

Adam Andrzejewski

A national leader in bringing transparency to government spending, Adam Andrzejewski, (Angie-f-ski) the eldest of seven children, was born in rural Herscher, IL-- a hardworking small town, and family farm community.

After working his way through Northern Illinois University, Adam and his brother successfully built a \$20 million dollar business which employed 160. Today, HomePages® is the nation's largest publisher of community telephone directories. Selling his share of the business to his brother in 2007, Adam began to focus on a life of public service.



In 2010, Adam ran for Governor of Illinois in the Republican primary. Adam was proud to be endorsed by Nobel Peace Prize winner and Solidarity founder Lech Walesa, among others. Adam promised he would post “every dime online in real time.” Despite a close loss on Election Day, Adam founded OpenTheBooks.com to fulfill his campaign pledge.

Today, **OpenTheBooks.com** contains over 2.3 billion lines of government spending. The Honorary Chairman of American Transparency (website: OpenTheBooks.com) is former U.S. Senator Dr. Tom Coburn – 2013 Time 100: 100 Most Influential People in the World.

On May 29, 2013, *The Wall Street Journal* published Andrzejewski's editorial, “Track Government Spending on Your Phone.” The editorial showcased our first-to-market technology enabling taxpayers to search federal spending by ZIP code. [Click here to read](#)

September 2013: **John Stossel's FOX News special- Innovation Nation** [featured a segment](#) on OpenTheBooks.com. March 2015: Andrzejewski's [appearance on Stossel](#) fact checked Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's 2011 campaign promise to “end pay-to-play in city hall” made the mayor's debate.

Adam is happily married to his wife Kerry and the proud father of three beautiful little girls. He is an avid runner, having run the Chicago Marathon on four occasions. Adam is a lector at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in Hinsdale, IL.

Recent Accomplishments:

- ★ Attended 2012 Young Leaders Conference in Zurich, Switzerland hosted by American Swiss Foundation - founded by Ambassador Faith Whittlesey.
- ★ Sued Republican Comptroller Judy Baar-Topinka to successfully force open payments to a half million vendors who received a half billion transactions for a half trillion dollars of IL checkbook spending since 2005.
- ★ First-to-market, *Open The Books* App shows all federal checkbook spending since 2001 by ZIP code. Won 2013 “*Best Political App*” by prestigious [Web Marketing Association](#). *Open The Books* app also set precedence – the first app to display [state spending](#) (IL). March/ 2015
- ★ Authored the branded federal oversight reports, ***The Federal Transfer Report***: 1. Farm Subsidies in Urban Areas; 2. Fortune 100 Companies; 3. Veterans Affairs Salaries/Bonuses; 4. Small Business Administration Lending to the Wealthy Lifestyle; and, 5. Export – Import Bank.
- ★ Andrzejewski is a **Forbes** contributor – with nearly 400,000 unique views. His work has published at **The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, FOX News, Investor's Business Daily, Washington Times, Washington Examiner, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily Herald, National Review, HBO Bill Maher's blog, and Sunlight Foundation**. Appearances on the **John Stossel Show** and other regional/national TV/radio programs include **Salem Radio, Sinclair Broadcast & WGN radio/TV**.