administrative state's pandemic dream team.

Published: [Substack](#)
March 20, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA, AND CONGRESSIONAL IMPACTS

Our findings: Dr. Anthony Fauci's household had a net worth of \$12.7 million in 2022, and it mostly came on your dime – up \$5 million during the pandemic.

Dr. Anthony Fauci and his wife Dr. Christine Grady, the chief bioethicist at Fauci's employer, the National Institutes of Health, earned roughly \$1 million per year in taxpayer-paid salary and benefits. While Dr. Fauci out-earned the president, Mrs. Fauci out-earned the vice-president.

We filed two federal lawsuits with our partner, Judicial Watch, to force the NIH to hand over the Facuis' financial and ethical paperwork.

After production, none of the files acknowledged conflicts of interest or even nepotism, even though Fauci admitted his wife influenced his public policy decisions during the pandemic regarding vaccines, social distancing, dying in isolation, and other policies.

Major coverage:

Our findings broke with an exclusive piece on FOX News with more details published on our Substack. We were cited on the national radio segment by Sean Hannity and the New York Post - the third largest newspaper in the country. We also received coverage from the Daily Mail, Washington Times, The Daily Caller, Washington Free Beacon, Washington Examiner, AOL News, Hot Air, American Greatness, and more.

The Citizens Free Press linked our Substack and our interview aired on One America News with John Hines. Newsweek published the piece, "Fauci Making Millions During Pandemic Sparks Backlash." On C-SPAN, our interview with founder Brian Lamb on Booknotes covered the topic.

Across the entire Sinclair Broadcast Group platform of nearly 200 local ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX stations across America, the show, Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson aired, "Dr. Fauci became a multi-millionaire directing a federal health agency."

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\$1.3 BILLION TO RUSSIA & CHINA

WASHINGTON HAS SENT MORE THAN \$1.3B TO CHINA & RUSSIA

WHO'S FOLLOWING THE MONEY?

Published: [USA Today](#) | June 28, 2023

\$1.3B IN U.S. TAXPAYER MONEY FUNDED THE DRAGON (CHINA) AND THE BEAR (RUSSIA) SINCE 2017

WHY ARE TAXPAYER DOLLARS FLOWING TO ADVERSARIAL NATIONS?

Published: [Substack](#) | July 31, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA AND CONGRESSIONAL IMPACT

Our findings: Since 2017, \$1.3 billion of U.S. taxpayer money ended up in China and Russia. Our government sent \$490 million to China, meaning Washington is borrowing money from the Chinese just to send it back. \$2 million ended up funding bat coronavirus research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which may have caused the Covid-19 pandemic.

The U.S. also funded Chinese poetry projects and spent \$25,000 to help the surfing community deal with climate change.

Russia got \$870 million of U.S. money, including funds for a podcast on "being queer" and a cruel experiment that involved removing cats' spinal cords.

Our dollar totals are likely underestimated. The federal government doesn't keep track of money once it's been spent, and award recipients are often free to use it as they please.

Congressional impact: We launched our findings in a co-authored editorial at USA Today with U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA). Ernst gave our report her "Squeal Award" for wasteful spending.

Ernst and Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) introduced the Tracking Receipts to Adversarial Countries for Knowledge of Spending (TRACKS) Act, which would require the government to track and publicly disclose all grant payments to organizations in China or Russia.

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) successfully passed an amendment stopping any U.S. taxpayer funds to entities located in China.

Ernst successfully attached an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2023 to audit all Department of Defense spending into China, Russia, and any foreign laboratory around the world. The amendment became law and the audit is due by June 2024.

Major coverage: Our reporting was featured in seven different FOX segments across TV, radio, and digital. Segments included America's Newsroom, Maria Bartiromo's Wall Street, FOX News Tonight (1.3 million views), Fox and Friends (1.125 million viewers), and a FOX & Friends report (1.06 million viewers). And FOX Radio across America including citation on Sean Hannity's show.

On Newsmax, our finding was cited on Frontline with Carl Higbie (287,000 viewers) and Greta Van Susteren's The Record (68,000 viewers). Major coverage included ABC-WSB Atlanta on Cox Media; The National Desk with Sinclair Broadcast Group, owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America; all Cumulus Radio stations across America.

We were also featured in the Daily Mail, New York Post, Daily Caller, Yahoo! News, The Federalist, Associated Press, Breitbart, RealClear Politics, Citizen Free Press, Washington Free Beacon, Epoch Times, Washington Times, Washington Free Beacon, Center Square, PJ Media, MSN.com, Iowa Capital Dispatch and more.

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CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS

HIDDEN THIRD-PARTY ROYALTY STREAM AT NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Uncovered by OpenTheBooks.com



NIH ACTING DIRECTOR DR. LAWRENCE TABAK U.S. HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS HEARING

May 13, 2022
U.S. Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI)
[Watch On C-SPAN](#)



NIAID DIRECTOR DR. ANTHONY FAUCI U.S. SENATE HEARING

June 16, 2022
U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)
[Watch On C-SPAN](#)



NIAID DIRECTOR DR. ANTHONY FAUCI U.S. SENATE HEARING

September 14, 2022
U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY)
[Watch On C-SPAN](#)

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS

Within 36 hours, our investigation led to an immediate U.S. House Appropriations hearing with NIH Acting Director Lawrence Tabak answering questions from U.S. Rep. John Moolenaar (R-MI). Tabak admitted that every royalty payment has the appearance of a conflict-of-interest, but effectively said, trust us, we have firewalls.

Each year, NIH doles out \$30+ billion in grants to 56,000 healthcare entities across America. Separately, they received \$325 million from the pharmaceutical industry since 2010. That's an unholy alliance without transparency. Dr. Tabak admitted as much.

U.S. Senator Rand Paul and five senators on the U.S. Homeland Security Committee wrote an oversight letter asking for an unredacted copy of the third-party royalties database. It was ignored.

Sen. Paul questioned Dr. Anthony Fauci on his third-party royalties: "Here's what I want to know. It's not just about you, everybody on the vaccine committee. Have any of them ever received money from the people who make vaccines? Can you tell me that?"

Fauci's answer: "According to the regulations, people who receive royalties are not required to divulge them even on their financial statement, according to the by Bay-Dole Act."

Sen. Paul again questioned Dr. Fauci on third-party royalties in the next hearing. "We've been asking you and you refuse to answer whether anybody on the vaccine committees gets royalties from the pharmaceutical companies. I asked you last time and what was your response? 'We don't have to tell you,'" Paul said.

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\$325M THIRD PARTY ROYALTY COMPLEX

ANTHONY FAUCI DEFENDED NIH CULTURE OF SECRECY: BUT NOW WE FORCED OPEN MORE INFORMATION

Big-Pharma, Chinese and Russian companies, and nefarious characters all benefited by licensing tech developed at the National Institutes of Health and paid for by U.S. taxpayers.

Published: [Substack](#) | August 9, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, CONGRESSIONAL & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: In 2023, our federal litigation continued to produce results. **We successfully opened the names of the third-party royalty payors. We forced the disclosure of the company names that licensed NIH discoveries (paid for by taxpayers) and paid individual scientists.** Our lawyers are the public-interest law firm, Judicial Watch, in Washington, D.C.

These disclosures proved that Dr. Anthony Fauci misled Congress in May 2022 - Fauci would not disclose the companies name paying royalties to him or other leaders. The NIH still refuses to release the amount paid to individual scientists. So, our battle in federal court continues.

In 2021, we sued the National Institutes of Health to open the books on all third-party paid royalties between 2009 and 2020. Each of the 56,000 payments since 2009 represented a potential conflict-of-interest: these are payments from pharmaceutical companies to NIH which are then split between the agency and its scientists.

31 countries including China, Russia, and Belarus paid royalties to NIH. Vaccine manufacturers Pfizer and Moderna were among the top royalty payors.

Congressional impact: Our initial reporting on third-party royalties led to three Congressional hearings in 2022. Our Congressional impact continued into 2023 and beyond.

In the U.S. House, Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX) and 13 other House members wrote an oversight letter to NIH Director Lawrence Tabak, citing our work and asking for full disclosure of the third-party royalty database.

In March 2024, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) advanced the Royalty Transparency Act, which would require federal officials to publicly disclose all royalty payments and we were cited as the impetus behind the legislation. The bill passed a U.S. Senate committee 12-00.

In 2023, Sen. Paul and Rep. Roy also introduced legislation that would split the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases into three agencies, eliminating Fauci's former position.

Major coverage: We launched our findings on our Substack and were featured on Full Measure With Sharyl Attkisson airing on Sunday mornings across the nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates of Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Prominent coverage included FOX News, One America News segments with John Hines, Stay Free with Russell Brand, The Steve Hilton podcast, The National Desk at Sinclair with a national broadcast news interview, Just The News' John Solomon Podcast, Epoch and TV's American Thought Leaders.

On Newsmax, Dr. Scott Atlas cited us in his interview on Frontline with Carl Higbe and we were also featured on John Bachman Now interview and cited on the Gerry Callahan Show.

News coverage included The New York Post article and #1 news story in the daily subscriber email; Yahoo! News, MSN.com, Daily Caller, New York Post, Epoch Times with Mark Tapscott, Citizen Free Press, Children's Defense Fund, Robert Malone Substack, Townhall, WABC radio New York, Washington Examiner, and many more.

Newsguard and Factcheck.org investigated and all our findings were confirmed.

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READ THE BILL 72-HOUR LEGISLATIVE TIMEOUT



READ THE BILL PETITION CAMPAIGN

Petitions at OpenTheBooks.com



ANDRZEJEWSKI DISCUSSING OUR ROLE IN READ THE BILL

[Watch on C-SPAN](#)
January 10, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & CONGRESSIONAL IMPACTS

In January 2023, the new U.S. House Republican majority adopted our legislative reform that we had aggressively pushed for two years.

Read The Bill - a 72-hour timeline after the final version of legislation to allow the people, pundits, press, and politicians to simply READ THE BILL.

"All legislation and conference reports should be publicly posted in full on the Internet for at least 72 hours before final floor consideration by Congress so taxpayers, the media, and Members of Congress have an opportunity to read and review the text before passage."

Our Campaign

We collected nearly 20,000 petition signatures from the grassroots and publicized our petition in nearly all media during 2022. After each omnibus, minibuss, and spending bill, we talked about it on major television and radio interviews.

At Forbes, The Wall Street Journal, and Real Clear Politics, we spearheaded the bipartisan Read The Bill campaign. We felt it was a 99-percent issue with the American people. Do you really have a representative republic if your representatives aren't reading what they are voting on?

In December 2022, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) hosted us as their keynote lunch speaker at their year-end national conference in San Diego. A key part of the presentation to the 500 state and federal legislators focused on Read The Bill.

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PENTAGON CANCELS DEI UNIT AT THEIR K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS



MILITARY STONEWALLS INVESTIGATION INTO CONTROVERSIAL DIVERSITY OFFICIAL LEADING K-12 SCHOOLS

While DOD obfuscates, Kelisa Wing’s racial justice propaganda proliferates, and she doubles down on her ethical and ideological controversies.

[Published: Substack](#) | March 2, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, CONGRESSIONAL & MEDIA IMPACT

Not only did our oversight drive Congressional hearings; it led to the removal of the Pentagon’s DEI Chief, and then the complete cancelation of the entire DEI office within their K-12 public schools.

CANCELED! The Pentagon announced the cancelation of the first ever Office of DEI at Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) - the Pentagon’s K-12 public schools that educate the 70,000 children of military service members. Kelsa Wing, their controversial DEI chief, was reassigned and months later no longer worked at the agency.

In fact, Gil Cisneros, the Under Secretary of Defense left his position; and in May 2024, the chief of DODEA, Thomas Brady, retired as well.

Congressional action: Working with our Congressional partners, such as Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-NY) in her press release and oversight letters and Jim Banks, Chairman, Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Mike Rogers, Chairman on Committee on Armed Services, oversight letters were sent to DOD Secretary Llyod Austin regarding our findings on then-DEI chief Kelsi Wing and the implementation of DEI within the Pentagon’s K-12 public schools. On March 23, 2023, a Congressional hearing convened with DOD Under Secretary Gil Cisneros testifying, which confirmed our transparency impacts.

Reps Elise Stefanik, Matt Gaetz and Chip Roy codified the issue in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) with a Parents Bill of Rights.

Major coverage: Partnering with FOX News, our findings launched with the digital piece, “Woke! Defense Department DEI Education Official’s Books Now in 1/3 Of Pentagon’s Schools.” And “Senate GOP Plots Confrontation of Woke Pentagon As Military Readiness, Morale Plummet.” And finally, “Pentagon Disbands DEI Unit After Chief Accused Of Racism Against Whites.” Our FOX News television interview aired on multiple shows and was consistently embedded in many FOX digital stories on the topic of DEI.

Mark Tapscott at PJ Media wrote: “Along with Stefanik, the other hero in this episode is Open The Books, the gritty Chicago-based nonprofit watchdog that files thousands upon thousand of FOIA request at all levels of government... it is highly doubtful that the Pentagon would have removed Wing from the DEI position and shut down the DEI office had OTB not begun sharing its discoveries with the public...”

Digital coverage included Sinclair’s The National Desk which aired on up to 200 local ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America; our interview on Wake Up America at Newsmax; a national news package at One America News; New York Post board editorial; lead story at the Daily Wire; Epoch Times; Daily Caller; Military Times; Washington Examiner; Legal Insurrection; NTD news from Epoch; American Thinker; Breitbart; The Blaze; The New York Sun, and many more.

National radio included the David Webb Show on Sirius XM.

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PANDEMIC FURNITURE SPLURGE



FEDS SPENT \$3.3 BILLION ON FURNITURE DURING PANDEMIC YEARS

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HEY, CONGRESS: END OUTRAGES LIKE \$3.3B FOR FURNITURE INSTEAD OF INDULGING IN PALACE INTRIGUE

Published: [New York Post](#) | October 4, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & CONGRESSIONAL IMPACTS

Our findings: While federal employees were forced to work from home during the pandemic, but the government still managed to spend \$3.3 billion on luxury furniture in its vacant offices. A classic example of “use-it-or-lose-it” spending - spending today to get the same or more from Congress tomorrow.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should have been focused on the pandemic. Instead, they spent \$237,960 on solar powered picnic tables. The State Department treated themselves to nearly \$120,000 for high-end, luxury Ethan Allen leather recliners.

The Department of Defense shelled out \$1.2 billion for furniture between 2020 and 2022 even though its offices were just 23% full including expensive Herman Miller chairs for empty conference rooms.

Congressional action: Our discovery that the General Services Administration spent \$308 million on furniture while 91% of employees were at home helped inspire the U.S. House Oversight & Government Reform Committee to hold a hearing in November with the General Services Administration Administrator Robin Carnahan.

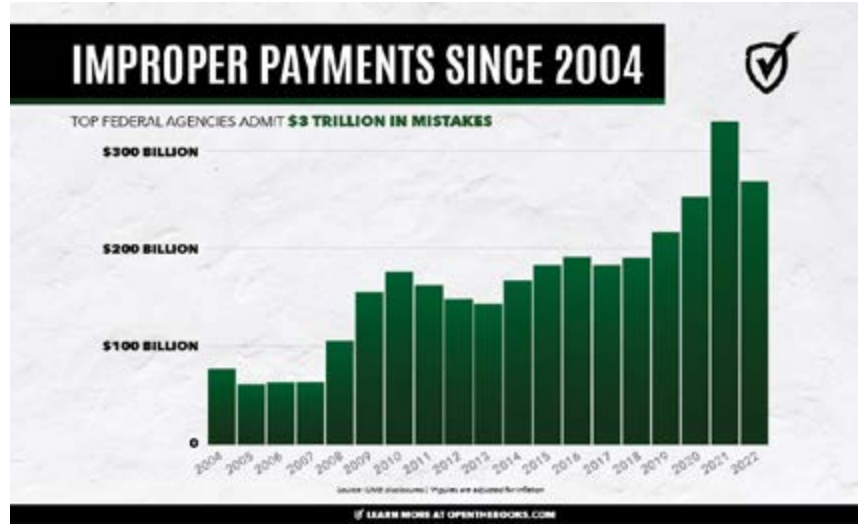
During the hearing, Chairman James Comer cited OpenTheBooks’ research on furniture spending and told lawmakers that “We cannot stand for it... on behalf of the American taxpayer.”

Major coverage: Our findings were featured on the front page of the New York Post and inspired a separate piece from the Post’s editorial board.

Other coverage included segments at FOX & Friends (1.2 million viewers); Varney & Co., FOX Business (207,000 views); Spectrum’s NY1 Morning News; WABC New York radio; the Bill O’Reilly Show; our interview at The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast Group; the Dan Ball Show at One America News; and Fearless with Tomi Lahren at Outkick. Digital coverage included Reason, The Daily Mail, Washington Times, Yahoo! News, and the Epoch Times.

Radio coverage included The Lars Larson Show, Bill Martinez Live, the Jimmy Lakely Show in Colorado; KOGO radio in San Diego; and coverage across the Cumulus Radio network of stations.

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\$3 TRILLION IN IMPROPER PAYMENTS SINCE 2004

IMPROPER PAYMENTS
OPENTHEBOOKS OVERSIGHT REPORT
AT LEAST \$528 BILLION WASTED
DURING FIRST TWO YEARS OF
BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

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FEDERAL AGENCIES ADMIT
TO \$3 TRILLION IN IMPROPER
PAYMENTS SINCE 2004
SO, WHAT GOVERNMENT
PROGRAM IS RUNNING WELL?

Published: [Substack](https://Substack.com) | June 13, 2023

TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & CONGRESSIONAL IMPACTS

Our findings: We found that the 20 largest federal agencies made \$2.9 trillion in improper payments from 2004 to 2022, adjusted for inflation.

Last year, the federal government mistakenly sent away \$675 million per day in 2022 to the wrong person, in the wrong amount, or under the wrong set of rules. It was a one-year, admitted total of \$247 billion. That money could have been used to fund all U.S. foreign aid for five years or to buy 657,000 homes.

Medicare and Medicaid improper payments ballooned from \$64 billion in 2012 to \$136 billion in 2022. So much for rooting out waste and fraud to pay for the Affordable Care Act, as Congress promised in 2011. The Small Business Administration was one of the worst offenders.

The neighborhood grocery store has better in-house financial accounting controls than the federal agencies. The Biden Administration is on-pace to admit to \$1 trillion in improper payments during its four years in office. An all-time high!

Congressional impact: Our oversight report was cited in Sen. Joni Ernst's July 26 oversight letter to the Small Business Administration. Sen. Ernst informed the SBA that OpenTheBooks listed them as the "Worst Loss" for improper payments and demanded to know what actions the agency would take to correct the issue.

In May 2024, legislation passed the U.S. House to rein-in improper payments and cited our oversight report in press releases and major news coverage.

Major coverage: Our findings broke at Fox News on America's Newsroom in live reporting by Lynda Hu. FOX Business published a digital story and FOX News Radio hosted our interview with Emily Compagno.

C-SPAN's Washington Journal hosted us in a 30-minute live interview with questions from across America. Our interview on The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast was retweeted by Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX). Further television interviews included Epoch TV; CBS-Austin; and a segment on the nightly news aired on the nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates of Sinclair Broadcast.

Coverage included a George P. Bush editorial published on Fox.com; Washington Times article by Stephen Dinan; an Epoch Times piece by Mark Tapscott; the Daily Caller with an exclusive top story of the day to their email list; highlight in Stephen Moore's Unleash Prosperity newsletter; Huckabee Post; a board editorial at Washington Times; Real Clear Investigation, Waste of the Day; PJ Media; and many more.

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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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QUANTIFYING AGENCY OPERATIONS DURING FISCAL YEARS 2018-2022

OpenTheBooks Oversight Report

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SECRETIVE "SUE AND SETTLE" BACK IN PLAY AT BIDEN'S EPA

BIDEN SPENT SIX TIMES MORE ON "SUE AND SETTLE" FEES THAN TRUMP IN THEIR FIRST YEARS.

Published: [Substack](https://substack.com) | January 12, 2024

TRANSPARENCY, CONGRESSIONAL & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: Under President Joe Biden, the Environmental Protection Agency is growing again - spending more on payroll, lawyers, "sue & settle" with leftwing non-profits, and even on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment.

Biden's EPA payroll spiked to include more than 16,000 staffers for the first time since 2014.

The EPA employs special agents who have arrest and firearm authority and are authorized to use deadly force. The agency spent \$618,000 over four years on guns, ammo, and gear. Who knew pollution could be fought with night vision goggles and body armor?

The agency spent over \$7 million on "sue and settle" legal fees during the Biden years - six times more than under Trump - which allows the creation of new regulations without Congressional oversight.

Congressional and Agency impact: Our oversight report was the impetus behind U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley's oversight letter to the EPA on August 14, 2023, demanding that the agency do more to prevent wasteful spending. Grassley specifically demanded more answers in regard to the purchases of guns, ammunition and military-style equipment.

In November 2023, Reps. Pat Fallon (R-TX) and James Comer (R-KY), the chairman of U.S. House Oversight & Government Reform Committee, wrote an oversight letter to the agency - citing our research - questioning the EPA's use of "sue and settle" litigation.

On August 4, 2023, U.S. Rep. Morgan Griffith's (R-VA) weekly newsletter featured OpenTheBooks' reporting, informing subscribers that the EPA increased its budget by over \$100 billion in a two-year span.

In November 2023, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL), the EPA appropriation bill was successfully amended by voice vote to strip the EPA Special Agent of arrest and firearm authority. However, in the March 2024 omnibus spending bills, this amendment wasn't included.

Our report forced an EPA website correction on the headcount of employees during the Obama and Trump years.

Major coverage: Our oversight report on the EPA report launched with a televised interview and digital story on The National Desk of Sinclair Broadcast Group - owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America.

Hosted for interview by Maria Bartiromo on Mornings with Maria on FOX Business, our interview aired four times over the weekend on her show "Wall Street."

More digital coverage included pieces in Politico, the Daily Caller, Washington Times article by Stephan Dinan, Washington Examiner, Washington Free Beacon, and Epoch Times.

Newsmax published the story with an opinions piece "Why Do Pencil-Pushing Bureaucrats Need Guns to Protect the Environment?"

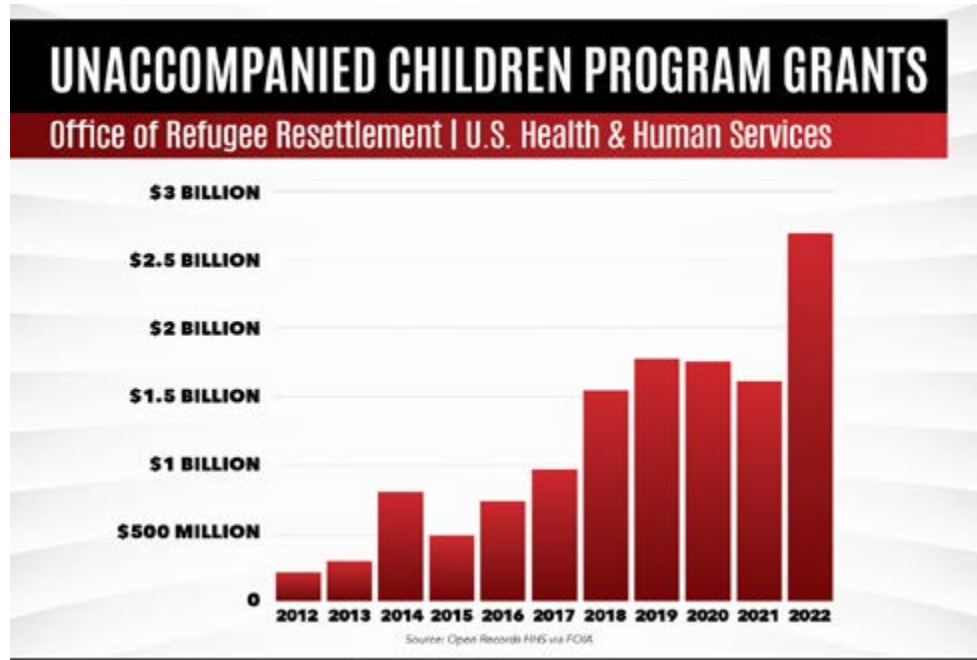
The Daily Caller published three oversight pieces based on our report including, "EPA Bureaucrats Rake In Six-Figures Working From Home."

Epoch TV's Jan Jekielek hosted our CEO on his popular program, "American Thought Leaders."

The Washington Examiner reported on our report and the board editorialized on 'sue and settle' on steroids trend.

Epoch Times Congressional reporter Mark Tapscott wrote, "Environmental Justice Enforcement Becoming EPA's Dominant Priority Under Biden."

AS SEEN IN



\$13 BILLION SPENT ON UNACCOMPANIED MINORS AS ILLEGAL BORDER ENTRANTS

LAST YEAR, THE FEDS SPENT \$2.7 BILLION - ROUGHLY \$18,000 PER UNACCOMPANIED CHILD AT THE BORDER.

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TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: The federal government spent \$13 billion on unaccompanied minors at the U.S.-Mexico border between 2012 and 2022 – about \$18,000 per child.

Spending spiked from \$1 billion in 2017 to \$2.7 billion in 2022. More than half the money was spent in Texas, where public schools spend only \$9,800 on each student. New York and Florida were the other biggest benefactors.

Up to 85,000 of the children are missing, and others were placed with abusive “sponsors” who violated child labor laws. Office of Refugee Resettlement Director Robin Dunn Marcos refuses to acknowledge whether this is accurate in her testimony to Congress.

Major coverage: We launched our story with a TV interview on Newsmax (208,000 viewers) who also published a digital news story. More television coverage included citations on FOX Business and interviews on CBS-Austin, NTD News (owned by Epoch), and The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcasting, owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX stations across America.

Digital stories and additional coverage amplifying our findings included the pole position, top story of the day at The Daily Wire, Breitbart News, The Daily Caller, Just the News, The Center Square, The Daily Signal, and more.

AS SEEN IN



20 LARGEST U.S. NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS

HOSPITAL SYSTEM NAME	HEAD-QUARTERS	COVID AID	TOP EXEC. SALARY	SALARY YEAR	NET ASSETS	YEAR ENDING	NET ASSETS AS OF 2021
KAISER PERMANENTE	OAKLAND, CA	\$500 MILLION*	\$4.2 MILLION	2019	\$32.2 BILLION	2018	\$52.9 BILLION
ASCENSION HEALTHCARE	ST. LOUIS, MO	\$2.7 BILLION	\$13 MILLION	2021	\$23.5 BILLION	2019	\$29.3 BILLION
COMMONSPIRIT HEALTH (Formerly Dignity Health)	SAN FRANCISCO, CA	\$3.6 BILLION	\$17.4 MILLION	2020	\$8.4 BILLION	2018	\$21.9 BILLION
TRINITY HEALTH	LIVONIA, MI	\$2.3 BILLION	\$2.9 MILLION	2019	\$13.3 BILLION	2018	\$18.5 BILLION
PROVIDENCE ST. JOSEPH HEALTH	BENTON, WA	\$3 BILLION	\$10.9 MILLION	2019	\$14.4 BILLION	2018	\$17.8 BILLION
MAYO CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM	ROCHESTER, MN	\$350,000*	\$2.8 MILLION	2019	\$9.2BILLION	2018	\$17.7 BILLION
MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM	SOMERVILLE, MA	\$1.7 BILLION	\$4.1 MILLION	2020	\$9.7 BILLION	2019	\$16.2 BILLION
CLEVELAND CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM	INDEPENDENCE, OH	\$118 MILLION	\$3.3 MILLION	2019	\$9.8 BILLION	2018	\$15.7 BILLION
ADVOCATE HEALTH (Advocate Aurora Health/Forum Health)	MILWAUKEE, WI	\$462 MILLION	\$13.4 MILLION	2019	\$11.7 BILLION	2019	\$14.3 BILLION
ADVENT HEALTH (Formerly Adventist Health System)	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL	\$747 MILLION	\$4.7 MILLION	2019	\$4.1 BILLION	2018	\$14.3 BILLION
NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE (Formerly Northwestern Memorial Healthcare)	CHICAGO, IL	\$419 MILLION	\$7.3 MILLION	2020	\$8.3 BILLION	2019	\$11.9 BILLION
INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTHCARE (IHC HEALTH SERVICES)	SALT LAKE CITY, UT	\$518 MILLION	\$4.9 MILLION	2019	\$7.1 BILLION	2018	\$11.7 BILLION
SUTTER HEALTH	SACRAMENTO, CA	\$1.8 BILLION	\$5.5 MILLION	2019	\$9.1 BILLION	2018	\$11.4 BILLION
UPMC - UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH MEDICAL CENTER GROUP	PITTSBURGH, PA	\$1.4 BILLION	\$9.5 MILLION	2020	\$5.7 BILLION	2018	\$11.3 BILLION
NEW YORK-PRESBYTERIAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM	NEW YORK, NY	\$124 MILLION	\$12.4 MILLION	2019	\$8.3 BILLION	2018	\$11.1 BILLION
INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH (IU HEALTH)	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	\$726 MILLION	\$3.7 MILLION	2020	\$7 BILLION	2018	\$10.3 BILLION
HOUSTON METHODIST	HOUSTON, TX	\$580 MILLION	\$3.5 MILLION	2020	\$5 BILLION	2018	\$10.2 BILLION
BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH	CINCINNATI, OH	\$1.1 BILLION	\$15.8 MILLION	2019	\$1.8 BILLION	2018	\$9.9 BILLION
TEXAS HEALTH RESOURCES	ARLINGTON, TX	\$283 MILLION	\$3 MILLION	2019	\$6 BILLION	2018	\$9.5 BILLION
BAYLOR SCOTT & WHITE HEALTH	DALLAS, TX	\$1 BILLION	\$4.5 MILLION	2019	\$6 BILLION	2018	\$8.6 BILLION
TOTALS		\$23.6 BILLION	\$148.8 MILLION		\$200.6 BILLION		\$324.3 BILLION

*Note: Net assets taken from the organization's audited financial statements; salary data taken from most recent reported PFD tax filings, 2019-20. Covid-aid amounts from covid19transparency.org. * Hospital system returned none of its Covid-aid

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LARGEST "NON-PROFIT" HOSPITALS RACKED UP BIG PROFITS DURING COVID

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TRANSPARENCY AND MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: The nation's 20 largest non-profit hospitals made big pandemic profits. While taking \$23 billion in Congressional pandemic aid, their collective net worth soared by \$123 billion between 2018 and 2021. Furthermore, CEO pay topped out at \$13 million annually while 100 million Americans struggled with crippling medical debt.

The 20 largest U.S non-profit hospitals' net assets increased by 62% from 2018 to 2021 even though the U.S. life expectancy dropped by 2.5 years.

Only two of the top 20 paid back the Covid-aid. Every dime in Covid aid was borrowed against the national debt. For every \$1 in Covid "bailouts," hospital net assets, collectively, increased by \$5.

Most hospitals were not following healthcare price transparency rules either.

Major coverage: Breaking our findings on our [openthebooks.substack.com](https://www.openthebooks.substack.com), our television exclusive launched on The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast, owners of nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America. Other prominent coverage included interviews on C-SPAN's Book + Notes with Brian Lamb, host; John Hines

at One America News; Tipping Point with Kara McKinney on One American News; the Capitol Report with Steve Lance on Epoch TV's NTD nightly news.

In interviews on the morning news in five key local markets - Austin, Texas; Baltimore, Maryland; Nashville, Tennessee; Las Vegas, Nevada; and Portland, Maine - we held large local hospital groups accountable.

Our CEO was scheduled for a U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship hearing; however, it was canceled by the Democratic majority. Nevertheless, our prepared testimony was published on our Substack.

Our research was featured in a Daily Caller commentary piece titled "How Hospitals And CEOs Raked In The Covid Cash While Leaving Americans Out To Dry." Our findings were also published in an article at The Blaze; an Epoch Times piece by Mark Tapscott; The Center Square; and others.

We partnered with Patient Rights Advocate who published their study results on whether a hospital was compliant with federal rules regarding healthcare price transparency.

AS SEEN IN



OPENTHEBOOKS OVERSIGHT REPORT
THE COVID-AID WASTE COMPENDIUM

QUANTIFYING WASTE, FRAUD, AND MISALLOCATION OF TAXPAYER RESOURCES IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

Published: OpenTheBooks.com | September, 2023

TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Our findings: Just how much taxpayer money was stolen by criminals, con artists, and crime syndicates from around the world?

Our auditors at OpenTheBooks detail the frauds, mistakes, and misallocation within \$5 trillion in Covid-aid.

In the Covid-era, nearly every single federal agency was either legally fleeced or illegally scammed. Unfortunately, generations of Americans will be paying for this, as all Covid-aid was borrowed against our soaring national debt.

Media impacts: Launched our full-compendium report on The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcasting on Friday, September 14, 2023 resulting in 243 segment airings across their nearly 200 stations plus a digital story posted to their 60 company owned news websites.

Each individual segment of the report generated a lot of earned media coverage including this sample:

Covid-Aid To Airlines: Our report on airline subsidies went viral over the Christmas holiday with the Southwest failure with a prominent link at The Drudge Report. Major television included FOX New -Special Report with Brett Baier (2.1 million viewers), Outnumbered, The Story with Trace Gallagher, and The Five; Fox Business -The Claman Countdown, the 198 ABC, NBC, and CBS stations of NexStar Media Group; FOX Broadcasting Co (15 major DMAs); 190 stations of Sinclair Broadcast Group; 180 stations of Gray TV; 66 stations of Tegna Broadcasting; NewsMax TV-Wake Up America and the John Bachman Now; and One America News -The Dan Ball Show.

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) used our findings in a Tweet calling for Southwest accountability and U.S. Rep Nany Mace (R-SC0 used our findings on television news and social media to call for a forensic audit of how \$7.2 billion was spent by SWA.

Forgiven PPP Loans To Big Law & Accounting Firms: Launched our findings on our Substack. in a column at the Washington Examiner by Gabe Kaminsky, and with Mark Tapscott at Epoch Times. Major coverage included Bloomberg Law; our editorial co-authored with Manhattan Institute senior fellow James Piereson published at Newsweek; the Miranda Divine column at The New York Post; and digital and news segments at The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Major television and radio coverage included FOX & Friends at News; C-SPAN's Washington Journal; primetime at One America News with Dan Ball Show interview; One America News with John Hines news segment; and Frank's TV on The Absolute Truth With Emerald Robinson.

Top Nonprofit Hospitals Racked Up Huge Profits During Covid: Our findings published at Substack (77,000 views) and republished by ZeroHedge (20,000 views) were covered by Brian Lamb during his hour-long BookNotes+ CSPAN interview.

Other media at the launch included Mark Tapscott at Epoch Times and republished by ZeroHedge (52,000 views). Epoch TV aired a news segment and Sinclair Broadcast aired our interview from The National Desk platform plus a digital story. Daily Caller, Hot Air, The Blaze, Real Clear Politics, Center Square, and The Heartland Institute provided more coverage.

In addition, the high traffic aggregator, CitizenFreePress linked our Substack piece. One American News Kara McKinney Show aired our interview and our interview with John Hines, the Capitol Hill Bureau chief aired six times. Additional TV interviews included CBS-Austin, Texas; Good Day Maine; FOX45 in Baltimore, Maryland; FOX23 Nashville, Tennessee; and NBC-Las Vegas, Nevada.

AS SEEN IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

"New World technology gives us the ability to bring sunlight to how our tax dollars are being spent. Doing so will prolong the life of our great nation."

WALL STREET JOURNAL | SEPTEMBER 17, 2022



TRANSPARENCY CHANGES EVERYTHING! OUR WSJ FULL PAGE OPEN LETTER

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Our focus at OpenTheBooks is to accelerate this government revolution by putting every government expense—local, state, and federal—online, available to the public real time via cell phone, iPad, and computer.

As the voting public becomes increasingly aware of how irresponsible spending dominates our government, as politicians begin to understand that, because of technology not available just a short time ago, there is no place to hide their fiscal irresponsibility. Politicians will have no choice but to respond to voters' changed expectations.

Last year, we filed 55,000 Freedom of Information Act requests. Our OpenTheBooks Government Expenditure Library, available to the public, now contains expenditures of \$20+ trillion and is increasingly user-friendly. This was not possible just a short time ago. We can do this on a

modest budget because of The Cloud and Big Data. In essence, we are ushering in a new era of government transparency.

Last year, our oversight reports led to four televised hearings in Congress. We had more media coverage than in the previous two years. Our website traffic grew

30%. We published 500 investigations. And as difficult as this was – **we cracked open the California state checkbook for the first time in history!** With the help of Judicial Watch, **we filed four lawsuits against the secrecy culture that is so pervasive within the National Institutes of Health (NIH).** As a result, **we exposed \$325 million in previously hidden third-party royalty payments to Dr. Fauci and his associates** since 2010.

If we are going to bring sanity to how our tax dollars are spent, it will not come from the top down. It has to start with the citizens. That is what OpenTheBooks is all about.

By bringing the Washington secrecy culture public, by educating voters about how their money is being wasted, we believe politicians eventually will have no choice. They will have to think twice before, for example, choosing to participate in a secret meeting on how to spend their voters' tax dollars.

We greatly appreciate all of your help. **Transparency has never been more important to the survival of our country as our founders envisioned it, as we have lived it.**



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\$65 BILLION ENDOWMENT GAIN WEALTHY UNIVERSITIES (2018-2022)

UNIVERSITY	2018 ENDOWMENT	2022 ENDOWMENT	GAIN
HARVARD	\$36.7 BILLION	\$48.9 BILLION	\$12.2 BILLION
YALE	\$28.4 BILLION	\$34.7 BILLION	\$6.3 BILLION
CORNELL	\$20.1 BILLION	\$26.3 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
PENNSYLVANIA	\$20.0 BILLION	\$26.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
UPENN	\$17.0 BILLION	\$23.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
MIT	\$16.0 BILLION	\$22.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
COLUMBIA	\$15.0 BILLION	\$21.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
CAMBRIDGE	\$14.0 BILLION	\$20.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
STANFORD	\$13.0 BILLION	\$19.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
PRINCETON	\$12.0 BILLION	\$18.2 BILLION	\$6.2 BILLION
TOTAL	\$171.2 BILLION	\$236.7 BILLION	\$65.5 BILLION

WEALTHY, ELITE UNIVERSITIES LIKE HARVARD TAXED YOU \$45B IN LAST FIVE YEARS

Quantifying U.S. Taxpayer Subsidies, Tax-Breaks & Federal Payments Into Ivy League Colleges, Plus Stanford & Northwestern (2018-2022) November 15, 2023

US-PALESTINIAN AID VIA UN (UNRWA) RELIEF & WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

FISCAL YEAR	ADMINISTRATION	AMOUNT
2006	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2007	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2008	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2009	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2010	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2011	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2012	BUSH	\$100.0 MILLION
2013	OBAMA	\$100.0 MILLION
2014	OBAMA	\$100.0 MILLION
2015	OBAMA	\$100.0 MILLION
2016	OBAMA	\$100.0 MILLION
2017	TRUMP	\$100.0 MILLION
2018	TRUMP	\$100.0 MILLION
2019	TRUMP	\$100.0 MILLION
2020	TRUMP	\$100.0 MILLION
2021	BIDEN	\$100.0 MILLION
2022	BIDEN	\$100.0 MILLION
2023	BIDEN	\$100.0 MILLION
TOTAL		\$3.9 BILLION

BIDEN PAYS, ROCKETS FLY: ADMINISTRATION SENT \$1B IN PALESTINIAN AID AFTER TRUMP'S FREEZE

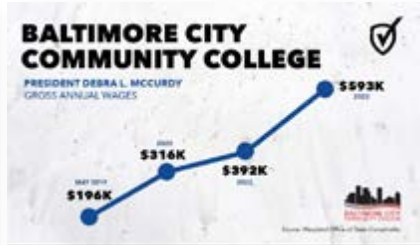
As soon as Biden opened the spigot, Hamas launched thousands of rockets from Gaza at Israel. | October 17, 2023

FEDERAL FURNITURE SPENDING DURING THE PANDEMIC YEARS 2020-2022

TOP 10 AGENCIES	TOTAL SPENT
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	\$1,028,694,712
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	\$402,976,678
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	\$368,147,678
FEDERAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION	\$317,944,678
DEPARTMENT OF STATE	\$302,437,648
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY	\$174,944,632
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	\$65,885,432
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	\$34,885,432
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	\$12,944,632
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	\$4,421,942

FEDS SPENT \$3.3B ON FURNITURE DURING PANDEMIC YEARS

While office space was shuttered and employees were paid to work from home, federal agencies kept buying furniture at more than \$1 billion per year. | October 3, 2023



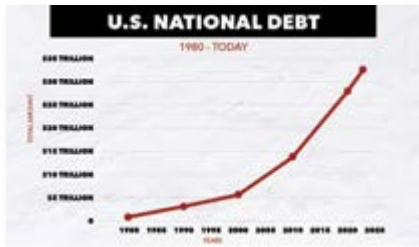
WHAT LESSON IS BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TEACHING?

In 2022, their president made \$593,000. Debra L. McCurdy, Ph.D. was the second most highly compensated community college employee in the country. | September 22, 2023



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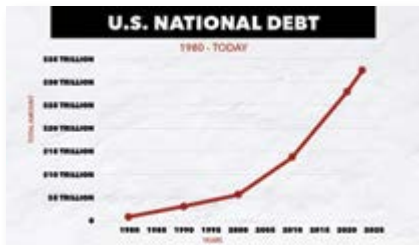
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The \$325M Third-Party Royalty Complex... Now We Know More Details. | August 9, 2023



\$1.3 BILLION IN U.S. TAXPAYER MONEY FUNDED THE DRAGON (CHINA) AND THE BEAR (RUSSIA) SINCE 2017

Why are taxpayer dollars flowing to adversarial nations? | July 31, 2023



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BALTIMORE JR. COLLEGE PRESIDENT MADE NEARLY \$600K
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CLARK COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER RECEIVES HEFTY LUMP SUM
NBC-3 Las Vegas | October 27, 2023



BALTIMORE RED LIGHT & SPEED CAMERA REVENUES
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TRACKING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN NASHVILLE
FOX17 Nashville | June 23, 2023



CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS IN AUSTIN
CBS-Austin | June 30, 2023



HIGH SALARIES OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS IN NASHVILLE POLICE DEPT.
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OUTRAGE! \$1M IN COMP PAID TO TERMINATED CITY MANAGER
CBS-Austin | February 17, 2023



AUSTIN ENERGY IS BEHIND ON TREE TRIMMING
CBS-Austin | September 29, 2023



HEALTHCARE PRICE TRANSPARENCY IN MAINE
Good Day Maine | April 28, 2023



NEW \$2M DISCIPLINARY OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR INMATES IN TENNESSEE STATE PRISONS & LOCAL JAILS
FOX17-Nashville | November 10, 2023

2023 KEY MEDIA



NEWSOM, INC. FILMS, PORN, AND TRIPLE DIPPING TAXPAYERS
Ingraham Angle, FOX News Channel
January 24, 2023



DEI CANCELLED AT PENTAGON'S K-12 SCHOOLS
FOX News
March 2, 2023



\$1.3B PAYMENTS TO RUSSIA & CHINA
FOX & Friends, FOX News Channel
June 1, 2023



MILITARIZATION OF EPA
Mornings With Maria, FOX Business
July 28, 2023



REPUBLICANS GO HOG WILD FOR EARMARKS
Primetime With Jesse Watters, FOX News Channel
October 5, 2023



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Gov. Ron DeSantis vs. Gov. Gavin Newsom
Red State vs. Blue State Debate
FOX News | December 1, 2023



EXPOSING REPUBLICAN EARMARKS
The Wall Street Journal
October 13, 2023



\$1B IN U.S. 'PALESTINIAN SUBSIDY' BENEFITED HAMAS
FOX News Channel
October 18, 2023



FEDS PURCHASED \$3.3B IN OFFICE FURNITURE DURING LOCKDOWNS
The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast Group
October 6, 2023



PAY FOR SLAY! PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY PAYS PENSIONS TO FAMILIES OF DEAD TERRORISTS
FOX Business
November 1, 2023



ELITE COLLEGES SOAKED UP \$45B FROM TAXPAYERS SINCE 2018
Special Report with Bret Baier
FOX News Channel
November 3, 2023



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November 24, 2023



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2023 DATA CAPTURE

FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MONTH	INDIVIDUAL SALARIES	INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PENSIONS	INDIVIDUAL VENDOR PAYMENTS
JANUARY	7,096,187	186,916	92,059,737
FEBRUARY	10,913,621	1,657,586	100,506,984
MARCH	12,863,470	2,491,540	117,012,605
APRIL	14,582,554	3,687,590	125,237,708
MAY	17,117,601	4,527,986	127,822,585
JUNE	18,389,047	4,603,944	135,193,406
JULY	19,204,069	4,698,244	146,760,559
AUGUST	19,898,413	4,747,669	156,600,275
SEPTEMBER	20,709,581	5,239,076	164,748,086
OCTOBER	20,813,997	5,242,976	167,238,823
NOVEMBER	20,838,849	5,243,828	167,844,710
DECEMBER	20,893,761	5,243,828	168,698,094

Cumulative counts - aggregate totals by month.

OUR TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVES



THOMAS W. SMITH, Chairman of the Board

Palm Beach, FL. Mr. Smith is the founding partner of Prescott Investors. He was the managing partner of Whitcom Investment Company in New York and a partner with Reynolds and Company. Mr. Smith is currently a trustee of the Manhattan Institute, the Government Accountability Institute, and Kite & Key. He has served on a number of corporate boards. He is the past Chairman of the National Center for Policy Analysis and the past Chairman of St. Ann School in New York City. He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He received his Master's Degree in Economics from the University of California - Berkeley and his Bachelor's Degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.



ADAM ANDRZEJEWSKI, Founder, Board Secretary & Chief Executive Officer

Hinsdale, IL. Adam is an entrepreneur - and before founding OpenTheBooks - he co-founded HomePages Directories, a \$20 million publishing company (1997-2007). Adam has spoken at Harvard Law School and the Columbia School of Journalism. In 2020, Adam's findings were featured in the President's Budget to Congress. His works have been featured on Good Morning America, ABC World News Tonight, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, BBC, FOX News, and The New York Times. As a former senior policy contributor at Forbes, Adam's editorials received 20+ million views. Adam ran for Governor of Illinois (2010) and has finished eight Chicago Marathons.



BRUNO BEHREND, J.D., Board Member

Highland Park, IL. Mr. Behrend, J.D., is the past Chairman of American Transparency and the director of the Center for Transforming Education at The Heartland Institute, where he remains a Senior Fellow on education issues. Behrend is a graduate of the University of Illinois (1983) with a degree in finance and a graduate of IIT-Kent College of Law (1990). In 2008, Behrend coauthored Illinois Deserves Better - The Ironclad Case for an Illinois Constitutional Convention, the release of which coincided with a campaign to pass a referendum calling for a Constitutional Convention in Illinois.



JAMESON G. CAMPAIGNE, Treasurer

Ottawa, IL. Mr. Campaigne co-founded (1960) and was a long term board member of Young Americans for Freedom, the first nationwide conservative youth group. After college, Jameson rose to managing editor at the Henry Regnery Company, published works by Frank Meyer, William F. Buckley, Jr., Russell Kirk, and many others. In 1975, he founded Green Hill Publishers and Jameson Books (1986) producing more than fifteen million copies of conservative books. Jameson serves the American Conservative Union board (since 1974), and the National Humanities Institute, Mont Pelerin Society member (1971), and helped found or served on the board of the National Tax Limitation Committee, The Media Institute, and The Philadelphia Society.



CHUCK CHOKEL, Board Member

Newcastle, NH. Graduated from Williams College (1975) and from the University of Chicago (1977) with a MBA degree. In 1978, Chuck joined Progressive Corp. and rose to be Co-CEO, Chief Investment and Capital Officer. He managed Progressive's \$10+ billion portfolio and was a member of Progressive's Board of Directors. Chuck has completed 300 triathlons. Competed in Hawaii Ironman World Championships in 2005 and 2006 and finished both years. In 2019, Chuck won his age group in the Senior Olympic triathlon.



LISA MARKHAM, Board Member

Sarasota, FL. Ms. Markham has been a lifelong Libertarian. She attended Smith College where she read Medieval History, French and Italian. A former vice president with Citibank, she has a Master's of Business Administration from Kellogg at Northwestern and a Master's Degree in the Fine and Decorative Arts from the University of Glasgow in Scotland. She participates in the promoting of transparency, accountability, and honest government through her leadership role at American Transparency.



RICHARD WEISS, Board Member

Winter Park, FL. Dick Weiss was the Select Equity portfolio manager at Wells Capital Management before retiring in November of 2020. Dick joined Wells Capital Management following its acquisition of Strong Capital Management in 2004. Prior to the merger, Dick was vice chairman and CIO of Strong. He served as portfolio co-manager of the Strong Advisor Common Stock Fund and the Strong Opportunity Fund.

Dick earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Southern California and a MBA, from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. In 1996 and 1997, Barron’s named Dick one of the “Top 100 Fund Managers.” In 2000, he was named “Manager of the Decade” by Money magazine and was named to Money’s “2002 Ultimate Investment Club.” Dick has consistently received Lipper’s No. 1 ranking for both the Common Stock Fund and Opportunity Fund for periods of five, 10, and 15 years, respectively.



CRAIG MIJARES, Chief Operating Officer

Boca Raton, FL. Craig Mijares is the Chief Operating Officer of OpenTheBooks.com. Mr. Mijares has a B.A. in Computer Information Systems from DeVry University. He has worked in executive compensation and benefits administration for over 20 years where he led teams of over 100 associates. Mijares is responsible for our overall technology direction, and is the chief designer of the OpenTheBooks.com portal. Mijares is the architect of Benjamin - our searchbot, award winning Open The Books mobile application, widget, interactive mapping tools, and proprietary data capture machine.



SEJZELLE ERASTUS-OBILO, Creative Services Director

Bensenville, IL. Since Sejjelle's journey at OpenTheBooks began in 2019, she has spearheaded the organization's design and marketing. This included designing oversight reports and graphics for social media, Substack, the Wall Street Journal, and more. Prior to OpenTheBooks, she freelanced for 7 years. Sejjelle is a Benedictine University alumna, with a BBA in Marketing. She was born in Stevenage, UK, and resides in Bensenville, IL.



COURTENAY LYONS, Development Director

Charlottesville, VA. Courtenay joined OpenTheBooks in 2020 with 10 years of experience in philanthropy. Previously, she served as a consultant at CCS Fundraising; and spearheaded donor strategy and communications for the Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello). Courtenay is a University of Virginia graduate and resides in Charlottesville, Virginia.



CHRISTOPHER NEEFUS, Communications Director

Tampa, FL. Christopher joined OpenTheBooks in 2022 with a decade of experience in strategic communications planning and media relations. His media placements and commentaries have appeared in outlets from USA Today and Associated Press to the Stanford Social Innovation Review. He previously handled communications and marketing for Americans for Prosperity and clients across the broader Koch network. He’s a graduate of Colgate University and the London School of Economics.



RACHEL O'BRIEN, Deputy Policy Editor

New York, NY. Rachel joined OpenTheBooks in 2021 after more than a decade in journalism, writing for New York newspapers. Among her duties are researching and writing weekly reports on spending in cities, overseeing a weekly wasteful spending column and contributing to longer reports on government spending around the country. Rachel is a graduate of the Stony Brook University School of Journalism and lives in New York.



AMBER TODOROFF, Deputy Policy Editor

Venice, Florida. Amber joined OpenTheBooks full time in 2022. She researches and writes investigations for the OpenTheBooks substack, among other duties. Before joining OpenTheBooks Amber worked in policy in Washington, D.C. for five years. She completed her master's degree at the University of Oxford and undergrad at the University of Florida.

IN MEMORIAM



U.S. SENATOR TOM A. COBURN, M.D., Honorary Chairman

RIP: 2020

Muskogee, OK. Former U.S. Congressman, United States Senator and 2013 Time List: 100 Most Influential People in the World. Co-Sponsor of 2006 "Google Your Government Act" which opened United States Government checkbook spending to online transparency for the first time in history. Identified the "Bridge to No Where" in Alaska which helped to end the congressional practice of wasteful earmarks. Coburn's annual Waste Book was an oversight primer on federal taxpayer abuse. An entrepreneur with a career in obstetrics, Dr. Coburn delivered over 4,000 babies before the Senate passed a rule to stop his practice of medicine. Married to Miss Oklahoma (1967), Tom and Carolyn Coburn raised three girls.



PATRICK H. CADDELL, Board Advisor

RIP: 2019

Patrick H. Caddell was a political strategist, consultant and FOX news contributor. He served as chief public opinion pollster and senior advisor for the campaigns of Democratic Presidential candidates George McGovern (1972) and Jimmy Carter (1976). Caddell went on to serve as a personal advisor for President Carter from 1977-1981. He advised over 150 political campaigns including those of Gary Hart, Walter Mondale, Jerry Brown, Joe Biden, Edward Kennedy, Edmund Muskey and Mario Cuomo. From 1981-1984 he was a member and Vice Chair of the US Military Academy at West Point by presidential appointment.

Mr. Caddell served as a consultant on major motion pictures such as Apocalypse Now, Reds, Air Force One, In the Line of Fire, and Breakout. In addition, Caddell was a writer, producer and consultant on the Emmy Award Winning NBC series The West Wing. Patrick Caddell graduated from Harvard University and was President of Caddell Associates.



FOSTER FRIESS, Board Advisor

RIP: 2021

Jackson Hole, WY. Foster Friess was a businessman and philanthropist. He launched Friess Associates in 1974, which was named one of the decade's top mutual funds in the 1990s. His philanthropic work included significant gifts to OpenTheBooks.com and many other public policy organizations. He was very generous and so much more. In 2018, Foster ran for governor of Wyoming using the slogan "open the books" and narrowly lost in the primary. In 2018 and 2019, Foster personally presented our 'Open Letter' published in The Wall Street Journal to President Donald Trump and urged the president to embrace the transparency revolution and declare war on waste.



HERBERT LONDON, Board Advisor

RIP: 2018

New York, NY. Prominent and influential activist, politician, professor, academic and tutor. Mr. London was President of London Center for Policy Research. London ran for Governor of New York (1990) and New York Comptroller (1994) - credibly running both campaigns. Former President of Hudson Institute (1997 - 2011), London was President Emeritus. He was the former John M. Olin Professor of Humanities at New York University, created the Gallatin School of Individualized Study (1972), and served as dean until 1992.

CONVERSATIONS

INTERACTIVE ZOOM CALLS

Throughout 2023, we hosted 40-minute meetings with the following public-policy thought leaders. We plan to continue these events in 2024.



EMILY COMPAGNO
Co-Host of Outnumbered on
Fox News



ARTHUR B. LAFFER
Economist, Author & Presidential
Medal of Freedom Recipient



MOLLIE HEMINGWAY
Fox News contributor
Editor-in-Chief at The Federalist



STEPHEN MOORE
Author of Govzilla
Senior Economic Contributor, FreedomWorks
Wall Street Journal Writer
Founder of Club for Growth



CRAIG MIJARES
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Additionally, we held an Investor Update in December.

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