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**2022**



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

**THOMAS W. SMITH**

Chairman of the Board

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CEO/Founder



LETTER FROM  
**THOMAS W. SMITH &  
 ADAM ANDRZEJEWSKI**



In 1887, Alexander Fraser, a Scottish professor of history at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior.

A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. Democracy will continue to exist until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, nations have always regressed to the following sequence:

- From bondage to spiritual faith
- From spiritual faith to great courage
- From great courage to liberty
- From liberty to abundance
- From abundance to selfishness
- From selfishness to complacency
- From complacency to apathy
- From apathy to dependence
- From dependence back to bondage

While history seems to be clearly repeating itself, 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.

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, how we govern ourselves will change. Voters' expectations will change. Politicians will have no choice but to respond to voters' changed expectations.

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.

Last year, we filed 55,000 Freedom of Information Act requests. Our OpenTheBooks Government Expenditure Library, available to the public, now contains expenditures of \$19 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.

Unfortunately, bureaucrats and politicians to a great extent, remain in the world of yesteryear. Secrecy continues to dominate. For example, the Vice President’s office refuses to give us ANY information. The Federal Reserve has over 23,000 employees. They gave us only 369 salaries. We were told that their line-by-line vendor checkbook is simply not available. This with 23,000 employees?

Twenty years ago—after world wars, depressions, massive failed programs; i.e., the War on Poverty—the federal debt was slightly under \$6 trillion. In the last 20 years, the federal debt has exploded. It has increased over five times to more than \$31 trillion today with no end in sight. The political class, both Republicans and Democrats, based on actions, not words, shows no interest in attacking this exploding threat to our country.

Here are two examples of that “no end in sight” spending. Republican Congressmen, before they were sworn in, held a secret vote. A secret vote on earmarks! But not just on earmarks. A secret vote to develop a new procedure, a new name for earmarks to mask their fiscal irresponsibility from the voters. **One-hundred-and-fifty-eight Republicans voted for earmarks.** That secret vote tells you all you need to know about each Congressman’s respect for his voters’ tax dollars. Ask your Congressman if he voted in secret for earmarks.

Then there is the Senate. Just before the 2022 legislative session ended, **26 Republican Senators voted for a 4,176-page bill.** A \$1.7 trillion bill. A mislabeled, pork-filled bill. Do you think those Republican Senators read that bill? And this bill was endorsed by the Republican Senate leadership. Ask your Senator if he voted for this pork-filled bill.

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 voters. 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.



**THOMAS W. SMITH**  
Chairman



**ADAM ANDRZEJEWSKI**  
CEO/Founder



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

# 2022 AT A GLANCE


*"When you can't make them see the light, make them feel the heat."*  
**PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN**

<p><b>\$8 TRILLION</b>                  IN CAPTURED GOVERNMENT SPENDING FY2021 (Federal, State &amp; Local)</p>	<p><b>25 MILLION</b>                  VIRTUALLY EVERY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARY &amp; PENSION RECORD AT EVERY LEVEL OF LOCAL, STATE, &amp; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (FY2021)</p>	<p><b>55,000</b>                  FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS FILED</p>
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<p> <b>\$87 BILLION</b>                  CRACKED OPEN THE CALIFORNIA STATE CHECKBOOK (FY2021)</p>	<p> <b>1,879,388</b>                  WEBSITE SESSIONS AT OPENTHEBOOKS.COM</p>
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<p> <b>509,295</b>                  FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS</p>	<p> <b>200,000</b>                  EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS</p>
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<p> <b>\$21 MILLION</b>                  IRS PURCHASE OF GUNS, AMMUNITION, &amp; MILITARY EQUIPMENT SINCE 2006</p>	<p> <b>50 of 50</b>                  CAPTURED STATE CHECKBOOKS</p>
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 **3.8 MILLION** **YOUTUBE VIEWS ON "THE DEPTH OF THE SWAMP"**  
 By OpenTheBooks CEO/Founder Adam Andrzejewski  
 National Leadership Seminar, Hillsdale College, Naples, FL  
 February 2020

<p><b>500</b> INVESTIGATIONS PUBLISHED</p>	<p><b>4</b> OVERSIGHT REPORTS</p>	<p><b>12,000</b> MEDIA MENTIONS</p>
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<p><b>4</b> LAWSUITS AGAINST THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH "CULTURE OF SECRECY"</p>	<p><b>473</b> LIVE TELEVISION &amp; RADIO INTERVIEWS DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2022</p>
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# KEY METRICS

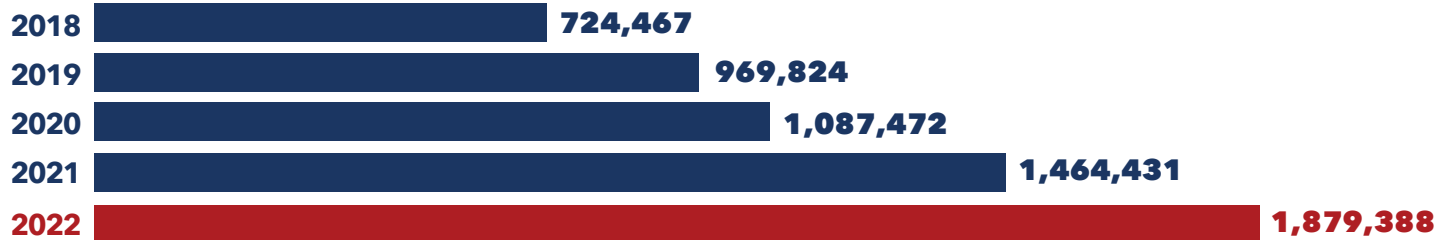
## TOTAL MEDIA MENTIONS

Source: Meltwater



## WEBSITE SESSIONS

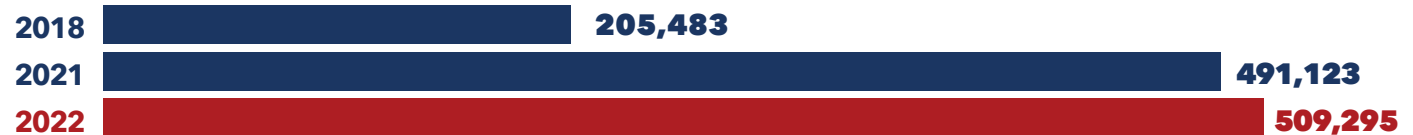
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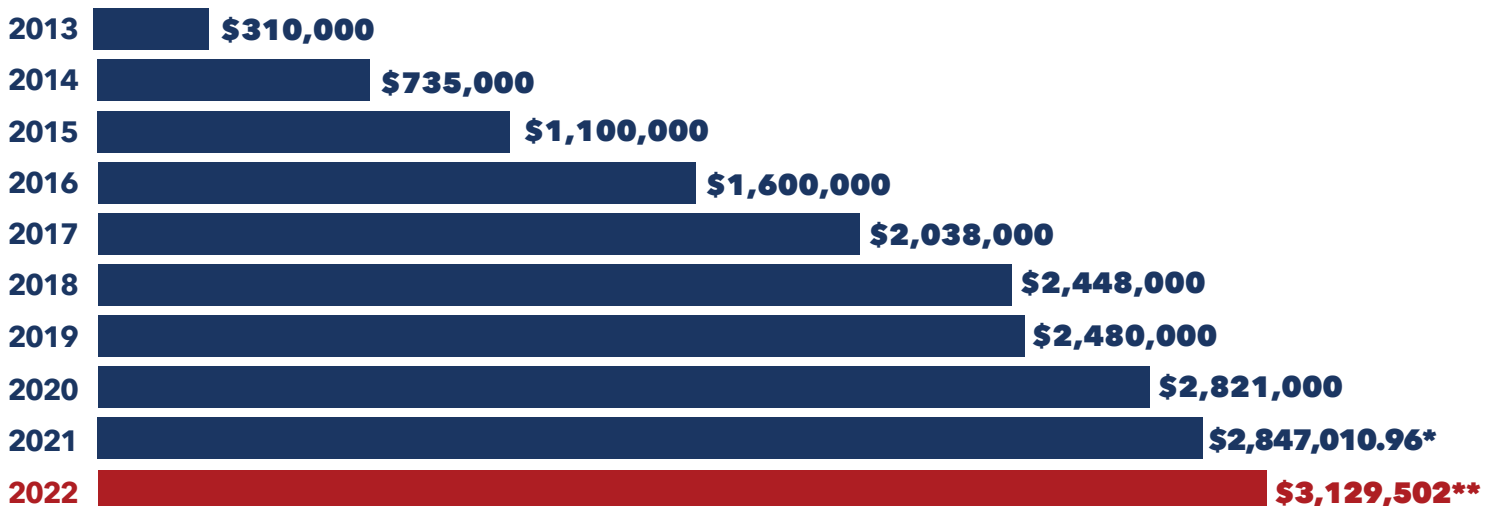
## EMAIL SUBSCRIBERS



## FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS



## REVENUE BY FISCAL YEAR



\*Gifts through 1/15/2022

\*\*Gifts through 1/15/2023



*"... a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time."*  
**U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section IX**

## OUR STRONGEST YEAR EVER

We published 500 oversight investigations in 2022, 200 more than we did in 2021. We filed 55,000 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests up from 47,000 requests last year. We received 12,000+ media mentions and citations, which was more than in the previous two years combined!

We believe transparency revolutionizes how we govern ourselves.

Our mission is to expose the culture of corruption. We do this so you, the taxpayer, can follow the money - even in your school district, township, county, or municipality.

We publicized the \$7.2 billion taxpayer subsidy of Southwest Airlines. Our findings were cited on nearly every broadcast news station in the country!

In 2022, our reports were cited by The Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Politico, The Washington Post, C-SPAN, Bloomberg Law, Axios, The Drudge Report, New York Post, Los Angeles Magazine, and many more. Hollywood star Russell Brand featured our third-party royalty findings across his platforms. I was interviewed live on television and radio 473 times - more than double the previous year.

Our oversight findings led to four hearings in Congress including the U.S. House appropriations hearing for the National Institutes of Health and three hearings with Dr. Anthony Fauci facing questions from our oversight.

Our "Waste of the Day" column published at Real Clear Policy was syndicated by the Sinclair Broadcast Group (a Fortune 500 company)—owners of 190 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX local stations across America.

FOX News Channel covered our investigations including The Tucker Carlson Show; Hannity!; The Ingraham Angle; Outnumbered with Emily Compagno; PrimeTime with Jesse Watters; Mornings with Maria; Cavuto Live; America's Newsroom; Stuart Varney & Co. and more.

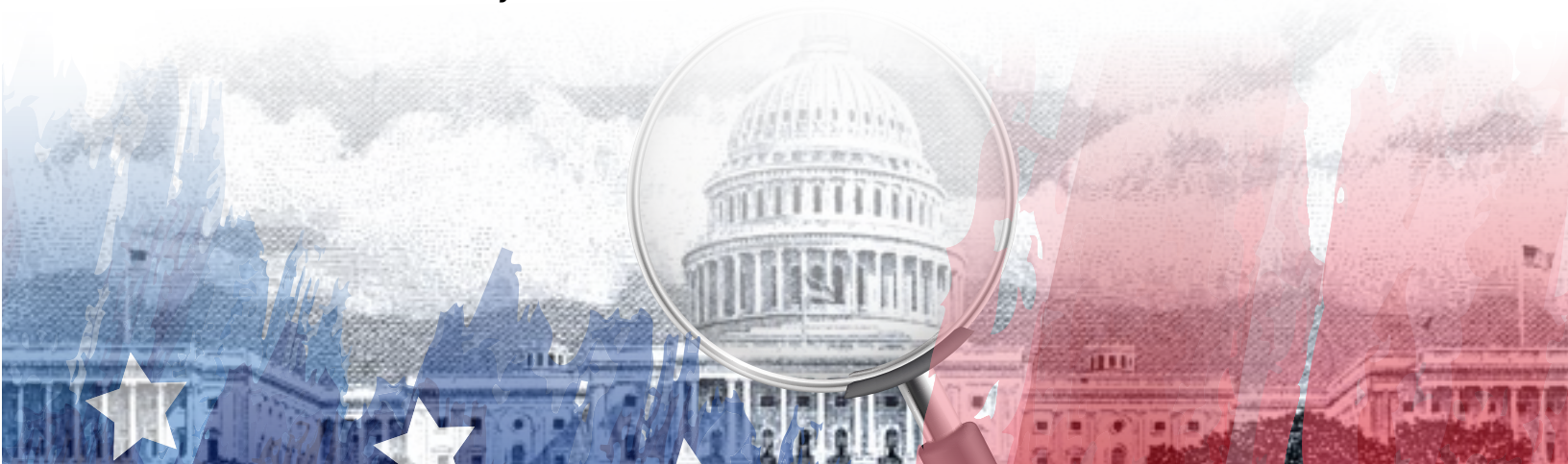
### WE BELIEVE THAT TRANSPARENCY CHANGES EVERYTHING!



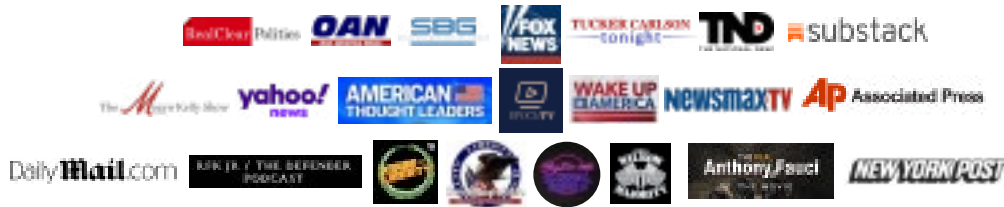
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 CEO/Founder | [OpenTheBooks.com](https://OpenTheBooks.com)

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**TUCKER CARLSON EXCLUSIVE:**  
**FORBES FIRES CONTRIBUTOR FOR INVESTIGATING FAUCI**  
[Aired: FOX News Channel](#)  
 February 14, 2022

**HOW FACT-FINDING FAUCI LED TO MY CANCELTION AT FORBES**

**THE INSIDE STORY OF HOW IT HAPPENED**  
[Published: OpenTheBooks.Substack](#)  
 March 9, 2022 | 113,000 views

**LAWSUIT**  
**SUING FOR ALL EMAILS BETWEEN NIH BUREAU CHIEFS, DIRECTORS, AND PR OFFICIALS & FORBES**  
 District of Columbia  
 Case Number: 1:22cv2339-TJK  
[Download Our Complaint](#)

**TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS**

**Tucker Carlson Tonight had the exclusive to break our story:** How Fact-Finding Fauci Led To My Cancellation At Forbes. Over 3 million people watched the broadcast.

Launching our OpenTheBooks.Substack platform, we published the inside story of how it happened. The piece had over 113,000 views and generated additional national news.

**Strong coverage:** Digital pieces at FOX News, Yahoo! News, The Daily Mail, New York Post, Associated Press, and Sinclair Broadcast.

**Television coverage:** Local FOX affiliates across America; Newsmax, Wake Up America show; One America News, Dan Ball Show; The National Desk at Sinclair; and Epoch TV.

**Prominent podcast interviews:** The Megyn Kelly Show; Russell Brand's 'Stay Free' Podcast; American Thought Leaders at Epoch TV; Kibbe On Liberty; The Defender with Robert F. Kennedy; and the RFK documentary, The Real Anthony Fauci.

**Other coverage:** Andrew Wilkow Show on Sirius XM, The Rod Arquette Show in Salt Lake City, UT; The Blaze with Sara Gonzalez; Bill Moyers Show, KMED, OK; Real Clear Politics and Real Clear Investigations; Brian Mudd Show, 1290 WJNO, Palm Beach, FL; Vickie McKenna Show, Madison, WI; Need To Know with Jeff Angelo, WHO, Des Moines, IA; and many others.

**Our fight continues in federal court.** With Judicial Watch as our lawyers, we sued NIH for FOIA production on the email traffic between the agency brass and Forbes executives regarding the firing and alleged government pressure.



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# REPORT: INVESTIGATING DR. ANTHONY FAUCI'S FINANCES

Published: [OpenTheBooks.com](https://openthebooks.com) | March 17, 2022

## LAWSUIT

**SUING FOR DR. ANTHONY FAUCI'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT, FINANCIAL & CONFLICT DISCLOSURES, JOB DESCRIPTION, & ROYALTY PAYMENTS**

District of Columbia  
October 25, 2021  
Case Number: 1-21-cv-02  
[Download our complaint](#)

## SENATE HEARING ON FAUCI'S FINANCES

**U.S. SENATOR ROGER MARSHALL V. DR. ANTHONY FAUCI, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH ALLERGIES AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DIRECTOR**

[Watch C-SPAN](#)  
January 11, 2022

**DISCLOSURES SHOW DR. FAUCI'S HOUSEHOLD MADE \$1.7 MILLION IN 2020 INCLUDING INCOME, ROYALTIES, TRAVEL PERKS & INVESTMENT GAINS**

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall Received Dr. Anthony Fauci's Unredacted FY2020 Financial Disclosures

[Published at Forbes](#)  
January 15, 2022 | 177,000 views

## TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS

Since January 2021, The National Institutes of Health had ignored our Freedom of Information Act request for the Fauci financials. In October 2021, with Judicial Watch as our lawyers, we sued NIH.

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall had Dr. Anthony Fauci under oath in the U.S. Senate hearing on January 11, 2022. Citing our investigations published at Forbes, Marshall asked Fauci to produce unredacted copies of his financial documents. Fauci misled Congress and the nation by saying that his finances were available and public knowledge. It wasn't true.

Right away, we wrote the piece at Forbes (45,000 views), "No, Fauci's Records Aren't Available Online. Why Won't NIH Immediately Release Them?" Our investigation was fact-checked by PolitiFact, who agreed with our analysis. Our organization had been suing NIH in federal court for the Fauci financials.

**Immediately, we wrote the piece at Forbes quantifying Fauci's 2020 household income of \$1.7 million (177,000 views). It was the last piece our CEO ever wrote at Forbes.**

**Fauci's Code Red Moment** was the top news story nationally. In the U.S. Senate hearing, Dr. Fauci melted down on the hot mic and called Sen. Marshall a "moron."

**Our coverage:** Fox News Channel, Hannity!, Sinclair Broadcast News on nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX affiliates across America, Newsmax, One America News, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, New York Post, Daily Mail, and many others.

**Sen. Roger Marshall introduced transparency legislation** titled, The FAUCI Act, to open the books on all financial and conflict-of-interest disclosures required by law of federal bureaucrats.

Then, within 48 hours of the Senate hearing, Marshall received production. It was the first time that Fauci's 2019 and 2020 financials were publicly available.

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*“There remains so much to be done before the Transparency Revolution will be anywhere near being won, but when the history is finally written, OpenTheBooks.com will deserve a big chapter.”*

**PJ MEDIA, MARK TAPSCOTT | SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**



**THE BOOKS  
ARE NOW  
OPEN!**

**HISTORIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

**CALIFORNIA’S BOOKS ARE OPEN - 201,000 VENDORS RECEIVED \$87 BILLION IN STATE PAYMENTS**

**Is the spending in the public interest, or the special interest?**

Published: [OpenTheBooks.com.Substack](https://OpenTheBooks.com.Substack)  
August 2022

**TRANSPARENCY IMPACTS**

**For the first time in history, we cracked open the California state checkbook.** We posted the line-by-line payments to 201,684 state vendors who received nearly \$87.2 billion during fiscal year 2021.

It was a ten-year, knock-down-drag-out dog fight to open the books spanning two California state controllers. Then, in January 2020, we sued Controller Betty Yee in a Sacramento Superior Court after her office rejected our sunshine request for state spending. Yee claimed that she “couldn’t locate” any of the nearly 50 million bills she paid in 2019.

California was the final holdout on state checkbook transparency. Forty nine of the 50 states, the U.S. federal government, and 15,000 municipalities produce their line-by-line spending in response to our request.

Incredibly, in a January 2022 ruling, Superior Court Judge Steven M. Gevercer agreed with another argument advanced by the controller - the California checkbook data was of limited public value and the burden on the controller to release even a single transaction outweighed the public interest. So, we got nothing.

Therefore, we shifted to plan B and filed **442 California Public Record Act requests** with each state agency. Most agencies complied and we assembled the state checkbook like a jigsaw puzzle.

**We accomplished what the governor, controller, attorney general, lawmakers, a Superior Court judge, and state bureaucrats refused to do. We opened the books on California’s line-by-line state expenditures.**

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**CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR  
GAVIN NEWSOM  
LEGAL PAY-TO-PLAY**



**GOV. GAVIN NEWSOM REAPED \$10.6 MILLION IN CAMPAIGN CASH FROM 979 STATE VENDORS WHO POCKETED \$6.2 BILLION**

**PAY-TO-PLAY IS LEGAL IN CALIFORNIA AS THERE ARE NO STATEWIDE PROHIBITIONS.**

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August 31, 2022

**MAPPING GOV. NEWSOM'S CAMPAIGN DONATIONS BY ZIP CODE ACROSS AMERICA**

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August 31, 2022

**TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS**

**Our auditors at OpenTheBooks.com found 979 state vendors who gave \$10,561,828 in political donations to Newsom during his 2010, 2018, recall election, and 2022 election cycles. Meanwhile, these companies reaped \$6,201,978,173 in state payments.**

These donations represented the equivalent of more than 40-percent of the current cash on hand - \$24 million - in the governor's campaign committee as of 08/01/2022, according to [disclosures](#).

**We created an interactive map displaying by ZIP Code all of the governor's campaign contributions—by name and employer, amount donated, when, and where located - across America.**

We launched our investigation on our [OpenTheBooks.Substack](https://openthebooks.com/substack) and it was quickly picked up in a digital story by FOX News in an article by Joe Schoffstall. Miranda Devine at the New York Post ran a full page article on our findings and cited us in her FOX & FRIENDS interview. Our full-page open letter in The Wall Street Journal highlighted Newsom.

Sinclair Broadcast Group ran a digital story and aired our interview on The National Desk. Newsmax TV's morning program, Wake Up America, aired our interview as did The Dan Ball Show on One America News.

Our Sunday editorial ran in the Orange County Register and their 11 affiliated papers across Southern California. FOX26-Fresno aired our findings on broadcast news. The California Political Review, California Globe, AM870-LA - The Answer, Lars Larson National Radio, Bill Martinez National Radio, and others provided coverage.

**Other media:** Mark Tapscott in a profile piece at PJ Media, *A Tribute To The Historic Accomplishment of OpenTheBooks*; Daily Wire; two articles at the Daily Caller; Yahoo! News; Free Republic; and ZeroHedge. Our editorial was published at Real Clear Policy and highlighted in our CEO's speech at the Reagan Ranch in Santa Barbara.



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**WHITE HOUSE PAYROLL**

**BREAKING: BIDEN ADMINISTRATION  
SPENT \$100+ MILLION ON PAYROLL SINCE 2021  
- AND STILL 220 STAFFERS QUIT**

**They Quit What Used To Be The Most Expensive  
White House Payroll In American History**

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**TRANSPARENCY IMPACTS**

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 employees as of July 1, 2022.

The Biden White House spent \$100.7 million on the largest payroll in American history. No White House ever employed 500 staffers. Staff turnover was 39.3 percent: 560 employees (FY2021) and 474 (2022).

**Biden employed 100 more staffers than Trump and five more than Obama at the same point in their respective presidencies.**

The top-paid White House staffer was Francis Collins, the immediate past head of the National Institutes of Health. At the White House, Collins made \$300,000 in base salary during 2022.

Immediately, Instapundit highlighted our report and Epoch Times congressional reporter Mark Tapscott covered our findings. The Daily Mail - a major, high-traffic news site - showcased our reporting.

**Sinclair Broadcast's The National Desk** aired our interviews. Sinclair also aired a second interview on its The National Desk platform. One America News broadcast a news package on our report.

**Other prominent media:** Washington Examiner, PJ Media, Breitbart, ZeroHedge, Real Clear Policy's Waste of the Day.

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**WHERE'S THE PORK?**

**JUST HOW MUCH FEDERAL PORK AND WASTE ARE YOUR TAX DOLLARS FUNDING?**

**Exposing The Continued Fleecing Of America**  
 Published: [OpenTheBooks.Substack](https://OpenTheBooks.Substack)

**WHERE'S THE PORK? OpenTheBooks Oversight Report 50 Examples Of Wasteful U.S. Federal Spending**

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 Date: June 23, 2022

**TRANSPARENCY IMPACTS**

Each year, OpenTheBooks compiles a list of ridiculous federal spending. It's a target-rich environment for waste, fraud, duplication, and corruption.

**Here are a few of the extraordinary expenditures:**

- \$75,000 in federal grantmaking spent by Harvard to "blow lizards off trees with leaf blowers"
- Nearly \$300 billion in mistaken and improper payments by the 20 largest federal agencies
- Nearly a half-million dollars spent by Fauci's NIAID to douse male monkeys with female hormones attempting to turn them transgender
- \$7 million on anal print toilet technologies
- \$3.7 billion in Covid-related economic stimulus payments to dead people and much more.

**Media coverage:** The New York Post's "Government's Most Ridiculous Spending"; NewsMax TV - Wake Up America interview; One America News - The Dan Ball Show; 1 million copies of The National Enquirer in grocery stores; and a 30-minute interview aired on C-SPAN live on their Washington Journal program.

Our opinion editorials were published at NewsWeek, Real Clear Politics, Epoch Times, and printed in The Eagle Forum newsletter. ZeroHedge (50,000 views) republished our Substack launch piece.

**Other prominent media:** Washington Examiner, PJ Media, Breitbart, ZeroHedge, Real Clear Policy's Waste of the Day, WND, and Free Republic. Mentioned in speeches at the Reagan Ranch in Santa Barbara, CA; and at the Silicon Valley Liberty Forum in Menlo Park, CA.

**Radio interviews:** The Bo Snerdly Show, WABC in New York City, NY; The Steve Cochrane Show, WLS radio in Chicago, IL; Joyce Kaufman Show 850AM in Palm Beach, FL; The Ian Swanson Show, KFAB 1110AM in Omaha, NE; Andy Caldwell Show, KSMA AM1240 Ventura to San Luis Obispo, CA; and The Ed Dean Show in Jacksonville, FL.

## AS SEEN IN



# WHY ILLINOIS IS IN TROUBLE



**WHY ILLINOIS IS IN TROUBLE:**  
**132,188 Public Employees With \$100,000+ Paychecks Cost Taxpayers \$17 Billion**  
 The new 'minimum wage' for government work is now \$100,000+  
 Published: [OpenTheBooks.Substack](https://www.substack.com/p/why-illinois-is-in-trouble)  
 October 29, 2022

**INTERACTIVE MAP:**  
**132,188 \$100,000+ Illinois Public Employees By Zip Code**  
 Published: [OpenTheBooks.com](https://www.openthebooks.com)

## TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

**Launched:** The Committee To Unleash Prosperity (Moore, Kudlow, Laffer) prominently cited us in their daily newsletter. The Wall Street Journal covered our findings, "Illinois Is Government Union Heaven - The State Has 132,188 Public Employees Who Earn Over \$100,000." Our Substack piece was republished by Real Clear Investigations and Zerohedge (112,000 views).

**Meet the Illinois \$100,000 Club.** We found 43,000 educators in the public schools with six-figure salaries or retirement pensions. In Chicago, there are nearly 400 bus drivers making between \$100,000 and \$240,000. In small towns, city managers made up to \$341,300. Junior college presidents out-earned the U.S. President.

**Our auditors created an interactive map of the six-figure club - mapping all 132,188 public employees by employer ZIP Code across the state. In 2019, there were 94,000 six-figure employees and 132,188 today.**

**Major television and radio coverage:** Illinois stations ABC20, WCIS, Springfield; ABC15, WICD, Champaign; NBC17, WAND, Decatur; and FOX Illinois, WCCU, Urbana. Live radio interviews: Chicago's WIND, AM560; Springfield's News And Talk, WMAV, 92.7FM; and the Illinois Radio News Network.

Our editorial was published at The Washington Examiner and republished by The Champaign News Gazette, "Illinois Ceded Control Of State's Fiscal Future To Public Unions."

**Other coverage:** Wirepoints, Illinois Policy, The Center Square, Patch.com, Heartland Daily News, Schoolinfosystem.org, The Gateway Pundit, Free Republic, WorldNetDaily, and others.

## AS SEEN IN



# TOP-PAID L.A. LIFEGUARDS EARNED UP TO \$510,283 IN 2021 BAYWATCH ON PAY WATCH!

[OpenTheBooks.Substack](https://www.substack.com/p/openthebooks) (308,000 views)

## TRANSPARENCY IMPACTS

**Launched:** The top-paid LA County lifeguard made \$510,000 last year. 98 lifeguards made more than \$200,000. A single lifeguard made nearly \$1 million in the latest six-year period in overtime alone. The top-paid lifeguards even had Toyota Sequoia take-home vehicles!

Coverage on The Drudge Report with an "above-the-fold" citation, picture, and link to our Substack reporting.

**Major television:** FOX News - Outnumbered (Emily Compagno), The Five, and Jesse Watters Primetime; FOX Business; 198 ABC, NBC, and CBS stations of Nexstar Media Group; NewsNation, The Ashley Banfield Show; TheBlaze; FOX Broadcasting Co; KSAZ-TV, FOX 10, Phoenix, AZ; KTTV-TV, FOX 11, LA; and many more.

**Major Radio:** National Public Radio, Marketplace program; WABC - New York City; Jim Bohannon National Radio program; Lars Larson National radio; Situation Report @Salem Radio; and the John & Ken Show, WFKI-Los Angeles.

**Coverage:** New York Post, Fox Business digital piece, Daily Mail, LA Magazine, Real Clear Politics, Epoch Times, Daily Wire, Breitbart, CA Political Review, Free Republic, ZeroHedge (101,000 views), MSN, Naked Capitalism and more.



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**THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**



**\$1.4 BILLION FORGIVEN PPP LOANS PAID TO WEALTHIEST LAW AND ACCOUNTING FIRMS**

**The Big Firms Got Bigger And You Paid For It During The Covid Pandemic**

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December 2, 2022



**INTERACTIVE MAP**

**Every Forgiven PPP Loan Mapped By ZIP Code Across America**

[Published: OpenTheBooks.com](https://www.openthebooks.com)

**TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS**

**Launched:** The Washington Examiner in a story by Gabe Kaminsky and an in Epoch Times report by Mark Tapscott. Major coverage: Bloomberg Law; our editorial co-authored with Manhattan Institute senior fellow James Piereson at Newsweek; New York Post column by Miranda Devine; and digital and news segments at The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast Group.

**BigLaw and Major Accounting firms:** We found 126 of the 300 largest and wealthiest law firms received \$809 million and 236 of the top 300 accounting firms received \$635 million. These firms had little or no financial need for the money.

**Our auditors created an interactive map of the hundreds of billions in forgiven PPP loans by ZIP Code across the country. People can search their own ZIP Code and find out who received how much without paying any of it back to the U.S. Treasury.**

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

**Major radio:** the nationally-syndicated Bill Martinez National Radio Show; Real America's Voice - Ringside Politics with Jeff Crouere; John Steigerwald Show, AM1250, The Answer, Pittsburgh, PA; Iowa Polics with Jeff Stein, 1540 KXEL News/Talk, Waterloo/Cedar Rapids; The Ed Dean Show, WBOB-AM, Jacksonville, FL; and Talk of the Town WATR, 1320AM, Waterbury, CT.

**Other coverage:** La Opinión, the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the country; Free Republic; Just The News column; ZeroHedge (41,510 views) republished our Substack investigation; WorldNetDaily; and Real Clear Policy's "Waste of the Day."

**AS SEEN IN**



# THE MILITARIZATION OF THE U.S. EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

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January 2021

## TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA & LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS

We found 103 federal agencies outside of the Department of Defense spent \$2.3 billion on guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment since 2005. 76 traditional regulatory, rank-and-file, paper-pushing agencies spent over \$100 million purchasing guns, ammunition, and military-style equipment since 2015. Today, there are more federal officers with arrest and firearm authority at 200,000 vs. the number of U.S. Marines (186,000).

The IRS purchased \$21.3 million in weaponry since 2005 - including stockpiling 5 million rounds of ammunition; and 4,600 guns - including 639 shotguns, 529 long-barreled rifles and 15 submachine guns.

**Media coverage:** The primetime FOX shows - including Hannity! and Tucker Carlson Tonight - were watched by millions. Additional television coverage: Glenn Beck at The Blaze; Newmax TV—Mike Carter Show; and One America News – The Dan Ball Show.

**Major coverage:** the Associated Press, MSN, Instapundit, and PJ Media. The Joe Rogan podcast with guest Aaron Rodgers referenced our findings.

Economist Stephen Moore wrote a nationally syndicated column at the Washington Examiner. Additional coverage: Daily Signal, Gateway Pundit, Natural News, Boston Herald, National Pulse, Kankakee Daily Journal, Media Matters, LifeZette, Townhall, and Law Enforcement Today.

**Radio coverage:** Joyce Kaufman Show in Palm Beach, FL; AM560 The Answer, Chicago, IL; WATR, CT Talk of the Town; and KTRS, Houston, TX; the John Steigerwald Show, AM1250, Pittsburgh, PA; and Fawn Riggan at KZIM in Cape Girardeau, MO.

**Legislative Impacts**  
Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) co-sponsored the “Disarm The IRS Act” legislation in the U.S. House. H.R. 8268 - 117th Congress (2021-2022). To prohibit the IRS from acquiring any ammunition by any means.

**AS SEEN IN**



# U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK (2007-2021)

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July 2022

## TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

**We found \$201 billion in Export - Import Bank lending transactions** guaranteed by taxpayers between 2007-2021. The largest recipient was Boeing Corp. with over \$66 billion in foreign sales guarantees or loans. Critics call the Export - Import Bank “The Bank of Boeing.”

**Mexico, India, and Saudi Arabia** were the top-receiving foreign countries during the period while China ranked fifth.

In 2021, the lending was roughly 90-percent lower (\$3.3 billion) than at the peak in 2012 (\$31.3 billion). During the Trump administration, vacant seats on the board were not appointed.

**Media coverage:** Our report launched with Mark Tapscott, the congressional reporter at Epoch Times. Epoch TV aired a news segment. Our editorial published at Real Clear Politics. Real Clear Investigation published a follow-up piece.

**National radio interviews:** Jim Bohannon and Lars Larson programs. Regional radio coverage: The Ed Martin show at the Phyllis Schlafly Pro America Report, The Ed Dean Show across Florida, Vickie McKenna Show in Wisconsin, and Simon Conway show across Iowa.

Our media team produced an impactful video summary of our report airing across our Facebook (509,000 followers), Instagram (10,000 followers), YouTube (5,000 subscribers) and TikTok.

**AS SEEN IN**



**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES**

**\$7.2 BILLION IN U.S. SUBSIDIES CAN'T KEEP SOUTHWEST IN THE AIR FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Southwest Stole Christmas For Tens Of Thousands Of Its Passengers**

[OpenTheBooks.Substack](https://www.substack.com/p/open-the-books-southwest) (70,000 views)

**TRANSPARENCY & LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS**

**December:** Coverage kicked off on The Drudge Report with a top of the page citation and link to our Substack reporting.

**Major television:** FOX News - Special Report with Brett Baier (2.1 million viewers), Outnumbered, The Story with Trace Gallagher, and The Five; Fox Business - The Claman Countdown; 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.

**Major Radio:** Lars Larson national program; Michael Patrick Leahy, Tennessee Star Radio, Nashville, TN; Tim Bremel, Big Radio WCLO, Janesville, WI; John Steigerwald, AM 1250 The Answer, Pittsburgh; Deborah Flora, Salem Radio Network, Denver, CO; Dan and Amy Show, AM560 WIND, Chicago, IL; and Ed Dean 'Rip Off Of The Week,' Jacksonville, FL.

**Additional coverage:** Epoch Times, Gateway Pundit and our editorial was published at The Daily Caller.

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



## AS SEEN IN



# EARMARKS ARE BACK

**DEMOCRATS AND  
REPUBLICANS FOUND  
COMMON GROUND TO  
PASS \$16B IN EARMARKS**

**The \$1.7T Pork-Filled  
Omnibus Bill Contained  
\$16B In Earmarks**

[Published: OpenTheBooks.Substack](https://www.openthebooks.com/substack)

**INTERACTIVE MAP:  
7,500 Omnibus Earmarks  
Cost Taxpayers \$16 Billion**

[Published: OpenTheBooks.com](https://www.openthebooks.com)

Date: December 2022

## TRANSPARENCY & LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS

**December:** Pork is back. 7,500 earmarks were stuffed into the year-end omnibus spending bill. Cost to taxpayers? \$16 billion.

For the second year, House Republicans took a secret earmark vote. This year, 158 Republicans voted for earmarks, up from 102 last year. Seven of the top ten earmarkers were Republicans. Texas Republican out-earmarked their Democrat colleagues, \$500 million to \$300 million.

**We found hundreds of local pet projects receiving earmark funding:**

- \$5 million for the Hip Hop Museum in New York
- \$3 million for the Irish Heritage Center in Maine
- \$2 million for the National Great Blacks Wax Museum in Baltimore, MD
- \$1 million for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH.

**The Field Museum in Chicago received \$3.5 million even though its CEO makes \$1+ million per year and the organization has \$600 million in net assets.**

**We created an interactive map of the 7500 earmarks by state to show the American people each project, the amount, and the name of the congressional sponsor. Our earmark map was hyperlinked at Citizens Free Press and embedded at The National Desk by Sinclair Broadcast.**

**Major television:** 190 stations of Sinclair Broadcast Group featured our reporting on broadcast local news, and twice off The National Desk platform. C-SPAN's Washington Journal hosted our CEO for a 60 minute in-studio interview. Newsmax TV's Wake Up America morning program aired two separate interview segments. One America News, The Dan Ball Show, and an OAN national news package by John Hines aired our interviews. On Salem TV, Andrew Wilkow hosted our interview.

**Other coverage:** Five local broadcast television interviews where the statewide and local bacon breakdown findings were discussed in Baltimore, MD; Austin, TX; Nashville, TN; Las Vegas, NV; and Portland, ME. We featured earmarks in our Waste of the Day column at Real Clear. The Daily Caller published our editorial.

**AS SEEN IN**



**DR. FAUCI'S GOLDEN PARACHUTE  
PENSION (\$375,000) WILL NEARLY EXCEED PRESIDENT  
JOE BIDEN'S SALARY (\$400,000)**

**It's the largest federal retirement package in history.  
An unprecedented golden parachute made possible  
by career-end salary spiking.**

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July 21, 2022

**TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS**

Dr. Fauci's first year retirement pension will rival President Joe Biden's salary.

The large pension is a result of career-end salary spiking. Between the years 2015 and 2022, Fauci's salary increased from \$350,000 to \$480,000. Federal pensions are based on the last four years of salary.

Our findings were immediately linked as a top national news story at The Drudge Report.

**Major television:** Jesse Watters Primetime; Cavuto: Coast To Coast, and news segments on FOX Business elevated our story. Wake Up America at Newsmax aired our CEO's interview.

**Prominent coverage:** The Federalist, Reason, Daily Signal, Townhall, Epoch Times, Jim Bohannon national radio, Slate, The Dana Loesch Show, Lars Larson national radio, The Daily Mail, Citizen's Free Press, International Business Times, and many others.

**AS SEEN IN**



# BIG PHARMA & \$325 MILLION IN THIRD-PARTY ROYALTIES HIDDEN BY NIH

## IT'S THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2005 THAT THE NIH ROYALTY PAYMENTS RECEIVED PUBLIC EXPOSURE

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### TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

We found an estimated \$325 million in hidden third-party royalties enriched the agency, its leaders, and its scientists.

In 2005, Associated Press did an investigation. There were less than 1,000 scientists participating.

Today, 2,408 NIH scientists split hundreds of millions in royalties. However, NIH redacted the name of the payor (think pharmaceutical company), the amount paid the individual scientists, and the invention numbers. We continue to battle the lack of disclosure in court.

**Major television:** The Ingraham Angle aired our interview (2.7 million viewers); broadcast news segments on nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX local stations; Hollywood actor Russell Brand's *You Were Right* posted a fifteen-minute segment on our findings (660,000 views). The Joe Rogan podcast talked about our findings. Our interviews aired on Newsmax TV, Wake Up America program; BlazeTV; and One America News, Tipping Point With Kara McKinney. FOX Business, Maria Bartiromo, provided coverage. Epoch

TV aired news segments and our interview. Interview showcased on Bannon's War Room and trended on GETTR. Interviewed with Robert F. Kennedy on his *The Defender* podcast. Featured in RFK's *The Real Anthony Fauci* documentary. Interviewed with Kibbe on Liberty podcast.

**Prominent coverage:** The Wall Street Journal; Newsweek; the Lexington Courier-Journal; and the Cincinnati Inquirer. Additional coverage by Zerohedge (325,000 views); New York Post (circ. 146,000); Children's Health Defense; The Daily Wire; Real Clear Politics; Washington Examiner; PJ Media; MSN; Politics.com; and Newsmax. Epoch Times published three articles as a top daily story. Our investigation was linked at Citizen's Free Press. FactCheck.org gave oversight and our findings held up to the scrutiny.

**National radio coverage:** Jim Bohannon Show; Andrew Wilkow Majority on Sirius XM; Alison Morrow podcast; WABC radio New York City; and the Bill Martinez Show.

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**CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS**

**\$325 MILLION THIRD-PARTY ROYALTY  
STREAM HIDDEN BY NIH**



**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)  
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**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 Bayh-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.



**AS SEEN IN**



# MILITARY’S NEW DIVERSITY CHIEF HAWKS BOOKS, ADVOCATES “REVOLUTION” IN K-12 SCHOOLS

**KELISA WING ADVOCATES A RACIAL RECKONING, A REVOLUTION IN THE PENTAGON’S K-12 SCHOOLS. HOW’S THAT GOOD FOR READINESS?**

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## TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA AND LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS

Today, “every aspect” of DoDEA “from the curriculum and assessment to hiring and professional development” is overseen by the agency’s chief diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) officer.

In 2021, DoDEA Director Thomas Brady announced the promotion of Kelisa Wing from diversity, equity, and inclusion specialist to chief. Wing [came under fire for Twitter posts](#) disparaging white people. **Her employment is now under review by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.**

Our auditors at OpenTheBooks.com discovered the Tweets represent a far larger pattern of concerning behaviors including possible ethics and conflict of interest. For example, we found evidence that:

1. Officer Wing allegedly used taxpayer-funded platforms to promote her private enterprises (books) and radical ideologies.

2. Officer Wing allegedly leveraged her government position to promote herself and her private enterprises.

**Media coverage:** Sinclair Broadcast aired a national segment for nearly 200 ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX stations across America and published a digital piece online. FOX News published two digital pieces citing our work.

**Other coverage:** Bannon’s War Room interview segment and an interview with Emerald Robinson at Frank’s Speech. Our investigation was covered by Rep. Elise Stefanik’s Twitter, American Military News, Flipboard.com national news aggregator, headtopics.com, frontpagemag.com, MSN.com, and the Republican Study Committee. Max Eden at American Enterprise Institute wrote an editorial “Politics Infiltrate America’s Military-Run K-12 Schools” at AEI.org.

AS SEEN IN



# CONGRESSIONAL THIRD-PARTY PAID TRAVEL

**500 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR  
STAFF TOOK 8,200 TRIPS PAID FOR BY  
700 ORGANIZATIONS**

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## TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

Staffers and members of Congress traveled to 2,629 foreign destinations and 5,563 domestic trips. Top foreign locations were Israel, Berlin, Paris, Tokyo, and Brussels.

**Five globalist non-profits** provided members or their staffers with 940 trips and received \$63 million in federal contracts and grants from 2017 to 2021. The organizations included The Aspen Institute, United Nations Foundation, Atlantic Council, German Marshall Fund, and the Woodrow Wilson Center.

While this practice isn't illegal, each trip presents lawmakers with a potential conflict-of-interest.

**Media coverage:** Mark Tapscott, the congressional reporter at Epoch Times, launched our report. Our Waste of the Day column at Real Clear Policy highlighted our findings.

**Top television:** the nightly news broadcast on nearly 200 ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX local stations of the Sinclair Broadcast Group, Kristine Frazao reporting. The Sinclair owned 'The National Desk' also aired a deeper dive interview with our CEO. Newsmax's morning program, Wake Up America, aired our segment and the top 25 national radio host, Jim Bohannon, showcased our report. C-SPAN's Washington Journal program hosted our CEO live and rebroadcast the interview four times.

One million moms at the grocery store read The National Enquirer who published an expose on our report.

**AS SEEN IN**



**WASTE OF THE DAY**

**Published At Real Clear Policy  
Syndicated By Sinclair Broadcast Group**

Published: Daily Monday through Friday, since February 15, 2021

**TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS**

A daily column at **Real Clear Policy** compiled by our auditors at OpenTheBooks.com showcasing egregious waste, fraud, corruption, and taxpayer abuse.

Distributed by the **Real Clear News Wire**.

**The National Desk** at Sinclair Broadcast Group aired our "Waste Of The Week" interview every Friday.

In November, **FOX & Friends** picked up our Los Alamos Club In China column and interviewed our CEO. Other coverage: **Newsmax TV**—Wake Up America; **One America News**—Tipping Point With Kara McKinney; **The Andrew Wilkow Show** on Salem TV; The Wilkow Majority on Sirius XM Radio; **WBBM—Chicago**; and many more.

**Topics:**

- Interest Rates Cost Government \$2.6 Trillion Over Next Decade
  - FBI Pays Twitter \$3.4 Million To Ban Accounts
  - New Earmarks In Spending Bill Cost \$16 Billion
  - Navy Splurges on Luxury Bidet
  - Nashville’s Double Dippers Collect Pay/Pension
  - Taxpayers Fund Burlesque Hall of Fame in Las Vegas
  - Iowa Uses \$23.5 Million In Covid-Aid For ‘Field Of Dreams Stadium,’
  - The Los Alamos Club In China
  - San Fran Spends \$1.7 Million For A Single Public Toilet
  - NYC Mayor and Schools Chief Hire Each Other’s Girlfriends
- and many more.

Every Thursday, on the Ed Dean Show on Salem Radio, Jacksonville, FL, we have a standing interview – "The Rip-Off Of The Week" – showcasing waste examples.

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**"THE SWAMP IS DEEPER THAN ANY  
OF US DARED TO IMAGINE..."**

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# THE LOS ALAMOS CLUB IN CHINA



## WASTE OF THE DAY

Published: [Real Clear Policy](#)

November 15, 2022

### TRANSPARENCY & MEDIA IMPACTS

150 former employees of the Los Alamos National Lab in New Mexico now work for the Chinese Communist Party back in the motherland.

U.S. taxpayers provided the scientists:

- University educations
- Employment them in our crown jewel national lab
- Federal research grants

The report was published by Strider Technologies. It is the first time this information was publicly released.

Intelligence officials agreed this is a high-level national security concern. For decades, China has been stealing U.S. technologies and human capital for their own advancement.

**Prominent coverage:** Interviews on FOX & Friends, The National Desk at Sinclair Broadcast Group – owners of 200 ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX stations across America, the Wake Up America morning program at Newsmax, Andrew Wilkow’s Sirius XM radio program and television program on Salem TV, and Tipping Point with Kara McKinney on One America News.

The report went to The Republican Study Committee in the U.S. House.

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

*"Federal spending is out of control and they don't want you to know about it."*  
**WALL STREET JOURNAL | SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**



**OUR FULL PAGE OPEN LETTER TO  
MR. AND MS. TAXPAYER**

Published: Wall Street Journal | September 2022  
[Republished: OpenTheBooks.Substack](#)

The **U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)** redacted 350,000 federal executive agency employee names from our FOIA request (2021) – accounting for roughly \$30 billion in compensation.

The **Federal Reserve** has 23,000 employees. They gave us the salaries of only 367 executives. They also told us that a database of their expenditures, a checkbook, does not exist.

The **Vice President** refused to give us any information. They claimed, "The Office of Vice President is not subject to Freedom of Information Act requests."

The **U.S. Postal Service** refused to produce line-by-line checkbook expenditures. They stated that doing so would expose their "trade secrets."

**South Dakota** limits public employee salary disclosure to only one at a time. The state has roughly 8,000 employees.

The **California controller** refused to produce a single state expenditure. Not one transaction! We filed sunshine requests with each of the 442 state agencies and compiled state expenditures like a jigsaw puzzle.

The **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** refuses to answer our Freedom of Information Act requests. We sued NIH. We found over \$300 million in third-party royalty (pharmaceutical company) payments enriching NIH, its leaders, and over 2,000 of its scientists during the past ten years.

In 2022, the **Republican House held a secret vote on earmarks**. A SECRET vote on how they spend YOUR tax dollars. 158 Republican Congressmen voted to join Democrats to bring back earmarks.

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KSNV, NBC-LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

**MAJOR CITY GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT**



**AUSTIN'S \$100,000 CLUB**  
CBS-Austin  
October 3, 2022



**527 AUSTIN COMPANIES RECEIVED \$1 MILLION PPP FORGIVEN-LOANS COSTING TAXPAYERS \$1B**  
CBS-Austin  
October 28, 2022



**THE TEXAS GOLD RUSH IN COVID AID**  
The Megyn Kelly Show  
April 4, 2022



**TAXPAYERS ON THE HOOK FOR \$1.4 BILLION IN FORGIVEN SEATTLE BUSINESS PPP LOANS**  
ABC4-Seattle  
November 17, 2022



**RED LIGHT HELL IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
FOX45-Baltimore  
May 6, 2022



**BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL WANTS A GOLDEN PARACHUTE RETIREMENT PENSION**  
FOX45-Baltimore  
November 11, 2022



**SOROS'S OPEN SOCIETY VIOLATED CHARITABLE SOLICITATION ACT; YET RECEIVED \$6 MILLION FROM CITY GOVERNMENT**  
FOX45-Baltimore  
June 10, 2022



**METRO-NASHVILLE DOUBLE DIPPERS**  
FOX17-Nashville  
December 2, 2022



**TOP PUBLIC PENSIONS IN NEVADA**  
NBC-Las Vegas  
December 1, 2022



# KEY MEDIA



**ILLINOIS IS GOVERNMENT UNION HEAVEN**

The Wall Street Journal  
November 3, 2022



**CANCELED BY FORBES OVER FAUCI**

Tucker Carlson Tonight at FOX News  
February 14, 2022



**EFFORTS TO BLOCK TRANSPARENCY ABOUT DR. FAUCI'S FINANCES**

The Megyn Kelly Show  
April 4, 2022



**NIH HIDES \$350M ROYALTY PAYMENT STREAM**

The Ingraham Angle at FOX News  
May 14, 2022



**CALIFORNIA RELEASES LINE-BY-LINE STATE PAYMENTS FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY**

FOX26 Fresno  
August 26, 2022



**THE MILITARIZATION OF THE FEDERAL AGENCIES**

The Sean Hannity Show at FOX News  
September 16, 2022



**REPUBLICANS & DEMOCRATS BRING BACK EARMARKS**

The National Desk | Sinclair Broadcast Group  
December 15, 2022



**SOUTHWEST RECEIVED \$7.2B IN U.S. SUBSIDIES, BUT STILL RIPPED OFF THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS OVER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

Special Report With Bret Baier  
December 30, 2022



**DR. FAUCI'S GOLDEN PARACHUTE**

Primetime With Jessie Watters at FOX News  
July 22, 2022



**THE GOVERNMENT'S BIPARTISAN WAR ON TRANSPARENCY**

The Wall Street Journal  
September 17, 2022



**WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING**

C-SPAN's Washington Journal  
July 19, 2022



**HOW FAUCI'S NET WORTH SOARED DURING PANDEMIC**

The Ingraham Angle at FOX News  
October 11, 2022



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**CRAIG MIJARES**  
Chief Operating Officer



# 2022 DATA CAPTURE

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

MONTH	INDIVIDUAL SALARIES	INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT PENSIONS	INDIVIDUAL VENDOR PAYMENTS
<b>JANUARY</b>	7,217,347	718,827	73,704,542
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	9,747,491	2,066,228	89,819,198
<b>MARCH</b>	12,352,610	2,651,042	99,578,955
<b>APRIL</b>	14,587,781	3,666,195	106,218,924
<b>MAY</b>	16,171,452	4,479,788	126,796,786
<b>JUNE</b>	17,658,553	4,687,440	139,878,511
<b>JULY</b>	18,266,313	4,833,630	147,779,644
<b>AUGUST</b>	18,957,871	4,856,753	154,897,994
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	19,985,045	5,230,613	159,294,923
<b>OCTOBER</b>	20,124,752	5,232,387	161,362,563
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	20,174,758	5,232,387	162,072,100
<b>DECEMBER</b>	20,188,227	5,232,614	162,814,773

*Cumulative counts - aggregate totals by month.*



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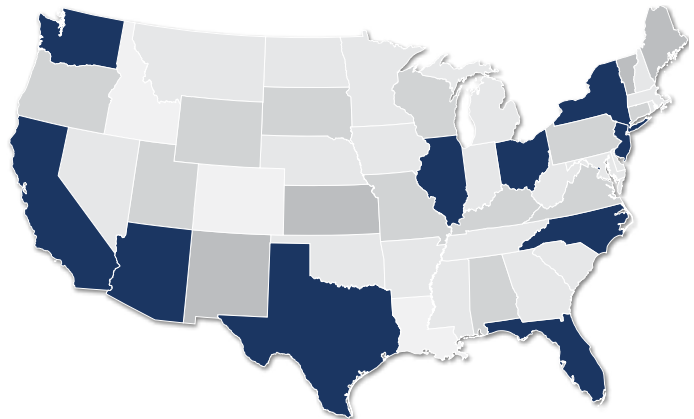
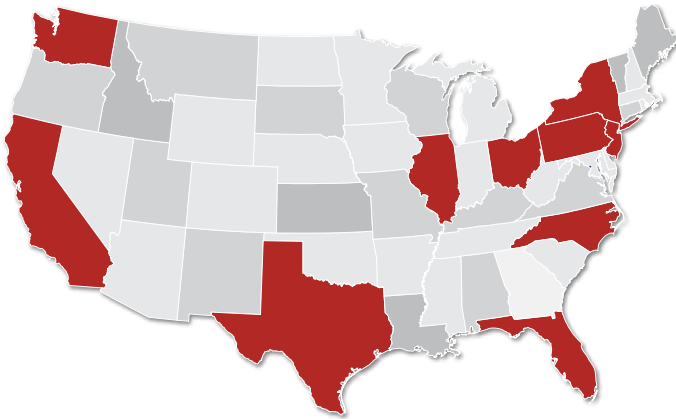
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**SALARIES**  
20 MILLION TOTAL TRANSACTIONS  
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**CHECKBOOKS**  
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\$7 TRILLION

**PENSIONS**  
5 MILLION TOTAL TRANSACTIONS  
\$15.2 BILLION MONTHLY  
\$182.4 BILLION ANNUALLY



## TOP 10 SALARY SPENDING STATES

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| <b>1. CALIFORNIA</b><br>\$164,723,116,353 spent<br>2,159,552 salary records | <b>6. OHIO</b><br>\$30,453,977,596.13 spent<br>679,063 salary records            |
| <b>2. NEW YORK</b><br>\$105,554,923,468 spent<br>1,705,707 salary records   | <b>7. WASHINGTON</b><br>\$28,753,074,123.25 spent<br>468,131 salary records      |
| <b>3. TEXAS</b><br>\$79,184,171,963.65 spent<br>1,630,377 salary records    | <b>8. PENNSYLVANIA</b><br>\$27,039,433,098.36 spent<br>441,340 salary records    |
| <b>4. FLORIDA</b><br>\$41,946,166,853.36 spent<br>860,084 salary records    | <b>9. NEW JERSEY</b><br>\$26,945,783,010.00 spent<br>388,548 salary records      |
| <b>5. ILLINOIS</b><br>\$37,540,021,165.45 spent<br>623,827 salary records   | <b>10. NORTH CAROLINA</b><br>\$26,391,779,503.57 spent<br>582,271 salary records |

*\*Please note this data is inclusive of both state and local salary collection.*

## TOP 10 CHECKBOOK SPENDING STATES

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|---|---|
| <b>1. NEW YORK</b><br>\$480,170,310,733.87 spent<br>15,698,550 transactions   | <b>6. ILLINOIS</b><br>\$121,239,236,722.48 spent<br>4,668,223 transactions      |
| <b>2. TEXAS</b><br>\$269,473,473,882.56 spent<br>14,254,368 transactions      | <b>7. OHIO</b><br>\$81,246,419,739.44 spent<br>6,472,176 transactions           |
| <b>3. CALIFORNIA</b><br>\$225,058,413,281.64 spent<br>15,489,528 transactions | <b>8. PENNSYLVANIA</b><br>\$55,940,655,314.53 spent<br>5,343,903 transactions   |
| <b>4. FLORIDA</b><br>\$172,321,031,636.96 spent<br>9,795,060 transactions     | <b>9. NORTH CAROLINA</b><br>\$44,302,794,950.78 spent<br>4,734,806 transactions |
| <b>5. NEW JERSEY</b><br>\$154,039,044,971.12 spent<br>4,637,802 transactions  | <b>10. WASHINGTON</b><br>\$39,886,064,048.37 spent<br>1,864,592 transactions    |

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# 2022 INFLECTION POINT LAWSUITS

## OPENTHEBOOKS VS. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Federal Court, District of Columbia  
Our Legal Partners: Judicial Watch, Washington, D.C.

1

**Case #:** 1-21-cv-02821  
**Filed:** October 25, 2021  
**Description:**  
Dr. Anthony Fauci's financial disclosures

2

**Case #:** 1:22-cv-02021  
**Filed:** July 18, 2022  
**Description:** Dr. Christine Grady's financial and ethics disclosures

3

**Case #:** 1:22-cv-02339-TJK  
**Filed:** August 8, 2022  
**Description:** All communications between NIH executives and Forbes regarding Fauci's financials and Andrzejewski's termination at the publication.

4

**Case #:** 1:22-cv-00036  
**Filed:** January 12, 2022  
**Description:** Dr. Fauci's official work calendar and calendar entries.



**Newsweek**  
**FAUCI'S CALENDAR RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID RESPONSE**  
October 27, 2022  
[Published: Newsweek](#)

**substack**  
**HISTORIC RELEASE: DR. ANTHONY FAUCI'S OFFICIAL WORK CALENDAR (NOVEMBER 2019 - MARCH 2020)**  
October 20, 2022  
[Published: OpenTheBooks.Substack](#)

### TRANSPARENCY, MEDIA, LEGISLATIVE & JUDICIAL IMPACTS

The National Institutes of Health produced Dr. Fauci's official calendar subject to our Freedom of Information Act request (ignored) and our federal lawsuit. Our legal partner was Judicial Watch.

**Prominent coverage:** Newsweek published our editorial. Covid-hawks Steve Quayle, Alex Berenson, and Robert F. Kennedy wrote pieces highlighting our findings.

The refusal by NIH forced us into expensive litigation. Then, NIH took months to slow-walk 156 pages of semi-redacted calendar production.

The Republican Study Committee will give it oversight.

Fauci's calendar has 933 events during this five-month period – including 224 media interviews and 84 redacted events – significant redactions that prevent understanding.

Dr. Fauci was deposed using his official calendar by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt as part of a lawsuit alleging government censorship during the pandemic (Biden v. Missouri).



# OUR TEAM

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, STAFF, AND BOARD OF ADVISORS



### **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 prime driver of our award winning Open The Books mobile application, widget, interactive mapping features, proprietary data capture tools, spending clocks, and SNAPSHOT™ Transparency Reports.



**SEJZELLE ERASTUS-OBIOLO, Creative Services Director**

Chicago, IL. Since Sejzelle'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. Sejzelle is a Benedictine University alumna, with a BBA in Marketing. She was born in Stevenage, UK, and resides in Chicago, 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 Director**

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 Public 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.



**MATTHEW TYRMAND, Consultant**

Matthew helped launch OpenTheBooks nationally. Previously, he was a Wall Street analyst in the healthcare and telecommunications industries. He is a graduate of the Think Tank MBA of the Atlas Leadership Academy, a Claremont Lincoln Fellow, and a member of the Philadelphia Society. He graduated from University of Chicago in 2003.



# 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 2022, we hosted 40-minute video meetings with the following public-policy thought leaders. We plan to continue these events in 2023.



**PETER SCHWEIZER**  
President of Government  
Accountability Institute and  
American author



**VICTOR DAVIS HANSON**  
Martin and Illie Anderson Senior  
Fellow at the Hoover Institution  
at Stanford University and author  
of 24+ books



**AARON WITHE**  
CEO of the Freedom Foundation



**TOM FITTON**  
President of Judicial Watch

Additionally, we held an Investor Update in December.

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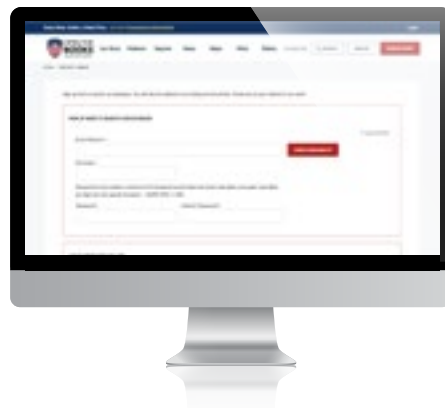
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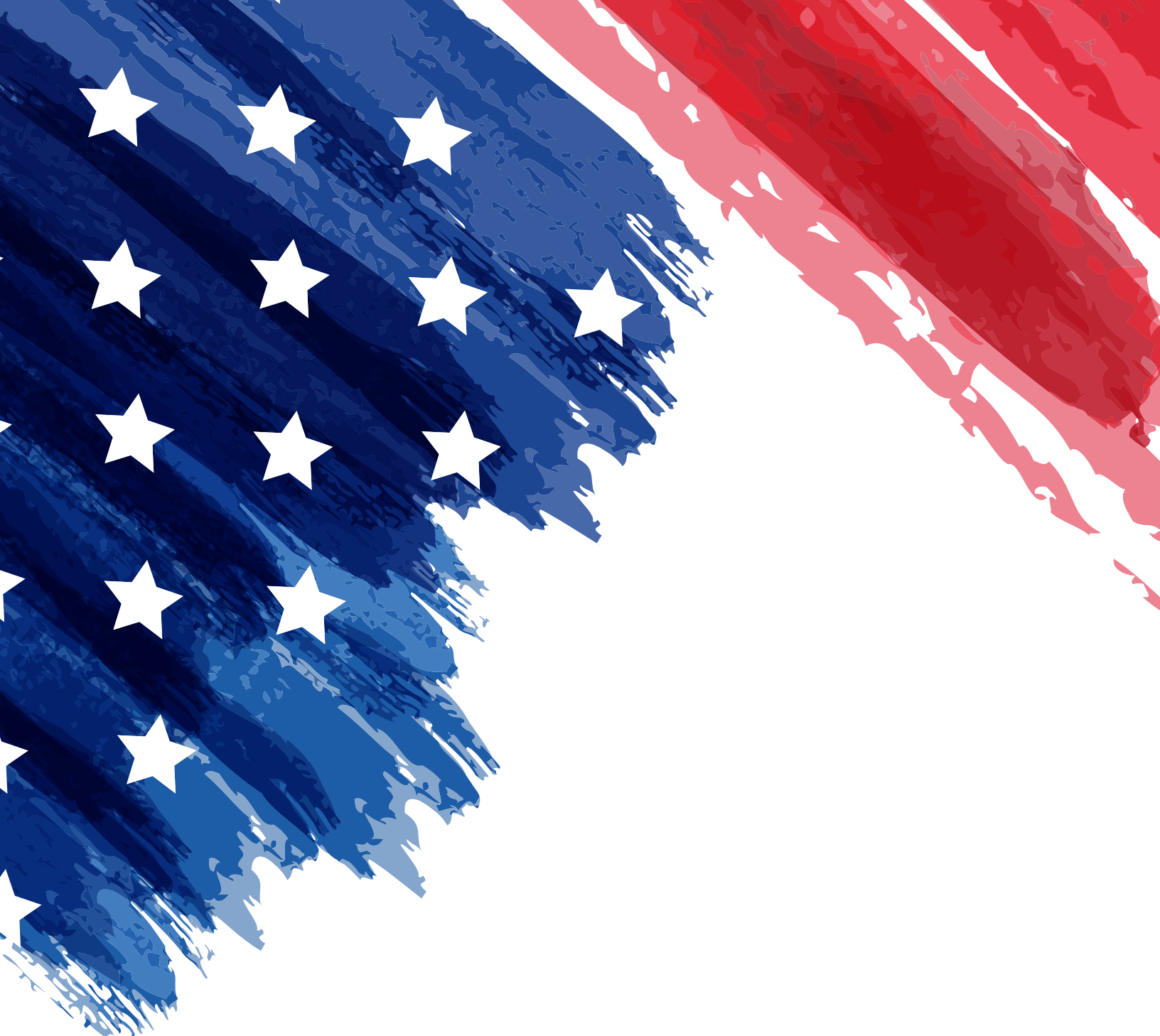
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