

# Adam Andrzejewski

Founder and CEO of OpenTheBooks.com



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

After graduating from Northern Illinois University, Adam and his brother successfully built a \$20 million-dollar business with 160 employees. Today, HomePages® is the nation's largest publisher of community telephone directories. After 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 credible loss on Election Day, Adam founded OpenTheBooks.com to fulfill his campaign pledge.

Today, **OpenTheBooks.com** contains nearly 4 billion lines of government spending and is the largest private repository of public spending in the world. The Honorary Chairman of American Transparency (website: OpenTheBooks.com) is former U.S. Senator Dr. Tom Coburn (OK) – 2013 Time 100: 100 Most Influential People in the World.

- **May 29, 2013:** *The Wall Street Journal* published Andrzejewski's editorial, “Track Government Spending on Your Phone.” Editorial [showcased](#) our first-to-market technology enabling taxpayers to search federal spending by ZIP code.
- **September, 2013:** *Stossel Special - Innovation Nation FOX News* [featured](#) our data, technology, website and mobile app as cutting edge ‘tech tools’ to help citizens win the public spending debate across America.
- **June, 2014:** *USA Today* [showcased](#) Andrzejewski quotes and OpenTheBooks.com data regarding Phoenix VA salary and bonuses in three investigative pieces with national impact during the peak of the national VA scandal.
- **October, 2015:** *The Wall Street Journal* published Dr. Tom Coburn's editorial which [lauded](#) the additional search capacity added to our award winning mobile app: Tracking Government Waste, There's an App for That.
- **June, 2016:** *The Wall Street Journal* [released](#) our oversight report “The Militarization of America” in a co-authored editorial entitled, “Why Does the IRS Need Guns?” We found more bureaucrats with guns (200,000+) vs. U.S. Marines (182,000).
- **July, 2017:** *The Wall Street Journal* launched our oversight report – Foundation on the Arts and Humanities. In the [editorial](#), “It Costs Taxpayers a Bundle, But Is It Art?” Roger Kimball called our findings “eye-opening.”

Adam and his wife Kerry are the proud parents of three beautiful girls. Adam's favorite hobby is running – he is a five-time Chicago Marathon runner. Adam is a lector at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church in his hometown of Hinsdale, IL. In 2017, Adam and his father attended the White House Correspondents Dinner.

## **Accomplishments:**

- ★ Editorial contributor at Forbes.com since 2014 – with nearly 2 million unique views
- ★ Chosen as a ‘Young Leader’ with the American Swiss Foundation for the 2012 Young Leaders Conference in Zurich, Switzerland. The organization was founded by Ambassador Faith Whittlesey.
- ★ Sued Republican Comptroller Judy Baar-Topinka to successfully force open Illinois state payments amounting to a half trillion dollars of state checkbook spending since 2005.
- ★ Won 2013 “Best Policy App” by prestigious Web Marketing Association – first to push federal spending (2013) and state spending (2015) to a mobile application.
- ★ Author of OpenTheBooks Oversight Reports: 1. Farm Subsidies in Urban Areas; 2. Fortune 100 Companies; 3. Veterans Affairs Salaries/Bonuses; 4. Small Business Administration Lending to the Wealthy Lifestyle; 5. Export – Import Bank; 6. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 7. The Department of Self-Promotion (PR); and 8. The Militarization of America; 9. The VA's \$20 Million Art Portfolio; 10. Federal Funding of America's Sanctuary Cities: \$27 Billion; 11. Ivy League, Inc.; 12. National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities (NFA-H)
- ★ Works showcased in major news media: *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Good Morning America*, *ABC World News Tonight*, *CBS News*, *FOX News*, *RealClearPolitics*, *Forbes Magazine*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Associated Press*, *Drudge Report*, *TheHill*, *Politico*, *Washington Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Daily News*, *NY Post*, *The Star-Ledger* – *New Jersey*, *Orange County Register*, *South Florida's Sun-Sentinel*, *National Review* and many others.