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Reply-To: MyJax <myjax@mailil.custhelp.com>
Date: Monday, August 3, 2020 at 4:14 PM
To: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: MyJax Service Request: 200721-001679 at

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Thank You!

Your request for service at has been updated.

Click here to review or update this request [200721-001679](#).

Auto-Response By (Administrator) (08/03/2020 04:14 PM)

The status of your service request has changed to Waiting

Response By Email Outbound (MyJax Agent) (08/03/2020 04:14 PM)

Good afternoon.

Here is the email search perform on your request.

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Date Range: May 1, 2019 to present

Search Terms:

"Judicialwatch.org", "theacru.org", "publicinterestlegal.org", "Logan C. Churchwell", "J. Christian Adams", "Sue Becker", "Kaylan Phillips", & " Noel H. Johnson"

Which was taken from your request:

American Oversight requests that the Duval County Supervisor of Elections promptly produce the following:

All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar

invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county

elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:

- Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org) including, but not limited to:
 - a. Logan C. Churchwell, Communications Directors
 - b. J. Christian Adams, General Counsel
 - c. Sue Becker, Litigation Counsel
 - d. Kaylan Phillips, Litigation Counsel
 - e. Noel H. Johnson, Litigation Counsel

Auto-Response By (Administrator) (07/29/2020 11:58 AM)

The estimated completion date for your service request has been updated.

Customer By Email Service Request (Mariuxi Pintado) (07/21/2020 06:51 PM)

Good afternoon,

We received the document production from your agency, but it bears no clear relation to the subject matter of our request. We sought, broadly speaking, communications between county election officials and employees/representatives of Judicial Watch, American Civil Rights Union, and Public Interest Legal Foundation, from May 1, 2019, through the date of the search. Among the more than 3,000 pages that we received, there were several documents related to the coronavirus and the City of Jacksonville's budget, but no documents referencing any of the groups which were the subject of our request.

Can you please check that the correct records were produced? And, if you maintain that they were, can you please describe the search that was used?

Thank you,

Christine

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From: Christine Monahan <christine.monahan@americanoversight.org> on behalf of American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 5:44 PM

To: MyJax <myjax@custhelp.com>

Subject: Re: [Ext]MyJax Service Request: 200330-001238 at 105 E Monroe St, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Good afternoon,

I wanted to check in regarding the status of processing of this request, for which we mailed payment on April 10, 2020. Can you please confirm receipt of payment and when we can expect to receive records?

Thank you,

Christine

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From: Christine Monahan <christine.monahan@americanoversight.org> on behalf of AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM

To: MyJax <myjax@custhelp.com>

Subject: Re: [Ext]MyJax Service Request: 200330-001238 at 105 E Monroe St, Jacksonville, FL 32202

Thank you for reaching out. We are still interested and put a check in the mail that you should be receiving soon.

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Reply-To: MyJax <myjax@custhelp.com>

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From: JW Newslink <press@pr.judicialwatch.org>

Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2019 11:33 AM EST

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: "Deported" Illegal Aliens from Terrorist Nations Live in U.S.; El Paso Named Major Smuggling Route; Smuggler in Mexico Busted Amid Rise in Migrants from Terrorist Nations

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Human Smuggling Attempt Busted near Texas Border — Six Arrested

Source: [Breitbart](#)

Border Patrol agents disrupted a complex human smuggling incident involving multiple vehicles and leading to the arrests of six suspected human smugglers and 14 Mexican migrants.

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2019-04-25

**Thousands of Illegal
Aliens from Terrorist
Nations Live in the
U.S. Even After
Being “Deported”**

Source: Judicial Watch

Along the southern border federal agents routinely encounter individuals from terrorist nations and DHS considers them one of the top threats to the United States. They are flowing north via Latin America in huge numbers thanks to established Transitional Criminal Organizations that facilitate travel along drug and migrant smuggling routes.

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2019-02-10

**El Paso a Major
Smuggling Route for
Mexican Drugs,
Illegal Aliens, &
Islamic Terrorists**

Source: Judicial Watch

The west Texas city is a rats' nest of law enforcement corruption, a major smuggling route into the U.S. for Mexican drugs, illegal immigrants, and Islamic terrorists and the headquarters of a sophisticated narco-terror ring operated by two of the FBI's most wanted.

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2019-09-17

**Bangladeshi
Smuggler in Mexico
Busted Amid Rise in
Migrants from
Terrorist Nations**

Source: Judicial Watch

There has been a 300% increase in Bangladeshi nationals attempting to sneak into the country through Texas alone.

Federal authorities arrested a Mexican-based Bangladeshi smuggler in Houston and charged him with bringing in 15 fellow countrymen through the Texas-Mexico border.

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From: Judicial Watch NewsLink <press@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:40 AM EDT
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: "Crisis" of Seriously Ill Migrants Slams Border Patrol

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U.S.-Mexico Border to Close Amid Coronavirus Spread

Source: [U.S. News & World Report](#)

The United States and Mexico will close their shared border to nonessential travel, and U.S. authorities will immediately remove any migrants found crossing illegally as part of the Trump administration's strategy to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

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01/07/19

**“Crisis” of Seriously
Ill Migrants Slams
Border Patrol**

Source: Judicial Watch

The Border Patrol reveals that it is getting slammed daily with dozens of illegal immigrants carrying “serious illnesses.” This includes tuberculosis, influenza and pneumonia. In fact, a Guatemalan migrant who died in U.S. custody on Christmas Eve had Influenza B, a virus that causes respiratory infections.

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2018-12-11

**Media Buries Key
Facts to Conceal
Migrant Health
Threat**

Source: Judicial Watch

Even the recent study twisted by the mainstream media acknowledges that illegal immigrants are likely to carry hepatitis, tuberculosis and HIV. Selectively burying the information doesn't change the severity of the matter. Though not a mainstream media outlet, a popular leftist news and opinion site went so far as to label those who claim migrants pose a threat to public health racist.

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2014-11-04

**Recently Arrived
Illegal Alien Minors
Spread Deadly Virus**

Source: Judicial Watch

The "humanitarian crisis" concocted by President Obama to let tens of thousands of illegal immigrant minors stay in the U.S. has fueled a deadly respiratory virus epidemic that's struck American kids across the country and killed at least nine.

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From: JW Newslink <press@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 4:44 PM EDT
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: 'Catch and release' ending; Illegal aliens relocated; DHS released illegal aliens

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Homeland Security touts end of 'catch and release' next week

Source: [The Hill](#)

The Trump administration will effectively end the “catch and release” practice within immigration enforcement next week, acting Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Kevin McAleenan announced

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2018-01-19

**Illegal Aliens Quietly
Being Relocated
Throughout U.S. on
Commercial Flights**

Source: Judicial Watch

Immigrants entering the United States illegally through the southern border are quietly being relocated to different parts of the country on commercial flights. In the last few days alone, groups of illegal aliens boarded planes at airports in Texas and Arizona accompanied by a taxpayer-funded government escort in civilian clothes to avoid drawing attention.

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2016-06-16

**DHS Quietly Moving,
Releasing Vanloads
of Illegal Aliens
Away from Border**

Source: Judicial Watch

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is quietly transporting illegal immigrants from the Mexican border to Phoenix and releasing them without proper processing or issuing court appearance documents, Border Patrol sources tell Judicial Watch.

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2019-07-16

Illegal Aliens

Released from

Custody Commit

More Crimes

Source: Judicial Watch

One 23-year-old Honduran man was booked and released in San Francisco ten times in less than a year for crimes ranging from burglary, vehicle theft and driving without a license. In each of the arrests, ICE issued a detainer but the San Francisco Police Department disregarded it and let the man go.

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From: JW On the Air Report <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 3:30 PM EDT
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: (VID) Tom Fitton: Huge Victory for Election Integrity in CA!

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Tom Fitton: Cleaner Elections in CA & the Nation as a Result of Lawsuit—1.56 Million Inactive Voters!

□

On June 24, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss a legal settlement in California which resulted in dirty voter rolls being cleaned in L.A. County, where there are up to 1.5 million 'inactive' voters.

Tom Fitton: Settlement to Clean Dirty Voter Rolls in L.A. County a Massive Step for Election Integrity

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On June 21, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "710 WOR Tonight with Joe Concha" on WOR Radio to discuss a major settlement with Los Angeles County to clean its dirty voter rolls.





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From: JW On the Air Report <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 3:42 PM EDT

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: (VID) Tom Fitton: New Smoking Gun Emails Expose FBI-Media Collusion against Trump

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Tom Fitton: New Smoking Gun Emails Expose FBI-Media Collusion against Trump

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On June 23, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss AG Bill Barr's review of the origin of the Russia Probe, the FBI feeding the New York Times a story on Jared Kushner, Rep. Nunes's letter to the FBI about an additional Russia investigation scope memos, and more!

Tom Fitton: CA Cleaning its Dirty Voters Rolls a 'BIG, Positive Step' for Election Integrity

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On June 19, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on the "Daily Ledger" on OAN to discuss Judicial Watch's settlement with California and LA County over its voter rolls.

Tom Fitton: FBI Colluded with the Media to Go After President Trump

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On June 20, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Hannity" on the Fox News Channel to discuss new Strzok-Page emails and FBI efforts to muddle Comey testimony on Clinton emails.

Tom Fitton: Was Obama Aware the FBI and DOJ Spied on the Trump Team?

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On June 19, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Daily Ledger" on OAN to discuss whether Obama was aware of the FBI and DOJ spying on the Trump Team.





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Fitton: 1.5 Million Voter Cleanup in CA, Flynn Targeting by Mueller, & Clinton Email Scandal!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Tara's Tirade" (106.3 Word) to discuss Judicial Watch's work on election integrity, the Mueller special counsel, & the Clinton email scandal.



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From: JW On the Air Report <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>

Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 7:07 PM EDT

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: (Vid) Tom Fitton: State Dept. was WARNED about Hillary Clinton's Illicit Email Use & Did NOTHING!

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Tom Fitton: State Dept. was WARNED about Hillary Clinton's Illicit Email Use & Did NOTHING!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on 99.7 (WTN) with Brian Wilson to discuss the latest news about the Clinton email scandal, including the testimony of a former State Department official.

Tom Fitton: Obama DOJ Gave Immunity to Clinton Lawyer who destroyed 33K Emails—AG Barr Should Act!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joined "Lou Dobbs Tonight" to talk about new revelations in the Clinton email scandal, including the Justice Department under President Obama granting immunity to Hillary Clinton's lawyer, and what should be done going forward.





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From: Tom Fitton <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 19, 2019 8:11 PM EST
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: A Special Request

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Dear Fellow American,

This is a very special time of the year...and I want to wish you and all those close to you a very Merry Christmas and holiday season, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I am very pleased that you follow Judicial Watch's work as we fight for the rule of law, and against public corruption and government secrecy.

[And today I want to ask you to consider further committing yourself to our fight against government corruption by making your best year-end contribution to Judicial Watch today.](#)

With your support:

- **Continue exposing the Deep State efforts to destroy the Trump presidency.** Our tenacious litigation (now numbering over 50 lawsuits) continues to uncover more proof of Deep State and Obama administration efforts to sabotage Donald Trump...and as so often in the past, we're getting documents that even Congress can't get!
- **Lead the fight to overturn illegal sanctuary laws in court.** Our historic and potentially precedent-setting lawsuit against San Francisco's deadly and illegal sanctuary policy is scheduled to go to trial in February 2020!
- **Protect the integrity of our elections.** Our highly successful and historic settlement with the State of California and Los Angeles County has resulted in LA County beginning the process of removing up to 1.6 million inactive names from its voting rolls! And our victory in Kentucky has resulted in that state agreeing to begin cleaning its voter rolls as well.

These efforts represent just a small portion of our record number of investigations and lawsuits fighting public corruption and government secrecy.

[Will you join our fight today by making your best year-end contribution?](#) Please help Judicial Watch keep winning on behalf of the American people and the rule of law!

Thank you in advance for your support!

Yours truly,

Thomas Fitton
President
Judicial Watch

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From: Tom Fitton <jw@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2020 6:28 PM EST
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: Acquittal of Trump is Victory for Rule of Law

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WEEKLY UPDATE

VINDICATION: U.S. Senate Acquits President Donald Trump in Baseless Impeachment Proceedings

Congratulations to President Trump on the overwhelming vote by the U.S. Senate to acquit him and reject the baseless impeachment charges against him. Thankfully, the U.S. Senate rejected this act of tyranny by the Pelosi-Schiff coup cabal that controls the House of Representatives. That was "Vindication Day" for the President, the rule of law and the Constitution.

Senate Majority Leader McConnell and the president's defense team deserve thanks for limiting the damage to our republic by successfully combating efforts to expand the trial to further abuse President Trump and the rule of law.

I attended to President Trump's celebration of his acquittal at the White House [this week](#). President Trump rightly [called out](#) the corrupt coup cabal that abused him and his family. This was great to see in person. I was honored to represent Judicial Watch at this historic marking of the vindication.

There must be accountability for this unprecedented abuse of power that targeted not only President Trump but also the Constitution. We have little doubt the president's opponents will corruptly continue to abuse and harass him.

That's why Judicial Watch will continue to investigate and pursue its dozens of lawsuits on the [Biden-Ukraine scandal](#), details about [Schiff's misconduct](#) as well the illegal [spying](#) on President Trump and other innocent Americans.

Judicial Watch Uncovers Emails Showing Involvement of Peter Strzok and Lisa Page in Launching of FBI's Operation Crossfire Hurricane

We recently uncovered [144 pages](#) of emails between former FBI official Peter Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page that show their direct involvement in the opening of Crossfire Hurricane, the bureau's investigation of alleged collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia.

The records also show additional "confirmed classified emails" were found on Hillary Clinton's unsecure non-state.gov email server "beyond the number presented" in then-FBI Director James Comey's statements; Strzok and Page questioning the access the Department of Justice (DOJ) was granting Clinton's lawyers; and Page revealing that DOJ was making edits to FBI 302s (summaries of interviews) related to the Clinton investigation, also known as Midyear Exam (MYE). The emails detail a discussion about "squashing" an issue related to the Seth Rich controversy.

The records were produced in response to a January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) we filed after the DOJ failed to respond to a December 2017 request for communications between Strzok and Page ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00154)).

The FBI is only processing the records at a rate of 500 pages per month and has refused to process text messages. At this rate, the production of these communications won't be completed until late 2021.

Strzok and Page were key investigators in both the Clinton email and Russia collusion investigations.

On July 31, 2016, the day that the Trump-Russia collusion investigation known as Crossfire Hurricane was launched, Strzok sent an email under the subject line "Opening EC" [presumably standing for Opening Electronic Communication, which would have been needed to launch the FBI investigation] to Johnathan Moffa, a deputy assistant director in the bureau's Counterintelligence Division, Page and an unidentified FBI Office of General Counsel official.

Strzok: Hey just realized I need a succinct statement for the Opening EC. To open bidding I propose: [redacted]. Comments, please.

Moffa: I would recommend: [redacted].

Page: I like Jon's additions and subtraction.

Strzok: Thanks. So: [redacted]. [TF1]

In his December 2019 [report](#) on the four Foreign Intelligence Surveillance (FISA) applications and other aspects of the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz noted that "[Bill] Priestap, Strzok's supervisor, told us that ultimately he was the official who made the decision to open the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, and Strzok then prepared and approved the formal documentation, as required by the DIOG."

Horowitz also noted: "We found that while she attended some of the discussions, Lisa Page did not play a role in the decision to open Crossfire Hurricane or the four individual cases."

The new records show that on July 15, 2016, 10 days after Comey's statement recommending no criminal charges against Clinton in the email investigation, Moffa [emailed](#) Strzok and Page informing them that additional classified emails were found among Clinton's emails "beyond the number presented in the Director's statements."

Moffa: I just talked to [redacted]. Yesterday she reviewed some additional USDS classification determinations (which I'm not sure we've received via email) and identified additional confirmed emails beyond the numbers presented in the Director's statements. [Redacted]

I assume you guys may want to get that info up the chain at some point, but I would recommend waiting a couple of hours so we can really lock down the details. This is going to be an ongoing thing I guess since there are still determination requests out there ...

Strzok: Yeah I think that's fine. We anticipated and I think everyone is aware that number would shift as the process went forward.

In his July 5, 2016 [statement](#), Comey said:

From the group of 30,000 e-mails returned to the State Department, 110 e-mails in 52 e-mail chains have been determined by the owning agency to contain classified information at the time they were sent or received. Eight of those chains contained information that was Top Secret at the time they were sent; 36 chains contained Secret information at the time; and eight contained Confidential information, which is the lowest level of classification. Separate from those, about 2,000 additional e-mails were 'up-classified' to make them Confidential; the information in those had not been classified at the time the e-mails were sent.

In a heavily redacted August 10, 2016, [email exchange](#) Strzok sends Page a forwarded message from unidentified agents from the FBI's Washington Field Office (WFO) who discuss Seth Rich. Rich, a Democratic National Committee (DNC) staffer, was murdered in Washington, D.C., on July 10, 2016. The case reportedly remains open.

A [redacted] official in the Public Affairs office of the WFO opens the email chain, writing:

Various news outlets are reporting today that Julian Assange suggested during a recent overseas interview that DNC Staffer, Seth Rich was a Wikileaks source, and may have been killed because he leaked the DNC e-mails to his organization, and that Wikileaks was offering \$20,000 for information regarding Rich's death last month. Based on this news, we anticipate additional press coverage on this matter. I hear that you are in class today; however, when you have a moment, can you please give me a call to discuss what involvement the Bureau has in the investigation.

An unidentified WFO agent responds: "I'm aware of this reporting from earlier this week but not any specific involvement in any related case."

An unidentified WFO agent subsequently writes to Moffa and Strzok: "Just FYSA. I squashed this with [redacted]."

Strzok then forwards the email chain to Page.

In a July 22, 2016, [email exchange](#), Strzok and his boss, assistant director of the Counterintelligence Division Bill Priestap, are critical of how deferential the DOJ is being to Clinton's legal team.

In the exchange, an associate at the law firm representing Clinton's aides, Hal Brewster of Wilkinson Walsh, asks DOJ officials in the National Security Division (NSD) if they could schedule a meeting the following week. An unidentified NSD official notes, "It is my understanding that [deputy assistant attorney general George] Toscas may have called over to Jim [presumably FBI General Counsel Jim Baker] and Trisha [presumably FBI Office of General Counsel lawyer Trisha Anderson] regarding some high-level participation for at least the first few such calls."

Later in the thread, an unidentified NSD official says:

In the meantime, I'll tell Hal that we will certainly schedule a call and will get back to him as to timing. Since he knows Beth [presumably Clinton aides' attorney Beth Wilkinson] personally, it could be useful to have Jim [Baker] on the phone if she is going to be haranguing us re: the laptops.

Strzok then writes to an unidentified FBI OGC official, Moffa and Page:

You are perfectly competent to speak to the legal obligations and FBI policies/procedures. We should NOT be treating opposing counsel this way. We would not in any other case.

Priestap agrees, telling Strzok:

Thank you, and I agree with you on both fronts. My guess is that George [Toscas] will not change his behavior, but thank you for trying. Let me know if it continues, as I can always try to get the DD to refer the issues to us.

In another July 22, 2016, [email exchange](#), Strzok and Priestap seem to be critical of Baker's handling of the Clinton case. Baker tells colleagues:

Got it. George asked me to participate if possible, so maybe I can join this one and then see where we are at.

Baker's email is forwarded to Strzok, who tells Page, Moffa and Priestap:

Lisa/Bill, can you talk to him [presumably Baker]? This is wrong.

Page responds:

I'm planning to. I agree, I find his participation wholly unnecessary.

Priestap writes: "Lisa: When you speak to him, please tell him that I also believe it is unnecessary, and please let me know the outcome of your conversation."

Page replies:

I spoke with Jim a little earlier, I explained [redacted]. Anyway, he said he appreciated the call and would give it some thought. I also offered that if he felt badly about backing down from what he told George, Trisha would be acceptable, but still was entirely unnecessary. Let me know if you have any questions.

A redacted FBI attorney then responds:

We spend entirely too much time in this case soothing [redacted's] hurt feelings. I cannot believe that a grown man, a professional adult, continues to tattle. AND IT WORKS. Seriously ... I am completely bewildered that this goes on in a professional workplace. And then he calls MY professionalism (and the FBI's) into question. [Emphasis in original]

Strzok responds:

I know; it's very frustrating. I talked at length with [redacted] and as best I can tell it was his feeling out of the loop (following a week he was on leave, in an environment where a lot of new actors we don't control are participating), coupled with a strong desire not to be yelled at by opposing counsel. Truly.

On August 5, 2016, an unidentified official from the DOJ's Office of the General Counsel, National Security Branch, [emailed](#) Strzok, Moffa, Page and others noting that:

Today [redacted] brought over additional 302s from WFO. Are those supposed to go through the redaction process for production to DOJ on Monday?

Page replies:

To the best of my knowledge, yes, they will. When Pete identified for [redacted] the DOJ edits that needed to be made to the 302s [redacted] discovered there were four (I think) 302s that had never been written. What I don't know is whose 302s they are, but unless Pete or Jon are able to respond in short order, I would throw them on the pile for redactions.

Strzok responds:

The new PRN 302s do not. All of the rest do need to be redacted.

On August 4, 2016, Strzok [forwards](#) to Moffa, Page and unidentified OGC officials a link to a [PBS interview](#) with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Strzok writes:

A lot of interesting quotes in here. Is Trisha's write-up done?

Page replies:

Yes. She wanted [redacted] to have one more look, but there's no reason you couldn't ask her for it.

Strzok responds:

Well, I want to serialize it to the file. Ideally before it breaks publicly. It's not ready, it's not ready. And we sure as hell better try to get the AG brief done before this breaks.

On July 26, 2016, Strzok [emails](#) Page under the subject "AG defensive brief." Strzok writes:

Hey has the AG defensive brief been scheduled? Probably smart to do that soon in the event it leaks out via Wiki or others.... [Loretta Lynch was attorney general at the time.]

These emails show that disgraced anti-Trump officials Strzok and Page were directly involved in the launching of the abusive spying on President Trump and his campaign. And, the emails reconfirm the urgent need for Attorney General Barr to reopen the Clinton email investigation, which was compromised by unprecedented bias for Clinton by senior Obama FBI and DOJ officials.

Judicial Watch Study Uncovers Dirty Voting Rolls in Iowa

Judicial Watch stepped up this week to call attention to the issue of dirty voting rolls in Iowa.

A Judicial Watch study found that eight Iowa counties have more voter registrations than their eligible voting-age population. According to their analysis of data released by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in 2019 and U.S. Census Bureau's five-year American Community Survey (also released in 2019), eight Iowa counties are on the list of 378 counties nationwide that have more voter registrations than citizens living there who are old enough to vote, i.e., counties where registration rates exceed 100%. These 378 counties combined had about 2.5 million registrations over the 100%-registered mark. In Iowa, there are at least 18,658 "extra names" on the voting rolls in the eight counties at issue.

Under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ([NVRA](#)), we sent [notice-of-violation letters](#) to 19 large counties in five states (California, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, and Colorado) that we intend to sue unless the jurisdictions take steps to comply with the law and remove ineligible voter registrations. Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act requires jurisdictions to take reasonable efforts to remove ineligible registrations from its rolls.

The chart below details our data on eight Iowa counties' registration rate percentages:

	Reg. Rate	Total Pop.
Dallas County	114.8	80,864
Johnson County	107.9	144,425
Lyon County	102.5	11,745
Madison County	102.5	15,720
Poweshiek County	102.1	18,428
Dickinson County	100.9	17,000
Scott County	100.8	171,493
Warren County	100.5	48,630

In addition to the eight counties listed above, Polk County, Iowa's largest, has an unusually high registration rate of 95.9% of total eligible citizen voting-age population.

Dirty voting rolls can mean dirty elections, and Iowa needs to undertake a serious effort to address its voting rolls.

Judicial Watch is the national leader in enforcing the National Voters Registration Act, which requires states to take reasonable steps to clean their voting rolls. In 2018, the Supreme Court [upheld](#) a massive voter roll clean up that resulted from our settlement of a federal lawsuit with Ohio. California also [settled](#) a similar lawsuit we brought against the state that last year began the process of removing up to 1.5 million "inactive" names from Los Angeles County voting rolls. [Kentucky](#) also began a cleanup of up to 250,00 names last year after it entered into a consent decree with us to end another Judicial Watch lawsuit.

Despite our demonstrated expertise and court successes, after our numbers were announced a key government official [spread falsehoods](#) about Judicial Watch's data, which was gleefully picked up by the leftist media. To be clear, it is shameful that the secretary state of Iowa would mislead Iowans and Americans about the accuracy of the state's registration rolls.

Again, our [analysis](#) of Iowa's state registration rolls is based on official voter registration data provided by Iowa to the federal Election Assistance Commission (EAC) for publication in 2019. Data concerning such registrations must be reported to the EAC by law under federal regulation 11 C.F.R. § 9428.7. This is how we found the eight counties with

registration rates over 100% of the voting age population. The next reliable report on Iowa's registration rolls won't occur until after the November election, as the EAC's next report will be released in 2021.

The Iowa secretary of state's release of interim voter registration data further confirms our concerns and shows that five of the eight counties we listed are still over 100%. Nearly three dozen counties have a registration rate over 95% of the voter age population, which is extraordinarily high. Our data has proven to be a strong indicator of voter registration issues and a basis for further inquiry.

Iowa's secretary of state and local officials need to clean up the election rolls and reassure voters that the state's election process is being administered in compliance with federal law and common sense.

Until next week ...

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Another Illegal Immigrant Caravan Leaves Honduras for U.S.

While the world is absorbed in the Coronavirus drama, yet another caravan of illegal immigrants is heading north to the United States from Central America. The group departed recently from the northern Honduran city of San Pedro Sula and is making its way to Guatemala en route to the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. The final destination is the U.S., according to a Mexican news report that reveals the caravan has some 500 Central Americans but is expected to grow along the way. "They left their country due to a lack of work opportunities and prevailing violence," according to the Spanish-language article published a few days ago.

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FISA Reauthorization May Not Be Done Deal Just Yet as Critics Rally, Trump Sounds Cautionary Note

The Epoch Times

"Look, what we need to do is start prosecuting people," Fitton said. "The idea that you can extend FISA penalties to eight years instead of five and that will show them is meaningless if no one goes to jail, ever."

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Hillary Clinton Asks Appeals Court to Overturn Order For Deposition About Email Server and Benghazi

Washington Examiner

The case stems from a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the conservative watchdog Judicial Watch against the former secretary of state. Earlier this month, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth ruled, "The Court agrees with Judicial Watch — it is time to hear directly from Secretary Clinton." The judicial opinion also ordered former Clinton chief of staff Cheryl Mills to be deposed.

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Judicial Watch: Lawyers for Hillary Clinton Ask Appeals Court to Overturn Order for Her Deposition

Judicial Watch

On March 3, 2020, Judge Lamberth granted Judicial Watch's request to depose Clinton about her emails and Benghazi attack documents. The court also ordered the deposition of Mills and two other State Department officials. Additionally, the court granted Judicial Watch's request to subpoena Google for relevant documents and records associated with Clinton's emails during her tenure at the State Department.

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Because right now we are in a historic time of big changes in Washington as Judicial Watch is helping “drain the swamp” by:

- Investigating and suing key federal agencies for documents related to the corrupt and lawless Deep State conspiracy to spy on, discredit, prosecute and drive President Trump from office. We’ve already forced the release of key documents exposing the Deep State, and we are now pursuing over 40 active lawsuits...[with more surely to come!](#)
- Challenging liberal “sanctuary” cities and states which, despite Trump administration efforts, continue to disobey the law by refusing to cooperate with federal immigration authorities.
- Fighting voter fraud, which liberals want to pretend doesn’t exist but which we have proven through our investigations and litigation most certainly does exist! Judicial Watch supports voter ID laws and has federal lawsuits to ensure cleaner elections.
- Holding corrupt officials, like Hillary Clinton, responsible for their illegal actions so they don’t get a “pass” on accountability. Despite continued stonewalling by Deep State government lawyers in court, we continue to force the release of blockbuster documents that shed more light on the Clinton email scandal, and the sleazy Clinton “pay to play” scheme to tie the State Department favors to for contributions to the Clinton Foundation.

Judicial Watch is America’s best (some would say only) bet to get to the truth But we cannot do it without you! We’re already carrying the largest investigation and litigation caseload in our 25-year history.

This is all critically important work.

You may remember that we successfully led the fight against Obama administration secrecy and corruption as well as corruption by members of both parties – Democrat and Republican.

[And for us to be fully prepared and effective at this critical time, we need you to be an official “card-carrying” Judicial Watch member by making your best donation now!](#)

We are literally doing the law enforcement work that the highly compromised FBI, mainstream liberal media and weak Congress [won’t](#) do.

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Thomas Fitton
President

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Bill Marshall: Hillary Clinton Got 'Royal Treatment' from Obama FBI on Email Probe Docs

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Judicial Watch announced it received 218 pages of disgraced former FBI officials Peter Strzok-Lisa Page emails which show then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to expedite the release of FBI investigative material to Hillary Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI's top lawyer discussed specifically quickly obtaining the "302" report of the FBI/DOJ interview of Mrs. Clinton.

The emails also show the FBI failed to document at least four interviews of witnesses in the Clinton email investigation.

The documents were obtained in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 4, 2017, FOIA request (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:18-cv-00154)). Read more [HERE](#).

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Tom Fitton: Robert Mueller Needs to Be Investigated

Today we sit down with Tom Fitton, President of Judicial Watch, which uses FOIA, or Freedom of Information Act requests, as well as litigation, to expose government corruption...

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Tom Fitton: Rosenstein Discussed a Coup

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Inside Judicial Watch: Obama WH Orchestrated Clinton Email Cover-Up

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In this episode of "Inside Judicial Watch" JW Senior Investigator Bill Marshall discuss how records obtained through a court-ordered discovery revealed that the Obama White House was tracking a FOIA request for Clinton emails. Read more [HERE](#).

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Tom Fitton on WMAL: Federal Court SLAMS Deep State Dishonesty on Clinton Emails

JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Mornings on the Mall" to discuss the latest developments on a recent court hearing about the Clinton email scandal.

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Joe diGenova: Obama CIA Chief John Brennan Started Illicit Anti-Trump Targeting Scheme

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It's Time For The United States To Wage War On Mexican Drug Cartels

Source: [The Federalist](#)

The American family gunned down in northern Mexico should be a wake-up call for U.S. policymakers that the spiraling cartel violence in Mexico is not going to remain south of the Rio Grande, and that the time has come to fight back against the cartels—unilaterally, if need be.

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Cartels Are Criminal.
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Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

Mexican drug cartels have headquarters throughout the United States and are one of the country's greatest criminal, national security and public health threats, according to a veteran DEA senior agent pushing the federal government to designate them as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

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Judicial Watch
Makes Case to
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Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

As the Trump administration considers designating Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations, Judicial Watch provides comprehensive documentation that the sophisticated criminal operations meet the U.S. government's requirements to make the list.

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**Ohio Seeks to
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Cartels as Foreign
Terrorist
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Source: Judicial Watch

Following a massive bust of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel in Ohio, state legislators are utilizing many of Judicial Watch's arguments to get the federal government to designate Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations.

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**If you missed the exciting live stream of "On Watch with Chris Farrell"
breaking news panel earlier this week, here's how
you can still tune in and catch up!**

Dear Judicial Watch Supporter,

Yesterday, Judicial Watch live-streamed a special, exclusive "On Watch with Chris Farrell" panel discussion tackling today's top news stories – head-on and hardnosed.

I hope you caught it...

But, if not, I have some great news for you!

The highly popular One America News Network (OANN) will be hosting this blockbuster special on Saturday at 2pm and 5pm –

And then again on Sunday at the very same times!

Check out this video for the full details:

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If you have OAN, please be sure to tune in and hear from JW's expert panelists the full, unvarnished facts about the Deep State coup... the illegal alien invasion... and other vitally important issues!

Below, are the details of where to watch:

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I urge you not to miss this exciting and important panel discussion hosted by Judicial Watch's own Director of Investigations, Chris Farrell!

Sincerely,

Carter Clews
Director of Communications

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Chicago Police, Mayor Defend Policy That Freed Illegal Alien Felon to Sexually Assault Toddler

Police and elected officials in Chicago have the audacity to vigorously defend their dangerous sanctuary policy after a previously deported illegal immigrant felon that they released from jail sexually assaulted a 3-year-old girl. The Mexican man, 34-year-old Christopher Puente, has a lengthy criminal history that includes two felony convictions, yet Chicago Police freed him into the community after his latest arrest for theft. It didn't matter to those in charge of serving and protecting Windy City residents that the violent illegal alien had served time for forced-entry burglary and forgery or that he was recently charged with battery against a woman.

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Government's Record-Keeping Failures Risks Lives, Costs Billions

The U.S. government's failure to properly keep records not only compromises accountability and transparency, it has cost American taxpayers billions of dollars and in some cases their lives. A whistleblower and former federal contractor with firsthand knowledge of the matter told Judicial Watch that the epidemic of poor records management across all federal agencies constitutes the biggest government accountability and transparency scandal of our lifetime.

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JUDICIAL WATCH VICTORY: COURT GRANTS SIGNIFICANT NEW DISCOVERY IN CLINTON EMAIL CASE

The court rejected Justice and State Department arguments to protect Clinton and the agencies from additional discovery and ordered agency lawyers to respond to Judicial Watch's questions about their knowledge of the Clinton email issue.

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Progressive Policy Drives Rising Crime in New York

Judicial Watch has been documenting rising social disorder in New York City at the hands of Mayor Bill de Blasio and radical activists in Albany and Washington. Last year, Democrats rammed through the state legislature a reform package that eliminated cash bail for a wide range of offenses—from assault, arson and child abuse to manslaughter, robbery and riot—and removed judicial discretion in holding suspects.

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CIA, DOJ Refuse To Acknowledge Whether Eric Ciaramella Records Exist

The Federalist

The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) each refused to either confirm or deny the existence of records related to Obama White House Ukrainian intelligence holdover Eric Ciaramella who is also charged with being the whistleblower at the heart of the Democrats' recent impeachment proceedings kicked off last fall.

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Federal Judge Orders Hillary Clinton Deposition to Address Private Emails: 'Still More to Learn'

Fox News

"As extensive as the existing record is, it does not sufficiently explain Secretary Clinton's state of mind when she decided it would be an acceptable practice to set up and use a private server to conduct State Department business," Lamberth said.

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NEW: Courts Orders Deposition of Hillary Clinton by Judicial Watch over Email Scandal!

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Comey Says He Wouldn't Resign Over FISA Mistakes if He Was Still FBI Director

Source: [PJ Media](#)

Former FBI Director James Comey said on Sunday that he wouldn't resign over the findings in the Department of Justice Inspector General report on the origins of the Russia probe if he was still in charge of the FBI.

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**Judicial Watch Sues
Justice Department
for Comey-Mueller
Communications**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch filed a FOIA suit against the Justice Department for all communications relating to former FBI Director James Comey's providing memoranda of his conversations with President Trump to Special Counsel Robert Mueller. "Did Comey improperly funnel his dishonest memos and collude with the Mueller special counsel operation as part of a vendetta against President Trump?" asked Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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Statement on DOJ IG

Report on James

Comey

Source: Judicial Watch

The IG report confirms Mr. Comey improperly kept FBI files on President Trump at his home and that he illicitly leaked these FBI files to the New York Times in order to advance his personal agenda of getting a Special Counsel appointed to target the president. Comey also misled both the FBI and Congress about his handling of these documents. On top of all of that, in violation of law, he kept and disclosed classified information.

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**Will James Comey
Have the Last Word
on Hillary Clinton's
Evident Email
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Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch President
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DOJ/FBI investigation of
Clinton was rushed, half-
baked, rigged, and
irredeemably
compromised by anti-
Trump and pro-Clinton
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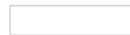


Communists Working in U.S. Steal Billions in Taxpayer-Funded Scientific Research

Billions of dollars in scientific research funded by American taxpayers has been stolen by China right under our noses and the U.S. government has no plan to stop the ongoing theft of the highly valued intellectual property. In the meantime the publicly-funded work is helping the Communist nation meet its goal of becoming a world leader in science and technology, according to a scathing report published by the U.S. Senate. “This report exposes how American taxpayer funded research has contributed to China’s global rise over the last 20 years,” the document states. “During that time, China openly recruited U.S.-based researchers, scientists, and experts in the public and private sector to provide China with knowledge and intellectual capital in exchange for monetary gain and other benefits.”

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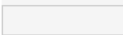


Judicial Watch: FBI Uncovers New Clinton Emails

Judicial Watch

Production of all Clinton emails concluded more than a year ago. Throughout the two plus years of processing and production, more and more emails would appear in addition to the 55,000 pages Clinton turned over to the State Department in December 2014. The FBI uncovered 72,000 pages of documents Clinton attempted to delete or did not otherwise disclose.

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REPORTS: Anti-@realDonaldTrump FBI official tampered with evidence used to justify spy warrants targeting President Trump. #Spygate is worst corruption scandal in American history -- and President Trump is a crime victim.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents on Census Plan to Hire Foreign Nationals

Judicial Watch

The Census Bureau twice asked Judicial Watch to clarify the request. When Judicial Watch did so in response to the first request, the Census Bureau sent a second, identical clarification request that even included the same typos as the first. After a telephone conference and at least two more rounds of discussions, the Census Bureau still has not indicated whether it will process the straightforward request.

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State Department Documents Expose Biden-Ukraine Corruption

One America News Network

Newly released documents are revealing additional details of the alleged corruption scheme by Joe and Hunter Biden in Ukraine. A recent Freedom of Information request by watchdog group American Oversight has produced 100 pages of State Department documents, including testimonies from former prosecutors Viktor Shokin and Yuriy Lutsenko.

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Coup Update: Impeachment Abuse of President Trump

The Impeachment Vote Farce

As I told the press today in a statement, the Judiciary Committee's vote on the articles of impeachment was both a tragedy and a farce. Truly, it was a sad day for America because a grave injustice was committed. There is no abuse of power by President Trump, however, it is clear that abuses were committed against him by the DOJ, the State Department, the FISA court, and certainly by Democrats in the House.

This impeachment scam was corruptly formed and is being corruptly pursued. A coup cabal has hijacked the House to violate the rights of President Trump and undermine our constitutional republic. It is not too late to "stop the coup." Americans should call their members of Congress to share their views on this wild attack on self-government.

The House vote is set for next week, so contact your congressman ASAP. You can find all the contact details here: www.house.gov.

The FBI and DOJ Massively Violated the Law

As the coup proceeds against President Trump, the Justice Department's inspector general finally issued his [report](#) on the Russiagate Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) abuse this week, and it provides abundant evidence that the FBI and DOJ massively violated the law to obtain the Carter Page spy warrants targeting President Trump.

As IG reports are both exposés and cover-ups at the same time, it is no surprise that the IG punted on implicating senior officials directly in the spy scandal.

President Trump should appoint a special counsel from outside of the DOJ and FBI to investigate the Obama/Clinton/Deep State Spygate scandal and other crimes that are in plain sight.

In the meantime, we will continue our dozens of FOIA lawsuits and investigations, which have already revealed much of what is known about Spygate – the biggest corruption scandal of all time.

Truth is, President Trump is actually the victim of a crime, as I explain [here](#) and [here](#). The IG report provided our team with many investigative leads – so you can be sure that your Judicial Watch will continue to uncover more truths (and get more accountability) on what is the worst corruption scandal in American history.

Court Hearing on House Democrat IT Awan Bros Scandal

While the House Democrat leadership fiddles with impeaching it President, it is also has been long busy trying to squelch a serious scandal involving the contractors who managed information technology for top Democrats.

Now it seems that Deep State bureaucrats in the Justice Department are sticking their heads in the sand as well. We're not. We sued in November 2018 to dig out the details, and this week we were in court for a hearing on the matter.

U.S. District Court Judge Amit P. Mehta [ordered](#) the hearing in our [lawsuit](#), which we filed after the FBI failed to respond adequately to our two separate FOIA requests ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-02563)).

Our first request, filed on May 26, 2017, sought:

- All records related to any investigations or preliminary investigations involving former congressional IT support staffers Abid Awan, Imran Awan, Jamal Awan, and Hina R. Alvi. As part of this request, searches of records [sic] should include, but not be limited to, the FBI automated indices, its older manual indices, and its Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Data Management System (EDMS), as well as cross-referenced files.
- All records of communication sent to or from FBI employees, officials or contractors involving the subjects in bullet item 1.

We are seeking records from May 2015 to the present.

Our second request, submitted on July 3, 2018, sought:

- All records related to any investigations or preliminary investigations involving former congressional IT support staffers Abid Awan, Imran Awan, Jamal Awan, Hina R. Alvi and Rao Abbas. As part of this request, searches of records should include, but not be limited to, the FBI automated indices, its older manual indices, and its Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) Data Management System (EDMS), as well as cross-referenced files.
- All records of communications, including but not limited to emails (whether on .gov or non-.gov email accounts), text messages, instant chats or messages on the Lync system, sent to or from FBI employees, officials or contractors involving the Awan brothers, Ms. Alvi and Mr. Abbas. Records of communications searched should include but not be limited to those between FBI officials, employees and contractors and officials with the Capitol Police, the Office of the Inspector General of the House, and the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

In August 2019, the Justice Department told the court that it would begin producing records by November 5, 2019. After producing no records, the agency told us on November 13, 2019, that it was having "technical difficulties," and in a recent email claimed that, "difficulties with the production remain."

In a joint [status report](#) filed on December 5, 2019, we reported to the court that the DOJ claimed in a phone call that it was now unable to produce any records to either of the FOIA requests "because the agency was waiting for some unspecified action by Judge [Tanya S.] Chutkan in some other matter so as to avoid having to produce records in this case." In that same report the DOJ told the court that Judge Chutkan is "presiding over a related sealed criminal matter" that prohibits the government from releasing the requested FOIA information. [Emphasis added]

At the court hearing today, the Court ordered the Justice Department to provide, by January 10, an explanation to him on the issues Judicial Watch raised.

Imran Awan and his family were banned from the House of Representatives computer network in February 2017 after the House's top law enforcement officer wrote that Imran is "[an ongoing and serious risk](#) to the House of Representatives, possibly threatening the integrity of our information systems," and that a server containing evidence had gone "missing." The inspector general said server logs showed "unauthorized access" and procurement records were falsified. Imran Awan was Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz's (D-FL) top information technology aide. Most lawmakers fired Awan in February, but Wasserman Schultz kept him on until he was [arrested in July 2017](#) trying to board a flight for Pakistan.

In July 2018, Imran Awan was given a plea deal, [and pled guilty](#) to federal bank fraud, but prosecutors found no evidence that Awan "violated federal law with respect to the House computer systems."

government information and no explanations have been given as to why." Additionally, "if they would have run this background check it would have found out not only multiple criminal convictions, but \$1 million bankruptcy, a dozen lawsuits ... it would have found a whole host of major red flags and the Democrats didn't do any of those checks."

This scandal is a matter of national security. It involves a cover-up by House Democrat leadership and, now, the Deep State DOJ. We won't let this go.

New York Becomes 13th State to Give Illegal Immigrants Driver's Licenses

Given the murders committed by a Saudi national in Pensacola this week, and daily reports of violent crimes by illegal aliens across the country, everyone is more alert to who comes into our country. Everyone but New York state politicians, that is. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#) on that state's move to make it easier for illegal aliens to reside here in violation of the law:

This month New York will become the 13th state in the U.S. to give illegal immigrants driver's licenses, and officials in counties throughout the Empire State warn they are not equipped to handle the predicted onslaught. One state lawmaker is offering free care for the children of illegal aliens who attend a workshop to help them navigate the process of obtaining a license. More than half a million undocumented immigrants are expected to qualify, and all they need is an expired passport, consulate identification or license from their country of citizenship.

Local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) clerks throughout New York are deeply concerned about their ability to authenticate the unfamiliar documents—written in foreign languages—acceptable under the new law to obtain a license. One county clerk in the state's eastern region said in a local [news report](#) that his office, which services a population of about 160,000, will not issue licenses to illegal aliens and instead will let the state deal with the applicants. "They want us to make a decision right at the window as to whether something is fraudulent or acceptable," Rensselaer County Clerk Frank Merola said in the article. "I'm not going to make a major mistake." In the state's southern tier, Chemung County Clerk Catherine Hughes blasted lawmakers for leaving her and her colleagues to deal with the mess. "They don't really realize the ramifications that it causes by doing something like this," said Hughes, who serves a population of about 90,000. "There are no set of rules and regulations on how to get it done. And that puts us county clerks in a very precarious situation because we don't know how to do it."

Officials in some New York counties have filed lawsuits to block the measure, officially called the [Driver's license Access and Privacy Act](#) but popularly known as the Green Light Law, from being implemented. It was passed by the legislature over the summer and signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo after he was assured federal immigration officials would not be able to obtain DMV records. That's where the "privacy" portion of the bill's language comes in. Officials in several counties—including Erie, Monroe and Rensselaer—are suing to thwart the law, which is scheduled to take effect on December 14. New York State Senator [Julia Salazar](#), a former community organizer and proud member of the Democratic Socialists of America, announced this week that she is holding an ["informational session"](#) to guide illegal immigrants through the process of obtaining a license. Free childcare will be provided, according to the announcements, which were issued in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Besides New York, a dozen states and the District of Columbia have enacted laws to allow illegal immigrants to obtain driver's licenses, according to the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#). They include California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Vermont and Washington. More than half of the states passed their measures in 2013. In 2019 several states—including Florida, Kansas, Minnesota and North Carolina—introduced legislation to grant illegal aliens driver's licenses, but those haven't been resolved and it's not clear if they'll pass. This week the Department of Justice (DOJ) challenged New York's soon-to-be-implemented measure, writing in a federal court filing that it conflicts with federal law.

New York is also undermining national security, according to a [report](#) published by a Washington D.C. think tank dedicated to researching U.S. immigration policy. New York's Green Light Law equips illegal aliens and others with nefarious intentions with legitimate, state-issued identification, prohibits federal authorities from using information maintained by the state's DMV and inhibits public safety as well as immigration enforcement. "The federal government should not simply surrender to the unreasonable and potentially unconstitutional limitations imposed on federal immigration and local law

enforcement agencies by this law," the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS) writes in its extensive report, which includes ideas to circumvent New York's law. Among them is withholding federal funding and taking legal action. Over the summer a federal appellate court [ruled](#) that the Trump administration could withhold federal funding to local governments that offer illegal immigrants sanctuary.

Until next week ...



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WEEKLY UPDATE

Victory! Court Orders Hillary Clinton Deposition on Emails and Benghazi Attack Documents

We've been in court for years over Hillary Clinton's emails — as you know, we are persistent for justice.

The great news is that U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth has [granted](#) our request to depose the former secretary of state about her emails and Benghazi attack documents. The [court also ordered](#) the deposition of Clinton's former Chief of Staff, Cheryl Mills, and two other State Department officials.

Additionally, the court granted our request to subpoena Google for relevant documents and records associated with Clinton's emails during her tenure at the State Department.

The ruling comes in our [lawsuit](#) seeking records concerning "talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack" ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

Remember, it was Judicial Watch that discovered in 2014 that the "talking points" that provided the basis for Susan Rice's false statements were [created by](#) the Obama White House. This FOIA lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.

In December 2018, Judge Lamberth first [ordered discovery](#) into whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to our request. The court also authorized discovery into whether the Benghazi controversy motivated the cover-up of Clinton's email. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency." The State and Justice Departments continued to defend Clinton's and the agency's email conduct.

Judge Lamberth has now overruled Clinton's and the State and Justice Department's objections to limited additional discovery by first noting:

Discovery up until this point has brought to light a noteworthy amount of relevant information, but Judicial Watch requests an additional round of discovery, and understandably so. With each passing round of discovery, the Court is left with more questions than answers.

Additionally, Judge Lamberth said that he is troubled by the fact that both the State Department and Department of Justice want to close discovery in this case:

[T]here is still more to learn. Even though many important questions remain unanswered, the Justice Department inexplicably still takes the position that the Court should close discovery and rule on dispositive motions. The Court is especially troubled by this. To argue that the Court now has

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enough information to determine whether State conducted an adequate search is preposterous, especially when considering State's deficient representations regarding the existence of additional Clinton emails. Instead, the Court will authorize a new round of discovery

With respect to Clinton, the court found that her prior testimony, mostly through written sworn answers, was not sufficient:

The Court has considered the numerous times in which Secretary Clinton said she could not recall or remember certain details in her prior interrogatory answers. In a deposition, it is more likely that plaintiff's counsel could use documents and other testimony to attempt to refresh her recollection. And so, to avoid the unsatisfying and inefficient outcome of multiple rounds of fruitless interrogatories and move this almost six-year-old case closer to its conclusion, Judicial Watch will be permitted to clarify and further explore Secretary Clinton's answers in person and immediately after she gives them. The Court agrees with Judicial Watch – it is time to hear directly from Secretary Clinton.

We uncovered the Clinton email scandal and we're pleased that the court authorized us to depose Mrs. Clinton directly on her email conduct and how it impacted the people's 'right to know' under FOIA. The deposition must take place by May 16, so stay tuned.

Government's Record-Keeping Failures Risks Lives, Costs Billions

The Clinton email fiasco is but one instance of federal records mismanagement – that costs billions and could risk lives. Here's a key whistleblower [report](#) from our *Corruption Chronicles* blog.

The U.S. government's failure to properly keep records not only compromises accountability and transparency, it has cost American taxpayers billions of dollars and in some cases their lives. A whistleblower and former federal contractor with firsthand knowledge of the matter told Judicial Watch that the epidemic of poor records management across all federal agencies constitutes the biggest government accountability and transparency scandal of our lifetime. His name is Don Lueders, a computer software engineer who spent 20 years at several top software companies developing costly applications to help the government properly manage records.

However, billions of dollars in records management applications that could help solve the problem have never been used and the crisis continues. Government agencies purchase the programs, Lueders says, but never actually utilizes them. "The government buys software because it gives the impression that they're doing records management," Lueders told Judicial Watch during a recent interview. "But they don't use it." He refers to the government's longtime record-keeping system as "information chaos" that requires a congressional investigation.

Many of the government's record management failures have been exposed by Judicial Watch in cases that involve key federal agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), State Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Department of Justice (DOJ), among others. In fact, a recent [news article](#) on Uncle Sam's widespread records management deficiencies mentions two cases that Judicial Watch litigated. One involves a scandal in which the Obama IRS [selectively audited](#) conservative groups that opposed the administration's policies. The other involves Hillary Clinton's now famous [illegal use of a private email server](#) while she was Obama's Secretary of State.

For years Judicial Watch's work has helped uncover the underlying problems associated with the government's dreadful record-keeping system, which is incredibly handy in coverups. Many of the cases required a dragged-out litigious process to obtain records that should be readily available under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A recent example involves the unsecure server Clinton used to transmit classified information as the president's chief foreign affairs adviser. Judicial Watch has been embroiled in a years-long legal battle with the government for the records and just a few weeks ago, more than a dozen [new Clinton emails](#) not previously produced as per a federal

court order magically appeared. A DOJ attorney could not explain to a federal judge how the FBI suddenly found the new stash of Clinton emails, which were originally to be provided by the State Department.

Some record-keeping failures have more serious consequences as the story mentioned earlier points out. For instance, the man who shot and killed more than two dozen people at a Texas church a few years ago used guns he would not have been able to buy if the Air Force had managed its records efficiently. "On six occasions, military officials failed to send Devin Kelley's records to the FBI while the Air Force investigated, court-martialed, and imprisoned him for abusing his wife and stepson," the article states. "Had the FBI received the records, the killer would have been barred from buying the weapons used in the massacre." Similar records management failures have also received widespread media attention. Remember that in 2015 an astounding 21.5 million records were stolen from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the federal government's chief human resources agency and personnel policy manager.

This is not a partisan issue, but rather a pervasive government wide emergency that Lueders says has been going on for almost a quarter century regardless of who occupies the White House. "We're wasting billions and people are dying," he said, stressing that democracy can't exist without accountability and transparency.

Chicago Leaders Defend Freeing Illegal Alien to Sexually Assault Toddler

Judicial Watch has done much to expose and combat the physical dangers Americans experience at the hands of aliens in this country illegally and protected by lawless sanctuary city policies. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#):

Police and elected officials in Chicago have the audacity to vigorously defend their dangerous sanctuary policy after a previously deported illegal immigrant felon that they released from jail sexually assaulted a 3-year-old girl. The Mexican man, 34-year-old Christopher Puente, has a lengthy criminal history that includes two felony convictions, yet Chicago Police freed him into the community after his latest arrest for theft. It didn't matter to those in charge of serving and protecting Windy City residents that the violent illegal alien had served time for forced-entry burglary and forgery or that he was recently charged with battery against a woman.

To honor Chicago's outrageous sanctuary measure, authorities ignored an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer and instead released the aggravated felon. A few weeks ago, Puente sexually assaulted a toddler at a Cook County fast-food restaurant. He lured the girl into a bathroom stall of the River North eatery and sexually assaulted her, according to a local [newspaper report](#) that attributes the information to Cook County prosecutors. The girl's father was in an adjacent stall helping her brother use the toilet. When he heard his daughter cry and saw her legs dangling, the father tried to open the locked stall where Puente held her and eventually pulled her out under the door. The illegal immigrant remained locked in the stall, according to prosecutors, but eventually escaped. The next day he was arrested for trespassing nearby and was singled out as the girl's attacker. Puente confessed and provided authorities with disturbing details of the crime. A judge has ordered him held without bail for predatory sexual criminal assault.

Outraged federal authorities have reissued an immigration detainer with Cook County Jail. Had the first detainer been honored by Chicago authorities Puente would have been deported after his last arrest in mid-2019. "How many more victims must there be before lawmakers realize that sanctuary policies do not protect the innocent?" [asked Robert Guadian](#), field office director of ICE's Chicago Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO). "Puente should have been in ICE custody last year and removed to his home country. Instead, irresponsible lawmaking allowed him to walk free and prey on our most vulnerable." The agency is perpetually frustrated because detainers are continually rejected by Chicago-area law enforcement agencies. In Fiscal Year 2019, [Cook County declined more than 1,000 detainers](#), according to figures provided by ICE.

Officials have no intention of changing their sanctuary policy. In fact, they made it a point to publicly defend it after Puente's latest horrific crime. In the aftermath of the toddler's sexual assault, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Chicago Police issued [media statements](#) reiterating that they will not cooperate with the feds. Lightfoot trashed ICE, saying "they're critical because we have said very clearly we are a welcoming city, a sanctuary city. Chicago Police Department will not cooperate with ICE on any immigration-related business. And that's affected their ability to conduct immigration raids across the city. But that's exactly our intention. We have to make sure our police department is seen as a legitimate force in all our communities." In its statement, which was published in various local media outlets, the city's law enforcement agency wrote this: "The Chicago Police Department remains committed to protecting all Chicago residents regardless of their immigration status. Our pledge to restrict ICE access to our information systems and our refusal to cooperate with ICE immigration enforcement measures has not changed."

Chicago has long protected even the most violent of illegal immigrants. A few years ago, the city even launched a [\\$1.3 million](#) legal defense fund to help illegal aliens facing deportation. When the public fund was created, a Chicago alderman admitted he probably has illegal aliens working in his city office. The lawmaker, Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, said this in a local [news report](#): "Donald Trump, we are sending you a message, you will not tear apart our families, we will stay together. We will defend and protect our communities." The money to defend illegal immigrants for violating the nation's federal statutes comes from Chicago property tax rebate funds. At the time, an African-American alderman who represents Chicago's South Side went along with the measure to help the city's illegal immigrants, but made it clear that the struggling communities she represents [should have priority](#). "I'd like to see the administration put the same amount of effort into creating a legal representation fund for all of those young black boys and black girls that are racially profiled in this city or are shot by the police unnecessarily or to support programs like CeaseFire to quell some of the violence in our community," said Alderman Pat Dowell. "When the mayor talks about wanting to keep the immigrant communities safe, secure and supported, those are the same needs that other communities have..."

Progressive Policy Drives Rising Crime in New York

In one of his rulings, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis observed that local jurisdictions can be "laboratories of democracy" by engaging in social experiments to discover what works best.

We're seeing this at play in a perverse way in certain parts of the country, particularly New York City, which has become a petri dish for every Leftist nostrum. Our chief investigative reporter, Micah Morrison, has the details in his [Investigative Bulletin](#).

Judicial Watch has been documenting rising social disorder in New York City at the hands of Mayor Bill de Blasio and radical activists in Albany and Washington. Last year, Democrats rammed through the state legislature a reform package that eliminated cash bail for a [wide range of offenses](#)—from assault, arson and child abuse to manslaughter, robbery and riot—and removed judicial discretion in holding suspects. Advocates for the measure correctly note that bail often discriminates against the poor—if you can't afford bail, you sit in jail. But bail also offered a way to hold repeat offenders, including violent ones, behind bars until trial.

The reform legislation took effect January 1 and crime rates jumped. Numbers just in for the first two months of 2020 show a 35 percent increase in robberies and a 64 percent increase in stolen cars compared to the same period in 2019, the New York Post [reports](#). Shootings, up 19 percent. Burglaries, up 21 percent.

Subway robberies are [up sharply](#), with an increase of more than 100 percent in 2020 compared to 2019. NYPD insiders say subway robberies are largely driven by repeat juvenile offenders targeting other kids. A subway security official tells Judicial Watch that crime underground is widespread. In the city's school system—the biggest in the country—parents speak with anguish about [assaults on their children](#). And anti-Semitic hate crimes are [significantly up](#) in the city with America's largest

Jewish population.

All this has contributed to a growing sense of unease in New York. The politics of bail reform pit New York's rising progressive forces against a cadre of Democrats who recognize a looming disaster when they see it. At a [contentious town hall meeting](#) last month in Forest Hills, Queens, de Blasio rejected complaints about links between rising crime and bail reform as "right-wing propaganda," but he supports [fixes to the law](#) being pushed in Albany. Progressive firebrand Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is on the other side of the Democrat debate, calling on Albany to "[slow down](#)" on any legislative changes. By "slow down," of course she means do nothing. If Ocasio-Cortez and her allies had their way, prisons would be [entirely abolished](#). The outcome of the bail reform fight will say a lot about progressive power in Albany.

Democrats outnumber Republicans by almost seven to one in New York City, so don't hold your breath waiting for conservative reform. But there are straws in the wind that suggest change might be stirring. One is the surprisingly vigorous campaign of veteran prosecutor Jim Quinn for Queens borough president. Quinn beat his five rivals for the post in the [latest fundraising reports](#) and has been making waves with his criticism of liberal excesses such as the bail reform law and the closing of the Rikers Island jail complex. On Twitter, Quinn [called out](#) Ocasio-Cortez and her allies for their "dangerous, radical agenda" and for "ignoring double-digit crime spikes & the victims impacted."

Them's fightin' words in New York. The election is March 24 in a field crowded with liberal contenders surfing the progressive wave. But Quinn's conservative message may resonate with a different sort of voter—like the one who told Bill de Blasio at the Forest Hills town hall meeting, "Mr. Mayor, I do not feel safe."

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So I must turn to you for additional help:

[Can I count on you to make a special donation right now to support our work?](#)

I had hoped that the Trump administration would address unlawful government secrecy issues more aggressively... but Deep State career bureaucrats embedded in every government department are continuing to fight our transparency requests and lawsuits.

Plus, the pace of our work and calls for legal and investigative assistance we're receiving from around the country are accelerating. New challenges range from increasing threats to election integrity, to unlawful sanctuary policies, to ongoing Deep State efforts to destroy the Trump presidency and cover-up crimes committed by Hillary Clinton and other Obama administration officials.

Many concerned citizens and honest public officials are seeking our help to enforce the rule of law. And I do not want to turn away even one important corruption, open government, illegal immigration or election integrity case as demands on us are at an all-time high.

[Your additional donation now will help us make the most of the challenges and opportunities facing us](#) including:

- **Aggressively moving forward with our lawsuits (now numbering 65) exposing the Deep State conspiracy to target and destroy President Trump.**
- **Doubling our legal challenges against illegal "sanctuary" policies that unlawfully prohibit local police from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.**
- **Adding more resources to our highly successful Election Integrity Initiative to help clean the voter rolls.**

There is so much work to do which is [why I'm asking for your additional help today](#). Judicial Watch is the one conservative institution in Washington that Americans can rely on to stand firm for the rule of law. Thank you!

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Hillary Clinton Apologized to FBI Over Emails, But It Was Not Recorded on FBI Interview Document!

We keep digging into the chain of events surrounding the FBI's non-investigation of Hillary Clinton and her email misconduct. The correspondence between Peter Strzok and his lover Lisa Page is proving to be a treasure trove.

We have now received [191 pages](#) of emails between former FBI official Strzok and former FBI attorney Page that include an August 26, 2016, email in which Strzok says that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, in her interview with the FBI about her email controversy, apologized for "the work and effort" it caused the bureau and saying she chose to use it "out of convenience" and that "it proved to be anything but."

Strzok said Clinton's apology and the "convenience" discussion were "not in" the FBI 302 report which summarized the interview.

The emails also suggest that Strzok had information on an intelligence briefing for then-candidate Trump that may have been a ruse to spy on Trump.

The emails are the latest production from our January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the DOJ failed to respond to a December 2017 request for all communications between Strzok and Page ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00154)).

The FBI is processing the records at a rate of only 500 pages per month and has refused to process text messages. At this rate, the production of these communications won't be completed until late 2021.

The new records include an August 26, 2016, [email](#) from CNN's Even Perez to Michael Kortan, the FBI's assistant director for public affairs, saying: "Do you know if Gowdy is right that the FBI didn't ask Clinton about her intent? And is that weird?"

Kortan forwards the email to Strzok, saying, "The question of the day ..."

Strzok replies to Kortan, "I know, I was getting increasingly irritated at Gowdy last night. I don't know the basis for him saying that. We certainly asked her. She said she did it for convenience, because she wanted one system for email. We also asked those close to her – Abedin and Mills specifically – who said the same thing.

"[Redacted] but we can find the references in [the 302](#) which discuss it.

"Though not in the 302, at the end of the interview she apologized for the work and effort it created for the FBI. She said words to the effect of, I'm sorry this has caused so much work and expenditure of resources by the FBI. I chose to use my own server out of convenience; it proved to be anything but."

Strzok forwarded the exchange to Page, saying, "Need to nip this in the bud."

In an August 25, 2016, [email thread](#) with the subject line "Found him," which was initiated by an unidentified Chicago FBI field office agent and sent to agents in New York, Cleveland and Washington field offices as well as someone in the counterintelligence division, the Chicago agent writes: "Address is [redacted]. Photo attached."

A Washington agent (identity redacted) forwards the email to Strzok and FBI Deputy Assistant Director of Counterintelligence Jonathan Moffa, writing: "Getting there. Also Pete, let me know if you will when you call CG SAC [redacted] is in a weird spot and even though I've made calls I didn't call SAC Once call is made I'd like to tell [redacted]."

Strzok then forwards the email thread to Page, writing: "Located our source of predication..."

The records also include an August 18, 2016, [email](#) from FBI Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Bill Priestap to Strzok, Moffa and a FBI official (identity redacted), asking if they "happen to know when Clinton will receive the brief? And where will it occur, and which two people has she designated to receive it with her?"

Strzok replies, "She has not designated her people and no date is set. I believe brief will be HVRA [the FBI's Hudson Valley Resident Agent] or WPRA [FBI's White Plains Resident Agent]."

Further on in the email exchange, the unidentified FBI official from the Washington field office writes, "There is no additional or new info as of this morning when I checked with the DNI scheduler. There is a policy that briefs will not be provided a week prior to a debate. If the other candidate does not ID people soon, there was talk that they may not be able to do them. That's all I know at this time."

Strzok forwards the exchange to Lisa Page and says, "And now we've got sources in dni <smiley emoji>."

Page replies, "Yup, I knew the same. Just hadn't shared yet."

Strzok responds, "What?! You holding out? <wink emoji>"

Page replies, "Time, dude. Time."

Strzok responds, "I know, dudette. Hence, the <wink emoji>. Same realization of shit, haven't even told you about Trump brief..."

The DOJ's [Inspector General report](#) on "Crossfire Hurricane" describes the FBI's use of a national security briefing to the Trump campaign in August 2016 to try to further its investigation by planting an agent in the room:

[W]e learned during the course of our review that in August 2016, the supervisor of the Crossfire Hurricane investigation, SSA 1, participated on behalf of the FBI in a strategic intelligence briefing given by Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) to candidate Trump and his national security advisors, including Michael Flynn, and in a separate strategic intelligence briefing given to candidate Clinton and her national security advisors. The stated purpose of the FBI portion of the briefing was to provide the recipients "a baseline on the presence and threat posed by foreign intelligence services to the National Security of the U.S." However, we found that SSA 1 was selected to provide the FBI briefings, in part, because Flynn, who was a subject in the ongoing Crossfire Hurricane investigation, would be attending the Trump campaign briefing.

On August 19, 2016, the same day as Paul Manafort's resignation from the Trump campaign, Dave Bowdich in FBI Director James Comey's office initiates [an email exchange](#) with the subject line "OGA" [Other Government Agency], in which he tells the top management of the FBI (Randy Coleman, Josh Skule, Michael Steinbach, Amy Hess, Valerie Parlave, James Turgal, James Trainor, Laura Bucheit, Bill Priestap and WL Bean), "We are clear to [redacted]. DJ [likely Associate Executive Assistant Director Dave Johnson] will determine the composition of the team with your collective input. This gets our foot in the door, but we can scale as necessary later."

Jim Trainor responds, "10-4. Per DJ's voice mail [redacted]. Stand by for the names."

Priestap forwards the exchange to Strzok and Moffa, saying, "Pete, Please see the bottom email. We've been asked to send 1 person with the FBI team tomorrow. Our 1 person will then be responsible for providing you/me with a recommendation as to what CD's [Counterintelligence Division's] resource commitment should be moving forward. Please provide the name of the person who can participate tomorrow, beginning in the AM (details to follow)."

Strzok replies, "OK. Stand by for name"

Strzok then forwards the exchange to Page, who replies "Bowdich sent separately as well."

Strzok responds, "Oh good <smiley emoji>".

On August 29, 2016, Strzok [forwards](#) a [Daily Beast article](#) titled "FBI vs. State Department Over Hillary Clinton's Secrets" to Page, Moffa and a redacted General Counsel office official, with a note saying, "Good job, State... \u-19179?" – presumably suggesting that the four of them meet to discuss. The article begins, "The FBI and the State Department are at odds over whether Hillary Clinton's personal lawyers had the proper government-issued security clearances that they needed to keep copies of her emails in a Washington, DC law office last year."

On August 30, 2016, former FBI Director James Comey [emails](#) then-Assistant Director Andrew McCabe, copying Page, James Baker, Priestap and [James Trainor](#) with the subject line "WH" and said "Both meetings went well and I was well prepared.... I will need an update briefing on [redacted] next week. As you might imagine, there was great interest in what each of us is doing on that front and in understanding what more we can do and the obstacles we see." Page forwards the email to Strzok, who replied, "Thanks. Bill asked me as I was leaving if I thought it should be in CD [Counterintelligence Division]. Guessing this prompted it. I said yes then described and endorsed Allies reorganization idea."

On August 31, 2016, a redacted FBI General Counsel official [asks](#) Strzok and Page if they should respond to a *Washington Times* article that asserts that the FBI found "hundreds, and likely thousands, of violations of the Federal Records Act" by Clinton in her non-government email server use. Strzok's immediate reply is redacted. Strzok ends up asking for the article to be sent to him.

On September 2, 2016, Chief of Staff James Rybicki sent [an email](#) titled "All Member Briefing" to the same top FBI officials as in the August 19 exchange and discusses a "9/8 Director all-member briefing on FBI Net. Action is needed by Tuesday (9/6) by CyD [Cyber Division] and CD." Rybicki follows up on September 2 with an update, saying, "NSC determined that this would be a classified briefing" and that it would "be a briefing for leadership and chairs/rankings of homeland and intelligence committees (12 members)."

In another [email exchange](#) on September 2, 2016, FBI agent Stephen Laycock tells Strzok and Moffa that the meeting referenced in the previous exchange on September 2 relates to "the project". FBI Congressional Affairs Chief Jason Herring is looped in and reveals that the meeting involves alleged "foreign hacking activity."

Laycock writes, "Hey guys. Sorry to bother at this hour. Are either of you aware of a cyber brief to the D and HPSCI [House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence] Tuesday that I believe is related to the project? Just got a call from a buddy who is tdy to cyber as SC and was privy to this presentation where he noticed a few CD centric things that CD may have an interest in taking a look at and scrubbing. This may already have been coordinated but just wanted to make sure."

On September 7, 2016, a redacted FBI official sent [an email](#) to Strzok and Moffa with the subject line "Another quote from Assange on Hannity," and provides the quote as "We have thousands of examples where she herself [likely Clinton] has a 'C' in brackets & signed it off." Strzok forwards the email to Page, saying "Interesting."

In a September 8, 2016, [email](#) from *New York Times* reporter Michael Schmidt to Kortan, Schmidt gives the DOJ an early "heads up on something we're planning on reporting today," which was about Clinton's email server technician, [Paul Combetta](#), deleting Hillary's subpoenaed emails, and saying "The fact that Combetta was given immunity takes much of the air out of the idea that DOJ needs to investigate the deletions."

So now we know that the FBI report of Clinton's 'interview' is incomplete and that Peter Strzok may have details on the

classified briefing of candidate Trump that were used as pretext for a spy operation. No wonder the FBI had been stonewalling the release of these emails.

CIA, DOJ Stonewall on Existence of Eric Ciaramella Records

Once again the federal government is pretending it doesn't know what everyone else in the world seems to know.

We have received letters from the CIA and the Department of Justice (DOJ) stating they will neither confirm nor deny the existence of emails and other communications related to CIA official Eric Ciaramella, who reportedly worked on Ukraine issues while on detail to both the Obama and Trump White Houses.

We received these letters in response to our two December 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuits](#) filed after the CIA and DOJ failed to respond to November 2019 requests for communications between Ciaramella and former FBI agent Peter Strzok, former FBI Attorney Lisa Page, former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, and/or the Special Counsel's Office ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03809)) and all of Ciaramella's emails from June 1, 2016, to November 12, 2019 ([Judicial Watch v. Central Intelligence Agency](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03807)).

Ciaramella is [widely reported](#) as the person who filed the whistleblower complaint that triggered the impeachment proceedings. His name reportedly was "raised privately in impeachment depositions, according to officials with direct knowledge of the proceedings, as well as in at least one open hearing held by a House committee not involved in the impeachment inquiry."

The [CIA letter](#) stated:

In accordance with section 3.6(a) of Executive Order 13526, the CIA can neither confirm nor deny the existence or nonexistence of records responsive to the requests. The fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself exempt from FOIA under exemption (b)(3) and Section 6 of the CIA Act of 1949, 50 U.S.C. § 3507, and, to the extent your request could relate to CIA intelligence sources and methods information, the fact of the existence or nonexistence of such records is exempt from FOIA under exemption (b)(1) and exemption (b)(3) in conjunction with Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947, 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1).

This completes our response to the above referenced cases.

The Justice Department [also refused](#) to confirm or deny the existence of responsive records, citing, among other justifications, the personal privacy of Ciaramella.

Ciaramella's name appears in a footnote in Special Counsel Robert Mueller's [report](#) on the 2016 presidential election. It concerns a May 2017 meeting between President Trump and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak in the Oval Office:

(5/9/17 White House Document, "Working Visit with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov of Russia") ... **(5/10/17 Email, Ciaramella to Kelly et al.)**. [Emphasis added] The meeting had been planned on May 2, 2017, during a telephone call between the President and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and the meeting date was confirmed on May 5, 2017, the same day the President dictated ideas for the Comey termination letter to Stephen Miller.... **(5/10/17 Email, Ciaramella to Kelly et al.)**. [Emphasis added]

Information about this meeting was subsequently [leaked](#) to *The New York Times*.

The CIA and Justice Department are covering up information about the alleged whistleblower behind the abusive impeachment of President Trump. CIA operative Ciaramella is documented to be involved in the Russia collusion investigation and was a key CIA operative on Ukraine in the both the Obama and Trump White Houses. The incredible secrecy about his activities shows that the DOJ and CIA are trying to cover-up rather than expose any agency abuses that led to unprecedented attacks on President Trump.

Soros-Tied Group Run by Dem Operatives Promotes Leftist Agenda

Where have all the Obama minions gone? Some, of course, remain embedded in the halls of government, conducting a rear guard action against the Trump administration. But some have found a home with George Soros, as our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#).

Another influential group aiming to spread leftist billionaire George Soros' radical global agenda has popped up in the United States. It's called the [Transatlantic Democracy Working Group](#) (TDWG) and it is an offshoot of the Soros-funded [German Marshall Fund](#), a liberal foreign policy think tank based in Washington D.C.

The TDWG is operated by dozens of former senior government bureaucrats, national security experts and human rights advocates, including former Obama administration officials and staff members of Democratic politicians. The group's director, Susan Corke, was previously Deputy Director of the Europe Section in the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Corke is a registered Democrat and all her federally reported campaign contributions have gone to the Democratic fundraising clearinghouse [Act Blue](#), which has raised billions.

Obama's law school classmate, Norm Eisen, is the co-chair of the TDWG's steering committee. Eisen also served as the deputy counsel of Obama's presidential transition team and ambassador to the Czech Republic. During President Donald Trump's impeachment inquiry, Eisen, a longtime Trump critic, served as counsel to the House Judiciary Committee. In 2003 he co-founded the liberal nonprofit Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) with fellow Democratic operative Melanie Sloan and others. Eisen has contributed approximately \$94,000 to Democratic candidates and committees through the years, according to records obtained by Judicial Watch.

The TDWG was founded in April 2018 purportedly to combat what it perceives as "democratic erosion in key NATO and EU countries." The organization, which is housed at the German Marshall Fund headquarters, advocates for strengthening the NATO alliance, increasing integration among European Union member states, a more active U.S. role in Europe, and effective measures against Russia's influence in the West. The group has been highly critical of the Trump administration's foreign policy and has used its [podcast](#) to promote Soros' Open Society Foundations.

A chunk of the TDWG's attention has focused on three countries—Hungary, Poland, and Turkey—that it accuses of becoming increasingly authoritarian and undemocratic. While legitimate concerns exist involving the Tayyip Erdoğan regime in Turkey, the group's criticisms of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán and Poland's governing Prawo i Sprawiedliwość (Law and Justice) party largely focus on efforts to preserve their national identity, reduce the influence of foreign governments and nongovernmental organizations in their domestic affairs and limit third-world immigration. In November 2019 testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment, Corke claimed that, "Hungary is no longer a democracy, and Orbán is the architect of its transformation into an illiberal autocracy."

Of particular interest to the TDWG have been Hungarian and Polish initiatives to combat the influence of Soros and his generously funded OSF. One of the policy statements posted on the TDWG's website specifically deals with Orbán's successful effort to expel Soros' Central European University from Budapest. The [statement](#), whose signatories include Corke, Eisen, and several former State Department officials, alleges that Hungary's, "campaign against the CEU is a highly symbolic move against a vital institution founded to promote the transatlantic values of democracy, openness, and equality of opportunity." In her November 2019 [Congressional testimony](#), Corke claimed that Orbán, "relied on one tired trick in particular, one that served as a dog whistle for the far right; he used the spectral image of George Soros, using anti-Semitic tropes, as the ultimate bogeyman to stir up fear of migrants and other non-Christians." Orbán [counters](#) that it has nothing to do with Soros' religion or background. It's about his politically driven activity aimed at undermining national governments that oppose his pro-migration agenda. The Hungarian prime minister assures a migration crisis in the Balkans was organized by the [Soros network](#).

Soros' OSF donated between [\\$100,000 and \\$250,000](#) to the German Marshall Fund in 2019, records obtained by Judicial Watch show.

I'm always fascinated watching those who became staggeringly wealthy through capitalism turn their guns on that very system.

Prosecutorial Misconduct, Clinton Connection in Duncan Hunter Case

I previously [informed](#) you of the two assistant attorneys general who partied it up at a Hillary Clinton fundraiser. In our *Investigative Bulletin*, Micah Morrison, our chief investigative reporter, [has more](#) on this evidence of the close ties between Clinton and the Justice Department.

It looked like a classic Justice Department squeeze play: pile a boatload of corruption charges on then-Representative Duncan Hunter, Republican of California, drag in his family, and plead it down to a single count and a resignation. But Hunter fought back. And now Judicial Watch has uncovered new evidence supporting allegations of misconduct by prosecutors in the case allied with Hillary Clinton.

Hunter and his wife were [indicted](#) in August 2018 on dozens of corruption charges related to misuse of campaign funds. Later, in separate court actions, they each pleaded guilty to a single charge. Hunter resigned from Congress in January.

In a June 2017 [motion to dismiss](#), Hunter's attorneys noted that the two lead Justice Department lawyers on the case, Alana Robinson and Emily Allen, had attended a 2015 political fundraiser for then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton at the La Jolla mansion of a wealthy supporter. Hunter was a vocal critic of Mrs. Clinton and an early supporter of Donald Trump.

"In light of subsequent events and their initiation of the criminal investigation of Congressman Hunter," Hunter's lawyers wrote, the attendance at the fundraiser by the two prosecutors "raises serious concerns regarding a conflict of interest and a loss of impartiality." Both prosecutors are registered Democrats. "The undeniable facts are that both attended [the fundraiser] for one purpose and one purpose only—they attended to meet the person they believed would be the next President of the United States."

The Justice Department responded with a mystifying claim. It told a San Diego court that Robinson and Allen were asked to attend the fundraiser "in the event of a protective security related incident where immediate prosecutorial guidance would be necessary."

An earlier Justice Department letter said that the prosecutors were at the event "in their official capacity assisting law enforcement."

Now, here at Judicial Watch, we've been around a long time. We can't remember ever hearing of a fundraiser that needed the presence of two U.S. Attorneys in case "immediate prosecutorial guidance would be necessary." It's a laughable claim—except that someone's freedom is at stake.

So let's call this for what it really is: a lie to cover-up inappropriate conduct.

[New documents](#) obtained by Judicial Watch support the conclusion that Robinson and Allen were at the Clinton fundraiser because they were Clinton supporters, not on standby for "prosecutorial guidance" while the monied class gathered on the glittering lawns of La Jolla. The documents raise serious questions about whether prosecutors misled the court. Lying to a judge of course is illegal. Violations of the [Hatch Act](#) may come into play here too, as well as violations of Justice Department guidelines.

The documents—emails obtained by Judicial Watch under a [Freedom of Information Act lawsuit](#) against the Justice Department—suggest that Robinson and Allen were thrilled to be at the Clinton event. Although names are blacked out in the [heavily redacted emails](#), it's clear that the correspondence is between the two prosecutors, who were the subjects of the Judicial Watch lawsuit.

"Thank you so much for the invitation to this morning's event," one email reads. "I was blown away by your incredible hospitality and can't thank you enough for allowing us to crash that fabulous party. It was a really memorable morning."

Another email says: "you totally downplayed that amazing invitation! I had no idea it would be so spectacular. I didn't even realize we'd be invited in! I am so grateful for the invitation, thank you."

Robinson has left the U.S. Attorney's office and is [running for a judgeship](#) in Southern California. Allen is head of the federal [public corruption unit](#) in San Diego. Duncan Hunter is scheduled to be sentenced in March. That's a good time for the judge to address charges of prosecutorial bias and misconduct in the case.

As you can see, the corruption in the DOJ goes way beyond the criminal spying against President Trump or the abusive prosecutions of Roger Stone and General Flynn. The DOJ needs a top to bottom ethics and personnel overhaul.

Until next week,

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Judicial Watch Sues State Dept. for Records Tied to Alleged Monitoring of Trump Family and Journalists by Amb. Marie Yovanovitch

Judicial Watch is going to court to uncover details of the alleged monitoring of President Trump’s family, lawyer and journalists, as ordered by the since-recalled U.S. Ambassador to the Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch.

The two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against the State Department for documents tied to the alleged monitoring of President Trump’s intimate circle and journalists covering him is an extension of our Judicial Watch [investigation](#), which began in October 2019, into the alleged monitoring, via [CrowdTangle](#) and other means. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch is alleged to have ordered State Department entities to conduct the monitoring. The list of the alleged targets includes:

- Jack Posobiec
- Donald Trump Jr.
- Laura Ingraham
- Sean Hannity
- Michael McFaul (Obama’s ambassador to Russia)
- Dan Bongino
- Ryan Saavedra
- Rudy Giuliani
- Sebastian Gorka
- John Solomon
- Lou Dobbs
- Pamella Geller
- Sara Carter

Amb. Yovanovitch reportedly ordered monitoring keyed to the following search terms: “Biden,” “Giuliani,” “Soros” and “Yovanovitch.”

As Judicial Watch previously reported, prior to being recalled as ambassador to Ukraine in the spring, Yovanovitch reportedly created a list of individuals who were to be monitored via social media and other means. Ukraine embassy staff made the request to the Washington D.C. headquarters office of the department’s [Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs](#). After several days, Yovanovitch’s staff was informed that the request was illegal and the monitoring either ceased or was concealed via the [State Department Global Engagement Center](#), which has looser restrictions on collecting information.

“This is not an obscure rule; everyone in public diplomacy or public affairs knows they can’t make lists and monitor U.S. citizens unless there is a major national security reason,” according to a senior State Department official. If the illicit operation occurred, it seems to indicate a clear political bias against the president and his supporters. Yovanovitch, a career diplomat who also has led American embassies in Kyrgyzstan and Armenia, was appointed ambassador to Ukraine by

Obama in 2016. She was recalled by the State Department in May and remains a State Department employee in Washington D.C.

We filed the two FOIA lawsuits after the State Department failed to respond to October 9 and October 23, 2019 requests for documents about both "the monitoring of any U.S.-based journalist, reporter or media commentator by any employee or office of the Department of State" and the CrowdTangle social media monitoring program.

On October 10, 2019, Congressman Devin Nunes [told](#) Sean Hannity on his program that, "What I've heard is that there were strange requests, irregular requests to monitor not just one journalist, but multiple journalists..." Hannity followed this statement by adding, multiple sources also told him they "believe there is evidence that government resources were used to monitor communications" of U.S. journalists and that Yovanovitch may have been involved. Yovanovitch was questioned on the issue during the impeachment proceeding in the House and seemed to [deny](#) any illegal monitoring took place.

Q: "Could you help us understand how the embassy and the State Department back in Washington collects information on social media?"

A: "I can't really answer the question, because I don't know all the inner details of how the press section works to gather information. But they provide us with a press summary, or they used to provide me, I mean. They provide the embassy with a press summary and it goes out to other people at the State Department as well."

Q: "And is part of that monitoring social media accounts from ..."

A: "Yeah. I mean, in today's age, yeah, social media is really important."

So, was the Ukraine Embassy illegally monitoring American critics of Ambassador Yovanovitch? It certainly is disturbing that the State Department seems to be stonewalling Judicial Watch's requests for information on this controversy until after the impeachment of President Trump.

Also, in November 2019, our Judicial Watch lawyers filed a [lawsuit](#) against the State Department seeking documents related to a reported "untouchables list" given in late 2016 by Yovanovitch to Ukraine Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko. Lutsenko [told](#) *The New York Times* that Yovanovitch "pressed him not to prosecute anti-corruption activists." Lutsenko reportedly [said](#) earlier the do-not-prosecute list included a founder of the Ukraine group [Anti-Corruption Action Centre](#) (AntAC), which was funded by Soros foundations, the U.S. federal government and two members of the Ukrainian Parliament who [vocally](#) supported the Soros group's agenda.

Federal Court Orders Snap Hearing on Awan Brothers, Congressional Democrat IT Scandal after DOJ Files Document under Seal

Judicial Watch is engaged in an ongoing legal battle with the Justice Department (DOJ) for documents about the Congressional Democrat IT (information technology) scandal involving the Awan brothers. It's been delay, distraction and stonewall all the way, as Justice comes up with one excuse after another to avoid producing records we are seeking under a November 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) against the FBI over two FOIA requests for records related to the Awan brothers.

Well, early Monday morning, U.S. District Court Judge Amit P. Mehta [ordered](#) a snap hearing on the matter midweek after the Justice Department submitted information under seal last Friday following the court's demand for an explanation of why no records have been produced in the case.

In August 2019, the Justice Department told the court that it would begin producing records by November 5, 2019. After producing no records, on November 13, 2019, the agency told Judicial Watch that it was having "technical difficulties," and in a subsequent email claimed that "difficulties with the production remain."

In a joint [status report](#) filed on December 5, 2019, our Judicial Watch lawyers reported to the court that the DOJ claimed in a phone call that it was now unable to produce any records to either of the FOIA requests "because the agency was waiting for some unspecified action by Judge [Tanya S.] Chutkan in some other matter so as to avoid having to produce records in this case." In that same report, the DOJ told the court that Judge Chutkan is "presiding over a related sealed criminal

matter" that prohibits the government from releasing the requested FOIA information.

In the December hearing, U.S. District Court Judge Amit P. Mehta expressed frustration and ordered the Justice Department to explain its failure to produce records by January 10 and to provide Judicial Watch some details about the delay. Instead, the Justice Department made its filing under seal and failed to provide Judicial Watch with any details about its failure to produce records as promised to the court.

At the hearing, the Court disclosed that another court had issued a sealed order that will impact the production of the records. The Court seemed to recognize our frustration at the delay, especially as the sealing order came many months after we first requested (and should have received) documents.

Imran Awan and his family were banned from the House computer network in February 2017 after the House's top law enforcement officer wrote that Imran was "an [ongoing and serious risk](#) to the House of Representatives, possibly threatening the integrity of our information systems," and that a server containing evidence had gone "missing." The inspector general said server logs showed "unauthorized access" and procurement records were falsified.

Imran Awan was Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz's (D-FL) top information technology aide. Most lawmakers fired Awan in February, but Wasserman Schultz kept him on until he was [arrested in July 2017](#), trying to board a flight for Pakistan.

In July 2018, Imran Awan was given a plea deal, [and pled guilty](#) to federal bank fraud but prosecutors found no evidence that Awan "violated federal law with respect to the House computer systems."

The Awan brothers [reportedly](#) "were not given background checks before being given access to highly sensitive government information and no explanations have been given as to why." Additionally, "if they would have run this background check it would have found out not only multiple criminal convictions, but \$1 million bankruptcy, a dozen lawsuits ... it would have found a whole host of major red flags and the Democrats didn't do any of those checks."

The cover-up of the Awan Brothers Democratic IT scandal shows the FBI's and Justice Department's penchant for dishonesty isn't just limited to [FISA abuse](#). The DOJ's handling of the Awan Brothers case has long been an issue of concern, and now we are expected believe some secret investigation prevents the public from knowing the full truth about this scandal? We are skeptical but will have to wait longer. The Court ordered the Justice Department to release more details related to the sealed order and report next month on what of the over 50,000 pages of documents can be released in light of the court-ordered secrecy.

Records Show 'Diversity Workshop' Instituted by South Bend Police Department

The City of South Bend, Indiana, and its former mayor, now-announced presidential candidate Peter Buttigieg, have been under a cloud for years, and we here at Judicial Watch have been digging to uncover a number of irregularities under Buttigieg's tenure. For example: the creation of a municipal [ID card for illegal aliens](#) and secret police audio tapes of [wire tapped phone calls](#) of conversations that reportedly contain racist remarks by certain South Bend police officials, which Mayor Buttigieg has been withholding from the South Bend City Council for seven years.

And, just this week, another South Bend police peculiarity showed up when we received [127 pages](#) of records from the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) showing the Department offered diversity training in 2017 that includes a "cultural competence" rating for personnel, reminiscent of the kind of social credit score-keeping done by the Chinese communist government. The training material also names various classes of prejudice, including "languageism" and "sizeism." The Mayor of South Bend at that time was Pete Buttigieg.

The South Bend Police Department training material claims all personnel have a measurable Cumulative Perceptual Index (CPI) rating, which measure their "cultural competence."

"The CPI theory posits that our behaviors and biases today may well be rooted in our individual measurable CPI rating."

The training material elaborates further that the CPI theory holds:

We all have been exposed to bigotry and biases at various stages of our lives. What and with what levels of

intensity those exposures took place is an important variable in our past, current and future interpersonal interactions. One thing that the CPI theory holds certain is that none of us were born with prejudices and biases. It also posits that all of us have had some prejudice or bias get dispelled in some way over time and it is that factor that can facilitate measurable adjustments in our CPI ratings.

In SBPD anti-discrimination police training materials, one slide under the title "The Future of Policing" notes that:

Black lives do indeed matter, but no more, and certainly no less than the lives of every community within law enforcement's jurisdictions. The perceptual proof of that belief is unquestionably not universally present today because such a Vision is not yet universally shared by law enforcement.

The SBPD's diversity workshop creators have deemed the term "deaf and dumb" to be offensive, "implying that if an individual lacks the sense of hearing, they are therefore intellectually deficient." This definition completely ignores the historical meaning of the word "dumb" in this context, which is "mute" or "unable to speak." Another supposedly "inappropriate" and "offensive" term is "hearing-impaired," which apparently implies that "their hearing is broken, and needs to be fixed." The term "racism/colorism" is, per their definition, "an attitude, action, or practice" emphatically "backed by institutional power."

We obtained the records in response a June 27, 2019, Access to Public Records Act (APRA) request for:

- Complaints against the SBPD related to bias of any kind (racial, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) from 2015-present.
- SBPD policy documents relating to discrimination on any basis, and training materials used by SBPD relating to discrimination of any kind.

These documents show how South Bend police under Mayor Buttigieg had to contend with politicized "training" that had nothing to do with public safety.

Mexican Police Chief Unfazed by U.S. Alert; Arrival of Middle Easterners Going North is 'Normal'

The "open borders" crowd would have you believe that border security isn't an issue worth worrying about. Never mind the illegal alien crime or the sheer numbers overwhelming our government (and taxpayer) capacities. We at Judicial Watch have had an eye out on the disturbing trend of unvetted immigrants from terrorist nations filtering through our border, and this week's *Corruption Chronicles* highlights our latest discovery:

A January 8 U.S. Customs and Border Protection Intelligence Alert warning Mexico of armed Iranians planning to enter the country through its southern border didn't faze a busy Mexican border city's police chief, who confirms the region is full of Middle Easterners, Africans and Asians heading north toward the United States. In a Latin American [news report](#) published shortly after the U.S. issued the bulletin, Mexicali Police Chief María Elena Andrade Ramírez said, matter-of-factly, that the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia as well as the rest of the Americas is "normal" in her California border city of about [a million residents](#). Nevertheless, the chief, who affirmed receiving the U.S. government bulletin, said she planned to cooperate and coordinate with state authorities to "reinforce security."

The alert was issued last week by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and largely ignored by the American and Mexican mainstream media. Only a few conservative media outlets in the United States reported about the warning after one obtained a [DHS document](#) outlining the threat. The document, issued by the Border Patrol's regional intelligence operation center in Arizona, says that a Guatemalan national may try to smuggle five Middle Easterners—including a suicide bomber—into the United States through Mexico. The smuggler and four other men and a woman transited through Guatemala and Belize before reaching Veracruz, Mexico, according to the bulletin. The Guatemalan, whose name is redacted in the government document, was deported from California a year ago. The Spanish-language article linked above elaborates that American intelligence officials received the threat after picking up recordings distributed via social media. A *Mexicali* news story cites Mexican authorities downplaying the situation by assuring citizens that the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and the rest of the Americas is "[something normal](#)."

This new norm creates a serious national security crisis along the famously porous Southern Border, though

Islamic terrorists have long been present in Mexico. We have investigated and reported on it for years, uncovering several operations involving Mexican drug cartels joining forces with Islamic terrorists to enter the U.S. and carry out attacks.

Back in the spring of 2015, we here at Judicial Watch broke [a story](#) about an ISIS training facility just a few miles from the U.S. border near Ciudad Juárez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. At the time, sources including a Mexican Army field grade officer and a Mexican Federal Police Inspector, confirmed that “coyotes” engaged in human smuggling—and working for the Juárez Cartel— help move ISIS terrorists through the desert and across the border between Santa Teresa and Sunland Park, New Mexico. A few months later we [exposed](#) a separate scheme in which Mexican cartels smuggled foreigners from countries with terrorist ties into a small Texas rural town near El Paso, Texas.

A few years ago, we obtained [State Department documents](#) showing that the government has long known that “Arab extremists” are entering the country through Mexico. Among them was a top Al Qaeda operative wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during his cross-border jaunts. More recently, federal statistics show that unprecedented numbers of migrants from terrorist nations, labeled Special Interest Aliens (SIA) by the government, are entering the United States via Mexico. A [congressional probe](#) completed in early 2019 found an astounding 300% increase in Bangladeshi nationals attempting to sneak into the country through Texas alone. Bangladesh is a south Asian Islamic country well known as a recruiting ground for terrorist groups such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). Before the year ended, Mexico [confirmed](#) that large groups of migrants from terrorist nations are in Tapachula awaiting asylum in the United States, and federal authorities in Houston [arrested](#) a Mexican-based Bangladeshi smuggler and charged him with bringing in 15 fellow countrymen through the Texas-Mexico border.

When the Central American caravan got started in the fall of 2018, Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales confirmed that [nearly 100 ISIS terrorists](#) had been apprehended in the impoverished Central American nation. Guatemala has long been known as a major smuggling corridor for foreigners from African, Asian and Middle Eastern countries making their way into the United States like the Iranians identified recently by the feds. No wonder Mexican authorities are unfazed.

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Democrats Accuse AG Barr of Doing Exactly What Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch Did for Obama

Source: [PJ Media](#)

As absurd as the claims are that Barr is acting like Trump's personal lawyer to protect him, it's difficult not to see that Democrats are making it their business to accuse William Barr of being everything Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch were for Barack Obama.

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**Judicial Watch
Releases 29 Pages
of FBI Clinton-Lynch
Tarmac Meeting
Documents
Previously Withheld
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Department**

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

On June 27, 2016, Attorney General Loretta Lynch met with former President Bill Clinton on board a parked plane at Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, Arizona. The meeting occurred during the then-ongoing investigation of Mrs. Clinton's email server, and only a few days before she was interviewed the Justice Department and FBI. (Judicial Watch filed a request on June 30 that the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General investigate that meeting.)

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**Obama Asserts Fast
and Furious
Executive Privilege
Claim for Holder's
Wife**

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

On June 28, 2012, Attorney General Eric Holder was held in contempt by the House of Representatives over his refusal to turn over records explaining why the Obama administration may have lied to Congress and refused for months to disclose the truth about the gun running operation. It marked the first time in U.S. history that a sitting Attorney General was held in contempt of Congress.

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**Judicial Watch
Statement regarding
Eric Holder's
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Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

In Eric Holder, President Obama found his John Mitchell – an attorney general who would lie, obstruct investigations, and ignore or simply not enforce the law in order to advance his president's unbridled will.

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Tom Fitton: Democrats in Congress on a 'fishing expedition' for President Trump

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DHS Deputy Says Sanctuary Cities Are Harboring 'Violent, Vicious' MS-13 Gang Members

Source: [Daily Caller](#)

"We have a problem with sanctuary cities who are harboring so many of these violent, vicious criminals — literally harboring from ICE and the opportunity to deport them and get them out of these communities and our country," Ken Cuccinelli, the acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, said.

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2019-01-16

Illegal Immigrants
Who Stabbed
Classmate Were
“Previously
Confirmed as MS-13
Gang Members”

Source: Judicial Watch

Local newspapers have slammed community leaders and school officials that choose to protect violent illegal immigrants . They point out that the MS-13 attackers are adult men and so-called dreamers. "The police and the high school need to protect our children. Can you imagine sending your 14-year old freshman to a school with 20-year old gang members? Even after the school identifies the adult men as members of a murder gang?"

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2018-06-12

**Public Middle
School Terrorized by
MS-13 Gang
Members Is a
“Ticking Time
Bomb”**

Source: Judicial Watch

Prince George’s County, where the Riverdale middle school is located, provides sanctuary for illegal immigrants and defies federal requests to hold illegal aliens arrested for state crimes until immigration agents pick them up.

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2019-09-05

**Media Ignores: Six
Murder Suspects Are
MS-13 Gangbangers**

Source: Judicial Watch

The suspects in this case should have been turned over to federal authorities long ago, but like a growing number of municipalities, Baltimore County offers illegal aliens sanctuary.

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DHS Gives Obama Immigrant Assimilation Program \$10 Million Infusion

An Obama program that offers foreigners free English, history and civics courses as well as naturalization legal services just received another multi-million-dollar infusion from the government. The Obama administration launched the costly initiative, known as "citizenship and assimilation grant program," in 2009 and dedicated more than \$62 million to it. The Trump administration has kept the taxpayer dollars flowing with substantial Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grants allocated to leftist groups in chunks of several hundred thousand dollars apiece.

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State Department Reboots Clinton Email Probe

The Daily Caller

Clinton broke State Department guidelines by using a private email server for her work-related emails, many of which contained classified information. She evaded prosecution despite an FBI investigation. Judicial Watch has maintained an ongoing assessment of Clinton's emails and in March discovered another trove of correspondence that was likely classified.

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Judicial Watch: Court Forces Release of Clintonn WikiLeaks Discussion Email that Confirms State Department Knew About Her Email Account

Judicial Watch

The scope of court-ordered discovery that produces this email find includes: whether Secretary Clinton used private email in an effort to evade the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); whether the State Department's attempt to settle this FOIA case in 2014 and 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to Judicial Watch's FOIA request.

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Farrell: Hold an Impeachment Vote, Nancy Pelosi - If You Have the Guts

The Daily Caller

Washington is all aflutter over an alleged quid pro quo deal that President Trump is rumored to have tried to strike with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky during a routine phone call on July 25. The story goes that Trump tried to pressure Zelensky to investigate Hunter Biden's allegedly corrupt business dealings in exchange for continuing foreign and military aide.

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Marshall: Mueller No.2 Man Andrew Weissmann Had Documented History of Prosecutorial Abuses

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Trump rips CDC, blames Obama for slow response to coronavirus

Source: [New York Post](#)

President Trump blasted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — the agency at the forefront of the nation’s battle against the coronavirus — and blamed the Obama administration for making changes “that only complicated things further.”

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Background Notes from Judicial Watch

2011-08-03

CDC Becomes
Breastfeeding Police

Source: Judicial Watch

In a case of the nanny state gone wild, the government agency charged with protecting health and preventing disease has issued federal, state and local directives to force hospitals across the country to promote breastfeeding. This is a human health crisis, according to the CDC.

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2012-11-16

**DHS Hides Records
of Failed \$1 Billion
System from
Congress**

Source: Judicial Watch

In an apparent effort to cover up a potential scandal, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has for months refused to provide congressional leaders with records related to a failed program that was quietly nixed after the agency blew \$1 billion on it. BioWatch, was supposed to detect biological attacks. The CDC is involved because it helps DHS coordinate with state and local health authorities that use BioWatch. Also, if there is a biological attack, the CDC delivers emergency medicines.

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2012-04-02

**Obamacare: Health
Equity Can't Wait**

Source: Judicial Watch

The Obama Administration celebrates the first anniversary of an Obamacare initiative to "reduce racial and ethnic health disparities" that established dozens of new state and federal offices. The CDC's Office of Minority Health and Health Equity will "advance the science and practice of health equity" and "collaborate with national and global partners to promote the reduction of health inequalities.

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Did Ambassador to Ukraine Order State Dept. to Monitor Journalists/Trump Allies?

On this special edition of "Inside Judicial Watch" Amelia Koehn sits down with One America News Network Correspondent, Jack Posobiec, to discuss how former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from the Obama Administration, Marie Yovanovitch, ordered the State Department to monitor conservative journalists, as well as Trump allies.

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Deep Dive: Trump Senate Impeachment Trial & "The Kavanaugh Approach"

Judicial Watch

As the impeachment farce rolls on, Americans should be weary of the Deep State's intimidation and penchant for the disruptive tactics seen in the Kavanaugh hearings. The "Kavanaugh approach," Fitton explains, is likely to brutalize the impeachment circus by "bringing in witnesses at the last minute," without regard "for the veracity or truth of their claims."

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Judicial Watch Files Supreme Court Amicus Brief Opposing Effort to Overturn Louisiana Abortion Protection Law

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"Abortion interests are abusing the law to try to challenge laws that seek to promote and protect the health of women and their unborn children," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "The Supreme Court should put a stop to the misuse of the courts by interests that seek to overturn laws passed by the people's representatives."

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Tom Fitton on WMAL: Schiff Abusing Senate in Trump Impeachment – Senate Should Put a Stop to It!

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Adam Schiff is trying to bully Senate into interfering in the 2020 elections against @realDonaldTrump. The Senate should refuse to be abused and misused and shut the coup down.

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U.S. Spends \$113.5 Million in 3 Weeks to Give Rural America High-Speed Internet

Judicial Watch

In the last few weeks alone the U.S. government has spent a whopping \$113.5 million to help bring high-speed broadband to several rural areas throughout the country. In some of the cases multi-million-dollar investments will provide high-speed internet service to just a few hundred households, raising serious questions about the taxpayer investment.

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Judicial Watch Finds MILLIONS of 'Extra' Voters on Voting Rolls in Multiple States-Lawsuits?

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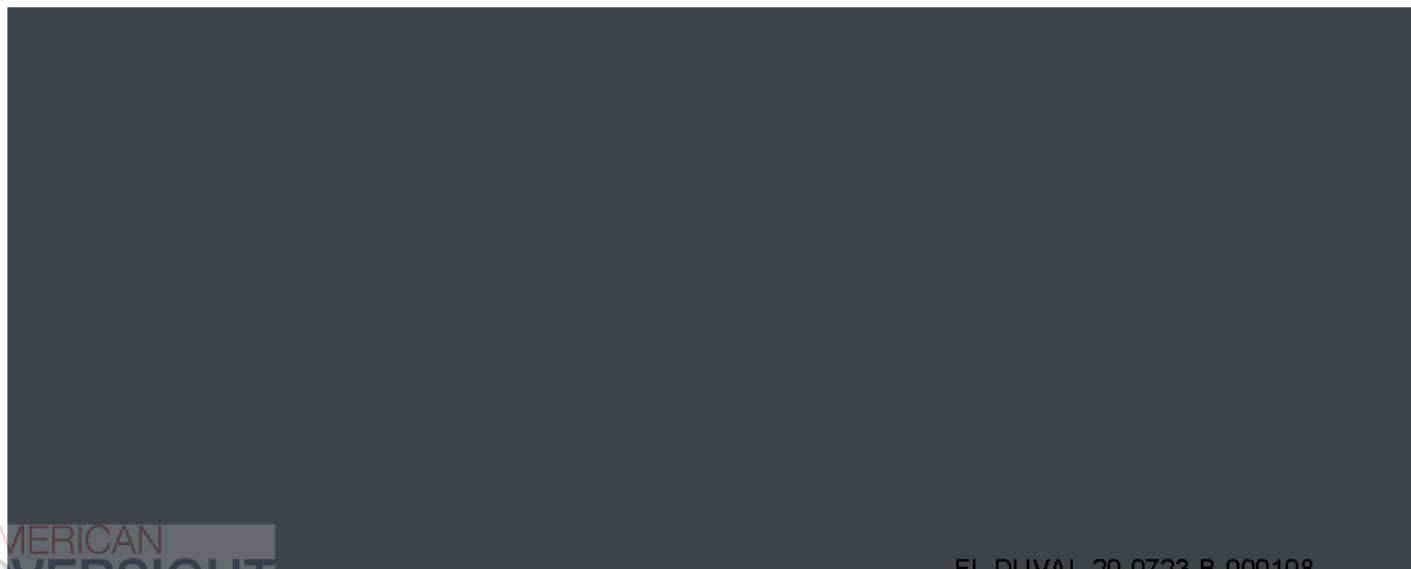
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Tom Fitton: DOJ Disavows #Spygate Warrants

Tom Fitton joins Judge Jeanine to discuss the DOJ's disavowal of the FISA Warrants, a step which confirms the fallacious nature of the Mueller probe.

Tom Fitton: The Senate is Being Held Hostage by the Schiff Coup Cabal over Trump Impeachment

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" to discuss the ongoing impeachment trial of President Trump.





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Did Obama-Appointed Ukraine Ambassador Intervene to Help Anti-Trump Ukraine Group?

As the coup abuse against President Trump accelerates, Judicial Watch focuses on the real Ukraine collusion scandal. We just sued the State Department for documents related to a reported “untouchables list” given by former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch to Ukraine Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko in late 2016 ([Judicial Watch vs. U.S. Department of State](#)) (No. 1:19-cv-03563).

Lutsenko recently [told](#) *The New York Times* that Yovanovitch “pressed him not to prosecute anti-corruption activists.” Lutsenko previously reportedly [said](#) the do-not-prosecute list included a founder of the Ukraine group [Anti-Corruption Action Centre](#) (AntAC), which was funded by George Soros foundations and the U.S. federal government, and two members of the Ukrainian Parliament who vocally supported the Soros [group's agenda](#):

The implied message to Ukraine’s prosecutors was clear: Don’t target AntAC in the middle of an American presidential election in which Soros was [backing Hillary Clinton](#) to succeed another Soros favorite, Barack Obama, Ukrainian officials said.

Recently, Rudy Giuliani [stated](#) that AntAC “was co-funded by the Obama administration and far-left billionaire financier George Soros,” and “was ironically under investigation for alleged corruption, namely a ‘misplaced’ \$4.4 million in U.S. funds designated to ‘fight corruption inside the former Soviet republic,’ during the 2016 presidential election in America.”

Amb. Yovanovitch, who was recalled from her Ukraine post in May of this year by President Donald Trump, was a key witness for Democrats last month in their public impeachment hearings. Yovanovitch [denied](#) providing any do-not-prosecute “list.”

We filed our FOIA lawsuit here in DC after the State Department failed to respond to our September 24, 2019, FOIA request for:

- All records of communication between the Department of State and any representative of the Ukrainian government regarding any actual or proposed investigation or prosecution of the AntAC; the International Renaissance Foundation [Open Society Foundations’ office in Ukraine]; and/or Transparency International.
- All records concerning any meeting or telephonic conversation between former Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch and former Ukrainian Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko.
- All records related to the list of individuals and entities provided to Lutsenko by Yovanovitch in late 2016.

Amb. Yovanovitch is on our radar for a number of issues. On October 9, 2019, we filed [a FOIA request](#) for State Department records related to the possibly illegal collection of information by Yovanovitch on prominent conservative figures, journalists and persons with ties to President Donald Trump.

Reports suggest that the Ukrainian Embassy was a hotbed of anti-Trump, Deep State activism and tried to promote and

protect leftist allies in Ukraine and the United States. As the coup attack on President Trump continues, this new federal lawsuit is designed to get to the real truth of the Deep State's games in Ukraine.

Judicial Watch Sues for Key Docs Of Deep State Official At Center of Latest Coup Attack on Trump

It's all too easy for our intelligence agencies, acting behind their curtains of secrecy, to abuse their power. Fortunately, Judicial Watch takes them to court to get to the truth. One Deep State player in particular was likely up to no good, and we're going to find out.

We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Justice Department for communications records of [Michael K. Atkinson](#) – former Assistant Attorney General in DOJ's National Security Division (NSD) from 2016 to 2018 and currently [Inspector General](#) of the Intelligence Community (ICIG).

The records we are seeking are regarding Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Anthony Weiner, the Twenty-Fifth Amendment and/or presidential impeachment. We're also seeking all emails and text messages of Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA) and members of Schiff's staff.

We sued after the Justice Department failed to respond to our October 1, 2019, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03566)). We asked for:

- All emails (whether on .gov or non-.gov email accounts) and text messages sent to or from former Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General Michael K. Atkinson regarding Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, Anthony Weiner, the Twenty-Fifth Amendment, and/or presidential impeachment.
- All emails and text messages between former Senior Counsel Atkinson and Representative Adam Schiff or any member of Mr. Schiff's staff.
- All travel requests, travel authorizations and expense reports of former Senior Counsel Atkinson
- All calendar entries of former Senior Counsel Atkinson.
- All SF50s and SF52s of former Senior Counsel Atkinson.

The NSD falls under the direct [supervision](#) of the assistant attorney general.

During Atkinson's tenure at [NSD](#), he was senior [legal counsel](#), first to NSD head [John Carlin](#) (Robert Mueller's former chief of staff when Mueller directed the FBI) and later to acting NSD head [Mary McCord](#). McCord [accompanied](#) then-Acting Attorney General Sally Yates to see White House Counsel Don McGahn regarding Michael Flynn.

During the period Atkinson was legal advisor to Carlin and later McCord, the [FISA court found](#) there was "significant non-compliance with the NSA's minimization procedures involving queries of data," otherwise known as spying, under the Obama Administration. Additionally, during this period, DOJ-NSD was working in coordination with the FBI Counterintelligence Unit on Operation [Crossfire Hurricane](#), which included former FBI officials Bill Priestap, Peter Strzok and Lisa Page. Page was the intermediary between FBI Counterintelligence and DOJ-NSD.

Since becoming Inspector General, Atkinson also has come under [scrutiny](#) for his handling of the so-called "whistleblower" complaint raising concerns about President Trump's dealings with Ukraine, which became the basis for the ongoing impeachment proceedings against Trump:

- Atkinson [changed](#) the standing practice of requiring whistleblowers to present firsthand information in order to have their complaint considered both "credible" and "of urgent concern" for submission under the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act.
- After receiving the complaint and a recommendation from Atkinson that it be referred to Congress, the [DNI refused](#) to forward the complaint because, based on an opinion of the Justice Department Office of Legal Counsel, "The complaint submitted to the ICIG does not involve an 'urgent concern.'" In testimony before Congress, Acting Director of National Intelligence [Joseph Maguire](#), said the complaint was essentially "hearsay" and not "corroborated by other folks."
- After the existence of the whistleblower was leaked to the press, Atkinson told Congress he was [unaware](#) the

whistleblower had first gone around him to House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff and his staff with his complaint before submitting it to the IG's office.

After listening to Atkinson testify about the whistleblower behind closed doors before the House Intelligence Committee on October 4, ranking Republican committee member Republican Devin Nunes (R-CA) [said](#) of him:

[The ICIG is] either totally incompetent or part of the deep state, and he's got a lot of questions he needs to answer because he knowingly changed the form and the requirements in order to make sure that this whistleblower complaint got out publicly. So, he's either incompetent or in on it ... he's either a quack or he's lying ... and he's going to have more to answer for, I can promise you, because we are not going to let him go; he is going to tell the truth about what happened.

Rep. Adam Schiff has yet to release Atkinson's testimony.

Atkinson has been a key Deep State official involved with questionable and abusive investigations of President Trump. As Adam Schiff keeps Atkinson's testimony on the impeachment attack on President Trump secret, we're going to court for transparency under the law.

Court Tells FBI It Can't Hide Records about FBI-Clinton Lawyer Meeting on Russia

The Justice Department wanted to pretend that a meeting between an FBI official and a Clinton lawyer didn't happen, telling Judicial Watch that they would "neither confirm nor deny" it. And the DOJ wanted a U.S. District Court to go along. U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg wasn't having any of it.

The judge [denied](#) the effort to block the release of communications between former FBI General Counsel James Baker and Michael Sussmann, a Perkins Coie law partner and former DOJ attorney, who reportedly met with Baker to share information targeting Donald J. Trump during the presidential campaign.

While at Perkins Coie, Sussmann represented the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and Hillary Clinton's campaign during the time Perkins Coie secretly [paid for the development of the anti-Trump](#) dossier the DOJ used to obtain FISA warrants to spy on the Trump campaign. The court specifically rejected the FBI's argument that it needed to protect the "privacy" of Hillary Clinton's lawyer.

Baker [testified](#) before the House Judiciary and Oversight Committees that he received documents as well as computer storage devices on Russian hacking from Sussmann. The [Mueller report](#), however, concluded that there was no evidence that the Trump campaign improperly colluded with Russia.

In March 2019, Judicial Watch filed [suit](#) after the FBI failed to respond to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 5, 2018 ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00573)). The lawsuit seeks:

- Any and all records of communication between former FBI General Counsel James Baker and former Department of Justice attorney and current Perkins Coie Partner Michael Sussmann.
- Any and all records created in preparation for, during, and/or pursuant to any meeting between Mr. Baker and Mr. Sussmann.
- Any and all calendars, agendas, or similar records, either in paper or electronic format, documenting the schedule and activities of Mr. Baker.

The FBI would neither confirm nor deny the existence of records. Judicial Watch [successfully argued](#) that:

[T]he sworn testimony of Baker, the former FBI general counsel, confirms that Sussmann was sharing the same documents with the media.... Rather than privacy, this confirms that Sussmann was seeking to obtain attention for his activities. Hence, this is far from a typical case ... Sussmann had no expectation of 'personal privacy,' as he was actively seeking publicity for himself and the information he wanted to share.

In any event, the public interest in disclosure of the existence of records is manifest.

Judge Boasberg [ruled](#):

"[A]ny risk of invasion [of privacy] evaporated once Baker publicly testified that he had received documents from Sussmann, as well as met with and spoken to him on multiple occasions in 2016."

In October, Baker testified before the U.S. House Judiciary and Oversight committees in October 2018, where he [stated](#): "It was like — my recollection was it was a stack of material I don't know maybe a quarter inch half inch thick something like that clipped together, and then I believe there was some type of electronic media, as well, a disk or something."

In his testimony Baker acknowledged that Sussmann's information related to the FBI's Trump–Russia investigation. He also testified that Sussmann had shared the same information with the media, stating that Sussmann had told him "some elements of the press had this information as well and were going to publish something about it."

In August, another federal court judge rejected FBI efforts to protect of the privacy of Clinton spy Christopher Steele and [ordered](#) the FBI to conduct a search for certain records about Steele's work with the FBI during the Mueller investigation.

The FBI is corruptly trying to keep secret documents to protect those behind the Russiagate smears of President Trump. Two federal courts have now rejected the FBI's desperate attempts to hide the details of its anti-Trump conspiracy with Hillary Clinton's Fusion GPS-FBI spy operation. Why is Director Wray allowing the corrupt cover up the FBI's Russiagate collusions with the Clinton gang?

Judicial Watch previously obtained heavily redacted copies of FISA warrants used by the Obama-era DOJ to spy on the Trump campaign, which seem to [confirm](#) the FBI and DOJ misled the courts in withholding the material information that Hillary Clinton's campaign and the DNC were behind the "intelligence" used to persuade the courts to approve the FISA warrants that targeted the Trump team. One of the FISA [warrant renewals](#) was granted in June 2017 and did not expire until September 2017, some eight months after President Trump assumed office.

I'll be sure to let you know about any major revelations as more documents come in.

Until next week ...

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Rod Rosenstein says he made call to release Strzok-Page texts

Source: [Politico](#)

Former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein authorized the release to the media of text messages between two highly placed FBI employees who regularly disparaged Trump and appeared to seek to reassure each other he could not be elected. Both called Trump an "idiot" and said Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton deserved to win.

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Judicial Watch released 145 pages of Rod Rosenstein's communications that include a one-line email from Rod Rosenstein to Robert Mueller stating, "The boss and his staff do not know about our discussions." They also include "off the record" emails with major media outlets around the date of Mueller's appointment.

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McCabe Memo
Details How DOJ's
Rosenstein
Proposed Wearing a
Wire into Oval Office
to Record President
Trump

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch obtained a two-page memo detailing how Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein proposed wearing a wire into the Oval Office "to collect additional evidence on the president's true intentions." Rosenstein said he thought it was possible because "he was not searched when he entered the White House."

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**JW Sues for Rod
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Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "These critical days in May, a scant three months into President Trump's term, included extraordinary targeting of President Trump by Rod Rosenstein and other Deep State officials at the DOJ and FBI. Our lawsuit aims to uncover what exactly Mr. Rosenstein's role was in any discussions to overthrow President Trump."

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True the Vote Wins Battle Against IRS as Judge Orders Tax Agency to Pay Legal Fees in Decade-Long Fight

True the Vote, a nonpartisan conservative election integrity group that fought a nearly decade-long battle with the IRS and other federal agencies that unfairly targeted the group, has won a major decision in federal court and shall be awarded maximum attorney fees. "This is a huge victory for every American who thinks that they can't go up against the government and get what they deserve," Catherine Engelbrecht, True the Vote's founder, told Breitbart News in an exclusive interview ahead of the group's public announcement of the victory. "This is an opportunity to make very clear that we didn't back away and, therefore, American citizens didn't back away—and we won."

NATIONAL

WSJ: Judge Calls Accusations Over Census Serious, but Won't Interfere in High Court Case

A federal judge in New York on Wednesday declined to immediately address allegations that Trump administration officials lied about adding a citizenship question to the census, saying while the accusations were serious he wouldn't interfere with a case now before the U.S. Supreme Court. "There is no reason I can see to rush this process," said U.S. District Judge Jesse Furman. He asked for formal written arguments, setting deadlines after the Supreme Court is expected to rule. He said the plaintiffs, who have indicated they are seeking sanctions, should specify what would be appropriate. The hearing comes in a closely watched case about whether the government can ask about citizenship on the 2020 census, a question the high court is expected to rule on later this month. In January, Judge Furman, an Obama appointee who presided over a lower-court trial on the issue, ruled the Trump administration couldn't include the question on the decennial survey.

STATES

Arizona: AG Gets \$530,000 to Investigate Election Fraud

Arizona's attorney general is hiring four people dedicated to investigating alleged voter fraud amid accusations of widespread malfeasance in elections leveled without evidence by President Donald Trump and other Republicans. Republican Attorney General Mark Brnovich isn't setting out to find support for those claims, his spokesman said, but rather to give people confidence in the outcome of elections — even if that means his new investigators find little or no wrongdoing. The budget signed this week by Republican Gov. Doug Ducey gives Brnovich \$530,000 for the project. "Consider us the 'MythBusters' of election fraud claims and rumors," said Ryan Anderson, a spokesman for Brnovich. "If there is fraud, let's investigate it, let's prosecute it and work to eradicate it," Anderson said. "If there's not fraud, then let's give the public the confidence they deserve in their elections."

California: Impasse Blocks Effort to Fix California Double Voting Loophole

Easing voting laws enacted to allow Californians to cast their ballots in a variety of ways -- to the point that any friend or stranger can drop off a ballot for other voters -- has coincided with a rising Democratic tide

sweeping through once solidly red swaths of the state in the last two elections. But in a surprise twist, election officials in one heavily Democratic county east of San Francisco have fought for three years to fix a serious procedural flaw in the Golden State's voting system: Voters can cast two ballots.

It's not just a hypothetical. There's documented proof that more than a hundred voters cast at least two ballots in Contra Costa County -- and at least 75 others double-voted in a nearby county -- in the 2016 primary, even though the loophole isn't so widely known that voters are purposefully and systematically exploiting it, election officials say.

District of Columbia: D.C. To Consider Expanding Voting Access to Incarcerated Felons, Vote-By-Mail

A pair of bills introduced in the D.C. Council Tuesday would expand voting options for residents, both by allowing them to cast ballots by mail and by permitting incarcerated felons to vote — a right currently offered only by Maine and Vermont. Under a bill introduced by Council member Robert White (D-At Large), D.C. residents convicted and imprisoned for committing felonies would retain their voting rights while serving sentences. While D.C. felons automatically regain the right to vote once they leave prison, a law dating back to 1955 automatically strips that right upon conviction.

Florida: Ron DeSantis Signs Crack Down on Constitutional Amendments, Solidifying Republican Control in Florida

Gov. Ron DeSantis on Friday approved legislation that would crack down on citizen petitions, a move that is likely to quash future ballot initiatives disliked by Republican lawmakers and corporate donors. The bill, which takes effect before the 2020 election, makes it drastically harder to collect enough signatures to make it onto voters' ballots. And it will solidify Republican control in Tallahassee by eliminating one of the last threats to their power: the ballot box.

Florida: Former Democratic Party Boss Wants Job Overseeing Broward Elections

Mitch Ceasar, who spent decades trying to help Democrats win elections as a political party leader, now wants the job of running all elections in Broward County. Ceasar filed paperwork on Wednesday to run for supervisor of elections in 2020.

Georgia: Abrams: 'You Don't Have the Right to Vote' in Georgia

Failed Georgia gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams said on Thursday evening that the "right to vote" does not exist in Georgia, where she claimed people have "the opportunity to possibly think about maybe being able to participate in the right to vote." Abrams, who refused to concede to Brian Kemp and has been declaring to various audiences in recent months that she "won" the 2018 election, told the Democratic National Committee's African-American Leadership Council Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, that "we will never know what could have been" because polling places were closed and voter rolls were purged. Abrams, who still has not closed the door on a potential 2020 presidential bid, recently paid off her IRS, student loan, and credit card debts and has said that she believes she could still win the nomination if she enters the race in the fall after the first round of debates.

Kentucky: County Clerks to Alison Lundergan Grimes: Stop Eroding Trust in Kentucky Elections

Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes held a press conference Thursday to tell voters they should be concerned about the State Board of Elections after she found errors in the official vote totals from May's primary election. "This is much ado about nothing. Nothing happened this election that doesn't happen every election and get caught and fixed," said Fayette County Clerk Don Blevins Jr., a Democrat. "That's how it works, that's why we have the State Board of Elections and certifications." Blevins, who helped craft the legislation earlier this year that stripped Grimes of her authority over the elections board, said such mistakes are normally caught and corrected before the official vote totals are presented to the board of elections. The only difference this year, he said, is that Grimes presented the mistakes at the board meeting rather than correcting them before the meeting. The new law stripped Grimes of her position as chairwoman of the board of elections, but she remains on the board as a non-voting member and continues to be the state's chief elections officer.

Maine: Maine Could Be Latest State to Automatically Register Voters

Maine could join 17 states that automatically register voters. The House passed Democratic Speaker Sara Gideon's bill in a 88-56 vote Wednesday. The bill faces further House and Senate votes. Maine would automatically register voters who do business with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by 2022 under the bill, which has a one-time cost of \$140,000 federal funds. Maine's Secretary of State could also allow certain groups like private colleges to help automatically register voters. The National Conference of State Legislatures says 17 states and the District of Columbia have automatic voter registration. The bill also allows 16-year-olds to conditionally vote and enroll in a political party - down from 17. An amendment requires individuals to be notified that they can opt-out, and for registrars of voters to determine eligibility.

Massachusetts: Massachusetts Eyes Growing List of Election Day Registration States

Advocates on Wednesday renewed a push to allow Massachusetts residents to register to vote and cast a ballot on the same day during an early voting period or on Election Day. Current law requires voters to be registered at least 20 days before an election in which they plan to vote. The Election Modernization Coalition estimates that 100,000 eligible Massachusetts voters are disenfranchised each election cycle because of the requirement to register to vote at least 20 days before an election. The coalition said the election reform would reduce the human error associated with paper forms, cut down on provisional ballots and make elections more secure.

New Jersey: 60 Mail-In Ballots Challenged in Atlantic City's 4th Ward

A Democrat candidate for Atlantic City Council in the hotly contested 4th Ward has challenged 60 mail-in ballots in the primary election for allegedly being sent to addresses that are not residential. Surajit "Milton" Chowdhury presented his information to the Atlantic County Board of Elections Monday night, said Chairwoman Evelyn Catterson. Five Democrats and three Republicans in the ward are vying for their party's nod to be the official candidate in the November general election.

Oregon: Legislature Endorses Oregon's Move to National Popular Vote

Oregon is on its way to joining a movement to ignore the Electoral College in favor of the popular vote in presidential elections. Senate Bill 870 passed the House 37-22 on Wednesday, June 5, after passing the Senate nearly two months ago. The bill joins Oregon in a group of 15 states supporting the effort to have the popular vote reflected in ballots cast in the Electoral College. The bill now goes to Gov. Kate Brown, who has supported the popular vote since her time as secretary of state. She will sign it, a spokeswoman said. With Oregon, the states would control 196 electoral votes. The compact would only go into effect if enough states joined to reach the 270 electoral college votes needed to decide an election.

Pennsylvania: Lawsuit Over Absentee Voting Claims Early Deadline is Unconstitutional

Pennsylvania has the earliest absentee ballot deadline in the country — 5 p.m. on the Friday before an election. Ream didn't receive his ballot until October 31 — five days before the election, but only two before the deadline. He mailed it via the U.S. Postal Service, but it didn't arrive to officials in Perry County on time. Now, Ream and eight other voters claiming disenfranchisement are suing Pennsylvania in an attempt to give absentee voters greater leeway. The first oral arguments in the case were heard in Commonwealth Court Wednesday in Philadelphia. Petitioners want the court to push back the deadline, but wouldn't yet advocate for a specific day and time. "There are 47 states that have an Election Day deadline for returning an absentee ballot, and the only other states that have a deadline earlier than that are Mississippi and Louisiana. Pennsylvania can do better than that," said Benjamin Geffen, a lawyer with the Public Interest Law Center representing the plaintiffs. A Keystone Crossroads story found that nearly 10,000 absentee ballots were rejected in Pennsylvania in 2018 — double the amount in 2010. Historically, most rejections occur because ballots are tardy. Plaintiffs argue the current scheme is unconstitutional and requires a remedy from the courts. The defense in this case, which represents the Pa. Department of State, as well as leaders of the state legislature, claimed that the court would overstep its duty by allowing the case to proceed. Defense attorney Kathleen Gallagher argued the deadline decision needs to be set by legislation agreed to by the General Assembly and the governor.

Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Bill Would Require Voter ID for All Elections

A state lawmaker has introduced legislation that would require Pennsylvanians to present some form of identification each and every time they vote in an election. Rep. Jeff Wheeland (R-Lycoming) said his proposal, House Bill 1579, would include photo and non-photo options such as a current utility bill, bank statement, or government check as acceptable forms of ID. Voters unable to present a valid photo ID

would be required to present two forms of non-photo ID. Wheeland said his measure would enhance the security of the electoral process. Currently in Pennsylvania, voters do not need to show identification at a polling place unless voting for the first time in an election district. The state legislature approved a voter ID law in 2012, but a Commonwealth Court ruling nullified a requirement that voters present a photo ID.

Texas: Texas Ditched its Botched Voter Roll Review but Has Signaled it Hasn't Closed its Criminal Inquiry

When former Secretary of State David Whitley launched a review of the Texas voter rolls for supposed noncitizens, his office marked almost 100,000 voters for two reviews — one by county officials to question their voter eligibility and another by the Texas attorney general's office for possible criminal prosecution. More than a month after a legal settlement was reached to scrap the review, Paxton's office has indicated it is keeping open the criminal investigation file it initiated based on the secretary of state's referral. The attorney general's office has not given any public indication that it has pursued criminal charges based on the list. But it declined to answer specific questions about the fate of its investigation into the voters on the state's original list now that the review has been ditched, offering instead a more general comment on their investigations.

Texas: Fort Worth Councilwoman Asks for Election Fraud Lawsuit to be Dismissed

City Councilwoman Kelly Allen Gray is asking that a lawsuit filed against her alleging election fraud be dismissed. The lawsuit — filed by Chris Nettles, who challenged her for the District 8 council seat in May — questioned the validity of more than 200 absentee ballots in that election.

REDISTRICTING

AP: Lawyers: Redistricting Expert Files Show Judges Were Misled

In litigation over North Carolina's legislative districts, Democrats and election reform advocates contend documents from a Republican redistricting expert show lawmakers misled judges about whether special elections should have been held in 2017 under new district lines. Attorneys for GOP legislators initially didn't formally attempt to limit or block access to what became over 75,000 files from more than 20 hard drives or thumb drives. Phil Strach, representing the Republican legislators, demanded last week that Common Cause and other plaintiffs stop reviewing the files and giving them to outside parties.

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LEAD

The Voter Suppression Myth

Democrats accuse Republicans of suppressing the minority vote with laws to ensure ballot integrity. But then how do they explain record minority turnout last November? If Republicans were trying to stop minorities from voting, their schemes were inept. The number of Latino voters nearly doubled in last year's midterms compared to 2014 and came close to presidential year levels, according to a Pew Research Center analysis of new Census Bureau data. The share of blacks who voted climbed 10.8 percentage points to 51.4%, which was similar to the increase in white turnout (11.7 points). Whites made up 72.8% of the national electorate, down from 76.3% in 2014. The minority turnout surge benefited Democrats who picked up 40 House seats, seven governorships and six legislative chambers. But Democrats still blame their defeats in the Florida and Georgia gubernatorial races on voter suppression. Census data show otherwise.

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Washington Times: Americans Back the Census Citizenship Question, Including 53% of Hispanic Voters

Despite considerable press coverage which undermines the idea of a citizenship question, a sizable number of people approve of the idea and they span all demographics and age groups, according to a new Hill-HarrisX survey of 1,002 registered U.S. voters conducted earlier this week. "Six in 10 registered voters, 60%, said that the U.S. Census Bureau should ask the citizenship question even if it results in fewer responses. Another 21% said the question should not be included, while 19% were unsure," wrote Hill analyst **Matthew Sheffield**. "Despite partisan differences, a majority of voters from all demographics included in the survey said they believed the citizenship question should be included. White voters overwhelmingly supported the question, with 65% in favor and 17% opposed. Black respondents favored asking about citizenship by a 53-19% margin. Hispanic respondents supported it, 53-28%."

STATE

California: More Corruption in Voter Registration

We already have same day voter registration and even that is not enough for Democrats. "A bill to allow the use of non-provisional ballots for conditional same-day voter registration is being touted as necessary "for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or update their registration before an election." Why do you need a safety net for those who missed the voting deadline, when there is no voting deadline? Just another way to have unqualified people vote and be counted. 2018 was the year of the corrupt absentee ballot harvesting by the Democrats. 2020 will be the year of the corrupt voting due to AB 693. Will the GOP take this seriously—since they did nothing to stop the lack of chain of custody to get their voices heard in regard to ballot harvesting?

California: Failures in California's 2018 Midterm Election Demand Serious Investigation

In recent years, much effort has been made by California legislators and election officials to provide increased voter registration and ballot "access," with few restrictions, the emphasis being "voter experience" not voter eligibility. In pursuit of the ultimate voter experience—and in doing so, undermining

the integrity of California's election system—legislation has been adopted to include pre-registering children to vote, allowing non-citizens to vote in city elections, allowing mail ballots to arrive after Election Day, rejecting voter ID, removing restrictions on who can handle and return mail ballots, automatic DMV voter registration, same-day registration and voting and, in future, providing all registrants with vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots.

Connecticut: Candidates Cast Suspicion on Absentee Votes

It would not be a municipal election without charges of absentee or mail-in ballot abuse. Thursday's complaints were a little more unusual than past years' because they came in a joint statement from three of the five candidates vying to replace the late state Rep. Ezequiel Santiago, D-Bridgeport. Former state legislator Hector Diaz and activist and one-time school board member Kate Rivera, Democrats who petitioned their way onto the ballot in Tuesday's special election, plus Republican Joshua Parrow called on the city's Registrar of Voters to supervise voting by absentee ballot at seven housing complexes. The three opponents also united to ask that Democratic Registrar Santa "Sandi" Ayala not be involved with the mail-in votes because her daughter, ex-state Rep. Christina Ayala, is also running to replace Santiago, who died in March.

Florida: Bill Mandates Felons Pay all Fees Before Voting

Most Florida felons will have their voting rights restored under a bill the state Senate passed Thursday to implement a constitutional amendment approved by voters, though it won't just be a matter of walking out of prison and being able to register. The bill will require that all financial obligations ordered by a judge be paid before felons can vote. That's an obstacle Democrats say wasn't intended when 64.5% of voters decided to let felons vote once they've completed their sentences. The measure approved by voters in November doesn't allow the restoration of voting rights for murderers and felony sex offenders. Republican Sen. Jeff Brandes said he wishes his bill could be more lenient, but the language of the amendment said all terms of a sentence have to be completed, and that includes restitution, court costs, fines and fees ordered by a judge. He said that language doesn't give the Legislature any leeway to ignore it.

Michigan: State Police Investigating Possible Voter Fraud

Just days before Election Day, Indiana State Police are investigating possible voter fraud in Michigan City. That is where the LaPorte County Clerk says nearly a dozen absentee ballots seemed suspicious. The ballots all had the same return address but for different people.

New Jersey: Lawmakers Call on AG to Ensure Secure Vote-by-Mail Process

Republican lawmakers sent a letter to Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal requesting his office provide guidelines that would allow the N.J. Division of Elections to issue rules to county superintendents of elections for the purpose of ensuring a secure vote-by-mail process. In August 2018, Gov. Murphy signed a new vote-by-mail law that caused confusion because the state did not provide proper guidance on interpretation and implementation prior to it going into effect. Under the law, voters who signed up for and got mail-in ballots for the 2016 general election will continue to be sent those ballots for all future elections unless they opt-out in writing to their respective county clerks. If they don't opt-out, they are required to vote by mail or fill out a provisional ballot at the polls. In addition to securing the integrity of the vote-by-mail process, the lawmakers called for a thorough investigation of any alleged voter fraud, which is consistent with the attorney general's initiative to combat corruption and increase confidence in government in the newly created Office of Public Integrity & Accountability (OPIA).

New Jersey: New Brunswick Woman Charged with Voter Fraud

A city woman has been charged with trying to use someone else's name in an attempt to register to vote, according to a press release from Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew C. Carey and Director Anthony Caputo of the New Brunswick Police Department. Mallory Marchese, 51, of New Brunswick is charged with one count of false registration in the third degree, one count of forgery in the fourth degree and one count of tampering with public records, a disorderly persons offense. An investigation by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office began in December 2018, when notification of these crimes was made by the Middlesex County Board of Elections.

New York: Amid Public Outrage, NYC Board of Elections Pulls Private Voter Records from Internet

After massive public backlash, and the possibility for legal backlash as well, the New York City Board of Elections has quickly wiped the public's private information from the internet. Voter rolls listing full names, home addresses that included apartment numbers, and party affiliations for all 4.6 million registered voters in New York City were dumped on the BOE's website.

Texas: Dallas Woman Says She Was Victim of Mail-in Ballot Fraud

A Dallas woman has told KXAS-TV in North Texas that she was a victim of mail-in ballot fraud, after a man who had ordered and collected mail-in ballots for her in the past told her this time she had to change her vote. Bridgett Moore, who lives in Dallas Housing Authority's Cliff Manor development for elderly and disabled people, told the TV station (also known as NBC) that the same man – whose name she doesn't know – has presented her in recent city elections with mail-in ballots he claimed he had ordered for her. The man came back later to collect it each time. This year, Moore wanted to vote for Albert Black, former chairman of the Dallas Housing Authority Board, for mayor in the May 4 election, but the man insisted she should vote for another candidate.

REDISTRICTING

Michigan: GOP Appeals Michigan Gerrymandering Ruling to Supreme Court

Michigan legislative and congressional Republicans are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse a blockbuster ruling that the state's political maps must be redrawn because of an unconstitutional gerrymander of "historical proportions." Attorneys for GOP lawmakers on Tuesday filed notices of appeal with the U.S. District Court in Detroit, where a three-judge panel last week ordered officials to create new boundaries for at least 34 state House, Senate and congressional districts. The brief notices did not include arguments for the appeal, which would be filed separately with the U.S. Supreme Court. Attorneys are also expected to seek a "stay" delaying the panel ruling while the nation's highest court considers separate gerrymandering cases out of North Carolina and Maryland. At issue in the Michigan case are political maps approved by the Republican-led Legislature in 2011 and signed into law by then-Gov. Rick Snyder for the 2012 elections. A federal panel comprised of two Democratic appointed judges and one Republican appointee last week unanimously ruled the maps violated the First and 14th Amendment rights of plaintiff voters who filed the federal lawsuit.

Texas: In Long-Winding Case, Court Considers Federal Oversight of Texas Redistricting

Back in the federal courthouse where most of an eight year-long case has played out, the fight over forcing Texas back under federal oversight of its mapmaking appeared to hinge on whether the state should be held accountable for political maps that never took effect. The arguments for a return to the days when Texas needed approval of its political districts diverged significantly during a Thursday court hearing before a panel of three federal judges. The state and the plaintiffs each appeared to have a judge on their side. One judge was skeptical of any sort of supervision for state lawmakers, while another judge openly considered why Texas should be allowed to redraw its maps without any sort of guardianship given its recent discrimination against voters of color. But the high-stakes fight — and ultimately the ruling from the three-judge panel overseeing the case — may very well rest on Chief U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia, who made few remarks during the hearing but summed up the issue in one question. "Is it actual injury or threatened harm that controls the issue?" Garcia asked.

Virginia: Northam Vetoes Anti-Gerrymandering Bill

Gov. Ralph Northam vetoed a bill, SB 1579, that sought to ban gerrymandering by requiring legislative and Congressional districts be geographically compact. The bill's sponsor, state Sen. David Suetterlein, R-Roanoke County, said Northam's action belied the governor's stance on gerrymandering when he ran for office. "Governor Northam has once again put partisanship first by vetoing the only anti-gerrymandering bill to cross his desk," Suetterlein said, noting that of the eight localities in his Senate district, six are split by Senatorial district lines.

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Dennis Prager: 'God Will Ask You Why You Didn't Vote'

My Faith Votes recently sat down with Dennis Prager, conservative radio host, author and co-founder of Prager University. The wide-ranging conversation — which can be seen here and at the bottom of this article — touched on the political and cultural divide in America, how the ideology of the Left constitutes a godless religion that has infiltrated society's core, raising boys in today's culture — and Big Tech's biased censorship of over 100 PragerU videos. To me, though, the most important part of our time with Dennis Prager was the few minutes we discussed why some people choose not to vote. While the percentage changes from election to election, in general about 60 percent of eligible voters participate in presidential elections and even fewer, roughly 40 percent, participate in midterm elections.

NATIONAL

The Hill: Liberals Try to Derail Census Case with Fake News About Citizenship

Some liberals are terrified that the Supreme Court will allow the Trump administration to reinstate a citizenship question on the census. Why? Because they do not want accurate information about the number of noncitizens living in the United States. Their latest ploy is an attempt to "improperly derail" the resolution of this case, the Justice Department wrote in a letter this month. At the heart of the motion by the plaintiffs to reopen the evidence and sanction the government is their claim, which the Justice Department itself says "borders on frivolous," that Thomas Hofeller, a Republican National Committee redistricting expert, had supposedly influenced the decision to reinstate the citizenship question through a 2015 study, and that Trump administration officials failed to reveal his involvement.

GOPUSA: Coalition to Change Electoral College Votes Grows Closer to 270-Vote Mark

Five times in U.S. history, the presidential candidate who won the national popular vote did not win the White House — including two of the last five elections. Those losses have spurred a national movement to change the way elections are won. Since Democrat Hillary Clinton lost the 2016 race, with nearly 3 million more votes than Donald Trump, a number of states have passed laws to award their electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote. Fifteen states and Washington, D.C., have so far enacted such laws — with the latest, Oregon, joining Wednesday. It's a movement that's been growing since 2006, when the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact — a non-profit with the goal of enacting a system to elect the popular vote winner — formed to persuade states to join.

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Colorado: Organizers Behind National Popular Vote Law Repeal Say They're Halfway to Signature Goal for Colorado Ballot

Organizers pushing to roll back Colorado's involvement in the national popular vote movement say they're halfway to their signature goal for a ballot measure that would ask voters to repeal the new state law. Gov. Jared Polis signed the measure into law earlier this year. It would tie the state's electoral votes to the presidential candidate who receives the most votes across the nation if a national effort reaches its goal of signing on enough states to commit 270 electoral votes — the number needed for a candidate to win the White House — to the winner of the popular vote nationally. "More than 2,100 Coloradans have

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volunteered to carry petitions to protect Colorado's votes," organizers said in a fundraising email. "We want Colorado voters to decide who gets our Electoral College votes, not voters in California, Illinois and New York." According to the email, Coloradans Vote, the group behind the repeal effort, has collected 100,000 signatures. To qualify for the 2020 ballot, the group needs to submit 124,632 valid signatures to the Secretary of State by Aug. 1. To ensure enough are valid, organizers want to collect 200,000 signatures.

Colorado: Ethics Group Suing Secretary of State Jena Griswold Over Lack of Transparency in Open Records Request

Secretary of State Jena Griswold is facing her first lawsuit since being sworn into office just five months ago. Judicial Watch, a conservative Washington D.C.-based organization is suing Griswold for communication records she refused to turn over through a Colorado Open Records Act Request. Griswold could not immediately be reached for comment. The suit was filed on behalf of Todd Shepherd, a reporter for the *Washington Free Beacon*. Shepherd, who also co-founded *Complete Colorado* before moving to Washington, filed for several documents on February 4 pertaining to an Electoral College debate concerning the National Popular Vote (NPV) Bill that was eventually signed by Gov. Jared Polis. Former Secretary of State Scott Gessler is representing Shepherd in the suit.

Florida: Voter Registration Mailer Creates Confusion for Voters and Phone Calls for Officials

Dozens of Leon County residents received notices in their mailboxes today that they were not registered to vote. The mailing initiated a flood of phone calls to the Supervisor of Elections Office by people wanting to know why they were removed from the voter rolls. Problem is, they weren't. And Florida election officials had nothing to do with the notifications. They were sent by two non-profit groups based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to increasing voter participation among lower income residents, people of color and single women. But the effort, according to Leon County Supervisor of Elections Mark Earley, seems to create more confusion each year than increase new voters.

Florida: Gillum: Investigation Won't Derail Push to 'Flip Florida Blue'

A federal grand jury in north Florida has subpoenaed information related to Gillum's gubernatorial campaign, his political committee and associated non-profit groups. Gillum, considered a rising star in the party after losing to DeSantis, in March announced an ambitious plan to register up to 1 million voters as part of an effort to block President Donald Trump from retaking Florida, the nation's largest battleground state, in 2020. The question, however, is whether the federal investigation could dampen donor enthusiasm. Gillum's non-profit group, Forward Florida Action, has given \$100,000 to the party so far to boost registration efforts. Cash will be doled out to the Florida Democratic Party and progressive south Florida organizations with voter-registration infrastructure.

Florida: Dems Prepping for a 2020 Florida Recount Some See as Inevitable

Florida Democrats on Saturday were put on notice and told by the state's new voter protection director to expect a recount during next year's presidential election. Brandon Peters, who was hired by the state party in May, told a packed room of Democratic activists gathered in Orlando that there will be teams of volunteers trained in how to monitor county canvassing boards for recount problems around the state. "We are going to be prepared," Peters said at the party's Leadership Blue 2019 meeting. The state party is coordinating with the Democratic National Party to set up a tool to track election problems in real time. There also will be a hotline for volunteers to call in problems, Peters said.

Louisiana: Crowley Woman Faces Voter Fraud Charges Delores

The state Attorney General's Office has accused the 68-year-old Crowley woman of failing to "mark a ballot in the manner dictated by the voter when assisting" on two separate occasions, Acadia Parish Today reported. According the Attorney General's Office, Louisiana Department of State Elections Compliance Unit is leading the investigation. "It came to us on a request for assistance from District Attorney Keith Stutes," Jacques Ambers, special assistant to the AG, said Thursday. "As stated on the bill of information, we allege that the two offenses were committed on September 6, 2018, and September 10, 2018"

Maine: Maine Democrats Advance Bill to Establish Automatic Voter Registration by 2022

Maine is on track to become the 18th state to establish an automatic voter registration system after Democrats pushed a measure backed by party leaders through the state Senate on Monday in the second

consecutive party-line vote on the issue. The upper chamber backed a bill from House Speaker Sara Gideon, D-Freeport, in a 19-14 vote. Only Democrats voted for it after another party-line vote in the House of Representatives last week. The measure faces further action in both chambers and would take effect in 2022. Gideon's bill is backed by Secretary of State Matt Dunlap, a Democrat whose office would administer the program through the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It will be similar to most automatic registration programs in the U.S., according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

New Jersey: Elections Officials Find Three More Ballots In a Bag

The Union County Board of Elections just found three more provisional ballots in a bag for the Democratic primary in Roselle that were not counted on Friday. "We found three provisional ballots in the supply bag for Roselle 5-2, two of which should have been counted on Friday; the third voter was not registered." The newly-found ballots do not change the results for the contested county committee seats in Ward 5, District 2.

North Carolina: Three Eastern Carolina Residents Charged with Voter Fraud

Three Eastern Carolina residents have been arrested for voter fraud. The SBI says two people from Goldsboro and another from New Bern used fake addresses to vote in the May 2018 primary and one voted twice. Terrell Graham, 31, of Goldsboro, and David Williams, 55, also of Goldsboro, have been charged with corruptly taking the oath prescribed to voters. Keymonti Winn-Hocutt, 19, of New Bern is charged with corruptly taking the oath prescribed to voters and double voting. The Wayne County Board of Elections notified state election officials about possible election violations during early voting, and the SBI then began to investigate.

Oregon: Gov. Kate Brown Signs National Popular Vote Compact

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown signed Wednesday a bill to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, bringing to 16 the number of jurisdictions that have joined the accord to bypass the Electoral College. In doing so, Oregon became the 15th state and 16th jurisdiction — the District of Columbia has also signed on — to enter the compact, bringing the total to 196 electoral votes, 74 shy of the 270 needed for the agreement to take effect.

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Virginia: Supreme Court Upholds New Virginia Legislative Maps

Virginia's legislative elections this year will happen under new court-ordered maps, after the Supreme Court ruled Monday that the GOP-led House of Delegates can't step in and independently appeal a case the state's attorney general has given up. Democrats believe the new maps, with lines more favorable to black voters' political power, give them a leg up as they try to win control of the state House for the first time in two decades. The ruling came on procedural grounds, with the five-justice majority saying the state's GOP-led House doesn't have the ability to step in and pursue a court case if the attorney general, a Democrat, has surrendered. The decision comes as Virginia gears up for momentous state legislative elections. Democrats say the new maps pave the way for the House, currently at 51 Republicans and 49 Democrats, to turn. Attorney General Mark Herring accepted the court's ruling, but the GOP-led House, which had participated in the lower court as intervenors, wanted to appeal. The high court on Monday said it didn't have standing to do so. The new maps were already used for last week's primaries, and now will be the battleground for the general election in November.

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Free Beacon: Soros Pours \$5.1 Million Into New 2020 PAC

Liberal billionaire George Soros poured \$5.1 million into a new political action committee that was quietly established earlier this year for the 2020 election cycle, filings show. In early January, a statement of organization was filed to the Federal Election Commission to establish the Democracy PAC. Now, new semi-annual filings reveal that the financier pushed \$100,000 into the Democracy PAC on Feb. 13 and \$5,000,000 more into the committee on June 2. Soros is the only donor to the PAC as of June 30. During the first half of the year, the Democracy PAC disbursed \$6,620.17 to the Perkins Coie law firm and \$600 to NGP Van, a voter database and consulting company. An individual familiar with the PAC told *Politico* Wednesday evening that Soros plans to use the entity to fund other liberal groups and organizations.

Trump Calls for Voter-ID Laws, Use of Paper Ballots as Backup

President Trump threw his support behind laws requiring valid identification to vote, arguing that such a move would ensure the "safety and sanctity of our voting system." Mr. Trump also called for using paper ballots as a backup, tweeting Tuesday afternoon that the method is "old fashioned but true!" He sent the tweet after giving a speech in Virginia. The president has repeatedly claimed, without evidence, that large numbers of people have voted illegally in U.S. elections. There is no indication that voter fraud has occurred on a broad scale. Opponents of voter-ID measures say efforts to enact identification requirements represent a veiled effort to suppress votes by creating hurdles for people who lack IDs, many of whom advocates say are disproportionately lower-income and people of color.

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Alabama: Merrill Rebutts SPLC Claim That Voter Fraud is 'Non-Existent' — Cites Six Recent Alabama Convictions

After the Montgomery-based Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) on Tuesday sent out a press release claiming "voter fraud" has "consistently proven to be non-existent," Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill in an interview with Yellowhammer News pointed to specific, confirmed cases of recent voter fraud in the state, rebutting the SPLC's assertion. The SPLC release was in reference to a tweet by President Donald Trump earlier that day supporting voter identification requirements.

Colorado: Activists Submit Record Number of Signatures to Overturn Colorado Electoral Vote Law

Colorado voters could decide in the 2020 election to void a controversial new law that would award the state's nine Electoral College votes to the presidential candidate who wins the popular vote nationwide if enough states pass similar legislation. The law's opponents submitted more than 227,000 signatures on a referendum petition to the Secretary of State's Office on Thursday, far more than the 124,632 needed to get the question on the ballot. The office has about a month to validate the signatures, plus 30 days to

allow for protests or challenges to the petition.

Florida: Dems Man Up for Recount; GOP Looks to Boost Voter Ranks

Election Day in November 2020 is still more than a year away, but Florida Democrats are already lining up their poll watching, legal and — just in case — recount teams while state Republicans look to drive registrations higher. Brandon Peters, the state party's voter protection program director, says he told Democratic activists at the state party's Leadership Blue 2019 meeting in June that they should assume another recount will occur in 2020. He hopes to recruit as many as 15,000 lawyers and volunteers by July of next year. Among the controversies associated with the recounts were challenges to ballots that had not been filled out correctly, or in which the voter's signature did not match records, among other maladies. Given the state's history of narrow election results — the races for the U.S. Senate, governor and a state Cabinet post were decided by votes totaling fractions of a percent last year — how problem ballots are "cured," or reconciled, could determine who wins a contest. The Republican Party of Florida isn't sitting on its hands, either. The party has already trained over 3,000 local organizers to help with voter registration, officials say.

Georgia: Georgia Elections Chief: Paper Ballots Will Settle Election Disputes

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Tuesday that "there won't be any doubts" about election results once the state installs its new \$107 million voting system, which includes a paper ballot to check the accuracy of vote counts. The addition of paper ballots to Georgia's elections will help increase voters' confidence — and reduce complaints — about voting results, he said. Raffensperger praised the new touchscreen-and-paper voting system after Georgia officials awarded a contract Monday for 30,000 new voting machines to Dominion Voting, the nation's second-largest elections company. The voting system will be used by Georgia voters statewide during the March 24 presidential preference primary. "With the paper ballot, you can hold it in your hands, take a look at it and make sure your selections are right," Raffensperger said during an interview with The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "The people in the campaigns will have to learn to accept the results because there won't be any doubts or that sense of uncertainty."

Mississippi: Canton School Board Member Guilty of Voter Intimidation

A member of the Canton School Board has been convicted of voter intimidation. Courtney Rainey was found guilty Wednesday, but it was a hung jury on the voter fraud charge. Rainey is one of at least five people charged with trying to influence the 2017 Canton municipal election. Prosecutors said Rainey is accused of bribing voters with Walmart gift cards and cash, and improperly helping people fill out absentee ballots. Rainey is running as an independent for justice court judge in Madison County.

New Hampshire: Sununu Vetoes Democratic-Passed Voting Bills, Says Election 'Integrity' to Remain in Place

Gov. Chris Sununu on Monday vetoed two Democratic-passed election law bills that would have repealed prior Republican-backed laws to tighten the state's voting registration requirements and require that people who vote in New Hampshire take steps to become residents of the state. Sununu vetoed House bills 105 and 106, which were the responses of the 2019 Democratic legislative majority to the passage of Senate Bill 3 in 2017 and House Bill 1264 in 2018, when Republicans were in the majority. "In fact, in the 2018 general election, the state law record turnout in many towns with high populations of those voters," the governor wrote. "The lesson is clear: Ensuring integrity in our elections increases voter confidence and increases voter turnout," Sununu wrote. "We should not roll back Senate Bill 3's improvements to our election process."

New Hampshire: Out-Of-State College Students Sue New Hampshire Over Voter Residency Requirements

Obtaining a license may be a necessary second step to voter registration in New Hampshire under the state's new residency requirements. Specifically, the new law broadens the definition of "resident" as required to register to vote, meaning anyone who registers to vote in New Hampshire is declaring residency in the state. That registration could subsequently trigger motor vehicle registration laws, according to the Concord Monitor, including the state's requirement that any new residents to obtain a New Hampshire license within 60 days. Two Dartmouth students are suing the state over the requirement, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union, and had a good news/bad news week in court.

North Carolina: Convicted Felons Charged with Illegally Voting in Hoke

Four convicted felons have been charged with illegally voting in the 2016 elections in Hoke County. Tregwon Covington, Lanisha Bratcher, Richard Daniels Jr. and Tullous Burrow all face a felony charge of voter fraud. All were on probation or parole in 2016 for felony convictions, which in North Carolina and many other states disqualifies a person from voting. If convicted, they face up to two years in prison.

North Dakota: Appeals Court Ruling Favors ND Voter ID Law Said to Discriminate Against Native Americans

In a Wednesday opinion, an appeals court delivered a blow to Native American plaintiffs who say North Dakota's voter identification requirements are unconstitutional and discriminatory. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of North Dakota's voter identification law, canceling a lower court's opinion that sided with the Native American plaintiffs. The plaintiffs, each from the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, sued North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger in January 2016, alleging that the state's voter ID requirements create a burden for Indigenous people. The suit claimed some plaintiffs were refused the right to vote in November 2014 because their tribal ID didn't list a current residential address.

Ohio: Voter Registration Reset List Distributed by Ohio Secretary of State

In a first-of-its-kind effort to reach inactive and abandoned voter registrations, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose has implemented a new initiative -- the Registration Reset List. Both state and federal law require Ohio to maintain accurate voter records. The Registration Reset list consists of registrations identified by county boards of elections as registrations that have been inactive for six years, or at least 12 elections.

Texas: Case Against Men Charged with Illegal Voting Moves Forward

The cases against four Starr County men who were arrested last year on illegal voting charges will move forward after a grand jury issued indictments against them last week. The four men — Rigoberto Vela, 49, Oscar Ivan Peña, 24, Reynaldo Moreno, 49, and Rogelio Garcia, 44 — were each indicted on a charge of illegal voting for allegedly casting votes during elections held in 2016 despite being on felony probation. Vela allegedly cast a ballot on Feb. 20, 2016 as part of the March 2016 Democratic Primary, Peña is accused of voting on Oct. 25, 2016 in the November 2016 elections for the city of Escobares, Moreno is accused of voting on Nov. 1, 2016 in the November 2016 city of Roma elections, while Garcia is accused of voting on May 18, 2016 in a runoff election for the 2016 Democratic Primary. Their indictments were signed on July 24 and all were issued a \$5,000 bond except for Garcia, who was issued a \$1,000 bond.

Washington: Dozens of King County Voters, Living and Dead, Get Duplicate Ballots

Several dozen King County voters have reported getting two ballots in the mail. The director of King County Elections attributes that to glitches in Secretary of State's new VoteWA voter registration system. State officials say the off-year primary is the ideal timing. King County said in some cases the state's new voter registration system has created two registrations for a single person, because they have two versions of their name, with and without an apostrophe for example, or a middle name. King County Elections Director Julie Wise said typically when voters update their records after a change of address, the county may send a second ballot, but both are tracked as single registration. "Those aren't uncommon, what's uncommon is for us to have true duplicate records," she said. Wise said 73 people have contacted them saying they received two ballots.

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WSJ: How to Put Citizenship Back in the Census

The Trump administration said Wednesday it will attempt to add a citizenship question on the 2020 census while complying with the Supreme Court's ruling in *Department of Commerce v. New York*. Five justices held that the Census Act allows the question, but a separate five-justice majority found the rulemaking that added the question was procedurally deficient. There is a way forward. The Constitution itself requires the collection of citizenship information. The language is absolute and mandatory. Compliance is impossible without counting how many citizens live in each state. The president should issue an executive order stating that, to comply with the requirements of Section 2 of the 14th Amendment, the citizenship question will be added to the 2020 census. In addition, he can order the Commerce Department to undertake, on an emergency basis, a new Census Act rulemaking. Opponents would choose a federal district court likely to block it again, and the Justice Department would have to seek the Supreme Court's intervention during its summer recess. While rare, such an emergency review has happened before. With the justification for the citizenship question being clear and compelling, the administration should prevail.

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Breitbart: Expert Debunks Claim Citizenship Question Reduces Census Accuracy

Contrary to left-wing news media claims, restoring the "citizenship question" to the national census will yield more accurate data related to both legal and illegal immigration, explained Hans von Spakovsky, a Heritage Foundation senior legal fellow. Democrats such as Reps. Rashida Tlaib (MI) and Ilhan Omar (MN) reject the Trump administration's move to restore inquiries regarding citizenship on the census. The former derided the idea as a "racialized" move that "impacts directly communities of color." The latter claimed that collection of citizenship data via the census will "increase fear" in "our communities." "I don't think the critics are correct, but in any event, even if they were correct, it wouldn't matter," said von Spakovsky. "And the reason it wouldn't matter is that the American people skip all kinds of questions on the census. There are a lot of people that resent being asked, for example, what race or ethnic group they are part of, and they have a non-response rate on those questions."

In Defense of the US Election Assistance Commission

For its stature as a small agency, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) has made a lot of headlines over the years and, again, lately. Unfortunately, recent reports have been more politically-driven and sensational than fact-filled and productive. It's time to set the record straight, especially since my own tenure here has been a primary focus for these attacks. No amount of political posturing or pontificating can erase the EAC's accomplishments. I am committed to serving election officials and voters and ensuring the EAC's mission is met. The EAC is relevant again and deserves to avoid political forces that disrupted the agency's effectiveness years ago. We've worked too hard to get here. Not only have we not outlived our mission, we're just getting started.

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California: CA Contemplates a Bill That Would Drastically Change Voting Laws For 'Non-Citizens'

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Legislators in Sacramento, California are contemplating allowing "non-citizens" to have a role in the Democratic Party. Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) introduced a bill that would "allow non-citizens to become committee delegates, political activists who help shape policy for the Democratic Party of California," KCRA-TV reported. Sen. Wiener cited his city as a reason to move forward with this state legislation. So far, no one has successfully challenged San Francisco's voter laws that allow non-citizens to take part in local elections.

California: Indictments Charge Widespread Voting Fraud Scheme on Skid Row in Los Angeles

An indictment unsealed in Los Angeles charged nine people accused of participating in voting fraud schemes — in which homeless people were allegedly offered cash or cigarettes in exchange for forged signatures on initiative petitions and voter registration forms. Seven of the accused pleaded not guilty early Friday. The two others have not yet appeared in court on the new case. Prosecutors have accused the group of 14 felonies for a variety of alleged acts during the 2016 and 2018 election cycles, including charges of circulating an initiative with forged or fictitious names, signing fictitious names, registering fictitious persons, and making payment for signatures, according to the indictment.

California: Lawmakers' Request for Audit of California DMV Killed Despite Suspicion of Election Fraud

In January we learned that the Department of Motor Vehicles and county voter registrars told the California Secretary of State Alex Padilla last year that the motor Voter program was not ready. The DMV and registrars asked Secretary Padilla to hold off on the roll-out. But Padilla and the state went ahead anyway. The new system had not been properly checked, according to the county voter registrars. They had valid concerns, said Assemblyman Jim Patterson (R-Fresno). California's Motor Voter program has been plagued with problems since its rollout in April 2018. The Department has admitted mishandling voter registration information for 23,000 drivers and double-registering as many as 77,000 others. In addition to this, as many as 1,500 ineligible voters were registered by the DMV — including an unknown number of non-citizens. Also, over 500 Californians may not have been able to vote in the November 2018 election because the DMV did not send their information to the Secretary of State's office in time. Patterson said his office is still getting reports from constituents whose Party registration was changed after a visit to the DMV. "This is how ballot harvesting is happening," Patterson said. Last week Democrats on the JLAC committee declined to authorize an audit, despite concerns of voter fraud within the Motor Voter program.

Nevada: New Election Laws Impact Nevada Voters

Imagine not having to meet various deadlines to register to vote in Nevada. Instead, during early voting or even on Election Day, you can register and vote all at the same time. "And they are also going to be able to register to vote online from home during the early voting period and then go to the polling place and cast a ballot," says Wayne Thorley, Nevada Deputy Secretary of State for Elections. Same-day registration is just one of the many new laws Nevada's Secretary of State must contend with before the presidential election in 2020. The office is working on ways to connect the same-day registration, probably online, confirm it and place it in the system along with the votes cast. Thorley says on the local level it will mean a call for more poll workers. Voters can anticipate longer lines. On the downside, because as many as 30,000 to 40,000 Nevadans could take advantage of same-day voting, results from the elections may take longer to announce. Those ballots will be considered provisional on election night, and will be verified and counted over the course of several days.

New Jersey: Hoboken Housing Authority Vice Chair Urges Council Candidates to Sign Pledge Against Voter Fraud

Vice Chair of the Hoboken Housing Authority James Sanford has called on all ward council candidates to sign a pledge against voter fraud and preying upon Hoboken Housing Authority residents in light of the recent conviction of Frank "Pupie" Raia. During the trial, witnesses testified that during a 2013 municipal election, at Raia's direction, HHA residents were targeted in a vote-by-mail scheme in which residents who filled out vote-by-mail ballots in support of Raia and a rent control referendum he supported were paid \$50. In a press release Sanford, who has served as a commissioner on the Hoboken Housing Authority Board for the past six years, said Raia's conviction proves illegal vote-buying operations targeting HHA residents exists and that "preying upon HHA residents must stop."

New York: Talk of Fraud in the Queens DA Race is Just Undermining Democracy

With the result of the Democratic primary for Queens district attorney still up for grabs, all concerned should admit that there's no conspiracy at work here, just another of those near-tied elections that pop up from time to time. Yes, it was a surprise when the count of absentee and other ballots allowed Borough President Melinda Katz to close a 1,000-vote Election Night gap with public defender Tiffany Cabán — and even to take a 20-vote lead. But all the counting, and the calls on rejecting provisional ballots, were done in the open, with reps from the media and both campaigns present. For all its woes, the Board of Elections has a proven track record of maintaining fair and orderly recanvasses in tight races, such as Assemblyman Victor Pichardo's two-vote Bronx primary win in 2015, and David Storobin's 15-vote victory in a Brooklyn state Senate special election. Without proof, neither side should be rushing to yell, "Election fraud!" — especially when everyone's watching a transparent process. Don't undermine democracy just because you don't like the results.

New York: Mount Vernon Mayor Says Primary Election Was Rigged, Files Lawsuit

The mayor of Mount Vernon is claiming that the recent Democratic primary election was rigged and is calling for a new election to be held. Mayor Richard Thomas, the apparent loser in last Tuesday's primary, has filed a lawsuit against the Board of Elections and his primary challengers. Shawyn Patterson-Howard garnered 33% of the votes on election night. Thomas trails by over 200 votes and 3 percentage points. These numbers don't include absentee and affidavit ballots. The election has not been certified yet.

Oregon: Oregon Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants Won't Trigger Voter Registration

Undocumented immigrants will soon be eligible for Oregon driver's licenses, after a bill to allow the practice cleared the Oregon Legislature Saturday. Those drivers, unlike others, won't be added to voter rolls under the state's 3-year-old "motor voter" law, however, thanks to confirmation practices already in place. Driver and Motor Vehicle Services spokesperson David House said there is no risk people without proof of citizenship or legal residency will get registered to vote by obtaining a driver's license. The DMV already requires all applicants to show proof of citizenship or legal residency to get a license. Only those who are citizens have their names and information passed along to the Secretary of State for potential voter registration. That practice will continue, House said.

Oregon: Oregon Lawmakers Approve Paid Postage for Ballots Oregon voters won't have to put a stamp on their ballot when they mail it back to elections officials, under a bill approved during the closing hours of the 2019 legislative session. Senate Bill 861 now heads to Gov. Kate Brown, who has expressed strong support for the proposal. Under the measure, ballot return envelopes would include pre-paid postage in the form of a "business reply mail" envelope. It means the ballots can be mailed from anywhere in the United States without needing a stamp. The U.S. Postal Service collects the money from the addressee, in this case county election offices, after it delivers a business reply envelope. Since vote-by-mail became the standard mechanism for voting in Oregon in 1998, voters have been able to drop their ballot off at no charge in drop boxes located in many communities around the state. The bill passed mostly along party lines, with Democrats in favor. One aisle-crossing opponent was Rep. Jeff Reardon, D-Happy Valley. "I can't get my head around the necessity of doing this," he said. "Stamps are pretty readily available." The bill will take effect in January 2020. The first election it applies to could be a special election that month if opponents to the new \$1 billion-a-year business tax for education are successful in gathering enough signatures to force a vote on the measure.

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Wisconsin: Federal Judges Dismiss Wisconsin Redistricting Lawsuit

A three-judge panel has dismissed a federal lawsuit challenging Republican-drawn legislative boundaries following a weighty U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Democratic voters sued in 2015 alleging the boundaries unconstitutionally dilute Democrats' voting power. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled on June 28 that partisan gerrymandering claims don't belong in federal court. Lawyers representing the voters, the state and Assembly Republicans all filed motions on Friday seeking to dismiss the case. The three judges handling the lawsuit — Kenneth Ripple, William Griesbach and James Peterson — granted the motions Tuesday, saying there's now no chance the case can succeed in federal court. They also ruled that the state and Assembly Republicans can collect fees and costs from the voters and gave them until July 15 to submit a bill.

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Elections Officials Say Overseas Voters Should Send Ballots Back Early in Case the U.S. Leaves an International Mail Agreement

Elections officials say overseas voters should send ballots back early in case the U.S. leaves an international mail agreement. State elections official have asked deployed service members and other overseas voters to submit their absentee ballots three weeks before Election Day in case the United States leaves an international postal agreement. "It may be that mail won't get delivered from these locations," said Chris Piper, elections commissioner. "That obviously affects our uniformed and overseas citizens." Overseas absentee voters have until Oct. 29, a week before the election, to request a ballot for the Nov. 5 election. If the U.S. decides to leave the Universal Postal Union, the country may stop receiving and delivering international mail Oct. 17.

NATIONAL

Ready for the \$10 Billion Election?

A blockbuster election is on the way. Group M, a media investment adviser, recently estimated that the 2020 election would generate \$10 billion in political advertising, up 59% since 2016, when the number was a mere \$6.3 billion — and far outpacing 2002, when the total was \$2.1 billion. It's a quirky business, though. Kantar, an ad analysis group, predicts that 43% of all that political advertising in 2020 will be seen in battlefield states.

Epoch Times: The Electoral College—After the People Vote

Though most of us are focused on the campaigns and the election night, others are at work months before the election choosing would-be electors, then more than a month after we vote, the chosen electors meet and vote. Several more weeks later and those votes are finally counted officially and a president-elect made legal. It's a complicated system, but it's a system that has evolved and continued to work for more than two centuries.

Voice of America: US Military Vows to Defend US Elections

The U.S. military is joining federal, state and local officials on the frontlines of the battle to protect the country's elections from foreign interference. Defense Secretary Mark Esper made the announcement Thursday, saying that, from now on, election security will be one of the military's enduring missions, and that his department will seek to take the fight to the country's enemies. "The lines between war and peace have now blurred," Esper said, citing an exponential expansion of dangers in cyberspace. "Our paradigm for war has changed." "Our adversaries see cyberwarfare as a way to take on the United States and impose costs without confronting our traditional strengths," he said.

Free Beacon: PolitiFact Gives Hillary Clinton 'Pants on Fire' for Voter Suppression Claim

Former Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton received the lowest possible grade from fact-checker *PolitiFact* for repeating a claim that fact-checkers had already heavily criticized. Clinton first claimed in May 2017, "The best estimate is that 200,000 people in Wisconsin were either denied or chilled in their efforts to vote" in the 2016 presidential election. PolitiFact ruled that claim was mostly false, noting that the estimate came from a Democratic PAC and that most experts say it's impossible to tell how much

of Wisconsin's low turnout was attributable to voter ID laws and how much was due to low enthusiasm for Clinton and Donald Trump.

STATES

California: California Can't Pick Who Runs for President

We're all used to seeing California throw its weight around, but its new law requiring a presidential candidate to provide five years of tax returns to be eligible to appear on a primary ballot is a new low. Now, however, a federal district court judge has blocked the state from enforcing it, at least temporarily. It's the right decision. The law is nothing more than a political attack on President Donald Trump, the federal elections process, and the right of free association of citizens and all political parties.

Connecticut: State Election Officials to Consider Bridgeport Ballot Probe

The State Elections Enforcement Commission plans to hold a special meeting Monday to decide whether to investigate allegations of absentee ballot irregularities in Bridgeport's recent Democratic primary for mayor. The planned meeting comes after Hearst Connecticut Media reported widespread problems with the Sept. 10 primary, ranging from absentee ballots submitted by people not registered as Democrats to ineligible felons casting absentee ballots. Some absentee voters told Hearst reporters they had been pressured into voting for incumbent Joe Ganim, who narrowly defeated state Sen. Marilyn Moore. While Ganim lost at the polls to Moore, he was able to ultimately win the primary with a majority of absentee ballots and a final margin of 270 votes out of more than 100,000 votes cast.

Florida: Felons' Voting Fight Ratchets Up at Florida Supreme Court

In a bundle of competing briefs filed with the state Supreme Court, Florida officials squared off this week against supporters of a constitutional amendment that restores voting rights to felons who have completed their sentences. Gov. Ron DeSantis, Secretary of State Laurel Lee, and Florida House and Senate leaders filed "interested party" briefs defending a state law that implemented what appeared as Amendment 4 on the November ballot. "A sentence can include a fine, restitution, fees and costs, and probation. Even a prison sentence can include a period of probation or parole, each with conditions that require full payment of restitution. All of these aspects of Florida's sentencing scheme work in tandem to achieve Florida's sentencing purposes," the House's lawyers wrote.

Georgia: Check-in Computers Stolen in Atlanta Hold Statewide Voter Data

Two computers that are used to check in voters were stolen from a west Atlanta precinct hours before polls opened Tuesday for a city school board election. Officials replaced the computers before voters arrived, and the election wasn't disrupted, according to the Georgia Secretary of State's Office. The express poll computers contain names, addresses, birth dates and driver's license information for every voter in the state, said Richard Barron, Fulton County's elections director. They don't include Social Security numbers. They are password-protected, and the password changes for every election. The computers, which were in a locked and sealed case, haven't been recovered.

Louisiana: Election Fraud in Louisiana?

Current Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin is under attack by the Louisiana Democratic Party that is charging Louisiana's elections are vulnerable to election fraud. The party's recent statement reads: "Louisiana is one of the most vulnerable states for election interference in the nation because Republican Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin has failed to address cyber security issues and has kept our out-dated voting machines at risk." Is there any truth to such charges? I write with some knowledge of the voting system here in the Bayou State having served as Secretary of State for eight years. I have found little merit to such accusations. The current system works as well as any other state in the nation. These "outdated" voting machines that so upset the state democratic party are actually less prone to a cyber-attack than the new systems that are used in many other states, since the Louisiana machines are not hooked up to the internet.

New Jersey: North Bergen Public Workers May Be Committing Voter Fraud In Order to Vote In Town Elections

Multiple sources in North Bergen tell NBC New York public workers may be committing voter fraud by

registering to vote in Hudson County, in order to vote in North Bergen elections, but living in other New Jersey counties. Sources believe the political pressure to support the political machine lead by North Bergen Mayor Nicholas Sacco, a Democrat, could be driving some Board of Education employees to vote in the town, despite not living there.

North Carolina: State Board Investigating Double Voting Cases in Bladen County During NC9 Do-Over Election

The N.C. State Board of Elections is investigating two cases of alleged double voting in Bladen County during the recent special election in the 9th Congressional District. "Because they are ongoing investigations, we cannot provide additional information about the cases at this time," Patrick Gannon, a spokesperson for the state board, said in an email.

Texas: Ballot Harvesting Could Help Democrats in 2020

They call it ballot harvesting; the manipulation of mail-in votes. And it could be a weapon for Democrats in the 2020 election. It's not just something that happens in states like California. Hans von Spakovsky told KTRH Texas has seen its share of ballot harvesting as well. "There have been a number of prosecutions of individuals for picking up ballots and actually completing the ballot for the voter," he said. He says he's worried about it impacting 2020 election results, but that there are things that can be done about it, too. "Extend the Voter ID requirement to absentee balloting. That makes it a little more difficult to pick up and change these absentee ballots," he explained.

REDISTRICTING

North Carolina: New Maps Would Still Give GOP Disproportionate Power in Legislature

The new political maps approved by the North Carolina General Assembly this week would likely still favor Republicans in the 2020 elections, numerous experts say. The legislature was ordered to redraw a number of the districts used to elect its members earlier this month, after a panel of judges ruled the Republican-led legislature had violated voters' constitutional rights with their 2017 maps. And those unconstitutional maps were themselves drawn to replace different maps, from 2011, that had also been ruled unconstitutional. Every member of the state legislature is up for re-election every two years. And in 2018, the judges found, the majority of voters in North Carolina chose Democratic candidates — but Republicans won a majority of the seats at the legislature.

WSJ: Eric Holder's Unequal Protection

Former Attorney General Eric Holder complains nearby about our recent editorial ("Eric Holder's Redistricting Coup") pointing out how he is using the courts to redraw maps that favor Democrats. He says he wants "nothing more than fairness in our electoral system." This deserves a factual response. The former Attorney General is slippery with statistics and motives. Mr. Holder writes that "when election systems are manipulated to ensure a predetermined outcome, courts offer voters a protective backstop." Predetermined? He glides over changing political climates, candidates and voter enthusiasm.

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Patriot Post: Maine and Nevada Show Why the Electoral College Helps Small States, Not Red States

Last month, both Maine and Nevada did what was in the best interests of their states: They rejected bills that would have enrolled their states in the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, an unwise effort to override the Electoral College. The National Popular Vote compact, which is an agreement between states, requires a participating state to award all of its electoral votes to the presidential candidate who receives the most votes across the nation, not to the candidate who actually won the vote in that state. In other words, states are agreeing to ignore what the majority of voters in their state decides when it comes to who they believe should be president. Under the National Popular Vote compact, the voices of states with smaller populations (like Maine and Nevada) would be quickly drowned out by states with larger populations (like California and New York). The National Popular Vote compact is unfair and is, in fact, antithetical to representative democracy.

NATIONAL

The National Interest: Progressives Are Going to War Against the Electoral College

It seems that there isn't a prominent progressive left in America who hasn't come out in favor of abolishing the Electoral College. The Founders had differing views on democracy, but few saw it as an unalloyed good. The current system, where states rely on a popular vote to select electors provides that balance of both federalism and democracy. It preserves federalism (and minorities' rights), protects the system against election fraud, and has produced a remarkably stable system for selecting presidents in the world's oldest constitutional republic. As Alexander Hamilton wrote in Federalist 68, the Electoral College isn't perfect, but it is "excellent." Why would we want to change now?

Why Are Democrats Unwilling to Purge Voting Rolls?

A recent study of the voter rolls in Los Angeles County shows that the registration rolls are 112% indicating more voters on the rolls than they have eligible voters living in the county. A 2012 Pew Research study found that 24 million voter registrations in the U.S. showed that one out of eight are no longer valid or are significantly inaccurate. This number of registrations exceeds the populations of Florida or New York. Some Democrat critics of these numbers do not dispute that voter rolls are incorrect, but they fall back on the feeble claim conservative groups are trying to "bully" these governmental bodies to clean up their eligible voting rolls. When did seeking honest elections become "bullying"?

STATE

Alabama: Merrill Removes East Alabama Election Official Over Improper Voter Registration Advice

Secretary of State John Merrill has removed an east Alabama election official from office on the recommendation of an administrative judge who found that the official improperly told prospective voters they can register to cast ballots at their business addresses. Merrill's office announced Monday that he removed Jimmy Adams from the Russell County Board of Registrars after the judge found a preponderance of the evidence showed Adams told two witnesses who did not live in Russell County during a 2017 municipal election in Phenix City that it was legal for them to vote using their business address or the address where they were employed in the county. A third witness, Russel County Registrar Judith Evans, testified she heard Adams tell people they could register to vote at business addresses.

This happened a year ago! Florida: An 11-Year-Old Changed Election Results on a Replica Florida State Website in Under 10 Minutes

An 11-year-old boy on Friday was able to hack into a replica of the Florida state election website and change voting results found there in under 10 minutes during the world's largest yearly hacking convention, DEFCON 26, organizers of the event said. Thousands of adult hackers attend the convention annually, while this year a group of children attempted to hack 13 imitation websites linked to voting in presidential battleground states. The boy, who was identified by DEFCON officials as Emmett Brewer, accessed a replica of the Florida secretary of state's website. He was one of about 50 children between the ages of 8 and 16 who were taking part in the so-called "DEFCON Voting Machine Hacking Village," a portion of which allowed kids the chance to manipulate party names, candidate names and vote count totals.

Florida: Florida Leaders Talk About Fighting Election Fraud, Then Do Nothing

As Florida refuses to act, another state joins a nationwide pact to improve voter security and reduce the risk of voter fraud. Florida has among the highest rates of in- and out-migration, and that trend could be increasing, yet it stubbornly refuses to join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC.) Now consider that the two states bordering Florida — Alabama and Georgia — are both members. What gives? Here's the dark secret state officials won't discuss: ERIC also promotes voter registration. Membership in ERIC requires states to do an annual outreach effort to encourage unregistered adults to join the rolls. ERIC estimated that more than 4 million Floridians are eligible, but unregistered. In a state with an unmatched record of incredibly close statewide elections, that would be a political game-changer in 2020. Republicans shamelessly see it as too great a risk, even at the expense of a program that could reduce voter fraud.

Nevada: Could Automatic Voter Registration Lead to Arrest?

State working to ensure it doesn't. Automatic voter registration is set to start in January 2020, and while legislators believe it's an important step in broadening voting accessibility, advocates are cautious of potential pitfalls. "What about people who do not have citizenship status? Are there safeguards in place so they don't accidentally vote?" asked an advocate with Make the Road Nevada during a Latino Legislative panel. "People might not know the repercussions and consequences of filling that paperwork out." A working group made up of representatives of the Secretary of State's office, Department of Motor Vehicles and county registrars is working to establish standards to implement automatic voter registration and has actively sought input from advocacy groups such as the ACLU and Mi Familia Vota to ensure that the law does not lead to ineligible voters unintentionally registering and being charged with election fraud.

Nevada: Las Vegas Mayor Faces Voter Fraud Investigation

KOB's 4 Investigates Team has learned the Las Vegas mayor is facing another criminal investigation. The latest investigation is centered on accusations of voter fraud and elections tampering that date back to 2018. David Romero, who ran for Las Vegas City Council in 2018, filed a complaint with the New Mexico Secretary of State's Office, alleging Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giron committed voter fraud and tampered with the 2018 municipal elections in an effort to get her friends elected to the City Council. "She was supporting a candidate that I was running against," Romero said. "She got very involved in [the race]."

New York: Voter Fraud Tops Concerns with Green Light Law

New York's democratic-controlled legislature passed this session what is called the "Green Light" bill, which gives undocumented immigrants access to driver's licenses. Lawmakers did so even though a Siena College poll showed that 61% of state voters did not support the contentious bill, and clerks across the state, including Erie and Niagara, opposed it. Advocacy groups believe as many as 265,000 illegal immigrants will apply for driver's licenses once the law goes active at the end of this year. The Fiscal Policy Institute estimates that the law will result in almost \$84 million in revenue over the first three years, and then \$6.4 million per year. The biggest concern of those interviewed by News 4 Investigates is the potential for voter fraud. After all, the driver's license applications include voter registration sections. "It is very difficult to say it is an intentional misrepresentation when the person filling out the form may have just innocently continued along the application believing he is still applying for a driver's license," said Ralph Mohr, the Republican elections commissioner for Erie County.

North Carolina: Judges Rule Voter ID Law Can Be Implemented

A three-judge panel ruled Friday that voter ID implementation can move forward in North Carolina, dismissing all but one of six claims in a lawsuit challenging legislation implementing a constitutional amendment approved by voters last Fall. While the judges did not completely dismiss the case, the court won't stop IDs from being required in upcoming elections as the case continues forward. The case, *Holmes v. Moore*, was a state court challenge brought by the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Wake County. Voters last November passed a constitutional amendment requiring voter ID. The court ruled Friday that the six voters challenging the resulting law presented enough evidence on one claim to keep going but denied their request for a preliminary injunction, which would have blocked implementation of the law.

North Carolina: Four Arrested for Voter Fraud in Hoke County

Four felons in Hoke County have been charged with voting illegally in the 2016 election. According to the sheriff's office, Lanisha Bratcher-Bain, Richard Daniels Jr., Tullous Burrow, and Treqwon Covington were each charged with voter fraud. It is alleged that the four convicted felons cast votes in the Hoke County general election while each of them was serving an active felony sentence on felony probation.

Texas: Advocacy Group Worries Texas' Lack of Confirming Citizenship of Registered Voters Could Affect 2020 Election

With the 2020 election around the corner, noncitizens registered to vote in Texas remains an issue after a Republican-controlled Legislature failed to pass election reform bills this year after some lawmakers promised to do so. A Dallas-based political advocacy organization said that's a problem. "Real meddling that could affect the outcome of the 2020 election will come from vote harvesters and illegally registered voters canceling the votes of citizens," **Direct Action Texas** says. Failure to pass election integrity legislation came after the state Secretary of State's Office questioned the citizenship status of 95,000 registered voters in the state after a yearlong investigation. About 58,000 of them voted in one or more Texas elections, Secretary of State David Whitley said. The exact number of noncitizens registered to vote or who illegally voted is unknown.

Texas: South Texas School Board Election Voided Over Vote Fraud Issues

The Hidalgo school district must hold another board election after a Hidalgo County judge declared the November contest was tainted by mail-in ballot fraud. Mentor Cantu filed a lawsuit in May, alleging incumbent trustee Ben Arjona beat him because "numerous voters cast ballots with illegal assistance, including those using mail-in ballots." Cantu said the help came from Arjona supporters. The tipoff was a lopsided margin of mail-in votes for Arjona, who claimed 79 percent of those ballots while securing barely 50 percent in the regular and early voting at the polls. Arjona won the election by 43 votes. State District Judge Federico Hinojosa Jr. last week voided the November election and ordered a new election this November for the South Texas school district. Hinojosa said that 45 voters cast illegal mail-in votes. Among the improprieties he found were improper assistance with the ballots and "coaching," or suggesting who people should vote for. Another seven voters, the judge said, were not residents of the Hidalgo school district and their votes cannot be counted.

REDISTRICTING

California: Two California Bills Attempt to Make Redistricting More 'Fair'

With last month's Supreme Court decision to not interfere with political gerrymandering of political districts, many people expect states to take steps to ensure that their ruling parties stay in power by drawing congressional districts that benefit them. The 5-4 decision claimed that partisan gerrymandering did not belong in the federal courts. The court's conservative majority said that voters and elected officials should be the decision makers in these types of political disputes. California, on the other hand, is taking an alternative route. Nearly a decade ago, the California Citizens Redistricting Commission was established to attempt to create a bipartisan, fair drawing of the state's congressional, senate, assembly, and board of equalization districts. The state commission consists of 14 members, with five Republican, five Democratic, and four from neither major party. Now, the state is going extra lengths to ensure that gerrymandering doesn't become an issue at the local level. Democratic lawmakers are pushing forward two pieces of legislation, AB 849 and SB 139, to regulate how cities and counties draw their council and supervisory maps.

Texas: Federal Judges Deny Request to Put Texas Back Under Federal Supervision for Redistricting

After a years-long fight over Texas' political maps, a panel of federal judges on Wednesday denied the requests of voters of color, civil rights groups and Democratic lawmakers to put Texas back under federal supervision of its redistricting. The judges found that Texas' unconstitutional actions in 2011 — purposefully diluting the voting strength of voters of color in the Texas House map and in several congressional districts — were sufficient to require Texas to run any future changes by the court to ensure they weren't discriminatory. But they ultimately ruled against imposing that federal oversight because of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last year in which it upheld the state's current maps, which were redrawn in 2013 after the 2011 maps were challenged in court. "Although the Court's findings of intentional racial discrimination in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment with regard to the 2011 plans are sufficient to trigger bail-in, and although the court has serious concerns about the state's past conduct, the various requests for discretionary relief ... are hereby denied," the judges wrote in their order.

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FEC Chair Embarks Down the High-Tech Road to Censorship

Later this month, Federal Election Commission chairwoman Ellen Weintraub, a Democrat, will convene representatives from Silicon Valley giants like Facebook, Twitter, and Google to discuss something that is far outside the bailiwick of the FEC and has absolutely nothing to do with her duties as a commissioner: “fighting the disinformation that risks further corroding our democracy.” This sort of government meddling is very dangerous to free speech. If some of these companies decided on their own to limit political speech on their platforms, consumers could take their mouse clicks elsewhere. But if government agencies such as the FEC put the screws to all the biggest players in Silicon Valley — as Weintraub seems to be planning — political caprice could shape the entire industry.

NATIONAL

Oh, the Lies They Tell About Voter ID

Screaming opponents of voter ID laws, who argue that such a commonsense measure suppresses the vote or is even racist, are terrible liars. The best lies, after all, have to be remotely credible, and theirs are not. This is the most important conclusion to draw from a new and illuminating study from the National Bureau of Economic Research. Researchers looked at more than 2,000 election races in Florida and Michigan. In those two states, where voters are asked for an ID at the polls but can still vote without it, the study found what common sense would suggest: that nearly everyone has and brings an ID when they go to vote, even in places where it isn't strictly necessary.

WSJ: Eric Holder's Redistricting Coup: North Carolina Judges Toss a GOP Map as Democrats Tee up 2020.

Democrats howl about partisan gerrymanders but look who is using the courts to usurp democratic redistricting. Ground zero is North Carolina where state judges on Tuesday ordered new legislative maps that will help Democrats gain control of redistricting after 2020. The U.S. Constitution gives map-making power to state legislatures, not judges. And the Supreme Court ruled this summer that politics is inherent in drawing congressional districts and courts can't intervene in partisan disputes. “To hold that legislators cannot take their partisan interests into account when drawing district lines would essentially countermand the Framers' decision to entrust districting to political entities,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in *Rucho v. Common Cause*. But the Justices didn't address gerrymander claims in state courts, which has left an opening for liberals. A 5-2 Democratic majority of Pennsylvania's Supreme Court last year redrew the state Congressional maps to help Democrats pick up three House seats. Liberals are attempting another judicial coup in North Carolina.

The Fulcrum: Ranked-Choice Voting Faces Newly Balky Path in Several States

The prospects for ranked-choice voting are uncertain in a handful of states that had shown momentum as the fall begins and the 2020 campaign shifts into a more intense gear. Just days ago, the future looked brighter for one of the more revolutionary parts of the democracy reform agenda, which seeks in part to grow consensus-building and shrink polarization in politics. The biggest potential setback since has come in Iowa, where Democrats hoped to couple a debut for ranked-choice voting in presidential elections with the rollout of online participation in the 2020 caucuses. But last week national party leaders rejected the proposals from Iowa and Nevada to allow remote participation, concluding that concerns the fledgling systems could be hacked outweighed the desire to make it easier for people to participate.

STATE

Alabama: Election Observers Authorized for Montgomery Mayoral Runoff as Voter Fraud Investigations Continue

Alabama Secretary of State John H. Merrill on Thursday held a press conference announcing that 12 individual instances of alleged fraudulent voting activity have been introduced to his office following last Tuesday's Montgomery municipal election. With a mayoral runoff for the city upcoming, these dozen cases all currently remain under investigation by the secretary of state's office and no alleged voter fraud has yet been confirmed or refuted regarding Montgomery's municipal election. Speaking to the press, Merrill explained that a lot of consternation from constituents arose over the delayed reporting of results on election night. While there is not at this time evidence of impropriety in the administration of that election, Merrill said "human error" definitely occurred, as election workers did not follow standard operating procedure or best practices at times, which led to the increased public scrutiny.

Alabama: City of Talladega May Have Mishandled 28 of 36 Provisional Absentee Ballots

The 2019 Talladega municipal election is already the subject of a recount request and at least three runoffs, but allegations regarding provisional absentee ballots may make things even more complicated. As many as 28 of the 36 absentee provisional ballots may not have been handled properly. As reported election night, there were 46 provisional ballots cast; 36 of those were absentee ballots, and the other 10 were cast at the various polling places -- three each in Wards 1 and 2 and four in Ward 5. At the canvassing meeting Tuesday, a week after the election, only six provisional ballots were approved by the Talladega County Board of Registrars and included in the final tally. But the situation was actually more complex than that sounds. A letter from the Board of Registrars to the City Clerk's Office dated Aug. 29, two days after the general election, read in part, "a list of 36 names was submitted to the Board of Registrars that the absentee poll workers considered as potential provisional ballots because of various concerns.

Maine: Maine to Allow Ranked Votes in General Presidential Election

Maine moved ahead Friday with plans to become the first state to allow voters to rank candidates in a general presidential election. Gov. Janet Mills, a Democrat, said she'll allow a bill to become law in January without her signature. The legislation requires ranked choice voting in presidential elections and primaries. Ranked voting won't be used in a planned presidential primary in March 2020, Mills' office said. The bill won't go into effect until 90 days after the Legislature is set to adjourn in April. But future presidential primaries would use ranked choice voting, according to the governor's office.

Massachusetts: Illegal Immigrants Should Not Get Driver's Licenses. We Must Not Reward Bad Behavior.

Today, on Beacon Hill, a joint hearing will be held on a pair of bills that would clear the way for illegal immigrants in Massachusetts to receive driver's licenses. The legislation, filed by two Democratic lawmakers, would green-light licenses for all qualified residents. The thinking behind the bill is that legitimizing drivers would actually make the roads safer for everyone as those drivers would now be on the grid like the rest of us. They would be held to the same standards as anyone else, having to pass tests and get insurance. This effort is a cynical maneuver that would only go to undermine the rule of law. It will result in an influx of illegal immigrants to the Bay State who will look to use the RMV documentation to begin to obtain legitimacy.

Michigan: Democrat Attorney General Caught Up in Election Manipulation Allegation

A former campaign staffer for Michigan's Democrat Attorney General Dana Nessel allegedly said he used Ukrainian hackers to manipulate the election and help Nessel win the state's closest race in 2018. The bombshell allegation was buried in a federal extortion lawsuit against Dmitriy Movsesyan, who worked on Nessel's campaign at various points in 2017 and 2018. (Full disclosure: This columnist funded an independent expenditure against Nessel's eventual 2018 Republican opponent, Tom Leonard, during the GOP nomination campaign.)

Montana: AG Candidate Calls for 'Automatic' Voter Registration at DMV

A Democratic attorney general candidate says he wants to increase voter registration -- through the act of

getting a driver's license. Raph Graybill says if he's elected, he would make voter registration automatic for anyone obtaining or renewing a driver's license – unless they opt out. The current procedure is "opt-in": When you get a driver's license in Montana, you're asked if you also want to register to vote at that time, but it's up to you to take the action.

New Jersey: Case of Ex-Mayor Accused of Voter Fraud Postponed

A court appearance for former Elmwood Park Mayor Francesco Caramagna scheduled for this morning was postponed for one week, leaving the race for mayor of the Southwestern Bergen County municipality in flux. Caramagna resigned as mayor in April after being charged with tampering with vote-by-mail ballots. Since the charges came after the filing deadline, Caramagna ran unopposed in the Democratic mayoral primary. He remains a candidate for mayor in the November general election. Caramagna has applied to the Pre-trial Intervention program. Should the judge and prosecutor agree, it is still not immediately clear whether he will be permitted to seek political office while on probation. Democrats have said that Caramagna, who remains as municipal chairman, has hinted that he would like to run again. The deadline for Caramagna to withdraw and be replaced on the ballot is September 12, although that statutory deadline has consistently been viewed as fungible by New Jersey judges. The adjournment of Caramagna's court appearance leaves Republican Robert Colletti without knowing who he will face in the upcoming election.

Tennessee: Improving Voter Registration, Preserving Election Integrity

Next year, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which gave millions of women access to the ballot box. In fact, it was House Republican Harry Burn — then a 24-year-old — who cast the tie-breaking vote as part of the "War of the Roses" which afforded the women of Tennessee and our nation this important right. Just as Burn was pivotal in ensuring democracy for this important group 99 years ago, our Republican-led General Assembly continues to work tirelessly today to support our voters and to encourage them to participate in the electoral process, while also protecting election integrity. To strengthen our laws preserving the ballot box in recent years, we have passed measures that ensure voters use only certain photo identification issued by the state or the United States as evidence of identification for voting purposes and that our citizens present qualified photographic identification when they head to the polls to cast their ballots.

Texas: Texans Strongly Back Voter ID Law

By large margins, Texans support making sure no illegal ballots are cast and votes are accurately counted, but they also strongly back enhancing people's ability to register and vote, a new poll shows. In a first-ever poll that tested state residents' confidence in democratic institutions, the nonpartisan Texas Lyceum found what its director called "surprising" levels of support among both Republicans and Democrats for election security measures such as the state's 2011 voter ID law but also efforts to let more eligible people vote.

Texas: Edinburg Responds to City Secretary Arrest by Assuring Operations Not Affected

As more arrests were made Tuesday in an investigation into Edinburg's November 2017 mayoral election, the most recent being the city secretary who was taken into custody after leaving a city commission meeting, the municipality responded much like it has throughout the course of the probe: with assurances. In a statement released to the media Wednesday, the spokeswoman for the city of Edinburg, Cary Zayas, struck a familiar tone in assuring the public that the arrest of its city secretary in connection with an election fraud investigation would not affect the city's operations. A previous statement about Edinburg's mayor, Richard Molina, when he was arrested in connection with this case assured the same.

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The National Battle for Redistricting - State Legislative Races in 16 states Could Determine House Control in the 2020s.

To the degree Americans are following politics right now, the presidential contest draws their attention. But the Democratic primary isn't the only race that matters. Many politicians in both parties are keenly focused on the bottom of the ballot. Democrats and Republicans will spend tens of millions on a handful of state legislative seats in 16 states for one main reason: congressional redistricting. Now Republican and Democratic groups are laying out their 2020 targets, and their lists are remarkably similar. Both parties are focused on 10 states, four in the Southeast. Republicans control the Virginia House of Delegates and

Senate by a single vote in each chamber. Both are up this November. Republicans control both chambers in Georgia (where Democrats hope to flip 15 House seats), Florida (where Democrats are targeting three Senate seats) and North Carolina (where the Dems hope to grab four Senate or five House seats).

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In Gerrymandering Case, Supreme Court Rules It's a Matter for Lawmakers, Not Judges

In a new decision, the Supreme Court determined partisan gerrymandering disputes are a political question, not something federal courts should be deciding. In a 5-4 ruling Thursday, the high court decided in a pair of cases regarding gerrymandering—which is the practice of state legislatures drawing up districts for congressional and state legislative seats to benefit one party over another after the census. The justices decided on two cases merged, one about a congressional district in Maryland benefiting Democrats and another about a congressional district in North Carolina benefiting Republicans. The high court vacated lower court rulings that each state had to redraw the maps.

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Breitbart: 'Only Matter of Time Before Illegal Alien Voting Is Expanded'

Elected Democrats will soon attempt to expand voting rights in deep blue states for illegal aliens, an election fraud expert says. Last week, Democrats in New York state approved and signed into law a plan to give driver's licenses to illegal aliens with the backing of the business lobby. The law allows for the state's 725,000-strong illegal alien population to be eligible for the same driver's license that American citizens are afforded. Already, state officials have said the law will effectively give illegal aliens the ability to vote as Government Accountability Institute (GAI) Director of Research Eric Eggers exclusively told Breitbart News that the new law in New York indicates that it is "only a matter of time" before elected Democrats in states like California, New York, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Maryland expand voting rights for illegal aliens. New York registers citizens to vote at state Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) offices. "This is the first step towards the expansion of a number of things that normalize the rights of illegal aliens," Eggers said. "It's only a matter of time before we see the expansion of illegal alien voting in state elections and eventually the Left pushing for illegal alien voting in federal elections," Eggers continued.

Fox News: Census Should Ask About Citizenship – but Supreme Court Fails to Resolve Issue

The Supreme Court's fractured and fragmented decision on whether the Commerce Department can reinstate a citizenship question as part of the 2020 census was a partial victory and a partial loss for the Trump administration. Now a giant question mark hangs over whether census form will include a question asking people if they are U.S. citizens. Trump administration officials must throw the legal equivalent of a Hail Mary pass and hope they make it into the end zone. The game isn't over, so we'll all have to wait and see what comes next.

Heritage Foundation: Why the Supreme Court Got It Right on Gerrymandering

In a much-awaited decision, the Supreme Court held on Thursday in a 5-4 decision that partisan gerrymandering is a political question beyond the reach of the federal courts. This should come as no surprise, since it's the same conclusion the court reached the last time this issue was before it in 2004 in a case out of Pennsylvania, *Vieth v. Jubelirer*. This time, plaintiffs in both Maryland and North Carolina challenged congressional redistricting maps, claiming they discriminated against Republicans in Maryland and Democrats in North Carolina. They argued that such partisan redistricting (i.e. engaging in politics when drawing legislative district lines to benefit candidates of one political party) violated the First and 14th Amendments, as well as the elections clause and Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution. District courts in both cases ruled in their favor. However, the Supreme Court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice John

Roberts and joined by the other (generally) conservative justices, concluded that this is a nonjusticiable political question for which there is a lack of discoverable and manageable standards. The chief justice noted that "partisan gerrymandering is nothing new," and neither is "frustration with it."

Daily Signal: Faithless Electors Who Break Their Promise Rightly Can Be Punished

They formed a national alliance shortly after the 2016 election designed to manipulate the Electoral College by persuading and pressuring electors not to vote for Trump when members of the Electoral College met to cast their votes on Dec. 19, 2016, but to vote for an alternative candidate. As we all know, they were not successful. But what happened to the small handful of electors who broke their pledges? There were seven nationwide, including four in the state of Washington. Are there any consequences when an elector changes his vote? Can states punish faithless electors? According to a recent decision by the Washington state Supreme Court, the answer is "yes."

The Hill: States Removed 17 Million from Voter Rolls in Past Two Years, Federal Report Finds

States struck more than 17 million people from their voter rolls between the 2016 and 2018 elections, according to a report from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) released Thursday. The figure is about 2.5 million more voters than were removed from 2013 to 2014 under the National Voting Rights Act. The law requires states to allow increased voting and registration opportunities as well as to continually update voting rolls. Under the act, reasons for removal from state voter rolls include not voting, moving to different voting districts, death, criminal convictions or a finding of "mental incapacity." The EAC also found nearly 80 million voter registration applications were received between the 2016 and 2018 elections, and more than 211 million people were reported as registered and eligible to vote in the 2018 midterms, an increase of more than 10 percent compared with the 2014 midterm elections.

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Arizona: Colorado City Election Fraud Investigation Underway

The private investigator tasked with looking into alleged voter fraud in Colorado City, Arizona, started his investigation Monday. The Mohave County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$8,000 to hire private investigator Gary Engels in April. County Attorney Matt Smith requested the funds after residents voiced concerns regarding voter fraud during various 2018 elections. Smith said the allegations were based on nonresidents and past residents voting in the 2018 election in order to help the polygamous group, the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, retain control of the town council. Residents also came forward to report that mail-in ballots had been intercepted and filled out by individuals who did not live at the specified residences. "Obviously, you have to live in a jurisdiction and establish residency to vote in that area," Smith said.

Indiana: New Indiana Law Brings Changes to Absentee Ballot Counting

Senate Enrolled Act 560 will bring big change to this year's election. Not only will it mean more hands on the ballot but getting the results may take some time. New requirements with Indiana House Bill 560 will make absentee ballot counting longer than usual. "Another portion of the law is we can't run those ballots until 6:00 in the morning on election day. Whereas, before you had the electronic ballot that had already been inserted the OVI machine and then counted," said Brad Newman, Vigo County Clerk. The law also requires initials on every ballot...Which means more hands on deck. "Every ballot is going to be touched again by a different set of people...Republican and Democrat. Essentially it's going to be a pretty substantial cost because we have to hire two people at every voting center."

Indiana: Scott Election Board Turns Austin Voter Complaints Over to Prosecutor

Two complaints of election violations in the recent Austin Primary Election have been referred by the Scott County Election Board to the Scott County Prosecutor. A complaint of candidate ineligibility was filed by Dillo Bush, current Austin Mayor, against Jonathan White, the winner of the Republican Primary for mayor. In his complaint Bush contends that White does not live at the address claimed, 20 S. 1st Street. A second complaint of voter ineligibility was filed by Lonnie E. Noble against Joseph and Karen Payne. Noble, a candidate for mayor in the Republican primary, wrote the election board that the Paynes while claiming Payne Law Office at 377 W. Main Street as their residence, they actually live at 80 West Cutshall Road.

"Given these facts and other which would be presented, I do not believe that the presumption of residence

created by IC 3-5-5-6(b) could be overcome in a court of law by either the civil standard of 'preponderance of the evidence' or the criminal standard of 'beyond a reasonable doubt'," Dove concluded. Explaining the election board's decision to refer the matter to the prosecutor, County Clerk Missy Applegate said, "We had no choice." She cited IC 3-14-5-3(b) "...each county election board shall report a violation of this title as a felony or misdemeanor to the appropriate prosecuting attorney and the alleged violator." In Indiana law "shall means we must," said Applegate.

New Jersey: Former Hoboken City Council Candidate Convicted of Conspiring to Use Mail to Promote Voter Bribery Scheme

A former candidate for the Hoboken City Council was convicted today of conspiring to promote a voter bribery scheme by use of the mail, U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito announced. Francis Raia, 67, of Hoboken, New Jersey, was a candidate for Hoboken City Council in 2013. He was convicted of one count of conspiracy to violate the federal Travel Act for causing the mails to be used in aid of voter bribery, contrary to New Jersey state law, during that election. The jury deliberated for one day, following a five-day trial before Senior U.S. District Judge William J. Martini in Newark federal court. "The defendant in this case tried to rig a Hoboken municipal election by voting multiple times, both for himself and for a ballot question that he supported," U.S. Attorney Carpenito said. "He did so by deploying his loyal foot soldiers to buy votes from people who he thought were in need of money, and then creating a phony cover story to conceal his tracks. Fortunately, neither federal law enforcement nor the jury was fooled. Today's verdict underscores this Office's continued dedication to uncovering, investigating and prosecuting acts of corruption at every level of New Jersey government."

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SCOTUSblog: Janus-Like Judicial Restraint in Political Gerrymanders

Observers studying the partisan-gerrymander cases on the last day of the Supreme Court's term would have at least two takeaways: First, this is the Roberts Court in every sense of the word. Second, the judicial restraint central to the political-gerrymander cases was nowhere to be found in the census case.

Free Beacon: Obama-Holder Group Dealt Blow with SCOTUS Gerrymandering Decision

The U.S. Supreme Court's gerrymandering decision dealt a blow to liberal activist groups, including one founded by former attorney general Eric Holder and backed by President Barack Obama. The Court ruled 5-4 on Thursday that federal courts must stay out of partisan gerrymandering cases involving state-drawn congressional maps. The decision was a major setback for groups such as the National Democratic Redistricting Committee (NDRC), an organization backed by former president Obama and founded by former attorney general Holder.

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LEAD

No, Prisoners Should Not be Voting from Their Cells

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the Boston bomber whose cold-blooded attacks killed three including a child and maimed scores more, ought to be able to vote. So, too, should every other incarcerated terrorist, murderer, rapist, human trafficker and Fentanyl dealer. That, unbelievably, is the position of Sen. Bernie Sanders. Fortunately, the vast majority of Americans feel differently. One poll found that 75% of Americans disagree with his basic argument that voting rights should never be taken away from felons under any circumstances. But Sanders hasn't relented. He even published an opinion piece in USA Today holding up prison voting as an antidote to a criminal justice system he characterized as systemically racist, which enables "mass incarceration" as a "tool of voter suppression." Felons show through their actions that they do not deserve society's implicit trust. They do deserve a second chance, but the burden is theirs to demonstrate that they have become law-abiding and upstanding citizens in other words, the very people we want to be voting.

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McIver Institute: An Automatic Cause for Concern

On its face, automatic voter registration seems like a difficult proposal to reject. After all, who doesn't want to make it easier to vote? Who doesn't want as many people as possible voting? It is, of course, nothing of the sort. In fact, the only thing at odds with representative democracy and constitutional governance is automatic voter registration itself. This presents a significant First Amendment concern, as the act of refusing to take part in the electoral process can be just as much of a political statement as voting. So too is refusing to register altogether. The underlying premise of mandatory voter registration runs counter to well-settled political speech protections. It is also a solution in search of a problem.

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California: California's Botched Motor-Voter Rollout Hovers Over 2020

A major foreign cyberattack on California's new automated voter registration system during its glitch-filled rollout last spring flew mostly under the national media's radar. The California case is particularly vexing from election-integrity and voter-privacy perspectives because the hack targeted the motor-voter registration system just six days before its scheduled launch. Among the concerns surfacing now is that state officials never publicly acknowledged the hacking until California media reported on it last month. And there are lingering questions — and serious doubts — over whether the system's numerous glitches have been fixed in the lead-up to the 2020 presidential primary and general election.

California: A Fix for California's Election Integrity Issues or Something Else Entirely?

A bill to allow the use of non-provisional ballots for conditional same-day voter registration is being touted as necessary "for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or update their registration before an election." It remains to be seen but California could use a fix to the state's ballot harvesting issue which

arose in the 2018 General Election. AB 693 by Assemblyman Marc Berman (D-Los Altos), says the bill is an important safety net for Californians who miss the deadline to register to vote or update their registration before an election. Weeks after election night November 6, 2018, voters watched as double-digit leads in many key California House races disappeared as additional ballots were found and recorded – finalizing one month later. Election Integrity Project California (EIPCA) is opposed to AB 693 and says it would facilitate erroneous registrations and ensure that ineligible votes would be cast and counted. EIPCA has covered election irregularities and integrity issues since 2010 and compiled a significant database California election incidents.

Florida: Here's a History of Miami's Many Ballot-Fraud and *Boletero* Scandals

Last week, *New Times* published images from a leaked, 150-page WhatsApp chat that included volunteers with then-Miami-Dade County Commission candidate Alex Diaz de la Portilla's campaign District 5 discussing stealing and destroying ballots during the 2018 District 5 County Commission race. Diaz de la Portilla — who paid thousands of dollars to the political consultant who organized the WhatsApp chat — claims the entire story is made up and "libelous." But while the allegations are serious, they're not a new phenomenon in Miami-Dade County. Quite the opposite in fact. The tactics outlined in the WhatsApp chat seem to be some of the oldest voting tricks in the Miami election playbook — campaigns hire *boleteros* to help voters "handle" their absentee ballots, and maybe those campaign workers happen to make a few votes for their opponents disappear here or there. It's been an issue in South Florida for decades, but truly came to a head after the 1997 City of Miami mayoral race, when then-Mayor Xavier Suarez was removed from office after investigators discovered all sorts of illegal votes for him. (This then ushered in the era of Mayor "Loco Joe" Carollo.)

Florida: Miami Candidate's Campaign Workers Might Have Tampered with Absentee Ballots

An explosive, 150-page WhatsApp chat leaked to Miami New Times appears to show members of Miami-Dade County Commission District 5 candidate Alex Diaz de la Portilla's 2018 campaign team discussing destroying or stealing absentee ballots from voters who selected one of Diaz de la Portilla's opponents, Zoraida Barreiro. In one message, a campaign worker posted an image of a ballot and joked it had been stolen. In another text, someone took a photo of a ballot and wrote, "Byebye." In a third message, someone instructed a campaign worker to "tear up the ballot good."

Florida: Election Fraud? Florida Won't Pledge to Look for Voters Registered in Multiple States

An effort to clamp down on potential voter fraud in Florida has been bogged down by an unlikely source: the state's Republican-controlled administration. More than a year ago, Florida legislators gave permission to the nation's third-largest state to join a multistate partnership to flag people registered to vote in more than one state. Florida, a haven for semi-residents who trek yearly from the North and Midwest, has long been hit with reports of people possibly voting in more than one state. Republicans — including President Donald Trump — have complained about voter fraud despite a lack of evidence. A top state election official who works for Gov. Ron DeSantis told local election supervisors on Wednesday that it wasn't clear when — or if — the state would become a member of the Electronic Registration Information Center, or ERIC. Member states exchange voting information and look for duplicate registrations.

Georgia: Georgia Joins Multi-State Voter Registration and Cancellation Effort

Georgia joined a group of 25 other states Wednesday that shares voter information and cancels registrations of voters who moved out of state or died. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said Georgia's participation in the Electronic Registration Information Center will keep voter lists accurate and prevent election fraud. "Joining ERIC is a tremendous step forward for the integrity of Georgia's voter rolls, keeping our lists up-to-date and bringing our state to the forefront of election security," Raffensperger said.

Nevada: Nevada Passes National Popular Vote Bill in Bid to Upend Electoral College

The Nevada Senate approved Tuesday a National Popular Vote bill on a party-line vote, sending the legislation aimed at upending the Electoral College to the governor. Assembly Bill 186, which passed the Senate on a 12-8 vote, would bring Nevada into the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, an agreement between participating states to cast their electoral votes for the winner of the popular vote. If signed as expected by Democratic Gov. Steve Sisolak, Nevada would become the 16th jurisdiction to join the compact, along with 14 states and the District of Columbia. The compact would take effect after states totaling 270 electoral votes, and with Nevada, the total would reach 195. While the effort has been billed by

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organizers as bipartisan, Democrats have embraced the NPV in the aftermath of President Trump's 2016 victory, which saw the Republican win the electoral vote but not the popular vote.

New Jersey: Legislators Seek Law Change to Prevent Voting After Polls Close

Three legislators who represent Cedar Grove are introducing legislation that would prevent voters from returning vote-by-mail ballots after the polls have closed. The action comes days after Cedar Grove councilman Harry Kumburis was caught ringing the doorbell of a voter who had not returned a VBM ballot after 10 PM after losing the election by 33 votes in the May 14 non-partisan municipal election. The proposal seeks to repeal a section in New Jersey's new VBM law so that ballots filed after polls close on Election Day would not be counted. The legislators also want to increase the penalties for bearers who exceed the legal limit of three ballots.

New Jersey: Law Enforcement Officials Investigating Possible Mail and Voter Fraud in Cedar Grove Town Council Election

Federal and state law enforcement officials are now involved in the Cedar Grove Town Council election over five vote-by-mail ballots improperly delivered to the Newark Post Office and brought forth by The Essex County Board of Elections. Election board officials received a letter from an employee at the Newark Main Post Office, which is open 24 hours, stating that a man entered the Post Office and had several ballots postmarked. The investigation involves the U.S. Attorney and Essex County Prosecutor, who are looking into possible mail and voter fraud. Councilman Harry Kumburis, who lost re-election in Cedar Grove by 33 votes on May 14, knocked on doors after 10 p.m. on election night, allegedly targeting voters who hadn't returned a requested vote-by-mail ballot.

North Carolina: Democrats Turned to Cooper's Political Arm in Replacing State Elections Director

Gov. Roy Cooper said this week he didn't have any conversations about removing State Board of Elections Director Kim Strach, but his political operative worked with board Democrats as they lined up Strach's replacement. Former Board Director Gary Bartlett, who Strach replaced in the job shortly after Republican Gov. Pat McCrory took office in 2013, had input as well. In fact, Board Chairman Bob Cordle pitched him on returning to the job, but Bartlett turned it down. Bartlett suggested another name instead: Karen Brinson Bell, who had worked under him at the board 10 years before and was Transylvania County's elections director from 2011 to 2015. She and Bartlett both now work with a group that promotes "ranked choice" voting. Bartlett said the Cooper administration, through the governor's lead political strategist, Morgan Jackson, asked him for a name.

Ohio: Legislation Would Require Paper Ballots for Future Elections in Ohio

An Akron lawmaker wants Ohio to start using paper ballots for its future elections. House Bill 204 would prohibit counties from acquiring so-called direct recording electronic (DRE) voting machines or any marking devices or automatic tabulating equipment that does not use a paper ballot. According to Ballotpedia.org, 18 states use paper ballots. Other states used a combination of voting methods, including DRE machines with and without a paper trail.

Pennsylvania: Election Fraud Central? Half of Complaints Hail from Philly's 7th District, DA Says

More than half of the early Election Day complaints lodged with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office stemmed from polling places in the 7th District, where Councilwoman Maria Quiñones-Sánchez and state Rep. Angel Cruz are locked in a heated battle. The first half of Tuesday's primary yielded 26 complaints to the DA's Election Fraud Task Force. As of 4:45 p.m., about 15 of them came from the political wards — historically fraud-plagued — that make up the slice of North Philly many residents refer to as the barrio. Overwhelmingly, the complaints all alleged some form of electioneering, the most common grievance in contested races, according to DA spokesperson Cameron Kline. All complaints are being investigated by the office's field team, Kline said.

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Washington Times: Supreme Court Puts Ohio, Michigan Gerrymander Cases on Hold

The Supreme Court put two big political gerrymandering cases on hold Friday, ordering a halt to lower court rulings that had found legislative maps in Ohio and Michigan invalid. The justices said the halt will

create space for an appeal of the lower court rulings. That also means the legislatures in Ohio and Michigan don't need to hurry to redraw maps to comply with the lower court decisions. Political gerrymandering, or drawing lines to maximize the political power of one party, is one of the hottest topics in the courts right now, and the justices already have cases pending dealing with the issue. It's expected that whatever they rule will also apply to Ohio and Michigan.

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Is blizzard bound for Florida as [Broward ponders voter roll cleanup](#)? Will failed gubernatorial candidate [Gillum spend enough bucks](#) to steal enough Florida votes in 2020? Would [New Jersey council candidate](#) have rounded up enough un-mailed ballots to win his race if the cops hadn't been called? So many questions, [and more](#)!

LEAD

Five Big Supreme Court Decisions to Watch

The Supreme Court is set to go back into session on Monday to begin issuing some of its biggest decisions of the year. From high-stakes rulings for the Trump administration to revisiting battles over the separation of church and state, here are five big decisions to watch for. **Census citizenship question:** The Trump administration's efforts to add a question about citizenship landed in front of the justices last month, just weeks before the deadline to get the query added to the census. Opponents argue that asking about citizenship will cause noncitizens and other immigrants to skip the question or the census altogether, leading to an inaccurate count of the population. Census data is used to determine congressional representation as well as federal funding.

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The Hill: Senate Dems Introduce Election Security Bill Requiring Paper Ballots

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and a group of 12 other senators introduced a bill Wednesday to mandate the use of paper ballots in U.S. elections and also ban all internet, Wi-Fi and mobile connections to voting machines in order to limit the potential for cyber interference. The legislation would also give the Department of Homeland Security the power to set minimum cybersecurity standards for U.S. voting machines, authorize a one-time \$500 million grant program for states to buy ballot-scanning machines to count paper ballots and require states to conduct risk-limiting audits of all federal elections in order to detect any cyber hacks.

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Alabama: House Committee Advances Bill to Clarify That Only US Citizens Have the Right to Vote

The Alabama House Constitution, Campaigns and Elections Committee on Wednesday advanced SB 313 and HB 596, companion bills that would clarify that only United States citizens have the right to vote in Alabama elections. Senate President Pro Tem Del Marsh (R-Anniston) and State Rep. Arnold Mooney (R-Indian Springs) are sponsoring the legislation in their respective chambers. Mooney carried the bills in the House committee. SB 313 was unanimously passed by the Senate last week and is now line for final passage by the full House.

Florida: Broward Elections Office Performs 'Voter List Maintenance'

The Broward County Supervisor of Elections held a conference call Thursday to talk about the voter registration list maintenance process. The process takes place every two years and is designed to protect the integrity of elections. It began in March and will continue through the year. The process comes on the heels of multiple issues with ballot counting in the county during the November 2018 elections. Then Broward Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes was accused by former Gov. Rick Scott of fraud and incompetence.

Florida: Russian Government Hackers Targeted Small County in Florida Panhandle in 2016

The voter registration database of a small county in the Florida panhandle was breached by Russian government hackers in 2016, according to two U.S. officials. The Russian military spy agency, the GRU, was responsible for the penetration of Washington County's database, according to the two officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter. The county has a population of about 25,000. Carol F. Rudd, county elections supervisor, declined to comment on the breach but said it's important for federal, state and local officials to be able to communicate confidentially.

Florida: Gillum Gives Florida Democratic Party \$100k to Register 1m Voters

Former Democratic candidate for governor Andrew Gillum was in Tampa on Thursday, pushing his effort to register one million new Democratic voters by the 2020 election. Gillum handed a large check for \$100,000 to Florida Democratic Party chair Terrie Rizzo and pledged another \$400,000 to groups around the state that help people of color register to vote. Gillum says the push for 2020 isn't just about gaining seats. The power to control the redistricting process will be based on the legislature's makeup, and that makes the election even more important.

Indiana: Voter Fraud Case Causes Suspension from City Tow Contract

Kokomo business owner Allen Wilson is facing financial ramifications after voter fraud allegations were leveled against him in the lead-up to Election Day. The latest development in Wilson's situation was revealed Wednesday during a meeting of the Kokomo Board of Public Works and Safety, when Kokomo Police Department Maj. James Calabro read a memo from Chief Rob Baker requesting a suspension of his company from the call rotation within the city's towing contract. The memo cited the "voter fraud allegations" against Wilson and requested to the Board of Works a suspension of Competition Towing "while that investigation is pending."

Iowa: Governor Signs Laws Modernizing Mail-in Ballot Technology

A little-used technology that could have settled a disputed Northeast Iowa Statehouse race month earlier now will be required in every Iowa county under a measure signed into law Thursday by Gov. Kim Reynolds. The new law requires that envelopes containing absentee ballots for Iowa elections have bar codes that can provide mailing data affixed under the direction of local elections officials.

New Jersey: Councilman Loses Election, Goes Looking for Votes at 10:00 PM

A councilman who lost Tuesday's election went door-to-door after the polls closed looking for vote-by-mail ballots. After Harry Kumburis finished third in a four-way race for Cedar Grove's council-at-large race, doorbell video posted by the New Jersey Globe showed him on the porch of a resident just after 10 p.m. knocking on the door while holding a stack of papers. The resident did not answer the door. After Kumburis turned and walked away, the resident called police.

Virginia: Dept. of Elections to Create Six New Jobs to Oversee Voter Registration, Train Local Registrars

Virginia voters are preparing to go to the polls in a few weeks for the primary election. Some changes will happen this summer at the Department of Elections to make sure everything goes smoothly when you register to vote in the coming months. Two jobs will train local registrars, two will maintain voter registration lists, and the last two will focus on making sure voters are assigned to the correct districts and polling places when they register. These new positions were created after an audit of the department released in September found the list of roughly 5.5 million voters is "mostly accurate," however, there were recommendations on how to maintain and improve the accuracy. For example, the report found overall the department "has not provided adequate guidance" to local registrars on how to "decide whether to add or remove a voter for the list." Also, the audit shows the department didn't historically have a staffer assigned to maintaining the registration list.

Texas: House Committee Moves Forward Bill That Would Make It a Felony to Incorrectly Fill Out a Voter Application

The Elections Committee of the Texas House voted Friday to advance a controversial voter fraud bill that critics say could send people to jail for making an error while filling out a voter application. The committee approved Republican state Sen. Bryan Hughes' Senate Bill 9 on a 5-4 party-line vote two days after sitting through a lengthy testimony session dominated by groups opposed to the measure, according to

the *Texas Tribune*.

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Roll Call: Supreme Court Requests Response from Ohio and Michigan Gerrymander Challengers

The Supreme Court on Monday gave the challengers of congressional maps in Ohio and Michigan until May 20 to respond to requests from state officials to stop court-ordered redrawing of district lines. Lower courts found the maps were partisan gerrymanders, an issue the high court is now considering in two other cases. Republican lawmakers and officials in both states had argued that they did not have enough time to comply with recent federal court mandates to redraw their districts by June 14 in Ohio and Aug. 1 in Michigan.

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[It takes a lawsuit to clean a village](#) - citizens of Broward county benefit from ACURU's list maintenance court actions; [Colorado citizens will vote on NPV in 2020](#); [Obama's new political redistricting effort](#). [Read all about it in this week's EIB](#).

It Takes a Lawsuit to Clean a Village

Election officials are required by state and federal law to clear voter rolls of voters who are deceased, ineligible to vote or moved to another jurisdiction. Voter rolls get messy quickly when officials appointed to clean them shirk their duties. Such was the case in Florida's Broward County where it took litigation from the American Civil Rights Union (ACRU) and harsh action by the state executive to force bureaucrats to do their jobs. As the country moves into the 2020 elections there is much to be learned from the Broward story. After significant ballot mismanagement by Broward County in the 2016 national election, ACRU was ahead of the curve in suing election supervisor Dr. Brenda Snipes for failing to keep accurate voter rolls. She was later sued successfully by Democrats for illegally throwing away ballots and by the GOP for opening mail-in ballots in secret. ACRU's lawsuit cited that in Broward County not a single person—including the deceased—was removed from voter rolls between 2013 and 2015 and a remarkable 97 percent of county residents voted in 2016, well over the national average of 55 percent.

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New York Sun: The Electoral College Angst

As we hurdle toward the 2020 election, some 15 states have joined the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. They would use in a new way the constitutional system in which each state chooses in November electors to meet in December to decide who will be president. This is not an occasion for panic. The states that have joined the popular vote compact account for only 190 electoral votes. The compact doesn't go into effect until it has enough states with the 270 electoral votes needed to decide the presidency. All it would take now, though, is a few red states turning blue enough to join the compact, and — presto — we'd elect our presidents by the national popular vote. The New York Sun is against it.

Washington Post: The Electoral College is Here to Stay

Because in 2000 and 2016 the Democratic candidate won the popular vote but not the presidency, many Democrats favor amending the Constitution to replace the electoral vote system with the election of presidents by direct popular vote. Politically, this is almost impossible, for the reason many Democrats favor it: The electoral vote system enhances the political weight of the less populous states, which are disproportionately red. Hence the National Popular Vote gimmick. By joining the NPV compact, each state agrees that its electoral votes will be cast for the winner of the national popular vote, even if a different candidate wins the popular vote in the state. The compact would come alive when the compacting states have, cumulatively, at least 270 electoral votes. So far, 15 states and the District of Columbia, with a combined total of 196 electoral votes, have enacted NPV.

LifeZette: Stacey Abrams Joins Other Democrats in Wanting to Wipe Out the Electoral College

Democrats have been talking about getting rid of the Electoral College ever since President Donald Trump won the 2016 presidential election — and now one of its losing candidates in 2018 is joining the fight. Failed gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams of Georgia is once again in the headlines for pushing the narrative of destroying the Electoral College during presidential elections.

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Colorado: Drive to Repeal National Popular Vote Compact Makes Colorado's 2020 Ballot

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A citizen initiative to repeal state Senate Bill 42, the national popular vote law, has been approved for the 2020 ballot, the Secretary of State's Office announced Thursday. Senate Bill 42 would pledge the state's nine presidential electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote rather than to the winner of the state's popular vote for president. Opponents have claimed that such a move would dilute Colorado's vote, particularly for rural communities, and see it as a challenge to President Donald Trump, who won the Electoral College vote in 2016 but lost the popular contest by some 3 million votes.

Florida: Florida Supreme Court Set to Clarify Voting Rights for Felons

The Florida Supreme Court has agreed to clarify whether the state can continue restricting voting privileges to felons who have unpaid fines and fees. Gov. Ron DeSantis had asked the high court for an advisory opinion amid legal challenges to a new state law implementing the restoration of voting rights for former felons. Voters last year overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment restoring voting rights to as many as 1.4 million felons who have completed their sentences.

Maine: Conservative Group Pushing Mills to Veto bill for Ranked-Choice Primary

Conservative group pushing Mills to veto bill for ranked-choice primary The Maine Heritage Policy Center sends the governor a letter making its case against legislation to extend the state's ranked-choice voting system to the presidential primary in March. A leading conservative think tank is pushing Democratic Gov. Janet Mills to veto a bill passed by the state Senate this week to expand ranked choice voting to presidential primaries. If Mills signs the bill or it becomes law without her signature, Maine will be the seventh state to use ranked choice voting in the upcoming Democratic presidential primary, joining Iowa, Nevada, Hawaii, Alaska, Kansas and Wyoming. A spokesman for Mills said Thursday that she was still considering the legislation. In a letter to Mills, the Maine Heritage Policy Center points to its own analysis of ranked-choice voting in 96 jurisdictions in the United States as evidence that the system doesn't work the way proponents say it does.

Maryland: Judge Rules that State Must Hand Over Montgomery County Election Records

A federal judge has ordered the state of Maryland to release a list of Montgomery County voters, as requested by a nonprofit group reviewing various jurisdictions' records for accuracy. U.S. District Judge Ellen Lipton Hollander ruled on Aug. 8 that the group, Judicial Watch, must be given a list of voters, along with addresses, voting status and recent voting activity. She held off on ruling whether each voter's date of birth must be released, too.

Mississippi: Six Absentee Voters Claim to Live with Candidate Gibbs-Gray

Six adults claiming to live at candidate Kegdra Gibbs-Gray's home at 2514 22nd Ave. N. cast absentee ballots for the Aug. 20 special election for Ward 4 Columbus councilman. All six - five of whose last names are Gibbs - registered to vote at that address between July 14 and Aug. 6, according to records obtained from the city registrar's office. Before that, their registered addresses were all outside Ward 4. This has led District 5 Lowndes County Supervisor Leroy Brooks to file a complaint with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office asking for an investigation into possible voter fraud in the election. While Brooks is a Ward 5 resident, his supervisor district includes parts of Ward 4.

New Jersey: Andrzejczak Blocks Amendment to Prevent Voter Fraud

State Senate Candidate Mike Testa, Jr. (LD-1) issued the following statement after Interim Senator Bob Andrzejczak voted to table an amendment which would increase penalties for voter fraud in New Jersey's elections: "Once again, Democrat Bob Andrzejczak put the agenda of his liberal party bosses ahead of what is best for his constituents and all citizens of the State of New Jersey by voting to block an amendment that would have increased penalties for those who commit voter fraud," Testa said. Under current New Jersey law, voting violations is a third-degree crime. During yesterday's Senate voting session, Senator Joe Pennacchio introduced an amendment which would increase penalties to a second-degree crime. Sen. Pennacchio's effort to protect the integrity of our election process was immediately blocked by Senate Democrats, including by Senator Andrzejczak.

North Carolina: State BOE to Hold Hearing Sept. 5 on Elections Complaints

Two of the three Democratic members of the Robeson County Board of Elections face the threat of removal when the State Board of Elections meets on Sept. 5. On that day the state board's members will

hear complaints filed against county board Chairperson Tiffany Pequise-Powers and member Karen Nance, according to an agenda provided by the state board. The complaints were filed Aug. 20 by Shannon resident Julius Locklear. Locklear says in his complaints that Powers and Nance violated state law and state board policy against public comments or actions and social media postings that can be interpreted as an endorsement of a political candidate.

North Carolina: Bill Addressing Ballot 'Harvesting' Gets initial NC House OK

Stricter rules for requesting mail-in absentee ballots in North Carolina and more severe crimes for people who collect them have received tentative approval in the state House. The bill voted for by a near-unanimous chamber on Tuesday also would reinstate permanently the extension of early in-person voting until the last Saturday before each election. The measure largely addresses problems that surfaced during a 2018 congressional race involving "harvesting" of absentee ballots by political operatives. State election officials ordered a new 9th Congressional District election.

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Newsmax: Don't Take Obama's Partisan Gerrymandering Fight Seriously

Former President Barack Obama's anti-gerrymandering initiative, which has come under fire from Republicans who say he only wants changes that benefit Democrats, shouldn't be taken seriously "if he tries to posture that it's about good government," former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Wednesday.

Fox News: Obama Gets Political Again, Launches Initiative to Fight Gerrymandering

Former President Barack Obama is back in the political arena, announcing a new initiative to combat partisan gerrymandering — though Republicans say the efforts are really about helping Democrats. The "Redistricting U" program, which is part of the "All on the Line" campaign, aims to recruit and train individuals to take up the fight against drawing congressional districts based on partisan interests.

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[Left-wing Washington, D.C. non-profits](#) confound Florida voters and their pets; while [convoluted voting process would leave voters in Maine](#) without best choices. Meanwhile, in [New Jersey, ties to voter fraud](#) appear to be a political plus; and a typo in a New York state house bill would [force non-citizens to register to vote](#). [These stories and more...](#)

In a new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll, Americans were asked about potential changes that could occur within U.S. democracy. The most popular answers are added up by those who said the changes would improve democracy "a lot" or "just some." Term limits for members of Congress: 71 percent. Non-partisan commissions drawing congressional/state legislative districts: 66 percent. Election Day as a national holiday: 66 percent. Automatic voter registration for every adult citizen: 65 percent. Term limits for Supreme Court justices: 60 percent. Eliminating the Electoral College to decide presidential elections: 56 percent. Federal funding of congressional campaigns: 54 percent. Eliminating the filibuster: 44 percent. Of course, there are significant partisan differences on these fixes: 81 percent of Democratic respondents said abolishing the Electoral College would improve democracy a lot/somewhat, versus just 32 percent of Republicans who agreed. But the one fix where there's bipartisan support is congressional term limits, with 81 percent of Republicans, 68 percent of independents and 67 percent of Democrats who think it would improve the U.S. democracy.

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Washington Times: Trump-Aligned Group to Spend \$20M on Voter Registration

America First Policies, a nonprofit that supports President Trump's agenda, will launch a \$20 million campaign Tuesday to register voters in four states that could determine whether the president gets a second term. It will start by registering people who attend Mr. Trump's 2020 kickoff rally at the Amway Center in Orlando, Florida. The group believes there are 9 million unregistered, eligible voters up for grab in the vital swing state. Besides Florida, it is looking to register voters in Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Georgia — electoral vote-rich states Mr. Trump won in 2016 and will likely need again to defeat whoever emerges from the crowded Democratic primary field.

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Florida: Voter Registration Mailer Creates Confusion for Voters and Phone Calls for Officials

Dozens of Leon County residents received notices in their mailboxes today that they were not registered to vote. The mailing initiated a flood of phone calls to the Supervisor of Elections Office by people wanting to know why they were removed from the voter rolls. They were sent by two non-profit groups based in Washington, D.C., dedicated to increasing voter participation among lower income residents, people of color and single women. The mailers typically have arrived in June for at least 15 years. And in the past, residents and elections officials in Florida and other states have said the notifications were sent to deceased relatives, their under-aged children and their dogs and cats. But the effort, according to Leon County Supervisor of Elections Mark Earley, seems to create more confusion each year than increase new voters. "We get more complaints than we do new registrations as a result of these mailers," said Earley about the alerts sent out by the Voter Participation Center and the Center for Voter Information.

Florida: DeSantis Announces Plan to Root out Election Security Problems Before 2020 Primaries

Flanked by Secretary of State Laurel Lee and several county supervisors of elections, Gov. Ron DeSantis today announced a partnership between the three groups to scrutinize their election systems for potential security breaches in the run-up to the 2020 elections. Also, DeSantis said, \$2.3 million that wasn't spent last year will be added to the \$2.8 million the Legislature appropriated this year, for a total of \$5.1 million

for election security. The announcement came nearly a month after DeSantis asked Lee on May 22 to initiate a review of the election system security throughout all 67 counties in Florida to ensure the state's election infrastructure is secure.

Illinois: Complaint Alleges Illegal Electioneering, Poll Access in East Chicago

The Lake County Board of Elections is looking into allegations of illegal electioneering and improper access to a polling place in East Chicago during last month's primary election. At a public meeting Tuesday, board members took up a formal complaint from Bert Flores, the Democratic precinct committeeman in EC-7. Flores alleged a wide range of misconduct at the polling place at McKinley Elementary School, including electioneering just outside the entrance, an apparent violation of state election law. He claimed Beverly Armenta, the Democratic Party-appointed site leader, refused to enforce a rule requiring electioneers to stay at least 50 feet away from an entrance to a polling place.

Indiana: Howard Co. Election Board Forwards Voter Fraud Allegations to Prosecutor

The Howard County Election Board on Thursday voted unanimously to forward to prosecutors a possible voter fraud case involving Kokomo businessman Allen Wilson. The situation kicked off May 6, one day before Election Day, when Wilson became the focus of an email sent to the Howard County Election Board describing his "fraudulent vote" cast in the Democratic primary election. The email alleged Wilson illegally changed his voter registration on April 2 to his business' address, 1101 S. Apperson Way, inside city limits, in order to vote in this spring's municipal primary election. It is illegal in Indiana to register to vote at a place of business. Knowingly submitting a fraudulent application for registration can be charged as a crime, according to Indiana state code.

Maine: Bill Would Allow Ranked-Choice Voting in Presidential Elections

A new bill would let Mainers choose their next President through ranked-choice voting. This means that ballots would have Mainers rank the candidates from first choice to last choice, and if a candidate doesn't win by a large majority, the ballots would be recounted, and would eliminate candidates one by one based off of everyone's rankings. Another bill on the governor's desk could also impact this one, which would institute a primary election for Presidential candidates in Maine.

Maine: Governor Signs Automatic Voter Registration Bill into Law

Gov. Janet Mills on Wednesday signed an automatic voter registration bill into law. Maine joins at least 17 states that automatically register voters. Maine will automatically register voters who do business with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles by 2022 under the bill, which has a one-time cost of \$140,000 in federal funds. Maine's secretary of state could also allow certain groups like private colleges to help automatically register voters. The National Conference of State Legislatures says 17 states have automatic voter registration. The bill also allows 16-year-olds to conditionally vote and enroll in a political party — down from 17. An amendment requires individuals to be notified that they can opt out, and for registrars of voters to determine eligibility.

Massachusetts: Same-Day Voter Registration Could Be Coming to Massachusetts

State lawmakers are considering a proposal that would allow you to register to vote on Election Day. Twenty states currently allow residents to register to vote on Election Day, and public officials want to make Massachusetts number 21. The Joint Committee on Election Laws is considering a proposal to give Massachusetts residents the option to register to vote on Election Day. In an effort to get more people to the polls, Massachusetts lawmakers are also considering a proposal to allow 16 and 17-year-olds the opportunity to vote. The Election Laws Committee didn't make any decisions on the bills on Thursday, but many people are hopeful to see voting laws change before the 2020 election.

Michigan: FBI, DHS Contacted Over Stealth Dem Effort to Gain Voter Data

A massive effort to obtain Michigan voter data spearheaded by powerhouse Democratic group Priorities USA was so "unusual" that top officials in the state contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Department of Homeland Security over the matter, internal emails provided to the *Washington Free Beacon* show. Michigan clerks began receiving "mystery" Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests last year from an opaque limited liability company, the United Impact Group LLC, seeking a large assortment of voter data from across the state, including ballots cast in the 2016 elections. The efforts were later

linked to the Priorities USA Foundation, the separate but affiliated nonprofit arm of Priorities USA Action, the largest outside liberal super PAC.

New Hampshire: Madison Man, 80, Latest to Be Charged with Voting Twice in 2016 Election

An 80-year-old resident of Madison has been charged with voting in more than one state in the last presidential election, New Hampshire authorities announced Wednesday. Charles Eugene Cartier Jr., 80, is the third elderly person and fifth person overall to face voter fraud charges stemming from the Voter Crosscheck Program, a multi-state database that compares voter information in different states to detect double voting. Dozens remain under investigation, all involving the 2016 presidential election, according to officials. The first two arrested on Crosscheck-identified voter fraud were Hampton residents John and Grace Fleming, who are both in their early 70s. Cartier's arrest on a Class B felony was announced Wednesday by Attorney General Jane Young, whose office investigates and brings charges related to voter fraud.

New Jersey: State Senator Uses Nomination Hearing to Highlight Voter Fraud Cases

Republican state Sen. Gerald Cardinale's attempts to tie the Bergen County Democratic chairman to voter fraud were not enough to derail the chairman's nomination to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. Cardinale was the only committee member to vote against Stellato's nomination. Monday's 30-minute hearing was dominated by Cardinale's grilling of Stellato. The Republican senator referred to two cases in the last decade in which Superior Court judges overturned municipal election results in Bergen County because voters cast ballots in towns where they do not live. In both cases, the judges overturned results that had initially favored Democrats. "We have a very lax attitude about people voting out of places where they do not live," Cardinale said. "There were many, including me, who believe that Mr. Stellato is part of the architecture of that plan."

New York: Clerk Stands Ground on Not Giving Licenses to Illegal Immigrants: 'This Could Be About Voter Fraud'

A patriotic court clerk from New York clerk who's vowed to not comply with a new law that grants illegal aliens the right to obtain a driver's license explained Thursday that his decision is rooted in his oath to support and defend the U.S. Constitution and his concerns about voter fraud. "Under the 1986 Conflict Immigration Reform and Control Act, it's illegal to hire people who are here illegally," Erie County Clerk Michael Kearns said on FNC's "Tucker Carlson Tonight." "And the memo of the sponsors of the bills state one of the reasons why they want to grant illegal immigrants a license is to get them to and from work. I took an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution. I'm not going to violate federal law."

New York: Single Typo in State Bill Would Have Automatically Registered Non-Citizens to Vote

A typo in the state's automatic voter registration bill would have forced non-citizens to register despite their ineligibility — but lawmakers vowed it would be fixed. The bill directs designated state agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, State Board of Elections and Department of Social Services to automatically enroll residents who fill out any paperwork with their agencies. An "opt-out" box would let people choose not to enroll. But sloppily written instructions specifically directed ineligible non-citizens to not check the box. The instructions were actually supposed to tell them to check the box, so they wouldn't inadvertently be registered. The Assembly is supposed to vote on the bill Thursday. The Senate already passed the measure — typo included — Wednesday by a 43-to-19-vote margin. But Assembly Republicans seethed because the intended vote comes three days after Gov. Cuomo signed the controversial "Green Light" bill granting driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. Board of Elections has said that the sole requirement for registering to vote is a driver's license. "It's a blatant attempt to allow voter fraud to fester," said Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-Staten Island) who brought up this precise fear during Monday's vote.

New York: Albany DA Advises Caution Over Absentee Ballots

Would you allow someone with a credit card application to come to your door, take all your information and promise they'd be back with a credit card for you? No? Keep that in mind when it comes to those campaigning for elected office showing up with an absentee ballot application, helping you fill it out and promising to bring back a ballot they'll then deliver to the elections board. "The best and safest way is to take an absentee ballot, fill it out appropriately and then mail it yourself, and not allow for that chance where your vote can be suppressed or tampered with," said Albany County District Attorney David Soares,

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less than a week away from Tuesday's primary election. Amid increased concerns of yet another election season in Albany County seeing a spike in absentee ballots, Soares cautioned voters to be vigilant and report any malfeasance or possible illegal activity at the polls or at any time in the election process. Soares said he's recently received several calls from local campaigns expressing concerns about absentee ballot fraud. He stressed that those applying to vote absentee must have a valid reason to do so. The Times Union first reported about the renewed concerns June 15 where people feared applications could be filled out by the candidate, or voters could be persuaded to vote a certain way.

New York: Automatic Voter Registration Closer to Becoming Law

A bill that would automatically register New York residents to vote upon interaction with various state and local government agencies passed in the State Senate on June 19, bringing it one step closer to becoming law in New York and potentially removing a significant barrier to voter registration. The legislation, sponsored by Western Queens State Sen. Michael Gianaris, would work to boost voter turnout in the state, which has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the country. Agencies like the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Office of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, Department of Veterans Services and Military Affairs, the Department of Labor and more will be able to automatically register residents that use their services to vote, unless the resident specifically opts out.

Oregon: Oregon House Approves Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants

The Oregon House Tuesday passed legislation that would once again allow the state to issue driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants and others who can't prove they are legal residents. It now heads to the Senate. In 2014, Oregon voters rejected a measure to create a separate driver's card for people without proof of legal residence. But the bill House members approved Tuesday would allow people who can't prove they're in the country legally to get the standard license now offered by the DMV after Jan. 1, 2021. By that time, the federal government will no longer accept standard licenses as valid identification for boarding an airplane or entering secured federal government facilities. Next year the state will begin issuing Real ID-compliant licenses, documents that meet stricter federal standards and require recipients to prove their residency status.

West Virginia: House Vote Paves Way for Automatic Voter Registration

After years of delays, automatic voter registration is closer to reality thanks to spending authority granted by the House of Delegates to Secretary of State Mac Warner. The House voted 87-9 on Tuesday on Senate Bill 1015. The bill gives the Secretary of State's Office the authority to spend \$1.5 million for technology improvements for the state's 55 county clerks to be able to process the expected deluge of voter registrations once the state Division of Motor Vehicles is able to start automatic voter registration at DMV locations across the state.

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ACRU's Ken Klukowski Talks Gerrymandering: On this episode of "Examining Politics," Larry O'Connor checks in with American Civil Rights Union Senior Fellow and SCOTUS analyst Ken Klukowski on latest orders and decisions regarding religious liberty, double jeopardy, and racial gerrymandering.

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[Ranked-Choice voting most often results in fake majorities; New Jersey governor compounding mail-in ballot confusion](#); while [Illinois election officials get thwarted by Facebook](#). Meanwhile, [Google employee blows whistle](#) on election tampering to DOJ; and [Progressives pour millions into registering young and minority voters](#). And more

Breitbart: Project Veritas – Google Whistleblower Goes Public: ‘I Saw Something Dark and Nefarious Going On’

A Google whistleblower has gone public with claims of election manipulation and political bias, according to investigative journalism group Project Veritas, which posted a trove of over 950 documents provided by Google insider Zachary Vorhies, who says he has come forward because he “saw something dark and nefarious going on with the company and I realized that they were going to not only tamper with the elections, but use that tampering with the elections to essentially overthrow the United States.” Project Veritas has released yet another report about tech giant Google, this time a Google insider named Zachary Vorhies has gone public with claims that Google planned to tamper with U.S. elections. Vorhies turned over a trove of documents to Project Veritas and has reportedly given over 950 documents to the Department of Justice’s Antitrust division.

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Maine Wire: Does Ranked-Choice Voting Live Up to Its Promises?

The Maine Heritage Policy Center today released its newest report, “A False Majority: The Failed Experiment of Ranked-Choice Voting.” The report explores the use of ranked-choice voting in jurisdictions throughout the country, including Maine, to determine if the voting system lives up to the claims made by proponents of the 2016 ballot initiative and 2018 People’s Veto. In the report, authors Adam Crepeau and Liam Sigaud examine data from 96 ranked-choice voting elections held throughout the U.S., where more than one round of tabulation was necessary to declare a winner and determine the system in practice falls short of the bold claims made by its proponents. Despite promises that ranked-choice voting produces a majority winner, when a candidate fails to secure a majority of the votes cast in the first round and the race goes to additional rounds of tabulation, the eventual winner wins with a fake majority 61 percent of the time.

Politico: Progressive Group Launches \$10 Million Online Voter Registration Drive

Citing an urgent need for young people and minorities to vote at higher rates in Southern states where Democrats are coveting wins in 2020, the progressive group ACRONYM is launching a \$10 million online drive to register voters in the South. ACRONYM’s new program — which is being tested in Virginia’s down-ballot elections — will target Arizona, Texas, Georgia and Florida. The group is aiming to register and mobilize more than 100,000 young and minority voters online, reaching them via Snapchat, Instagram and other digital platforms.

Top U.S. Election Official Opposes Automatic Voter Registration

The chairwoman of the Election Assistance Commission told the nation’s state legislators last week that she’s opposed to automatic voter registration. Adding qualified citizens to the rolls whenever they do business with a state agency, unless they choose to opt out, has quickly become a widely accepted component of most democracy reform agendas. Eighteen states will have so-called AVR in place in time for the 2020 election after a surge of acceptance in state legislatures this decade. And the practice would be nationally mandated under HR 1, the comprehensive campaign finance, election and ethics legislation the House passed in March. But Christy McCormick argues that registering to vote is a form of speech

protected by the First Amendment and that "not registering to vote is a choice – we should respect our citizens' choices."

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California: California's 'Motor Voter' Mess Can't Be Excused Away

An audit of the state's automatic "motor voter" registration program released Friday shows problems with its implementation were even worse than previously thought. The accounting firm Ernst & Young found 83,684 duplicate voter registrations and 171,145 errors on individuals' political affiliation in state Department of Motor Vehicle records. The audit found that the "motor voter" program, created by law in 2015 and launched 16 months ago, was plagued by basic management errors. For one, there was no clear delineation of duties among the DMV, the Secretary of State's Office (which is in charge of voting in California) and the state Department of Technology. For another, DMV agents received so little training, they were left unable to answer basic questions from voters and prone to make mistakes in entering information into the voting database. Moreover, many problems identified soon after the program launched continued well into 2019.

California: California May Lower the Voting Age To 17

The push to lower California's voting age from 18 to 17 passed a key legislative committee Wednesday and may go before the voters to decide. Assembly Constitutional Amendment 4 and Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 both propose allowing a 17-year-old to vote. ACA 4 would allow them to vote in a primary or special election if they will turn 18 by the general election. ACA 8 would allow a 17-year-old to vote in all elections. Currently, Californians need to be 18 to vote in any election. If ACA 4 passes it would require voter approval in order to take effect. Currently, those who are 16 can register to vote. In 22 other states and the District of Columbia, a 17-year-old can vote in a primary if they will turn 18 before a general election. A similar Amendment proposed in California in 2017 did not advance. The 26th Amendment of the US Constitution grants voting rights to those 18 and older.

Florida: Were Election Systems Online and Exposed? State Voting Supervisors Question Report

Several Florida elections supervisors are disputing a report by Vice News on Thursday that claimed their elections systems were susceptible to hacking because they were left online, possibly for months. The report, citing the work of a group of elections security experts, claimed seven Florida counties had exposed their systems. The six counties named in the story are Bradford, Charlotte, Flagler, Wakulla, Miami-Dade and Pasco. Researchers told Vice they were unable to identify the seventh county. But two of those counties, Miami-Dade and Wakulla, are disputing the report.

Georgia: Judge Denies Paper Ballots in Georgia This Year but Requires Them in 2020

A federal judge ruled Thursday that Georgia voters can cast ballots on the state's "unsecure, unreliable and grossly outdated" electronic voting machines one last time, deciding it would be too disruptive to switch to paper ballots before this fall's elections. But starting with next year's presidential primary election, paper ballots will be required, according to the ruling by U.S. District Judge Amy Totenberg. Her order barred the state from using its current electronic voting machines after this year's elections. Election officials are already planning to upgrade the state's voting system by buying \$107 million in new equipment that will use a combination of touchscreens and printed-out paper ballots to check the accuracy of election results.

Illinois: "Very Badly Managed": Inside Chicago Elections Officials' Battle with Facebook

On October 20, 2018, just 16 days before that year's midterm elections, Jim Allen, the spokesperson for the Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners, tried to boost a Facebook post on the board's page announcing the opening of early-voting locations in the country's sixth-largest elections jurisdiction. Boosting a post effectively turns it into an advertisement, and he soon got notice that it would not be approved. He protested Facebook's decision through an online support portal. The following morning, he was told the company had determined the attempted post would be an ad run by a page that wasn't authorized to run ads "related to politics," according to emails reviewed by *Mother Jones*. Allen was informed that in order to comply with Facebook's policy on political advertising, his page would first have to register to pay for political ads, which would automatically attach a campaign-style "paid for" identifier to content the board wanted to boost. "For reasons that make absolutely no sense, Facebook is blocking the

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governmental agency in Chicago that is responsible for conducting elections from announcing the start of Early Voting, wrongly calling this political advertising," Allen wrote back later that day. The following morning Allen was notified that Facebook had changed its mind and would in fact allow the boosted post, determining it was not a political advertisement under the company's definition. The delay cost the Board about two days—and set Allen fuming.

Louisiana: Stacks of Voter Registration Cards Returned Undeliverable in Lafayette Parish

The Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters Office is reminding residents about upcoming primary elections and voter registration deadlines. Anyone who has registered in the past and hasn't moved will be able to vote during the general election on October 12. If you have moved within the city, now is a good time to make sure your registration moved with you. In a social media post, the Lafayette Register of Voters shows an image of stacks of voter registration cards that were recently mailed out and then returned as undeliverable. An undelivered card usually means someone has either moved or passed away.

Michigan: Protect Election Integrity in Driver's License Debate

Michigan officials are considering whether to offer driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants, and while there may be valid safety reasons for doing so, the state must also ensure the integrity of its voter rolls. Critics say the legislation would reward lawbreakers and give those who are here illegally the same rights as legal residents. Rep. Jim Lower, R-Greenville, for example, pointed out in a statement that such a measure "would make our system more susceptible to voter fraud and abuse." In addition, Lower said the measure "would send the wrong message to law abiding citizens and individuals who choose to follow the legal path to citizenship."

New Jersey: Voters Who Asked for Mail-In Ballots in Last Two Elections Must Reapply, State Says

In a move that creates even more confusion with New Jersey election law, Gov. Phil Murphy's administration has decided that voters who requested vote-by-mail ballots in 2017 and 2018 must reapply to receive mail-in ballots for the upcoming election. A new law approved last year granted forever VBM status to any voter who previously requested mail-in ballots, unless they specifically opt out. With the exact language of the legislation up for interpretation, the state has determined that the new law applies only to VBM requests made in 2016 and before.

Ohio: Secretary of State touts Efforts to Update Voter Rolls

County Board of Elections, Ohio's Secretary of State touted his office's efforts to maintain accurate voter rolls while giving residents every chance to become or remain registered. State and federal law requires counties to maintain accurate voter rolls, Frank LaRose said during a brief meeting with board of elections officials and other county leaders. "The State of Ohio has a very specific process that's not optional," LaRose said. "When a registration becomes inactive for six years, meaning that ... the voter hasn't voted or carried out any other of a number of various other activities — they're mailed a notice after two years, and they're mailed another notice after four more years, which we call the last-chance notice. But then, after non-responsiveness to that, those registrations are required to be canceled." The last-chance notices make it clear that if the individual does not respond, the registration will be canceled, he said. Many notices come back to the board of elections marked "return to sender" because the person is deceased or moved long ago.

REDISTRICTING

Redistricting by Commission: A Futile Effort to Take Political Considerations Out of Politics

In its recent *Rucho v. Common Cause* decision, the Supreme Court held that political gerrymandering claims do not belong in federal court. It reasoned that there was no generally applicable, clear, and politically neutral tests available for identifying when too much consideration had been given to politics in redistricting. That's necessary because, as the Supreme Court has said, redistricting is "unsurprisingly ... root-and-branch a matter of politics." Along the way, though, the Court also made it clear that it didn't like too much partisanship in redistricting. The majority observed that some states have addressed the issue in legislation or sought to defuse it by relying on redistricting commissions. All of the majority's rattling around is said to be without endorsement, but it is a recipe for mischief all the same. Redistricting by commission is thought to be a wonderful idea. In fact, it is nothing more than an attempt to depoliticize politics. It doesn't guarantee that the resulting plan won't be politically gerrymandered.

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Preventing Google, Facebook and Twitter from Manipulating the US Election

Robert Epstein proposes a plan to limit Google, Facebook and Twitter from manipulating up to 15 million votes in the United States. Epstein is not a conservative. He has been center/center-left my whole adult life and supported Hillary Clinton in 2016. NOTE – The 15 million votes is based on each voter voting a complete election ballot of about 17 votes each. This means getting 1 million democratic voters out on election day would be an additional 17 million votes for Democrats. There were 87.7 million voters in the 2016 election. Epstein calculated that an additional 0.57% or 500,000 voters voted based upon a Get out to vote message from Google. This was to only Google's audience which leans a little left. If Google did some targeting using the data they have on people, they could easily get only likely Democrat voters to see the "Get out to Vote" message.

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Liberals Try to Derail Census Case with Fake News

Some liberals are terrified that the Supreme Court will allow the Trump administration to reinstate a citizenship question on the census. Why? Because they do not want accurate information about the number of noncitizens living in the United States. Their latest ploy is an attempt to "improperly derail" the resolution of this case, the Justice Department wrote in a letter this month. They are relying on the kind of false claim that President Trump would call fake news, arguing government lawyers "lied" about the reasons for reinstating the citizenship question on the census. At the heart of the motion by the plaintiffs to reopen the evidence and sanction the government is their claim, which the Justice Department itself says "borders on frivolous," that Thomas Hofeller, a Republican National Committee redistricting expert, had supposedly influenced the decision to reinstate the citizenship question through a 2015 study, and that Trump administration officials failed to reveal his involvement. The circumstances under which lawyers for the plaintiffs got hold of this study and other possibly privileged documents are highly questionable from an ethical perspective. The New York Times wrote the estranged daughter of Hofeller gave lawyers his computer files after he passed away last year.

The Blaze: Booker Blamed Russians and Go Voter Suppression for Hillary's 2016 Loss in Michigan – WaPo Calls Out the Lie

Cory Booker said during Wednesday night's Democratic primary debate that Hillary Clinton lost Michigan in 2016 because of Russian interference and Republican voter suppression—a claim The Washington Post called out as totally untrue. "We lost the state of Michigan because everybody from Republicans to Russians were targeting the suppression of African American voters," Booker said. Clinton lost Michigan to President Donald Trump by an extremely close margin of just over 10,000 votes. Booker's claims about the reason for that, however, are not based in fact. "Election experts say they see little or no evidence that the activities by the Russians and the Trump campaign actually swayed the election in Michigan," fact checker Glenn Kessler wrote.

Daily Signal: How Red Tape and Bad Policy Make Way for Voter Fraud

Two years ago, I thought voter fraud was a rarity in the United States. I figured that such crimes took place only in nations with corrupt and broken governments—not in "the land of the free." I was wrong. The first person to open my eyes to the amount of voter fraud in America was Hans von Spakovsky, a senior legal

fellow at The Heritage Foundation, where I work. The Heritage Foundation's voter fraud database cites nearly 1,200 proven cases of voter fraud in America. Each case is documented in the course of nearly 400 pages. I recently had a conversation with Logan Churchwell, CEO of Public Interest Legal Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public interest law firm dedicated entirely to election integrity. "Seven times out of 10 when someone is illegally registered to vote as a noncitizen, they did not go and try to get registered," Churchwell told me. "They signed the wrong form that was put in front of them as they engaged with a driver's license office, or even filling out a community college application. They did not know that the community college application doubled as a voter registration form." Poor bureaucratic oversight and red tape has led to estimated thousands of noncitizens unknowingly registering to vote, he said: The voter registration system is broken, and one key component of this brokenness is the national "motor voter" law. Anytime you go to the DMV to apply for a license, you are asked if you would like to register to vote. Churchwell notes that "the immigrant who is here, has a visa, needs a driver's license because they've got a work visa." Voter fraud, intentional or unintentional, is a crisis compromising the freedom and fairness of all American elections. It is time for widespread reforms, such as voter ID laws suggested by Heritage's von Spakovsky. It is time to ensure the safety of free and fair elections.

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Alabama: New Alabama Law Requires Photo ID with Absentee Ballot Application

Alabama's law on absentee voting has changed in several ways, including a new requirement to provide a copy of a photo ID when applying for an absentee ballot. Secretary of State John Merrill outlined the changes in a press release today. They took effect Aug. 1. Merrill said the requirement for a photo ID will help election officials verify the identity of those applying for absentee ballots. The change was included in a bill sponsored by Sen. Rodger Smitherman, D-Birmingham, that passed with bipartisan support and without a dissenting vote.

Arizona: Nearly 1,000 Tucson Voters Sent Incorrect Ballots

Hundreds of voters were sent the wrong party's ballots for Tucson's primary election, and nearly 2,000 more ballots were mailed to outdated addresses. While the voter registration deadline was July 28, city officials used voter lists from a month before that to print the ballots that were mailed out on August 2 for the all vote-by-mail election. That means 928 voters across the city who switched their political party registrations were sent ballots that may be wrong. There were 230 voter who changed their registrations from a political party to PND — "party no designated" or so-called "independent" voters — between the June 28 cutoff that the city used to prepare the mailings and the July 28 registration deadline, City Clerk Roger Randolph said. Those voters can pick a ballot from among the four political parties with ballot access, he said. "These individuals are being sent a pick-a-party postcard asking them which ballot choice they would like," he said. Because the city used the earlier list to produce the ballots to be mailed, those nearly 700 other voters who changed between parties — including this reporter — were mailed ballots that don't correspond to the party they were registered with at the deadline.

California: Are You Confused by California DMV Voter Registration? You're Not Alone, Report Finds

California investigators released a 113-page report Friday afternoon highlighting a range of issues with the state's efforts to automatically register people to vote when they visit the Department of Motor Vehicles. Voter registration prompts are confusing, and customers do not understand why they are asked to register to vote when they are there to do business involving their vehicles, findings from the Ernst & Young audit showed. Elements of the application "are not intuitive to the public, creating confusion and uncertainty for the customer when completing the application," the report says. "The language used in the options does not provide a clear choice to maintain voter registration, as is, without being removed from their current voter roll." A group of 35 workers involved in the Motor Voter program, meanwhile, told auditors "there was no clear decision maker on the project as a whole" and a lack of "active engagement" from DMV executives and senior leadership.

California: Audit Finds Problems with California 'Motor Voter' Program

The California DMV's new voter registration program is confusing to voters and full of technical difficulties, leading to hundreds of thousands of discrepancies in voter registrations sent to the Secretary of State, according to an audit released Friday. None of the discrepancies in roughly 3 million voter records reviewed by auditors resulted in major voter registration errors, such as putting someone in the wrong

political party or allowing someone to vote who should not have, officials from the state Department of Finance said. But the audit only examined a set of registrations between April and September 2018 and did not rule out the possibility of major errors in other registrations. Last year, DMV officials said one error may have prevented nearly 600 people from voting and another may have allowed about 1,500 people, perhaps including non-citizens, to incorrectly register to vote.

California: Nearly 84,000 Duplicate Voter Records Found in Audit of California's 'Motor Voter' System

California's ambitious effort to automate voter registration at Department of Motor Vehicle offices produced almost 84,000 duplicate records and more than twice that number with political party mistakes, according to an audit released Friday by state officials. The analysis covered just the first five months of the new "motor voter" program, which was launched in April 2018. It found a wide array of problems with the rollout of the DMV system, including a limited amount of testing as well as inconsistent and confusing lines of communication between the state agencies involved in its creation. Many of the findings align with documents discovered by the Los Angeles Times in an investigation earlier this year of the motor voter program. Auditors reviewed more than 3 million voter registration files, comparing records from both DMV and California's secretary of state. They found 83,684 duplicate voter registrations, a mistake attributed to inconsistencies in what was listed for voters' political party preferences.

Connecticut: Would You Trust Your 16-Year-Old in a Voting Booth?

When Concord-Carlisle High School senior Una Oljaca visited the State House last spring, she and fellow senior Gretchen Carr had a chance to see where legislators voted, the hearing room where several bills are brought up each day and some of the offices where representatives work. But the day was about much more than simply taking a tour. Oljaca and Carr were there to testify alongside state Rep. Tami Gouveia, D-Acton, in support of a bill to allow 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections in Concord. The issue is complicated, with engaged teens on one side wanting a place at the table when it comes to electing local and national leaders and adults on the other side not so sure a 16-year-old is experienced enough to make such an important decision.

Florida: DeSantis Wants Felon Voting Rights Case Tossed, Saying It Belongs in State, Not Federal, Court

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and Secretary of State Laurel Lee are asking a federal judge to dismiss a challenge to a new law about restoring the voting rights of felons who have completed their sentences, arguing that the case belongs in state — not federal — court. The request from attorneys for the state came as voting-and civil-rights groups asked the judge to block provisions of the law from going into effect while the case works its way through the courts. The Legislature passed the law this spring to carry out a November constitutional amendment designed to restore the voting rights of felons. DeSantis and Lee argue that U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle should dismiss the case. "State courts should say what state law is," lawyers for the state argued in court filings Friday. "Florida courts should resolve the meaning of the state Constitution before these cases proceed."

Mississippi: Canton Alderman Pleads Guilty to Voter Fraud, Immediately Resigns

A Canton alderman entered a guilty plea Monday in a voter fraud case, court officials said. Andrew Grant pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit voter fraud and was sentenced to five years in prison, which the judge suspended, meaning he likely will not serve any time in jail. Grant immediately resigned as Canton's Ward 7 alderman immediately after the sentencing. Grant is one of five people charged in the investigation. Canton School Board member Courtney Rainey was convicted Wednesday of voter intimidation.

New York: AOC-Backed Candidate Tiffany Cabán Concedes Defeat in Queens DA Race

Queens district attorney candidate Tiffany Cabán conceded defeat Tuesday night — six weeks after the Democratic primary election that pitted her against the establishment-backed Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. In a back-and-forth race that saw both candidates declare victory, the insurgent lawyer fought to the very end challenging dozens of invalidated affidavit ballots in court that she said were improperly excluded. But after several attempts to claw back — including at a judicial hearing earlier Tuesday — she bowed out after it became clear she'd be unable to erase the 60-vote gap separating her and Katz.

New York: Niagara County Will Challenge 'Green Light Law,' Fearing Illegal Voting

The Niagara County Legislature voted unanimously Tuesday to file a lawsuit to overturn the state's new "Green Light Law" because lawmakers said allowing immigrants who enter the country illegally to obtain driver's licenses could enable them to vote in elections. The five-page resolution, written by County Attorney Claude A. Joerg, presents a detailed legal argument for the law's unconstitutionality. The Legislature has an 11-4 Republican majority, but the Democrats went along with Joerg's argument, too. Kearns argues that the law usurps the federal government's sole authority to make immigration law and that it contradicts federal law by in effect instructing county clerks to shield immigrants living illegally in the U.S. from detection by immigration authorities. The Green Light Law orders clerks to inform holders of driver's licenses if federal immigration authorities seek their license information. But Joerg's argument emphasizes the possibility that such immigrants might use their driver's licenses as a way of registering to vote. The state constitution says that only U.S. citizens are allowed to vote.

North Carolina: GOP Aims to Stop Harvesting of Absentee Ballot Requests

State Rep. David Lewis of Harnett County has amended a bill to stop political operatives from harvesting absentee mail ballot request forms. State Rep. David Lewis wants to prohibit the mass collection of absentee mail ballot requests. Lewis's substitute bill would require absentee mail ballot request forms to be completed by the voter, near relative or guardian. It would also prohibit outside groups from collecting mail ballot request forms. The N.C. Board of Elections in February ordered a new election in state's 9th Congressional District after investigators said a Bladen County political operative illegally collected completed mail ballots on behalf of Republican Mark Harris. While it's illegal to collect, or harvest, absentee mail ballots, it's legal to encourage people to fill out mail ballot request forms, and for third parties to collect as many as they can. In Bladen County, groups working for Democratic and Republican candidates turned in mail ballot request forms by the dozens.

North Dakota: Voter ID Opponents Lose Again. This Time in North Dakota.

Opponents of election integrity lost the latest in a long string of cases recently when a three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated North Dakota's voter ID requirement and tossed out an injunction that had been issued by a lower court. In *Brakebill v. Jaeger*, Judge Steven Colloton, writing for the 2-to-1 majority, concluded that the supposed burden of obtaining an ID by the less than 0.5% of all eligible voters who do not already have one did not justify a statewide injunction that prevented the state from implementing the ID requirement. North Dakota is the only state in the Union that does not require citizens to register to vote. You can show up on Election Day and vote in North Dakota—as long you show identification.

Washington: Same-Day Registration Added 3,029 Voters for Primary. One Tri-Cities Race Too Close to Call

Washington's experiment with same-day voter registration added 3,029 voters to the rolls statewide on election day. The Washington Secretary of State said turnout for Tuesday's primary topped 28 percent statewide. In Mid-Columbia elections, the Benton and Franklin county auditors updated results Wednesday after a second batch of ballots were counted. There were no changes in race leaders any of the contests from the results that were released after Tuesday night's first count. The auditors will continue to count ballots that were postmarked by election day. Results will be certified on Aug. 20.

REDISTRICTING

New Hampshire: Governor Vetoes Bipartisan Bill to Ward Off Gerrymandering

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu, a Republican, vetoed a bipartisan bill Friday that would have created an independent redistricting commission to draw the state's voting maps. The bill would have asked a commission made up of 15 citizens — five Republicans, five Democrats, and five unaffiliated members — to draw the maps used for legislative, congressional, and Executive Council districts. Politicians would still vote to approve those maps, but they wouldn't be allowed to draw the lines themselves, according to The Union Leader.

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PJMedia: Poll: Opposition to Eliminating Electoral College Grows

Opposition to the Electoral College has been a growing movement for some time, but Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton, despite her besting him in the national popular vote, has seemingly rejuvenated efforts by the movement to get states to agree to give their Electoral College votes to the winner of the national popular vote instead of the winner in their state. According to National Popular Vote, fifteen states (all blue states) have already passed such bills, with nine other states having had one legislative chamber pass it. The National Popular Vote Compact will only take effect when it has been enacted by enough states to accumulate 270 or more electoral votes. By their count, they need 81 more votes. While this is troubling to people who respect the Constitution and understand the importance of the Electoral College, there is a glimmer of hope. According to a Rasmussen poll released Tuesday, "most Americans still understand the reason the Founding Fathers established the Electoral College and are increasingly opposed to efforts to get rid of it."

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Breitbart: 'If Democrats and the Left' Kill Electoral College, 'We Can Never Win Another Election'

Charlie Kirk, founder and executive director of Turning Point USA, explained a political push from Democrats and the broader left to circumvent the electoral college and determine presidential elections via the popular vote. The National Popular Vote is a campaign to evade the electoral college via an interstate compact wherein partner states — via their own statewide legislation — agree to cast their electoral votes based on the national popular vote, regardless of how their own state's citizens voted. "Few people actually realize that Democrats and the left have done this in 15 states, already," began Kirk. "This is called the National Popular Vote Compact — an interstate compact — where essentially states have agreed to send their electoral votes to the winner of the popular." Kirk warned, "If Democrats and the left pull this off, forget about it. We'll have a less than five percent chance of ever winning another election again. This is exactly what the Founding Fathers tried to prevent, which is the tyranny of the mob of the inner cities."

Real Clear Politics: Using the Big Lie to Delegitimize Election Results

The Big Lie is back in style. Wikipedia tells us that the term was invented by Adolf Hitler to describe what others did -- though he was the biggest liar of all. "The broad masses of a nation," he wrote in "Mein Kampf," "more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie." No one on the political scene in this country or any democratic nation is a monster comparable to Hitler. But some have resorted to the Big Lie in their attempts to override clear decisions of the people, at the risk of delegitimizing the nation's democracy. Presidential candidate Kamala Harris told the Detroit NAACP, "without voter suppression, Stacey Abrams would be the governor of Georgia. Andrew Gillum is the governor of Florida." This is nonsense. Voter turnout was up 54 percent in Georgia and 38 percent in Florida from 2014 levels, and the "voter suppression" people complained about was standard procedures, required by a 1994 federal law. The suggestion that this amounts to the kind of voter suppression blacks experienced before the 1965 Voting Rights Act -- suppression by unfair laws, threats of violence and murder -- is preposterous. Perhaps Abrams hopes to convince the many blacks moving to Georgia that it's run by white segregationists. But she and those who echo her charges are saying that America is moving backward on basic civil rights.

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That's a Big Lie, one that stokes racial mistrust and hatred.

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California: New Lawsuit Over Voter Registration Errors

California is facing a new lawsuit over errors in its voter registration system. One America's Pearson Sharp spoke with Mark Meuser, an election attorney, who said the secretary of state is violating federal law by opening the door for non-citizens to vote.

Connecticut: Legislator's Voter Data Improvement Concept Approved by House

One of the final bills taken up by the House of Representatives last week was State Rep. Bill Buckbee's (R-67th) proposal to study the use of blockchain technology to collect voter information. Blockchain is most commonly known as the technology used in the trading and securing of cryptocurrency. The State of West Virginia, according to West Virginia's Secretary of State Mac Warner, had successfully implemented blockchain to facilitate the voting of 144 members of the military, spread over 24 different countries, in the 2018 election. "With growing concerns of voter fraud and lack of voter participation, it's important to consider how blockchain could be used to remedy those issues," he said. "It's a step in the right direction toward helping voter data, stored by the Secretary of the State's Office, to be kept in an accurate and secure fashion," Buckbee said. The bill makes its way to the State Senate.

Florida: Action, Not Rhetoric, Needed to Fight Voter Fraud

Gov. Ron DeSantis has ordered a security review of voting systems. But the state fails to take basic steps to protect the integrity of elections. It would seem to go without saying, but Gov. Ron DeSantis said it anyway last week. He directed the state's top elections official to review the security of the state's voting systems in advance.

Florida: Andrew Gillum Hit with Federal Subpoena for Campaign Records

Florida Democrat Andrew Gillum, whose failed gubernatorial bid against Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) turned him into a darling among progressives, is the "focal point of a recently issued" federal subpoena, according to a report. The *Tampa Bay Times* reported Thursday that a federal grand jury is seeking information regarding his campaign, along with matters related to a non-profit and a wealthy donor. The subpoena reportedly requests information on Donald Sussman, who contributed \$1.5 million to Gillum's campaign, and Sharon Lettman-Hicks, the CEO of African-American LGBTQ-rights organization National Black Justice Commission.

Nevada: Gov. Steve Sisolak Vetoes National Popular Vote Bill

Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak surprised onlookers Thursday by vetoing a bill to join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, saying it would reduce the influence of low-population states like his in presidential contests. The agreement, he said, would upset the framers' balance between small and large states and "could leave a sparsely populated Western state like Nevada with a greatly diminished voice in the outcome of national electoral contests. For these reasons, and in the best interests of the Great State of Nevada, I veto this bill and return it without my signature or approval," Mr. Sisolak said in his signing statement. The Democratic governor becomes the first this year to reject the National Popular Vote, which would require electors in states that join the compact to vote for the presidential candidate who wins the popular vote, instead of the candidate who captures the state vote.

New Hampshire: Senate Votes to Undo Voter Registration Changes

New Hampshire Democrats continued their push to expand voting rights Thursday, passing bills to reverse a recent voter registration law and to allow anyone to request absentee ballots. The state Senate on Thursday voted 14-10 along party lines to pass a bill to essentially repeal a 2017 law requiring additional documentation from voters who register within 30 days of an election.

New Jersey: Feds Get Another Guilty Plea in Hoboken Cash-for-Votes Scheme

A third person charged in the cash-for votes scheme allegedly run by a Hoboken developer has pleaded guilty, federal authorities announced Thursday. Dio Braxton, 43, admitted in federal court Wednesday that he conspired with developer Frank "Pupie" Raia and others to use the mail to run a voter bribery scheme

during Hoboken's municipal election in 2013, U.S. Attorney for New Jersey Craig Carpenito said.

REDISTRICTING

Supreme Court Tees up Redistricting Cases in Swing States

The Supreme Court weighed in on redistricting fights in crucial 2020 presidential swing states, blocking four lower-court decisions on Friday, as the justices prepare to decide how much unelected judges can intervene regarding politicians' drawing legislative district lines. The Fourteenth Amendment and Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution empowers Congress to make laws to stop racial discrimination by state governments, especially regarding voting and elections. One of these laws is the Voting Rights Act of 1965, wherein Section 2 forbids drawing legislative districts that reduce the voting power of racial minorities. The Supreme Court has been split on the issue for decades. But with Justice Brett Kavanaugh's replacing swing-vote Justice Anthony Kennedy, legal conservatives are hopeful that they might have a majority to finally get a clear ruling acknowledging the common-sense idea that there is no neutral legal basis upon which judges can make politicians give up politics when making an inherently political calculation – which is what redistricting is.

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Court Decision Imperils the Electoral College

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver issued a ruling that may be the beginning of the end for the Electoral College. At issue was faithless electors -- presidential electors who refused to cast their vote in the Electoral College for the winner of the state's popular vote. Colorado state law gave the secretary of state the right to replace the electors. Expect more leftist attacks on the Electoral College. The underlying idea is that a mass defection of electors could provide the impetus for a wave of changes to the Electoral College. The court's decision gives encouragement to further mischief by electors who might not like the Democrats' choice next time. There is nothing that would suit the radicals in the Democratic Party more than every election devolving into a chaotic mess where the courts would have the final say.

Federal Court Undercuts Progressive Efforts to Nullify Electoral College, Rules Electors Can Vote Freely

In a major blow to state-by-state progressive efforts to effectively replace the Electoral College with a nationwide popular vote, a federal appeals court ruled on Tuesday that presidential electors in the Electoral College have the absolute right to vote for presidential candidates of their choice. Democrats have increasingly sought to erase the Electoral College's influence by promoting state laws that would force electors to vote for the national popular vote leader -- and those laws were now in jeopardy as a result of the court's ruling, legal experts said. The decision, however, also raised the prospect that electors could legally defect at the last minute, and decide the occupant of the White House on their own in dramatic fashion, weeks after Election Day.

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Daily Signal: 4 Things to Know About Trump's New Voter Fraud Claim

President Donald Trump and his 2016 Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, began relitigating that contest on Twitter on Monday regarding the role that search results played in the election. "Wow, Report Just Out! Google manipulated from 2.6 million to 16 million votes for Hillary Clinton in 2016 Election!" Trump tweeted. "This was put out by a Clinton supporter, not a Trump Supporter! Google should be sued. My victory was even bigger than thought!" Trump didn't specify, but appeared to be referencing a report from the American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology that detailed Google search results from 2016 that were favorable to Clinton. Here are four things to understand about Trump's most recent claim and Clinton's response to the 2016 election and Google.

Liberty Headlines: Nearly 60% of States Have Counties with More Voters than Residents

Nearly 60 percent of U.S. states have counties with more registered voters than adult residents, and the Public Interest Legal Foundation is going to court to clean up the mess in preparation for the 2020 presidential election. The foundation said there are 244 counties in 28 states that exceed 100 percent voter registration. Another 279 counties in 31 states have registration rates of 95 to 99 percent, which the foundation said are implausibly high. The foundation conducted public-records research and voter-roll audits prior to launching litigation activities. Those include sweeping voter-registration records request letters, and comprehensive voter-list audits.

Heritage Foundation: Ranked Choice Voting Is a Bad Choice

You will not believe what “reformers” have devised to tinker with and manipulate our elections. It is called ranked choice voting (or “instant runoff voting”)—but it is really a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win elections. In the end, it is all about political power, not about what is best for the American people and for preserving our great republic. So-called reformers want to change process rules so they can manipulate election outcomes to obtain power.

The Hill: Stacey Abrams Benefits from a 'Voter Suppression' Tale

Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams lost her 2018 gubernatorial bid to Republican Brian Kemp by nearly 55,000 votes, but she still refuses to concede. Instead, she claims the election was stolen from her. She has uncritically peddled that falsehood in countless interviews on national television and has capitalized off of it, by starting the group Fair Fight. Fair Fight just launched a multimillion-dollar “voter protection” initiative for the 2020 election in 20 competitive states. As the face of the group, Abrams stands to benefit politically from the increased national presence. This begs the question: Is Fair Fight about fighting voter suppression or raising Abrams’ profile?

STATE

Arizona: Tucson Man Charged with Voter Fraud

A Tucson man has been charged with two counts of illegal voting and one count of perjury. The Arizona Attorney General's office charged Randy Allen Jumper for allegedly voting twice in the 2016 election. He voted in Pima County and in Nevada, according to the charges. Jumper was charged with perjury because he reportedly signed a statement in Pima County saying he would not vote in any other county or state. Each voting fraud count is a felony, as is the perjury charge.

Colorado: Another Colorado City Joins Opposition to Colorado National Popular Vote Law

Woodland Park has joined two other Colorado Springs-area communities in opposing a controversial new state law that would award Colorado's nine Electoral College votes to the presidential candidate who wins the popular vote nationwide. The Woodland Park City Council voted 5-0 on Aug. 15 to take a formal stance against the law, which will only take effect if enough other states join the compact. City Council

Florida: Florida to Share Voter Registration Data with Other States

Gov. Ron DeSantis has agreed to allow Florida to join a national electronic center to exchange voter registration data with other states, an effort long-sought by county supervisors of elections. DeSantis said Wednesday Florida will become the 29th state to participate in the Electronic Voter Registration Information Center, known as “ERIC,” a consortium of states known that share voter registration information. State lawmakers last year passed a measure allowing Florida to join ERIC, which aims to reduce duplicate voter registrations. Data matches by the center can identify voters registered in two states, those who have moved between states, and those who have died, which allows county elections officials to identify and remove people who are no longer eligible to vote in the state.

Iowa: Joni Ernst: No, Ocasio-Cortez, Eliminating Electoral College Would Silence Iowans’ Voices

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA) said that eliminating the Electoral College would “silence” Iowans’ voices and those in many other states across America. Sen. Ernst lambasted Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s claim that the Electoral College serves as nothing more than a “scam” and said it has a “racial injustice breakdown.”

North Carolina: House Backs Bill to Scrub Voter Rolls Based on Jury Duty Excusals

Local election boards would compare jury duty excuses to North Carolina's voting rolls and look for non-citizens to remove under legislation that got tentative approval in the House on Wednesday. Senate Bill 250 wouldn't require election officials to remove people in bulk, only to take lists of people disqualified from jury duty because they're not a U.S. citizen and use that “to conduct efforts to remove names.” This would become part of routine voter registration maintenance, and the bill tells local boards to use jury excuses “in conducting systematic efforts to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters.”

North Dakota: Official Says Tribes Can't Bring Claims Over Voter ID Law

North Dakota's secretary of state has pressed a federal judge to toss a suit by two tribes and several

individuals challenging a state law that requires proof of a residential address to vote, saying the tribes don't have standing to sue for their members or as an organization. North Dakota Secretary of State Al Jaeger said in a filing Wednesday that the tribes' standing must be assessed because the "broad relief" they seek "relating to voters residing in any county that contains an Indian reservation" exceeds what the individual plaintiffs are asking for. And the tribes lack standing to claim that their "organizational resources" have been diverted by the law, as there is "no Eighth Circuit case law finding that sovereign tribes may establish standing in the same manner as private organizations," Jaeger said.

REDISTRICTING

Michigan: Republican Party Sues to Stop Independent Redistricting Commission

The Michigan Republican Party is suing to block the formation of a voter-approved independent redistricting commission that would draw new state legislative and congressional district boundaries for 2022 and beyond. A complaint filed Thursday in Grand Rapids federal court argues the commissioner selection process violates the GOP's freedom of association rights by precluding parties from picking their own representatives to serve on the panel. State Party Chair Laura Cox called the amendment to the state Constitution "an assault on the associational right of political parties" and suggested it could allow fake Republicans to fill the party's four reserved slots on the commission.

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Please explain how the state ranked [# 1 in automated voter registration can be suppressing votes?](#) [California Republicans](#) better hurry up and get woke! While a [bloody battle still rages in Queens over the Democrat primary](#) for DA; [Texas doesn't bother to verify voter registrants' citizenship](#); and [West Virginia invites registration chaos. This insanity and more ...](#)

Liberty Headlines: Voter Fraud Runs Rampant as States Refuse to Clean Up Their Voter Rolls - At Least 1.8 Million Dead People Remain on Voter Rolls...

Hundreds of counties across the U.S. have deceased people, felons and former residents on their voter rolls, despite federal law requiring them to clean out their registered voters list. According to RealClearPolitics, 400 counties out of America's 2,800 "have voter registration rates over 100 percent." This means that there are more people on voter rolls than there are people eligible to vote in the county, leaving the booths wide open for voter fraud. Los Angeles is the biggest offender but has made minimal efforts to clean up its voter roll.

Washington Examiner: Unless Scrubbed Clean, US Voter Lists Invite Major Fraud

For years, a hardy band of mostly conservative lawyers has been warning that American voter rolls are so poorly maintained as to be absolutely ripe for, and perhaps already rife with, abuse. At Real Clear Investigations on July 11, reporter Mark Hemingway amply confirmed that those attorneys were correct. Hemingway reports that Los Angeles County has an astonishing 1.6 million more people listed on its voter rolls than there are actual, voting-age residents of the county. Statewide, California's official voter registration stands at 101% of its population, which is astounding considering that many Californians are not even citizens. Obviously, when there are more names on the lists than voters, there is plenty of room for error, mischief, or outright fraud. California is hardly alone. Eight whole states, plus the District of Columbia, have "voter registration tallies exceeding 100%," as do 15% of all American counties.

Blaze: Ripe for Fraud: Hundreds of US Counties Have More Registered Voters Than Living Voters Who Are Eligible to Vote

RealClear Politics' investigative unit published an in-depth analysis Thursday, revealing the widespread practice of counties nationwide who refuse to clean up their voter rolls. The report showed Los Angeles is California's worst offender, and further found that 400 counties out of America's 2,800 "have voter registration rates over 100 percent." Author Mark Hemingway wrote, "In sum, America's voter rolls are a mess — and everyone knows it. While voter registration rates are over 100 percent are not proof of fraud, they certainly create opportunities that otherwise wouldn't exist, such as voting twice in different precincts or the potential for requesting and filling out absentee ballots."

Real Clear Politics: Exposing the Truth About Voter Rolls

Pew Research found that 2.75 million Americans are registered to vote in two states. I guess they don't think any of that is really important. I want now to introduce you to Mark Hemingway, who did investigative work into these bloated voter rolls, and how that dynamic is rife for potential fraud down the road. Are people conspiracy theorists for worrying about voter fraud, multiple votes, people who shouldn't be voting because they are not American citizens voting?

All the wrangling over the citizenship question on the 2020 census led Thursday to President Donald Trump's Rose Garden announcement that while he will no longer attempt to put the question on next year's census, he will take action to collect as much pertinent information as possible from his Cabinet agencies. Trump declared, "I will be issuing an executive order to put this very plan into effect immediately. I'm hereby ordering every department and agency in the federal government to provide the Department of Commerce with all requested records regarding the number of citizens and noncitizens in our country. Knowing this information is vital to formulating sound public policy." It's also vital in determining accurate population counts for representation in Congress. Indeed, Trump argued correctly, rabid opposition to the citizenship question "is part of a broader left-wing effort to erode the rights of the American citizen." As a final thought, it's possible that Democrats are digging a hole for themselves on redistricting. In other words, by excluding the citizenship question and then pushing for redistricting based on population growth, they could be opening themselves up for legal challenges because there is not sufficient evidence that the people counted are U.S. citizens.

NATIONAL

The Hill: Presidential Popular Vote Compact Would Lead to Chaos

The Electoral College has many critics, from frustrated partisans to political scientists convinced of their own ability to improve on the work of the American Founders. Lacking the national consensus necessary to change the Constitution, some of these critics are pushing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPV), which would have states commit (supposedly, at least) their electoral votes to the candidate who receives the most votes across the country. The NPV compact would leave the country with 51 separate elections (every state plus the District of Columbia) operating under 51 sets of procedures and rules. All these separate elections cannot simply be added together to declare a winner — trying to do so would lead to chaos.

Breitbart: Bernie Joins Radical Colleagues in Calling for Abolishment of the Electoral College

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is the latest in the group of Democrat 2020 candidates calling for the removal of the Electoral College, telling a group of people at a town hall Thursday he would support the abolishment of the system. *New York Post: Democrats' Hysteria Over Basic Voting Security Undermining US Democracy* Such is the state of modern liberalism that it sees oppression even in efforts to clean up voter rolls by removing those who've moved or died, as required by federal law. One result: Hyper-progressive California now totals registered voters equal to 101 percent of the adult population, including noncitizens and citizens not registered, with eight counties well above the 100 percent line. That news comes from the nonpartisan Election Integrity Project California, which just released a report claiming nearly 1 million registered Golden State voters are ineligible. That's up more than 60,000 in two years from the number in the group's previous such report, even after Los Angeles agreed to clean up its voter lists to settle a lawsuit. "Dirty" voter rolls are an open invitation to fraud, especially in states like California that don't require voter ID — another no-no to the modern left. Democrats insist that voter fraud simply doesn't happen, and all the talk of how, say, the old Chicago machine "got out the graveyard vote," is just paranoia. When the left insists on seeing evil in something as basic as keeping voter registries updated, you have to wonder if progressives even care about keeping American democracy functional.

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California: Nearly 1 Million Californians Registered to Vote Are Ineligible, Says Non-Partisan Group

A nonpartisan group has reported that there are still several counties in California where the number of registered voters is greater than the number of eligible citizens, with the total nearing 1 million people. The Election Integrity Project California (EIPCa) stated in a release on July 8 (pdf) that if voter problems are not promptly addressed by state officials, fraudulent election activities may continue to haunt the state. Using the state's own data on active and inactive status registrants, the organization found that eight counties have not cleaned up their inactive registrant lists, despite a 2018 legal settlement that requires California counties to properly maintain their voter rolls and remove inactive voters according to federal law.

According to EIPCa, there are currently 991,411 people registered who are ineligible to vote. This is a staggering increase of 928,035 persons over the group's 2017 report. The Election Integrity Project California (EIPCa) stated in a release on July 8 that if voter problems are not promptly addressed by state officials, fraudulent election activities may continue to haunt the state.

Colorado: Question to Repeal National Popular Vote Compact in Colorado is Poised for 2020 Ballot

The advocates behind an effort to repeal the national popular vote compact signed by Colorado Gov. Jared Polis say they've verified enough signatures to get their challenge on the 2020 ballot. The deadline to submit petitions is Aug. 1, and Coloradans Vote, the issue committee challenging the new law, reports it has authenticated more than 150,000 voter signatures using state records. More signatures are still pouring into the office. To make the ballot, the group needs verified signatures from 124,632 registered voters.

Florida: Deltona City Manager, Accused of Voter Fraud, Does Community Service in Lake Helen

Lake Helen mayor questions why Shang was left alone in city's offices since she doesn't work there. Deltona City Manager Jane Shang had a variety of options when it came to ways she could fulfill the community service requirement of her deferred prosecution agreement, stemming from a charge of voter fraud. Shang, who manages Volusia County's most populated city, has completed just over half of her required community service, 100 hours, helping Lake Helen, one of the county's least populated cities. Shang accepted the pretrial intervention agreement from the State Attorney's Office in June after admitting to submitting false voter identification information and willfully voting in an election for which she wasn't qualified. During a visit to Lake Helen City Hall on a recent Saturday, Mayor Daisy Raisler was surprised to find Shang who declined to comment for this story, Commissioner Rick Basso said he understood why Raisler was uncomfortable. "There's a big difference between leaving somebody alone to pick up trash outside and leaving somebody alone inside your office where all of your records are," Basso said.

Georgia: Election Report Disputes Georgia Voter Suppression Claims

The United States Election Assistance Commission recently released its Election Administration and Voting Survey Report for the 2018 elections, which named Georgia as the No. 1 state for automated voter registration and showed significantly higher percentages of accepted absentee and provisional ballots compared to previous elections — delivering a blow to claims of voter suppression and inadequate ballot access. "Liberal activists have been desperately trying to advance a false narrative of pervasive voter suppression which, as the EAVS report confirms, has no basis in reality," Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger said. "While these activists peddle falsehoods — apparently as a springboard for higher office or to dupe donors into supporting their nonprofit — my office will continue to aggressively pursue initiatives like automated voter registration, which make Georgia a top state in the nation for voter registration and voter turnout."

Hawaii: Hawaii to Vote by Mail Beginning in 2020

The State of Hawaii passed Act 136, SLH 2019, implementing elections by mail beginning with the 2020 Elections. All properly registered voters will automatically receive a mail ballot packet approximately 18 days prior to the election.

Iowa: Iowa Will Keep Voter Registration System for 2020 Elections

Iowa's 14-year-old voter registration system will live to see another presidential election. The Iowa Secretary of State's office confirmed Thursday that a long-discussed plan to replace the I-Voters database will not be completed before the 2020 elections. Spokesman Kevin Hall said the office remains in the information-gathering phase of the project, which was formally launched more than a year ago. He said the state plans to solicit information from potential vendors soon and to later move forward with a bidding process.

New Hampshire: Sununu Vetoes Bill on Access to Voter Database

The ongoing fight over voting rights in New Hampshire has resulted in the veto of a bill regarding the state's centralized voter registration database. Democrats want access to parts of the database to bolster

their lawsuit challenging a law that requires additional documentation from voters who register within 30 days of an election. Republicans last year passed a bill forbidding the release of the database under those conditions. Democrats who took control of the Legislature this year followed up with a bill that specifically allows it, but Republican Gov. Chris Sununu vetoed it this week. He says allowing such access will erode trust in the elections system because voters who believe their personal information is at risk of being made public may stop voting altogether.

New York: State Law on Affidavit Ballots Could Determine the Queens DA Race

Whether Queens Borough President Melinda Katz or public defender Tiffany Cabán emerges victorious from the contested Democratic primary for Queens district attorney will likely depend on how a few dozen voters filled out affidavit ballots, also known as provisional ballots, two weeks ago. More than 2,500 affidavit ballots were submitted in the Queens district attorney race. Of those, about 500 were found to be valid. A manual recount of the roughly 90,000 votes cast, scheduled to begin later this week, may alter the final result of the race. A state Supreme Court judge in Queens on Tuesday is scheduled to consider the fate of 114 provisional ballots that the city Board of Elections deemed invalid following the June 25 election because a voter had not indicated a party affiliation. The judge, however, will not rule on the case until after a recount is completed.

New York: Cabán Narrows Katz Lead in Queens District Attorney Race by One Vote to 15 as Recount Continues

Katz's total in the eastern Queens district dipped by one vote after the manual recount from 1,969 to 1,968, according to sources. Cabán's total stayed the same at 1,197. It wasn't immediately clear what caused the change. A spokesman for Katz's campaign accused Cabán supporter of "cherry-picking" favorable results to give the "illusion that she is gaining votes. We remain confident that when it is over, Melinda Katz will remain the candidate with the most votes," said Matthew Rey, the Katz spokesman.

North Carolina: If We Don't Go After Voter Fraud, NC Elections Are Open for Anyone to Steal

Nobody knows how many are voting illegally, but in 2014, our organization documented 739,041 "missing" NC voters, who no longer live at their registration address. As of last week, the figure is at 961,739, with 44,557 registered in Cumberland County. Any such registrations can be used to harvest illegal votes. How many local elections could be swayed by a thousand harvested votes? Prevention is the key, but without a real voter ID law, our best option was to cut off their fuel supply. Thanks to an investigation into the 2018 race for District 9, we know of alleged ballot-harvesting operations led by one Republican, McCrae Dowless, and by a Democrat group called the Bladen County Improvement Association. The hearings also exposed a plausible motive behind the heavily funded NAACP "lawfare" to restore missing voters and to derail our voter ID law. Without a serious effort to catch and prosecute people voting illegally, North Carolina's 2020 election is open for anyone to steal.

Texas: Texas Does Not Verify Citizenship of Voter Registration Applicants

Texas' voter registration process relies upon an honor system. The state does not require voter registration applicants to provide proof of citizenship, nor do state officials independently verify their citizenship status. The exact number of noncitizens on the voter rolls and illegally voting remains unclear, as state officials have been reluctant to resolve the problem. A WFAA investigation concluded "hundreds, if not thousands of non-U.S. citizens, are registered to vote in Texas, and some have cast ballots in elections." The news report found noncitizens will declare themselves as such to avoid jury duty. Once they self-identify as a noncitizen, they can easily be removed from the voter rolls. Many of these individuals were found to have voted.

Texas: Edinburg Mayor Faces 11 Counts of Illegal Voting

Edinburg Mayor, Richard Molina is facing charges on 11 counts of illegal voting and one count of engaging in organized election fraud, all felonies. Mayor Molina, his wife Dalia, and his business partner, Julio Ceasar Carranza, were arraigned before a district court judge Friday morning. Dalia and Ceasar are both facing charges of one count of engaging in organized election and two counts of illegal voting. All three plead not guilty. This comes after Mayor Molina was accused of changing voters addresses who did not live in Edinburg and allegedly bribing people for their vote in the 2017 municipal election. Since the

investigation began, 20 individuals have been arrested for voter fraud.

Washington: 'Not Ready for Prime Time.' Election Officials Sound Alarm Over New Voter Registration System

County election officials in Washington are warning that a new statewide voter registration database system is not ready for the state's August 6 primary and could result in some voters getting incorrect ballots or no ballot at all. A panel of county auditors and election chiefs told members of the committee that the new VoteWA system is "not ready for prime time" and that they are proceeding with the primary election "on a hope and a prayer." Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman, a Republican, acknowledged that she decided to "go live" with phase one of the system over the objections of some county auditors, but defended that decision as necessary because of the age and security vulnerabilities of the old system. In a later interview, Wyman said her other reason for pressing ahead with the launch of VoteWA for the August primary is that she didn't want the first test of the new system to be during the 2019 general election or during next year's presidential primary.

West Virginia: Election Officials Prepare for Rush of DMV Voter Registrations

All West Virginians soon will be automatically registered to vote when they renew their driver's licenses, and it will be the charge of county election clerks to manage the resulting onslaught of registration information coming from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Some drivers won't want to be registered, while many others already are active voters. The clerks will need to sort it all out, and determine address changes, political party affiliations and the answers to other questions as they arise. The West Virginia Legislature has set a deadline of July 1, 2021 for the new system to be in place, and last week lawmakers also granted the West Virginia Secretary of State's Office authority to spend \$1.5 million for technology to assist the state's 55 county clerks with the change. Local election officials aren't sure what effect automatic voter registration will have on their counties, but they do know it will mean more work for them. "I hate it," Marshall County elections clerk Connie Howard said of the proposed new system. "The list I get (from the DMV) is going to be tremendous, and there might not be any changes (if those on the list are already registered). It also takes away the voter's right to not renew their voting registration if they don't wish to.

REDISTRICTING

California: Will GOP Be Fooled Again by California Redistricting Commission?

There's a long list of reasons why California Republicans were decimated in the 2018 midterm elections. The most overlooked: Democrats got a nine-year head start. In December 2009, the California State Auditor formally opened the application process for members of the public to serve on the state's inaugural independent redistricting commission. That's when shrewd Democrats went to work gaming the redistricting process. Democrat political operatives weren't about to let good government groups spoil their once-in-a-decade fun. Ghost authored by political data consultant Paul Mitchell, the 2011 maps helped gut California's GOP congressional delegation from 19 members in 2011 to just 7 as of today. A 2011 investigation by the left-leaning ProPublica news outlet revealed "how Democrats fooled California's Redistricting Commission." Democrat political operatives artfully manipulated the California Citizens Redistricting Commission into drawing legislative and congressional boundaries that favored Democrats. One Democrat Congresswoman even "used taxpayer-funded staff and resources in her campaign to manipulate California's independent redistricting commission." And most Republicans just sat by and watched. If Republicans are to avoid another redistricting rout, it starts by copying the Democrats' playbook of recruiting conservatives to serve as commissioners. The Citizens Redistricting Commission is accepting applications until August 9.

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Voter Suppression? Not Really: Data Show Minority Turnout Surged in 2018

Democrats like to claim that Republicans use various laws such as voter ID — widely supported and used in nearly every major democracy on earth — to disenfranchise minority voters and steal elections. Two-time failed presidential candidate Hillary Clinton and failed gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams are among those who actually reject election outcomes based on their theory. But the data offer no evidence, and strongly suggest that it is not true. The ongoing charge from Democrats is that voter ID laws, along with efforts to clean up voter rolls and limitations on early voting, have disenfranchised massive voting blocs that would otherwise help Democratic candidates. In order to make the argument seem relevant, they also claim, without evidence that these laws disproportionately affect black Americans specifically. However, as Jason L. Riley notes in the Wall Street Journal, the facts do not support these allegations.

Kamala Harris Says Voter Suppression Kept Stacey Abrams, Andrew Gillum Out of Office. Really?

Richard Hasen, an election law expert at University of California, Irvine, has said Democrats should cool it with rhetoric that the Georgia race was "stolen." "I have seen no good evidence that the suppressive effects of strict voting and registration laws affected the outcome of the governor's races in Georgia and Florida," he told PolitiFact. "It would be one thing to claim, as some have, that these laws are aimed to suppress the vote and likely suppressed some votes. It is quite another to claim that there is good proof they affected the outcome."

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Connecticut: Bridgeport Special Election Candidates Request Increased Oversight of Absentee Ballots

Three of the five candidates on the ballot in next Tuesday's special election for the 130th House District in Bridgeport are asking for increased oversight of absentee ballots, which they say could tip the race and are ripe for fraud. In a letter Wednesday to the secretary of the state's office and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, Kate Rivera, Hector Diaz and Josh Parrow raised concerns about the integrity of the voting and requested supervised balloting at seven apartment complexes in the city where 20 or more absentee ballots were distributed. Most of them are senior housing locations.

Indiana: Southern Indiana Man Arrested, Accused of Voter Fraud

A Clark County, Indiana man has been arrested and accused of voter fraud after an April investigation. John Croucher, 60, is facing perjury, ineligible voter and voting outside precinct residence charges. The investigation started in mid-April after police received a report of voter fraud.

Louisiana: Voter Fraud Claim in St. Gabriel Police Chief's Race Launches Secretary of State, DA's Office Investigation

Iberville Parish prosecutors are working to determine whether a voter fraud allegation made in the St. Gabriel police chief's election this spring has merit. Police Chief Kevin "Butchie" Ambeau won a fifth term March 30, defeating challenger Anthony Davis by 56 votes, 664-608. Both men are Democrats. Tyler Brey, press secretary for the Louisiana Secretary of State, said investigators found sufficient evidence to warrant turning over findings to prosecutors in the 18th Judicial District. Under state elections law, the state Elections Compliance Unit must turn over findings if it determines that "there may be a violation of any criminal law or provision of the Louisiana Election Code."

Maine: Emotions Flare as Lawmakers Debate Measure to Ensure that Only Citizens Vote

A proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit non-citizens from casting ballots in Maine elections spurred an emotional debate Friday over voting rights, history and the tone of today's political climate. Members of the Legislature's Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee split along party lines over whether a constitutional amendment was even necessary given that state law already says it is a felony offense for non-citizens to vote. Those bills, L.D. 186 and L.D. 1372, will go to the House and Senate for consideration. But tensions rose in the committee room as lawmakers questioned the patriotism of their colleagues and veered into partisan issues such as "voter ID," illegal immigration and voter suppression.

New Jersey: Middlesex Prosecutor Announces Initiative Targeting Voter Fraud

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office has announced a new initiative to target voter fraud, particularly for mail-in ballots following a change in vote-by-mail rules last year. "There is a concern with fraud, and we're trying to combat it," Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew C. Carey said in an interview last week. "This is not to prevent people from voting. We want to make sure everyone can vote safely and that their votes count."

New Jersey: Man Pleads Guilty in Alleged Hoboken Voter Bribery Scheme

According to an announcement by U.S. Attorney Craig Carpenito, Hoboken resident Matthew Calicchio, 28, admitted to promoting a voter bribery scheme in two city elections. Calicchio, plead guilty on May 7 before U.S. District Court Judge William J. Martini in Newark federal court to information charging him with using the mails to promote voter bribery from 2013 to 2015 in municipal elections in Hoboken.

Texas: Another Arrest Made in Connection with Edinburg Election Fraud Case

A new arrest has been made in connection with the Edinburg election fraud case. According to public records, Daniel Castillo, was arrested on charges false statement voter registration application charges.

REDISTRICTING

Michigan: Michigan Case Could Be Third Gerrymandering Case Headed to Supreme Court

A prominent constitutional law professor says the Supreme Court is obliged to hear a new legal challenge to a federal court's determination that congressional districts in Michigan were unlawfully gerrymandered and will have to be redrawn before elections in November 2020. Michigan lawmakers and congressional Republicans filed an emergency appeal May 3 with the Supreme Court to set aside a ruling by a panel of three federal judges in Detroit that ordered the state's electoral map be redrawn because of what the judges unanimously called an unconstitutional "political gerrymander of 'historical proportions'" that caused "severe" constitutional violations. "A wide breadth of statistical evidence" suggests partisan bias that gave Republicans a strong advantage over Democrats, the ruling stated, according to The Detroit News.

Ohio: Ohio Case Could be Fourth Gerrymandering Case Headed to Supreme Court

Ohio officials vow to appeal to the Supreme Court a three-judge federal panel's determination that congressional districts in the Buckeye State were unlawfully gerrymandered and will have to be redrawn long before elections in November 2020.g to Supreme Court

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The Hill: Ginsburg Calls Proposal to Eliminate Electoral College 'More Theoretical Than Real'

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on Monday called eliminating the Electoral College more "theoretical than real" due to the difficulty of amending the Constitution. "It's largely a dream because our Constitution is ... hard to amend," Ginsburg said at the University of Chicago, according to the Chicago Sun-Times. "I know that from experience." Ginsburg, one of the court's liberal justices, has previously said she would support getting rid of the Electoral College.

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Why the Electoral College Still Matters

Let's take a closer look at the foundational principles enveloped by the Electoral College before we seek to eradicate it. "Federalist Paper no. 68" shows us that above all, the founders sought to counter the threat of mob rule. Nearing the end of the 18th century, rule by the masses equated to rule by large, slaveholding states like Virginia. The Electoral College upheld the principles of federalism and sovereignty during a period of United States history in which unification was a choice, and the diverse interests of each state served as a potential impediment to an independent nation. While Alexander Hamilton recognized the massive power bestowed upon the U.S. president, he actively involved individual states in the election process to ensure the executive acted on their behalf. In the context of our rapidly dissolving federalist system, the Electoral College is imperative now more than ever.

Project Veritas: The ACORN Sting, 10 Years Later

One Beltway reporter described "The stunning, total defeat of ACORN" as "truly an extraordinary series of events." It was "an important moment in the development of alternative media sources, and *official* Washington responded before most of the establishment press did." President Obama, signed the bill stripping ACORN of federal funds passed by a Democratically controlled House and Senate. I'm not even sure the Republicans have the will do that either then, or now.

Barrow News Journal: The Left Throws Integrity Overboard

Why in the world would an American citizen who enjoys the benefits of living in America support voter fraud? We live in one of the few countries in the world where a citizen has the right to vote for the person they wish to elect or to vote for critical issues that affect our daily lives. How quick we forget that it was less than 100 years ago the Democratic left was trying to prevent American citizens from exercising the right to vote as authored by the the United States Constitution. Now, we see that same left working hard by fighting voter identification laws and fighting jurisdictions that try to clean up their voter rolls. If the left had their way, they would dismantle our election system, giving illegal aliens, non-citizens and criminals the right to vote.

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California: Bill to Lower Voting Age in California to 17 Delayed Until 2020

A bill seeking to lower California's voting age from 18 to 17 passed the State Assembly in August and was recently sent to the Elections and Constitutional Amendments committee in the State Senate. Since the bill was not sent to the governor's desk by the deadline of Sept. 13, it will have to wait until 2020 to be revived.

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California: Legislature Votes to Make Election Day Registration Available at Every Polling Site

Today, the California Legislature approved SB 72, legislation by State Senator Thomas J. Umberg (D-Santa Ana) that will allow all eligible Californians to register to vote and cast a ballot at polling sites on Election Day. SB 72 now heads to Governor Newsom for his signature. If signed by the governor, Election Day registration would be available at all polling sites in California in 2020, making California the 12th state, along with the District of Columbia, to allow Election Day registration.

Colorado: Voters Get Final Say on National Popular Vote

With their majority in both houses of the state legislature and the office of governor, Democrats exploited their monopoly on state government to ram through a measure that commits Colorado to a nationwide plot to subvert presidential elections. It's called the National Popular Vote (NPV) Compact. The above-board way to abolish the Electoral College would be to amend the US Constitution. But that requires ratification by three-fourths of the states. Enough low population states, understandably, would block that. So the NPV Compact is the Democrats' cynical attempt to distort the original intent of the Electoral College and guarantee the election of Democrat presidents forever. If a majority of Coloradans, including independents, vote "NO," on NPV in November 2020, we'll be withdrawn from the NPV Compact and Coloradans — not New Yorkers or Californians — will determine which presidential candidate gets our state's nine electoral votes. Now that would be truly exciting.

Connecticut: Bridgeport Absentee Ballot Count Leads to Call for Probe

Mayor Joe Ganim's reliance on absentee ballots to win the Democratic Party primary is raising eyebrows over how the votes shifted the election. State Sen. Marilyn Moore, who beat the incumbent in votes cast in person but lost big on absentees, said the state must investigate possible impropriety in the absentee ballot process. The election results show Moore beat Ganim on the voting machine count, winning by about 4 percent. But Ganim took 75 percent of the absentee ballot vote, enough to hand him the election. Absentee ballots accounted for 12 percent of the 10,290 votes cast during the mayoral primary — a percentage political observers say is high for typical elections.

Florida: Citizen Audit Group Forms in Broward Ahead of 2020 Election Cycle

It's time for Florida voters to step up — before the 2020 elections. So say Jamie Friend and George Navarini, who co-chair Citizens Audit, a new bipartisan coalition whose aim is to bring oversight and accountability to the election process in Broward County. Citizen Audit organizers are working with app developers to implement technology that will meet some election reform needs. At the moment, Citizens Audit is reaching out to organizations and clubs in what Friend calls the "coalition building stage." So far the group includes 12 organizations — they range from casual clubs to professional activists, and come from both the Democratic and Republican parties — and more groups are expected to join the effort.

Georgia: Secretary of State: A Tale Full of Sound and Fury, Signifying Nothing

The reality of elections in Georgia could not be further from the misinformation spread by Stacey Abrams and her affiliated groups. Georgia has record voter registration and record voter participation. And contrary to Ms. Abrams' allegations, state policies and decisions have directly led to those record numbers. Voters of all demographic groups turned out in record numbers for the 2018 midterm elections, with total turnout nearly matching turnout in the 2016 presidential election. The voting eligible population turnout rate for 2018 was 55%, significantly higher than the 2014 midterm (38.6%) and the 2010 midterm (40.6%). In 2018, African American voter turnout increased 32.5% compared to the 2014 midterm. Hispanic voter turnout increased 97.7%, and Asian American voter turnout increased 98.2%. Ms. Abrams has claimed even higher increases, claiming that African American participation increased by 40% between 2014 and 2018 and that Hispanic and Asian-American turnout tripled. She claims these numbers are "more accurate than census data."

Kentucky: Jury Finds Jerry Lundergan and Dale Emmons Guilty of Campaign Finance Crimes

A jury on Thursday found Jerry Lundergan guilty on all 10 felony counts in the federal case accusing him of conspiring to conceal illegal corporate donations from his company to the Senate campaign of his daughter, Alison Lundergan Grimes. The jury also found co-defendant Dale Emmons, a consultant paid by Lundergan's company to provide services for Grimes' campaign, guilty on all six felony counts. The jury delivered its verdict after deliberating for less than three hours. Lundergan and Emmons will remain free

until their sentencing hearing on Jan. 22. Federal prosecutors alleged in the indictments and five-week trial that Lundergan conspired with Emmons to direct illegal corporate contributions from his companies to the 2014 U.S. Senate campaign of Grimes and to falsify campaign records to cover up more than \$218,000 of those contributions.

New York: New York's Election Administration Accountability Vacuum - 'Bad Choices at Every Step'

After each election cycle, New York elected officials, government insiders, and interested members of the press and public gather at City Hall and in other hearing rooms for a bit of political theater. The protagonist is the electorate, or the democratic process, itself; the one cast as villain is Michael Ryan, the executive director of the New York City Board of Elections, who is there to respond to questions about how voting went that year. The New York City Board of Elections is governed by state law, which gives power to the City Council to appoint commissioners, but the Council must make the appointments from lists selected by political party leaders at the county level. "Every step along the way the board makes bad choices and they are never held accountable for it," said Susan Lerner, executive director of good government group Common Cause New York, in testimony at the City Council oversight hearing on last year's elections.

North Carolina: In Wake of Fraud Scandal, Voting by Mail Dropped by Two-Thirds in 9th District

Nearly a year after voters went to the polls in North Carolina's 9th Congressional District race, they will finally send a congressman to Washington, D.C., after Republican Dan Bishop's defeat of Democrat Dan McCready Tuesday night. But how voters cast their ballots for the special election looks far different than it did ahead of last November's midterms. The rate at which voters used mail-in absentee ballots – the voting method at the heart of an election fraud scandal that triggered the do-over election in the 9th District – fell by more than two-thirds across the district, according to the latest data from the State Board of Elections.

Ohio: Frank LaRose Defends Latest Voter Registration Purge

Ohio's top elections official paid a visit to Richland County Monday as his office just three days earlier proceeded with the scheduled removal of thousands of registrations from the state's voter rolls that have been deemed "inactive." Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose's office sent last-chance notices to about 235,000 voters in July, telling them they had until Friday to respond to the notice or update their registrations. Voters who have not cast a ballot for six years or have failed to respond to address confirmation letters are subject to be removed, or purged, as critics of the process describe it, from the state's voter rolls.

Oregon: What's Behind The Drop In Registered Voters For Oregon Democrats And The GOP?

Oregon data shows a declining number of registered voters who identify with either of the two major political parties. It's a trend that the data shows steadily trickling downward since at least 2016. Statewide, there's a 2 percent drop in people who've registered as "Democrat" or "Republican" since November 2016. By contrast, "non-affiliated" voters shot up 28 percent in the same period.

Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania to Let Voters Apply Online for Absentee Ballots

Pennsylvanians who will not be able to vote in person this fall can apply online for absentee ballots for the first time, officials announced Monday. The Wolf administration said voters can begin next week to use the new process to obtain absentee ballots for the Nov. 5 election. Voters will still have to mail or hand-deliver completed ballots to elections offices by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1. Applicants will need a PennDOT driver license or ID number, although that is expected to change next year.

Texas: More Arrests in Texas Voter Fraud Scheme

Charges filed last week against two more South Texas voter fraud suspects, including a city official, brings the total to 22 accused of participating in an illegal voting scheme prosecutors say was coordinated by a local mayor. Authorities arrested Edinburg City Secretary Ludivina Leal and Alyssa Cano of Pharr on September 3, charging each with one count of illegal voting in Edinburg's November 2017 mayoral election.

Wisconsin: Exposure to Risk Audit Finds Problems in Milwaukee Voter Registration Process

Wisconsin law requires voters to show "proof of residence" during the registration process. The audit says election workers were consistently collecting the required information, but some were not correctly

recording it.

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North Carolina: House Passes New Legislative Maps After Grueling Debate

One down. One to go. The House passed a new district map, and it's on its way to the Senate. It was a grueling week. After a three-judge Superior Court panel handed down its ruling last week in *Common Cause v. Lewis*, the General Assembly had two weeks to pass new maps addressing partisan outliers — that is, county groupings the court said, were gerrymandered to give Republicans an extreme partisan advantage. The House passed a map Friday, Sept. 13. Among the 14 county groupings requiring changes, House members passed 13 of them in a 68-42 vote. The 14th — and most controversial — passed 60-50. Earlier in the day, the court dropped an unanticipated announcement. First, it gave the General Assembly until Thursday, Sept. 19 — a day longer than expected — to submit its maps.

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Expert: 'Only Matter of Time Before Illegal Alien Voting Is Expanded'

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Democrats in New York state signed into law a plan to give driver's licenses to illegal aliens. The law allows for the state's 725,000-strong illegal alien population to be eligible for the same driver's license that American citizens are afforded. Already, state officials have said the law will effectively give illegal aliens the ability to vote .

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Florida May Become
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Source: Judicial Watch

Illegal immigrants could get valid Florida driver's licenses under proposed legislation that would accept foreign passports, international birth certificates and Mexican consular cards as proof of identity.

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**DC Mayor Gives
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\$100,000 to Help
Immigrants Become
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Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

DC has long protected illegal immigrants from federal authorities by offering them sanctuary and banning local law enforcement officers from inquiring about suspects' immigration status. In 2011 DC's scandal-plagued mayor, Vincent Gray, signed an executive order making it official by forbidding police and other city agencies from asking about immigration status.

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Tom Fitton: Spying on Trump was Run From the Obama White House

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "It obviously was spying. Nothing like this has occurred in American history. One of the most significant abuses of power in history. Why hasn't there been a comprehensive investigation? This was run out of the Obama White House."

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The FBI Uncovers Even More Clinton Emails

The government malfeasance in the Clinton email scandal is seeming never-ending.

The State Department [just confessed to a court](#) that FBI found more Clinton emails that were then over to State for review. In the November 15, 2019 filing, the State Department informs the court that the FBI located additional Clinton emails that potentially had not been previously released:

[T]he Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") recently sent [the State Department] additional documents as part of the ongoing inter-agency consultation process in connection with other FOIA litigation. [The State Department] is working to determine whether that set of documents includes any responsive, non-duplicative agency records that have not already been processed. [The State Department] will promptly update [Judicial Watch] and the Court once that initial review is complete.

The FBI filed this court ordered joint status report in response to our May 6, 2015, FOIA [lawsuit](#) (*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State* (No. 1:15-cv-00687)). Our FOIA lawsuit seeks all emails sent and received by Hillary Clinton and other records about her non-governmental email account.

Earlier this year, Judicial Watch announced that it received [756 pages](#) of emails that were among the materials Clinton tried to delete or destroy, several of which were classified and were transmitted over her unsecure, non-"state.gov" email system. This production was supposed to be the final production of Clinton emails. Judicial Watch estimates that the FBI being only able to recover or find approximately 5,000, including classified material, of the 33,000 government emails Clinton removed and tried to destroy. The FBI uncovered [72,000 pages](#) of documents Clinton attempted to delete or did not otherwise disclose.

Now again, it appears the FBI has uncovered more Clinton email documents.

You may recall that last week we released [FBI emails](#) showing that the FBI's top lawyer gave deferential treatment to the attorney representing Hillary Clinton's top aides implicated in the mass deletion of Clinton's emails.

So it is astonishing news that the FBI mysteriously found more Clinton emails. Were they on Anthony Weiner's laptop? At James Comey's house? Or on Peter Strzok's cell phone? This disturbing development further highlights how the fix was in on the Clinton email scandal and why a criminal investigation needs to be reopened by Attorney General Barr.

In separate Judicial Watch FOIA litigation, a [federal court will soon rule](#) on whether Hillary Clinton and her top aide can be questioned under oath by our lawyers about the email and Benghazi controversies. The court has already granted us additional discovery.

The court ordered discovery into three specific areas: whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was

intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to our request. The court specifically [ordered](#) Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency." (This Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.)

When Hillary Clinton's people [used](#) software called BleachBit to destroy her emails so that "even God can't read them," as Rep. Trey Gowdy put it, she must have thought she was rid of this threat of incrimination for good. I'll let you know what is this latest batch as soon as we find out...

Judicial Watch Sues for Details the Census Bureau Plan to Hire Foreign Nationals

As we have seen repeatedly in recent days with military and national security officials, the unelected administrative state is acting under the assumption that its predilections are law and not to be questioned.

Now the Census Bureau is playing the game. The conduct of the census is serious business. And we're taking its actions seriously.

We filed a FOIA suit on against the Commerce Department for Census Bureau records concerning the agency's hiring of non-U.S. citizens to help conduct the 2020 Census ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Commerce](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03433)).

We sued after the Census Bureau delayed responding to a September 12, 2019, FOIA request for more than two months. We sued for:

- Records about the temporary hiring of non-citizens to help conduct the 2020 decennial census.
- Records relating to efforts to ensure any such hires are permanent, legal U.S. residents.

We made our request based on a report titled "[Census Bureau Seeks to Hire Non-U.S. Citizens Ahead of 2020](#)" published on August 6, 2019 by U.S. News & World Report. Federal law generally prohibits the government from hiring of non-citizens, but according to the report, Census Bureau officials believe the law afford them "flexibilities":

"There are [citizenship] flexibilities within the Appropriation Act that would permit, for example, based on language requirements, some exemptions," says Tim Olson, associate director for field operations at the Census Bureau. "We are actively working through those flexibilities to see if they can be used in 2020. We are not there yet."

Asked whether the bureau planned to employ people living in the country illegally [emphasis added], a spokesman said, "There is nowhere in our legal flexibilities that refers to people we could possibly hire as "illegal." When pressed as to whether it's an option under the current law, the spokesman repeatedly demurred, saying that the term "noncitizen" encompasses "anyone who is not a U.S. citizen."

The Census Bureau twice asked us to clarify the request. When we did so in response to the first request, the Census Bureau sent a second, identical clarification request that even included the same typos as the first. After a telephone conference and at least two more rounds of discussions, the Census Bureau still has not indicated whether it will process the straightforward request.

The bureaucratic runaround we received from the Census Bureau on its potentially illegal hiring of aliens to help conduct the census is remarkable—and not in a good way. We simply want the documents so the public can be reassured that the census is being run according to law.

Communists Working in U.S. Steal Billions in Scientific Research

assiduously avoided their real jobs: protecting our country from our enemies abroad. Be clear about this: war today is information war, and critical information is being stolen from us as the FBI and to much of DC focus dully on the Russia and related Ukraine hoaxes.

Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog has [the story](#).

Billions of dollars in scientific research funded by American taxpayers has been stolen by China right under our noses, and the U.S. government has no plan to stop the ongoing theft of the highly valued intellectual property. In the meantime the publicly-funded work is helping the Communist nation meet its goal of becoming a world leader in science and technology, according to a scathing [report](#) published by the U.S. Senate. "This report exposes how American taxpayer funded research has contributed to China's global rise over the last 20 years," the document states. "During that time, China openly recruited U.S.-based researchers, scientists, and experts in the public and private sector to provide China with knowledge and intellectual capital in exchange for monetary gain and other benefits."

While the Chinese Communists run their illicit operation on our own soil, the federal government's grant-making and law enforcement agencies sit by and let it happen. This includes the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the vast law enforcement agency charged with protecting and defending the U.S. against terrorist attacks, foreign intelligence threats and espionage, cyber-based attack and high-technology crimes. None of the government agencies impacted by the costly crimes have bothered to develop a coordinated response to mitigate the ongoing threat, Senate investigators found. "These failures continue to undermine the integrity of the American research enterprise and endanger our national security," the report says.

China uses hundreds of government-funded talent recruitment plans to incentivize individuals engaged in research and development in the U.S. to transmit information in exchange for salaries, research funding, lab space and other perks. The Communists then use the American research for their own economic and military gain, Senate investigators say. The report includes specific examples provided by federal agencies that discovered Chinese talent recruitment members who downloaded sensitive electronic research files before returning to China, submitted false information when applying for grant funds and willfully failed to disclose receiving money from the Chinese government on U.S. grant applications. One Chinese talent recruitment member removed 30,000 electronic files before heading back home. Another filed a patent based on U.S. government-funded research and hired other Chinese recruitment plan members to work on American national security projects. "One Chinese talent recruitment plan member stole proprietary defense information related to U.S. military jet engines," the report states. "Others have contractually agreed to give Chinese institutions intellectual property rights that overlapped with research conducted at U.S. institutions."

The U.S. government spends more than \$150 billion annually on scientific research by funding work at agencies such as the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Department of Energy's (DOE) national laboratories. The NSF, for instance, funds about 27% of all basic research at U.S. colleges and universities where theft of intellectual property by the Chinese is pervasive. The NIH invests north of \$31 billion annually on medical research through tens of thousands of competitive grants awarded to hundreds of thousands of candidates. As the largest federal sponsor of basic research in the physical sciences, the DOE awards a whopping \$6.6 billion in grants and contracts each year to tens of thousands of researchers at hundreds of institutions. Each of these agencies has been deeply impacted by Chinese infiltrators stealing valuable research, according to the extensive Senate probe. This has been going on for decades.

In fact, more than 20 years ago Judicial Watch helped expose a Chinese Communist scientist (Wen Ho Lee), who stole nuclear secrets from the [Los Alamos National Laboratory](#) in New Mexico, among the world's largest science institutions and the nation's key nuclear weapons research facility. The Bill Clinton Justice Department refused to prosecute Lee because then Attorney General Janet Reno claimed the accusations against him were racist. Judicial Watch [represented the whistleblower](#), Notra Trulock, responsible for launching an investigation into Lee's actions. Trulock was the DOE's intelligence operations chief and Clinton administration officials defamed him by accusing him of being a racist to cover up Lee's repeated and embarrassing security violations.

I'd to again this year to recall what life was like for the Pilgrims who arrived on these shores in December of 1620. As the [Plymouth Plantation](#) describes it:

Many of the colonists fell ill. They were probably suffering from scurvy and pneumonia caused by a lack of shelter in the cold, wet weather. Although the Pilgrims were not starving, their sea-diet was very high in salt, which weakened their bodies on the long journey and during that first winter. As many as two or three people died each day during their first two months on land. Only 52 people survived the first year in Plymouth.

When Mayflower left Plymouth on April 5, 1621, she was sailed back to England by only half of her crew.

Nevertheless, a year after their arrival they sat down for a feast of thanksgiving. They had befriended and made a treaty of mutual protection with the Pokanoket Wampanoag leader, Ousamequin, also known as Massasoit to the Pilgrims.

In the fall of 1621, the colonists marked their first harvest with a three-day celebration. Massasoit and 90 of his men joined the English for feasting and entertainment. In the 1800s this famous celebration became the basis for the story of the First Thanksgiving.

It would be easy to focus on the passing difficulties of our time, especially for those of us who fight daily to preserve the God-given liberties that have blessed this land since the time of the Pilgrims. But, as they did, we must pause to reflect on all that is good and on the Source of this goodness.

I am particularly fond of a [hymn](#) popularly associated with Thanksgiving Day and often sung at family meals and religious services on this day, having been brought to America by Dutch settlers in New Amsterdam, now New York City. It was written by Adrianus Valerius and is entitled "*Wilt Heden Nu Treden*" ("*We Gather Together.*")

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

All of us at Judicial Watch wish you and yours a most blessed Thanksgiving!

Until next week,



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Nearly two decades after its well-documented transgressions culminated in the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil, the federal law enforcement agency responsible for protecting the country against a repeat still struggles to do its job and it has cost dozens of American lives. The failures have allowed homegrown violent extremists (HVE) to carry out more than 20 attacks in the U.S. since 9/11, some of them after the agency, the FBI, closed counterterrorism investigations of the attackers.

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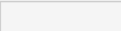


Hillary Clinton's Testimony Before Judicial Watch Attorneys

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When it comes to Hillary Clinton's emails, "the court is left with more questions than answers," according to Judge Lamberth's court deposition order released early last week. Set to testify before Judicial Watch attorneys by May 16th about her use of a private server, Fitton has described her deposition as "the most important questioning of Hillary Clinton on this matter, ever."

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Hillary Clinton will be Questioned UNDER OATH over Use of Private Email Server by May 16!



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Judicial Watch Sues State Department for Text Messages of Hillary Clinton and Huma Abedin

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Clinton repeatedly stated that the 55,000 pages of documents she turned over to the State Department in December 2014 included all of her work-related emails. In response to a court order in another Judicial Watch case, she declared under penalty of perjury that she had "directed that all my emails on clintonemail.com in my custody that were or are potentially federal records be provided to the Department of State, and on information and belief, this has been done."

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FARRELL: Spygate Could Make Watergate Look Like A Third-Rate Burglary

The Daily Caller

The investigation by U.S. Attorney John Durham into the origins of the FBI's Russian collusion investigation – or as President Trump prefers to call it, the witch hunt – continues to expand. Durham reportedly opened criminal investigations last fall. And unlike the narrow Justice Department Inspector General's review of the abuse of the FISA process, Durham is looking into the questionable activities of other government agencies, in particular the CIA and its former director John Brennan.

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FBI “Finds” News Clinton Emails Include Classified Info and Official Business in Texts

Remember when Hillary Clinton repeatedly stated that the 55,000 pages she turned over to the State Department in December 2014 included all of her work-related emails?

In response to a court order in a Judicial Watch [case](#), she declared under penalty of perjury that she had “directed that all my emails on clintonemail.com in my custody that were or are potentially federal records be provided to the Department of State, and on information and belief, this has been done.”

We’ve known for a while that this was not the case.

Now there’s more proof. We have released [37 pages](#) of new Clinton emails recently “found” by the FBI that show the former secretary of state using her unsecure, non-government email to transmit classified information. The new emails also show Clinton used text messages for government business. The documents, which we received after a review by the State Department, include 13 new Clinton emails.

Here’s how poorly these emails were handled. The State Department did not provide information about where they were found; why they were not previously produced, or if additional records are anticipated. Last month, a Justice Department attorney [could not tell a federal court judge](#) how and where the FBI discovered the new cache of Clinton emails.

The State Department previously claimed it had produced all responsive Clinton emails, including emails recovered by the FBI that Hillary Clinton tried to destroy or withhold. The State Department initially claimed all responsive emails had been produced in 2018, but then found more emails, which were produced, for the first time, early last year. Then in November 2019, the State Department [first disclosed](#) to the court that the FBI had found this latest batch of emails.

The emails were produced thanks to our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) for all of Clinton’s government emails sent or received on her secret server system ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:15-cv-00687)). We sought:

All emails sent and received by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in her official capacity as Secretary of State, as well as all emails by other State Department employees to Secretary Clinton regarding her non-“state.gov” email address.

Here’s what we found.

In [an email](#) Clinton’s personal email, dated January 23, 2012, former-British Prime Minister Tony Blair sends details that were redacted as classified.

In a email containing [classified](#) information dated August 30, 2011, Jeffrey Feltman, then-Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs suggested Clinton meet Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati in Paris to talk about Syria and other

issues.

In [an email](#) exchange on August 31, 2011, Clinton top aide Huma Abedin says she sent Clinton "a couple text messages," and offers to "send Monica [Hanley] to hamptons to help you get organized."

In [an email](#) sent on April 10, 2012, Clinton forwards to her then-Deputy Chief of Staff Jacob Sullivan a memo on the Egyptian election campaign that includes information on the Muslim Brotherhood that she received from [Sidney Blumenthal](#). In this memo, Blumenthal claims to have "Sources with access to the highest levels of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, and Western intelligence and security services."

On November 7, 2012, Mills forwards a [classified](#) email chain with the subject "global health doc" to Clinton's personal email. The initial email, which included a draft of this document was labeled and highlighted "Confidential fyi – not for larger dissemination to ANY others."

In [an email](#) dated August 30, 2011, Clinton forwards to Sullivan, her top foreign policy advisor, an intelligence memo on Libya that was sent to her earlier by Blumenthal with the subject line, "H: Very good intel re: inside NTC. Sid" NTC is the acronym for the Libyan National Transitional Council. The State Department redacted Hillary Clinton's comments about the Blumenthal Libya memo.

In a heavily redacted [email chain](#) between January 25-26, 2009, Clinton CCs her BlackBerry in a discussion about an envoy to North Korea with her then-Chief of Staff, Cheryl Mills, and former State Department Special Advisor for Nonproliferation and Arms Control Robert Einhorn. Einhorn sends Clinton, "several names for [Clinton's] consideration." Clinton replies from her personal email account.

After Einhorn responds, Clinton asks Mills privately to put Einhorn and someone only identified as "Rose" "into transition space." She also asks that then-Senators John Kerry and Richard Lugar be on call lists to "schedule the two of them."

On February 18, 2009, Mills sends [an email](#) to Clinton, Clinton's BlackBerry and Abedin containing a message "For HRC from [former Ambassador] Frank Wisner" about Clinton's request for his thoughts on her upcoming trip to Egypt.

On August 2, 2009, in [an email](#) with the subject line "Feingold," Huma Abedin sends to Clinton's personal email a memo from Russ Feingold about issues concerning Somalia, Angola, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia and Nigeria. The memo also includes information on the Islamist militant group, Boko Haram in Nigeria.

In [an email](#) dated January 8, 2012, which included Clinton's schedule, Abedin emails Clinton's main scheduler Lona Valmore to check to see if Clinton will have enough time to prep for her *Elle Magazine* interview. She also had an interview with Lisa DePaolo of *More* magazine. That same day, Clinton took five questions during her phone call with 200 personnel from the US Embassy in Kabul.

In [an email](#) dated October 31, 2012, then-former-State Department Director of Policy Planning, Anne-Marie Slaughter emailed Clinton's personal email, as well as Sullivan, Abedin, Mills, and Clinton innovation advisor Alec J. Ross a document asking for State Department support for a satellite channel that would "allow Syrians to talk to Syrians in a citizen-controlled format." Slaughter adds that she's "made contact with the Swedes" on this issue.

On November 4, 2012, Valmore again sends Clinton's sensitive [daily schedule](#) to Clinton and Abedin on the unsecure server.

What does all this mean? Magically, after years, the FBI finds more Clinton emails that show Clinton used text messages for government work, not to mention the continuing flow of classified information transmitted over her unsecure email system. These documents further underscore the need for a fresh, unbiased and thorough criminal investigation into Clinton's blatant malfeasance – and the related DOJ, FBI, and State Department cover-up.

The production of documents in [this case](#) was to have been concluded with the FBI's recovery of approximately 5,000 of the 33,000 government emails Clinton took and tried to destroy, but, as you see, this case is still in progress.

New Strzok-Page Emails Reveal DOJ Special Treatment of Clinton Lawyers

It's one thing to say that the FBI pretended to investigate Hillary Clinton's scandalous use of unsecure email. It is quite another to see that even [blatantly anti-Trump](#) FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page were disturbed by the special treatment her lawyers received.

We just received [211 pages](#) of emails between former FBI officials Strzok and Page that detail special accommodations given to the lawyers of Hillary Clinton and her aides during the FBI investigation of the Clinton email controversy.

The new emails include a discussion about negotiations with Beth Wilkinson over the destruction of laptops provided to the FBI. Wilson was a lawyer for the Clinton aides who gathered and then deleted 33,000 emails for Hillary Clinton.

We received the records in our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to our December 4, 2017, FOIA request seeking communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#)) No. 1:18-cv-00154)). We are seeking:

- All records of communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page;
- All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Peter Strzok;
- All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Lisa Page.

The FBI is processing the records at a rate of only 500 pages per month and has refused to process text messages. At this speed, the production of these communications won't be completed for almost another two more years – in late 2021.

In an April 25, 2016, [email](#) from Strzok to FBI Agent Jonathan Moffa and other FBI officials, Strzok indicated that Wilkinson and Hillary Clinton lawyer David Kendall were set to meet the following day with FBI/DOJ in the Counterespionage Section of the FBI. Strzok tells his colleagues, "If you have strong objection (I do not other than finding out after the DD [Deputy Director]), we should raise it now." Moffa replies, "It's weird the DD [Andrew McCabe] is the first to know though. When did that become the norm?" Strzok replies, "Since the butthurt. I think there's some passive aggressive stuff going on. Whatever."

On May 11, 2016, Strzok [submitted](#) a "Wilkinson negotiation timeline" to Assistant Director for the Counterintelligence Division Bill Priestap wherein he laid out unspecified "negotiations" that had taken place between FBI/DOJ and Wilkinson. Strzok noted that "We will have spent 34 days waiting for opposing counsel to make the initial step of any tangible offer, about which we have no idea of if it will be anywhere close to what we have been specific about (at least since the Mills interview, if not earlier by DoJ) wanting." Mills refers to Cheryl Mills, a top Clinton State Department official who then served as Clinton's private lawyer and led the Clinton email review and destruction.

In an April 8, 2016, [email](#) to FBI officials, Strzok outlines questions for the FBI's upcoming interviews of Clinton aides Cheryl Mills and Heather Samuelson "concerning their post-State employment." Strzok then forwards the email on to Page, Moffa and other unidentified persons, indicating that the questions were prepared "in anticipation of potential need for further discussion between the FBI and DOJ on the analysis of attorney-client and attorney work product privileges and protections."

[Heather Samuelson](#) was the Clinton lawyer who deleted the 33,000 Clinton emails and was one of several Obama-era State Department officials, lawyers, and Clinton aides who were ordered by Judge Lamberth to [provide answers](#) under oath to our questions about the Benghazi and Clinton email scandals. Ms. Samuelson testified last year that the Justice Department also gave her immunity.

On March 22, 2016, Strzok [writes](#) in an email to Priestap, "[Redacted] indicated he feels a need (and I agreed) to respond to Beth [Wilkinson] quickly about taking possession of the laptops. She is fine to provide them to be destroyed, but not to store them."

On April 13, 2016, Strzok emailed Priestap and [expressed concern](#) about "the content of that Baker-Wilkinson contact," apparently referring to a phone call between FBI General Counsel James Baker and Wilkinson. Strzok told Priestap, "To the extent you can ask what Jim's contact was and ask that the investigative team be kept abreast of contact with our DOJ counterparts, I would greatly appreciate it." Strzok forwarded the note to Page, saying, "You still think I don't have reason to be angry?"

On April 1, 2016, Strzok [forwards](#) to Priestap, FBI Counterintelligence Division official Robert Jones, Moffa and some unidentified FBI officials a *Politico* [report](#) discussing the highly unusual legal strategy of Wilkinson simultaneously representing four of Hillary Clinton's top aides in the email scandal.

On March 23, 2016, Page [emails](#) Strzok at 8:39 p.m. with the subject line "God, I'm in such a bad mood" and said, "I really just hate everyone. Especially DOJ. ??????"

Strzok replies: "God me too! I'm trying to figure out why I'm in a foul mood, I think it's DoJ plus prospect of packing and travel and late night all for bullsh*t meeting postponed and [redacted] and wondering how Bill's feeling. Got a weird too many people to coordinate I'm punting to [redacted] message earlier this morning. Why are you cranky? This stuff? The UC media provisions? Why did you end up staying up so late? And hi. The only saving grace is the glorious moon tonight."

Page responds: "Just everything. Fighting with doj and internally on uc policy (it's back up to DD - I don't want to hear about it). [Redacted] I need an office closer to Andy, I need to clean my office, I need to write my PAR. [Redacted]. Just proposed to Andy [McCabe] that we have a pre-meet on Friday. Think we need it plus it will give us an opportunity to skinny down the room if he thinks it's too big."

Strzok replies: "Babe, that stinks across the board. I don't have an easy answer for you on the hours. If you can't get out before 7 on a day he isn't there, well, you're going to have to give somewhere. You definitely do need an office closer. Andy needs to do that. There are at least 5 people I can think of who easily can go. ... Going to bed soon [redacted] United managed to f*ck up seat assignments when they split the locator record, so that's nice [redacted]."

In her reply, Page discusses a meeting that would take place between DOJ and FBI officials concerning the Hillary Clinton investigation, writing, "I texted Andy pre-meet, he agreed, I called [redacted] to ensure it gets on the calendar. I don't care what Mike and Bill think, you're going to be there. I also talked to [redacted] about skinning up the room - right now we'll have ELEVEN, which is retarded."

Strzok responds: "If it's any consolation, I think doj will have 5 plus one on speaker phone."

In a March 28, 2016, [email](#) from Page to Strzok with the subject line "god, I'm frustrated," Page appears to refer back to the large FBI/DOJ meeting at which Beth Wilkinson asserted a privilege over the Clinton's lawyers sorting and deleting of Clinton's emails. Page writes Strzok, "And I'm sorry, it is not obvious to me that the sort is opinion work product. It should have been conducted by State department records managers, and you wouldn't even be in this position to be talking about privilege. And to be clear, some opinion work product materials 'do not warrant heightened protection because, despite revelations they contain as attorney's though processes, lawyer has no justifiable expectation that mental impressions revealed by materials will remain private.'" Page ends the email saying, I AM IRRITATED."

Strzok responds: "Hi. I am irritated too, but mostly exhausted; I'm sure you're more so after the morning you had. I'm glad you made it to the meeting - was worried you might not. Obviously want to talk about your impressions of the whole thing."

On March 29, 2016, Strzok [forwarded](#) to officials in the FBI General Counsel's office as well as to Deputy Assistant Director in the Counterintelligence Division Jonathan Moffa an [article](#) from *The Hill* headlined "Second judge opens door to depositions in Clinton email case" discussing Judge Royce Lamberth opening the door us to take [depositions](#) from government officials in our Benghazi talking points lawsuit. Strzok's comment in his cover email is redacted, as is the response from the General Counsel's office, under deliberative process.

On May 19, 2016, Strzok [forwarded](#) to Priestap a *New York Times* [article](#) discussing a deposition we took of State

Department official [Lewis Lukens](#) regarding Clinton's email case, and Strzok cut-and-pasted in particular comments I made concerning the impact of Lukens's testimony.

A paragraph from the article which Strzok pasted in the email read: "But Mr. Fitton predicted that once the testimony is publicly released — perhaps as early as next week — it would show 'why the State Department and Mrs. Clinton have slow-rolled this and withheld a complete explanation of what went on with her email system...'" Strzok acknowledges Lukens "plays a minor role but appears in an email discussing setting up a computer on Mahogany row where she could access private email which was seized upon by some outside." Strzok writes: "we have interviewed his boss Stephen Mull and REDACTED both of which had greater involvement." (We have also deposed [Amb. Mull](#).)

It is quite apparent why the FBI is slow-rolling the release of these Strzok-Page emails – as they dramatically show how senior officials at the Obama DOJ and FBI gave special and favorable treatment to Clinton and her lawyers. As the Obama Justice Department and FBI bent over backwards to protect Hillary Clinton, these agencies broke every law under the sun to spy on her political opponent, Donald J. Trump.

In November 2019, we made public [records of communications](#) between Strzok and Page showing that Wilkinson was given a meeting with Baker and McCabe. Also, we uncovered [records](#) revealing that, after former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's statement denying the transmission of classified information over her unsecure email system, former FBI official Peter Strzok sent an email to FBI officials citing "three [Clinton email] chains" containing (C) [classified] portion marks in front of paragraphs."

In June 2019, we received [records](#) from the Department of Justice that show FBI top officials scrambling to write a letter to Congress to supplement then-Director James Comey's Senate testimony in an apparent attempt to muddle his message.

In a related case, we uncovered [277 pages](#) of redacted records that show the FBI failed to produce information from an August 2015 meeting with the Intelligence Community Inspector General about Hillary Clinton's email server. The FBI claimed that notes are "missing" and the CD containing notes from the meeting is likely "damaged" irreparably.

Also in June 2019, we released [emails](#) of Strzok and Page that show then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to expedite the release of FBI investigative material to Kendall, in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI's top lawyer discussed specifically quickly obtaining the "302" report of the FBI/DOJ interview of Clinton.

In February 2019, we uncovered [records](#) from the Department of Justice that include emails documenting an evident cover-up of a chart of potential violations of law by former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. We also received [records](#) from the U.S. Department of Justice revealing former FBI General Counsel James Baker discussed the investigation of Clinton-related emails on Anthony Weiner's laptop with Kendall. Baker then forwarded the conversation to his FBI colleagues. The documents also further describe a previously reported quid pro quo from the Obama State Department offering the FBI more legal attaché positions if it would downgrade a redaction in an email found during the Hillary Clinton email investigation "from classified to something else."

There is a mountain of evidence, uncovered by Judicial Watch, that show AG Barr and FBI Director Wray have every reason to reopen the Clinton email investigation.

State Department Handler for Clinton Spy Steele Used Personal Email to Push Reports

It seems that people in Obama's State Department other than Hillary Clinton were oblivious, to put it charitably, to the fact that using personal email for government business is a security risk and can also thwart federal recordkeeping laws.

This week we uncovered the use of personal email by a State Department official involved with the notorious British spy whose fictional dossier became the centerpiece of the coup against Donald Trump.

In our lawsuit filed together with The Daily Caller News Foundation we uncovered [11 pages](#) of State Department documents revealing a discussion about the use of private email to transmit potentially sensitive information from Christopher Steele,

the author of the Clinton-funded, anti-Trump dossier.

We obtained the documents in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed on April 25, 2018, on behalf the Daily Caller News Foundation against the State Department after it failed to respond to three separate FOIA requests ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:18-cv- 00968)). The lawsuit seeks:

- All records of communications between State Department officials, including former Secretary of State John Kerry, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, on the one hand, and British National Christopher Steele and/or employees or contractors of Steele's company, Orbis Business Intelligence, on the other hand.
- All records and/or memoranda provided by Christopher Steele and/or his firm Orbis Business Intelligence or by others acting on Steele's/Orbis's behalf to State Department officials.
- Any and all records in the custody of the State Department related to the provision of documents to British national Christopher Steele and/or his firm, Orbis Business Intelligence, or the receipt of documents from Steele or his firm. Time period is January 20, 2009 through the present.
- All records created in 2016 by Jonathan M. Winer relating to research compiled by Christopher Steele.

Here's the story.

On December 8, 2014, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for European Affairs Paul Jones suggests to Special Coordinator for Libya Jonathan Winer that he "flip" reports from Steele's firm, Orbis Business Intelligence, to a [more secure](#) email system, "given our ongoing concerns about security of opennet ..."

Jones added, "We just want to be sure we don't inadvertently undermine a very good source of info or worse." Winer responds, "Flipping to the high side will result in delays whenever the reporting takes place and I am out of the office, which includes weekends plus when I am overseas..."

Then-Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland replies, "Let's do high side."

Winer replies that he would, "have [his assistant] Nina Miller send them to you on my behalf high side ... I will send them to her from my non-State email account, not copying myself. She will then send them to us. You know who they are coming from, so even high side from here I will just refer to them as 'O Reports,' and strip out any other identifying information as to sourcing."

On February 9, 2016, a heavily redacted email exchange with the subject, "Urgent -- [redacted]" begins with [an email](#) from Justin Siberell, former-Principal Deputy Coordinator of the State Department's Counterterrorism Bureau to multiple senior State Department officials including Winer. In this exchange, Siberell mentions that they are "meeting later today with OSD/SOLIC [redacted]." OSD/SOLIC is the office run by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict.

Siberell notes that the "DOD will work on press guidance and a strategic messaging plan that will be cleared with/through State," which implies that it is a matter of public relations concern.

Later in the redacted discussion, Winer changes the distribution list and writes, "For this group only -- [redacted]". Secretary John Kerry's Chief of Staff Jonathan Finer responds, "As Jonathan predicted [redacted]."

One of the other recipients, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe, John Heffern, then forwards the entire exchange to two colleagues, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Western Europe, Conrad Tribble and then-Office Director for Western European Affairs, Robin Quinville saying, "Do not circulate widely."

Tribble replies the next day asking Heffern and Quinville, "Anything further on this? No real action for EUR [State Department's Bureau of Europe and Eurasian Affairs] yet, but obviously of some concern."

Said Neil Patel, publisher and CEO of the Daily Caller News Foundation: "The Obama State Department's handling of the Steele dossier remains one of the great mysteries of the Russia probe. We still do not have all the answers about how the

State Department used opposition research collected by a foreign spy regarding President Trump and his campaign. These documents, obtained through our lawsuit filed together with Judicial Watch, raises further questions about what exactly went on at Foggy Bottom."

No wonder Jonathan Winer, Steele's ally at the State Department, [refused to talk](#) to the DOJ IG. He seems to have circumvented the rules in pushing Steele's unreliable reports to his Obama State Department colleagues. Our lawsuits have documented that the Obama-Kerry State Department was a hotbed of anti-Trump activity. AG Barr and US Attorney Durham would do well to focus like a laser on the State Department.

Here is some background.

We recently released [146 pages](#) of documents revealing that Steele had an extensive and close working relationship dating back to May of 2014 with high-ranking Obama State Department officials including Winer and Nuland. We also uncovered [documents](#) showing that less than a month before the presidential inauguration Winer had a 10-minute phone call with Alexey Vladimirovich Skosyrev, the "political chief" at the Russian Embassy in Washington, DC.

In July 2019, we released [84 pages](#) of documents revealing an email exchange between Nuland and Winer, discussing a "face-to-face" meeting on a "Russian matter" in New York in September 2016.

In June 2019 we released [41 pages](#) of documents from the State Department revealing that Winer played a key role in facilitating Steele's access to other top government officials and prominent international business executives. Winer was even approached by a movie producer about making a movie about the Russiagate targeting of President Trump.

In May 2019, our FOIA lawsuit [produced](#) information from the DOJ showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Kathleen Kavalec and Bruce Ohr, discussing the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material. In discussing a meeting with the potential source for a Mother Jones article accusing the Trump campaign of taking money from a Russian-American oil magnate, as well as Steele's connection to that source, Kavalec emails Ohr citing the accusatory Mother Jones article. Ohr says, "I really hope we can get something going here."

Also, we obtained [an email](#) revealing that Nellie Ohr, wife of Bruce Ohr, informed him that she was deleting emails sent from his DOJ email account. The full [email exchange](#) is between Bruce Ohr, Lisa Holtyn, Nellie Ohr, and Stefan Bress, a first secretary at the German Embassy, and is part of [339 pages](#) of heavily redacted records from the U.S. Department of Justice.

In March 2019, we [uncovered emails](#) from Bruce Ohr showing that he remained in regular contact with former British spy and Fusion GPS contractor Steele after Steele [was terminated](#) by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant. The records show that Ohr served as a go-between for Steele by passing along information to "his colleagues" on matters relating to Steele's activities. Ohr also set up meetings with Steele, regularly talked to him on the telephone and provided him assistance in dealing with situations Steele was confronting with the media.

We broke this story and, as you can see, we aren't letting it go.

Nearly All Arrested Illegal Aliens Had Criminal Convictions or Charges

Although President Trump is trying to improve security at the border, in its currently porous state there isn't a good filter for keeping out the bad guys. Countries south of us aren't always sending us their best and brightest. Sometimes not their most law-abiding either. We're at the point at which it's fair to question the motives of those who favor throwing open our borders and setting up sanctuaries for those who cross.

Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#) how those coming in are threats to our safety.

More than 90% of illegal immigrants arrested by federal agents in the United States last year had criminal

convictions or pending criminal charges, including 56,000 assaults and thousands of sex crimes, robberies, homicides and kidnappings. Many had "extensive criminal histories with multiple convictions," according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) year-end [report](#). The 123,128 illegal aliens arrested by the agency's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) in 2019 had 489,063 criminal convictions and pending charges, representing an average of four crimes per alien, highlighting the "recidivist nature" of the arrested aliens, the agency writes, noting that sanctuary cities nationwide greatly impeded its public safety efforts.

The Dallas ICE field office, which covers north Texas and Oklahoma, led the way with [16,900 arrests](#) in fiscal year 2019. The overwhelming majority, 12,578, were convicted of crimes and 3,499 had pending criminal charges. The Atlanta field office, which is responsible for enforcing immigration law in Georgia as well as South and North Carolina, ranked second with 13,247 arrests, 8,009 of them convicted for state crimes. Another 3,943 illegal aliens had pending criminal charges. Atlanta field office leadership has repeatedly blasted local law enforcement officials within its jurisdiction for releasing droves of illegal immigrant criminals back onto the streets after being jailed for serious state crimes, accusing the sanctuary jurisdictions of creating a ["serious public safety threat."](#)

In North Carolina alone, hundreds of violent criminals were [released](#) by local authorities last year to honor measures that offer illegal immigrants sanctuary. Among them were illegal aliens charged with serious violations such as homicide, kidnapping, arson and sex offenses. Mecklenburg County, the state's largest, was among the biggest offenders, releasing numerous violent criminals rather than turn them over to federal authorities for removal. Among them was a previously deported Honduran charged with rape and child sex crimes. The perpetrator, 33-year-old Oscar Pacheco-Leonardo, was freed by the county sheriff, who has kept his campaign [promise](#) to protect illegal immigrants from the feds. In Buncombe County, North Carolina the elected sheriff recently [freed a child sex offender](#) to keep with his county's sanctuary policy. The Salvadoran national, a registered sex offender charged with four felony counts of statutory sex with an 11-year-old girl, had been in ICE's radar for years.

The Tar Heel State is hardly alone in making ICE's enforcement duties more difficult by protecting the most violent of illegal immigrants. Police nationwide are contributing to the crisis, refusing to participate in a local-federal partnership known as [287\(g\)](#) that notifies ICE of jail inmates in the country illegally so they can be deported after serving time for state crimes. Instead, a growing number of law enforcement agencies are releasing the illegal aliens—many with serious convictions such as child sex offenses, rape and murder—rather than turn them over to federal authorities for removal. In California various police departments [released](#) 16 illegal immigrants with criminal records during a three-month period, some arrested and released multiple times by the same agency. Offenders include Mexican, Honduran and Salvadoran nationals charged with murder, rape, assault with a deadly weapon, spousal abuse, driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of illegal drugs and other serious crimes.

ICE still managed to deport some after scooping them up in targeted operations. Last year ICE removed 5,497 known or suspected gang members and 58 known or suspected terrorists. Just this month, ICE [arrested a previously deported](#) illegal immigrant released by local authorities in a fatal hit and run that killed a 35-year-old woman on Christmas eve. The Mexican national, 27-year-old Jorge Flores-Villalba, was arrested and released by Stony Point Town Police in New York. ICE's New York Field Office Director, Thomas Decker, blasted Stony Point officials in a [statement](#). "Creating laws and policies that prevent cooperation between law enforcement agencies just to promote their political agenda, places the safety of the public in danger," he said. "Due to the hard work of our officers, we were able to find and arrest this accused criminal, but there are countless others who are released without ICE even knowing, or whom it may take a great amount of resources to find for arrest."

Until next week ...





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Subject: FBI Gave Special Treatment to Clinton; FBI Muddling Comey Testimony; Court Rules FBI's Search of Records About Strzok Inadequate

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Lisa Page: 'There's No Fathomable Way That I Have Committed Any Crime at All'

Source: [PJ Media](#)

Page became notorious for text messages she sent to FBI agent Peter Strzok, with whom she was having an affair. Both were involved in the investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails and in the Trump-Russia investigation. In the text messages, Strzok promised, "we'll stop" Trump from getting elected. They also discussed an "insurance policy" should Trump get elected, anyway.

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Background Notes from Judicial Watch

2019-06-03

**Strzok-Page Emails
Reveal FBI Gave
Special Treatment to
Hillary Clinton's
Demands for Email
Investigation
Information Just
Before Election**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch received 218 pages of disgraced former FBI officials Peter Strzok-Lisa Page emails which show then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to expedite the release of FBI investigative material to Hillary Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI's top lawyer discussed specifically quickly obtaining the "302" report of the FBI/DOJ interview of Clinton.

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06/20/19

Strzok-Page Emails
Reveal FBI Efforts to
Muddle Comey
Testimony on
Clinton Emails; FBI-
Media Collusion

Source: Judicial Watch

"These new Page-Strzok emails show the Obama FBI to be a mess both professionally and ethically" said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "The best example of the ethical morass at the FBI are the emails showing how a report on Judicial Watch's disclosure that a grand jury had been used in the Clinton email investigation set off a spat between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page."

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2019-03-15

Federal Court Rules
FBI's Search of
Records about Peter
Strzok's Removal
from Mueller
Investigation
Inadequate: Orders
New Search

Source: Judicial Watch

Strzok was reportedly removed from the Mueller investigative team in August 2017 and reassigned to a human resources position after it was discovered that he and then-FBI lawyer Lisa Page exchanged text messages during the Clinton investigation and 2016 election season that raised serious questions about his anti-Trump/pro-Clinton bias. They were also engaged in an extramarital affair. Strzok infamously texted "there's no way he gets elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk."

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WEEKLY UPDATE

'Weiner Timeline': How the FBI Gave Hillary Cover During the Election

We just released [180 pages](#) of communications between former FBI official Peter Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page that include Strzok's "weiner timeline," which shows a time gap of almost a month between the discovery of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's emails on the laptop of disgraced former Congressman Anthony Weiner and the obtaining of a search warrant.

On November 3, 2016, Strzok sends [an email](#) to Page with a "weiner timeline." The document shows that on September 28, 2016, the Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC) of the New York Office of the FBI reported "potential MYE-related material," referring to Midyear Exam, which was the code name of the FBI's Clinton email investigation. The timeline shows that not until October 30, almost a month after the discovery, was a search warrant for the emails obtained:

09/26/2016	NYO [New York Office] obtains SW [search warrant] for Weiner laptop
09/28/2016	ADIC NY notes potential MYE-related material following weekly SAC [Special Agent in Charge] SVTC [Secure Video Teleconference]
09/29/2016	Conference call between NYO and MYE team • NYO notes processing is crashing system and not complete, but during troubleshooting observes material potentially related to MYE(clintonemail.com and state.gov domains) seen during course of review • No numbers/volume available • Discussion about ability to search for material determines such activity would be outside scope of warrant • Request to NYO to gather basic facts (numbers, domains, etc) based on their review
Approx. 10/19/2016	NYO completes carving NYO observes SBU [Sensitive but Unclassified] attachment
10/21/2016	6:00 PM DOJ/NSD advises MYE leadership that SDNY informed them of MYE- related media on Weiner media
10/25/2016	DOJ-DD conversation re material
10/26/2016	DOJ-MYE-NYO conference call DD advised of results of call with MYE team conclusion material should be looked at; DD directs briefing to D
10/27/2016	Briefing to D; D concurs with conducting investigation to obtain data

10/30/2016 SW [\[search warrant\]](#) sworn out at SDNY

Copy of media obtained by MYE SAs [Special Agents], entered into evidence, and provided to OTD [Operational Technology Division] for processing

A partial Strzok timeline was included in Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz's June [2018 report](#) on the Clinton email investigation. Also, the report suggested possible bias by Strzok: "[W]e did not have confidence that Strzok's decision to prioritize the Russia investigation over following up on the Midyear-related investigative lead discovered on the Weiner laptop was free from bias."

The new documents are the latest production from a January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the DOJ failed to respond to a December 2017 request for all communications between Strzok and Page ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00154)).

The FBI is only processing the records at a rate of 500 pages per month and has refused to process text messages. At this rate, the production of these communications won't be completed until late 2021.

The new records we uncovered also include an email chain that concludes on November 5, 2016 — the day before Comey [notified Congress](#) that the FBI had not changed its July conclusion — with the subject line [Drafting](#) in which Strzok indicates that he is working on the "initial review" of "the data" for an upcoming statement.

In an additional version of the November 2016 ["Drafting"](#) email thread Strzok concludes that he found "no new potentially classified email on the media [laptop] ..."

In a November 6, 2016, [email](#) with the subject line "Request for conference call bridge" Strzok tells senior FBI officials: "[Redacted], Jon and I completed our review of all of the potential HRC work emails on the laptop. We found no previously unknown, potentially classified emails on the media [laptop]."

Reportedly, only 3,077 of the more than 300,000 emails found on the Weiner laptop "were directly [reviewed](#) for classified or incriminating information. Three FBI officials completed that work in a single 12-hour spurt the day before Comey again cleared Clinton of criminal charges."

The emails also include an October 30, 2016, email titled ["MYE data update,"](#) in which Strzok tells other top FBI officials: "The discussion of the classified email remains accurate."

In an October 31, 2016, [email thread](#) discussing a *New York Times* article about the FBI conducting a review of Huma Abedin's emails found on Weiner's laptop that Strzok circulated to then-Deputy Assistant Director of Counterintelligence Jonathan Moffa, then-Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Bill Priestap, and redacted persons, Moffa says: "I think [redacted]," to which Strzok replies, "Yes. Yes we did. Makes you wonder who dialed in ..." Moffa responds, "Sure does. First reference I'm ever aware of to our review network too."

On November 1, 2016, a redacted official in the Director's Office [emails](#) Strzok, Page and other redacted persons with a "Media question," asking, "Politico asks why all of Huma's electronic devices she may have used were not subpoenaed early on. Could you please provide any guidance on how I should respond? [Redacted]. Thank you." Strzok replies, "Hi [redacted]."

On October 31, 2016, Strzok [forwarded](#) to Page a Mother Jones article titled "A Veteran Spy Has Given the FBI Information Alleging a Russian Operation to Cultivate Donald Trump," concerning the allegations by a "former senior intelligence officer for a Western country who specialized in Russian counterintelligence" that the Russian government "has for years tried to co-opt and assist Trump."

On October 31, 2016, Strzok [forwarded](#) to Priestap, Moffa, Page and unidentified persons an NBC News article titled, "FBI Making Inquiry into Ex-Trump Campaign Manager's Foreign Ties," about an FBI investigation of Paul Manafort, with Strzok saying, "Wow, busy news night. Talked with [redacted] earlier, he said [Washington Post reporter] Ellen Nakashima had mentioned below to him." An unidentified General Counsel office official then

responds, “FYI – Slate has an article on the Trump server.”

(The *Slate* [article](#) that alleged that Trump’s campaign set up a covert communication system with Russia during the 2016 election using a computer server in the United States and another owned by a Russian bank has been widely debunked.)

On November 14, 2016, *New York Times* reporter Matt Apuzzo [emailed](#) an unidentified FBI official asking, “We got this in the mail today. Any truth to it?” Attached was an “Affidavit for a Criminal Arrest Warrant and Search Warrants,” purporting to have been sworn out by an FBI agent and allegedly “charging DONALD JOHN TRUMP with conspiracy to commit espionage ...” The FBI official forwarded it to Strzok and other redacted officials, saying, “For your awareness. The NYT provided the attached document to us today in order to verify its authenticity. It is supposedly an affidavit in support of espionage charges against Donald John Trump. They received it in the mail today. They doubt it is an authentic document noting there are numerous inaccuracies. Wanted to provide it for your awareness.” Strzok forwards it to Page, saying, “Told them it was not authentic. [Redacted].”

We also received productions of [171 pages](#) and [119 pages](#) of Strzok-Page emails showing the FBI actively pushed stories to the media to stoke its claim that the bureau was “[highly confident](#)” Russia was “behind recent hacks.” One email shows Strzok telling Page about an appearance on CNN by then-Assistant Attorney General for National Security [John Carlin](#): “On CNN now talking about hacking of state election systems. NICE coordination NSD....”

The new emails also show Strzok, Page and other high-ranking FBI officials [discussing](#) the “alleged destruction of laptops;” a lengthy discussion about how to respond to a reporter’s inquiry into an alleged [quid pro quo](#) related to Hillary Clinton’s emails in which the State Department would create additional FBI overseas positions; and Strzok [defending](#) Director James Comey after a former FBI official said Comey had “thrown all the agents under the bus.”

These new records show how Hillary Clinton was protected from investigation over the Weiner laptop by the FBI for a full month during the presidential campaign. And the documents further confirm that Strzok pushed laundered media Russia smears of Trump within the FBI. No wonder the FBI is slow rolling the release of these documents.

We recently [uncovered](#) records showing that Clinton apologized to the FBI over her email abuses, but that apology was not in the FBI 302 report documenting her interview. Records also showed that Strzok had information on an intelligence briefing for then-candidate Trump.

In early February 2020, we [made public](#) several emails between [Strzok and Page](#) that showed their direct involvement in the opening of Crossfire Hurricane, the bureau’s investigation of alleged collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia. The records also showed “confirmed classified emails” on Clinton’s unsecure, non-state.gov email server “beyond the number presented” in Comey’s statements.

In January 2020, we [revealed](#) Strzok-Page emails that detail special accommodations were given to the lawyers of Clinton and her aides during the investigation of her email controversy. Additionally, in November 2019, Judicial Watch uncovered Strzok-Page [emails](#) showing the attorney representing three of Clinton’s aides met with senior FBI officials.

In November 2019, we received [DOJ records](#) showing that, after Clinton’s [statement](#) denying the transmission of classified information over her unsecure email system, Strzok sent an email to FBI officials citing “three [Clinton email] chains” containing (C) [classified] portion marks in front of paragraphs.”

In June 2019, we uncovered emails showing that FBI top officials were scrambling to write a letter to Congress to supplement Comey’s Senate testimony in an apparent attempt [to muddle](#) his message. Also, in that month, we received records showing then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to [expedite the release](#) of FBI investigative material to Hillary Clinton’s lawyer, David Kendall, in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI’s top lawyer discussed specifically quickly obtaining the FBI’s 302 report of its interview with Clinton.

In February 2019, we uncovered emails documenting an evident cover-up of [a chart](#) of potential violations of law by

Clinton. A few weeks earlier, we uncovered [DOJ records](#) revealing former FBI General Counsel James Baker discussed the investigation of Clinton-related emails on Weiner's laptop with Clinton's lawyer David Kendall. Baker then forwarded the conversation to his FBI colleagues.

In a separate Judicial Watch case, U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth recently [granted](#) our request to depose Clinton about her emails and Benghazi-related documents. The [court also ordered](#) the deposition of Clinton's former Chief of Staff, Cheryl Mills and two other State Department officials.

You can see that Judicial Watch's efforts to uncover the truth about the Deep State cover-up for Hillary Clinton and the attendant abuse of President Trump have yielded significant success. But this is still but a taste as we pry documents out almost on a daily basis. So, stay tuned...

FBI Tells Court Transparency Not Mission-Critical

Our FBI has blessed us with a fitness app and is [promoting](#) it on Twitter – to the [horror](#) of privacy advocates, because it requires users to enter their GPS coordinates.

At the same time, our FBI has shut down its FOIA operations, because of the coronavirus.

Here's the latest. We have released a [joint status report](#) in FOIA lawsuit for records about top Justice Department official Bruce Ohr and his wife Nellie Ohr, in which the DOJ states it has suspended electronic FOIA operations. The Ohrs were involved in the anti-Trump dossier authored by former British spy Christopher Steele.

The Justice Department claims it is currently unable to continue searching for documents because the employees who would conduct the search in the FBI Records / Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) are, "non-mission critical" during the COVID-19 pandemic and were ordered to stay at home beginning March 17, 2020.

Included in the joint status report is a declaration from Michael G. Seidel, the FBI's Assistant Section Chief of RIDS, Information Management Division, in which he states:

RIDS employees have been designated as not mission-critical and sent home as of March 17, 2020. Only a limited number of managers are being permitted to report to the office, but no FOIA processing is occurring as of March 17, 2020. While RIDS currently anticipates that its staff will return to work on March 30, 2020, this situation remains fluid and will be regularly re-assessed as circumstances change. As of March 17, 2020, no further production of records pursuant to FOIA will be made, whether those productions are in relation to requests in litigation or at the administrative stage.

The filing comes in a March 2018 Freedom of Information Act [lawsuit](#) we brought after Justice failed to respond a December 2017 request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00490)) for:

- All records of contact or communication, including but not limited to emails, text messages, and instant chats between Bruce Ohr and any of the following individuals/entities: former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele; owner of Fusion GPS Glenn Simpson; and any other employees or representatives of Fusion GPS.
- All travel requests, authorizations and expense reports for Bruce Ohr.
- All calendar entries for Bruce Ohr.

So those responsible for Spygate get a breather while the people's right to transparency is put on hold. When it came to spying on President Trump and innocent Americans, the FBI spared no expense, but coming up with a plan to fulfill their legal obligation to transparency can be put off indefinitely?

Judicial Watch and the DOJ have agreed to provide another joint status report on April 8, 2020.

We previously uncovered that Ohr was used by the FBI as a conduit for the Clinton-funded dossier by the Clinton-DNC spy ring at Fusion GPS. His wife Nellie, who was employed by Fusion GPS, passed dossier information to the FBI through him and later deleted emails received from him.

In April 2019, we uncovered [documents](#) showing that Bruce Ohr knew he had “possible ethics concerns,” in his January 2018 preparation to testify to the Senate and House intelligence committees. He emailed his attorney and forwarded that information to his wife.

Bruce Ohr [testified](#) to Congress that he received Clinton-dossier information from his wife Nellie, who provided him with a memory stick that he then circulated to the FBI.

In May 2019, we [uncovered](#) that Nellie Ohr told Bruce that she deleted emails received from his DOJ account.

In June 2019, we [uncovered](#) that Bruce Ohr received a total of \$42,520 in performance bonuses during the Trump/Russia investigation. Ohr’s bonus nearly doubled from \$14,520 (received in November 2015) to \$28,000 in November 2016.

On August 9, 2019 we [obtained](#) Bruce Ohr’s 302s showing that he was one of the main conduits used by Fusion GPS to spread the false information they created to smear President Trump.

On August 14, 2019, we [uncovered](#) even more evidence that Nellie Ohr sent Clinton-funded dossier materials to the DOJ through her husband Bruce.

We don’t need fitness apps from the FBI we need the agency to follow the law.

Hillary’s Emails & Benghazi—Inside Our Landmark Legal Battle

Because we our lawsuits exposed Hillary Clintons secret personal email server to the world, I’m not surprised that she will do [anything](#) to avoid being questioned by our crack attorneys. Micah Morrison, our chief investigative reporter, offers his [perspective](#) on this significant case.

Life continues to unfold, even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. That includes—flying mostly under the media and legal radar—the most consequential freedom of information battle in a generation: Judicial Watch’s long fight for records related to Hillary Clinton’s emails and the Benghazi affair. In a landmark ruling earlier this month, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth granted Judicial Watch’s request to depose Mrs. Clinton in the case. Mrs. Clinton is directed to appear under oath and answer questions from Judicial Watch attorneys.

It’s a big case. Lamberth called the issues in the lawsuit “one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency.”

That was Lamberth in a 2018 ruling, **four years** after Judicial Watch first filed a lawsuit in the case. [The Lamberth memorandum](#) is a fierce defense of the Freedom of Information Act that should be required reading for every law school FOIA seminar. It details the government’s “outrageous misconduct” in the case and notes President Obama himself defended FOIA as “the most prominent expression of a profound national commitment to ensuring an open government.” The ruling outlined the discovery Judicial Watch would be permitted to take in the case.

The heart of the matter, Lamberth wrote in 2018, is that “faced with one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency, [Obama’s] State and Justice Departments fell far short. Did Hillary Clinton use her private email as Secretary of State to thwart [FOIA]? Was the State Department’s attempt to settle [a Judicial Watch] FOIA case in 2014 an effort to avoid searching—and disclosing the existence of—Clinton’s missing emails? And has State ever adequately searched for records in the case?”

But government foot-dragging and stonewalling continued. Meanwhile, Judicial Watch discovered new emails (read about it [here](#) and [here](#)) and Mrs. Clinton's written responses proved insufficient to answer the questions raised by the court and in discovery. Earlier this month—**nearly six years** after the case commenced—Lamberth's patience finally ran out. "The court agrees with Judicial Watch," he wrote, "it is time to hear directly from Mrs. Clinton."

[Lamberth's 2020 order](#) is stinging and concise. The State Department wants the matter closed and the Justice Department supports that position. "But there is still more to learn," Lamberth notes. "Even though many important questions remain unanswered, the Justice Department inexplicably takes the position that the court should close discovery and rule on dispositive motions. The court is especially troubled by this. To argue that the court now has enough information to determine whether State conducted an adequate search is preposterous, especially when considering State's deficient representations regarding the existence of additional emails."

Lamberth noted earlier decisions that high-ranking government officials should not be dragged into court to account for official actions unless there were "extraordinary circumstances." But the Judicial Watch case clears that bar, he ruled.

"The Court has considered the numerous times in which Secretary Clinton said she could not recall or remember certain details in her prior interrogatory answers," Lamberth wrote. "In a deposition, it is more likely that plaintiff's counsel could use documents and other testimony to refresh her recollection. And so, to avoid the unsatisfying and inefficient outcome of multiple rounds of fruitless interrogatories and move this almost six-year-old case to its conclusion, Judicial Watch will be permitted to clarify and further explore Secretary Clinton's answers in person and immediately after she gives them."

What did Secretary Clinton know about her private email server, FOIA, and Benghazi communications, and when did she know it? Lamberth spells out some of the key questions.

"For example," Lamberth writes, "how did she arrive at her belief that her private emails would be preserved by normal State Department processes for email retention? Who told her that—if anyone—and when? Did she realize State was giving a 'no records' response to FOIA requests for her emails? If so, did she suspect that she had any obligation to disclose the existence of her private server to those at State handling the FOIA requests? When did she learn that State's records management employees were unaware of the existence of her private server? And why did she think that using a private server to conduct State Department business was permissible under the law in the first place? Again, who told her that—if anyone—and when?"

Mrs. Clinton's legal team has [fired back](#) with an 83-page petition to the U.S. Court of Appeals asking it to throw out Judge Lamberth's order. The deposition order is "inappropriate, unnecessary, and a clear abuse of discretion," the Clinton lawyers wrote.

But of course the real abuse here is a six-year stonewall and an assault on the Freedom of Information Act. Corrupt and secretive players throw roadblocks, stonewalls and legal obstacles in the way of transparency, accountability and reform. Bad actors drown the opposition in delays and expensive legal actions. It is instructive that this fight has taken six years. Most individuals and organizations do not have the money and legal firepower to fight the government for months or years, so the government wins. The critical message in the Lamberth rulings is that FOIA, an essential tool in holding the powerful to account, is under siege. Let's hope the Court of Appeals recognizes that the real fight here is about transparency and accountability, and allows the deposition of Hillary Clinton to proceed.

Open Borders Coalition: Free All Illegal Immigrants Over Coronavirus

The Left's solution for everything seems to involve making our streets less safe. There is a frenzy in places to [release](#) prisoners from jail. Of course New York City is [in on it](#).

When should we not expect calls for releasing illegal aliens? Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#).

Although there have been [no confirmed cases](#) of Coronavirus disease in federal immigration detention facilities, open borders groups are taking advantage of the health crisis to demand that all illegal aliens be immediately released from custody and into communities throughout the United States. The movement, known as [FreeThemAll](#), was launched this month by a coalition of leftist nonprofits long critical of the Trump administration's hardline immigration policies. "The immigrant community is at grave risk," according to one of the groups leading the effort, Texas-based Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES). The public is encouraged to contact Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to demand that the agency "release all immigrants in detention, because detention is no place for a family, and no place for a family to be during a pandemic."

In a [letter](#) to ICE San Antonio Field Director Daniel Bible, RAICES Executive Officer Jonathan D. Ryan asks for the immediate release of detained illegal immigrant families and individuals due to COVID-19. He also urges ICE to suspend all deportation activity, citing unsubstantiated reports that illegal aliens deported from the U.S. have presented the first cases of COVID-19 in their countries of origin. "ICE should not participate in the spread of this dangerous virus around the world," Ryan writes. "This is a public health emergency. It is critical that ICE detention centers and jails be prepared to respond appropriately to the crisis." He continues to blast the agency by asserting that the U.S. government has a woeful history of addressing pandemics in ICE detention. "We are concerned about the health and safety of our clients who, with their liberty restricted in detention, cannot practice recommended social distancing from other detained persons or from detention center staff," the RAICES chief writes.

The group is part of a broader movement in the U.S. to release all illegal immigrants housed in federal detention centers throughout the country. Hundreds of immigrant rights advocates, human and civil rights groups and other leftist organizations are also pressuring federal authorities to release illegal aliens in federal custody via the [Detention Watch Network](#), which aims to abolish immigration detention in the United States. "Detention Watch Network imagines a world where every individual lives and moves freely and a society in which racial equity is the norm and immigration is not criminalized," according to the group's website. "The abolition of immigration detention is part and parcel of struggles against racism, xenophobia, discriminatory policing, and mass incarceration and our aims coincide with these broader struggles against racialized oppression."

In a [letter](#) signed by 763 like-minded groups, Detention Watch Network orders ICE Director Matthew T. Albence to immediately release all people currently detained in immigration detention, cease all local enforcement operations and eliminate ICE check-ins and mandatory court appearances. The coalition also requests that the federal government make phone and video calls free for detainees and that fees be waived for all costs associated with soap, sanitizer and other hygiene products. If the government doesn't release all detainees, the letter asks for a "commitment that at no point will a facility be locked down or closed off to outsiders or be considered in its entirety as a place of quarantine" so that family members and attorneys maintain access to the incarcerated. "Jails, prisons and detention centers are sites where people are acutely vulnerable to health complications and the impact of outbreaks," the letter states. "Choosing to deprive people of their freedom contributes to the already lethal conditions of mass confinement." Signatories include: Abolish ICE Denver, Allies to End Detention, Asians 4 Black Lives Portland, California Sanctuary Campaign, CASA-Maryland and Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción.

ICE currently has 37,311 illegal immigrants in detention facilities, according to the latest [agency figures](#). More than half—19,526—have criminal convictions or pending criminal charges, the records show. As of March 14, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the agency that administers the nation's lawful immigration system, determined that 5,867 of the illegal aliens in ICE custody have an established persecution or torture claim.

Until next week,



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Action

Dear Supporter,

Judicial Watch uses the Freedom of Information Act and other open records laws to promote transparency and uphold the rule of law. Now, the FBI has halted its online Freedom of Information Act operations. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog details the latest on this accountability crisis:

FBI Shuts Online Public Records Operation Over Coronavirus, Encourages Standard Mail

As mandatory social distancing forces Americans and federal government employees to telework, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is using coronavirus as an excuse to shut down its electronic public records operations. Instead, the agency that dropped the ball on 9/11 and [more than 20 terrorist attacks](#) in the U.S. since then, is encouraging the public to send requests via standard mail. Even for a famously inefficient government with a talent for keeping the public in the dark, this is a bit much. Furthermore, it is a scary display of attitude and conduct by the same bloated entity that is supposed to save us all from the new pandemic.

The bizarre move comes amid a nationwide mandate to avoid the outside world and a [maximum telework](#) order for federal government employees. Shutting its online Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOIPA) operation and accepting only standard mail makes no sense unless the law enforcement agency is simply trying to stop the flow of public records requests. That would be unethical, to say the least. FOIPA is a valuable tool used by Judicial Watch to expose government corruption and it is essential that there be no disruption in the system. Who will receive the mail with the new requests? When will the FOIPA requests get processed if employees are under a mandatory telework order? Judicial Watch reached out to the FBI, but never received a response. Apparently, everyone is home teleworking which means the requests could easily be accessed if the FBI didn't shut down its electronic system.

Here is the absurd [message](#) that greets those wishing to obtain records from the FBI during the viral crisis: "Due to the emerging COVID-19 situation, the FBI is not accepting electronic Freedom of Information/Privacy Act requests or sending out electronic responses through the eFOIPA portal at this time. You may still submit a FOIPA request via standard mail. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding." The print is in red, indicating a sense of urgency, and appears above the original eFOIPA submission portal, which was designed to facilitate the process by allowing requesters to submit and receive responses electronically. "The eFOIPA portal's normal operating hours are 24 hours a day seven days a week," according to the FBI website, which offers simple directions on how to proceed with public records requests. "The FBI would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and looks forward to receiving and responding to your request," the agency writes. "If you have any additional questions or experience any issues while using the eFOIPA system, please e-mail FOIPAQuestions@fbi.gov for assistance. To report a matter concerning national security or another federal crime, submit a tip at tips.fbi.gov."

Sincerely,
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Imran Awan and his family were banned from the House computer network in February 2017 after the House's top law enforcement officer wrote that Imran is "an ongoing and serious risk to the House of Representatives, possibly threatening the integrity of our information systems," and that a server containing evidence had gone "missing."

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Source: [Washington Examiner](#)

Immigration crime, virtually all involving illegal male, Hispanic immigrants, was the top offense in federal courts last year, according to the United States Sentencing Commission. The commission said that immigration crimes accounted for 34.4% of all sentencing cases, up from 30% last year.

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**Calls to Abolish ICE
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The overwhelming majority of illegal immigrants arrested by the agency have criminal convictions. In 2017 immigrants with criminal convictions accounted for 74% of all arrests made by ICE.

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Busy Month for Illegal Immigrants Committing Heinous Crimes

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

In the last few days alone, an illegal immigrant who had been deported eleven times attacked his wife with a chainsaw in front of their children, another got charged with a series of violent rapes and dozens were arrested for operating a major human and drug smuggling enterprise in a major U.S. city.

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Feds Use DUI Arrest Records to Catch Illegal Aliens Released by Sanctuary Cities

Illustrating how sanctuary policies shield dangerous criminals, federal agents captured 141 illegal immigrants in just a few weeks simply by using fingerprints from local drunk driving arrests in one region of the U.S. The operation took place recently in New England, well known for protecting illegal aliens from federal authorities by offering sanctuary through local policies. This includes the entire states of Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts as well as cities in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

In all the cases the illegal immigrants were released into various communities after driving under the influence, according to a high-ranking federal official quoted in a [news story](#) published this month in Boston's conservative newspaper. The official, Todd Michael Lyons, is the deputy field director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Boston and he says local judges and prosecutors are helping illegal immigrants dodge deportation by not reporting drunk drivers to the feds.

"We saw a large number of people with charges dropped down," Lyons says in the article, adding that "it's frustrating" and happening throughout New England. "Driving under the influence is a dangerous threat regardless of what country the offender is from," the ICE director says. "It's even more disturbing crime when it's committed by someone who has no legal right to be in this country."

Among those nabbed in the recent sting, coined Operation: Secure Streets, were a Kenyan national living illegally in Lowell, Massachusetts with pending rape, robbery and strangulation charges. Others include a Honduran in Boston accused of selling cocaine and a Ukrainian in Cambridge with multiple drunk driving convictions.

A previously deported Salvadoran man living in Malden with aggravated assault on a police officer and forgery charges was also arrested in the recent operation as well as a Guatemalan man in New Bedford charged with aggravated assault and wanted for resisting an officer. The Salvadoran man, identified as being 43 years old, also helped a prisoner escape, according to the feds. In a similar sting last year, federal agents arrested dozens of illegal immigrants in the region wanted for dealing drugs.

Local governments that offer illegal immigrants sanctuary have long defied federal orders by releasing criminal aliens—rather than turn them over for deportation—incarcerated for state crimes. In one recent year alone, ICE reported that sanctuary jurisdictions protected nearly [12,000](#) criminal illegal immigrants throughout the U.S.

During that period more than 17,000 federal detainees were rejected by the sanctuary jurisdictions and around 11,800, or 68%, were issued for individuals with a prior criminal history. In the last few years however, some local governments have taken it a huge step further by actually passing local measures to help illegal immigrants charged with local crimes escape federal custody.

Among them is New York where a few years ago the attorney general issued [legal guidance](#) to help municipalities throughout the state provide sanctuary for illegal immigrants. It set a dangerous precedent because it marked the first time a top law enforcement authority, a veteran elected official, actively encouraged and assisted local governments to violate the law.

Nearly a dozen New York municipalities— ranging from sleepy towns like Newburgh to larger cities such as Rochester as well as Albany, the state capital—followed the directive to skirt federal law. Of interesting note is that the attorney general (Eric Schneiderman) who issued the outrageous order [resigned in disgrace](#) after being accused of physically abusing four women. The Democrat lawmaker had “made a name for himself as a champion of women’s rights,” according to media reports.

Circling back to the New England region, a few months ago a district judge in Newton, Massachusetts and a court officer got [criminally charged](#) for helping an illegal immigrant escape out of the basement door of the Newton District Court. The judge, Shelly M. Richmond Joseph, and court officer, Wesley MacGregor, were federally indicted with conspiracy, obstruction of justice and aiding and abetting.

Judge Joseph allowed the illegal immigrant wanted by federal officers to escape in order to avoid deportation, according to the indictment. The judge reportedly assured the illegal alien’s attorney that she was not going to allow ICE agents into her courtroom to arrest and deport his client.

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Attachment(s): "FL-DUVAL-19-0522.pdf"

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April 22, 2019

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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to the Florida's public records law, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for public records.

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American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following:

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- Hans von Spakovsky
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- Christy McCormick (including communications with cacm@aol.com)
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- Anyone communicating on behalf of True The Vote (truethevote.org)

American Oversight believes that your office is the most likely location for the records it seeks. However, if other county boards, commissions, offices, departments, or divisions are likely to possess records responsive to this request, American Oversight asks that you forward this request to those boards, commissions, offices, departments, or divisions or promptly notify American Oversight so that it may submit this request directly to those boards, commissions, offices, departments, or divisions.

Please provide all responsive records from November 9, 2016, to the date the search is conducted.

American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term “record” in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. **No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.**

In addition, American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; governmental authorities may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

Please search all records regarding official business, **including files or emails in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts.**

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

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this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and the Department of State can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your office on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Beth France at foia@americanoversight.org or 202.897.2465..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin R. Evers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

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Date Range: November 9, 2016 to May 6, 2019
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Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2019 10:15 AM EDT
To: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
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Subject: FW: Public Records Request 2019-127884
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Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

From: Bethea, Stan
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2019 12:08 PM EDT
To: Hogan, Mike (MHogan@coj.net) <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: FW: Public Records Request
Attachment(s): "FL-DUVAL-19-0522.pdf"

From: Bethea, Stan
Sent: Saturday, May 04, 2019 11:39 AM
To: ITDPRR
Subject: Fwd: FW: Public Records Request

Thanks,
Stan

Message and typos sent from smartphone.
----- Forwarded message -----
From: "Hogan, Mike" <MHogan@coj.net>
Date: May 4, 2019 11:35 AM
Subject: FW: Public Records Request
To: "Bethea, Stan" <SBethea@coj.net>
Cc:

[See me](#)

From: Beth France [mailto:beth.france@americanoversight.org]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Hogan, Mike
Subject: Public Records Request

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Florida's public records law.

Sincerely,

Beth France
Counsel
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org 202.897.2465
www.americanoversight.org @weareoversight

FL-DUVAL-19-0522



April 22, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mike Hogan
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 East Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
mhogan@coj.net

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to the Florida's public records law, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for public records.

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Executive Director
American Oversight

From: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 9:56 AM EDT
To: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Subject: FW: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up
Attachment(s): "2019-144153.pdf", "2019-144153(2).pdf", "2019-152796.pdf", "2019-176648.pdf"

Thank you,

Angie Wilson
Public Records Requests Coordinator
City of Jacksonville | Customer Service Center
214 N. Hogan Street Suite 1180
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 255-7674
630CITY.coj.net



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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up

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From: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Subject: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up

Angie – following up for SOE on some public records sent to you previously:

1.
 - a. ITD for American Oversight for Clay Goode for PRR 2019-144153 on 5-16-19 – See the attachments; the information was shared with the customer.
 - b. ITD for American Oversight for 2019-152796 – See the attached confirmation email from the customer
2. Russ Kick PRR@coj.net 6-13 and follow up 7-17 – 2019-176648 – See the attached email; requesting to narrow the search and no response, the invoice was sent on 8/1; I still have not received a reply from Mr. Kick. I will close this issue.
3. Daniel Sweeney to PRR@coj.net 5-16-19 – I don't have an email from this customer

Please give me a status update on these matters.

Martha Foote

Public Records Assistant
Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office
105 E. Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
Ph (904) 630-7036 Fax (904) 630-1894
www.duvalelections.com



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UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Presidential Preference Primary

March 17, 2020

Primary Election

August 18, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:38 AM
To: 'American Oversight Records'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue # 2019-178521

Good morning,

Thank you for this response. Yes you may pay with a business check and make it out to the Duval County Tax Collector. The mailing address is below; I've added our division's name because the suite number isn't listed on the door.

City of Jacksonville
630CITY
Attn: Angie Wilson
214 North Hogan Street Suite 1180
First Floor, Ed Ball Building
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 6:27 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue #2019-178521

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Thank you, Angie.

We authorize the city to proceed and agree to pay the cost (per your email, with advance notice if the actual cost exceeds the estimate). We would like to pay by business check. Is it possible for us to mail the check instead of delivering in person? If so, does it go to the same address, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180? Please let me know.

Thank you again,
Katie

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On Aug 6, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Katherine,

This Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 141.00 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate. search resulted in 600 emails.

Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
- Personal check. The process of gathering the records will begin five (5) business days following the date of submission of the personal check. This period will allow time for the check to be deposited and clear and for the City to ensure payment has been made.

Payments should be brought to the 630CITY Office located in the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180 during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:38 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello,

I'm sorry I missed your call. Since the first search resulted in zero hits, I can run the new search to narrow that second search down. Do you agree to the new search terms below?

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:14 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thanks for your message. I just called you and tried to leave a voicemail, but I got cut off, so just following up with a quick email in case my voicemail didn't go through.

Briefly, we were just concerned to hear about this search fee that we had not been aware of previously. We have no intention of asking you to run search after search after search - we just wanted to make sure that the "Maria Matthews" term was added back in, because that's a key part of our records request. And more importantly, without including the "Maria Matthews" term as a limitation, based on your earlier message, it will be a large volume, and we didn't think it was a good use of your office's time to go through that many emails.

We have no objection to paying a reasonable charge for the records we're asking for, but like I said, we were just concerned to hear about the search charge. If you could give me a call back at your convenience to discuss, I would appreciate that.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Katie

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On Jul 31, 2019, at 5:41 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Each time a search is ran, the cost to our office is \$45 which we must pass on to the customer. The new search will be the 3rd. Please see the below new search request:

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search: "Maria Matthew"

And

"eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters,"
"inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thank you for the update. I just realized that while the original search also included "Maria Matthews" as a search term (which makes sense, as our request was for communications from Ms. Matthews), the revised search did not include that limitation. That is my mistake for not noticing in your July 23rd email including the revised search terms - my apologies for the oversight. Is it possible to limit the search to just emails with Ms. Matthews? For example, are you able to search the to/from field for her name or email address? Or are you able to run a search string, along these lines:

Search: "Maria Matthews" AND ("eligibility records maintenance," OR "maintenance," OR "amendment 4," OR "eligible voters," OR "inactive status," OR "initiative petition,")

If it's possible to limit in some way to just messages involving Ms. Matthews, hopefully that will cut down the volume significantly. Please let me know if that's possible. If it's easier to discuss by phone, I'm happy to give you a call - please let me know.

Thank you again for all your assistance.

Best,
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On Jul 26, 2019, at 10:22 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

The email search of the phrases below from the SOE office returned with over 5000 emails. That would be an expensive request to fulfil, over \$300. How would you like to proceed?

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 12:39 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon Ms. Anthony,

I have refined the search as listed below.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search: "eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters," "inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

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Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:43 PM

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Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello Ms. Anthony,

Please forgive my oversight on the June 10th email. Thank you for the information on the attachment. I will review the information from your attachments to compile another search. I will contact you before we begin the second search. My apologies for this delay.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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Hi Mike,

Angie had emailed us from the PRR@coj.net email address, so that's who I had intended to reach through my initial message - I didn't have a separate email address for her at that time. Thank you for copying her on this message.

Best,
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On Jul 22, 2019, at 1:45 PM, Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net> wrote:

Did you re-contact **Angie Wilson** as she did the search?

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Mike Hogan

Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 E. Monroe St. Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-7757 www.DuvalElections.com

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

From: American Oversight Records [<mailto:records@americanoversight.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Public Record Request
Cc: Bethea, Stan; Phillips, Robert; Hogan, Mike; Teal, Jason; Self, Lana
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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I just realized I had not received a response to this message, so I wanted to follow up to see if (a) you would be willing to expand the original search as described below, and (b) if there is any further information you can share about the scope of the search. Please let me know.

Thanks very much.

Best,
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On Jun 10, 2019, at 4:07 PM, American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Angie,

Thank you for your response to our request. It seems that the search terms used may be a bit restrictive — specifically, records related to voter roll maintenance might not necessarily use that entire, exact phrase in all instances. And in fact, we have received a relevant response from another county consisting of records that did not contain the term “voter roll maintenance,” but instead included terms like “eligibility records maintenance,” “maintenance,” “amendment 4,” “eligible voters,” “inactive status,” “initiative petition,” and more. (Please see attached.). Would you be willing to expand the search to include additional terms along these lines? In addition, our request is not necessarily limited to email communications - were any other categories of records searched?

Thanks very much for your assistance. I am happy to discuss by phone if that would be helpful - please let me know.

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*Admitted in Massachusetts. Practice supervised by members of the D.C. Bar while application for D.C. Bar membership is pending.
<Collier County Records.pdf>

On Jun 3, 2019, at 3:38 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search Terms: “Maria Matthews” and “voter roll maintenance”

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

Public Records Requests Coordinator
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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 12:35 PM

To: records@americanoversight.org

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. Charges for copying as well as research may apply depending on the work required to retrieve the records. You will be notified if any charges are applicable.

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Date: May 29, 2019 at 3:50:16 PM GMT+1

To: "Hogan, Mike" <MHogan@coj.net>

Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634)

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
Paralegal
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

FL-DUVAL-19-0634

<2019-178521.pdf>

<2019-178521 Cost Estimate.pdf>

Subject**Public Records Request****Contact Information**

First Name: Data

Last Name: Migration

Email Address: datamigration@dm.com

Address: W MONROE ST & N MAIN ST, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

Question Reference # 190802-005250

Assigned: Data Migration

Date Created: 08/02/2019 10:55 AM

Date Last Updated: 08/05/2019 03:31 AM

Status: Closed

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

** 2019-05-31 12:31 : Open :
new issue created.,

** 2019-05-31 12:40 : Assigned : By : Wilson, Angie
Forwarded to ITD; customer acknowledged.,

** 2019-06-03 15:38 : Investigating : By : Wilson, Angie
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Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search Terms: "Maria Matthews" and "voter roll maintenance"

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

,
 ** 2019-07-01 11:39 : Close : By : Wilson, Angie
 No response received,

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

Clay Goode

records@americanoversight.org

MCC: no - continue

fire: no - continue

Information: no - continue

Method: Email - collect email address

It looks like a 2 part request:

1. All communications from Maria Matthews between November 2016 and now regarding "voter roll maintenance"; and
2. If there are any communications from Maria about voter roll maintenance during this time period, they also want all documents that document any actions that you all took as a result of Maria's communication(s).

So, I would start with an email search, unless you received anything by hard copy, to see what communications there were with Maria between Nov. 2016 and present. Then, if there are any, you'll have to sort through them to see which ones pertain to voter roll maintenance. If there are any that are on that topic, then you'll have

to look to see if there's any records that reflect whatever actions you all took in response to the directive.

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:35 PM
To: 'Beth France'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Thank you!! I'm so glad we cleared that up.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

Thanks. We did receive the disc you mailed on June 3.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 11:52 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Hi,

It appears the two request came to me at different times and each was submitted for processing. Have you received the CD that was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd? The above issue 2019-152796 is closed as a duplicate request.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 11:16 AM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The two requests attached have different file names but they are the same request (dated 4/22/2019). As noted earlier in the chain, we have already paid an invoice for records for the 4/22 request.

The May 6 and June 13 notations in your email appear to correspond to your own internal processing and not to distance requests from American Oversight. The May 6 entry in your email below lacks the full request language but references the correspondence between county officials and listed entities and individuals. These are then listed in the June 13 entry. But these all appear to relate solely to the request we submitted on 4/22.

Before we sent the previous payment, we confirmed with you that the payment requested was payment in full for the response to our 4/22 request. I still do not understand why it now appears that you are asking for an additional \$64.00 in connection with the same request. Please clarify what records responsive to the 4/22 request we sent have not yet been released and why our initial payment did not cover the costs associated with these records. We made our previous payment in reliance your statement that the invoice was for the entirety of our request.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 10:53 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Beth, please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option.

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:44 AM
To: 'Beth France' <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Beth,
The email sent 7/1 is correct with the Invoice #2019-152796 for \$64.00

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
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To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The email you sent me on July 24 indicated that this request for payment related to the 4/22/2019 request (that was the request that was attached). Can you please confirm that the request for \$64.00 corresponds to the June 13, 2019 request? We need to make sure that our records of which payments correspond to which requests are correct.

Best,
Beth

On Jul 29, 2019, at 10:31 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,
The attachment you sent on 7/24 was for the May 6th request. I accidentally closed that issue and reopened it with a new issue number. The CD was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd for that request. Did you receive the information? The new request for payment is for the June 13th issue.

May 6th – Public Records Request – 2019-127884 was closed and reopened as 2019-130569

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below: (see complete request attached below) American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.

June 13th – Public Records Request – 2019-152796

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communication (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below: Kris Kobach (including communications from KKobach@gmail.com, Kris@kriskobach.com, or any email addresses ending in [Ks.gov](http://ks.gov)); J.(John) Christian Adams; Hans von Spakovsky; John R. Lott Jr; Ken Block; Donal Palmer; Robert Popper; Catherine Engelbrecht; Christy McCormick (including communication with cacm@aol.com); Anyone communication on behalf of the Election Law Center (electionlawcenter.com); Anyone communication on behalf of the Government Accountability Institute (g-a-i.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Simpatico Software Systems (simpaticosoftware.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Heritage foundation (heritage.org); Anyone communication on behalf of Heritage Action for America (heritageaction.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of True The Vote (truethetvote.org) See the attachment for all details.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 1:53 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Could you please clarify how this request for payment relates to the one in the attached, which we approved and paid? They appear to relate to the same request, for which we received a production of records in June.

As you'll see in the May 15, 2019 email included in these attachments, I asked whether that request for payment would be for the whole request or whether there would be other requests for payment, and I was told that there would not be further requests for payment.

Beth

> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:44 PM, Beth France
> <beth.france@americanoversight.org> wrote:

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> What is ITD?

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>> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:37 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
>> wrote:

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>> <2019-152796.pdf>

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Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 9:29 AM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-176648
Attachments: 2019-176648 Cost Estimate.pdf

Good morning, Mr. Kick,
Have you had a chance to review the message below? How would you like to proceed? The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 548.50 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate.

Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
- Personal check. The process of gathering the records will begin five (5) business days following the date of submission of the personal check. This period will allow time for the check to be deposited and clear and for the City to ensure payment has been made.

Payments should be brought to the 630CITY Office located in the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180 during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:24 PM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com' <russkick@gmail.com>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: Public Records Request #2019-176648

Good afternoon Mr. Kick,
Are you able to narrow your search request down, when the system ran their first search over 8000 emails returned making this a very pricey request. Could the time frame be narrowed down or the entities search narrowed down? See the search below:

Date Range: January 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Election Officials

Search Criteria: : "FBI", "Department of Justice", "Department of Homeland Security", "Federal" "Division of Elections", "Department of State", "Department of Law Enforcement", "Office of Governor"

And
"notification"

And
"Compromised" "hackers" "accessed" "elections" "voting"

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 9:56 AM EDT
To: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Subject: FW: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up
Attachment(s): "2019-144153.pdf", "2019-144153(2).pdf", "2019-152796.pdf", "2019-176648.pdf"

Thank you,

Angie Wilson
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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up

Thank you,

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From: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Subject: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up

Angie – following up for SOE on some public records sent to you previously:

1.
 - a. ITD for American Oversight for Clay Goode for PRR 2019-144153 on 5-16-19 – See the attachments; the information was shared with the customer.
 - b. ITD for American Oversight for 2019-152796 – See the attached confirmation email from the customer
2. Russ Kick PRR@coj.net 6-13 and follow up 7-17 – 2019-176648 – See the attached email; requesting to narrow the search and no response, the invoice was sent on 8/1; I still have not received a reply from Mr. Kick. I will close this issue.
3. Daniel Sweeney to PRR@coj.net 5-16-19 – I don't have an email from this customer

Please give me a status update on these matters.

Martha Foote

Public Records Assistant
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UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Presidential Preference Primary

March 17, 2020

Primary Election

August 18, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:38 AM
To: 'American Oversight Records'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue # 2019-178521

Good morning,
Thank you for this response. Yes you may pay with a business check and make it out to the Duval County Tax Collector. The mailing address is below; I've added our division's name because the suite number isn't listed on the door.

City of Jacksonville
630CITY
Attn: Angie Wilson
214 North Hogan Street Suite 1180
First Floor, Ed Ball Building
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Thank you,

Angie Wilson
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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 6:27 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue #2019-178521

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We authorize the city to proceed and agree to pay the cost (per your email, with advance notice if the actual cost exceeds the estimate). We would like to pay by business check. Is it possible for us to mail the check instead of delivering in person? If so, does it go to the same address, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180? Please let me know.

Thank you again,
Katie

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On Aug 6, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Katherine,

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Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:38 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello,

I'm sorry I missed your call. Since the first search resulted in zero hits, I can run the new search to narrow that second search down. Do you agree to the new search terms below?

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:14 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thanks for your message. I just called you and tried to leave a voicemail, but I got cut off, so just following up with a quick email in case my voicemail didn't go through.

Briefly, we were just concerned to hear about this search fee that we had not been aware of previously. We have no intention of asking you to run search after search after search - we just wanted to make sure that the "Maria Matthews" term was added back in, because that's a key part of our records request. And more importantly, without including the "Maria Matthews" term as a limitation, based on your earlier message, it will be a large volume, and we didn't think it was a good use of your office's time to go through that many emails.

We have no objection to paying a reasonable charge for the records we're asking for, but like I said, we were just concerned to hear about the search charge. If you could give me a call back at your convenience to discuss, I would appreciate that.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Katie

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On Jul 31, 2019, at 5:41 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Each time a search is ran, the cost to our office is \$45 which we must pass on to the customer. The new search will be the 3rd. Please see the below new search request:

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search: "Maria Matthew"

And

"eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters,"
"inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

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Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
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Hi Angie,

Thank you for the update. I just realized that while the original search also included "Maria Matthews" as a search term (which makes sense, as our request was for communications from Ms. Matthews), the revised search did not include that limitation. That is my mistake for not noticing in your July 23rd email including the revised search terms - my apologies for the oversight. Is it possible to limit the search to just emails with Ms. Matthews? For example, are you able to search the to/from field for her name or email address? Or are you able to run a search string, along these lines:

Search: "Maria Matthews" AND ("eligibility records maintenance," OR "maintenance," OR "amendment 4," OR "eligible voters," OR "inactive status," OR "initiative petition,")

If it's possible to limit in some way to just messages involving Ms. Matthews, hopefully that will cut down the volume significantly. Please let me know if that's possible. If it's easier to discuss by phone, I'm happy to give you a call - please let me know.

Thank you again for all your assistance.

Best,
Katie

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On Jul 26, 2019, at 10:22 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

The email search of the phrases below from the SOE office returned with over 5000 emails. That would be an expensive request to fulfil, over \$300. How would you like to proceed?

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

Public Records Requests Coordinator

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 12:39 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon Ms. Anthony,

I have refined the search as listed below.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search: "eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters," "inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:43 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello Ms. Anthony,

Please forgive my oversight on the June 10th email. Thank you for the information on the attachment. I will review the information from your attachments to compile another search. I will contact you before we begin the second search. My apologies for this delay.

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 2:35 PM

To: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>; Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Mike,

Angie had emailed us from the PRR@coj.net email address, so that's who I had intended to reach through my initial message - I didn't have a separate email address for her at that time. Thank you for copying her on this message.

Best,
Katie

Katherine M. Anthony
Counsel
American Oversight
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www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

On Jul 22, 2019, at 1:45 PM, Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net> wrote:

Did you re-contact **Angie Wilson** as she did the search?

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Mike Hogan

Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 E. Monroe St. Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-7757 www.DuvalElections.com

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

From: American Oversight Records [<mailto:records@americanoversight.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Public Record Request
Cc: Bethea, Stan; Phillips, Robert; Hogan, Mike; Teal, Jason; Self, Lana
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hello,

I just realized I had not received a response to this message, so I wanted to follow up to see if (a) you would be willing to expand the original search as described below, and (b) if there is any further information you can share about the scope of the search. Please let me know.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Katie

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On Jun 10, 2019, at 4:07 PM, American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Angie,

Thank you for your response to our request. It seems that the search terms used may be a bit restrictive — specifically, records related to voter roll maintenance might not necessarily use that entire, exact phrase in all instances. And in fact, we have received a relevant response from another county consisting of records that did not contain the term “voter roll maintenance,” but instead included terms like “eligibility records maintenance,” “maintenance,” “amendment 4,” “eligible voters,” “inactive status,” “initiative petition,” and more. (Please see attached.). Would you be willing to expand the search to include additional terms along these lines? In addition, our request is not necessarily limited to email communications - were any other categories of records searched?

Thanks very much for your assistance. I am happy to discuss by phone if that would be helpful - please let me know.

Thanks again,
Katie

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*Admitted in Massachusetts. Practice supervised by members of the D.C. Bar while application for D.C. Bar membership is pending.
<Collier County Records.pdf>

On Jun 3, 2019, at 3:38 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search Terms: “Maria Matthews” and “voter roll maintenance”

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 12:35 PM

To: records@americanoversight.org

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. Charges for copying as well as research may apply depending on the work required to retrieve the records. You will be notified if any charges are applicable.

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Date: May 29, 2019 at 3:50:16 PM GMT+1

To: "Hogan, Mike" <MHogan@coj.net>

Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634)

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
Paralegal
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org
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FL-DUVAL-19-0634

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<2019-178521 Cost Estimate.pdf>

Subject**Public Records Request****Contact Information**

First Name: Data

Last Name: Migration

Email Address: datamigration@dm.com

Address: W MONROE ST & N MAIN ST, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

Question Reference # 190802-005250

Assigned: Data Migration

Date Created: 08/02/2019 10:55 AM

Date Last Updated: 08/05/2019 03:31 AM

Status: Closed

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

** 2019-05-31 12:31 : Open :
new issue created.,

** 2019-05-31 12:40 : Assigned : By : Wilson, Angie
Forwarded to ITD; customer acknowledged.,

** 2019-06-03 15:38 : Investigating : By : Wilson, Angie
Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search Terms: "Maria Matthews" and "voter roll maintenance"

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

** 2019-07-01 11:39 : Close : By : Wilson, Angie
No response received,

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

Clay Goode

records@americanoversight.org

MCC: no - continue

fire: no - continue

Information: no - continue

Method: Email - collect email address

It looks like a 2 part request:

1. All communications from Maria Matthews between November 2016 and now regarding "voter roll maintenance"; and
2. If there are any communications from Maria about voter roll maintenance during this time period, they also want all documents that document any actions that you all took as a result of Maria's communication(s).

So, I would start with an email search, unless you received anything by hard copy, to see what communications there were with Maria between Nov. 2016 and present. Then, if there are any, you'll have to sort through them to see which ones pertain to voter roll maintenance. If there are any that are on that topic, then you'll have

to look to see if there's any records that reflect whatever actions you all took in response to the directive.

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:35 PM
To: 'Beth France'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Thank you!! I'm so glad we cleared that up.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

Thanks. We did receive the disc you mailed on June 3.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 11:52 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Hi,

It appears the two request came to me at different times and each was submitted for processing. Have you received the CD that was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd? The above issue 2019-152796 is closed as a duplicate request.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 11:16 AM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The two requests attached have different file names but they are the same request (dated 4/22/2019). As noted earlier in the chain, we have already paid an invoice for records for the 4/22 request.

The May 6 and June 13 notations in your email appear to correspond to your own internal processing and not to distance requests from American Oversight. The May 6 entry in your email below lacks the full request language but references the correspondence between county officials and listed entities and individuals. These are then listed in the June 13 entry. But these all appear to relate solely to the request we submitted on 4/22.

Before we sent the previous payment, we confirmed with you that the payment requested was payment in full for the response to our 4/22 request. I still do not understand why it now appears that you are asking for an additional \$64.00 in connection with the same request. Please clarify what records responsive to the 4/22 request we sent have not yet been released and why our initial payment did not cover the costs associated with these records. We made our previous payment in reliance your statement that the invoice was for the entirety of our request.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 10:53 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Beth, please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option.

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:44 AM
To: 'Beth France' <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Beth,
The email sent 7/1 is correct with the Invoice #2019-152796 for \$64.00

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The email you sent me on July 24 indicated that this request for payment related to the 4/22/2019 request (that was the request that was attached). Can you please confirm that the request for \$64.00 corresponds to the June 13, 2019 request? We need to make sure that our records of which payments correspond to which requests are correct.

Best,
Beth

On Jul 29, 2019, at 10:31 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,
The attachment you sent on 7/24 was for the May 6th request. I accidentally closed that issue and reopened it with a new issue number. The CD was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd for that request. Did you receive the information? The new request for payment is for the June 13th issue.

May 6th – Public Records Request – 2019-127884 was closed and reopened as 2019-130569

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:(see complete request attached below) American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.

June 13th – Public Records Request – 2019-152796

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communication (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below: Kris Kobach (including communications from KKobach@gmail.com, Kris@kriskobach.com, or any email addresses ending in [Ks.gov](http://ks.gov)); J.(John) Christian Adams; Hans von Spakovsky; John R. Lott Jr; Ken Block; Donal Palmer; Robert Popper; Catherine Engelbrecht, Christy McCormick (including communication with cacm@aol.com), Anyone communication on behalf of the Election Law Center (electionlawcenter.com); Anyone communication on behalf of the Government Accountability Institute (g-a-i.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Simpatico Software Systems (simpaticosoftware.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Heritage foundation (heritage.org); Anyone communication on behalf of Heritage Action for America (heritageaction.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of True The Vote (truethetvote.org) See the attachment for all details.

Thank you,

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 1:53 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Could you please clarify how this request for payment relates to the one in the attached, which we approved and paid? They appear to relate to the same request, for which we received a production of records in June.

As you'll see in the May 15, 2019 email included in these attachments, I asked whether that request for payment would be for the whole request or whether there would be other requests for payment, and I was told that there would not be further requests for payment.

Beth

> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:44 PM, Beth France
> <beth.france@americanoversight.org> wrote:

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> What is ITD?

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>> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:37 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
>> wrote:

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Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 9:29 AM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-176648
Attachments: 2019-176648 Cost Estimate.pdf

Good morning, Mr. Kick,
Have you had a chance to review the message below? How would you like to proceed? The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 548.50 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate.

Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
- Personal check. The process of gathering the records will begin five (5) business days following the date of submission of the personal check. This period will allow time for the check to be deposited and clear and for the City to ensure payment has been made.

Payments should be brought to the 630CITY Office located in the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180 during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:24 PM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com' <russkick@gmail.com>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: Public Records Request #2019-176648

Good afternoon Mr. Kick,
Are you able to narrow your search request down, when the system ran their first search over 8000 emails returned making this a very pricey request. Could the time frame be narrowed down or the entities search narrowed down? See the search below:

Date Range: January 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Election Officials

Search Criteria: : "FBI", "Department of Justice", "Department of Homeland Security", "Federal" "Division of Elections", "Department of State", "Department of Law Enforcement", "Office of Governor"

And
"notification"

And
"Compromised" "hackers" "accessed" "elections" "voting"

Thank you,

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From: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:12 PM EDT
To: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: FW: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-20-0723)
Attachment(s): "FL-DUVAL-20-0723.pdf"

Please handle

From: AO Records [mailto:records@americanoversight.org]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Hogan, Mike
Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-20-0723)

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

PRR: FL-DUVAL-20-0723



March 22, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mike Hogan
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 East Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
mhogan@coj.net

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to the Florida's public records law, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for public records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Duval County Supervisor of Elections promptly produce the following:

All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:

- Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org) including, but not limited to;
 - a. Logan C. Churchwell, Communications Directors
 - b. J. Christian Adams, General Counsel
 - c. Sue Becker, Litigation Counsel
 - d. Kaylan Phillips, Litigation Counsel
 - e. Noel H. Johnson, Litigation Counsel

Please provide all responsive records from May 1, 2019, to the date the search is conducted.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest



sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. **No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.**

In addition, American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; governmental authorities may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

Please search all records regarding official business, **including files or emails in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts.**

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by your office before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your office can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.¹

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your office on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Christine H. Monahan at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 869-5244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Austin R. Evers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
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From: Hogan, Mike
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:12 PM EDT
To: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: FW: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-20-0723)
Attachment(s): "FL-DUVAL-20-0723.pdf"

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From: AO Records [mailto:records@americanoversight.org]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:49 PM
To: Hogan, Mike
Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-20-0723)

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Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
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PRR: FL-DUVAL-20-0723



March 22, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mike Hogan
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 East Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
mhogan@coj.net

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- Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org) including, but not limited to;
 - a. Logan C. Churchwell, Communications Directors
 - b. J. Christian Adams, General Counsel
 - c. Sue Becker, Litigation Counsel
 - d. Kaylan Phillips, Litigation Counsel
 - e. Noel H. Johnson, Litigation Counsel

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FL-DUVAL-19-0522



April 22, 2019

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From: "Hogan, Mike" <MHogan@coj.net>
Date: May 4, 2019 11:35 AM
Subject: FW: Public Records Request
To: "Bethea, Stan" <SBethea@coj.net>
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Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 12:21 PM EDT
To: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: Fwd: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

Thanks,
Stan

Message and typos sent from smartphone.

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From: "Feiser, Craig" <CFeiser@coj.net>
Date: May 24, 2019 11:37 AM
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788
To: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: "Bethea, Stan" <SBethea@coj.net>

I have finished review of these emails. Thank you.

From: Lee, Lisa **On Behalf Of** ITDPRR
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:58 PM
To: Public Record Request; Feiser, Craig
Cc: Bethea, Stan; ITDPRR
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

Craig,
Here is the pst files.

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Thanks,
Lisa Lee

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 1:32 PM
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Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
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Hello,
The customer has agreed to payment. Please proceed to process this request.

Thank you,

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(904) 630-7674
630CITY.coj.net



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Search result has 260 hits. Estimate 1.5 hours of ITD time.

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Please see below:

Email Account: All Supervisor of Elections Employees

Date Range: November 9, 2016 to May 6, 2019

Search Term: kkobach@gmail.com or kris@kriskobach.com or @ks.gov,
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Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Please provide the search terms

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To: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
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Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:25 PM

To: Hogan, Mike

Subject: Public Records Request

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From: Bethea, Stan
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 12:21 PM EDT
To: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: Fwd: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

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From: "Feiser, Craig" <CFeiser@coj.net>
Date: May 24, 2019 11:37 AM
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788
To: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: "Bethea, Stan" <SBethea@coj.net>

I have finished review of these emails. Thank you.

From: Lee, Lisa **On Behalf Of** ITDPRR
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:58 PM
To: Public Record Request; Feiser, Craig
Cc: Bethea, Stan; ITDPRR
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

Craig,
Here is the pst files.

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From: Steve Andersen <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
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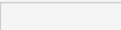


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In December 2018, Judge Lamberth first ordered discovery into whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to Judicial Watch's request.

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Hillary Clinton Takes Back Apology For Email Scandal

Source: [Daily Caller](#)

Former First Lady Hillary Clinton retracted her apology to Americans for using a private email server while she was secretary of state.

"We'll just say what you did was a mistake. It was dumb. It's over. And that will end it," Clinton said in the Hulu documentary.

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Hillary Clinton

Apologized to FBI

Over Emails, But

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FBI 302

Documenting Her

Interview

Source: Judicial Watch

191 pages of emails between former FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page include an email in which Strzok says that Hillary Clinton, in her interview with the FBI about her email controversy, apologized for "the work and effort" it caused the bureau and saying she chose to use it "out of convenience" and that "it proved to be anything but."

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**Federal Court Orders
Deposition of Hillary
Clinton on Emails
and Benghazi Attack
Records**

Source: Judicial Watch

U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth: "With each passing round of discovery, the Court is left with more questions than answers. The Court has considered the numerous times in which Secretary Clinton said she could not recall or remember certain details in her prior interrogatory answers."



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**New Benghazi
Documents Confirm
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Source: Judicial Watch

Newly released Clinton emails on the Benghazi controversy that had been covered up for years would have exposed Hillary Clinton's email account if they had been released when the State Department first uncovered them in 2014.



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Hillary Clinton will be Questioned UNDER OATH over Use of Private Email Server by May 16!

Hillary Clinton is to testify before Judicial Watch attorneys IN PERSON and UNDER OATH by MAY 16th. Join Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss the latest developments on the Clinton email scandal and FISA reform.

Judicial Watch AUTHORIZED by Federal Court to Question Hillary Clinton UNDER OATH about Email Server

Judicial Watch's Tom Fitton explains what this means for Clinton in this episode of 'America Uncensored' with the Daily Caller's Stephanie Hamill. (Courtesy of "The Daily Caller").

Judicial Watch to Question Hillary Clinton UNDER OATH about Secret Email Server!

Yesterday, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Annie Frey Show" (NewsTalk 97.1 FM) to discuss the latest developments in the Clinton email scandal.





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BREAKING NEWS...

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Hillary Clinton's Lawyer Changes Story on When She Knew About Emails

Source: [The Epoch Times](#)

Heather Samuelson, Hillary Clinton's personal attorney, gave the FBI and Judicial Watch conflicting explanations of when she learned that the former secretary of state used a private email system to conduct official U.S. diplomatic business.

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2019-07-02

Judicial Watch:
Former State Official
Testifies He Warned
State Department
Officials about
Clinton Email
Issues; Concerned
about Interference
on Classified Clinton
Benghazi Email
Documents

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch announced today that John Hackett, the former Director for Information Programs and Services (IPS), which handles records management at the State Department, testified under oath that he had raised concerns that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's staff had "culled out 30,000" of the secretary's "personal" emails without following strict National Archives standards.

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2019-06-28

Judicial Watch:
Justice Department
Granted Immunity To
Hillary Clinton's
Lawyer Who
Destroyed 33,000
Emails

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch announced that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's White House Liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, Heather Samuelson, admitted under oath that she was granted immunity by the U.S. Department of Justice in June 2016.

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Judicial Watch:
Former Asst. Sec. of
State for Diplomatic
Security Testifies
Under Oath that He
Warned Hillary
Clinton Twice About
Unsecure
BlackBerrys and
Personal Emails

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released the deposition transcript of Eric Boswell, the former Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security during Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State, in which he reveals that Hillary Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerrys and personal emails to transmit classified material.

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Tom Fitton: Cleaner Elections in CA & the Nation as a Result of Lawsuit—1.56 Million Inactive Voters!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss a legal settlement in California which resulted in dirty voter rolls being cleaned in L.A. County, where there are up to 1.56 million 'inactive' voters.

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Tom Fitton: New Smoking Gun Emails Expose FBI-Media Collusion against Trump

JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss AG Bill Barr's review of the origin of the Russia Probe, the FBI feeding the New York Times a story on Jared Kushner, Rep. Nunes's letter to the FBI about an additional Russia investigation scope memos, and more!

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Subject: How to Stop Impeachment Now; Census Bureau Hiring Felons, Child Sex Offenders Pass Background Check; Court Hearing on Clinton Email/Benghazi!

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Census Bureau Still Hiring Felons, Child Sex Offenders Pass Background Check

This month the agency's inspector general offers troubling details of the case in a report that, incredibly, concludes the Bureau still can't ensure felons—including sex offenders—do not get hired. "Mr. Kenneth Mabry began working in August 2018 as a regional recruiting manager for the Charlotte ACO after successfully completing a pre-employment suitability determination, despite having a prior criminal record," the watchdog writes in a document addressed to federal lawmakers. "He was arrested on March 12, 2019, charged with two felonies (sexual offense with a child, indecent liberties with a child), and subsequently terminated on March 14, 2019." The IG reveals that, although under certain conditions, the government allows a convict to be hired into federal service, Mabry's hiring did not follow the guidelines, "bringing to question the Bureau's judgement in this case."

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Fitton: How to Stop Impeachment Now

Breitbart

The Horowitz report proves what we at Judicial Watch have been saying for some time, that Schiff has consistently lied, dissembled and misled when it comes to the Russian collusion hoax. In 2018 Schiff insisted that the "DOJ met the rigor, transparency and evidentiary basis needed to meet FISA's probable cause requirement." We now know that this was not true; in fact the FBI fabricated evidence to get what it wanted.

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Tom Fitton: Obama Knew All About Comey FBI's Spying On Trump!

Tom Fitton: James Comey was PERSONALLY Involved in Trump Targeting w/ Clinton-Backed Steele Dossier

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7:14 PM - 17 Dec 2019

Judicial Watch: Court Hearing on Thursday on Clinton Email/Benghazi

Judicial Watch

The court is considering whether to allow Judicial Watch to question Hillary Clinton and her top aide in person and under oath about the email and Benghazi controversies. Judicial Watch attorneys will also request the deposition of Paul Combetta, who was the IT specialist working on the Clinton server at Platte River Networks.

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Farrell: House Democrats Are Set To Impeach Trump; They May Not Like The Result

The Daily Caller

The charges against the president are confusing to most Americans, and don't even meet constitutional muster. Realizing they had failed to bother citing an actual crime in their rush to impeachment, the Democrats believe they have cured their fatally flawed effort in the publication Monday of a 658-page Judiciary Committee report, stating: "President Trump abused the powers of the presidency by ignoring and injuring national security and other vital national interests to obtain an improper personal political benefit," the report reads.

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Trump is Right on Impeachment--It is an Unprecedented Attack on the Presidency, Constitution & You!

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Tom Fitton: IG Report Reveals FBI Tampered w/ FISA Evidence to Keep Spying on Trump

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Impeachment Update: Trump is a Crime Victim--Adam Schiff Should be the One Facing a Senate Trial!

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The Curious Case of Ilhan Omar & Her Family

On this episode of Judicial Watch's "Inside Report," Investigative Journalist and former editor of PJ Media, David Steinberg discusses Representative Ilhan Omar & her family—along with potential fraud she may have committed.

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JUDICIAL WATCH ANNOUNCES A ONE AMERICA NEWS SPECIAL EDITION OF 'CHRIS FARRELL'S ON WATCH' WITH EXPERT PANEL

Special guest this week is Senior Judicial Watch Attorney Ramona Cotca, who will get us up to date on our recent victory in a lawsuit seeking answers to questions surrounding former Secretary Clinton's email server. Was the non-government server intended to stymie the Freedom of Information Act? Did the State Department's first attempt to settle this case amount to "bad faith?" And has the State Department – to this day – adequately searched for records?

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JUDICIAL WATCH FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST SANTA CLARA COUNTY SANCTUARY POLICY

Santa Clara County Board Policy 3.54(B) requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to obtain a "judicial arrest warrant" in order for the county to transfer custody of an alien. Federal law however does not require "judicial arrest warrants" for federal authorities to detain aliens, especially for those who had been incarcerated or arrested by local authorities.

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Corruption.. "Beto" O'Rourke abused his congressional office to try to cover-up border crisis and target @JudicialWatch.
9:34 AM - 28 Aug 2019

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MAJORITY OF FEDERAL ARRESTEES ARE FOREIGNERS, THOUSANDS OF "UNKNOWN CITIZENSHIP"

Judicial Watch

The disturbing figures were released this month by the DOJ's Bureau of Justice Statistics, the government agency responsible for collecting crime data. In a 25-page report the agency outlines a distressing trend of criminal activity involving foreign nationals, revealing that non-U.S. citizens accounted for 64% of all federal arrests in 2018.

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Impeachment About Nothing

Our video Weekly Update gives you my latest take on the Coup Cabal show trial hearing this week.

Suffice it to say here the corrupted case for impeachment suffered major setbacks this week. There was no direct, or indirect evidence, of any misconduct by President Trump. In fact, none of the witnesses ever communicated with President Trump. This is why I've been calling this the "Gossip Girl Impeachment." So as the case for impeachment against President Trump is exposed for the sham it is, the testimony this week confirms that the Obama State Department was concerned about the Biden-Burisma-Ukraine scandal.

The coup hearings this week were unconstitutional and corrupt but also petty and boring. The case against President Trump is so weak that his opponents' case against him is failing even as they deny President Trump his God-given and constitutional right to defend himself and confront his accusers.

You can track my hot takes on the impeachment charade [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) and watch my full Weekly Update on the crisis [here](#).

FBI Emails Dispute Clinton's Claim about Sending Classified Information

When it comes to Hillary's email scandal, the lies and evasions of top Obama administration officials, as well as top State Department and FBI executives, were no more than a flimsy house of cards, which, thanks to the Freedom of Information Act, we continue to pull down.

Here's the latest.

After former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's [statement](#) denying the transmission of classified information over her unsecure email system, former FBI official Peter Strzok sent an email to FBI officials citing "three [Clinton email] chains" containing (C) [classified confidential] portion marks in front of paragraphs."

We learned this in [119 pages](#) of records we obtained from the Justice Department through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The records containing emails from Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page also reveal senior FBI officials' concerns over articles written about the "tarmac meeting" between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Strzok specifically cited a CBS News report terming the meeting "shocking, absolutely shocking," and adding that, "the appearance of impropriety is just stunning."

We received these documents in response to the January 24, 2018, [lawsuit](#) we filed after the Department of Justice failed to respond to a December 4, 2017, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice \(No. 1:18-cv-00154\)](#)). Judicial Watch seeks:

- All records of communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page;
- All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Peter Strzok;
- All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Lisa Page.

In a July 4, 2016, [email exchange](#) with FBI Assistant Director William Priestap, FBI Counterintelligence official Jonathan Moffa, and unidentified Office of the General Counsel officials, a *Daily Beast* [article](#) titled "Is Hillary Clinton Telling the Truth About Emails?" is discussed. In it Clinton is quoted saying that she never sent or received emails with material marked classified.

Strzok: There are three chains totaling 8 or 9 emails which have (C) [classified confidential] portion marks in front of paragraphs. Some have both (C) and (SBU) [sensitive but unclassified] in front of different paragraphs in the same email. During a brief a few weeks ago Jon provided a copy of the emails in question.

All were released in the 30,000 FOIA production. One of the chains contains multiple B1 [national defense or foreign policy] redactions, indicating it is currently classified Confidential; the other two chains were released in full. We do not yet have determinations from State about their classification at the time of writing.

On June 29, 2016, Strzok [forwards](#) to Page [a story](#) about the meeting between Bill Clinton and then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch on the Phoenix airport tarmac just days before Clinton's criminal investigation interview. Strzok highlights an excerpt in which CBS News's Justice Reporter Paul Reid called the meeting, "shocking, absolutely shocking" also that, "the appearance of impropriety is just stunning." The excerpt ends with Reid saying: "[Lynch] stood up to El Chapo, she has taken on FIFA – she is not incapable to telling someone, 'Look, you can't come on my plane' or 'Look, I don't want to talk to you.'"

The documents also show that on May 23, 2016, Strzok; FBI Office of Congressional Affairs' official Elizabeth Beers; Principal Deputy General Counsel for the FBI Trisha Anderson; FBI Counterintelligence Division official Jonathan Moffa; and another redacted senior FBI official have an [email exchange](#) about how to respond to a letter sent from Senator Chuck Grassley to then-FBI Director Comey asking a series of pointed questions focusing on why FBI personnel working on Clinton's email server case (Midyear Exam/MYE) were required to sign a special non-disclosure agreement (NDA) above and beyond the normal rules in place that govern disclosure of sensitive information by FBI personnel.

Grassley asked for copies of the special NDA and if any agents refused to sign.

Beers notes that some of her communications about the matter were on the "redside" (the Top Secret FBI computer system). Beers also noted that she ran their proposed response to Grassley by the DOJ, which provided "edits."

On June 3, 2016, Peter Strzok organized an "MYE Scrub" [meeting](#) with Page, Moffa and an unidentified official from the FBI General Counsel's Office.

On June 3, 2016, following the "MYE Scrub" meeting, Strzok [emailed](#) then Deputy Director of the FBI Andrew McCabe, Asst. Dir. for Counterintelligence Bill Priestap and other redacted officials, advising them that "PSEU [Policy and Statutory Enforcement Unit] approved memo about 45 minutes ago. They (Toscas, CES [George Toscas, Dep. Asst. Atty. Gen. for National Security Div., Counterespionage Section], and EDVA [US Attorney for Eastern District of Virginia] are having a conference call tonight ..."

(The [PSEU](#), among other tasks, advises senior department leadership about "investigative tools and prosecutorial actions" to obtain information "from or about members of the news media." The PSEU can "close otherwise public judicial proceedings to the public in federal criminal cases; seek court-ordered use immunity for federal witnesses; subpoena attorneys in federal criminal as well as civil proceedings for information relating to their representation of clients; [provide] authorization to apply for search warrants for the premises or electronic storage devices of attorneys who are the subjects or targets of federal investigations; and obtain authorization to conduct a dual or successive federal prosecution of an

individual under the Department's Petite policy. The PSEU also provides advice when Department of Justice employees have been subpoenaed to provide testimony or to produce evidence in state or federal judicial proceedings.)

On June 6, 2016, Strzok organized a "MYE comment walk thru" [meeting](#) for himself, then-FBI Director James Comey's Chief of Staff James Rybicki, Lisa Page, Moffa and an unidentified General Counsel's office official.

On June 7, 2016, Strzok [emails](#) his boss, Bill Priestap, saying that the FBI's Counterespionage Section "engaged in multiple conversations with Beth Wilkinson [an attorney for several top Clinton aides during the server investigation] concerning the scope and wording of the consent to search the Samuelson and Mills laptops."

In a June 9, 2016, [email exchange](#), FBI Public Affairs Official Richard Quinn sends a [Wall Street Journal](#) (WSJ) article titled "Clinton Emails in Probe Dealt with Planned Drone Strikes" to Strzok and FBI Asst. Dir. for Public Affairs Michael Kortan. The article cites unidentified "law enforcement sources" by saying, "Several law enforcement officials said they don't expect any criminal charges to be filed as a result of the investigation [of Clinton's transmission of classified information on an unsecure server], although a final review of the evidence will be made only after an expected FBI interview with Mrs. Clinton this summer."

Kortan writes to Strzok: "Whatta you think?"

Strzok replies: "Not bad at all. I think we'll be OK. Thanks for all your work on this."

Also on June 9, 2016, Strzok [emailed](#) redacted FBI officials, cc'ing Moffa about a phrase in the WSJ article that concerned him, asking whom they had interviewed that said something similar: "Some [State Department] officials chafed at pressure to send internal deliberations through intelligence channels, since they were discussing whether to push back against the CIA, congressional officials said."

Moffa replied that he remembered an interviewee saying something like that at a 9AM briefing. Strzok then emails Page privately about it, asking her to "Call me."

In a June 10, 2016 [email exchange](#) between top FBI and DOJ officials that included Strzok, Page, Moffa, McCabe, Priestap, General Counsel James Baker, and Toscas, they discuss scheduling the FBI's interview of Clinton in the MYE investigation, keeping in mind "the Boss's strong desire to get this wrapped up in June.". The exchange has the subject line "Kendall DOJ contact:"

Strzok: Bill, I'm driving and can provide more detail on the phone, but DOJ is telling Toscas. Without DOJ asking, Kendall [Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall] threw out a date of 2 July in NY for the Interview. [Redacted] said that he could not commit to a date and we need to look at the laptops first. Kendall said he would keep the date blocked anyway because it is getting very hard to get on her calendar, even for him.

Thanks,

Pete

Baker: I guesss I'm OK with it so long as we clearly state in writing that the date is tentative and subject to our finishing our review of the laptops [of Cheryl Mills and Heather Samuelson]

McCabe: Keep in mind the Boss's [presumably James Comey] strong desire to get this wrapped up in June.

McCabe: So if July 2 is the first thing she has free now, we should grab it.

The exchange concludes with Strzok telling Page, "Also Phase I [redacted] of Samuelson is done. CES (Counterespionage Section) notifying Wilkinson per terms of consent - that we are moving to Phase 2 [redacted]. Mills laptop still processing, was about twice as large. OTD [Technical Division] thinks that will be done tonight as well."

On June 21, 2016, Strzok [emails](#) to Page a Congressional Research Service (CRS) [article](#) about the McDade-Murtha

Amendment relating to "Ethical Standards for Justice Department Attorneys." He highlights in bold a section about the DOJ's concerns relating to the "No Contact Rule" in many state laws that says a lawyer representing a client cannot discuss his representation of that client with another person involved in the same matter, without approval of the lawyer representing the other person in the same matter.

In a June 21, 2016 [email](#), Strzok informs Priestap that there was a different email domain other than [clintonemail.com](#) located on Clinton's private server (in addition to [clintonemail.com](#)):

And slight correction to below [redacted] account was not on [clintonemail.com](#), but a different domain on the same server. We saw the login from the server logs.

In the early morning of July 5, 2016, (the day of [Comey's press conference](#)) there is [an email exchange](#) among McCabe, Strzok, Comey's Chief of Staff James Rybicki and Priestap:

McCabe: Jim will email us once the D [Director Comey] has made contact with [redacted]. That will be the green light. If you are not able to make contact, you can send him a brief, non-detailed email. Please confirm.

Strzok replies: OK, will do.

Rybicki writes: DAG [Deputy Attorney General [Sally Yates](#)] and Axelrod [Principal Deputy AG [Matthew Axelrod](#)] notified. Go ahead with the others.

Strzok replies: [Laufman](#) notified [DOJ's Chief of Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, David Laufman].

McCabe writes: Toscas emailed.

In a July 5, 2016, [email](#) marked "Importance: High," with the subject line "Read this," Strzok sends Page a [New York Times article](#) titled, "James Comey's Rebuke of Hillary Clinton Fits a 3-Decade Pattern." The article discusses Comey's press conference and claims it demonstrated his "willingness to 'take the hit' on a controversial decision."

Here's my take on all of this. These emails show that neither the corrupt 'tarmac' meeting nor Hillary Clinton's falsehoods about her emails nor anything else would get in the way of the Obama-Comey FBI letting Clinton skate. The FBI continues to slow roll the release of Strzok-Page materials and we may not see them all until at least 2021. What other documents are the FBI sitting on?

Here are some important background.

Strzok and Page were key investigators in the Clinton email and Russia collusion investigations. Strzok was removed from the Mueller investigative team in [July 2017](#) and reassigned to a human resources position after it was discovered that he and Page, who worked for FBI Deputy Director [Andrew McCabe](#), and with whom Strzok was carrying on an extramarital affair, exchanged pro-Clinton and anti-Trump text messages. Page [resigned](#) in May 2018. Strzok [was dismissed](#) from the FBI in August 2018.

In July 2019, Judge Walton ordered a [hearing](#) regarding the rate of production of emails, text messages, and other communications between Strzok and Page. The court scheduled the hearing to discuss: "Upon further consideration, the Court is concerned that the processing rate adopted by the Court may be inadequate." The court's July 24 [order](#) followed a [joint status report](#) by the FBI and Judicial Watch that disclosed that only 6,000 of almost 20,000 responsive records had been processed since May 2018.

In June 2019, we announced that we received [documents](#) showing FBI top officials scrambling to write a letter to Congress to supplement then-Director James Comey's Senate testimony in an apparent attempt to muddle his message.

In June 2019, we uncovered [documents](#) in this case including emails showing the FBI's attempts to muddle former FBI Director James Comey's testimony on the Clinton email investigation and collusion between the FBI and the media. Other [documents](#) revealed then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to expedite the release of FBI investigative material to Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall, in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI's top lawyer discussed

specifically quickly obtaining the FBI's "302" report of the interview of Clinton.

In February 2019, we uncovered [documents](#) showing an evident cover-up of a chart of potential violations of law by Clinton. In May 2019, we filed a related [lawsuit](#) for that secret chart of potential violations, as well as Comey's talking points for the press conference.

Also in February 2019, we made public [215 pages](#) of records from the DOJ revealing former FBI General Counsel James Baker discussed the investigation of Clinton-related emails on Anthony Weiner's laptop with Clinton's lawyer David Kendall. Baker then forwarded the conversation to his FBI colleagues. The documents also describe a previously reported *quid pro quo* from the Obama State Department offering the FBI more legal attaché positions if it would downgrade a redaction in an email found during the Clinton email investigation "from classified to something else."

In September 2018, we uncovered [documents](#) showing email exchanges between fired FBI official Strzok and FBI attorney Page revealing that FBI officials used unsecure devices in discussing how the U.S. could improve the sharing of sensitive data with the European Union top executive governing commission. The documents also reveal that high-ranking FBI officials were not properly read-in to top secret programs.

In July 2018, we received [documents](#) from the Department of Justice revealing Strzok and Page's profanity-laced disdain for FBI hierarchy and policies. The DOJ, meanwhile, was resisting our request for a court order to preserve all responsive Page-Strzok communications. In May 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Reggie B. Walton [ordered](#) the FBI to begin processing thousands of pages of previously undisclosed records between FBI officials Strzok and Page.

There's a lesson here: Lies and evasions can endure only in the darkness of secrecy, and wither in the light of FOIA. "If it is not right, do not do it," the Roman emperor and philosopher Marcus Aurelius said. "If it is not true do not say it." There are some in Washington who need to read this.

Obama and the UN Undermined Elected Government in Guatemala

Wonder why Central America is so unstable and creating so much trouble for the United States?

Here's one huge piece of the problem: the Obama administration, the Deep State, Soros' organizations and UN bureaucrats worked together to attack conservative governance in Central America in support of hardcore leftist policies. The ripple effect is damaging the United States by destabilizing the region and encouraging mass migrations that are overwhelming our borders.

We continue to explore this activity.

We recently filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the State Department for communications among U.S. and Guatemalan officials regarding the of International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala ([CICIG](#), its acronym in Spanish).

We sued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after the State Department failed to comply with May and August 2018 FOIA requests for records of communications and meetings between the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and CICIG's Commissioner Iván Velásquez Gómez; any representative of CICIG; as well as other Guatemalan officials. We also seek communications of State Department officials, including Ambassador Todd Robinson, with Velásquez and others related to CICIG ([Judicial Watch Inc. v U.S. Department of State](#) (No.1:19-cv-00968)).

The U.N.'s CICIG was formed in December 2006 and given the mission of strengthening the rule of law in Guatemala but has been [embroiled](#) in controversy and was reportedly [politicizing](#) the judiciary:

CICIG says it is in Guatemala merely to "support" the attorney general in her work "identifying and dismantling" criminal networks and is not involved in politics. But an academic analysis of CICIG by Jonatán Lemus, a Francisco Marroquín University political science professor, suggests otherwise. Mr. Lemus observes that "CICIG has also been criticized for the very same reasons others have praised it: becoming a player in judicial

appointments, proposing some controversial reforms to the Guatemalan constitution, and the use of televised conferences to shift the public in its favor. From this perspective, instead of strengthening Guatemalan institutions, the Commission is making national institutions dependent on its assistance."

[Todd Robinson](#), Obama's former ambassador to Guatemala, who is now a senior advisor for the State Department, [reportedly](#) worked with Velásquez, a Colombian attorney and former judge with powerful leftist alliances who ran the CICIG, to depose President Otto Pérez Molina and wanted to cancel the 2015 elections to put leftists in power. Robinson is said to be aggressively working against President Donald Trump's foreign-policy agenda:

To continue the Obama policy, Robinson [had to subdue](#) [President] Morales, an anti-establishment outsider. A local [news outlet](#) funded by George Soros's Open Society Foundations has bragged that Robinson vetoed Morales's choices for interior minister and finally named Robinson's candidate. The same happened with other ministries, including foreign relations.

In April 2018, the CICIG came to the attention of the [Helsinki Commission](#) for alleged abuse of power and was also asked to answer questions at a hearing in the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee. The invitation was [declined](#).

In May 2018, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) [placed a hold](#) on the State Department's release of \$6 million to the CICIG, saying: "I am concerned that CICIG, a commission mostly funded by the United States, has been manipulated and used by radical elements."

More recently, a [complaint](#) was filed by the Morales government to the UN about witness tampering by CICIG, as well as illegal negotiations with convicted criminals and other matters went unanswered. Morales asked the UN to replace [Velásquez](#). The UN neglected to act on the complaint or replace Velásquez. But in January 2019, the Morales government allowed the commission to wind down by not renewing its two-year mandate.

Velásquez [appears](#) to be part of a broader effort launched under Barack Obama to destabilize moderate and conservative governments abroad. We [uncovered](#) details of a similar initiative in Macedonia, where the Obama administration spent millions of taxpayer dollars to destabilize the democratically elected, center-right government by [working with](#) groups funded by leftwing billionaire philanthropist George Soros.

The Obama administration [reportedly](#) "embraced Castro-supported allies throughout Latin America, including in Guatemala," and is believed to have led to the growth of transnational criminal activity. During the Obama administration, in 2016, Admiral Kurt W. Tidd, commander of SOUTHCOM, [spoke of](#) transnational drug, weapons and human smuggling, to include people with known terrorist ties from the Middle East, that are moved up through south and then Central America and over the U.S. border.

After a special investigation, we [reported](#) in 2018:

Guatemala has found itself increasingly targeted by the Soros network. In 2016, Soros' Open Society Foundations [OSFs] provided more than \$1,000,000 to organizations there, and hundreds of thousands more to U.S.-based organizations supporting his agenda in the country. Relative to GDP, OSFs spend more than twice as much in grant and program funding in Guatemala than in the United States.

Our investigation found that the OSF's close alignment with the United Nations, which maintains a massive footprint in the nation, enables the Soros network to exert tremendous influence.

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Judicial Watch Director of Investigations and Research Chris Farrell discusses the partisan coup-like impeachment trial, a political theater which is likely to remain inconclusive after the publication of the Inspector General's Report. Also tune in to hear about exciting new Judicial Watch reports which expose government funding of the Open Society Foundation, Soros' immigration advocacy group which is promoting open-border candidates in federal, state and local elections.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents Related to Former Ukraine Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch's Alleged Intervention with Ukraine Prosecutor

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Recently, Rudy Giuliani stated that AntAC "was co-funded by the Obama administration and far-left billionaire financier George Soros," and "was ironically under investigation for alleged corruption, namely a 'misplaced' \$4.4 million in U.S. funds designated to 'fight corruption inside the former Soviet republic,' during the 2016 presidential election in America."

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Farrell: Mexican Cartels Qualify As Foreign Terrorists — Let's Treat Them Accordingly

The Daily Caller

On March 13, 2019, Judicial Watch published comprehensive documentation detailing exactly how Mexican Cartels meet the U.S. government's requirements for designation as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs). Designating Mexican drug cartels as FTOs will expand the tool set available to government agencies to fight the cartels and send a message that if Mexico cannot deal with the crisis, America will.

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U.S. Blows \$230 Million on Wasteful Projects—Self-Cleaning Toilet, Promoting Serbian Cheese

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Although the year is not quite over the federal government has already managed to blow more than \$230 million on outrageous things such as a self-cleaning toilet, the statue of a popular folk-rock singer for a foreign embassy and dubious research on the effects of nicotine on fish. The list goes on and the sordid details are provided in a "Waste Report," published recently by the office of a U.S. Senator who chairs the spending subcommittee of the Senate's chief investigative and oversight committee. The document takes a closer look at what the federal government is doing with the American people's hard-earned money, according to the lawmaker, Kentucky Republican Rand Paul.

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The Untold Story of the Awan Bros/House Democrats I.T. Scandal

On this episode of "Inside Report," Judicial Watch Senior Investigator Bill Marshall interviews Luke Rosiak of "The Daily Caller" to discuss his investigation of the Awan Brothers/House Democrat I.T. scandal and his new book, "Obstruction of Justice: How the Deep State Risked National Security to Protect the Democrats."

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North Carolina Jails Free Hundreds of Illegal Immigrant Criminals Wanted by Feds

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So far 489 illegal aliens with ICE detainers have been discharged from North Carolina jails in the last ten months, including those charged with serious crimes such as homicide, kidnapping, arson and sex offenses. The new data does not break down which county jail the perpetrators were released from, but we know from previous disclosures that Mecklenburg County, the state's largest, is notorious for protecting illegal aliens from the feds. In fact, when the current sheriff, Garry McFadden got elected in 2018, he immediately ended a program known as 287(g) that notifies ICE of jail inmates in the country illegally.

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Judicial Watch: Records Show DOJ Effort to Craft Response to Reports on Rosenstein Wearing Wire, Invoking 25th Amendment

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The records show that, following a September 21, 2018, report on Rosenstein suggesting he would wear a wire to secretly record Trump and his discussions on using the 25th Amendment, Rosenstein sought to ensure the media would have "difficulty" finding anyone in the DOJ to comment and a concerted effort within the DOJ to frame the reporting as "inaccurate" and "factually incorrect."

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Judicial Watch Sues Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax for Documents on Rape Allegations

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In February 2019, two women accused Lt. Governor Fairfax of sexual assault and rape. Dr. Vanessa C. Tyson, a professor at Scripps College, accused Fairfax of sexually assaulting her at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston and Meredith Watson accused Fairfax of raping her while attending Duke University with him in 2000.

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On this episode of "On Watch," Andrew C. McCarthy of "National Review" joins Judicial Watch Director of Investigations & Research Chris Farrell to discuss the Trump/Russia collusion probe and how President Trump was targeted by the Deep State.

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We have already filed 4 lawsuits against the Justice and State Departments seeking records relating to:

- Burisma Holdings and the concerns raised by senior Obama administration officials about Hunter Biden’s business with this knowingly corrupt energy company, **which was paying Hunter \$1 million a year in a clear effort to influence U.S. policy while his father was then-President Obama’s designated “point man” in Ukraine**, and;
- Then-Vice President Biden’s threat to withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in congressionally appropriated aid and loan guarantees for Ukraine that preceded the firing of Viktor Shokin, Ukraine’s top prosecutor.

Additionally, **we have seven Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests** outstanding with U.S. government agencies, including the American Embassy in Ukraine as part of our efforts to investigate U.S. official corruption in Ukraine.

I anticipate we will be filing more Biden-Burisma lawsuits in the weeks ahead since Deep State operatives in the Trump administration are stonewalling our FOIA requests. And there are more issues to investigate.

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Five years after a Judicial Watch investigation uncovered evidence of Islamic terrorists infiltrating the United States through Mexico, a captured ISIS fighter is providing details of a plot in which jihadists enter the country through the southern border to carry out an attack.

The terrorists begin their journey in Central America and exploit vulnerabilities in the Mexican border to reach the U.S., according to Abu Henricki, an ISIS soldier captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces in Rojava, Syria. Henricki and 160 of his fellow terrorists were interviewed at length by a research group called the [International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism](#). The nonpartisan organization published its findings recently in an alarming report that includes a video of the interview with the captured terrorist, who is Canadian and has dual Trinidadian citizenship.

"They were going to move me to the Mexican side [of the U.S. southern border] via Puerto Rico," Henricki says about the ISIS plot. "This was mastermind[ed] by a guy in America. Where he is, I do not know. That information, the plan came from someone from the New Jersey state from America.

I was going to take a boat [from Puerto Rico] into Mexico. He was going to smuggle me in," Henricki explains. "I don't know where I'd end up." In the report, the researchers reveal that the ISIS fighters were to travel from Syria to penetrate the U.S. southern border by infiltrating migration routes. "Whatever one thinks of President Donald Trump's heightened rhetoric about the U.S. - Mexico border and his many claims that it is vulnerable to terrorists, ISIS apparently also thought so, as knowledge of this ISIS plot came from the mouth of a now-repentant ISIS cadre," the report states.

Judicial Watch has reported this for years as part of an ongoing investigation into the national security crisis created by the dangerously porous southern border. Judicial Watch has interviewed local, state and federal law enforcement officials as well as U.S. and Mexican military sources and has traveled to remote Mexican border towns to interview American ranchers. When the Central American caravan got started last fall, Judicial Watch deployed an investigative team to the Guatemala-Honduras border after Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales confirmed that [nearly 100 Isis terrorists](#) had been apprehended in the impoverished Central American nation.

Judicial Watch's reporting has confirmed that [ISIS has a training cell](#) just a few miles from El Paso, Texas in an area known as "Anapra" situated just west of Ciudad Juárez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. We also verified that Mexican drug cartels are [smuggling](#) foreigners from countries with terrorist links to stash areas in a rural Texas town (Acala) near El Paso. Back in 2014 Judicial Watch [reported](#) that four ISIS soldiers, who entered the U.S. through the Mexican border, were arrested in McAllen and Pharr Texas.

Two years ago, Judicial Watch [exposed](#) a plot involving Mexican drug traffickers that help Islamic terrorists stationed in Mexico cross into the U.S. to explore targets for future attacks. Among the jihadists that travel back and forth through the

porous southern border is a Kuwaiti named Shaykh Mahmood Omar Khabir, an ISIS operative who lives in the Mexican state of Chihuahua not far from El Paso.

Khabir trained hundreds of Al Qaeda fighters in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen and at the time lived in Mexico for more than a year, according to information provided to Judicial Watch by high-ranking Homeland Security officials. Khabir trains thousands of men—mostly Syrians and Yemenis—to fight in an ISIS base situated in the Mexico-U.S. border region near Ciudad Juárez, the intelligence gathered by Judicial Watch's sources reveals.

The U.S. government—under both Republican and Democrat administrations—has long possessed intelligence indicating that Islamic terrorists exploit the southern border. In fact, Judicial Watch uncovered State Department [records](#) confirming that, for more than a decade, the government has known that "Arab extremists" are entering the country through Mexico with the assistance of smuggling network "cells."

Among them was a top Al Qaeda operative wanted by the FBI. Some Mexican smuggling networks actually specialize in providing logistical support for Arab individuals attempting to enter the United States, the government documents obtained by Judicial Watch say. The top Al Qaeda leader in Mexico was identified in the September 2004 cable from the American consulate in Ciudad Juárez as Adnan G. El Shurkrjumah. The cable was released to Judicial Watch under the Freedom of Information Act.

Just last year a Jordanian man was arrested by federal authorities for [smuggling six citizens of Yemen](#)—an Al Qaeda hotbed—into the U.S. through Mexico. The smuggler, 31-year-old Moayad Heider Mohammad Aldairi, conspired with others to sneak the six Yemeni nationals across the Texas border for a fee, according to a Department of Justice (DOJ) [statement](#).

Weeks later a group of migrants from a terrorist nation managed to [infiltrate](#) the U.S. through Mexico, though the Border Patrol subsequently apprehended the men. All were from Bangladesh, a south Asian Islamic country that's well known as a recruiting ground for terrorist groups such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). Earlier in the year, Judicial Watch had [reported](#) on the epidemic of Bangladeshi nationals getting smuggled into the country via the porous southern border, especially through Texas.

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A chilling confession from a captured ISIS fighter has shed light on how the terrorist group intended to exploit the vulnerabilities of the U.S. border with Mexico, using English speakers and westerners to take advantage of smuggling routes and target financial institutions.

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A number of reports have surfaced in the last few weeks that corroborate a story Judicial Watch broke in mid-April verifying that ISIS is operating in a Mexican border town just eight miles from El Paso, Texas. This includes the startling development over the weekend that the Islamic terrorist group claimed responsibility for a shooting at a "Muhammad Art Exhibit" near Dallas because it was considered to be anti-Islam.

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Tom Fitton: The Cover-ups Here are Obvious

JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Fox and Friends First" on the Fox News Channel to discuss Peter Strozik testifying in a closed-door hearing and Judicial Watch's filing of a House ethics complaint against Maxine Waters (D-CA).

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It's Not an Impeachment — It's a Coup

There has been nothing in American history that compares to the coup attack against President Trump. It has been nothing but a wild abuse of the Constitution. Frankly, the word *impeachment* should be replaced with the word *coup*, because the president was illicitly targeted for removal from office for doing his job in asking questions about Ukraine corruption and its ties to Joe Biden, his son Hunter Biden and Burisma. To be clear, the president was also attacked for objecting to the House Democrats' abuse of his office.

And Pelosi's game of withholding the articles of impeachment in order to deny President Trump's justice in the Senate is another unconstitutional violation of his God-given due process rights! Incredibly, Pelosi has expanded her coup from the presidency to include the United States Senate.

The U.S. Senate should reject these acts of tyranny by the House of Representatives. In the meantime, you can be sure that we will investigate the Biden-Ukraine scandal, as well as the Deep State scandals and the illegal spying on the President of the United States. Our republic is at stake.

Judicial Watch Sues Rep. Schiff for Phone Subpoenas Targeting Trump

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA), in potential violation of law, abused his power to secretly subpoena and then publish the private phone records of innocent Americans.

In response, we have filed a lawsuit against Schiff and the House Intelligence Committee for the controversial subpoenas issued for phone records, including those of Rudy Giuliani, President Trump's lawyer. The phone records led to the [publication](#) of the private phone records of Giuliani, Congressman Devon Nunes, journalist John Solomon, Trump attorney Jay Sekulow, attorney Victoria Toensing, and other American citizens.

We sued under the public's common-law right of public access to examine government records after we received no response to a December 6, 2019, records request ([Judicial Watch v Adam Schiff and U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03790)):

1. All subpoenas issued by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on or about September 30, 2019 to any telecommunications provider including, but not limited to AT&T, Inc., for records of telephone calls of any individuals;
2. All responses received to the above-referenced subpoenas.

Schiff is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, currently serving as Chairman of the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. We're suing Schiff in his capacity as Chairman of that committee. This lawsuit states:

The records are of critical public importance as the subpoenas were issued without any lawful basis and violated the rights of numerous private citizens.

Disclosure of the requested records would serve the public interest by providing information about the unlawful issuance of the subpoenas.

The requested records fall within the scope of the public's right of access to governmental records as a matter of federal common law.

What else is Mr. Schiff hiding? He and his committee ran roughshod over the rule of law in pursuit of the abusive impeachment of President Trump. This lawsuit serves as reminder that Congressman Schiff and Congress are not above the law.

Judicial Watch Back in Court on Clinton Emails and Benghazi

U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth [is considering](#) whether to allow us to question Hillary Clinton and her top aide in person and under oath about her scandalous misuse of personal email and her despicable behavior during the Benghazi slaughter.

At a hearing this week, our attorneys also requested permission to depose [Paul Combetta](#), who was the IT specialist working on the Clinton server at Platte River Networks. Judge Lamberth specifically raised concerns regarding Combetta's transfer of Clinton's emails into a [Gmail account](#), [\[email protected\]](#)

We asked the court for permission to subpoena Google for information from that account. Hillary Clinton is also fighting the court's previously ordered release of an "after action memo" created by Clinton lawyer [Heather Samuelson](#) in December 2014 that memorializes the Clinton team's review and processing of Clinton's emails.

Our [lawsuit](#) seeks records concerning "talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack" ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). In 2014 we famously uncovered that the Obama White House [created](#) the "talking points" that provided the basis for Susan Rice's false statements. This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.

In December 2018, we announced [court-ordered discovery](#) into whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to our request. The court also authorized discovery into whether the Benghazi controversy motivated the cover-up of Clinton's email. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency." The State and Justice Departments continue to defend Mrs. Clinton's and the agencies' email conduct.

The Clinton email scandal and the related Benghazi scandal are not going away. Here is some background to put this all in perspective.

As recently as October of this year, we forced the [release of](#) new Clinton emails on the Benghazi controversy that had been covered up for years and would have exposed Hillary Clinton's email account in 2014 if the emails had been released when the State Department first uncovered them. The Clinton email was [first identified](#) by the State Department in September 2014, but was withheld from us despite its specific reference to Benghazi talking points. After it was described in an Office of the Inspector General [report](#), the court ordered its production. It was only after we informed the State Department we were prepared to file a motion with the court to compel production of the records that the Department relented and produced the email in question.

In September 2019, the State Department [provided](#) us a previously hidden [email](#), which shows top State Department officials used and were aware of Hillary Clinton's email account, and that "she guards it pretty closely." Despite a [court order](#) requiring production of the email, the DOJ and State Departments only produced it after we threatened to ask a court

order to compel its production.

In an August 2019, [hearing](#), Judge Lamberth ordered production of the record in granting us significant new discovery in the case. [Judge Lamberth said](#), "There is no FOIA exemption for political expedience, nor is there one for bureaucratic incompetence." The judge also stated that the government has mishandled this case and the discovery of information including former Secretary Clinton's emails so poorly that we may have the ability to prove they acted in "bad faith."

Our discovery over the last several months found many more details about the scope of the Clinton email scandal and cover-up:

- Justin Cooper, former aide to President Bill Clinton and Clinton Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure [clintonemail.com](#) server that Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State, [testified](#) he worked with Huma Abedin, Clinton's deputy chief of staff, to create the non-government email system.
- In the [interrogatory responses](#) of E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, he stated that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.
- Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, [testified](#) that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.
- Eric Boswell, former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security during Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, [testified](#) that Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerry's and personal emails to transmit classified material.
- Lauren Jiloty, former special assistant to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton admitted in [written responses](#) under oath to loading contacts on Clinton's unsecure BlackBerry. Jiloty also said that she conducted official State Department business from her own personal email account.
- Obama National Security Advisor and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, admitted in [written responses](#) given under oath that she emailed with former Clinton on Clinton's non-government email account and that she received emails related to government business on her own personal email account.
- We received [written responses](#) under oath from Clinton's assistant Monica Hanley, asking whether the State Department adequately searched for records responsive to our request.
- John Hackett, former Director of Information Programs and Services (IPS) [testified](#) under oath that he had raised concerns that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's staff may have "culled out 30,000" of the secretary's "personal" emails without following strict National Archives standards. He also revealed that he believed there was interference with the formal FOIA review process related to the classification of Clinton's Benghazi-related emails.
- We [deposed](#) State Department official Monica Tillery, asking whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith.
- We [deposed](#) Clarence Finney, the deputy director of the Executive Secretariat staff who was the [principal advisor](#) and records management expert in the Office of the Secretary responsible for control of all correspondence and records for Clinton and other State Department officials.
- Jonathon Wasser, the State Department employee who conducted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) searches during part of Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State [testified](#) that he did not clearly recollect whether he had any knowledge of potential email addresses for Secretary Clinton.
- Ben Rhodes, former Obama White House deputy strategic communications adviser, continued to blame an [online video](#) for the Benghazi attacks, claims he doesn't remember using personal email for official business and that he wasn't aware of Hillary Clinton using her non-government email for official State Department business before press reports made the fact public.
- We [deposed](#) State Department lawyer Gene Smilansky regarding whether the State Department's intent to settle the case in 2014 and 2015 amounted to bad faith.
- Heather Samuelson, Clinton's White House liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, [admitted](#) under oath that she was granted immunity by the Department of Justice in June 2016.
- Former State Department Director of the Office of Information Programs and Services Sheryl Walter [stated](#) that she did not recall a call from the Obama White House asking for "quick turnaround" of information concerning a FOIA request on former Secretary Clinton's use of personal email to conduct official business.
- We [deposed](#) Elissa Pitterle, the corporate representative assigned by the State Department to address questions concerning the processing of FOIA requests.

- We [deposed](#) Tasha Marie Thian, former records officer of the Records and Archives Management Division in the State Department, who testified: "I had been told repeatedly that [Clinton] did not use email for work" and therefore the records-management office "operated as if she did not use [email]." She said that Finney informed her Clinton used her personal email about Benghazi when she told him she was leaving in April 2014.
- We [deposed](#) Patrick Scholl, a FOIA public liaison at the State Department.
- We [deposed](#) Jamie Bair, an attorney in the Office of the Legal Adviser who was assigned to our FOIA request and lawsuit. Bair testified that he first learned about Clinton's email address shortly after joining the State Department in April 2014 and that he saw it while reviewing documents for Congressional requests regarding Benghazi. Bair said he informed his supervisor, Matt Burton. Bair testified that he told DOJ attorney Rob Prince about Clinton's email address but would not provide a timeframe. He also testified that his normal practice was to be in close touch with DOJ attorneys on any given case.

The judge told us to ["shake this tree."](#) And we are. Just imagine if we had not been so relentless!

Merry Christmas!

Christmas 2019 finds the foundations of our republic under attack.

So, at a time like this, it may be best to step back and try to focus our hearts and minds on things that unite us.

As we do, I am reminded of one of my favorite stories from Christmas past. It's a story that proves anew that the essential message of Christmas – "Hail the newborn Prince of Peace." This is as powerful today as it is poignant, as timely as it is timeless. It's the tale of a truce ... a brief, fleeting truce ... that turned a World War I field of fire into a pageant of peace. As *Time* magazine reported it several years ago:

On a crisp, clear morning 100 years ago, thousands of British, Belgian and French soldiers put down their rifles, stepped out of their trenches and spent Christmas mingling with their German enemies along the Western front.

Most accounts suggest the truce began with carol singing from the trenches on Christmas Eve, "a beautiful moonlit night, frost on the ground, white almost everywhere", as Pvt. Albert Moren of the Second Queens Regiment [recalled](#), in a document later rounded up by the *New York Times*. Graham Williams of the Fifth London Rifle Brigade [described it in even greater detail](#):

"First the Germans would sing one of their carols and then we would sing one of ours, until when we started up 'O Come, All Ye Faithful' the Germans immediately joined in singing the same hymn to the Latin words *Adeste Fideles*. And I thought, well, this is really a most extraordinary thing – two nations both singing the same carol in the middle of a war."

The next morning, in some places, German soldiers emerged from their trenches, calling out "Merry Christmas" in English. Allied soldiers came out warily to greet them. In others, Germans held up signs reading "You no shoot, we no shoot." Over the course of the day, troops exchanged gifts of cigarettes, food, buttons and hats. The Christmas truce also allowed both sides to finally bury their dead comrades, whose bodies had lain for weeks on "no man's land," the ground between opposing trenches.

I believe you will agree that there is a lesson to be learned there – an enduring lesson that transcends the temporal and, especially at this time of year, elevates us above the trials and traumas that beset us. It is the Christmas message of "Peace on earth," which caused the bloodied and battered Allied and German soldiers to lay aside their enmity and arms and "sing in exultation ... joyful and triumphant."

Truly, as rifleman Graham Williams wrote, the spirit of Christmas "is really a most extraordinary thing." There is one particularly extraordinary Christmas message that should give us indomitable courage even in these troubling times. It's from Isaiah 9:6, and it defines the hope that lies within us all: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given – *and the government shall be upon his shoulders.*"

Ultimately, man's power is limited on this Earth, contrary to what some politicians and their antecedents might try to tell you. Even in the most dire of times, we rest secure in the words of one of my favorite Christmas carols, "the wrong shall fail, the right prevail."

Merry Christmas (and Happy Chanukah!) to you and yours from all of us here at Judicial Watch.

Until next week ...



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Joe diGenova on the Nadler threat to prosecute Attorney General William Barr:

"The House threat against Barr is kabuki theater... I would say to the House: if they try to jail the attorney general and send the House sergeant at arms, I wouldn't want to get in a gunfight with the U.S. marshals who protect the attorney general... This is a silly exercise."

Joe diGenova on the Mueller Report:

"The Mueller Report is 400 pages of violations of the constitutional rights of the President, his privacy, and the Department of Justice guidelines... It is perfectly clear that Mr. Mueller – mostly Andrew Weissmann – wrote this in a manner to embarrass the President of the United States, not to make any legal points... They smeared the President for 400 pages."

Joe diGenova on John Brennan:

Well, first of all, Mr. Brennan is the primo genitor of this entire plot... Mr. Brennan has become a bit of a nutcase... He is insistent. He is belligerent... He really is like a very guilty man protesting too much... This is a great scandal, and I expect a federal grand jury to come soon."

Joe diGenova on the FISA Court:

In this particular case [obtaining FISA spy warrants]... Sally Yates, John Carlin, McCabe, Baker... lied to the court. They have disgraced the FBI and the Department of Justice... There is going to be a grand jury.

This scandal has been wide open for everyone to see since April 26, 2017... That's when Chief Judge Collier of the FISA Court... outlined four years of illegal spying by FBI contractors... We do know that the White House was made aware of all this illegal activity, that President Obama was aware of it.

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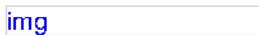
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California Begins Process to Remove 1.5 Million Inactive Voters From its Rolls

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Last week, Los Angeles County officially sent notices to 1.5 million inactive voters on its voter rolls, which is the first step in removing the names of voters who have moved, died, or are otherwise ineligible to vote in federal, state, and local elections.

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Democrats want to be able to steal elections when necessary: Tom Fitton

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"There are 3-1/2 million extra names nationally on the rolls. Now, thanks to this lawsuit, 1.5 million of them are going to be removed and cleaner elections in California and nationally as a result," Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton said.

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Judicial Watch has been a regular at the federal courts in Washington, D.C., in recent months, filing lawsuit after lawsuit over the federal government's refusal to provide information about the Hillary Clinton email scandal, the "Deep State" attack on the Trump campaign and more under the Freedom of Information Act.

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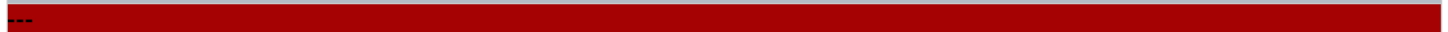
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Congratulations to President Trump on the overwhelming vote by the U.S. Senate to acquit him and reject the baseless impeachment charges against him. Thankfully, the U.S. Senate rejected this act of tyranny by the Pelosi-Schiff coup cabal that controls the House of Representatives. Today is "Vindication Day" for the President, the rule of law and the Constitution.

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Deep Dive: The Clinton-Affiliated FBI Officials Who Prosecuted Rep. Hunter

New documents obtained by Judicial Watch have raised deep concerns about the FBI's prosecution of Rep. Duncan Hunter. Mr. Hunter has been charged with "60 separate accounts related to the misuse of campaign funds... an indication that something is up" Fitton states. Guilty or not, the obtained documents suggest the officials prosecuting the conservative congressman were "registered Democrats" and "Clinton supporters," who attended a Clinton campaign event in 2015, Fitton affirms.

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Judicial Watch: Emails Show Involvement of Peter Strzok and Lisa Page in Launching of Crossfire Hurricane

The records also show additional “confirmed classified emails” were found on Hillary Clinton’s unsecure non-state.gov email server “beyond the number presented” in then-FBI Director James Comey’s statements; Strzok and Page questioning the access the Department of Justice was granting Clinton’s lawyers; and Page revealing that the DOJ was making edits to FBI 302s (summaries of interviews) related to the Clinton investigation, also known as Midyear Exam (MYE). The emails detail a discussion about “squashing” an issue related to the Seth Rich controversy.

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U.S. to Spend \$700,000 on Eswatini’s “National Condom Strategy”

The U.S. government will spend more than half a million dollars to provide residents of a tiny, poverty-stricken African nation with condoms. The money, \$700,000, will help fund a National Condom Strategy launched by the Ministry of Health in Eswatini, a landlocked south African country smaller than New Jersey. Until recently Eswatini was known as Swaziland but its tyrannical ruler, King Mswati III, changed it so the country could break with its colonial past.

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Iowa Secretary of State, Judicial Watch Spar Over Claim of Voter Over-Registration

The Epoch Times

JW President Tom Fitton fired back in a Feb. 3 statement: “It is shameful that the secretary of state of Iowa would mislead Iowans and Americans about the accuracy of the state’s registration rolls.”

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WashPost Tries to Stop Fake News, Becomes Part of the Problem

Real Clear Politics

For now, Judicial Watch is standing by its figures. And given the different methodologies involved, a more sophisticated look at the numbers would be required to declare whose numbers are wrong and whose are right. It's also worth noting both Kentucky and California didn't contest the accuracy of Judicial Watch's voter data in federal lawsuits brought against them last year.

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FITTON: Judicial Watch stands by numbers regarding Iowa voter registration concerns

The Iowa Standard

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton put out a tweet over the weekend that said eight Iowa counties have more voter registrations than citizens old enough to register. On Monday, the organization issued a press release talking about the issue.

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Media Fails to Note 6 Murder Suspects are Illegal Immigrants, MS-13 Gangbangers

The mainstream media conveniently manipulates the flow of information to keep with its liberal agenda and this week we have yet another example; widespread coverage involving the gruesome murder of a young Maryland man omits that most of the suspects are illegal immigrants affiliated with a violent criminal gang.

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Judicial Watch: Federal Judge Criticizes State and Justice Departments on Clinton Email Cover-Up

Judicial Watch released the transcript today from their hearing on Thursday, August 22, 2019, where U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth granted significant new discovery to Judicial Watch on the Clinton email issue (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

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Judicial Watch Sues Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax for Documents on Rape Allegations

Judicial Watch announced today that it filed a Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax and his office for documents about rape allegations against Fairfax (Judicial Watch et al. v. Justin E. Fairfax et al. (No. 2019 11833)).

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DOJ Inspector General: Comey 'Violated' FBI Rules

The Justice Department inspector general released a scathing report on former FBI Director James Comey's notes memorializing his conversations with President Trump, finding that he disclosed them without authorization "to achieve a personally desired outcome."

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Food Kits from U.S. Program to Feed "Vulnerable" Syrians Diverted to Terrorists

Judicial Watch

A multi-billion-dollar government program to feed "vulnerable" Syrians has provided food for jihadist militants in a group designated by the United States as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). American taxpayers have spent a fortune on "emergency food assistance" during the Syrian crisis that began with the 2011 Arab spring and some of it has actually gone to terrorists that hate us and want to kill us.

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Rep. Omar Declares Support for Terrorist Financier's Company in Her Native Somalia

Judicial Watch

The company, Hormuud Telecommunications, was created and is operated by Ahmed Nur Ali Jim'ale, a chief financier of al-Shabaab, an east African-based jihadist group that serves as Al Qaeda's affiliate in Somalia. In her social media account, Omar writes that Somalia's government and peacekeeping forces need to protect Hormuud and the Somali telecom industry as they make enormous contributions to the economy and provide vital services. "During my visit to Somalia in 2011, I was surprised by the quick evolution of technology in Somalia," Omar posts, indirectly praising the telecom firm with terrorist ties. The Israeli article includes the links to a pair of United Nations Security Council reports documenting Hormuud's direct support for al-Shabaab.

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Farrell: If Barr Fails to Move on Comey's Cabal, Get Ready for Special Counsel Peter Strzok

Judicial Watch

The Justice Department's Inspector General Michael Horowitz has released his report on the former FBI director's scheme to create and leak memos concerning Donald Trump, with the stated intention of building a case for the appointment of a special counsel. The IG report detailed many serious infractions Comey committed, but the Justice Department declined to file charges.

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New Clinton Email Scandal Testimony!

Judicial Watch attorneys obtained blockbuster testimony from former State Department official John Hackett, who was Director for Information Programs and Services (IPS), which handles records management at the State Department, Mr. Hackett testified under oath that he had raised concerns about former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's missing emails.

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N.Y. Mayor's Communist Roots Shine in Fla. Presidential Campaign Rally—JW Exposed Sandinista Ties in 2013

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's red past showed its ugly head recently in Miami where the Democratic presidential candidate offended the masses by glamorizing a Marxist revolutionary who executed thousands to impose communism and begged his Soviet compadres to nuke the U.S. At a union rally for striking airport workers, de Blasio proudly quoted Ernesto Che Guevara, a terrorist murderer who helped Cuban dictator Fidel Castro execute thousands of men, women and children in front of firing squads.

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Former State Official Testifies He Warned State Department Officials about Clinton Email Issues; Concerned about Interference on Classified Clinton Benghazi Email Documents

Judicial Watch announced that John Hackett, the former Director for Information Programs and Services (IPS), which handles records management at the State Department, testified under oath that he had raised concerns that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's staff had "culled out 30,000" of the secretary's "personal" emails without following strict National Archives standards.

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Nicaraguan Military Arrests Four ISIS Terrorists Planning to Enter U.S. Via Mexico

Four ISIS terrorists planning to enter the United States through Mexico have been captured by the Nicaraguan military in a remote area where the men entered the Central American nation illegally from Costa Rica. Nicaraguan authorities identify the men as two Egyptian nationals—33-year old Mohamed Ibrahim and 26-year-old Mahmoud Samy Eissa—and two Iraqis, 41-year-old Ahmed Ghanim Mohamed Al Jubury and 29-year-old Mustafa Ali Mohamed Yaoub.

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Dershowitz: We have to leave it to the cities, voters to decide how to fix problems

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Independence Day is right around the corner. And this year, President Trump is planning to honor America with a very special Fourth of July celebration in Washington, D.C., complete with military aircraft flyovers, historic tanks from one of the biggest firework shows in history.

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Bill de Blasio: Honest-to-Goodness Communist Ties

Sunshine State News

Bill de Blasio is one scary guy. Particularly to Cuban-Americans. The liberal South Florida media may have tried to excuse away his cozy Che Guevara quote in Miami last week, but the New York City mayor and Democratic presidential hopeful has Sandinista ties that don't quit.

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Official Raised Alarm About Deleted Clinton Emails

The Washington Free Beacon

A former top official in the U.S. State Department testified that he raised concerns about deleted emails from Hillary Clinton's personal email system.

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Judicial Watch: Lawyers for Hillary Clinton Ask Appeals Court to Overturn Order for Her Deposition

On March 3, 2020, Judge Lamberth granted Judicial Watch's request to depose Clinton about her emails and Benghazi attack documents. The court also ordered the deposition of Mills and two other State Department officials. Additionally, the court granted Judicial Watch's request to subpoena Google for relevant documents and records associated with Clinton's emails during her tenure at the State Department.

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U.S. Makes \$175 Billion in Payments "That Should Not Have Been Made" in 2019

Though federal law forbids it, every year the U.S. government squanders huge sums of American taxpayer dollars and dismisses it matter-of-factly as a "monetary loss." In 2019, Uncle Sam misspent an eye-popping \$175 billion, a 15% increase from the previous year and the figure is likely to grow in the future.

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Judicial Watch Sues State Department for Text Messages of Hillary Clinton and Huma Abedin

"Where are Hillary Clinton's text messages?" asked Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Judicial Watch uncovered the hidden Clinton emails and now we've uncovered that Secretary Clinton and her top aide Huma Abedin used text messages."

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FBI Cleared Extremists Who Carried Out Deadliest U.S. Attacks Since 9/11

Nearly two decades after its well-documented transgressions culminated in the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil, the federal law enforcement agency responsible for protecting the country against a repeat still struggles to do its job and it has cost dozens of American lives. The failures have allowed homegrown violent extremists (HVE) to carry out more than 20 attacks in the U.S. since 9/11, some of them after the agency, the FBI, closed counterterrorism investigations of the attackers.

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Federal Judge Orders Hillary Clinton Deposition to Address Private Emails: 'Still More to Learn'

Fox News

Clinton has argued that she has already answered questions about this and should not have to do so again — the matter did not result in any charges for the then-presidential candidate in 2016 after a high-profile investigation — but D.C. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth said in his ruling that her past responses left much to be desired.

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FARRELL: Spygate Could Make Watergate Look Like A Third-Rate Burglary

The Daily Caller

The investigation by U.S. Attorney John Durham into the origins of the FBI's Russian collusion investigation – or as President Trump prefers to call it, the witch hunt – continues to expand. Durham reportedly opened criminal investigations last fall. And unlike the narrow Justice Department Inspector General's review of the abuse of the FISA process, Durham is looking into the questionable activities of other government agencies, in particular the CIA and its former director John Brennan.

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FISA Reauthorization May Not Be Done Deal Just Yet as Critics Rally, Trump Sounds Cautionary Note

The Epoch Times

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton agrees, telling The Epoch Times on March 12 that "it's irresponsible for Congress to authorize these agencies who so abused the rule of law without knowing the full details of the crimes that have been committed."

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NEW Information Reveals State Department Acted in Bad Faith on the #ClintonEmailScandal!

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Judicial Watch: Strzok Email – Hillary Clinton Apologized to FBI Over Emails – But Apology was ‘Not In’ FBI 302 Documenting Her Interview

The new records include an August 26, 2016, email from CNN's Even Perez to Michael Kortan, the FBI's assistant director for public affairs, saying: "Do you know if Gowdy is right that the FBI didn't ask Clinton about her intent? And is that weird?"

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Judicial Watch Obtains Records Detailing NIH Purchases of Aborted Fetal Parts for ‘Humanized Mice’ Testing

The records show that NIH paid at least \$18,100 between December 2016 and August 2018 to Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR) for livers and thymuses from second trimester aborted fetuses. They include at least 26 such purchases from ABR by Dr. Kim Hasenkrug, senior investigator at the NIH lab in Hamilton, Montana.

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Judicial Watch: CIA, DOJ Refuse to Confirm or Deny Existence of Eric Ciaramella Records

Ciaramella is widely reported as the person who filed the whistleblower complaint that triggered the impeachment proceedings. His name reportedly was "raised privately in impeachment depositions, according to officials with direct knowledge of the proceedings, as well as in at least one open hearing held by a House committee not involved in the impeachment inquiry."

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Soros-Tied Group Run by Top Dem Operatives Promotes Global Leftist Agenda

The TDWG was founded in April 2018 purportedly to combat what it perceives as "democratic erosion in key NATO and EU countries." The organization, which is housed at the German Marshall Fund headquarters, advocates for strengthening the NATO alliance, increasing integration among European Union member states, a more active U.S. role in Europe, and effective measures against Russia's influence in the West. The group has been highly critical of the Trump administration's foreign policy and has used its podcast to promote Soros' Open Society Foundations.

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FARRELL: Lax Driver's License Laws Endanger Public Safety

The Daily Caller

On Tuesday the Virginia legislature passed two bills that would allow illegal aliens to obtain driver's licenses in the state. The legislation would do away with requirements to provide proof of "legal presence" in the country. If signed, the new law would give access to licenses to approximately 300,000 illegals in the state. Thirteen other states have such laws, including Maryland and the District of Columbia.

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Watchdog: Hunter Biden 'Scandal Is Not Going Away,' There's 'Strong Evidence of Criminal Misconduct'

Breitbart

There is "strong evidence" that Hunter Biden's business activities in Ukraine amount to "criminal misconduct," Tom Fitton, the president of the government watchdog group Judicial Watch, recently said, echoing President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani.

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DOJ Call to Not Prosecute McCabe Runs Afoul of Trump's War on ex-FBI Official

The Washington Times

Tom Fitton, president of the watchdog group Judicial Watch and a close ally of the president, said in response to the McCabe decision that the Justice Department's "double standards [have] caused a rule of law crisis." He noted former Trump national security adviser Michael Flynn and longtime Trump friend Roger Stone are "set to be thrown in jail" while former FBI Director James B. Comey and Mr. McCabe had been referred for criminal prosecution without consequence.

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Tom Fitton w/ Devin Nunes on #SpyGate During CPAC 2019--Catch Him NEXT WEEK @ #CPAC2020!

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BREAKING: Strzok: Hillary Clinton apologized to FBI for emails and confessed she did "out of convenience" and that "it proved to be anything but." PLUS Deep State CIA and DOJ go into full COVER UP mode on alleged Schiff leaker! MAJOR @JudicialWatch

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On November 3, 2016, Strzok sends an email to Page with a "weiner timeline." The document shows that on September 28, 2016, the Assistant Director in Charge (ADIC) of the New York Office of the FBI reported "potential MYE-related material," referring to Midyear Exam, which was the code name of the FBI's Clinton email investigation.

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Crappy Toilets on Navy's Multi-Billion-Dollar Warships Cost \$400,000 a Flush to Unclog

Even during a global pandemic there is government waste to report. Here is a great example. The toilet system on two new, state-of-the-art Navy aircraft carriers is so crappy that it must be cleansed with specialized acids that cost American taxpayers a breathtaking \$400,000 a flush. It may seem like a bad joke but, sadly, it is par for the course for many government agencies.

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Open Borders Coalition Demands All Illegal Immigrants Freed from Custody Over Coronavirus

Although there have been no confirmed cases of Coronavirus disease in federal immigration detention facilities, open borders groups are taking advantage of the health crisis to demand that all illegal aliens be immediately released from custody and into communities throughout the United States.

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Hillary's Emails & Benghazi—Inside Judicial Watch's Landmark Legal Battle

Life continues to unfold, even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. That includes—flying mostly under the media and legal radar—the most consequential freedom of information battle in a generation: Judicial Watch's long fight for records related to Hillary Clinton's emails and the Benghazi affair.

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FARRELL: Epidemics And National Security

The Daily Caller

The COVID-19 pandemic – aka the "Wuhan virus" – has placed severe stresses on the global economy and American society. Quarantines, work-stoppages and supply shortages have become sudden and unwelcome facts of life in this country. The sense of uncertainty is fed by an endless information age diet of pandemic-related news, opinion and occasional disinformation.

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FBI Finds More Classified Hillary Clinton Emails

BizPac Review

New emails obtained by the conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch offer further evidence of why, assuming former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's claim that she's the "most investigated innocent person in America" is true (it's not), there's a valid reason why she's faced so much scrutiny.

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The Washington Post

When Fitton responded to the above Trump tweet by urging the government to "let people out of their homes before they let criminals out of the jails," Trump retweeted it. Trump also promoted another Fitton tweet Monday morning, suggesting he was combing Fitton's feed.

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Federal Court Hearing on Clinton Emails - Judicial Watch Asking For Deposition of Hillary Clinton

Judicial Watch announced today that a federal court ordered a hearing for Thursday, August 22, 2019, on the Clinton email issue. On December 6, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Lamberth ordered Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court ruled that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

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Obama Judge Rules Medicaid Must Pay for Transgender Sex Reassignment Surgery

An Obama-appointed federal judge is forcing Wisconsin taxpayers to provide costly sex reassignment surgery and hormonal procedures for low-income transgender residents who get free medical care from the government. In a recently issued ruling U.S. District Judge William M. Conley writes that Medicaid, the publicly funded insurance that covers 65.7 million poor people, cannot deny the medical treatment needs of those suffering from "gender dysphoria." Officials estimate it will cost up to \$1.2 million annually to provide transgender Medicaid recipients in the Badger State with treatments such as "gender confirmation" surgery, including elective mastectomies, hysterectomies, genital reconstruction and breast augmentation. The intricate operations are typically done by plastic surgeons.

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Calls to Label Mexican Cartels as Terror Groups as They Grow Stronger, More Violent

The homicide rate in Mexico is rising at record-setting pace this year, with more than 30,000 murders in the first seven months. It's on target to hit almost 51,500 deaths by year's end—about 1,000 more than in 2018 and 6,000 more than in 2017. That's not accounting for the huge number of disappearances.

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Judicial Watch Releases Emails Between Nellie Ohr and DOJ Top Official When Ohr Worked at Fusion GPS

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released 72 pages of documents from the Department of Justice containing Russia-related emails sent from Nellie Ohr to high-ranking DOJ official Lisa Holtyn at the time Ohr worked with anti-Trump dossier firm Fusion GPS. Holtyn at the time was a top aide to former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr.

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Federal Judge Orders FBI to Search for Steele Documents

Judicial Watch

"The court was right to turn aside the FBI's fake concerns for Clinton spy Christopher Steele's privacy and order the agency to search for more records on its use of Steele and his Dossier to target President Trump," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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10 declassified Russia collusion revelations that could rock Washington this fall

The Hill

My reporting identifies about a dozen documents that, when declassified, would show more completely how a routine counterintelligence probe was hijacked to turn the most awesome spy powers in America against a presidential nominee in what was essentially a political dirty trick orchestrated by Democrats.

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In November 2019, through analysis of Obama-era White House visitor logs, Judicial Watch broke the story of Ciaramella's White House meetings. Ciaramella was detailed to the Obama White House in 2015 and returned to the CIA during the Trump administration in 2017.

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Camposeco-Montego and the minor illegally entered the U.S. by crossing the Rio Grande in November 2016, according to the feds. Not coincidentally, there was a huge spike in family units entering the country via the southern border that year.

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Judicial Watch Obtains Records on Assistant U.S. Attorneys' Attendance at Clinton Campaign Event

In June 2019, Hunter filed a motion seeking to dismiss the charges against him or, in the alternative, recuse the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego on the grounds that Robinson and Allen had a political conflict of interest due to their attendance at the Clinton fundraiser.

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De Blasio's Suspect Crime Statistics

Mayor Bill de Blasio tells anyone who will listen that New York is "the safest big city in America." And for a long time, that appeared to be true. But signs of rising urban disorder lately have been sending a different message. And increasingly, the mayor's own safe-city crime statistics seem suspect.

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U.S. Funding of Islamist "Charity" Groups Triples Under Trump

Judicial Watch

The amount of American taxpayer dollars that go to Islamist organizations has drastically increased under the Trump administration, which has doled out millions to radical nonprofits, including a recent allocation to a terrorist front group named as an unindicted co-conspirator in a terrorism financing trial.

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Deep Dive: Schiff's Impeachment Abuse Needs To Be Shut Down

Judicial Watch

When it comes to the Senate impeachment trial, the American people must be aware of Adam Schiff's "ethically compromised" nature, Fitton states. Judicial Watch has taken an active role, filing two ethics complaints for Schiff's "discussing and disclosing classified information in violation of House rules... and improperly coordinating with Anti-Trump witnesses," Fitton confirms.

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Farrell: It's The Candidate, Not The Electoral College

The Daily Caller

As the 2020 election approaches, the Electoral College is coming under increasing fire. Critics of the college were outraged in 2016 when Donald Trump broke Hillary Clinton's "blue wall" and narrowly won Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, giving him an electoral victory, while Clinton's overperformance in California and New York gave her a popular plurality and a three million vote edge.

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JW Investigates if Ousted Ukraine Ambassador Ordered State Dept. to Monitor Journalists, Trump Allies

Prior to being recalled as ambassador to Ukraine in the spring Yovanovitch reportedly created a list of individuals who were to be monitored via social media and other means. Ukraine embassy staff made the request to the Washington D.C. headquarters office of the department’s Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. After several days, Yovanovitch’s staff was informed that the request was illegal and the monitoring either ceased or was concealed via the State Department Global Engagement Center, which has looser restrictions on collecting information.

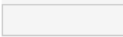
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Judicial Watch Sues State Dept. for Records Tied to Alleged Monitoring of Trump Family and Journalists by Amb. Marie Yovanovitch

Judicial Watch
In October 2019, Judicial Watch began its investigation into the alleged monitoring, via CrowdTangle and other means, of journalists and persons linked to President Trump. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch is alleged to have ordered State Department entities to conduct the monitoring.

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Honduras Arrests U.S.-Bound Iranians as New Caravan Heads North from Central American Nation

Judicial Watch

As hundreds join a new U.S.-bound caravan in Honduras, authorities in the crime-infested Central American nation reveal that four Iranians were recently arrested there. Like thousands of illegal immigrants from around the world, the Iranians entered Honduras illegally and were heading north to the United States, according to a Honduran newspaper article that attributes the information to the president, Juan Orlando Hernández. The Iranians were transported to the capital, Tegucigalpa, and officials have launched an investigation.

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Farrell: Justice Department's Non-Investigation Of The Clinton Foundation Warrants A Special Counsel

The Daily Caller

The investigation led by U.S. Attorney John Huber into cases of possible corruption regarding the Clinton Foundation and the Uranium One deal when Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State "has largely finished and found nothing worth pursuing," as gleefully reported by The Washington Post. The tone of the article was classic Bezos-era journalism, saying the inquiry was only launched to "mollify conservatives" who were "clamoring for more investigations" in addition to a "meandering probe into the Clinton Foundation" in Arkansas. The Post's anonymous-as-usual sources said, "they never expected the effort to produce much of anything."

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Dear Fellow American,

I hope you share our commitment to fighting public corruption and standing firm for the rule of law. [I also hope you will back that commitment with your best tax-deductible contribution to Judicial Watch today.](#)

Because right now we are in a historic time of big changes in Washington as Judicial Watch is helping “drain the swamp” by:

- Investigating and suing key federal agencies for documents related to the corrupt and lawless Deep State conspiracy to spy on, discredit, prosecute and drive President Trump from office. We’ve already forced the release of key documents exposing the Deep State, and we are now pursuing over 40 active lawsuits...[with more surely to come!](#)
- Challenging liberal “sanctuary” cities and states which, despite Trump administration efforts, continue to disobey the law by refusing to cooperate with federal immigration authorities.
- Fighting voter fraud, which liberals want to pretend doesn’t exist but which we have proven through our investigations and litigation most certainly does exist! Judicial Watch supports voter ID laws and has federal lawsuits to ensure cleaner elections.
- Holding corrupt officials, like Hillary Clinton, responsible for their illegal actions so they don’t get a “pass” on accountability. Despite continued stonewalling by Deep State government lawyers in court, we continue to force the release of blockbuster documents that shed more light on the Clinton email scandal, and the sleazy Clinton “pay to play” scheme to tie the State Department favors to for contributions to the Clinton Foundation.

Judicial Watch is America’s best (some would say only) bet to get to the truth But we cannot do it without you! We’re already carrying the largest investigation and litigation caseload in our 25-year history.

This is all critically important work.

You may remember that we successfully led the fight against Obama administration secrecy and corruption as well as corruption by members of both parties – Democrat and Republican.

[And for us to be fully prepared and effective at this critical time, we need you to be an official “card-carrying” Judicial Watch member by making your best donation now!](#)

We are literally doing the law enforcement work that the highly compromised FBI, mainstream liberal media and weak Congress [won’t](#) do.

[That’s why I ask you to support our work today.](#) It is no exaggeration to say that it is not only Judicial Watch who needs you...so does America!

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

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Subject: Judicial Watch is in court day after day shining the light on the activities of the Deep State

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Dear Fellow American,

I need your help.

Right now, Judicial Watch is in federal court with over 40 separate lawsuits to get to the truth behind a serious threat to our constitutional republic.

These lawsuits can help expose the illicit Deep State conspiracy to abuse government powers to target the Trump presidency.

Our lawsuits against the FBI, Justice Department and other federal deep state agencies all deal with one or more aspect of the unprecedented affront to the rule of law and to the American people's right to lawfully elect their president!

[Please, I urge you to help us today with a special contribution to help us fight in federal court.](#)

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It is time to confront illegal secrecy in government.

If the rule of law is to survive, if America's constitutional protections are to endure, it is essential to roll back the sinister secrecy that allows – indeed encourages – those operating in the Deep State to hold themselves above the law and beyond the Constitution.

And that's why Judicial Watch is in court day after day shining the light on the activities of the Deep State.

[Can we count on your support to expose the truth behind the Deep State?](#)

Judicial Watch is conservative, but we are not partisan. Our allegiance is to the rule of law and the American people's right to know.

As I said earlier, Judicial Watch has over 40 separate lawsuits to uncover the truth about the Deep State. And I can promise you more Judicial Watch lawsuits are on the way so that we can get to the truth behind this illicit conspiracy.

[That's why I hope you can help with a special contribution today.](#)

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Judicial Watch is still helping force the release of more Clinton emails

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Judicial Watch

Dear Fellow American,

Judicial Watch's investigations and lawsuits uncovered thousands of Hillary Clinton's emails she tried to hide from the American people some of which included classified information.

Despite continued stonewalling by Deep State government lawyers, Judicial Watch is still forcing the release of more Clinton emails.

And we're going to keep on fighting in court!

Because at Judicial Watch, we believe that powerful politician who break the law should be held accountable—especially corrupt politicians who abuse the public's trust and hold in contempt the public's right to know!

There's still more to do on this and so many other government scandals, but we cannot do this without your support!

Please give your most generous gift today to help Judicial Watch hold corrupt politicians like Hillary Clinton accountable to the law. "Because no one is above the law!"

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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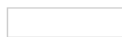
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Judicial Watch On Issue: Leading the Battle Against Illegal Immigration

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In this edition of "Judicial Watch On Issue," Senior Attorney James Peterson explains the issue of illegal immigration & its impact on the United States.



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I want to personally share with you a press release that was just sent to members of the media. As always, Judicial Watch is fighting on your behalf in Washington D.C. against government corruption and abuse. Thank you for standing with Judicial Watch—you don't want to miss this!

Sincerely,

Amelia Koehn

Public Affairs Coordinator

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February 25, 2020

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton to be Featured at Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC)

National Watchdog Group Will Livestream

(Washington, DC) - Judicial Watch today announced its participation as a Supporting Sponsor of the annual Conservative Political Action Conference ([CPAC](#)), February 26-29, at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD. Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton is scheduled to speak at CPAC on the main stage *Thursday, February 27, at 3:15 p.m. ET.

Viewers can watch the broadcast live Thursday - Saturday at www.judicialwatch.org/cpac2020. They can also visit the Judicial Watch [Facebook](#) page or [YouTube](#) page. In addition, Judicial Watch will be conducting interviews with top newsmakers at Broadcast Row.

Attendees can visit Judicial Watch on Broadcast Row at booth 7 and in CPAC Central at booth 213.

About Judicial Watch Inc.: [Judicial Watch](#) is a conservative, nonpartisan educational foundation that promotes transparency, accountability and integrity in government, politics and the law. Through its educational endeavors, Judicial Watch advocates high standards of ethics and morality in our nation's public life and seeks to ensure that political and judicial officials do not abuse the powers entrusted to them by the American people. The motto of Judicial Watch is "Because no one is above the law!" To this end, Judicial Watch uses the open records or freedom of information laws and other tools to investigate and uncover misconduct by government officials and litigation to hold to account politicians and public officials who engage in corrupt activities. Judicial Watch does not endorse or oppose candidates for public office.

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Ex-Treasury employee pleads guilty to leaking Trump team info, after dramatic bust with flash drive in hand

Source: [Fox News](#)

A former top Treasury Department official pleaded guilty Monday to conspiracy for leaking confidential banking reports associated with members of the Trump campaign, following her dramatic arrest in October 2018 as she toted a flash drive full of sensitive documents.

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Documents Show
FBI Agents Went To
Comey's Home to
Retrieve Memos

Source: Judicial Watch

A month after FBI Director James Comey was fired by President Donald Trump, FBI agents visited his home and collected "as evidence" four memos that allegedly detail conversations he had with President Trump. JW President Tom Fitton: "Mr. Comey's illegal leaking these FBI files as part of his vendetta against President Trump ought to be the subject of a criminal investigation."

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Judicial Watch
Receives Records of
14 Referrals of FBI
Employees for
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Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch received records of 14 referrals of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employees to the organization's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) for the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive or classified information.

"Only four of the 14 employees found to have made an unauthorized disclosure were dismissed from the FBI," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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Judicial Watch Sues
CIA for
Communications on
Dossier Leak to
Senator Harry Reid

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch sued the CIA for communications with former Senator Harry Reid regarding the anti-Trump dossier funded by the Clinton campaign. Reid reportedly believed CIA Director Brennan was feeding him information about alleged links between the Trump campaign and the Russian government to make public accusations.

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Judicial Watch Sues California over Its Gender Quota Mandate for Corporate Boards

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Judicial Watch sued on behalf of three California taxpayers to prevent the state from implementing a law that requires publicly-held corporations headquartered in California to have at least one director “who self-identifies her gender as a woman” on their boards.

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California sued again for requiring women on company boards

Source: [Chicago Tribune](#)

Judicial Watch sued in August, arguing that spending taxpayer money to enforce the law would violate the California Constitution. Secretary of State Alex Padilla is asking a judge to throw out the Judicial Watch lawsuit, saying taxpayers have not been harmed and thus have no standing to sue.

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California sued over law requiring women on corporate boards

Source: [The Mercury News](#)

California's first-in-the-nation law mandating women on boards of publicly held companies is facing its first legal challenge. Judicial Watch said in a lawsuit filed this week on behalf of three California taxpayers that spending taxpayer money enforcing the law, co-written by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, is illegal under the California constitution.

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**Lawsuit: California's
corporate-board
gender quota is
unconstitutional**

Source: [HotAir](#)

It's not the first challenge to the mandate signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. Judicial Watch filed suit in August, but took a different strategy in crafting the complaint. Rather than represent a shareholder, Judicial Watch filed on behalf of three taxpayers objecting to the use of public funds to enforce this new law.

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Judicial Watch Sues WMATA on Behalf of DC Metro Watchdog for Customer Satisfaction Survey

Judicial Watch announced today that it filed a Public Access to Records Policy lawsuit against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("Metro") and its General Manager, Paul Wiedefeld, on behalf of Unsuck DC Metro for an unredacted version of their Customer Satisfaction Tracking Study...

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Top Hillary Clinton Aide Admits Under Oath that He and Clinton Used Unsecure Personal Email for Official State Department Business

Judicial Watch today released the transcript of a court-ordered deposition of Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Hillary Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, in which the top staffer admits that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business...

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Tom Fitton: At Least 11 FBI Payments went to Steele

August 5, 2018- JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Fox and Friends" on the Fox News Channel to discuss The FBI released 71 pages of redacted documents tied to the bureau's relationship with Christopher Steele.

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Tom Fitton: A DOJ Spying Investigation would be a Win for the Rule of Law

JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Fox and Friends" on the Fox News Channel to discuss President Trump's request for a DOJ probe into whether the FBI infiltrated his campaign.

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Judicial Watch Sues DOJ and CIA for Documents on Eric Ciaramella

As the impeachment/coup against President Trump marches on, Judicial Watch is taking the lead on exposing the full truth about the various Deep State officials at the center of some the controversies at issue.

We just filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against both the DOJ and CIA for CIA analyst Eric Ciaramella's communications. He reportedly worked on Ukraine issues while on detail to both the Obama and Trump White Houses.

We sued the DOJ after it failed to respond to November 2019 FOIA requests seeking communications between Ciaramella and former FBI agent Peter Strzok, former FBI Attorney Lisa Page, former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, and/or the Special Counsel's Office ([*Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice*](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03809)).

We sued the CIA after it failed to respond to November 2019 FOIA requests seeking all of Ciaramella's emails from June 1, 2016, to November 12, 2019 ([*Judicial Watch v. Central Intelligence Agency*](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03807)).

Ciaramella's name appears in Special Counsel Robert Mueller's [report](#) on the 2016 presidential election, in reference to two emails Ciaramella sent to then-Chief of Staff John Kelly and other officials, describing a meeting between President Trump, Russian foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Foreign Minister Sergey Kislyak:

In the morning on May 10, 2017, President Trump met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak in the Oval Office.⁴⁶⁸

⁴⁶⁸ ... (5/9/17 White House Document, "Working Visit with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov of Russia") ... (5/10/17 Email, Ciaramella to Kelly et al.). The meeting had been planned on May 2, 2017, during a telephone call between the President and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and the meeting date was confirmed on May 5, 2017, the same day the President dictated ideas for the Comey termination letter to Stephen Miller.... (5/10/17 Email, Ciaramella to Kelly et al.).

Information about this phone call was subsequently [leaked](#) to *The New York Times*.

Ciaramella is [widely reported](#) as the person who filed the whistleblower complaint that triggered the impeachment proceedings. His name reportedly was "raised privately in impeachment depositions, according to officials with direct knowledge of the proceedings, as well as in at least one open hearing held by a House committee not involved in the impeachment inquiry."

Judicial Watch recently [compiled](#) an extensive list of persons Ciaramella met while in the Obama-era White House. That list includes, but is not limited to, Daria Kaleniuk, co-founder and executive director of the Soros-funded Anticorruption Action

Center (AntAC) in Ukraine; Gina Lentine, formerly the Eurasia program coordinator at Soros funded Open Society Foundations; and former Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, who had extensive involvement with Clinton-funded [dossier](#). The logs also reveal that [Alexandra Chalupa](#), a contractor hired by the DNC during the 2016 election who coordinated with Ukrainians to investigate President Trump and his former campaign manager Paul Manafort, visited the White House 27 times.

Thanks to the Obama Spygate scandal and the related abusive impeachment of President Trump, there is significant public interest in Ciaramella's activities. We know he was involved in the Russia collusion investigation, and he was a key CIA operative on Ukraine in the both the Obama and Trump White Houses. Our lawsuits are designed to break through the unprecedented cover-up of his activities.

Happy New Year!

As we enter the New Year in the midst of a constitutional crisis you can be assured that Judicial Watch will remain ever vigilant in our defense of the Constitution and the rule of law.

We will not relent:

- in our [pursuit](#) of the full truth Obama-Clinton CIA/DOJ/FBI/DNC Spygate ring that abused President Trump;
- in [ensuring](#) accountability the coup cabal pursuing abusive impeachment;
- in [revealing](#) the truth about Hillary Clinton's illegal email activities, and
- in [ensuring](#) election integrity.

These matters can seem overwhelming, and, indeed, together they form one of the gravest crises our nation has ever faced.

Let's recall, however, that our country has faced threats before. Each time, strong leaders emerged and patriots followed them to victory.

On Christmas Day 1776, George Washington made the decision to lead his army across the icy Delaware River in the face of a severe snowstorm to attack a British encampment at Trenton, New Jersey. This was a critical decision. Things had not been going well for Washington. He had suffered several significant defeats without any major victories.

The brand new Republic was at stake.

But forward he went. And on December 27, 1776, exactly 243 years ago, he wrote to John Hancock reporting his victory at Trenton. The ice on the river, he wrote, "made me despair of surprizing the Town, as I well knew we could not reach it before the day was fairly broke, but as I was certain there was no making a Retreat without being discovered, and harassed on repassing the River, I determined to push on at all Events."

Of his troops he said: "In justice to the Officers and Men, I must add, that their Behaviour upon this Occasion, reflects the highest honor upon them. The difficulty of passing the River in a very severe Night, and their March thro' a violent Storm of Snow and Hail, did not in the least abate their Ardour."

Just a week before Washington had ordered that a pamphlet written by Thomas Paine be read to all of his soldiers to inspire them. Paine wrote:

These are the times that try men's souls; the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

In this New Year we covenant with you that we are determined to push on and that we will not shrink from service to this country. You can support our essential work [here](#).

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Judicial Watch Sues FBI for Seth Rich Records

I know many Americans remain concerned about the murder of DNC staffer Seth Rich.

We know that the Seth Rich controversy came up in Peter Strzok-Lisa Page [emails](#) we just uncovered. In a heavily redacted August 10, 2016, [email exchange](#), Strzok sends Page a forwarded message from unidentified agents from the FBI's Washington Field Office (WFO) discussing Rich.

A public affairs official whose name was redacted opens the WFO email chain, writing:

Various news outlets are reporting today that Julian Assange suggested during a recent overseas interview that DNC Staffer, Seth Rich was a Wikileaks source, and may have been killed because he leaked the DNC e-mails to his organization, and that Wikileak's was offering \$20,000 for information regarding Rich's death last month. Based on this news, we anticipate additional press coverage on this matter. I hear that you are in class today; however, when you have a moment, can you please give me a call to discuss what involvement the Bureau has in the investigation.

An unidentified WFO agent responds: "I'm aware of this reporting from earlier this week but not any specific involvement in any related case."

An unidentified WFO agent subsequently writes deputy assistant director in the bureau's Counterintelligence Division Jonathan Moffa and Strzok: "Just FYSA. I squashed this with [redacted]".

Strzok then forwards the email chain to Page.

Now, seeking the full truth, we have filed a FOIA lawsuit against the FBI for all records related to [Rich](#), who was the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Voter Expansion Data Director.

Rich, 27, was murdered on July 10, 2016, according to the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia. The DC police [reported](#) that Rich was killed at approximately 4:19 a.m. in the 2100 block of Flagler Place NW, Washington, DC.

No one has been charged in connection with Rich's death. The DC police are offering a \$25,000 [reward](#) for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

We filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after the FBI failed to respond to our July 26, 2019, FOIA request seeking all records related to Rich and his murder ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:20-cv-00385)).

is inexcusable.

How the NIH Bought Fetal Parts for 'Humanized Mice' Testing

As a result of a Judicial Watch [lawsuit](#), we received [676 pages](#) of records from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) showing that the agency paid thousands of dollars to a California-based firm to purchase organs from aborted human fetuses to create "[humanized mice](#)" for HIV research.

In March 2019 we filed a [lawsuit](#) against the Department of Health and Human Services for all contracts and related documentation between the FDA and Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR) for the provision of human fetal tissue to be used in humanized mice research ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department Health and Human Services](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00876)).

The records show that NIH paid at least \$18,100 between December 2016 and August 2018 to Advanced Bioscience Resources (ABR) for livers and thymuses from second trimester aborted fetuses. They include at least 26 such purchases from ABR by Dr. Kim Hasenkrug, [senior investigator](#) at the [NIH lab](#) in Hamilton, Montana.

Purchase orders associated with the transactions state: "These tissues, liver and thymus, are required [by] Ron Messer for ongoing studies of HIV in the Hasenkrug Lab. Our mice will be ready for reconstitution soon."

Beginning with a December 21, 2016, payment to ABR and running through April 2018, the records show that a fetal liver and thymus set costs \$680, and payment was due upon receipt. On May 23, 2018, the cost increased to \$750.

The records also include "Tissue Acquisition Invoices" and sales receipts issued by ABR. Payment was made by credit card.

ABR has been the subject of [criminal referrals](#) from House and Senate committees investigating whether Planned Parenthood or any other entity was illegally profiting from the handling of fetal tissue from aborted babies.

Federal [law](#) regulates the purchase and acceptance of human fetal tissue for research purposes. It is unlawful to knowingly transfer fetal tissue for profit. According to the records, agency officials concluded in March 2018 that: "Federal regulations for the protection of human subjects do not apply to above named activity."

The records include a November 2009 "[Request for Review of Research](#) Activity Involving Human Subjects" with the protocol title "Study of HIV infection and vaccine protection in mice reconstituted with a human immune system" that describes the development of a "cohort" of humanized mice using human fetal tissue:

Recent reports have demonstrated that immunodeficient mice reconstituted with 17-19 week old human fetal tissue develop a human immune system and are susceptible to HIV infection and disease. The goal of this project proposal is to create such humanized mice to study the role of immune cell subsets and virus-neutralizing antibodies in vaccine protection. The experiments will entail the development of a cohort of mice all reconstituted with the same human cells so as to be histocompatible. This will require transplantation of the mice with 1 mm³ pieces of fetal thymus as well as reconstitution with stem cells isolated from cord blood and liver. Once the humanized mice have been established, some will be vaccinated to prime distinct subsets of immune cells. Immune cell subsets from vaccinated mice will be adoptively transferred into naive mice, which will then be infected with HIV to test the antiviral activity of the immune cells. The goal of these experiments is to establish correlates of immunity against HIV.

In an "[Overview](#)" provided by Advanced Bioscience Resources, the firm describes itself as a "non-profit corporate foundation" which is "devoted to providing services in connection with the procurement of human organs and tissues for medical and scientific research."

In Hasenkrug's November 2009 "Request for Review of Research Activity Involving Human Subjects," [he is asked](#): "Where are the subjects of this research activity located?" Hasenkrug answers: "The material for this research is obtained from natural or induced abortions from females in California." Another question is: "Has the research activity that you are

proposing in this form been approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) elsewhere?" Hasenkrug answers: "No IRB review of the research activity ... has taken place."

The records include a November 2009 [email](#) from the deputy director of the Office of Human Subject Research (OHSR) in Bethesda, MD, to Hasenkrug at the NIH lab, approving his research project and instructing him: "Provide documentation that you will not seek the identity of the subjects who have provided the samples you will receive as well as documentation from ABR that under no circumstances will the identity or link to the identifiers of the subjects be released to you." The signature block concluding the email includes the phrase: "The NIH is committed to maintaining the highest stands for the protection of human subjects."

The Advanced Bioscience Resources' "Tissue Acquisition Invoices" are a catalog of horrors. I've detailed them below for you:

On December 21, 2016, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was billed \$680 for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by credit card on January 10, 2017. The "justification" states: "These tissues, liver and thymus, are required [by] Ron Messer for ongoing studies of HIV in Hasenkrug Lab. Our mice will be ready for reconstitution soon."

On January 25, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in February 2017.

On February 8, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on February 15, 2017.

On March 9, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on March 24, 2017.

On March 30, 2017, ABR provided a second trimester thymus and liver to Hasenkrug's lab at no charge due to a "delivery delay." The parts were needed by March 17, 2017 and NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was to have been [charged \\$680](#) but the parts weren't delivered until April 19, 2017.

On April 20, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in May 2017.

On May 17, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on May 19, 2017.

On June 28, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were received on May 30, 2017.

On July 5, 2017, a redacted NIH employee placed an order for a second trimester liver and thymus on behalf of Ron Messer. NIH redacted the price from the email, citing confidential commercial information. However, the \$680 price is included in the [purchase order](#). The tissues were delivered on August 21, 2017.

On August 10, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in September 2017.

On August 24, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in September 2017.

On September 21, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in October 2017.

On October 5, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on October 24, 2017.

On October 26, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in November 2017.

On December 13, 2017, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by credit card on December 22, 2017.

On January 3, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on January 11, 2018.

On January 25, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on January 30, 2018.

On February 7, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on February 16, 2018.

On March 1, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on March 16, 2018.

April 4, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$680](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on April 18, 2018.

On May 23, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$750](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card in June 2018.

On May 31, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$750](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa card on June 26, 2018.

On June 27, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$750](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by credit card and delivered on July 10, 2018.

On August 15, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$750](#) for a second trimester thymus and liver, which were paid for by Visa and delivered on August 23, 2018.

On August 10, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs ordered a second trimester liver and thymus and [paid \\$750](#) by credit card. They were to be delivered on September 10, 2018.

On September 6, 2018, NIH's Rocky Mountain Labs was [billed \\$750](#) for a second trimester liver and thymus, which was paid for by Visa on September 14, 2018.

These records detailing the federal government's purchases of organs of aborted fetuses are the most disturbing I've ever seen in all my time at Judicial Watch. Every responsible official in government – from President Trump to HHS Secretary Azar – should investigate and stop the trafficking of organs of aborted unborn human beings for taxpayer-funded Frankenstein-type experimentation.

Rod Rosenstein's Cozy Communications with Obama Officials and Media

Emails were flying at the DOJ in the days surrounding Rod Rosenstein's appointment of Robert Mueller as a special counsel to go after President Trump.

We have received [382 pages](#) of documents showing former Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein's communications with former Obama officials, including Eric Holder, and information sharing with the media in the days immediately surrounding the inception of the Mueller investigation.

We obtained these documents in response to a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) [lawsuit](#) we filed against the U.S. Department of Justice for all records of communications of Rosenstein between May 8 and May 17, 2017 ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00481)).

Here's some of what we found.

On May 15, 2017, Public Affairs Specialist Marsha Murphy sends Rosenstein [an email](#) with the subject line "Eric Holder just called for you." The message says: "Please call him."

On May 16, 2017, U.S. Attorney John Huber [wrote to](#) Rosenstein: "Rod, We're proud of you." Later that year, Huber [was chosen](#) by then-Attorney General Sessions to head up the Clinton Foundation investigation.

(On May 17, 2017, Rosenstein appointed Robert Mueller [special counsel](#).)

The documents reveal that Rosenstein had communications with Washington Post reporter Sari Horwitz that included multiple off-the-record calls, information sharing, and smoothing over arguments with the DOJ press office.

In an [email exchange](#) on May 12, 2017, with the subject line "Off the record" Horwitz complains to Rosenstein about then-DOJ spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores yelling at her and the Washington Post's national security editor and calling a story of theirs "bullshit." Rosenstein replies, "I will talk to Sarah." Horwitz adds that she is "around all night if [Rosenstein wants] to talk off the record."

In an [email exchange](#) between May 13-16, 2017, Horwitz requests that they speak off the record again. Rosenstein replied by sending her a link to a story about him in [The Baltimore Sun](#).

On May 18, 2017, Horwitz [emails](#) Rosenstein with the subject line, "Urgent" to ask him about President Trump being the focus of an FBI investigation: "The Washington Post has been told by very good sources that President Trump is now a focus of the FBI investigation Can I please talk to you as soon as possible on deep background?"

On May 15, 2017, Rosenstein received [an email](#) from [Katherine Davis](#), likely the *60 Minutes* producer. In it, she states: "I hope you're handling all of this craziness this week. Am sure you are. Much to discuss. FBI finalists. And whether you are considering recusing (hoping not but lmk) Lmk when I can come and visit. Next week? You know where to reach me in the meantime."

In the days surrounding the appointment of Robert Mueller as Special Counsel, Rosenstein received calls from multiple emails of support from former senior Obama administration officials.

On May 12, 2017, Rosenstein received [an email](#) from former Obama Special Counsel [Jonathan Su](#): "Hi Rod: I know there's a lot going on right now, but I wanted to send you a note of support. If there's anything I can do to be of help, please let me know. Hope you hang in there."

On May 13, 2017, he received a similar supportive [email](#) from former Obama White House Deputy Associate Counsel [Mike Leotta](#) with the subject line "Thinking of you and your family." The message says: "I hope you're hanging in there, [redacted] despite all the press attention, attacks, and contradictory claims."

On May 14, 2017, Rosenstein [emailed](#) Judge Brett Kavanaugh for Senior D.C. District Court [Judge John D. Bates](#)' cell phone number, three days before the appointment of Robert Mueller.

On May 16, 2017, Rosenstein received a supportive [email](#) from former Obama Deputy Attorney General, James Cole: "You have the right approach. I always found that if you concentrated on doing your job (protecting the constitution) your reputation takes care of itself."

On May 16, 2017, the day before Mueller was appointed, [scheduling emails](#) indicate that Rosenstein [spoke](#) with both

Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and then-Speaker of the House Paul Ryan (R-WI).

The day after the special counsel appointment, on May 18, 2017, Judge Bates sent [an email](#) to Rosenstein with the subject line "Great move" and the message "Well done."

On May 20, 2017, Rosenstein requests a [phone call](#) with Obama's former Principal Deputy Solicitor General, Neal Katyal, who was also Al Gore's co-counsel in Bush v. Gore and recently published the book, *Impeach: The Case Against Donald Trump*.

These astonishing emails show that Rod Rosenstein had many Obama/Clinton and media friends supporting him around the time he infamously appointed Robert Mueller.

And these records are the latest in Judicial Watch's ongoing investigation into the activities of Rosenstein.

In October 2019, we released Rosenstein's [communications](#) from this lawsuit that included a one-line [email](#) Mueller stating: "The boss and his staff do not know about our discussions", as well as "off the record" emails with major media outlets around the date of Mueller's appointment.

In September 2019, through a separate lawsuit, we released [records](#) from the Department of Justice showing officials' efforts in responding to media inquiries about DOJ/FBI talks allegedly invoking the 25th Amendment to "remove" President Donald Trump from office and Rosenstein offering to wear a "wire" to record his conversations with the president.

Later that month, we uncovered a [two-page memo](#), dated May 16, 2017, by then-Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe detailing how Rosenstein proposed wearing a wire into the Oval Office "to collect additional evidence on the president's true intentions." McCabe wrote that Rosenstein said he thought it was possible because "he was not searched when he entered the White House."

Rosenstein was better than some at covering his tracks, but his career has been swallowed in the sinkhole enveloping all those who crafted the conspiracy to unseat the President.

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Judicial Watch President

Tom Fitton: "Magically, after years, the FBI finds more Clinton emails that show Clinton used text messages for government work, not to mention the continuing flow of classified information transmitted over her unsecure email system."

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"Judicial Watch is going to court to uncover details of the alleged monitoring of President Trump's family, lawyer, and journalists, as ordered by the since-recalled U.S. Ambassador to the Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch." (Judicial Watch President @TomFitton in @wearebreitbart)

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In the News: Iowa Secretary of State, Judicial Watch Spar Over Claim of Voter Over-Registration

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Intelligence Committee that
can be trusted, and
Representative #AdamSchiff
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Jailed

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Investigative Bulletin: De Blasio's Suspect Crime
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Judicial Watch recently announced it filed two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against the United States Department of State relating to Burisma Holdings. The first lawsuit seeks records of communications from the US Embassy in Kyiv related to Burisma. The second lawsuit seeks records related to a January 19, 2016 meeting at the White House that included Ukrainian prosecutors, embassy officials and CIA employee Eric Ciaramella, who reportedly worked on Ukraine issues while on detail to both the Obama and Trump White Houses (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State "These lawsuits could confirm that President Trump had every right to be concerned about Ukraine and Biden corruption – and that the impeachment against him was a shameful attempt to cover up these scandals," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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CREDIBLE Evidence Ilhan Omar Married Her Brother-- 'We're Not Sure Her Last Name is Omar!'

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NEW: A federal case out of south Florida illustrates the perils of a U.S. policy that facilitates the entry of illegal immigrants with children over those traveling alone.

The matter involves a Guatemalan national who obtained false documents in his impoverished Central American country to claim a 12-year-old boy as his son.

The 35-year-old illegal alien, Walfre Eliseo Camposeco-Montejo, and his fake son were released by federal authorities as a family unit and remained free until the boy escaped.

Camposeco-Montejo eventually pled guilty to providing and obtaining forced labor, alien smuggling and unlawfully transporting aliens. This month he was sentenced to eight years in prison for labor trafficking a minor.

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**Tom Fitton: Hillary
Clinton Claims She
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FBI Shuts Online Public Records Operation Over Coronavirus, Encourages Standard
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FARRELL: Epidemics And National
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Twitter

#HillaryClinton is not above the law, yet she has a record of contempt for the rule of law. Our leaders are bound by the rule of law, so Clinton must be held accountable. Sign Judicial Watch's petition now to demand that Hillary Clinton answer for her corruption! Sign here: <http://jwatch.us/VTNo>

Twitter

BREAKING: Judicial Watch released 80 pages of new emails recently found by the FBI that further document how former SecState #HillaryClinton used her unsecure, non-government email to transmit classified and other sensitive government information (1/3).

Instagram

President @realDonaldTrump retweeted Judicial Watch! The retweet was about Hillary Clinton asking the Court of Appeals to overturn a court order granting Judicial Watch's request for depositions about Clinton's emails & Benghazi attack records. Read:<http://jwatch.us/EuMEYY>



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Tom Fitton on
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Judicial Watch, &
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Corruption Chronicles: Crappy Toilets on Navy's Multi-Billion-Dollar Warships Cost \$400,000 a Flush to
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Investigative Bulletin: Hillary's Emails & Benghazi—Inside Judicial Watch's Landmark Legal
Battle

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Ukrainian authorities have launched a criminal investigation into an HIV nonprofit that receives huge sums of money from the U.S. government as well as leftwing billionaire George Soros.

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President @realDonaldTrump retweeted @TomFitton! The retweets were about @TomFitton discussing the #Coronavirus and its impact on the U.S.



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Corruption Chronicles: In 2019 Over 90% of Illegal Aliens Arrested in U.S. Had Criminal Convictions, Pending Charges

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NewsLink: JW Sues for Comms Among Clapper, Brennan & CNN

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NewsReleaseAlert

Dear Supporter,

I want to share with you an astonishing press release that was just sent to members of the media. Judicial Watch's request to depose Hillary Clinton has been granted by U.S. District Court Judge Lamberth. As always, Judicial Watch is fighting on your behalf in Washington D.C. against government corruption and abuse. Thank you for standing with Judicial Watch during this constitutional crisis.

Sincerely,
Amelia Koehn
Public Affairs Coordinator

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: 202-646-5188

March 02, 2020

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Court: 'It is Time to Hear Directly from Secretary Clinton'

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Additionally, the court granted Judicial Watch's request to subpoena Google for relevant documents and records associated with Clinton's emails during her tenure at the State Department.

The ruling comes in Judicial Watch's [lawsuit](#) that seeks records concerning "talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack" ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). Judicial Watch famously uncovered in 2014 that the "talking points" that provided the basis for Susan Rice's false statements were [created by](#) the Obama White House. This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.

In December 2018, Judge Lamberth first [ordered discovery](#) into whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to Judicial Watch's request. The court also authorized discovery into whether the Benghazi controversy motivated the cover-up of Clinton's email. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government

transparency." The State and Justice Departments continued to defend Clinton's and the agency's email conduct.

Judge Lamberth today overruled Clinton's and the State and Justice Department's objections to limited additional discovery by first noting:

Discovery up until this point has brought to light a noteworthy amount of relevant information, but Judicial Watch requests an additional round of discovery, and understandably so. With each passing round of discovery, the Court is left with more questions than answers.

Additionally, Judge Lamberth said that he is troubled by the fact that both the State Department and Department of Justice want to close discovery in this case:

[T]here is still more to learn. Even though many important questions remain unanswered, the Justice Department inexplicably still takes the position that the court should close discovery and rule on dispositive motions. The Court is especially troubled by this. To argue that the Court now has enough information to determine whether State conducted an adequate search is preposterous, especially when considering State's deficient representations regarding the existence of additional Clinton emails. Instead, the Court will authorize a new round of discovery ...

With respect to Clinton, the court found that her prior testimony, mostly through written sworn answers, was not sufficient:

The Court has considered the numerous times in which Secretary Clinton said she could not recall or remember certain details in her prior interrogatory answers. In a deposition, it is more likely that plaintiff's counsel could use documents and other testimony to attempt to refresh her recollection. And so, to avoid the unsatisfying and inefficient outcome of multiple rounds of fruitless interrogatories and move this almost six-year-old case closer to its conclusion, Judicial Watch will be permitted to clarify and further explore Secretary Clinton's answers in person and immediately after she gives them. The Court agrees with Judicial Watch – it is time to hear directly from Secretary Clinton.

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JUDICIAL WATCH VICTORY: FEDERAL COURT ORDERS MARYLAND TO PRODUCE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST DATA TO JUDICIAL WATCH

(Washington, DC) – Judicial Watch announced today that a federal court has ordered the State of Maryland to produce voter list data for Montgomery County, the state’s biggest county. The court ruling comes in the Judicial Watch lawsuit filed July 18, 2017, against Montgomery County and the Maryland State Boards of Elections under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (NVRA).

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The death of financier and alleged sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein in a high-security federal jail cell in Manhattan has lit up social media with conspiracy theories. Was it murder? Suicide?

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Judicial Watch: New DOJ Docs Show Nellie Ohr Sent DOJ/FBI Anti-Trump Russia Dossier Materials Through Her Husband Bruce Ohr

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch today released 330 pages of Justice Department documents showing Bruce Ohr, who was demoted from his position as U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General in December 2017, discussing information obtained through his wife Nellie Ohr. This information included anti-Trump dossier materials, including a spreadsheet that tries to link President Trump to dozens of Russians.

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FARRELL: Epstein's Impossible Death Damaged The Legitimacy Of Our Criminal Justice System

Daily Caller

Jeffrey Epstein's death in custody on federal sex trafficking charges has unleashed a torrent of speculation about exactly what happened.

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Tom Fitton On New Ohr Docs: Fbi Knew That Christopher Steele Was 'Desperate' To Stop Trump

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Judicial Watch Gets Ohr 302S, Fbi Leaks Scandal Exposed, & Jw Takes On Anti-Trump Ca Law

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: New FBI/DOJ docs detail Clinton agent Nellie Ohr's laundering of Russia smears of @realDonaldTrump -- coup "files" exposed!

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Nellie Ohr funneled anti-Trump smears to her husband's underlings in the DOJ, who were running an illicit spy operation against President @realDonaldTrump. Nellie Ohr is obviously a key figure in the Clinton-DNC-Fusion GPS spy ring.

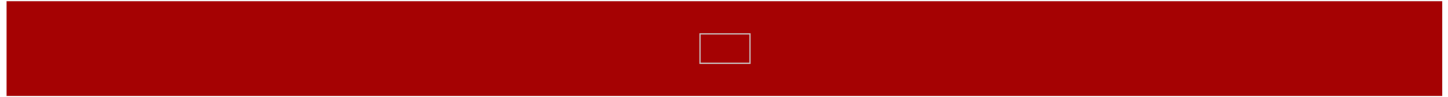
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The company, Hormuud Telecommunications, was created and is operated by Ahmed Nur Ali Jim’ale, a chief financier of al-Shabaab, an east African-based jihadist group that serves as Al Qaeda’s affiliate in Somalia.

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JUDICIAL WATCH FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST SANTA CLARA COUNTY SANCTUARY POLICY

Santa Clara County Board Policy 3.54(B) requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to obtain a "judicial arrest warrant" in order for the county to transfer custody of an alien. Federal law however does not require "judicial arrest warrants" for federal authorities to detain aliens, especially for those who had been incarcerated or arrested by local authorities.

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Court Gives JW New Clinton Email Discovery, Anti-Trump Coup Exposed in Comey/IG Report, & New #SpyGate Update!

Court Grants Significant New Discovery in Clinton Email Case

We have won a significant victory in our pursuit of the truth about Hillary Clinton's misuse of official email and the Deep State's efforts to cover it up.

A federal judge [granted](#) us seven additional depositions, three interrogatories and four document requests related to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private, unauthorized email server.

Hillary Clinton and her former top aide and current lawyer Cheryl Mills were given 30 days to oppose being deposed by Judicial Watch ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

The court rejected Justice and State Department arguments to protect Mrs. Clinton and the agencies from additional discovery and ordered agency lawyers to respond to our questions about their knowledge of the Clinton email issue. The court granted all of our requested discovery but gave Clinton and Mills 30 days to file any opposition to the requests to question them in person under oath.

The new court-ordered discovery allows us to take testimony and gather evidence of Clinton's handling of emails, specifically in an "after action memo" drafted by Heather Samuelson, Clinton's senior advisor at State and White House liaison. The memo was created in December 2014 to memorialize the Clinton team's processing of the Clinton emails. The discovery also asks when Justice and State Department attorneys learned about Clinton's private email use; and what senior records-keeping officials at the State Department knew about Clinton's emails and when they knew it.

This past Friday, we submitted the [document request](#) to Hillary Clinton's attorneys for the "after action memo" that Samuelson created.

The court specifically raised concerns about a Clinton [email cache](#) recently discussed in a letter to Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and wants Judicial Watch to "shake the tree" on this issue.

We uncovered the Clinton email scandal and we just found more evidence that raises further questions about the cover-up – which is why the court allowed us to pursue more leads and potentially question Mrs. Clinton under oath. As ordered by the court, we will continue to "shake the tree" on the Clinton email issue. It is shameful that the Justice and State Departments oppose our efforts and are still trying to provide cover for Hillary Clinton.

Additionally, on Friday, August 23, Judicial Watch submitted interrogatories to [Department of Justice attorney Robert Prince](#) to find out when he learned about the State Department requesting and receiving emails and federal records from

Clinton and to the [State Department](#) to identify officials and documents that have been uncovered, but not identified. We also submitted a [document request](#) to the State Department for records reviewed in response to Gawker's 2013 FOIA request for communications from Hillary Clinton's email accounts sent to Sidney Blumenthal.

Here is some background.

On December 6, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Lamberth [ordered](#) Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

The court ordered discovery into three specific areas: whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to our request.

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- Heather Samuelson, Clinton's White House liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, [admitted](#) under oath that she was granted immunity by the Department of Justice in June 2016.
- Justin Cooper, former aide to President Bill Clinton and Clinton Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure [clintonemail.com](#) server that Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State, [testified](#) he worked with Huma Abedin, Clinton's deputy chief of staff, to create the non-government email system.
- In the [interrogatory responses](#) of E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, he stated that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.
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- Eric Boswell, former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security during Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, [testified](#) that Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerrys and personal emails to transmit classified material.

It is staggering that the current Justice Department still goes to such lengths to hide her behavior. Rest assured that Judicial Watch will continue to fight for the truth.

New IG Report Confirms Comey Crimes but DOJ Drops Ball

As you have no doubt heard, the Office of the Inspector General for the U. S. Department of Justice has released [its report](#) on former FBI Director James Comey's mishandling of his memos. It detailed Comey's abuses of law and FBI policy. Nevertheless, the department has decided not to prosecute.

The IG report confirms that Mr. Comey improperly kept FBI files on President Trump at his home and that he illicitly leaked these FBI files to the *New York Times* to advance his personal agenda of getting a Special Counsel appointed to target President Trump. Comey also misled both the FBI and Congress about his handling of these documents. On top of all of that, in violation of law, he kept and disclosed classified information.

It is beyond belief that the Justice Department refused to prosecute Comey for his series of crimes, to include a seditious conspiracy targeting President Trump. It is going to be up to us to obtain full justice and full accountability for this terrible misconduct that goes to the heart of our justice system.

Judicial Watch recently [uncovered](#) through a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit documents that detail that the FBI had to go to Comey's home to retrieve classified and other FBI files on President Trump.

(You can also see my Tucker Carlson preview of the Comey report (and the pending decision on whether to prosecute Andrew McCabe) [here](#).)

JW Takes on Another Dangerous Sanctuary Policy in California

We have already reported to you that we are pursuing a taxpayer lawsuit against [San Francisco's](#) illegal immigrant sanctuary policies. We're scheduled to go to trial in 2020.

Now we are also suing the County of Santa Clara, California, in Superior Court to overturn a policy that protects aliens in the county's custody from removal proceedings by federal immigration authorities.

Our suit on behalf of Howard Myers, a Santa Clara taxpayer, is against Laurie Smith, sheriff of Santa Clara County and Carl Neusel, acting chief of correction of Santa Clara County ([Howard A. Myers v. Laurie Smith et al.](#) (No. 19-CV-353510)).

Santa Clara County Board Policy 3.54(B) requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to obtain a "judicial arrest warrant" in order for the county to transfer custody of an alien. Federal law however does not require "judicial arrest warrants" for federal authorities to detain aliens, especially for those who had been incarcerated or arrested by local authorities.

We are asking the court to grant an injunction against the sanctuary policy because:

- It is an "illegal local regulation of immigration;"
- It is "preempted by federal law;" and
- It is "barred by the doctrine of intergovernmental immunity," which prevents a state from intruding on the federal government's sovereignty.

Here is the horrific story behind our lawsuit.

On February 28, 2019, [Bambi Larson](#), a Santa Clara County resident, was murdered inside her San Jose home. According to court documents, she suffered extensive and deep wounds consistent with a cutting tool. A few weeks later, Carlos Arevalo-Carranza was arrested and charged with Larson's murder. Arevalo-Carranza reportedly had multiple, prior convictions in Santa Clara County, including a conviction for burglary in 2015, convictions for battery of an officer, resisting arrest, and entering a property in 2016, and a conviction for false imprisonment in 2017.

He also reportedly had multiple, prior arrests in 2015-2018 in both Santa Clara County and Los Angeles County, including arrests for possession of drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine, prowling, and false identification. At the time of Larson's death, Arevalo-Carranza reportedly was on probation for possession of drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine, false imprisonment, and burglary.

ICE officials had sent six separate requests to Santa Clara County, when Arevalo-Carranza was about to be released from its custody, asking that he be detained long enough for federal immigration officials to take him into custody for removal proceedings. Each request was ignored because of Santa Clara County's sanctuary policies.

In March 2019, San Jose officials [reportedly](#) "criticized so-called sanctuary policies they say prevented federal authorities from detaining a gang member in the country illegally before he allegedly killed a woman." The murderer was a, "self-admitted gang member," with a "long criminal history in the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles spanning five years."

Sanctuary policies are illegal and deadly. We have been a leader (and often the only) legal opponent to sanctuary policies that ignore federal and state laws concerning immigration at the expense of the public's safety, the rule of law, and our

national security. Our new taxpayer lawsuit simply seeks to stop tax dollars from being spent on a sanctuary policy that harms public safety and undermines the rule of law.

Chris Farrell to Host “On Watch” on the One America News Network

One America News will broadcast a special edition of “Chris Farrell’s On Watch” with an expert panel on this Saturday and Sunday at 5 pm ET.

Chris’s special guest this week is Senior Judicial Watch Attorney Ramona Cotca, who will bring us up to date on our recent victory in a lawsuit seeking answers to questions surrounding former Secretary Clinton’s email server. Was the non-government server intended to stymie the Freedom of Information Act? Did the State Department’s first attempt to settle this case amount to “bad faith?” And has the State Department – to this day – adequately searched for records?

Also joining the show is Senior Attorney Robert Popper, who heads up our Election Integrity Project. He will provide updates on our victories in Los Angeles and Kentucky in our fight to clean up voter rolls.

Check for show times in your area: <https://www.oann.com/wheretowatch/>

You’ll see from my colleagues Chris, Ramona, and Bob why Judicial Watch is so successful. These experienced professionals and the rest of the Judicial Watch team are part of the secret to our success to holding the government accountable to the rule of law.

Until next week ...

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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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Judicial Watch: Federal Judge Orders FBI to Search for Steele Documents

Judicial Watch recently announced that U.S. District Court Judge Christopher Cooper ordered the FBI to conduct a search within 60 days for records of communications with former British spy and dossier author Christopher Steele post-dating Steele’s service as an FBI confidential source. In ordering the supplemental search for records, Judge Cooper held:

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Judge Slams State/DOJ on Clinton Email Cover-Up!

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We just released the [transcript](#) of a major court [hearing](#) (held last week) in which U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth [granted](#) significant new discovery to us on the Clinton email issue ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

During the hearing, Judge Lamberth specifically raised concerns about a Clinton [email cache](#) recently discussed in a letter to Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and wants us to "[shake this tree](#)" on this issue.

[J]ust last week, the Senate's – Senate Finance and Homeland Security Committees released documents revealing that Clinton IT aide Paul Combetta copied all but four of the missing emails to a Gmail account that does not appear to have ever been reconstructed and searched. The court thinks Judicial Watch ought to shake this tree.

Judge Lamberth also [criticized](#) the State Department's handling and production of Clinton's emails in this case stating, "There is no FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] exemption for political expedience, nor is there one for bureaucratic incompetence."

In the beginning of their oral arguments, lawyers for the State Department wrongfully stated that we could no longer continue their discovery. The court [stopped their arguments](#) stone cold:

STATE DEPARTMENT: ... it is, of course, Judicial Watch's burden to explain to Your Honor why there has been good cause to reopen discovery now that discovery has closed in this case.

THE COURT: Well, I didn't close discovery. So your premise is wrong.

STATE DEPARTMENT: Fair enough, Your Honor. Whether you want to call it closed or not, it is still —

THE COURT: I didn't close it. I said I would have a status after they took this initial discovery, and that's what I'm doing today. I didn't close discovery.

STATE DEPARTMENT: That's right, Your Honor, but it is still Judicial Watch's —

THE COURT: So they don't need any good cause —

STATE DEPARTMENT: Whether

THE COURT: — Today the good cause continues from whether or not State was acting in good faith, and I'll tell you everything they've discovered in this period raises serious questions about what the hell the State Department's doing here.

The Court also rejected DOJ and State's efforts to derail further Judicial Watch discovery. Judge Lamberth called their

arguments "preposterous" and cited a prior Judicial Watch FOIA case in which he ordered U.S. Marshals to [seize records](#) from a Clinton administration official in a separate Judicial Watch lawsuit:

I'll tell you another thing. I didn't like in your brief. I'll tell you right now upfront. You put in your brief the most preposterous thing, I thought, in your brief was the very idea that — let me read you the line. Competitive Enterprise Institute was a case of first impression and that some District Judge bought that and the Court of Appeals reversed it. Now, that wasn't a case of first impression at all. The first impression with me was a case I had involving Ron Brown and the travel records of whether or not, in the Commerce Department — and it was a Judicial Watch case — whether or not the Commerce Department was selling seats on trade missions, and I had a Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce who took a box of records home and then they gave a no-records response and, in the course of that, I found out he had taken the records home and they said they had no records. I sent marshals over and they got the box at his house, and I ordered them — the marshals — to seize the records. That was the first case.

The judge also stated that the government has mishandled this case and the discovery of information including former Secretary Clinton's emails so poorly that we may have the ability to prove they acted in "bad faith," which would entitle Judicial Watch to attorney's fees.

Judge Lamberth detailed how the State Department "spent three months from November 2014 trying to make this case disappear," and that after discovering the State Department's actions and omissions, "Now we know more, but we have even [more questions](#) than answers. So I won't hold it against Judicial Watch for expanding their initial discovery request now."

Judge Lamberth stated his goal was to [restore the public's faith](#) in their government:

When I authorized discovery back in December, I described my goal: to rule out egregious government misconduct and vindicate the public's faith in the State and Justice Departments. That's still my goal today. This isn't a case I relish, but it's the case before me now, and it's a case of the government's making."

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Below is the court's ruling from the bench granting us significant new discovery:

First, let me clarify the Government's misunderstanding. We're not reopening discovery here. Discovery never closed. Back in January, I said, quote, The Government will — the Court will hold a post-discovery hearing to ascertain the adequacy of State's searches; to determine if Judicial Watch needs to depose additional witnesses, including Hillary Clinton or her former Chief of Staff, Cheryl Mills; and to schedule dispositive motions, unquote. So June 19th was a checkpoint, not a finish line. And whether Judicial Watch previously knew about some of the other individuals it now wants to depose is beside the point. They tailored their initial discovery request to the facts and questions then before the Court.

Now we know more, but we have even more questions than answers. So I won't hold it against Judicial Watch for expanding their initial discovery request now.

Remember what got us started down this path in the first place. In late 2014 and early 2015, at least some State Department officials knew Secretary Clinton's emails were missing; they knew Judicial Watch didn't know that; they knew the Court didn't know that, but the Department pressed forward trying to settle this case. So, I authorized discovery into whether these settlement efforts amounted to bad faith.

Now, the Government says, quote, there is simply no factual basis to justify any further discovery on that subject, unquote, but Judicial Watch's most recent submission lays out the following:

It appears that in the middle of 2013, State's Office of Information and Program Services launched an inquiry into Clinton's email practices.

It appears that in August 2013, that office directed FOIA responders to stop issuing, quote, no record located, unquote, responses to FOIA requests for Clinton's emails.

It appears that by the summer of 2014, State knew a large volume of Clinton's emails had never been searched, potentially violating FOIA and record management obligations. It turns out State had a standing meeting every Wednesday afternoon during the summer of 2014 to discuss Clinton-related FOIA inquiries. Attendees included Secretary Kerry's Chief of Staff; his Deputy Chief of Staff; the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources; the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs; several attorneys; and Patrick Kennedy, the Under Secretary for Management. That's every Wednesday afternoon.

It appears that in August 2014, State began planning for media investigations into Clinton's emails.

It appears that in November 2014, State told Judicial Watch it performed a legally adequate search and tried to settle. In fact, I think, in my original opinion on authorizing discovery, I noted that State had given a draft Vaughn index to Judicial Watch at that time. I don't think I have ever seen that, but I think it was given to I think, in my opinion, I said that it had been given to Judicial Watch. Indeed, State spent the next three months from November 2014 trying to make this case disappear. They kept doing it even after they came into the possession of Clinton's emails.

Judicial Watch wants to follow up with the State attorney assigned to this FOIA request to participate in settlement discussions and negotiations. That seems reasonable to me.

[Judicial Watch] wants to ask the Department official responsible for overseeing FOIA requests more about why he directed his office to stop using "no record located" responses to FOIA requests relating to Clinton's emails if that, in fact, is what happened. I'm curious, too.

They want to ask the current Department FOIA overseer more about what went on in those weekly 2014 meetings. I look forward to hearing what he says.

They want to ask the Justice Department attorney who led the settlement negotiations to divulge when he learned Clinton's emails were missing. He must answer.

Another reason we had this initial discovery was to see if Secretary Clinton intentionally attempted to evade FOIA by using a private email. When Judicial Watch deposed the Deputy Director who oversaw State's FOIA responses, he recalled an instance when in — his office found an email from Clinton's private account and the Public Affairs team said, Remember, you're not supposed to use that email. How can you spin that?

I agree with Judicial Watch that it's worth deposing the State Department records officer who personally reviewed archiving procedures with Secretary Clinton and her departing staff to see what they discussed.

I also think Judicial Watch is justified to seek more information about how Secretary Clinton ultimately determined which emails were public records and which were private.

The final reason I authorized discovery was to determine whether State adequately searched for records responsive to Judicial Watch's FOIA request. Now the Government seeks to duck behind an unpublished D.C. Circuit opinion from 2018 holding the Government has already taken every reasonable action under the Federal Records Act to retrieve Clinton's 30,000 missing emails and no imaginable enforcement action could recover any more.

But just last week, the Senate's — Senate Finance and Homeland Security Committees released documents revealing Clinton IT aide Paul Combetta copied all but four of the missing emails to a Gmail account that does not appear to have ever been reconstructed and searched. The Court thinks Judicial Watch ought to shake this tree.

And the Court agrees with Judicial Watch that it should talk to three never-before-deposed State officials who raised concerns about Clinton's private email use all the way back to 2009.

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The Government also tries to say this Court [sic] is — no longer — or no longer presents a live controversy. This is wrong. Judicial Watch can still obtain fees if they prove agency bad faith.

I'll close with this. When I authorized discovery back in December, I described my goal: to rule out egregious government misconduct and vindicate the public's faith in the State and Justice Departments. That's still my goal today. This isn't a case I relish, but it's the case before me now, and it's a case of the government's making.

The Court authorizes Judicial Watch to take the additional discovery described in its status report, except for deposing Secretary Clinton and her Chief of Staff, Cheryl Mills. I will give their attorneys 30 days to file any additional opposition to their depositions and 10 days thereafter for Judicial Watch to file any reply, and I'll issue a separate ruling on that. Otherwise, the discovery should go forward and all of it should be completed by December 13th. A status will be held on December 19th at 10:00 a.m. to set a further schedule in this case.

We uncovered new information about the Clinton email scandal that a federal court agrees requires more answers. We share the court's annoyance with DOJ lawyers who continue to defend the indefensible. It is beyond disturbing that the State and Justice Departments would continue to try to protect Hillary Clinton and cover up her email scandal. President Trump should order the agencies to cooperate in uncovering the truth.

The new discovery comes in our July 2014 FOIA [lawsuit](#) filed after the U.S. Department of State failed to respond to a May 13, 2014, request for:

- Copies of any updates and/or talking points given to Ambassador Rice by the White House or any federal agency concerning, regarding, or related to the September 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.
- Any and all records or communications concerning, regarding, or relating to talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack given to Ambassador Rice by the White House or any federal agency.

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We are, of course, grateful that a federal judge sees through the charade perpetrated by these high-ranking officials. I'll be sure to update as the case continues to progress.

Virginia's Lieutenant Governor Clams Up on Assault Allegations

Politicians like to retreat inside their shells when they're accused of wrongdoing but the law, thankfully, requires transparency to help ensure the truth comes out.

We filed a Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against Lt. Governor Justin Fairfax and his office for documents about rape allegations against Fairfax ([Judicial Watch et al. v. Justin E. Fairfax et al.](#) (No. 2019 11833)).

We asked for the records in June 2019, but the Lt. Governor's office refused to release them, describing them as "working papers" and "personnel records" exempt from disclosure.

In February 2019, two women accused Lt. Governor Fairfax of sexual assault and rape. Dr. Vanessa C. Tyson, a professor at Scripps College, [accused](#) Fairfax of sexually assaulting her at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston, and Meredith Watson [accused](#) Fairfax of raping her while attending Duke University with him in 2000.

After the women came forward, Fairfax's policy director Adele McClure [resigned](#), and Fairfax himself [stepped down](#) from his position at the international law firm Morrison & Foerster LLP..

It speaks volumes that Lt. Governor Fairfax refuses to produce even one document about his handling of the rape allegations against him.

Ilhan Omar Declares Support for Terrorist Financier

Ilhan Omar, a freshman Democrat congressman from Minnesota, has been in the news recently – for all the wrong reasons. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog has the latest astonishing [details](#).

A controversial Minnesota congresswoman known for racially inflammatory anti-Semitic views has publicly declared her support for a terrorist organization in her native Somalia. Democrat Ilhan Omar is demanding that a telecommunications company founded and operated by a renowned terrorist financier, receive protection from that country's government and peacekeeping forces. An Israeli-based newspaper broke the story a few days ago, but the American mainstream media has been notably silent on the matter.

The company, Hormuud Telecommunications, was created and is operated by Ahmed Nur Ali Jim'ale, a chief financier of al-Shabaab, an east African-based jihadist group that serves as Al Qaeda's affiliate in Somalia. In her social media account, Omar writes that Somalia's government and peacekeeping forces need to protect Hormuud and the Somali telecom industry as they make enormous contributions to the economy and provide vital services. "During my visit to Somalia in 2011, I was surprised by the quick evolution of technology in Somalia," Omar posts, indirectly praising the telecom firm with terrorist ties. The Israeli article includes the links to a pair of United Nations Security Council reports documenting Hormuud's direct support for al-Shabaab.

According to the first U.N. [report](#): "Ali Ahmed Nur Jim'ale (Jim'ale) has served in leadership roles with the former Somali Council of Islamic Courts, also known as the Somali Islamic Courts Union, which was a radical-Islamist element. The most radical elements of the Somali Islamic Courts Union eventually formed the group known as al-Shabaab." The document also identifies Jim'ale, a prominent businessman who controls

Hormuud, as one of al-Shabab's chief financiers. "Hormuud Telecommunications is a company identified as

being one of the single largest financiers of al-Shabaab, which includes large lump sum payments to al-Shabaab in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and these payments to al-Shabaab were facilitated by Jim'ale," the U.N. report says, adding that "Hormuud Telecommunications has provided key material and logistical support to al-Shabaab to include weapons, private fighters, and ammunition."

The second U.N. Security Council [report](#), published last year, links a terror attack that killed hundreds in 2017 to Hormuud. The event is described as the deadliest terror attack in Somalia's history, carried out with a large vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. "Two employees of the principal Somali telecommunications provider, Hormuud Telecom Somalia Inc., were also prosecuted in connection with the attack, for facilitating the entry of the large vehicle-borne improvised explosive device through the Sinka Dheere checkpoint on the outskirts of Mogadishu," according to the U.N. report.

Considering this documented history of terrorist activity, it's outrageous that Hormuud is endorsed by a member of the United States Congress. Omar has been plagued by controversy since becoming one of the first—along with Michigan Democrat Rashida Tlaib—Muslim women elected to Congress. The mainstream media has praised the legislators for being part of a ["historic freshmen class with more women and minorities than ever."](#) The reality is that there is more than enough credible information for the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to open criminal investigations into Omar. Back in July Judicial Watch filed an [ethics complaint](#) with the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Congressional Ethics calling for a full investigation into potential crimes tied to allegations that Omar may have married her biological brother.

In the complaint Judicial Watch documents substantial, compelling and unrefuted evidence that Omar may have committed the following crimes in violation of both federal law and Minnesota state law: perjury, immigration fraud, marriage fraud, state and federal tax fraud and federal student loan fraud. At the very least, such violations constitute a breach of the Code of Ethics for Government Service which subject officeholders to a higher standard.

I encourage you to share your views in Rep. Omar's ethics issues with your congressmen. You can reach them at 202-225-3121.

Until next week ...

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FBI Notes On Clinton Emails Go Missing

Given the FBI's repeated intransigence over the years in responding to our FOIA requests, I'm not of a mind to assume this story represents simply an innocent mistake.

The FBI has released [277 pages](#) of redacted records that show the FBI failed to produce information from an August 2015 meeting with Intelligence Community Inspector General about Hillary Clinton's email server. The FBI claimed that notes are "missing" and the CD containing notes from meeting is likely "damaged" irreparably.

The records, which were posted on the FBI's website, are the 32nd release of documents in response to our 2016 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit, [Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice \(No. 1:16-cv-02046\)](#). We filed the [lawsuit](#) after the Justice Department failed to comply with a July 7, 2016, FOIA request for:

- All FD-302 forms prepared pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's investigation of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail server during her tenure.
- All records of communications between any agent, employee, or representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding, concerning, or related to the aforementioned investigation. This request includes, but is not limited to, any related communications with any official, employee, or representative of the Department of Justice, the Executive Office of the President, the Democratic National Committee, and/or the presidential campaign of Hillary Clinton.
- All records related to the meeting between Attorney General Lynch and former President Bill Clinton on June 27, 2016.

Included in the documents are February 2019 FBI [electronic communications](#) documenting the damaged CD and the missing notes from the August 3, 2015, meeting between FBI special agents and the ICIG about Clinton's server:

For reference, Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] have been gathering and copying materials from the captioned case located in the Washington Field Office (WFO) CI-13 Workbox in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) tasking from Information Management Division (IMD; formerly known as Records Management Division).

On or about February 6, 2019, SAs [redacted] opened [redacted]-CYBER-1A27, which contained a CD with a crack on it (a damaged CD). SA [redacted] attempted to copy the damaged CD at the WFO Computer Analysis Response Team (CART) self-service area, but was not able to do so. SA [redacted] spoke with FBI information technology specialists on the ground floor of WFO regarding the damaged CD, who indicated it was unlikely the CD could be copied.

The electronic communication regarding the missing ["Notes from Meeting"](#) says:

On or about February 4, 2016, Special Agents (SAs) [redacted] attempted to locate [redacted] 1A4, described as "Notes from Meeting" acquired by [redacted] (see referenced serial). The SAs looked through all case materials in the CI-13 file and workbox area, however they were not able to locate this item.

SA [redacted] inquired with Supervisory Intelligence Analyst (SIA) [redacted] regarding the item, as he was previously the IA assigned to the case. SIA [redacted] contacted [redacted] regarding the item, who indicated he remembered handing over his case notes to SA [redacted] (see attached email).

On February 6, 2019, SA [redacted] contacted SA [redacted] regarding the notes. SA [redacted] explained he documented all relevant case materials before leaving the case and did not retain any notes or other case materials.

As such, WFO CI-13 considers the item missing and will enclose this document into 1A4 as a placeholder until the missing item is located.

The [email](#) referred to in the electronic communication on the missing "Notes from Meeting" reads as follows:

From: [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
CC: [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]
Subject: RE: MYE Serial #??
Date: Tuesday, February 05, 2019 10:43:14 AM

I actually remember turning over my original notes for the file for this (it was right at the beginning of the case). I gave them to [redacted] who was running the file then. The only question will be whether or not I kept a copy for myself. I'll look and see what I have.

Republican Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX) said during [a hearing](#) with Strzok that in 2015 ICIG investigator Fred Rucker advised Strzok of an "anomaly" on Hillary Clinton's emails going through the private server. The forensic analysis found that all of those emails except four – over 30,000 – "were going to an address that was not on the distribution list." It was later [reported](#) that it was a "Chinese state-owned company" that hacked Clinton's server. The ICIG referred the Clinton email investigation to the FBI on [July 6, 2015](#), just under a month before the meeting for which the notes were "lost."

The document production contains [emails](#) between Justin Cooper (the former close aide to Bill Clinton, who helped set up Hillary Clinton's email system) and Huma Abedin regarding an attempted breach of the Clinton email server. On January 9, 2011, Cooper emailed Abedin: "I had to shut down the server Someone was trying to hack us and while they did not get in i didnt [sic] want to let them have the chance to. I will restart it in the morning." Despite Abedin's having explicitly warned Sullivan and Mills that Clinton's unsecure non-government server had been attacked, the documents contain [handwritten FBI notes](#) of Abedin's 2016 FBI interview in which she told agents she didn't recall any hacking attempts.

The Obama FBI was frantic to target then-candidate Trump while magically losing or destroying important evidence in the sham investigation of Hillary Clinton's illicit email system. This new information underscores the need for a fresh, unbiased investigation into the Clinton email scandal.

In a related case, we recently obtained [documents](#) from the DOJ showing that on August 5, 2016 – a month after Comey's [exoneration](#) of Clinton – FBI officials Lisa Page and Peter Strzok and Jonathan Moffa were notified by a FBI assistant general counsel from the national security law branch that several FBI 302 interview reports were in need of processing:

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weekend.

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Additionally, we recently filed [a lawsuit](#) against the Office of the Director of National Intelligence for details of a meeting with the FBI regarding national security threats associated with former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's "private" email system.

As you can see, Judicial Watch is the nation's leader in exposing the corrupt FBI cover-up of the Hillary Clinton email scandal and concurrent illegal targeting of President Trump. And there is more to come.

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Bruce Ohr Received Big Bonus During Russiagate and Pay Raise AFTER He Was Demoted

We have some incredible new documents that show the DOJ gave substantial extra income one of the most controversial Russiagate perps – DOJ official Bruce Ohr.

Today, we released Justice Department [documents](#) showing that Bruce Ohr received \$42,520 in performance bonuses during the Trump/Russia investigation. In fact, his bonus nearly doubled from \$14,520 (received in November 2015) to \$28,000 in November 2016.

This revelation came in Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50) and Request for Personnel Action (SF-52) forms that we requested under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The documents show that on November 13, 2016, Ohr was given a performance award of \$28,000. This was during the time of his deep involvement in the highly controversial Justice Department surveillance of the Trump presidential campaign. The bonus was nearly double the \$14,250 performance award he was given on November 29, 2015.

Bruce Ohr was married to Nellie Ohr of Fusion GPS and was removed because of his [conflict of interest](#) and role as [conduit](#) for Fusion GPS material. The documents show that Ohr was removed from his position as Associate Deputy Attorney General on December 6, 2017. On January 7, 2018, Ohr was reassigned from his position of director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and shifted to Counselor for International Affairs in the Department of Justice Criminal Division. Ohr received a \$2,600 pay increase.

These documents will raise questions as to whether the conflicted Bruce Ohr, who the FBI used to launder information from Christopher Steele, was rewarded for his role in the illicit targeting of President Trump.

We have five current lawsuits pursuing information on Bruce Ohr's complex entanglement in the festering coup attempt.

One of our FOIA lawsuits [recently produced](#) information from the DOJ showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Kathleen Kavalec and Bruce Ohr, in which they discussed the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material. In discussing a meeting with the potential source for a Mother Jones article accusing the Trump campaign of taking money from a Russian-American oil magnate, as well as Christopher Steele's connection to that source, Kavalec emails Ohr citing the accusatory Mother Jones article. Ohr says, "I really hope we can get something going here."

We also obtained [an email](#) revealing that Nellie Ohr, wife of Bruce Ohr, informed him that she was deleting emails sent from his DOJ email account. The full [email exchange](#) is between Bruce Ohr, Lisa Holtyn, Nellie Ohr, and Stefan Bress, a first secretary at the German Embassy, and is part of [339 pages](#) of heavily redacted records from the U.S. Department of

Justice.

We have [uncovered emails](#) from Ohr showing that he remained in regular contact with former British spy and Fusion GPS contractor Christopher Steele after Steele [was terminated](#) by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant. The records show that Ohr served as a go-between for Steele by passing along information to "his colleagues" on matters relating to Steele's activities. Ohr also set up meetings with Steele, regularly talked to him on the telephone and provided him assistance in dealing with situations Steele was confronting with the media.

We are also [suing](#) the DOJ for communications between two of the pivotal players in the Deep State, anti-Trump collusion – former FBI official Peter Strzok and Ohr ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-01082)). We are challenging the Justice Department's extraordinary claim that there are no records of communications between Strzok and Ohr in light of the preeminent role both individuals played in the Deep State effort to undermine the Trump campaign and administration. In addition, Ohr himself [testified](#) before Congress that he did, in fact, meet and communicate with Strzok.

We are also [seek](#) records about the agency's involvement in persuading President Trump to defer his September 2018 decision to declassify DOJ documents related to the Russia investigation ([Judicial Watch v U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00507)). Our lawsuit is also seeking DOJ official Ohr's records of communications around the time of Trump's declassification announcement.

We [filed suit](#) for details of the "302" reports from the FBI interview with Ohr. The interviews could be key to understanding how information from anti-Trump dossier author, British spy Christopher Steele, was transmitted to the FBI. ([Judicial Watch v U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-02107)). The House Intelligence Committee [memo](#) released by Chairman Devin Nunes on February 2 says that his wife, Nellie Ohr, was "employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump" and that Bruce Ohr passed the results of that research, which was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign, to the FBI.

Ohr is at the center of the Deep State assault on President Trump and these latest documents are just more evidence of the Deep State taking care of its own.

FBI Helped Hillary Clinton Just Before 2016 Election!

Has there ever been any doubt that James Comey's FBI treated Hillary Clinton with kid gloves? We now have more evidence of the agency jumping to please her just before the presidential election...

We forced the release of [218 pages](#) of emails of disgraced former FBI officials Peter Strzok-Lisa Page that show then-FBI General Counsel James Baker instructing FBI officials to expedite the release of FBI investigative material to Hillary Clinton's lawyer, David Kendall in August 2016. Kendall and the FBI's top lawyer specifically discussed quickly obtaining the "302" report of the FBI/DOJ interview of Mrs. Clinton.

The emails also show the FBI failed to document at least four interviews of witnesses in the Clinton email investigation. We obtained the documents in our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to a December 4, 2017, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00154)) for:

- All records of communications, including but not limited to, emails, text messages and instant chats, between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page;
- All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Peter Strzok;
- All travel requests, travel authorizations, travel vouchers and expense reports of Lisa Page.

On [August 16, 2016](#), at 10:02 p.m. [Baker](#) emails then-Associate Deputy Director David Bowdich; Michael Steinbach, former executive assistant director for national security; former Acting Assistant Director Jason V. Herring; former FBI lawyer Lisa Page; former Principal Deputy General Counsel Trisha Anderson; Michael Kortan, FBI assistant director for public affairs, now retired; James Rybicki, former chief of staff to Comey; and others to inform them that he "just spoke" with Clinton's lawyer Kendall, who requested documents from the FBI. Baker says he told Kendall he would "need to submit a request," Baker tells them, "I said we would process it expeditiously."

I just spoke with David Kendall ... I conveyed our view that in order to obtain the documents [FBI investigative material] they are seeking they need to submit a request pursuant to the Privacy Act and FOIA. I said they could submit a letter to me covering both statutes. They will send it in the morning. I said that we would process it expeditiously. David asked us to focus first on the Secretary's 302 [FBI interview report]. I said OK. [Redacted] We will have to focus on this issue tomorrow and get the 302 out the door as soon as possible and then focus on the rest of the stuff.

The following day, August 17, 2016, Kendall sent a [FOIA/Privacy Act request](#) on "behalf of former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton" to the FBI's top lawyer with a request for "expeditious processing." Baker passes this request to Bowdich, Steinbach, Herring, Page, Anderson:

In my view, we need to move as quickly as possible on this, but pursuant to David's oral request last night, we should focus first on Secretary Clinton's 302.... Is the end of this week out of the question for her 302?

In a follow-up email exchange, the same day, Anderson arranged for Herring, Page, former FBI Assistant Director and head of the Office of Congressional Affairs Gregory Brower, Strzok and others to "coordinate a plan for processing and releasing" Clinton's 302, though one official reminds others that they should process the request "consistent" with other requests. Then, in an August 21, 2016, [email exchange](#) Baker tells his people that he would "alert" Kendall shortly before Clinton's 302 was to be posted on the FBI's FOIA Vault webpage. On September 2, 2016, the FBI announced [the release](#) of Clinton's interview documents.

Finally, on August 24, 2016, the acting FBI FOIA unit chief [said](#) he sees "no problem" with giving Hillary's attorney a heads up before her records were posted to the Vault.

Other documents show that on August 5, 2016, Page, Strzok and FBI intelligence analyst Jonathan Moffa are notified by a FBI assistant general counsel from the national security law branch that additional 302's were in need of processing:

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On August 24, 2016, *Daily Beast* reporter Shane Harris sent [an inquiry](#) to the FBI asking if Comey's admission to Congress was accurate that Hillary's lawyers at William & Connolly did not possess the security clearances needed to see and possess highly classified Hillary emails being stored at their law offices. Harris's question set off a scramble at the top of the FBI all the way up to Comey over the next 28 hours, producing a seven-page (mostly redacted) email discussion, with Lisa Page concluding, "Could we say something more equivocal?"

In a September 1, 2016, [email exchange](#), Page, Strzok, Office of Public Affairs official Michael Kortan and Special Agent Richard Quinn discuss an email from *The Hill's* John Solomon, wherein Solomon forwarded them his draft article for Circa.com citing "government sources" detailing extensive evidence the FBI had collected, which showed Hillary Clinton "violated federal record-keeping laws" through her use of a private BlackBerry and server, despite the security and legal risks she was told they posed. Solomon asked for any final "guidance" from the FBI before publishing. Page writes to Moffa, Strzok and a redacted FBI official, it was "pretty inaccurate," but provided nothing to support her charge of its inaccuracy. Judicial Watch's work on the Hillary Clinton email scandal is cited extensively in the [column](#), and former U.S. Attorney Matt Whitaker was quoted as well, saying a special prosecutor was needed to look into Hillary's use of the personal server.

On August 16, 2016, after [Congress requested](#) that the FBI supply additional copies of the binders of Clinton server-investigation materials, an unidentified FBI official [complained](#) to his colleagues of being understaffed and under supplied:

We literally do not have the office supplies to do this. Nor do I have the IAs [Investigative Assistants/Analysts] for assistance.... These binders are huge and each one took hours to compile.

I am not trying to throw shade.... I just wish decisions could get made by considering resources.

I need people in [room] 7947 ready to go in the early AM and a charge card for Staples."

These incredible documents show that the leadership of the FBI rushed to give Hillary Clinton her FBI interview report shortly before the election. And the documents also show the FBI failed to timely document interviews in the Clinton email 'matter' – further confirming the whole investigation was a joke. AG Barr can't reopen the Clinton email investigation soon enough.

Mexican Cartels Among Greatest Criminal, National Security, Public Health Threat to U.S.

The open borders crisis is a dire national security, public safety and public health threat. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#):

Mexican drug cartels have headquarters throughout the United States and are one of the country's greatest criminal, national security and public health threats, according to a veteran Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) senior agent pushing the federal government to designate them as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO). "The Mexican cartels have left a trail of blood using intimidation and terrorist acts of ruthless violence," said [Derek S. Maltz](#), a narco-terror expert who helped establish the Counter Narco-Terrorism Operations Center (CNTOC) before retiring from the DEA. The CNTOC has busted many bigtime narco-terrorism operations, including a money laundering scheme that supported the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah.

"The cartels engage in beheadings, car bombings, dissolving humans in acid, mass murders, torture, bombings and political assassinations," Maltz said. "Their actions are consistent with the behaviors of traditional terrorists and they have infiltrated the highest levels of the Mexican government with bribes and corruption." The former DEA agent added that, "Mexican drug cartels have utilized techniques which focus on mind manipulation and behavioral modification commonly utilized by organizations such as Al-Qaeda." The troubling details were delivered during recent [testimony](#) before the Ohio legislature, where Maltz made a powerful case for designating Mexican drug cartels as FTOs. Following a massive [bust](#) of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel in the Buckeye State, a [resolution](#) was introduced to get the federal government to make the change so that it may use "appropriate means to mitigate and eventually eliminate the operations of the cartels." Last week a [criminal justice committee](#) heard testimony as the resolution advances in the Ohio legislature. Maltz was a key expert witness, telling the panel that cartels "have major hubs in Southern California, Arizona, Chicago, Texas, New York and Atlanta" and have "expanded into South Florida."

The resolution states that Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCO) based in Mexico (drug cartels) are responsible for the flow of opioids across the border into the United States and Ohio and that they are also responsible for the proliferation of human trafficking in the United States, particularly Ohio, as part and parcel of their drug trafficking operations. The measure points out that drug cartels conduct operations on U.S. soil in furtherance of drug and human trafficking and that abuse of opioids and human trafficking are direct threats to the economy, well being and overall vitality of the state of Ohio and its citizens. "The acting administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Uttam Dhillon, recently declared Mexican drug trafficking organizations are the biggest criminal threat the United States faces today," the Ohio resolution states.

The measure further points out that the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the U.S. Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, to designate an organization as an FTO when certain criteria are met. Drug cartels meet the criteria, Ohio lawmakers assert, because they are foreign in nature, engage in or retain the capability and intent to engage in terrorism and threaten the security of American citizens and the national defense, foreign relations and economic interests of the United States.

Judicial Watch made parallel arguments in a [White Paper](#) published earlier this year. In it, Judicial Watch's investigative team provides comprehensive documentation that Mexican drug cartels, notoriously sophisticated criminal operations, undoubtedly meet the U.S. government's requirements to be designated FTOs. The criteria for FTO designation require that organizations be foreign, engage in terrorism or terrorist activity or possess the capability and intent to do so and pose a threat to U.S. nationals or U.S. national security. Mexican drug cartels are inherently foreign, routinely commit criminal acts within the statutory definition of terrorism and arguably represent a more immediate and ongoing threat to U.S. national security than any of the currently designated FTOs on the State Department [list](#).

Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle don't want you to think about that as you consider border security. For your family's safety, you should.

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Chris Farrell, our Director of Investigations and Research, will moderate a One America News special "On Watch with Chris Farrell" which we will live stream on **Thursday, June 13, 2019, from 1 to 2 p.m. ET**. It will be available to One America News viewers throughout the weekend.

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Federal Judge Orders FBI to Search for Steele Documents

We are grateful for judges unafraid to tell the Deep State and its powerful agencies to reveal their secrets, especially when bureaucrats are digging in their heels.

In the latest example, U.S. District Court Judge Christopher Cooper [ordered](#) the FBI to conduct a search within 60 days for records of communications with former British spy and dossier author Christopher Steele post-dating Steele's service as an FBI confidential source.

In ordering the supplemental search, Judge Cooper held:

[T]he potential for illuminating the FBI's activities is not too difficult to discern. Communications post-dating Steele's time as an informant might reveal a great deal about why the FBI developed him as a CHS [confidential human source], his performance as a CHS, and why the FBI opted to terminate its relationship with him. Those records might either bolster or weaken Steele's credibility as a source. That information, in turn, could provide a basis on which to evaluate the FBI's performance of its law-enforcement duties, including its judgment in selecting and relying on confidential sources, especially in connection with such a politically sensitive subject. Of course, the records Judicial Watch speculates about might not even exist—and even if they do, they may not reveal anything significant about the FBI's operations. But that they might do so makes them a matter of potential public interest.

The court ruling came in our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) against the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) for records of communications and payments between the FBI, Christopher Steele and his private firm, Orbis Business Intelligence ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#)) (No. 1:17-cv-00916)).

The court initially ruled in favor of a DOJ "Glomar" response to our March 8, 2017, FOIA request stating that it could "neither confirm nor deny the existence of records responsive to [Judicial Watch's] request." On March 26, 2018, subsequent to the declassification of records revealing Steele's role as an FBI informant and his firing by the FBI in November 2016, the court reopened the case at our request. The FBI, however, continued refusing to search for records post-dating Steele's dismissal, contending that any records discovered would be exempt from disclosure on privacy grounds.

In his ruling, Judge Cooper held that, on balance, any privacy interests Steele may have in keeping the documents secret are outweighed by the public's interest in disclosure:

Steele's privacy interests are far different from those courts usually consider under Exemption 7(C), where disclosure would make public for the first time an individual's affiliation with law enforcement, whether as agent, cooperator, or target ... The balance therefore tilts in favor of disclosure. Accordingly, the Court will order the FBI to conduct a search for records post-dating Steele's service as a confidential source.

The court was right to turn aside the FBI's fake concerns for Clinton spy Christopher Steele's privacy and order the agency to search for more records on its use of Steele and his dossier to target President Trump. That the FBI is still protecting

Christopher Steele, and the existence of a Clinton spy ring at Fusion GPS should tell you there is much more corruption to be exposed in the coup efforts against President Trump.

Here is some background.

[Documents previously produced](#) in this lawsuit show that the FBI paid Steele at least 11 times during the 2016 presidential campaign and then fired him for leaking.

We also uncovered [smoking gun documents](#) showing that former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr remained in regular contact with Steele after Steele was terminated by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant.

Through another [FOIA lawsuit](#), we obtained emails of Bruce Ohr discussing information obtained through his wife Nellie, which he passed on to the FBI. The information contained anti-Trump dossier materials, including a spreadsheet that tries to link President Trump to dozens of Russians. These Justice Department documents also contain [Russia-related emails](#) sent from Nellie Ohr to high-ranking DOJ official Lisa Holtyn during the period Ohr worked with anti-Trump firm Fusion GPS, which contracted with Steele to create the Trump Dossier. Holtyn at the time was a top aide to Bruce Ohr.

We later acquired [FBI 302 interview forms](#) of Bruce Ohr's reporting information he received from Steele to his FBI handlers.

We additionally [uncovered](#) documents from the U.S. Department of State revealing that State Department "Special Coordinator for Libya" Jonathan Winer played a key role in facilitating Steele's access to other top government officials and prominent international business executives.

To watch Judicial Watch Director of Research and Investigations Chris Farrell's interview on this, click [here](#).

Last week, I spoke on [Lou Dobbs'](#) show regarding documents we uncovered containing Russia-related emails sent from Nellie Ohr to high-ranking DOJ official Lisa Holtyn. At the time, Nellie Ohr worked with the anti-Trump dossier firm Fusion GPS. Holtyn, at the time, was a top aide to Nellie's husband, former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr.

As you can see, we are at the forefront of exposing the Deep State coup attempt, and we are nowhere near finished.

We Expose Senator Whitehouse's Unauthorized Practice of Law

Congressional Democrats have gone off the rails. They have thrown decorum and even the law out of the window in pursuit of their leftist goals.

The latest miscreant is U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, a Rhode Island Democrat and a member of the Rhode Island bar. He audaciously filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of four clients while maintaining inactive status as a lawyer.

We have filed a [complaint](#) with the Rhode Island Supreme Court over his behavior.

We argue to the court's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee: "The brief Senator Whitehouse filed was unbecoming of the legal profession as it is nothing more than an attack on the federal judiciary and an open threat to the U.S. Supreme Court." The complaint contains a copy of the Whitehouse brief.

At issue in the Supreme Court case in which Senator Whitehouse submitted the brief (*NY State Rifle & Pistol Assoc. v. City of New York* (18-280)) is whether New York City's ban on transporting a licensed, locked and unloaded handgun to a home or shooting range outside city limits is consistent with the Second Amendment, the commerce clause and the constitutional right to travel.

Here is our complaint:

August 19, 2019

Via Certified Mail and Electronic Mail (UPLC@courts.ri.gov)

Thomas W. Madonna, Chair

Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee

c/o Rhode Island Supreme Court Clerk's Office

250 Benefit Street

Providence, RI 02903

Re: U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint

Dear Chair Madonna:

Judicial Watch files this unauthorized practice of law complaint against Rhode Island bar member U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse for filing a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of four clients while maintaining inactive status. In addition, the brief Senator Whitehouse filed was unbecoming of the legal profession as it is nothing more than an attack on the federal judiciary and an open threat to the U.S. Supreme Court.

According to the Rhode Island Judiciary website, Senator Whitehouse maintains inactive status. As an inactive member of the Rhode Island bar, Senator Whitehouse cannot practice law in Rhode Island. However, on August 12, 2019, Senator Whitehouse did just that. He filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Senators Mazie Hirono, Richard Blumenthal, Richard Durbin, and Kirsten Gillibrand. The filing of a brief — let alone all that is required to file a brief — on behalf of clients is indisputably the practice of law.

To be clear, Senator Whitehouse may not have spoken to his clients, researched the law, or written the brief in Rhode Island. However, he provided a Providence, Rhode Island address to the Rhode Island Judiciary. In addition, there is no dispute that Senator Whitehouse is a Rhode Island resident and spends a substantial amount of his time in Rhode Island. If Senator Whitehouse is practicing law in another jurisdiction, it is merely incidental or temporary. Under the rules, Senator Whitehouse was practicing law in Rhode Island.

In addition, to Judicial Watch's knowledge, Senator Whitehouse is not authorized to practice law in another jurisdiction. Senator Whitehouse lists a Washington, D.C. address on the brief; yet, according to the District of Columbia Bar website, Senator Whitehouse is not a member of the DC Bar. Therefore, if Senator Whitehouse claims he was not practicing law in Rhode Island but in Washington, D.C., he violated the "Unauthorized Practice of Law" rule of D.C.

Besides practicing law without the proper authorization, Senator Whitehouse also violated the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct by attacking the federal judiciary and openly threatening the U.S. Supreme Court. The brief concludes:

The Supreme Court is not well. And the people know it. Perhaps the Court can heal itself before the public demands it to be "restructured in order to reduce the influence of politics." Particularly on the urgent issue of gun control, a nation desperately needs it to heal.

In other words, if the U.S. Supreme Court does not rule the way Senator Whitehouse and his clients prefer, they will use their power as Senators to restructure the Court.

Such a threat violates the spirit if not the letter of Rhode Island's Rules of Professional Conduct. As the preamble explains:

- "A lawyer should use the law's procedures only for legitimate purposes and not to harass or intimidate others."
- "A lawyer should demonstrate respect for the legal system and for those who serve it, including

judges.”

- “A lawyer should further the public’s understanding of and confidence in the rule of law and the justice system.”
- A lawyer should “maintain a professional, courteous and civil attitude toward all persons involved in the legal system.”

Attacking the federal judiciary and openly threatening the U.S. Supreme Court is unbecoming for a member of the legal profession as well as a sitting U.S. Senator. Senator Whitehouse’s assertion, without basis, that the Court does not rule on the merits of cases but rather on partisan beliefs undermines confidence in the legal system. It is one thing for a politician to make such a claim on the campaign trail, it is another for a lawyer to make such a charge as part of a legal proceeding. In doing so, Senator Whitehouse has violated the rules of professional conduct.

The misconduct of Senator Whitehouse noted above appears obvious on its face. Senator Whitehouse either violated Rhode Island’s or D.C.’s rules, or both. Senator Whitehouse’s filing of a brief on behalf of clients without an active law license anywhere in the country is inexcusable. Senator Whitehouse’s attack on the federal judiciary and open threat to the U.S. Supreme Court raises substantial questions about his character and fitness to practice law. His actions warrant a full investigation by the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee.

Senator Whitehouse is violating basic legal ethics in threatening the Supreme Court while engaging in the unauthorized practice of law. He should be held accountable.

When Officers of the Law Abdicate Their Duty to Protect

Garry McFadden, a flamboyant former [homicide detective](#) and reality TV show star, was elected sheriff on a promise to stop cooperating with federal immigration officers. Sometimes [referred](#) to as the “Sanctuary Sheriff,” he is an example of a cop who does the opposite of what the people expect of a public safety official. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog has [the story](#):

The elected official in charge of enforcing the law in North Carolina’s largest county has kept his campaign [promise](#) to protect illegal immigrants by releasing from custody numerous violent offenders rather than turn them over to federal authorities for removal. Among them is a previously deported Honduran charged with rape and child sex offenses. Because Mecklenburg County offers illegal aliens sanctuary, the perpetrator, 33-year-old Oscar Pacheco-Leonardo, was freed by the county sheriff despite his violent history. Thankfully, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) recently arrested him during a targeted enforcement operation.

The federal agency blasts officials in the North Carolina county of about 1 million, writing in a [statement](#) that by discharging a previously deported alien facing serious criminal charges, Mecklenburg County chose to release a serious public safety threat onto the streets of Charlotte where he was free to potentially harm others for nearly two months until his capture by ICE. “This is yet another example of a clear public safety threat being released onto the streets of Mecklenburg County rather than into ICE custody due to the current sheriff’s policy on ICE non-cooperation,” the agency’s regional director said. “The Mecklenburg County sheriff’s decision to restrict cooperation with ICE serves as an open invitation to aliens who commit criminal offenses that Mecklenburg County is a safe haven for persons seeking to evade federal authorities, and residents of Mecklenburg County are less safe today than last year due these policies.”

When Garry McFadden got elected sheriff in 2018, he immediately ended a program known as [287\(g\)](#) that notified ICE of jail inmates in the country illegally. The program enhances the safety and security of communities by creating partnerships with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and remove aliens who are amenable to removal from the United States. It is a mutually beneficial agreement, ICE says, that identifies, arrests and serves warrants and detainers of incarcerated foreign-born criminals. The program has identified and removed from the U.S. gang members, sex offenders and murderers and has reduced the number of criminal offenders that are released back into communities. “Federal, state and local officers working together provide a tremendous benefit to public safety through increased law enforcement communication and overall community policing effectiveness,” according to ICE.

Nevertheless, a growing number of local municipalities offer illegal immigrants sanctuary and refuse to cooperate with federal authorities. The day after getting elected Sherriff, McFadden stopped cooperating with federal authorities on per his

campaign promise. Pacheco-Leonardo is only one of many violent offenders who have been released recently from Mecklenburg County custody. More than 20 others have been discharged by McFadden's agency, including rapists, child molesters, kidnappers, burglars, and those charged with gun-related and drug crimes. Most of the illegal immigrants are from Central America and Mexico, but a few are from India, Afghanistan, Liberia and Sri Lanka. All of them are men in the U.S. illegally and protected by the North Carolina county's sanctuary policies which forces ICE to increase enforcement in those areas. "When law enforcement agencies don't honor ICE detainers, these individuals, who often have significant criminal histories, are released onto the street, presenting a potential public safety threat," the agency statement says. "When ICE Fugitive Operations officers have to go out into the community to proactively locate these criminal aliens, regardless of the precautions they take, it needlessly puts our personnel and potentially innocent bystanders in harm's way."

Just a few weeks ago Judicial Watch [reported](#) that various California law enforcement agencies released 16 illegal immigrants with criminal records during a three-month period. Some were arrested and released multiple times by the same local law enforcement agency after committing felonies. In all of the cases, ICE issued detainers but local police ignored the federal agency to protect the illegal alien from deportation, instead freeing the perpetrator back into the community. Offenders include Mexican, Honduran and Salvadoran nationals charged with murder, rape, assault with a deadly weapon, spousal abuse, driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of illegal drugs and other serious crimes. One 23-year-old Honduran man was booked and released in San Francisco ten times in less than a year for crimes ranging from burglary, vehicle theft and driving without a license. In each of the arrests, ICE issued a detainer but the San Francisco Police Department disregarded it and let the man go.

Do we individually get to choose which laws we will obey?

Until next week ...

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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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Judicial Watch: Federal Judge Orders FBI to Search for Steele Documents

Judicial Watch recently announced that U.S. District Court Judge Christopher Cooper ordered the FBI to conduct a search within 60 days for records of communications with former British spy and dossier author Christopher Steele post-dating Steele's service as an FBI confidential source. In ordering the supplemental search for records, Judge Cooper held:

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Judicial Watch's Weekly Update: Former State Official Warned About Clinton's Email Practices

Judicial Watch attorneys obtained blockbuster testimony from former State Department official John Hackett, who was Director for Information Programs and Services (IPS), which handles records management at the State Department, Mr. Hackett [testified](#) under oath that he had raised concerns about former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's missing emails.

Her staff had "culled out 30,000" of the secretary's "personal" emails without following strict National Archives standards, he said in his deposition. The full transcript deposition is [here](#).

His testimony came as part of a series of [court-ordered depositions](#) and questions under oath of senior Obama-era State Department officials, lawyers, and Clinton aides.

Hackett also revealed that he believed there was interference with the formal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) review process related to the classification of Clinton's Benghazi-related emails.

Hackett served first as deputy director then as director for Information Programs and Services, which handles the FOIA request program and the retirement of and declassification of documents at the State Department. He was at the department from April 2013 to March 2016.

In March 2015, [Clinton told reporters](#) that she and her staff had deleted more than 30,000 emails "because they were personal and private about matters that I believed were within the scope of my personal privacy." ABC News reported: "However, after a year-long investigation, the FBI recovered more than 17,000 emails that had been deleted or otherwise not turned over to the State Department, and many of them were work-related, the FBI has said."

Hackett recalled a conversation about requesting rules or parameters from Secretary Clinton or her attorneys that they used to segregate her personal and official work emails.

Hackett: I recall it wasn't much of a conversation. I — I was — I mean, I have to say, it was emphatic to the Under Secretary of Management — and I didn't speak in tones like that very often to him — you know, that we needed these — you know, the guidelines.

Judicial Watch: And when you said, the Under Secretary, are you referring to Patrick Kennedy [then-Under Secretary of State for Management]?

Hackett: Yes.

Hackett: I think I might have raised it to Rich Visek, the Acting Office of Legal Advisor, or Peggy — or Margaret Grafeld [an executive-level State Department FOIA official] raised it to Rich, as well.

Judicial Watch: Why did you feel so strongly that this was necessary, that they provide this information?

Hackett: Well, we heard that there were 50,000 or 60,000 emails, and that they had — “they” being the Secretary’s team — had culled out 30,000 of these. And which is — so we wanted to know what criteria they used. The standard from the National Archives is very strict. If there was — if there were mixed records, that would be considered a federal record. If it was mixed personal and mentioned a discussion, that would be — under the narrow National Archives rules, it would be considered a federal record.

Judicial Watch: And do you know if the emails that were returned by Secretary Clinton and her attorneys, if they followed that guideline to include an email that would include mixed information, personal and official?

Hackett: I don’t know.

Judicial Watch: Was a request ever made by Patrick Kennedy or anybody else who you raised this to?

Hackett: Ambassador Kennedy told me he would ask for the — the guidelines.

Judicial Watch: Do you know if the guidelines were ever provided to Patrick Kennedy?

Hackett: Not during my tenure at the State Department.

In August 2014 the State Department sent some documents to the Benghazi Select Committee that included a small number of Clinton emails. Hackett was alerted about this. Hackett was asked if the State Department attorney who gave him the heads asked why he was providing the information. Hackett answered: “I think only because he knew that there was going to be publicity involved relating to this.”

We also asked Hackett about his concerns over 296 of Secretary Clinton’s Benghazi-related emails that were made available to Congress. Hackett testified that he had concerns regarding [Catherine Duval](#), an attorney who worked for the Office of Legislative affairs (and who was also involved in the Obama-era IRS scandal):

Judicial Watch: And what was — what was your concern there, if you can elaborate?

Hackett: The concern was, in the 296 that there were other agencies’ equities in those documents, you know, potentially classified information. But any release decisions — and doing a FOIA review, we would normally make a referral back to that home agency. And Ms. Duval seemed to imply that she had already done that kind of coordination. But when we asked who she had coordinated with, they were people not familiar in our regular FOIA process.

Judicial Watch: And that’s people, when you — the people you are referring to, that’s — is it within just one agency, or is that dispersed through different agencies?

Hackett: It would be different agencies.

Hackett: Again, I mean, we were familiar with the — our — our parallel shops, you know, in other agencies, similar to IPS; we knew all the players there, the other Directors of the office. And, so, we contacted them, and they have not received any referrals from her. So we wondered who she was working with.

We also asked Hackett if, as he had previously stated, he “believed there was interference with the formal FOIA review process” in 2014? Hackett said he believed “that some bureaus were convinced, or — and analysts were convinced, once it was explained to them, to redact something but use a B5 exemption [which applies to deliberative process and allows government officials to discuss policy without the discussions being made public, or attorney client privilege] versus a B1 [national security] exemption.”

When we asked if he thought that was appropriate, Hackett responded, "No, I didn't," and said he voiced that concern to his boss, Grafeld.

Hackett testified that his initial concern over Secretary Clinton's email use arose in June 2013 when he said he viewed a photograph on the WTOP website of Clinton "sitting on a plane with a BlackBerry." "And that got me thinking that, well, what — what was that BlackBerry? Was it a government BlackBerry? And if so, where were the emails relating to that BlackBerry?" Hackett said.

Hackett testified he went to then-IPS Director Sheryl Walter "after seeing that photograph and suggested that we had to be careful about what sort of responses we made relating to Hillary Clinton's emails, when it — if there was a No Record Located response that was being given out. In fact, I advised Sheryl that we should stop giving No Record Located responses until we come to — kind of come, you know — find out what that BlackBerry meant, come to ground about what was known about the former Secretary's emailing habits."

Asked how Walter responded, Hackett said, "My recollection is, she agreed with me."

"The other thing that we did, or I did at that time, was, we wanted to find out what this BlackBerry meant," Hackett testified. "So we tasked — my recollection is, we verbally tasked Tasha Thian, the department's Records Manager at that time, to look into the BlackBerry. And I believe Tasha contacted Clarence Finney in the Secretary's office to ask him what he knew about the former Secretary's emailing habits."

Asked what Thian found out, Hackett responded: "I don't recall exactly what she found out, but she didn't find out much. Tasha also contacted the part of the State Department that's part of the intelligence community, and Intelligence and Research Bureau, to ask to see if there were any classified emails on — in the classified systems that the Secretary might have produced. And I do recall that I think Tasha came back with the answer that they did not have any."

Hackett went on to say that, "There was a lot of confusion about exactly what that BlackBerry, you know, meant at that time. You had a concern as to how the department was responding to FOIA requests that related to Secretary Clinton's emails after you saw the photograph of the Secretary holding a BlackBerry. ... My recollection is — and I had only been there two months — that someone had told me that, — and I can't remember — that she did not have an email account, a government email account. So there was obviously a contradiction here when, you know, there's that photograph. So we were just trying to find out what was the ground truth. So that's why I had a concern about issuing responses that said no records had been located."

Hackett also said he knew of other employees in the State Department who were using their personal email accounts for government business and that "some were senior officials, too."

Asked who the senior officials were, Hackett responded: "I can't remember the time frame, but the IG did a couple of studies, reviews. I think the Ambassador to Japan, Caroline Kennedy, was cited as using her personal email account. That's one that comes to my mind."

Hackett said: "We knew that some employees at times had a personal email address for Hillary Clinton, and that they might forward something to her at times. That's the only thing that we knew. At that time I did not know who those employees were. I mean, the — the gist of that email I remember was one person saying to the other person, don't use that — remember, you're not supposed to use that email. But I don't remember who those people were. I think one of them might have been in Public Affairs."

Here's my take on his testimony. It's disturbing. It points to an Obama administration conspiracy to hide and destroy Hillary Clinton emails. Even worse, the testimony suggests Clinton's Benghazi emails were under-classified in order to protect Hillary Clinton (and mislead Congress). Attorney General Barr needs to prioritize reopening the Clinton email investigation.

Here's the background on the deposition.

On December 6, 2018, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth [ordered](#) Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency." Judicial Watch's discovery is centered upon whether Clinton intentionally attempted to evade the Freedom of Information Act by using a non-government email system and whether the State Department acted in bad faith in processing Judicial Watch's FOIA request for communications from Clinton's office.

The court-ordered discovery comes in Judicial Watch's July 2014 FOIA [lawsuit](#) filed after the U.S. Department of State failed to respond to a May 13, 2014 FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). Judicial Watch seeks:

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Any and all records or communications concerning, regarding, or relating to talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack given to Ambassador Rice by the White House or any federal agency.

We have previously released:

- The [deposition transcript](#) of Heather Samuelson, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's White House Liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, who admitted under oath that she was granted immunity by the U.S. Department of Justice in June 2016. (See below)
- The [deposition transcript](#) of Justin Cooper, former aide to President Bill Clinton and Clinton Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure clintonemail.com server that Hillary Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State.
- [Interrogatory responses](#) of E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, in which he stated that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.
- The [deposition transcript](#) of Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Hillary Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, in which he in which he admits that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.
- The [deposition transcript](#) of Eric Boswell, former Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security during Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State, in which he reveals that Hillary Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerrys and personal emails to transmit classified material.

We will continue to expose Hillary Clinton's blatant efforts to hide what she was up to as Secretary of State.

Obama Justice Gave Immunity to Clinton's Lawyer Who Destroyed 33,000 Emails

We have some shocking additional details about the sham nature of the Obama administration's "investigation" of the Clinton email scandal.

Heather Samuelson, Hillary Clinton's White House Liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, [admitted](#) under oath in our deposition of her that she was granted immunity by the U.S. Department of Justice in

June 2016:

Samuelson: I was provided limited production immunity by the Department of Justice.

Judicial Watch: And when was that?

Samuelson: My recollection, it was June 2015 [later corrected to 2016].

A complete copy of her deposition is available [here](#).

Samuelson also revealed that, contrary to what she [told](#) the FBI in 2016, she was, in fact, aware that Clinton used a private email account while secretary of state:

Judicial Watch: Ms. Samuelson, when did you first become aware that Secretary Clinton used the e-mail address hdr22@clintonemail.com while she was at the State Department?

Samuelson: I believe I first became aware when either she e-mailed me on personal matters, such as wishing me happy birthday, or when I infrequently would receive e-mails forwarded to me from others at the department that had that e-mail address listed elsewhere in the document.

Judicial Watch: Okay. And who were the State Department officials?

Samuelson: I recall Cheryl Mills, but it could have been others.

Samuel's admission that she became aware of Clinton's non-State.gov emails during her service in the Clinton State Department White House Liaison Office during Clinton's tenure as secretary of state (January 2009 – February 2013) contradicts the [notation](#) in the FBI's May 24, 2016 302 report on Samuelson's interview with FBI agents:

Samuelson did not become aware of Clinton's use of a private email account and server until she was serving as Clinton's personal attorney.

After Clinton left office, Samuelson worked for a year in the office of the White House Counsel before becoming Clinton's personal attorney, where, in 2014, she was primarily responsible for conducting the review of Clinton emails and sorting out "personal" emails from government emails, which were returned to the State Department under the direction of Cheryl Mills and Clinton lawyer David Kendall. After the emails were returned to State, Clinton deleted the rest of the "personal" emails from her server, wiping it clean. Samuelson conducted the review of emails on her laptop, using Clinton server files downloaded from Platte River Networks, which housed the Clinton email server. Judicial Watch [questioned her](#) about a "gap" in the emails she discovered:

Judicial Watch: I believe you, during your interview with the FBI, you were asked about a gap in e-mails that you noticed in Secretary Clinton's e-mails from January 2009 to March of 2009. Do you recall that?

Samuelson: I do.

Judicial Watch: Okay. Can you explain to me what that gap was?

Samuelson: My understanding is — well, I'm sorry. I should say my recollection is when we received the documents — the file from Platte River Networks, there was a period of time that was missing in her e-mails. And that period of time was January 2009 to March 2009.

Judicial Watch: And what did you do as the result of discovering this gap in the e-mails from January 2009 to March 2009?

Samuelson: I asked Platte River why we did not have — why they did not provide those.

Judicial Watch: And what did they tell you?

Samuelson: They said they did not have that information.

Judicial Watch: Did Platte River have access during 2014 to the server that housed Secretary Clinton's e-mails to her Clintonemail.com account —

— and was there any discussion as to whether they could obtain Secretary Clinton's e-mails from that server from January 2009 to March 2009?

Samuelson: I did ask them, and they said they did not have any e-mails from that period.

Samuelson also [testified](#) in her deposition that she created an "after action memo" in or around December 2014 to memorialize the email search. Samuelson's lawyer directed her not to answer questions about this memo.

During Hillary Clinton's transition as secretary of state during her tenure, Samuelson was in charge of political-nomination ("Schedule C") hires for Clinton's transition team at the State Department. When questioned by our lawyers about Brock Johnson, whom she hired as a special assistant to Secretary Clinton as a ["favor"](#) to controversial Clinton Foundation official [Doug Band](#) (co-founder of [Teneo Strategy](#) with Bill Clinton and a top official of the Clinton Foundation, including its Clinton Global Initiative), Samuelson testified that on occasion Band [sent referrals](#) of individuals they should consider hiring. Johnson later worked, in coordination with the [Obama White House](#), when the State Department falsely responded to a Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) FOIA request that there were no records showing Clinton's email address.

The deposition of Samuelson comes out of our July 2014 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the U.S. Department of State failed to respond to a May 13, 2014 FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). Judicial Watch seeks:

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The news that the Obama DOJ gave immunity to Heather Samuelson, Hillary Clinton's lawyer responsible for the infamous deletion of 33,000 emails, further confirms the sham FBI/DOJ investigation of the Clinton email scandal. And it is curious that Ms. Samuelson changed her story about what she knew and when about the Clinton email system.

Until next week ...

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Tom Fitton: Robert Mueller is Being Protected by Rod Rosenstein over Trump/Russia Probe

October 23, 2018 – JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Daily Ledger" on One America News Network to discuss the Mueller Probe and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's closed congressional testimony.

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The Supreme Court Endorse Judicial Harassment of President Trump

Through the years, we have been vigilant defenders of integrity in our elections and that has included exposing efforts to dilute the will of U.S. citizens at the polls. So of course, we are disappointed in the Supreme Court's [ruling](#) that delays, perhaps permanently, the Trump administration's plan to include a question on the 2020 census inquiring about a respondent's citizenship status.

It is unfortunate that the Supreme Court has endorsed the continued judicial harassment of the Trump administration. It ought to be an obvious point that the U.S. Census should try to figure out how many Americans and non-Americans are present in the United States.

We strongly encourage the Trump administration to try to move this issue through the courts in time for the 2020 census.

In mid-February, we joined with the Allied Educational Foundation (AEF) in filing an [amici curiae brief](#) in the United States Supreme Court, urging it to overturn the [ruling](#) of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York blocking the Secretary of Commerce from adding a question about citizenship to the 2020 census. The brief argues that including a citizenship question would help us and the government make sure only eligible citizens are on the voting rolls: But leftists hate the idea of the American people knowing more about the number of foreign nationals present in the United States, which is why they oppose a census question about citizenship. You can be sure that Judicial Watch will continue to monitor, and participate, when appropriate, in next round of court fights on this key question about the future of our nation.

Did The FBI Properly Vet Andrew McCabe's Book?

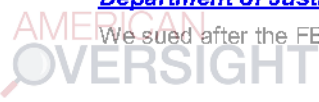
The [scandal](#) involving former FBI Executive Andrew McCabe, his wife and Hillary Clinton henchman Terry McAuliffe was so transparent that only a DC "Swamp Creature" could overlook it.

We aren't overlooking it and, as you know, we have several lawsuits in the works to throw light on this blatantly egregious behavior.

Here is our latest.

We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice for records of communications between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe related to his book, *The Threat: How the FBI Protects America in the Age of Terror and Trump* ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00976)).

We sued after the FBI failed to respond to our February 8, 2019, FOIA request seeking:



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- All records of communication between the FBI and former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe relating to an upcoming book to be authored by Mr. McCabe and published.
- All records, including but not limited to forms completed by former FBI deputy director Andrew McCabe, relating to the requirement for prepublication review by the FBI of any book to be authored by Mr. McCabe with the intent to be published or otherwise publicly available.

McCabe was fired from the FBI in March 2018 for leaking to the media and lacking "[candor](#)." Then-U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions in a statement said:

After an extensive and fair investigation and according to Department of Justice procedure, the Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) provided its report on allegations of misconduct by Andrew McCabe to the FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR).

The FBI's OPR then reviewed the report and underlying documents and issued a disciplinary proposal recommending the dismissal of Mr. McCabe. Both the OIG and FBI OPR reports concluded that Mr. McCabe had made an unauthorized disclosure to the news media and lacked candor – including under oath – on multiple occasions.

Pursuant to Department Order 1202, and based on the report of the Inspector General, the findings of the FBI Office of Professional Responsibility, and the recommendation of the Department's senior career official, I have terminated the employment of Andrew McCabe effective immediately."

A February 2018 DOJ inspector general [report](#) concluded:

As detailed in this report, the OIG [Office of the Inspector General] found that then-Deputy Director Andrew McCabe lacked candor, including under oath, on multiple occasions in connection with describing his role in connection with a disclosure to the WSJ [*The Wall Street Journal*], and that this conduct violated FBI Offense Codes 2.5 and 2.6. The OIG also concluded that McCabe's disclosure of the existence of an ongoing investigation in the manner described in this report violated the FBI's and the Department's media policy and constituted misconduct.

McCabe played a central role in Spygate, the Deep State's effort to spy upon and undermine President Trump. We aim to find out if McCabe's book was properly vetted or simply rubberstamped by anti-Trump bureaucrats before being published.

And we are pursuing additional lawsuits regarding McCabe:

On February 14, 2019, we filed a FOIA [lawsuit](#) for all records of communication of McCabe, the Office of the Attorney General Jeff Sessions, or the Office of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein discussing the 25th Amendment or presidential fitness. Additionally, the lawsuit seeks all recordings made by any official in the Office of the Attorney General or Deputy Attorney General of meetings in the Executive Office of the President or Vice President.

In September 2017, we filed a FOIA [lawsuit](#) on behalf of Jeffrey A. Danik, a retired FBI supervisory special agent, against the U.S. Department of Justice for records concerning McCabe. Danik worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for almost 30 years. We later filed two additional [lawsuits](#) over the FBI's failure to preserve text messages as federal records and for records of the audit of McCabe's communications.

In another FOIA lawsuit we [made public](#) Justice Department [records](#) showing that McCabe did not recuse himself from the investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's unsecure, non-government email server until Tuesday, [November 1, 2016](#), one week prior to the presidential election. McCabe had a serious potential conflict of interest in this investigation because Clinton-aligned political groups donated [nearly](#) \$700,000 ([40%](#) of the campaign's total funds) to McCabe's wife for her political campaign.

This kind of activity was rampant during the Barack Obama Administration.

Nicaragua Arrests ISIS Terrorists Planning to Enter the U.S.

We have [reported](#) for years that those coming across our Southern border aren't all innocent women and children. Some are hardcore terrorists. Now we have more evidence of this dire threat, as our *Corruption Chronicle* blog [describes](#).

Four ISIS terrorists planning to enter the United States through Mexico have been captured by the Nicaraguan military in a remote area where the men entered the Central American nation illegally from Costa Rica. Nicaraguan authorities identify the men as two Egyptian nationals—33-year old Mohamed Ibrahim and 26-year-old Mahmoud Samy Eissa—and two Iraqis, 41-year-old Ahmed Ghanim Mohamed Al Jubury and 29-year-old Mustafa Ali Mohamed Yaoob. The men arrived in Panama on May 12 and in Costa Rica on June 9, according to an [article](#) published in Nicaragua's largest newspaper.

It appears they had legal permission to enter Costa Rica, which is why Nicaragua deported them back there. Costa Rica's national security chief, Michael Soto, confirmed the men entered the country legally and were approved by his country's immigration control officials "with no problem." Soto also revealed that "confidential information from an unknown source" later alerted Costa Rican officials of the men's "criminal" ties. Various Mexican media outlets also reported that authorities there were warned that three—instead of four—ISIS operatives were making their way to the United States through Mexico via Central America. Mexico's largest newspaper covered a [press conference](#) in which President Andrés Manuel López Obrador confirmed receiving an alert from the United States about the ISIS terrorists' plan to enter Mexican territory to reach the American border.

Not surprisingly, the mainstream media has essentially ignored this disturbing story, which is simply the latest of many involving Islamic terrorists and the southwest border. Judicial Watch has for years uncovered evidence of Islamic terrorists infiltrating the U.S. through Mexico as part of an ongoing investigation into the national security crisis created by the dangerously porous southern border. Judicial Watch has interviewed local, state and federal law enforcement officials as well as U.S. and Mexican military sources and has traveled to remote Mexican border towns to interview American ranchers. When the Central American caravan got started last fall, Judicial Watch deployed an investigative team to the Guatemala-Honduras border after Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales confirmed that [nearly 100 ISIS terrorists](#) had been apprehended in the impoverished Central American nation.

Judicial Watch's reporting has confirmed that [ISIS has a training cell](#) just a few miles from El Paso, Texas in an area known as "Anapra" situated just west of Ciudad Juárez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. We also verified that Mexican drug cartels are [smuggling](#) foreigners from countries with terrorist links to stash areas in a rural Texas town (Acala) near El Paso. Back in 2014 Judicial Watch [reported](#) that four ISIS soldiers, who entered the U.S. through the Mexican border, were arrested in McAllen and Pharr Texas. Two years ago, Judicial Watch [exposed](#) a plot involving Mexican drug traffickers that help Islamic terrorists stationed in Mexico cross into the U.S. to explore targets for future attacks. Among the jihadists that travel back and forth through the porous southern border is a Kuwaiti named Shaykh Mahmood Omar Khabir, an ISIS operative who lives in the Mexican state of Chihuahua not far from El Paso. Khabir trained hundreds of Al Qaeda fighters in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen and at the time lived in Mexico for more than a year, according to information provided to Judicial Watch by high-ranking Homeland Security officials. Khabir trains thousands of men—mostly Syrians and Yemenis—to fight in an ISIS base situated in the Mexico-U.S. border region near Ciudad Juárez, the intelligence gathered by Judicial Watch's sources reveals.

Just a few weeks ago a captured ISIS fighter provided alarming details of a plot in which jihadists enter the country through the southern border to carry out an attack. The terrorists begin their journey in Central America (like the four recently captured in Nicaragua) and exploit vulnerabilities in the Mexican border to reach the U.S., according to Abu Henricki, an ISIS soldier captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces in Rojava, Syria. Henricki and 160 of his fellow terrorists were interviewed at length by a research group called the [International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism](#). The nonpartisan organization published its findings recently in an alarming [report](#) that includes a video of the interview with the captured terrorist, who is Canadian and has dual Trinidadian citizenship.

"They were going to move me to the Mexican side [of the U.S. southern border] via Puerto Rico," Henricki says about

the ISIS plot. "This was mastermind[ed] by a guy in America. Where he is, I do not know. That information, the plan came from someone from the New Jersey state from America. I was going to take a boat [from Puerto Rico] into Mexico. He was going to smuggle me in," Henricki explains. "I don't know where I'd end up." In the report, the researchers reveal that the ISIS fighters were to travel from Syria to penetrate the U.S. southern border by infiltrating migration routes. "Whatever one thinks of President Donald Trump's heightened rhetoric about the U.S.- Mexico border and his many claims that it is vulnerable to terrorists, ISIS apparently also thought so, as knowledge of this ISIS plot came from the mouth of a now-repentant ISIS cadre," the report states.

What happens at the border affects the safety of you and your family.

What Does the CIA Know About The Mena Controversy?

A decades-old scandal involving drug smuggling out of an Arkansas airport is the stuff of a Hollywood thriller – in fact, two years ago Tom Cruise [starred](#) in "American Made" which was based on the story.

That film prompted several journalists who had written about the airport in the 90's to [recall](#) it. Among them is our own chief investigative reporter Micah Morrison, who wrote for *The Wall Street Journal* at the time.

Nobody in government wants to talk about the airport or the drug smuggling, which of course makes us even more curious. We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the CIA seeking the CIA Inspector General's November 1996 report related to a drug-running, arms smuggling and intelligence operation involving Mena Intermountain Municipal Airport in Arkansas.

The airfield in Mena was [alleged to have been used](#) in the 1980s by the CIA during the Reagan administration to smuggle arms to rebels in Nicaragua. A central figure in the operation was [Barry Seal](#), a pilot and drug smuggler for Pablo Escobar's Medellin cartel who became an undercover agent and informant for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

In November 1996, then-CIA Inspector General Frederick Hitz [absolved the CIA](#) of involvement in the operation.

Hitz at the time said that "no evidence has been found to indicate that the CIA or anyone acting on its behalf participated in, or otherwise had knowledge of, any illegal or improper activities in Mena, Arkansas or the area north of Mena known as Nella, Arkansas."

We sued the CIA in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia after the agency failed to respond to a June 29, 2018, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. Central Intelligence Agency](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00672)). We are seeking:

The CIA Inspector General's report issued in November 1996 relating to a drug-running, money laundering and intelligence gathering operation involving an airport in Mena, Arkansas.

In an October 18, 1994, editorial feature for *The Wall Street Journal* titled "[The Mena Coverup](#)," Micah Morrison wrote: "What do Bill Clinton and Oliver North have in common, along with the Arkansas State Police and the Central Intelligence Agency? All probably wish they had never heard of Mena."

Morrison noted that Seal, who by 1984 was a DEA informant, "flew at least one sting operation to Nicaragua for the CIA." Seal was murdered in 1986 by Colombian hit men in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

For more than 20 years, the CIA has stonewalled the release of information we are now seeking. So let's see what we might find out.

Happy Independence Day!

I fear we are failing current and future generations as our nation's elites ignore, misstate, and suppress the truths of our nation's founding. One way to combat this is to read the documents from the era, especially the Declaration of Independence. I reprint it for you below read and share:

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest

of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

Here is a helpful link (https://www.archives.gov/files/founding-docs/declaration_signers_gallery_facts.pdf) to a document from the National Archives that provides basic information on the Founders who risked everything in signing the Declaration of Independence.

I'd like to think the Founding Fathers who led the American Revolution would love Judicial Watch's mission of holding corrupt government officials accountable to the rule of law.

Accept our best wishes for safe, joyful, and patriotic Independence Day!

God bless America!

Until next week,

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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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Tom Fitton: Robert Mueller is Being Protected by Rod Rosenstein over Trump/Russia Probe

October 23, 2018 – JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Daily Ledger" on One America News Network to discuss the Mueller Probe and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's closed congressional testimony.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Key SpyGate Document

Our powerful and secretive spy agencies were unleashed, and the Justice Department and the FBI is making it difficult for us and even Congress to get to the bottom of it.

We sued for one key record which led to the initiation of the counterintelligence investigation of President Trump's 2016 presidential campaign ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02743)).

We had to sue because, as per usual, the DOJ and FBI both failed to respond to identical July 11, 2019, FOIA requests seeking access to a single record: "The Electronic Communication that initiated the counterintelligence investigation of President Trump's 2016 presidential campaign."

Included with each FOIA request was an April 2018 [letter](#) from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Intelligence Committee) to the Justice Department concerning a congressional subpoena for the same record.

The Justice Department initially provided the Intelligence Committee a [heavily redacted](#) copy of the electronic communication it sought. Only after the Intelligence Committee issued a subpoena did the DOJ, on April 10, 2018, provide a [less redacted](#) version, which has not been released publicly.

In March 2018, based upon the information contained in the DOJ communication and other information, the Intelligence Committee produced a 150-page report, [the summary](#) of which states: "We have found no evidence of collusion, coordination, or conspiracy between the Trump campaign and the Russians."

In an interview after reviewing the Electronic Communication, U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes, ranking member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, [said](#), "We now know there was no official intelligence used to start this investigation."

So it took us a long time to actually get this ... electronic communication ... What [were] the original reasons that the counterintelligence investigation was started? Now this is really important to us because the counterintelligence investigation uses the tools of our intelligence services that are not supposed to be used on American citizens, so we've long wanted to know ... what intelligence ... actually led to this investigation. So what we found now after the investigators have reviewed it is that in fact there was no intelligence.

The FBI and DOJ are still covering up the corruption behind the Obama administration's illicit spying on President Trump. The original document behind the 'counterintelligence' spy operation against President Trump is key to exposing the corruption of Spygate. It is beyond belief the FBI and DOJ are still hiding it.

You probably aren't familiar with FBI Special Agent Michael Gaeta, but he played a critical role in getting the spurious Steele dossier to his superiors in the FBI in Washington, where it would be used as a pretext to spy on and try to destroy President Trump.

We're now investigating his involvement in this abuse. We filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) suit against the Department of Justice for records about [Mr. Gaeta](#), who had been legal attaché in Rome ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02722)).

We were forced to sue after the Justice Department and FBI failed to respond to our August 10, 2018, FOIA requests seeking:

- All records of communications, including emails (using [his or her] own name or aliases), text messages, instant chats and encrypted messages, sent to and from former FBI Legal Attaché in Rome, Special Agent Michael Gaeta, mentioning the terms "Trump", "Clinton", "Republican", "Democrat", and/or "conservatives."
- All SF50s and SF52s of SA Michael Gaeta.
- All expense reports and travel vouchers submitted for SA Michael Gaeta.

Here is the background. On August 28, 2018, Bruce Ohr [testified](#) before a joint task force of the House Judiciary and Oversight Committees that Christopher Steele, author of the Clinton-funded dossier, gave two reports from the dossier to Gaeta.

In the July 30 meeting, Chris Steele also mentioned something about the doping — you know, one of the doping scandals. And he also mentioned, I believe — and, again, this is based on my review of my notes — that he had provided Mr. Gaeta with two reports..."

The only thing I recall him mentioning is that he had provided two of his reports to Special Agent Gaeta.

Gaeta [reportedly](#) was authorized by then Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland to meet with Steele at his office in London to receive reports from the dossier.

The purpose of the London visit was clear. Steele was personally handing the first memo in his dossier to Gaeta for ultimate transmission back to the FBI and the State Department.

For this visit, the FBI sought permission from the office of Nuland, the assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian affairs. Nuland, who had been the recipient of many of Steele's reports, gave permission for the more formal meeting. On July 5, 2016, Gaeta traveled to London and met with Steele at the offices of Steele's firm, Orbis.

The FBI is covering up its role in the Russiagate hoax. We have had to fight 'tooth and nail' for every scrap of information about the illicit targeting of President Trump.

The Obama administration authorized a meeting abroad with a foreign spy working for Hillary Clinton to target Donald J. Trump. We will push hard in court to uncover the truth about this historic scandal.

Judicial Watch Demands Expanded Ethics Investigation of Rep. Ilhan Omar

In a [July ethics complaint](#) to the House of Representatives, Judicial Watch demanded an investigation of alleged marriage, immigration, tax, and other fraud related to the allegation that Rep. Omar had married her brother.

Turns out that this is just one aspect of Rep. Omar's ethics problem.

Judicial Watch this week sent another [complaint](#) to the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Congressional Ethics calling for further investigation of Rep. Ilhan Omar over new allegations that her alleged lover, Tim Mynett, received nearly

\$230,000 from her campaign since July 2018.

The new campaign finance allegations arise as a result of [divorce filings](#) alleging the affair between Mr. Mynett and Rep. Omar.

Rep. Omar obviously has significant ethics problems, and the House Ethics Committee must act to investigate the serious and substantial allegations against her. Frankly, there's more than enough evidence for the Justice Department to initiate a criminal investigation of Rep. Omar.

Here is our supplemental complaint:

Re: Supplemental Ethics Complaint Against Rep. Ilhan Omar Concerning Possible Violations of Federal and State Law

Dear Chairman Skaggs,

Judicial Watch is a non-profit, non-partisan educational foundation, promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in government and fidelity to the rule of law. We regularly monitor congressional ethics issues as part of our anti-corruption mission.

This letter serves as a supplemental complaint to an official complaint that we filed with the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) on July 22, 2019 (attached as Exhibit A), relative to potential felonies committed by Rep. Ilhan Omar involving tax fraud, marriage fraud, immigration fraud and perjury, principally involving Rep. Omar's possible marriage to her biological brother, presumably as part of an immigration fraud scheme.

In addition to those potential violations of law, new disclosures arising from civil litigation raise still more troubling allegations, suggesting more potential violations of law or regulations by Rep. Omar that require investigation.

Specifically, in a divorce action, Dr. Beth Mynett of Washington, D.C., has accused her husband, political consultant Tim Mynett, of having an affair with Rep. Omar during which Mr. Mynett's firm, E Street Consulting LLC, and Mr. Mynett directly, received nearly \$230,000 from Rep. Omar's campaign since July 2018.

According to Dr. Mynett's divorce filings, "[O]n reflection, Defendant's [Tim Mynett's] more recent travel and long work hours now appear to be more related to his affair with Rep. Omar than with his actual work commitments..."

The bulk of the proceeds paid to E Street (\$175,371.40) were funneled to E Street ~~after~~ the November 2018 congressional elections, thereby calling into question the true purpose of the payments.

Additionally, according to [a complaint](#) filed with the Federal Election Commission, Ilhan for Congress campaign filings with the FEC indicate that eight disbursements were made to E Street Consulting totaling \$21,546.94 for "travel expenses." However, these expenses were not itemized, as required by FEC regulations.

House Rules are quite specific about the improper use of campaign funds for personal expenditures. The Code of Official Conduct of the House of Representatives states:

A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner—

(a) shall keep the campaign funds of such individual separate from the personal funds of such individual, '

(b) may not convert campaign funds to personal use in excess of an amount representing reimbursement for legitimate and verifiable campaign expenditures; and

(c) except as provided in clause 1 (b) of rule XXIV, may not expend funds from a campaign account of such

individual that are not attributable to bona fide campaign or political purposes.

The House Rules of Conduct are also quite explicit about the seriousness with which Congress takes such violations as have allegedly occurred with respect to Rep. Omar's conduct. The very opening of Rule XXIII, the Code of Official Conduct, states:

There is hereby established by and for the House the following code of conduct, to be known as the "Code of Conduct": 1. A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, Officer, or employee of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House.

As suggested by Dr. Mynett's court filings and the FEC complaint, these payments may represent campaign funds being used to allow Mr. Mynett to accompany Rep. Omar in her travels for Rep. Omar's pleasure, and thereby constitute campaign funds being used for personal expenses, in addition to the expenses not being properly itemized — both serious violations of House rules and campaign finance regulations.

We call upon the Office of Congressional Ethics to launch an investigation into Rep. Omar's conduct immediately for both these potential violations and those enumerated in our letter of July 22, 2019.

Respondent, Rep. Ilhan Omar, has been provided with an exact copy of the filed complaint and all attachments.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Submitted by,

Tom Fitton
President
Judicial Watch

You can let your congressmen know what you think the House needs to do about Rep. Omar's mounting legal and ethics issues by contacting them at 202-225-3121.

Why Was Nellie Ohr Deleting Emails From Her Husband?

When the wife of a top Justice Department official tells her husband that she's "deleting these emails now," it may well be innocent. But when both of them are up to their necks in plotting against a president of the United States, this potential destruction of evidence needs to be investigated.

So, we have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) suit against the Justice Department and the FBI for records of an "analytical exchange" between German officials and top DOJ officials, including Bruce Ohr, concerning possible Russian influence. Our suit was prompted by our earlier [discovery](#) of one of Nellie Ohr's emails advising Bruce Ohr that "I am deleting these emails now," seemingly related to the "analytical exchange" ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02692)).

We sued after the Justice Department and FBI failed to respond to two separate May 17, 2019, FOIA requests seeking:

- All records of DOJ officials' communications, notes, call logs, calendar entries, transcripts, audio-visual recordings and other records relating to an "analytical exchange" between a delegation of German officials and DOJ officials which occurred circa April 26, 2016 in Washington, DC.
- All records reflecting the identities and titles of the German officials who attended the analytical exchange on April 26, 2016.

In May 2019, we [released](#) records from the Justice Department that included an email exchange between Ohr, his top aide Lisa Holtyn, his wife Nellie Ohr who worked for Fusion GPS, and First Secretary at the German Embassy Stefan Bress. The

email discusses a meeting with German analysts for an "analytical exchange" on topics including the "Impact of Russian influence operations in Europe ('PsyOps/InfoWar')."

According to the emails, Bress had initiated the offer of the meeting to which Holtyn responds, "I haven't had a chance to confer with Bruce yet, but would certainly love to meet with the 'A Team'!" Bruce Ohr says, "That time works for me as well." Bress then provides the personal details/passport numbers of the German analysts who will be meeting with Holtyn and Ohr. Holtyn tells Bress that the Ohrs would like to host the German delegation for dinner and notes that Joe Wheatley and Ivana Nizich (a husband/wife team of DOJ Organized Crime prosecutors and friends of the Ohrs) would join them as well.

Included in that email exchange were [records](#) we uncovered revealing that Nellie Ohr informed her husband that she was deleting emails sent from his DOJ email account.

Here's the crucial question: Was Bruce Ohr directing his wife Nellie Ohr, who worked for the Clinton spy ring at Fusion GPS, to delete emails about Russia? Our new lawsuit aims to uncover what was behind this possible obstruction of justice.

We are on top of this scandal with several smoking gun disclosures.

In August 2019, we [released](#) FBI 302 interviews with Bruce Ohr showing the efforts of the FBI, DOJ, and State Department to find allegedly incriminating material about President Trump through communications with Fusion GPS and Clinton-funded dossier author Christopher Steele. Also released were documents containing [Russia-related emails](#) sent from Nellie Ohr to Holtyn during the time Nellie Ohr worked with Fusion GPS.

In June, we [uncovered](#) documents showing the removal of Bruce Ohr from the position of Associate Attorney General in 2017; his transfer from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force to International Affairs in 2018; and that Ohr received a total of \$42,520 in performance bonuses during the Trump/Russia investigation. Ohr's bonus nearly doubled from \$14,520 (received in November 2015) to \$28,000 in November 2016.

In May, our FOIA lawsuit [produced](#) information from the DOJ showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Kathleen Kavalec and Bruce Ohr discussing the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material. In discussing a meeting with the potential source for a *Mother Jones* article accusing the Trump campaign of taking money from a Russian-American oil magnate, as well as Christopher Steele's connection to that source, Kavalec emails Ohr citing the accusatory *Mother Jones* article. Ohr says, "I really hope we can get something going here."

In March, we [uncovered emails](#) from Ohr showing that he remained in regular contact with former British spy and Fusion GPS contractor Christopher Steele after Steele [was terminated](#) by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant. The records show that Ohr served as a go-between for Steele by passing along information to "his colleagues" on matters relating to Steele's activities. Ohr also set up meetings with Steele, regularly talked to him on the telephone and provided him assistance in dealing with situations Steele was confronting with the media.

Nobody is doing more than your Judicial Watch – or with as much success – to uncover the full truth of the worst corruption scandal in American history!

Judicial Watch Sues for Documents on FBI/CIA Informant in Trump Organization

All manner of buzzing starts when you poke the wasp nests of our spy agencies, especially when they're up to no good. Here's the story of one shady character who may have been setting a trap for Donald Trump.

We filed a Freedom of Information (FOIA) suit against the Department of Justice seeking all records of communications, including FBI 302 interview reports and offer agreements, between former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office and Felix Sater. Sater is a former Trump organization official who was recently confirmed to be an informant for the FBI and CIA. Sater reportedly pushed a Russian real estate deal in 2016 while working at the Trump organization.

Sater [reportedly](#) "began working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1998, after he was caught in a stock-fraud scheme." It was Andrew Weissmann (of Mueller and Enron infamy) who, as supervising assistant U.S. attorney, signed the [agreement](#) that brought Sater on as a government informant. Federal [prosecutors wrote](#) a letter to Sater's sentencing judge on August 27, 2009, in an effort to get him a lighter sentence: "Sater's cooperation was of a depth and breadth rarely seen."

Sater also was reportedly a CIA informant in the mid-2000s for the CIA, doing undercover work with Russian military and intelligence officers.

The [Mueller report](#) mentions Sater more than 100 times but fails to mention that he was an active undercover informant for the FBI/CIA for more than two decades. In 2017, Sater was the subject of two interviews conducted under a proffer agreement with Mueller's office according to page 69 footnote 304 of Mueller's report on his Russian collusion investigation.

We sued in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia after Mueller's office, a component of the DOJ, failed to respond to a June 12, 2019, FOIA request for FBI "302" interview reports of Sater that are referred to in the [Mueller report](#); any offer agreements between Sater and the U.S. government; and records of communications between Sater and government employees ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02568)).

In a June 25, 2019 [report](#), our chief investigative reporter, Micah Morrison, highlighted that:

Beginning in late 2015, Sater repeatedly tried to arrange for [Trump attorney Michael] Cohen and candidate Trump, as representatives of the Trump Organization, to travel to Russia to meet with Russian government officials and possible financing partners.

Though his proposal appears to have been rejected by the Trump campaign, Sater persisted. "Into the spring of 2016," the Mueller Report notes, "Sater and Cohen continued to discuss a trip to Moscow." Sater emails Cohen that he is trying to arrange a meeting between "the 2 big guys," Putin and Trump.

Sater's re-emergence "suggests the possibility of a more sinister counter-narrative: that someone may have been trying to lure Trump into a trap—a politically damaging entanglement with Moscow money," Morrison wrote.

Sater [reportedly](#) testified for eight hours in a closed-door session before the Schiff-led intelligence committee on July 9, 2019. Sater previously said he believes the Trump Tower Moscow project was no different from other Trump real estate projects that were also in the works. "I have worked on probably five or six Trump Tower projects in the United States and at least that many internationally...."

What we want to know is this: Was a Russian real estate deal being pushed on the Trump Organization part of a set-up by an FBI/CIA informant? Our lawsuit will shed light on what could be another aspect of the Deep State abusive Spygate operation targeting President Trump.

Judicial Watch Court Victory against California Effort to Target Trump

We had a great victory in federal court this week! A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction at the request of Judicial Watch, President Trump, and other challengers to a new California law that attempted to require presidential candidates to disclose their tax returns.

California politicians, in their zeal to attack President Trump, passed a law that also unconstitutionally victimizes California voters and the Constitution. A federal court seems to agree and granted [our request](#) for a [preliminary injunction](#) that stops this scheme from interfering with the 2020 elections.

Under the law, known as the Presidential Tax Transparency and Accountability Act, candidates who do not publicly disclose their tax returns for the past five years were barred from having their names printed on California's primary ballots.

In our [lawsuit](#) challenging the requirement on behalf of four California voters—two Republicans, a Democrat, and an Independent—we argued that SB 27 imposes candidate qualifications beyond those allowed by the U.S. Constitution and impermissibly burdens a voters’ expressive constitutional and statutory rights.

The lawsuit claims violations of the U.S. Constitution’s Qualifications Clause, the First and Fourteenth Amendments, and 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and 1988 ([Jerry Griffin et al. v. Alex Padilla](#) (No. 2:19-cv-01477)).

Another victory for the Constitution – thanks to your support!

Until next week ...

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Smoking Gun Emails Show Media-FBI Anti-Trump Collusion and FBI Ethical Morass

This is a first for Judicial Watch: We apparently were the cause of a spat between FBI lovebirds Peter Strzok and Lisa Page.

This and more serious revelations come in [345 pages](#) of Page-Strzok records obtained through a January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the DOJ failed respond to a December 4, 2017 FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00154)). We sued for all communications between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page.

The emails were released in response to a May 21 [court order](#) by U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton to the FBI to process 13,000 pages of records. The records are being released to us intermittently in batches.

In [an email](#) thread starting at 6:34 a.m. on May 9, 2017, with the subject line "Comey's Testimony on Huma Abedin Forwarding Emails Was Inaccurate – ProPublica" nearly a dozen top FBI officials scrambled to draft a letter to Congress about Comey's May 3 Senate testimony.

This email thread was concerned with a May 8, 2017, [ProPublica report](#) stating that, "Comey's most surprising revelation was that Huma Abedin — [Anthony] Weiner's wife and a top Clinton deputy — had made 'a regular practice' of forwarding 'hundreds and thousands' of Clinton messages to her husband, 'some of which contain classified information.' Comey testified that Abedin had done this so that the disgraced former congressman could print them out for her boss.... FBI officials have privately acknowledged that Comey misstated what Abedin did and what the FBI investigators found."

After a flurry of emails, by 8:56 a.m. Comey's chief of staff, Jim Rybicki, sent the group a draft letter for Congress, saying, "Below is a draft that has been reviewed by the Director. Please let me know your thoughts." At 2:02PM, Asst. Director for Congressional Affairs, Greg Brower, asked his colleagues to review the latest iteration of the draft letter to the Senate.

Just "[hours after](#)" the FBI issued a letter [muddling](#) his testimony, Trump announced Comey's firing.

In a March 24, 2017 [email](#) from *New York Times* reporter Michael Schmidt to FBI Assistant Director for Public Affairs Michael Kortan, Schmidt offers the FBI information about Ambassador Kislyak allegedly setting up a meeting between Jared Kushner and a Russian banker. Michael Schmidt asks no questions of Kortan, instead only offering information:

Michael Schmidt emails Kortan: Mike: Wanted to flag you on something. Three of my colleagues are working on a story about the Russia investigation. They're told that Jared Kushner is among the individuals who the F.B.I. is scrutinizing for their meetings with Russians. My colleagues were told that Ambassador Kislyak, after meeting Kushner and General Flynn in early December at Trump Tower, set up a meeting with Kushner and a Russian banker. Kushner ultimately met with the Russian banker. The banker worked for Alpha Bank. Thanks. Mike

In an April 10, 2017, [email](#) exchange between Strzok, Page and other redacted FBI officials with the subject line "NYT Last Shot," the FBI appears to be given a preview of an upcoming article in *The New York Times*.

[Redacted] emails Strzok, Page and others: Pete/Lisa, The editing is nearing completion and we have one last shot to hear what the end result is. Do you have time later today or tomorrow that is convenient for a listening session? Likely by phone in Mike's office.

In an [email](#) on April 26, 2017, *ProPublica* reporter Peter Elkind sent the FBI a "fact check" list of items in preparation for a story he was working on about James Comey and the Clinton email investigation. Elkind describes the list as, "a first small batch of straightforward details for fact-check purposes." Elkind notes that his information showed that Comey had "ordered up files on about 30 previous cases where government had [investigated mishandling](#) of classified information."

In response to Elkind's questions, four top FBI officials, including Strzok, Page and Kortan were assembled as a "quorum" to discuss.

In a series of [emails](#) on April 27, 2017, an FBI official whose name was redacted states that a *Politico* reporter forwarded them [a Judicial Watch press release](#) discussing how an FBI court filing revealed the existence of a grand jury targeting Clinton. That official then forwarded it to Strzok, Page and other redacted officials in the Counterterrorism Division and Director's Office.

The assistant general counsel in the National Security Law Branch responded, copying in E.W. Priestap, assistant director for Counterintelligence, but his response is entirely redacted.

In a separate [email](#) exchange on April 27, 2017, about the same [Judicial Watch press release](#), Page replies to someone in the Office of General Counsel saying "I didn't realize that we had said this publicly." Next Page appears to quarrel with paramour Strzok via email about this issue:

Page emails Strzok: Are you serious, dude? I sent to [redacted]. So I've committed some grave sin for not including you on this? My apologies, DAD Strzok, sir.

Strzok emails Page: You know what? Take a step back and look at this... And stop with the DAD Sir bullsh*t. That's not the point and you know it.

Page emails Strzok: I think you think you should take your own advice. I didn't look to see who was on the distribution when I sent it. Sorry, that's on me. But this is distinctly not a big deal. And I definitely didn't err in not including you on a two-line email to [redacted]. Get a grip.

In a May 1, 2017, [email](#) exchange between Strzok and a redacted FBI Counterespionage Division official about a background briefing Strzok gave about charges being brought against a group of Russians for hacking Yahoo, Strzok says, "What you saw ... is that the D (Director Comey), DD (Deputy Director Andrew McCabe), and EAD (Executive Asst. Director Paul Abbate) are all bright men with attention to detail and impressive memories."

In a March 21, 2017, [email](#) from Strzok to Page, Strzok accuses an FBI colleague of "constant sneaky but unprovable underhandedness," because she called "Charlie" in the FBI Office in NY for information on something rather than waiting on Strzok to respond, saying she didn't know "if your answer meant you'd be back tonight."

Strzok emails Page: Of course this was a BS cover for calling Charlie in NY about one of my cases because of something Carl allegedly asked ("I didn't know if your answer meant you'd be back tonight") ... I tired of the constant

sneaky but unprovable underhandedness.

These new Page-Strzok emails show the Obama FBI to be a mess both professionally and ethically. The best example of the ethical morass at the FBI are the emails showing how a report on our disclosure that a grand jury had been used in the Clinton email investigation set off a spat between Peter Strzok and Lisa Page.

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California Begins Massive Voter Roll Clean-Up – Notifies Up to 1.5 Million ‘Inactive’ Voters as Part of Judicial Watch Lawsuit Settlement

I am happy to report to you that Los Angeles County has sent notices to as many as 1.59 million inactive voters on its voter rolls – a step toward removing the names of voters who have moved, died, or are otherwise ineligible to vote.

The massive mailings are the result of a [settlement agreement](#) with us requiring the county to remove as many as 1.5 million inactive registrations. In addition, the California secretary of state has alerted other California counties to clean up their voter registration lists to comply with the federal National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), as the secretary promised to do in that same settlement agreement.

All of this is the result of a federal [lawsuit](#) we filed in 2017 to force the cleanup of Los Angeles County’s voter rolls ([Judicial Watch, Inc., et al. v. Dean C. Logan, et al.](#) (No. 2:17-cv-08948)). We sued on its own behalf and on behalf of Wolfgang Kupka, Rhue Guyant, Jerry Griffin, and Delores M. Mars, who are lawfully registered voters in Los Angeles County. We were joined in this lawsuit by Election Integrity Project California, Inc., a public interest group that has long been involved in monitoring California’s voter rolls.

Under the terms of the [settlement agreement](#), voters who do not respond to the notices sent by the county and who do not vote in the next two federal elections must be removed from the voting rolls. Secretary Padilla also agreed to update the state’s online NVRA manual in order to make clear that ineligible names must be removed and to notify each California county that they are obliged to do this. On April 11, Secretary Padilla notified us that this part of the settlement agreement had been implemented.

The agreement also required the office of the secretary of state to send a written advisory to all county clerks/registrars of voters in California stating that current federal law requires the cancellation of a registrant who has failed to respond to an official notice and who then fails to vote, offers to vote, correct the registrar’s record, “or otherwise have their eligibility to vote confirmed for a period of time including the next two general federal elections.”

The updated California National Voter Registration Act Manual, March 2019, [conforms](#) to this standard. In April and May 2019, the California secretary of state provided a [training presentation](#) to all 58 counties in California regarding the proper list maintenance procedures under the NVRA.

As we [previously noted](#), Los Angeles County has over [10 million](#) residents, more than the populations of 41 of the 50 United States. California is America’s largest state, with almost 40 million residents. The county had allowed more than 20% of its registered voters to become inactive without removing them from the voter list.

We discovered that California had treated the removal of inactive voters as permissive, not mandatory, and had not cleaned its voter registration rolls in at least 20 years. The Supreme Court affirmed last year in an opinion affirming a historic [Judicial Watch settlement with Ohio](#) that the NVRA “makes this removal mandatory.”

This victory for clean elections in California will set another national precedent for other states to take reasonable steps to ensure that dead and other ineligible voters are removed from the rolls.

We are the national leader in enforcing the provisions of the NVRA. In early January, we announced that we had signed a [settlement agreement](#) with the State of California and county of Los Angeles under which they will begin the process of removing from their voter registration rolls as many as 1.5 million inactive registered names that may be invalid. This was only the third statewide settlement achieved by private plaintiffs under the NVRA – and we were the plaintiff in each of those cases. The other statewide settlements were with [Ohio](#) (in 2014) and with [Kentucky](#) (2018), which agreed to a court-ordered consent decree.

Key Clinton Aide Questioned by Judicial Watch Attorneys About Email ‘Matter’

We just released the [deposition transcript](#) of Justin Cooper, a former aide to President Bill Clinton and a Clinton Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure clintonemail.com server that Hillary Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State.

Cooper admits that he spoke with Cheryl Mills, Clinton’s former chief of staff, one week prior to his deposition and let her know that the deposition had been scheduled. Cooper also said that he worked with Huma Abedin, Clinton’s deputy chief of staff, to create the private email system, but can’t recall if Clinton had any input in its creation or if he wiped the original server. The entire transcript is available [here](#).

Cooper was recently deposed as part of the [discovery](#) granted to Judicial Watch by U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth in response to its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit involving former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s unsecured, non-government email system ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

Cooper testified that he spoke with Mills the week before giving his deposition:

Q When did you last speak with Cheryl Mills?

A Last week.

Late last year Judge Lamberth [criticized](#) the DOJ, saying he was “dumbfounded” by the Inspector General report revealing that Mills had been given immunity and was allowed to accompany former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to her FBI interview. The full transcript of that hearing is available [here](#). Judge Lamberth:

I did print out and read that 500-page report when I got it and I was actually dumbfounded when found out, in reading that report, that Cheryl Mills had been given immunity because ... I had myself found that Cheryl Mills had committed perjury and lied under oath in a published opinion I had issued in a Judicial Watch case where I found her unworthy of belief, and I was quite shocked to find out she had been given immunity in — by the Justice Department in the Hillary Clinton email case. So I did not know that until I read the IG report and learned that and that she had accompanied the Secretary to her interview.

(In an [April 28, 2008, ruling](#) relating to Mills’ conduct as a White House official in responding to concerns about lost White House email records, Judge Lamberth called Mills’ participation in the matter “loathsome.” He further stated Mills was responsible for “the most critical error made in this entire fiasco ... Mills’ actions were totally inadequate to address the problem.”)

When Cooper was asked who approached him about creating the clintonemail.com account, Cooper answered: “It would have been a discussion with Huma Abedin.” Cooper also testified that Abedin was his primary contact regarding the choice of the domain name that was registered “I believe” in “January ’09.”

Cooper's testimony is at odds with our 2016 deposition of Abedin in which she [testified](#) that she became aware of the server through "reading in some news articles about a year, a year-and-a-half ago, when it was – it was being publicly discussed."

Cooper said "I don't recall" when asked if Clinton herself had any input in the creation of the domain name.

Cooper also testified that there were two servers: an original "Apple server" and then a Windows server, which was "the Pagliano server," named after Clinton's top State Department IT specialist Bryan Pagliano. Cooper said he couldn't recall whether the Apple server was wiped once her emails were transferred over to the Pagliano server in early 2009.

When Cooper was asked to testify how many e-mails accounts he created or set up for Clinton he answered, "To the best of my recollection two or three." Cooper also said that he and Pagliano set up email accounts for Abedin and Chelsea Clinton.

Pagliano was a Clinton State Department IT official who [repeatedly](#) invoked his Fifth Amendment right to not answer questions in our 2016 deposition.

When Cooper was asked if Clinton or anyone associated with them is paying his legal bills for this deposition or any other matters related to Secretary Clinton's use of email, he answered: "In relation to [today's legal expenses] it's unclear to me if I'll be reimbursed for these – for legal fees from the Clintons. My previous legal fees about a year after the conclusion of the congressional testimony through my lawyers was negotiated for settlement for the Clintons to make payment."

He identified controversial Clinton Foundation official and advisor to President Clinton [Doug Band](#) as the individual in a redacted FBI 302 report who had conversations with Cooper and Abedin about the Apple server and who thought adding Hillary Clinton to the server was a "bad idea."

Q Let me direct your attention to the fourth paragraph about four lines up. This is a redacted version, so we don't know who the interviewee is or some of the names. But I want to direct your attention to the line that starts off with the redaction and says, blank recall the conversation with Huma Abedin and Cooper regarding the addition of Hillary Clinton to the Apple server; do you see that?

A I do.

Q Do you know who that individual would be ...

A I suspect it's Doug Band.

Q The next line says, blank thought it was a bad idea, but the issue had been decided by that point in time; do you see that?

A Yes.

We were granted [depositions](#) and written questions under oath of former Clinton aides, State Department officials, and others:

- [Justin Cooper](#), a former aide to Bill Clinton who reportedly had no security clearance and is believed to have played a key role in setting up Hillary Clinton's non-government email system;
- [John Hackett](#), a State Department records official "immediately responsible for responding to [requests for records](#) under the Freedom of Information Act;"
- [Jacob "Jake" Sullivan](#), Hillary Clinton's former senior advisor and deputy chief of staff;
- [Sheryl Walter](#), former State Department Director of the Office of Information Programs and Services/Global Information Services;
- [Gene Smilansky](#), a State Department lawyer;
- Monica Tillery, a State Department official;
- Jonathon Wasser, who was a management analyst on the Executive Secretariat staff. Wasser worked for Deputy

Director Clarence Finney and was the State Department employee who actually conducted the searches for records in response to FOIA requests to the Office of the Secretary

- [Clarence Finney](#), the deputy director of the Executive Secretariat staff who was the principal advisor and records management expert in the Office of the Secretary responsible for control of all correspondence and records for Hillary Clinton and other State Department officials;
- [Heather Samuelson](#), the former State Department senior advisor who helped facilitate the State Department's receipt and release of Hillary Clinton's emails;
- [Monica Hanley](#), Hillary Clinton's former confidential assistant at the State Department;
- [Lauren Jiloty](#), Clinton's former special assistant;
- [E.W. Priestap](#), is serving as assistant director of the FBI's counterintelligence division and helped oversee [both](#) the Clinton email and the 2016 presidential campaign investigations. Priestap testified in a separate lawsuit that Clinton was the subject of a grand jury investigation related to her BlackBerry email accounts;
- [Susan Rice](#), President Obama's former UN ambassador who appeared on Sunday television news shows following the Benghazi attacks, blaming a ["hateful video."](#) Rice was also Obama's national security advisor involved in the "unmasking" the identities of senior Trump officials caught up in the surveillance of foreign targets;
- [Ben Rhodes](#), an Obama-era White House deputy strategic communications adviser who attempted to orchestrate a campaign to "reinforce" Obama and to portray the Benghazi consulate terrorist attack as being "rooted in an Internet video, and not a failure of policy;"
- [Heather Samuelson](#), the former State Department senior advisor who helped facilitate the State Department's receipt and release of Hillary Clinton's emails; and one other person to be designated by the State Department.

Questions surrounding a wiped server, a Clinton lawyer being informed of a scheduled deposition, and contradictory testimony – all this we have uncovered recently in our court-ordered discovery on the Clinton email scandal. There's a stench hovering over it all.

The Cross Still Stands

In December 2018 we filed an [amicus curiae brief](#) asking the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse a [decision](#) by an appeals court that a 40-foot, cross-shaped war memorial that has stood on public land in Maryland for nearly a century is unconstitutional because it "excessively entangles" the government with religion.

The week the High Court [ruled](#) that the Bladensburg, Maryland, Peace Cross shall be allowed stand, and we applaud this ruling. This ruling recognizes that the World War I memorial cross is not in violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the Constitution.

The cross has been used throughout American history to honor our nation's war dead. The cross has become synonymous with veteran sacrifice. It was dedicated to the memory of local heroes.

Military sacrifice made possible the guarantee of our constitutional rights. It is the duty of the courts to honor the Constitution as written by the Framers. The Supreme Court's decision not only honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice, it is a victory for religious freedom.

Until next week ...

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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

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Tom Fitton: Robert Mueller is Being Protected by Rod Rosenstein over Trump/Russia Probe

October 23, 2018 – JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Daily Ledger" on One America News Network to discuss the Mueller Probe and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's closed congressional testimony.

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Tom Fitton: El Paso Region is 'Freeway' for Drug/Human Trafficking & Terrorism

February 11, 2019- JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss a 'sophisticated narco-terror network' in El Paso, TX.

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JW Panel 'Investigating the Investigators'

Watch Our Expert Panel Discussion: 'Investigating the Investigators'

I moderated a Judicial Watch [panel of experts](#) this week to probing into the targeting of President Trump and the attacks on our Republican form of government through the illicit use of the spy agencies. The panel also discussed the corruption at the FBI, corrupt handling of the Clinton email investigation, the Obama administration's hand in the Russia investigation hoax, the Mueller probe and other important topics.

It's a sordid story, one we've fought to expose for three years.

With the collapse of the Mueller investigation, President Trump has been exonerated of the false accusations of collusion and obstruction with the Russians, the panel turned its attention to the politicization of Department of Justice and the intelligence community. This panel presentation is part of many efforts by your Judicial Watch to expose the full extent of Deep State attacks on our president and our republican form of government. Be sure to watch this special Judicial Watch video presentation, available [here](#).

Here are a few highlights from my introduction of the panel:

- Judicial Watch has nearly 50 lawsuits to expose this most massive corruption scandal in American History.
- Without the pressure of these lawsuits, efforts to educate the American people on what has been going on would never take place otherwise.
- Congress obviously has been defanged because they're part of the problem now. The administration is facing internal pressure not to release key information about the misconduct of the Obama administration. Frankly, there are Trump administration officials who have continued the effort to overthrow the president.

Here are highlights of what Carter Page and former Trump campaign advisor – one of the targets of Deep State crimes – had to say:

- All of the organizations on this panel, including Judicial Watch, were themselves illegally surveilled through the government's collection of his communications with them.
- Page said what the government did against him were acts of terrorism because the statutory definition of "terrorism" is "acts that are dangerous to human life," and he received countless death threats associated with government's actions against him. What the government was doing to him, he contended, was really about intimidating and coercing an innocent civilian for illegal ends.
- Literally everything that was done against Page, he said, was an act in violation of the FBI's official priorities: Protecting against terrorist attacks; protecting against foreign intelligence operations and espionage; protecting

against cyber-based and high-tech crimes; combating public corruption at all levels; protecting civil rights.

Here are some highlights of what lawyer and former Justice Department official Victoria Toensing had to say:

- George Papadopoulos was pursued to his Greek Island vacation destination and was set up by a man calling himself Charles Tawil, supposedly doing business in Israel, who convinced Papadopoulos to go to Israel where he was given \$10,000 in cash as part of the supposed business deal. Papadopoulos did not take the money with him back to the United States. But, when he landed at Dulles Airport in Washington, he was arrested by the FBI, put in shackles and thrown in jail but because he did not have the cash with him. The FBI "made up a crime" to charge him with.
- Why was Andrew Weissmann, then the Justice Department official in charge of the fraud section before he joined the Mueller team, briefed on the Trump Dossier when the matter was out of his portfolio?
- When then-head of the NSA, Admiral Mike Rogers, discovered all of the FISA court violations by the Obama administration since 2012, in April 2016, he cut off all access to NSA FISA material by FBI contractors. Is it then, Toensing asked, that the FBI suddenly started seeking FISA warrants on Carter Page and others directly from the FISA court?

Daily Caller News Foundation investigative reporter Chuck Ross said:

- James Comey and then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch were discussing Carter Page in Spring 2016, before the FBI investigation Crossfire Hurricane kicked off.
- FBI informer Stefan Halper met with Page three weeks before the FBI investigation began.
- The Trump Dossier fueled the media narrative on Trump/Russia collusion.

Judicial Watch Director of Investigations and Research, Chris Farrell, observed:

- Attorney General Barr aptly and appropriately described what was going on by the Justice Department and FBI during the coup attempt as "spying."
- The intelligence agencies were used in way that is "outrageously beyond the pale, like nothing else we've ever seen in the history of the United States Government."
- The FBI and intelligence agencies were so far out of bounds that when what was going on is described as a coup, it is no exaggeration. It was a coup – an effort to unseat the president and destabilize his administration.
- This was very sophisticated, very well thought out, not just "lawfare" in the sense of using law enforcement and the legal system, department of justice – justice and FBI, but also the intelligence apparatus like we've never seen before.

As I said to the panelists, no one else in American history has been targeted like this president. That's not a political statement; that's a fact. It ought to be concerning to any American who wants a Republican form of government – as opposed to a government run by political appointees and bureaucrats who think they know better than the American people in terms of who gets to be president and how they exercise their power and authority. Stay tuned for more as your Judicial Watch continues to investigate the investigators.

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Hillary Clinton was Warned Twice against Using Unsecure BlackBerrys and Personal Emails

Eric Boswell, the former Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security during Hillary Clinton's tenure as Secretary of State, testified in a recent Judicial Watch deposition that Hillary was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerrys and personal emails to transmit classified material. A full transcript of the deposition is available [here](#).

Boswell, who was responsible for securing classified and national security information, stated that Clinton and her staff were "wedded to their BlackBerrys." Additionally, he stated that he and other former State Department employees "were surprised" that Clinton used clintonemail.com to conduct official government business.

In his deposition, Ambassador Boswell stated:

- Hillary Clinton and other Senior State Department officials were warned in 2009 that "any unclassified Blackberry is highly vulnerable in any setting to remotely and covertly monitoring conversations, retrieving emails and exploiting

calendars.”

- Clinton was warned again by State Department officials in 2011 that, “We also urge Department users to minimize the use of personal web email for business, as some compromised home systems have been reconfigured by these actors to automatically forward copies of all composed emails to an undisclosed recipient.”
- Clinton assured Boswell that she “gets it” when he informed her about dangers of BlackBerrys.
- Clinton and her staff were “wedded to their blackberries” and wanted to continue using them in secure areas even after warning because it was a “convenience issue” to them.
- He and other former State Department employees “were surprised” to learn that Clinton used clintonemail.com to conduct official government business. Boswell claimed that they were not aware of such activity while still employed by the government.

Boswell was deposed as part of the [discovery](#) granted to us by U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth in response to our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit involving former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s unsecured, non-government email system ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

Your Judicial Watch was granted both [depositions](#) and written questions under oath of former Clinton aides, State Department officials, and others:

- [Justin Cooper](#), a former aide to Bill Clinton who reportedly had no security clearance and is believed to have played a key role in setting up Hillary Clinton’s non-government email system;
- [John Hackett](#), a State Department records official “immediately responsible for responding to [requests for records](#) under the Freedom of Information Act;”
- [Jacob “Jake” Sullivan](#), Hillary Clinton’s former senior advisor and deputy chief of staff;
- [Sheryl Walter](#), former State Department Director of the Office of Information Programs and Services/Global Information Services;
- [Gene Smilansky](#), a State Department lawyer;
- Monica Tillery, a State Department official;
- Jonathon Wasser, who was a management analyst on the Executive Secretariat staff. Wasser worked for Deputy Director Clarence Finney and was the State Department employee who actually conducted the searches for records in response to FOIA requests to the Office of the Secretary;
- [Clarence Finney](#), the deputy director of the Executive Secretariat staff who was the principal advisor and records management expert in the Office of the Secretary responsible for control of all correspondence and records for Hillary Clinton and other State Department officials;
- [Heather Samuelson](#), the former State Department senior advisor who helped facilitate the State Department’s receipt and release of Hillary Clinton’s emails;
- [Monica Hanley](#), Hillary Clinton’s former confidential assistant at the State Department;
- [Lauren Jiloty](#), Clinton’s former special assistant;
- [E.W. Priestap](#), is serving as assistant director of the FBI’s counterintelligence division and helped oversee [both](#) the Clinton email and the 2016 presidential campaign investigations. Priestap testified in a separate lawsuit that Clinton was the subject of a grand jury investigation related to her BlackBerry email accounts;
- [Susan Rice](#), President Obama’s former UN ambassador who appeared on Sunday television news shows following the Benghazi attacks, blaming a [“hateful video.”](#) Rice was also Obama’s national security advisor involved in the “unmasking” the identities of senior Trump officials caught up in the surveillance of foreign targets;
- [Ben Rhodes](#), an Obama-era White House deputy strategic communications adviser who attempted to orchestrate a campaign to “reinforce” Obama and to portray the Benghazi consulate terrorist attack as being “rooted in an Internet video, and not a failure of policy;”
- [Heather Samuelson](#), the former State Department senior advisor who helped facilitate the State Department’s receipt and release of Hillary Clinton’s emails;
- one other person to be designated by the State Department.

Judge Royce Lamberth [ordered](#) that the Boswell video be sealed.

Thanks to our court-ordered discovery, we now have confirmation that Hillary Clinton was warned by the top security official in the State Department that unsecure Blackberry and email use was a security risk, yet Hillary Clinton ignored these warnings. Why? She claims she did it – and in the process put national security at risk – for her own personal

convenience.

In June 2017, we submitted [evidence](#) to Judge Sullivan showing that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton knowingly used an unsecure BlackBerry device despite being warned by "security hawks" against doing so.

In a related [case](#), in 2016, we took depositions from [Cheryl Mills](#), [Huma Abedin](#), [Patrick Kennedy](#), [Stephen Mull](#), [Karin Lang](#) and [Bryan Pagliano](#) in connection to Secretary Clinton's private email system.

U.S. Government Wastes Billions on 'Fragmented, Overlapping or Duplicative' Programs

We at Judicial Watch have been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse throughout our 25-year history. A perfect [example](#) was the case of whistleblower Linda Shenwick during the Clinton administration, who exposed gross nepotism at the U.S. Mission to the UN; conflicts of interest in appointments and contracting; misrepresentations of the existence and waste and mismanagement at the UN; failure to deal with overbudgeting and overbilling; outright theft and mishandling of cash. For her efforts, she was escorted from her office at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. during working hours by armed guards like a common criminal; forced to go on leave without pay; then transferred to government jobs unrelated to her experience and unworthy of her skills; and isolated and forced to work under humiliating scrutiny. And then she was fired.

As our *Corruption Chronicles* recently reported, the nonpartisan investigative arm of Congress, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report showing federal government wasting tens of billions of dollars:

The federal government wastes tens of billions of dollars on all sorts of "fragmented, overlapping or duplicative" programs in areas ranging from healthcare to defense, the production of U.S. currency and disaster response. It is a perpetual government-wide epidemic that has long fleeced American taxpayers, according to a [report](#) issued this month by the nonpartisan investigative arm of Congress, the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The watchdog has published similar documents in the past eight years listing more than 300 areas of waste, yet the hemorrhaging continues because Congress or executive branch agencies have failed to act.

In the latest probe, the GAO identifies 98 new areas—in addition to hundreds that have been ignored—of fragmentation, overlap or duplication that must be addressed to help curb the waste. Fragmentation refers to circumstances in which more than one federal agency is involved in the same broad area of national need and service delivery can be improved. Overlap occurs when multiple agencies or programs have similar goals, engage in similar activities or strategies to achieve them or target similar beneficiaries. Duplication exists when two or more agencies or programs are engaged in the same activities or provide the same services to the same beneficiaries. "GAO estimates that tens of billions of additional dollars could be saved should Congress and executive branch agencies fully address the remaining 396 open actions, including the new ones identified in 2019," the new report states. "Addressing the remaining actions could lead to other benefits as well, such as increased public safety, better homeland and national security, and more effective delivery of services."

Here are some examples of new waste identified in the report, which also includes ongoing problems from previous investigations: The Department of Energy (DOE) could save "billions of dollars by developing a program-wide strategy to improve decision-making on cleaning up radioactive and hazardous waste." The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services could save hundreds of millions of dollars simply by improving how it identifies and targets risk in overseeing Medicaid spending and by avoiding overpaying for clinical lab tests. The Department of Defense (DOD) could save millions of dollars a year by expanding its use of intergovernmental support agreements to obtain support services that include waste management. The U.S. Mint could "reduce the cost of coin production by millions of dollars annually" and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could save tens of millions of dollars a year by more efficiently combating "tax fraud and noncompliance."

The list of agencies that fragment, overlap or duplicate goes on and on with practically every key federal agency appearing as an offender. Among them are the departments of Veterans Affairs (VA), Labor (DOL), Homeland Security (DHS), State, Agriculture (USDA) and Commerce as well as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The report does point out that actions taken by Congress and executive branch agencies have resulted in hundreds of billions of dollars in "financial benefits." Are American taxpayers supposed to pat lawmakers and federal government

managers on the back for doing their job? The waste is a result of poor management and never should have occurred in the first place. A lengthy and costly federal audit should not have been required to correct the problem.

There appears to be no end in sight to the spending crisis. Every year the GAO finds more and more violations. Investigators reveal they have directed 797 cost-saving actions to executive branch agencies in the last eight years and 106 actions to Congress. The federal agencies, including DOD, Health and Human Services and DHS, have addressed just over half of the problems. Congress has a worse track record, failing to take action in 56% of the cases documented in past federal audits. The GAO warns that "the federal government continues to face an unsustainable long-term fiscal path caused by an imbalance between federal revenue and spending" and that opportunities exist in a number of areas to improve the situation. Now elected officials and public servants must do their job.

Until next week ...

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The FBI is Has a Chart of Hillary Clinton's Potential Law Breaking

The FBI knows a lot more about Hillary Clinton than it is willing to let us know.

We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Justice seeking draft copies of FBI charts containing information on potential "statutory violations" committed by Hillary Clinton in the former secretary of state's use of a non-secure, non-government email server to conduct government business.

We are also suing for draft copies of talking points prepared by the FBI for its officials to use following then-Director James Comey's July 2016 [press conference](#) during which he recommended against prosecuting Clinton for mishandling classified information.

We sued in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia after the DOJ failed to respond to a December 3, 2018, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00800)). We are seeking:

1. All final and draft copies of talking points prepared by the FBI for its Executive Assistant Directors (EADs) relating to the "Mid-Year Exam" investigation ("MYE Talking Points") following the July 5, 2016 James Comey press conference in which he indicated he would not recommend prosecuting Hillary Clinton.
2. All final draft copies of a one-page version of the aforementioned MYE Talking Points created for FBI Special Agents-in-Charge (SACs).
3. All final and draft copies of charts of the "statutory violations considered during the investigation [of Hillary Clinton's server], and the reasons for the recommendation not to prosecute."

We recently uncovered DOJ records in a [related lawsuit](#) that include emails documenting an evident cover-up of a chart of potential violations of law by the secretary of state. On July 8, 2016, three days after then-FBI Director James Comey's press conference announcing that he would not recommend a prosecution of Clinton, the Special Counsel to the FBI's executive assistant director in charge of the National Security Branch, whose name is redacted, [wrote to Strzok](#) and others that he was producing a "chart of the statutory violations considered during the investigation [of Clinton's server], and the reasons for the recommendation not to prosecute..."

Neither these talking points nor the chart of potential violations committed by Clinton and her associates have been released.

"matter" now that it is unencumbered by the corrupt partisanship of Comey, McCabe, Strzok, Page, and the rest of their crowd.

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Look for Our Expert Panel Presentation: 'Investigating the Investigators'

I will be moderating a Judicial Watch panel on **Wednesday, May 29, 2019, from 10 to 11 a.m. ET**, to discuss "Investigating the Investigators," and you definitely will want to see it.

Now that the Mueller report has exonerated President Trump of the false accusations of collusion and obstruction, it is time to look into the politicization of DOJ and the intelligence community in their effort to undermine the president.

Our expert panelists currently include:

Dr. Carter Page

Former Trump Campaign Advisor

Founder and Managing Partner of Global Natural Gas Ventures LLC

Victoria Toensing

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Chuck Ross

Investigative Reporter

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Chris Farrell

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This is a strong lineup. Watch the panel live: www.judicialwatch.org/live. We will also livestream the panel on Facebook Live. Visit our [Facebook page](#) to watch.

Antifa Activist Ordered to Pay Our Legal Fees for Her 'Frivolous' Suit

A U.S. District Judge in California [awarded](#) us \$22,000 in legal fees in a case filed by an Antifa organizer in an effort to block us from obtaining information about her activities.

Yvette Felarca, a middle school teacher in the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD), and two co-plaintiffs were ordered to pay Judicial Watch \$22,000 in attorney's fees and \$4,000 in litigation costs. Felarca had [sued](#) the BUSD in federal court to keep the school district from fulfilling its legal obligation to provide us with records of their communications mentioning: Felarca, Antifa, and/or BAMN. We also asked for Felarca's personnel file.

Felarca is a prominent figure in [By Any Means Necessary](#) (BAMN), a group founded by the Marxist Revolutionary Workers League that protests conservative speaking engagements. In 2016, Felarca and two of her allies were arrested and charged with several crimes, including felony assault, for inciting a riot in Sacramento. Earlier this year, Felarca was ordered to [stand trial](#) for assault.

U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria, Northern District of California, who had previously ruled that Felarca's lawsuit was "[entirely frivolous](#)," wrote in his ruling awarding legal fees to us that Felarca and her co-plaintiffs' First Amendment claims were "premised on the obviously baseless assumption" that the First Amendment condemns the speech of some while

condoning the ideological missions of others.

Judge Chhabria added that "The plaintiffs also mischaracterized the documents under review" and that the plaintiffs "failed to grapple with the role Ms. Felarca played in making herself a topic of public discourse through her physical conduct at public rallies and her voluntary [appearance on Fox News](#)."

Judge Chhabria's order also states that "a significant portion of the documents the plaintiffs initially sued to protect from disclosure had been publicly disclosed months earlier in another suit brought by Ms. Felarca against BUSD, where she was represented by the same counsel. (See generally *Felarca v. Berkeley Unified School District*, No. 3:16-cv-06184-RS). The plaintiffs, therefore, had no reasonable argument to protect those documents from disclosure."

Along with Felarca's \$20,000 payment, co-plaintiffs Lori Nixon and Larry Stefl were ordered by Judge Chhabria to pay us \$1,000 each (*Yvette Felarca, et al., v. Berkeley Unified School District, et al* (No. 3:17-cv-06282-VC)).

"Judicial Watch is entitled to attorney's fees because the plaintiffs' lawsuit was frivolous, and their litigation conduct was unreasonable," Judge Chhabria wrote in his order.

Additionally, Judge Chhabria's order holds the plaintiffs "jointly and severally liable" to pay Judicial Watch \$4,000 in litigation expenses.

In 2017, we filed a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request seeking public records information about Felarca's Antifa activism and its effect within the Berkeley Unified School District. In her [lawsuit](#) aimed at keeping the Berkeley school district from furnishing the records, Felarca alleged that we were misusing the law for political means and the district should refuse to provide the information.

In January 2018, a separate judge [ordered](#) Felarca to pay more than \$11,000 in attorney and court fees for her frivolous attempt to get a restraining order against Troy Worden, the former head of the University of California (UC) Berkeley College Republicans.

This is a huge victory for us against Antifa and the violent left. Ms. Felarca attacked us without basis, and the court was right to reject her ploy to deny our "right to know" because we don't share her violent leftist views.

Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day

Memorial Day helps our nation focus on the ultimate sacrifice of untold numbers of fellow Americans – Americans who gave their lives in defense of our nation and its ideals.

As we honor those heroes next week, I'd like to draw your attention to [Veterans Day speech](#) given in 1985 by then-President Ronald Reagan. Much of his speech applies to the Memorial Day, especially this portion, which remains timely today:

And the living have a responsibility to remember the conditions that led to the wars in which our heroes died. Perhaps we can start by remembering this: that all of those who died for us and our country were, in one way or another, victims of a peace process that failed; victims of a decision to forget certain things; to forget, for instance, that the surest way to keep a peace going is to stay strong. Weakness, after all, is a temptation -- it tempts the pugnacious to assert themselves -- but strength is a declaration that cannot be misunderstood. Strength is a condition that declares actions have consequences. Strength is a prudent warning to the belligerent that aggression need not go unanswered.

Peace fails when we forget what we stand for. It fails when we forget that our Republic is based on firm principles, principles that have real meaning, that with them, we are the last, best hope of man on Earth; without them, we're little more than the crust of a continent. Peace also fails when we forget to bring to the bargaining table God's first intellectual gift to man: common sense. Common sense gives us a realistic knowledge of human beings and how they think, how they live in the world, what motivates them. Common sense tells us that man has magic in him, but also clay. Common sense can tell the

difference between right and wrong. Common sense forgives error, but it always recognizes it to be error first.

We endanger the peace and confuse all issues when we obscure the truth; when we refuse to name an act for what it is; when we refuse to see the obvious and seek safety in Almighty. Peace is only maintained and won by those who have clear eyes and brave minds.

I'd like to think many Americans have "clear eyes and brave minds," and these patriots desire the same qualities in our political and judicial leaders. It certainly reflects Judicial Watch's modest approach to our efforts.

Have a safe and blessed Memorial Day!

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Documents Reveal State Department Efforts to Undermine Trump

We have made public [90 pages](#) of heavily redacted U.S. Department of State documents showing Obama State Department officials' efforts to disseminate classified information to multiple U.S. Senators immediately prior to President Donald Trump's inauguration.

The information, which included raw intelligence, purported to show ["malign"](#) Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. Among the senators receiving the classified documents were Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), and Sen. Robert Corker (R-TN).

We obtained the documents through our June 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the State Department after it failed to respond to a February 2018 request seeking records of the Obama State Department's last-minute efforts to share classified information about Russia election interference issues with Democratic Senator Ben Cardin ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:18-cv-01381)).

A January 13, 2017, email from [Hera Abbasi](#), a former congressional advisor in the State Department's Bureau of Legislative Affairs, suggests that the intelligence community was providing ["raw intel"](#) to Sen. Warner. Such an exchange almost certainly would have been coordinated by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI): "Yes, that is correct. Warner/raw intel stuff is going thru IC channels." (Abbasi previously worked in Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office and was a 2017 Next Generation National Security Fellow at the liberal Center for a New American Security. Abbasi donated [\\$725](#) to the Clinton campaign and Act Blue during the 2016 election cycle.)

The documents we uncovered show early in the process of gathering and clearing classified information – beginning a day after Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) formally asked Secretary of State John Kerry for ["intelligence products"](#) and "raw intelligence" on Russian involvement in the 2016 election – Assistant Secretary of State Julia Frifield brings Senior Advisor and Investigations Counsel Zachary Schram into the loop in a January 5, 2017, email chain, in which she says Schram would help "figure out [the best way](#) to get these to the Hill." Frifield was an Obama appointee who previously served as Maryland Democratic Senator Barbara Mikulski's Chief of Staff. (Frifield contributed [\\$2,700](#) to the 2016 Clinton campaign.)

On January 11, 2017, former State Department Senior Congressional Advisor [Katherine Harris](#) sends an email to Abbasi; [Naz Durakoglu](#), who was a senior advisor to the Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs; Kathleen Kavalec, and others: "If we are not going through our [standard CDP](#) [Collection Due Process] process, others in H need to weigh in on how to move these to the Hill."

In emails written on January 10 and 11, 2017, from Abbasi to Durakoglu and Kavalec, Abbasi expresses the need to get the documents cleared "as soon as possible ([ASAP](#))."

On January 17, 2017, three days before Trump's inauguration, Kavalec emails Abbasi, Durakoglu and others emphasizing, again, that getting the documents to Cardin and Warner is a [priority](#) and urges the process to be sped up:

Agree this is a priority... and I don't see why lengthy reviews are required. I would suggest we send up the things that can go immediately, and if there is any concern about specific internal documents, those be adjudicated separately and sent up as a follow-on.

In a January 18, 2017, email from Naz Durakoglu to Elizabeth Lawrence, Abbasi, Kerem Bilge, and others regarding the processing of the request, Durakoglu writes, "there is a [time sensitivity](#) to these docs."

Shedding additional light on possible irregularities in the release process, a January 17, 2017, email reveals that ODNI, then led by James Clapper, was involved in [clearing cables](#) for release to the Hill. State Department official Cody Walsh emails Schram and Lauren Gills that the ODNI is "fine" with the State Department "sharing ... cables with the Hill."

On January 13, 2017, at 10:27 a.m., Durakoglu emails more than a dozen State Department employees, invoking the name of then-State Department Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland to reiterate the need to [accelerate the process](#) of getting materials prepared to go to the Hill: "Hi All. This is a priority for our Assistant Secretary...Is there anything we can do to better facilitate the process?"

Two minutes later, Durakoglu emails Kerem Bilge and two others: "Where are we on clearances? Do I need to ask Toria to raise with Julia? [The clock is ticking.](#)" Durakoglu, at the time, was a senior adviser to Nuland. Durakoglu currently works for The Atlantic Council. She contributed [\\$1,600](#) to the Clinton campaign in 2016.

The concluding, unredacted section of an otherwise heavily redacted email sent on Friday, January 13, 2017, by former Foreign Service Officer Kerem Bilge to numerous State employees indicates the intense [time pressure](#) under which State officials were operating to beat the Inauguration-Day deadline:

****** Please clear the action memo by noon TUESDAY [Jan. 17].**

****** Please clear on the actual package of documents, if you have not done so already, by noon TUESDAY [Jan. 17].**[Emphasis in original]

I want to get the whole package into the EUR front office today. This means we can get it out of EUR and to M [Undersecretary for Management] on Wednesday [Jan. 18], then H can courier it to the Hill on Thursday [Jan 19].

In a January 18, 2017, email, as time was running out, Elizabeth Lawrence described getting the package of cables to Cardin and Warner as "[urgent](#):" "This is an urgent package from EUR that they're trying to get to the Hill ASAP. Please review so we can get it up to M." (Lawrence is a career [foreign service](#) officer, now the Consul in New Delhi, and was previously a Foreign Policy Advisor to Illinois Democratic Senator Dick Durbin. A D.C.-based State Department employee with her name is on record as having donated a cumulative total of [\\$1,000](#) to the Clinton campaign in 2016.)

The final batch of cables was stored in [Kavalec's safe](#).

President Trump was inaugurated less than 24 hours later.

These documents show how the Obama State Department, staffed by Clinton donors, improperly, and perhaps illegally, rushed classified information to their anti-Trump allies in the U.S. Senate. The Obama State Department was central to the conspiracy to smear President Trump with Russiagate lies and innuendo. The Justice Department must expand any Spygate criminal investigation to include this agency.

We previously released [documents](#) showing classified information was researched and disseminated to multiple U.S. Senators by the Obama administration immediately prior to President Donald Trump's inauguration. The documents reveal that among those receiving the classified documents were Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), and Sen. Robert Corker (R-TN). A January 19, 2017, [email](#) from Durakoglu, sums it up: "We made the deadline! Thank you everyone for what was truly a Department-wide effort!"

We also previously released an email exchange between then-Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and Special Coordinator for Libya Jonathan Winer, a close associate of dossier author Christopher Steele, discussing a ["face-to-face"](#) meeting on a "Russian matter."

In May 2019, we uncovered [documents](#) showing a conversation between Kavalec and former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr, discussing the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material.

In June, we made public [documents](#) revealing that State Department "Special Coordinator for Libya" Jonathan Winer played a key role in facilitating Steele's access to other top government officials, prominent international business executives. Winer was even approached by a movie producer about making a movie about the Russiagate targeting of President Trump.

We also uncovered [documents](#) showing Nuland and Winer coordinating with then-House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer's (D-MD) national security advisor, Daniel Silverberg to work on Russia dossier materials provided by Steele.

Revealed: DOJ Discussions on Rosenstein Wearing Wire to Get Trump

If you had any doubts that top Justice Department officials were plotting to remove President Donald Trump, and that Rod Rosenstein was involved, you need to read the latest emails we have uncovered.

We have released [14 pages](#) of records from the Department of Justice showing officials' efforts in responding to media inquiries centering on talks within the DOJ/FBI allegedly invoking the 25th Amendment to "remove" President Donald Trump from office and former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein offering to wear a "wire" to record his conversations with the president.

The records show that, following a September 21, 2018, [report](#) on Rosenstein suggesting he would wear a wire to secretly record Trump and his discussions on using the 25th Amendment, Rosenstein sought to ensure the media would have "difficulty" finding anyone in the DOJ to comment and a concerted effort within the DOJ to frame the reporting as "inaccurate" and "factually incorrect."

The records show DOJ officials had also discussed characterizing Rosenstein's reported offer of wearing a wire to record Trump as merely "sarcastic."

Additionally, the records show DOJ Public Affairs officer Sarah Isgur Flores, after conferring with other top DOJ officials and Rosenstein's office about her email exchange with *New York Times* reporter Adam Goldman, waited 12 hours to forward the email exchange to DOJ Chief of Staff Matthew Whitaker. Former White House Chief of Staff John Kelly had referred to Whitaker as the president's ["eyes and ears"](#) in the DOJ.

We obtained the records through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed after the Justice Department failed to respond to three separate FOIA requests dated September 21, 2018 ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00388)). The lawsuit seeks all written and audio/visual records of any FBI/DOJ discussions regarding the 25th Amendment and plans to secretly record President Trump in the Oval Office.

The records we obtained include a September 21, 2018, [email](#) from Assistant U.S. Attorney (DOJ/NSD) Harvey Eisenberg to Rosenstein informing the DAG that Washington Post reporter Ellen Nakashima had called inquiring about a *New York Times* report on the 25th Amendment/wire discussion, Rosenstein responds: "Thanks! Hopefully we are being successful, and the reporters are having difficulty finding anybody to comment about things. [Remainder of email redacted.]" Apparently in response to the redacted portion of Rosenstein's reply, Eisenberg responds, "I'm aware. Besides letting you know, [redacted]. My best to you and the family." Rosenstein replies, "I don't mean about me. [Redacted.]"

The emails also detail the [DOJ's response](#) to the initial story as it was being prepared by the *New York Times*. On

September 20, 2018, the *Times*' Goldman emails DOJ's Flores that he and fellow reporter Mike Schmidt were working on a story and wanted a DOJ response to certain questions, including that at a May 16, 2017, meeting of senior federal law enforcement officials, Rosenstein offered to wear a "wire" to record his conversations with Trump. "He also said McCabe could wear a wire."

In a second request for comment, Goldman alleges that in a separate conversation between Rosenstein and McCabe, they discussed using the 25th Amendment "to remove President Trump" and "Rosenstein said that he may be able to get (then-Attorney General Jeff) Sessions and Kelly to go along with the plan."

In a third request for comment, Goldman said he'd learned that Rosenstein in a May 12, 2017, conversation at the DOJ Command Center "appeared 'upset' and 'emotional' over the Comey firing."

In a fourth request for comment, Goldman said that in a May 14, 2017, conversation with McCabe, "Rosenstein asked McCabe to reach out to Comey to seek advice about appointing a special counsel. McCabe believed that was a bad idea."

In a fifth and final request for which he sought DOJ comment, Goldman wrote, "Rosenstein considered appointing (former Deputy Attorney General) Jim Cole as the special counsel."

On Sept 20, 2018, Flores forwarded the Goldman email to "Annie" and "Bill" — apparently White House Deputy Counsel [Annie Donaldson](#) and White House Communications Director Bill Shine — telling Donaldson, "Boss calling Don re the below – if you think appropriate, share with Don [presumably referring to White House Counsel Don McGahn]". She tells Shine, "We've sent a response from the DAG that's below and had someone in the room dispute the 'wire' part noting the dag was being sarcastic." She then includes the DAG response, which reads, "The New York Times's story is inaccurate and factually incorrect. I will not further comment on a story based on anonymous sources who are obviously biased against the Department and are advancing their own personal agenda. But let me be clear about this: based on my personal dealings with the President, there is no basis to invoke the 25th Amendment."

Shine thanks Flores and asks her to "share with Elliott ASAP." Flores responds that if Shine is directing her to share with Elliott, "I don't think I know who that is referring to." Flores sent that response at 10:09 PM on September 20, but Flores waits until 10:00 a.m. the next day to forward the entire exchange to DOJ Chief of Staff Whitaker, saying: "Should have sent this to you last night."

In a mostly redacted [email exchange](#) on the evening of September 20, 2018, shows the efforts of officials in the Public Affairs and DAG's office to produce a response to the impending news article. DOJ Official Bradley Weinsheimer forwarded to Flores the "DAG response" to the allegations in the article, saying "DAG has cleared this, which is what we just discussed." He then provides the official DAG response about the allegations over Rosenstein wanting to invoke the 25th Amendment against Trump as being "inaccurate and factually incorrect." Deputy Attorney General's office official Ed O'Callaghan responds, "Think good." The rest of his response is redacted under (b)(5) – deliberative process.

In the final draft of the official DAG response approved by O'Callaghan, the statement is changed from "Based on my dealings with the President, there is no basis to invoke the 25th Amendment" to "Based on my personal dealings with the President, there is no basis to invoke the 25th Amendment."

It is remarkable that we have done more to investigate the DOJ/FBI's discussions about overthrowing President Trump than the DOJ or Congress. These documents essentially confirm the coup discussions about wearing a wire when speaking with President Trump and plans to remove him under the 25th Amendment.

North Carolina Frees Hundreds of Illegal Immigrants Wanted by Feds

What is going on in North Carolina? Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog has been following developments, and now has the [latest](#):

Weeks after Judicial Watch [reported](#) that the sheriff of North Carolina's biggest county released numerous violent illegal immigrant criminals from custody, new federal stats reveal that the problem is statewide. Nearly 500 offenders with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers have been discharged into communities throughout the Tar Heel State this fiscal year, which doesn't end until next month so the number is likely to grow. A Charlotte [news outlet](#) obtained the latest figures from ICE, which operates under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). In the article a senior DHS source condemns North Carolina law enforcement officials, reminding them that they are obstructing federal law and endangering the American public.

So far 489 illegal aliens with ICE detainers have been discharged from North Carolina jails in the last ten months, including those charged with serious crimes such as homicide, kidnapping, arson and sex offenses. The new data does not break down which county jail the perpetrators were released from, but we know from previous disclosures that Mecklenburg County, the state's largest, is notorious for protecting illegal aliens from the feds. In fact, when the current sheriff, Garry McFadden got elected in 2018, he immediately ended a program known as [287\(g\)](#) that notifies ICE of jail inmates in the country illegally. The program enhances the safety and security of communities by creating partnerships with state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and remove aliens who are amenable to removal from the United States. It is a mutually beneficial agreement, ICE says, that identifies, arrests and serves warrants and detainers of incarcerated foreign-born criminals. The program has identified and removed from the U.S. gang members, sex offenders and murderers and has reduced the number of criminal offenders that are released back into communities. "Federal, state and local officers working together provide a tremendous benefit to public safety through increased law enforcement communication and overall community policing effectiveness," according to ICE.

But Mecklenburg County proudly offers illegal aliens sanctuary and evidently that includes violent offenders. ICE recently [disclosed](#) that McFadden's agency has freed more than 20 serious criminals, including rapists, child molesters, kidnappers, burglars, and those charged with gun-related and drug crimes. Most of the illegal immigrants are from Central America and Mexico, but a few are from India, Afghanistan, Liberia and Sri Lanka. Among them is Oscar Pacheco-Leonardo, a previously deported Honduran charged with rape and child sex offenses. Thankfully, ICE arrested him last month during a targeted enforcement operation because Mecklenburg County law enforcement officials released him from custody despite his violent history. The federal agency accused Mecklenburg County of releasing a serious public safety threat onto the streets of Charlotte where he was free to potentially harm others for nearly two months until his capture by ICE. "The Mecklenburg County sheriff's decision to restrict cooperation with ICE serves as an open invitation to aliens who commit criminal offenses that Mecklenburg County is a safe haven for persons seeking to evade federal authorities, and residents of Mecklenburg County are less safe today than last year due these policies," the agency's regional director said in a [statement](#).

Incredibly, a growing number of local municipalities offer illegal immigrants sanctuary and refuse to cooperate with federal authorities, even when it involves dangerous criminals. Just a few months ago Judicial Watch [reported](#) that various California law enforcement agencies released 16 illegal immigrants with criminal records during a three-month period. Some were arrested and released multiple times by the same local law enforcement agency after committing felonies. In all of the cases, ICE issued detainers but local police ignored the federal agency to protect the illegal alien from deportation, instead freeing the perpetrator back into the community. Offenders include Mexican, Honduran and Salvadoran nationals charged with murder, rape, assault with a deadly weapon, spousal abuse, driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of illegal drugs and other serious crimes. One 23-year-old Honduran man was booked and released in San Francisco ten times in less than a year for crimes ranging from burglary, vehicle theft and driving without a license. In each of the arrests, ICE issued a detainer but the San Francisco Police Department disregarded it and let the man go.

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This week's guests are Cam Edwards, the former NRATV host, and now the new editor of the website [Bearing Arms](#); Dr. John R. Lott Jr., a world-recognized expert on guns and crime and founder of the [Crime Prevention Research Center](#); and Rachel Bovard, senior director of policy at the [Conservative Partnership Institute](#).

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□ Bruce Ohr and State Department Official Discuss Targeting Trump

To the fomenters of the coup against Donald Trump in the CIA, FBI and DOJ, we can add at least one high-ranking State Department official.

We have released [four pages](#) of documents from the U.S. Department of Justice showing a conversation between former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Kathleen Kavalec and former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr, discussing the targeting of Donald Trump with Steele dossier material.

In discussing a meeting with the potential source for a *Mother Jones* article accusing the Trump campaign of taking money from a Russian-American oil magnate, as well as Christopher Steele's connection to that source, Kavalec emails Ohr citing the accusatory *Mother Jones* article. Ohr says, "I really hope we can get something going here."

We obtained the records through our August 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed against the Justice Department after it failed to respond to a May 29, 2018, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-01854)) for some key documents:

- All records from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.
- All records from the office of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce G. Ohr relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Ohr) about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.
- All records from the office of the Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Organized Crime Task Force Director Bruce Ohr) about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.

In a November 21, 2016, email exchange Kavalec thanks Bruce Ohr for "coming by" to discuss the work of the OCDETF (Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force).

Kavalec provides Ohr with links to [Mother Jones](#) and [Open Secrets](#) articles that suggest a Russian-American oil magnate gave money to Trump's campaign. Ohr responds, "I really hope we can get something going here.... We will take another look at this."

Kavalec then replies to Ohr, saying that she had just reviewed the notes from her October 2016 meeting with Steele stating, "I see Chris [Steele] said [Simon] Kukes has [sic] some connection to Serge Millian." Millian is a [Belarus-born businessman](#) who was an alleged source for the anti-Trump dossier. He developed a relationship with Trump campaign

aide George Papadopoulos in 2016.

Kavalec recently came to national attention when her notes from her October 11, 2016, meeting with Dossier author Steele [were revealed](#). In her notes, Kavalec said Steele told her of "a technical/human operation run out of Moscow targeting the election." In Kavalec's notes, she disputes some of the details asserted by Steele—indicating these were both researched, and disproven. Kavalec [reported](#) her findings directly to the FBI.

These documents are a shocking example of the Deep State plotting against President Trump – just weeks after he was elected. There's now no doubt that Bruce Ohr and the Obama State Department were working the Clinton gang to target President Trump.

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Nellie Ohr Deleted Emails Exchanged with DOJ Husband Bruce Ohr

Hillary Clinton wasn't the only one who felt it necessary to get rid of emails. Bruce and Nellie Ohr also were so inclined with emails from Bruce Ohr sent to her from his official DOJ account.

We just released what seems like a smoking-gun email revealing that Nellie informed her husband that she was deleting emails sent from his DOJ email account.

From: Nellie Ohr
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 12:49 PM
To: Ohr, Bruce (ODAG)
Subject: Re: Analyst Russian Organized Crime – April 2016

Thanks! I'm deleting these emails now

We obtained the records thanks to our March 2018 Freedom of Information Act [lawsuit](#) filed after the Justice Department failed to respond a December 2017 request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00490)).

Nellie Ohr may be referring to an [email exchange](#) is between Bruce Ohr, Lisa Holtyn, Nellie Ohr, and Stefan Bress, a first secretary at the German Embassy. (The material was uncovered by us in [339 pages](#) of heavily redacted records produced to us by the Justice Department.)

Nellie Ohr's email has the same subject line as an email exchange with the subject line "Analyst Russian Organized Crime – April 2016" in which Bress initiates a discussion with Bruce Ohr and his top aide, Lisa Holtyn, proffering some "Russian analysts" to discuss a variety of topics with Ohr, Holtyn, and other DOJ officials. Among those topics to be discussed is "Impact of Russian influence operations in Europe ('PsyOps/InfoWar')."

Holtyn responds with, "I haven't had a chance to confer with Bruce yet, but would certainly love to meet with the 'A Team'!" Bruce Ohr then says, "That time works for me as well." Bress then provides the personal details/passport numbers of the German analysts who will be meeting with Holtyn and Ohr. Holtyn tells Bress that the Ohr's would like to host the German delegation for dinner and notes that Joe Wheatley and Ivana Nizich (a husband/wife team of DOJ Organized Crime prosecutors and friends of the Ohr's) would join them as well.

Until he was demoted for his connection to the anti-Trump dossier, Bruce Ohr was a top official at DOJ. A House Intelligence Committee [memo](#) released by Chairman Devin Nunes said that Nellie Ohr was "employed by Fusion GPS to assist in the cultivation of opposition research on Trump" and that Bruce Ohr passed the results of that research, which was paid for by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) and the Hillary Clinton campaign, to the FBI. The "[salacious and unverified](#)" dossier was used to obtain a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) surveillance warrant to spy on Carter Page.

Judicial Watch's prior disclosures from this lawsuit show numerous Nellie Ohr [communications](#) concerning Russia with

Bruce Ohr and other DOJ officials. This material seemed to contradict her congressional testimony in which she suggested she had no knowledge of what was going on during the Russia investigation at DOJ. This led to a [criminal referral](#) by Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC).

This email is disturbing and suggests documents relevant to the improper targeting of President Trump were destroyed.

The documents we received [also revealed](#) that Bruce Ohr remained, outrageously, in regular contact with former British spy and Fusion GPS contractor Christopher Steele after Steele [was terminated](#) by the FBI in November 2016 for revealing to the media his position as an FBI confidential informant.

Documents Suggest Mueller Let His Anti-Trump ‘Pit Bull’ Weissmann Run Special Counsel Hiring

Andrew Weissmann, often referred to as Robert Mueller’s “pitbull,” has made no effort to hide his disdain for President Trump.

We [previously released](#) documents showing his strong support for former Acting Attorney General Sally Yates’ refusal to enforce President Trump’s Middle East travel ban executive order. Weissmann [reportedly](#) also attended Hillary Clinton’s Election Night party in New York.

As astounding as it is that Mueller recruited him for the special counsel’s office, it’s even more amazing that Mueller turned hiring over to him, as we have just learned. Mueller was making little effort to assure the public that his investigation was objective and fair.

We just forced the Justice Department to release [73 pages](#) of records containing text messages and calendar entries of Mueller special counsel prosecutor Andrew Weissmann showing he led the hiring effort for the investigation that targeted President Trump.

The document production came in response to our June 7, 2018, [lawsuit](#) filed after the Department of Justice failed to respond to a December 15, 2017, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-01356)). Judicial Watch seeks:

- All text messages sent to or from DOJ official Andrew Weissmann regarding Donald Trump and/or Hillary Clinton between August 8, 2016 and the present [December 15, 2017].
- All calendar entries, whether in physical or electronic form, for Weissmann from January 1, 2015 to the present [December 15, 2017].

Weissmann was formerly the Obama-era chief of the Justice Department’s Criminal Fraud Section.

His calendar entries provided to us start in May 2017, even though the lawsuit sued for records going back to 2015. The few text messages produced by the DOJ did not specify the year sent or received.

Weissman’s calendar shows that he began interviewing people for investigator jobs on the Mueller operation almost immediately after it was announced that he had joined the team in early June.

On June 5, 2017, he [interviewed](#) former Chief of the Public Corruption Unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York [Andrew Goldstein](#). Goldstein formerly was a *Time* magazine reporter. Goldstein contributed a combined [\\$3,300](#) to Obama’s campaigns in 2008 and 2012. His wife, Julie Rawe, was a reporter and editor for *Time* for 13 years, until 2013. He became a lead prosecutor for Mueller.

The next day, on June 6, 2017 Weissmann had a meeting with “FARA [Foreign Agents Registration Act] counsel.”

Weissmann [interviewed](#) another prosecutor, [Kyle Freeny](#), from the DOJ Money Laundering Section for the team on June 7, 2017. She [contributed](#) a total of \$500 to Obama’s presidential campaigns and \$250 to Hillary Clinton’s. She was later detailed to the Mueller investigation.

He [interviewed](#) a trial attorney who worked with him in the Criminal Fraud Section, [Rush Atkinson](#), on June 9, 2017.

Records show that Atkinson donated [\\$200](#) to Clinton's campaign in 2016. He is a registered Democrat and contributed [\\$200](#) to Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign. Atkinson also became part of the Mueller team.

Weissmann [interviewed](#) DOJ Deputy Assistant Attorney General [Greg Andres](#) for the team on June 13, 2017. Andres [donated](#) \$2,700 to the campaign for Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) in 2018 and \$1,000 to the campaign for David Hoffman (D) in 2009. Andres is a registered Democrat. His wife, [Ronnie Abrams](#), a U.S. district judge in Manhattan, was nominated to the bench in 2011 by Obama. He joined the Mueller team in August 2017.

The same day's calendar entry shows a reference to MLARS [Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section] at DOJ and to Cyprus MLAT [Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty].

The calendar references an [appointment](#) on June 15, 2017, to "NY knock-and-talks." The same day, Weissmann has a note for "Ethics Training Session."

On June 16, 2017, he makes a reference to ["Rule 4.2"](#), concerning the propriety of lawyers talking to witnesses represented by counsel.

On June 27, 2017, Weissmann conducts more [hiring interviews](#).

On June 28, 2017, he notes discussion of a [Grand Jury](#) taking place.

On Independence Day, [July 4, 2017](#), Weissmann holds a "Team Leader Meeting" and a "Daily Ops Meeting" in the Special Counsel's conference room.

On August 3, 2017, there is [a meeting](#) about a Manafort "reverse proffer."

On November 20, 2017, there is [a meeting](#) regarding a "proffer," and the same day they have a call regarding Skadden attorney Alex van der Zwaan, who later pled guilty to a false statements charge.

On Thanksgiving Day, 2017, Weissmann convened a [Team Manafort Meeting](#) at FBI.

On Christmas Day 2017, he held a [Team Manafort Meeting](#) and a Daily Ops Meeting.

On New Year's Day 2018, Weissmann held a Team Manafort Meeting.

Weissmann held many meetings throughout the period regarding Dutch attorney Alex van der Zwaan, who was sentenced for lying to investigators, including a February 11, 2018, [meeting](#) (followed nine days later by van der Zwaan's guilty plea).

Weissmann's [text messages](#) include a March 11 (year not provided), message indicating that he landed in the U.K., and on March 15, he received a text from someone who says, "Long time no see. Re reports that OSC [Office of Special Counsel] subpoenaing documents at Trump's business, my sources say must take a hard look at [Redacted]."

These documents show Andrew Weissmann, an anti-Trump activist, had a hand in hiring key members of Mueller's team – who also just happened to be political opponents of President Trump. These documents show that Mueller outsourced his hiring decisions to Andrew Weissmann. No wonder it took well over a year to get this basic information and, yet, the Deep State DOJ is still stonewalling on other Weissmann documents!

I'll be sure to keep you updated as our Judicial Watch attorneys continue the federal court fight in our battle to investigate the investigators: Robert Mueller and his anti-Trump team.

It's Time to Investigate the Investigators

I think I captured the sentiment of millions of Americans in [this piece](#) I wrote for *The Hill*.

Now that President Trump has been exonerated of the false accusations of collusion and obstruction, it is time to investigate the investigators.

The White House has justly praised the outcome of special counsel [Robert Mueller](#)'s investigation for clearing the president of the odious charges that have hung over his presidency since even before his inauguration. The Mueller report overall was favorable to the president, but it also should be remembered as the Mueller special counsel's final abuse of power. There were nearly 200 pages of irrelevancies about Russia collusion, but it couldn't disguise the fact that all of those alleged contacts between the Russians and the Trump campaign amounted to nothing, legally or substantively. And the fact remains that the institutional climate in the Justice Department has been so hostile to the president that we can be certain that, if there had been even a scintilla of evidence supporting a criminal indictment, it would have been pursued.

Liberal members of Congress and their media allies are furious with Attorney General [William Barr](#) because he blew up the Mueller report smear job before it was out of the box. The Mueller team wanted to drop its 448-page bomb on the American people, who then would have had to sort through the innuendo and fake legal analysis without context. To his great credit, the attorney general imposed necessary discipline on the release, explaining to Congress and the American people in stark terms that there was no collusion and no obstruction. For this truth-telling, he faces impeachment threats, not plaudits, from the Democratic-media swamp.

The continuing argument over "obstruction" fits with the evident agenda of the anti-Trump Mueller team to create lingering political difficulties for the president, even though he has been cleared of legal jeopardy. Some of the Mueller operation's so-called obstruction theories are ridiculous, such as that the president could not object to being targeted for investigation. Is it now a crime for someone falsely accused to be upset about it? Mueller presumes guilt and then refuses to "exonerate" President Trump. This turns our legal system upside down and shows the rule of law is no bar to smearing President Trump.

What is missing from the Mueller report is an honest discussion about the origins of the unverified hearsay in the "Steele dossier" that formed the underpinning of the unprecedented spying effort against Trump and his campaign. But looking ahead, the Steele dossier, its genesis and the actions of members of the Obama administration who exploited it to target the Trump campaign, are very much in the crosshairs. Justice Department Inspector General Michael Horowitz's investigation of the abuse of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act process will soon conclude, and may result in criminal referrals. Attorney General Barr also promises an even broader investigation of "Spygate" abuses.

And the abuses were not limited to the Justice Department. The U.S. intelligence community was politicized to an extent never seen in history; the State Department played [a role](#) in pushing the sham collusion story. And President Obama almost certainly knew about and approved the spying being conducted on the Trump campaign.

Judicial Watch is not waiting for government investigators, however. We have pending approximately 50 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits seeking information on the anti-Trump coup.

Judicial Watch has, to date, pursued more than 40 FOIA lawsuits in an effort to get to the bottom of the "Russiagate" hoax, including dozens explicitly dealing with the illicit targeting and other abuses of power against President Trump. We also have 10 lawsuits dealing with the Mueller investigation specifically — because this assault on the rule of law is a dire threat to our republican form of government.

Until next week ...

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Judicial Watch's Weekly Update: The Obama White House Tracked a FOIA Request for Clinton Emails

We now have further evidence that the Obama White was in on the lies about Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's email use.

In late April we announced that [E.W. \(Bill\) Priestap](#), assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, had admitted in writing and under oath that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.

Now we have obtained [44 pages](#) of records from the State Department through [court-ordered](#) discovery revealing that the Obama White House was tracking a December 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking records concerning Clinton's use of an unsecure, non-government email system.

Months after the Obama White House involvement, the State Department responded to the FOIA requestor, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), falsely stating that no such records existed.

Our discovery is centered upon whether Clinton intentionally attempted to evade the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by using a non-government email system and whether the State Department acted in bad faith in processing our FOIA request for communications from Clinton's office. U.S District Court Judge Royce Lamberth ordered Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers, and Clinton aides, as well as E.W. Priestap, to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

The State Department's Office of Inspector General issued [a report](#) in January 2016 saying: "At the time the request was received, dozens of senior officials throughout the Department, including members of Secretary Clinton's immediate staff, exchanged emails with the Secretary using the personal accounts she used to conduct official business." Also, the IG "found evidence that [Clinton Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills] was informed of the request at the time it was received ..."

The State Department produced records in response to court-ordered document requests that detail Obama White House involvement in the Clinton email FOIA request.

In a December 20, 2012, [email](#) with the subject line "Need to track down a FOIA request from CREW", Sheryl L. Walter, director of the State Department's Office of Information Programs and Services (A/GIS/IPS), writes to IPS officials Rosemary D. Reid and Patrick D. Scholl and their assistants:

WH called – have we received a FOIA request from CREW (Citizens for Responsible Ethics in Washington) on the topic of personal use of email by senior officials? Apparently other agencies have. If we have it, can you give me the details so I can call the WH back? I think they'd like it on quick turnaround. Thanks! Sheryl

In the same email chain, Walter on December 20, 2012 also emailed Heather Samuelson, Clinton's White House liaison, describing the CREW FOIA request:

Hi Heather – Copy attached, it was in our significant weekly FOIA report that we send to L and S/ES also. Do you want us to add you to that list? It's a subset of things like this that we think likely to be of broader Department interest. More detail below re this request. As a practical matter given our workload, it won't be processed for some months. Let me know if there are any particular sensitivities. If we don't talk later, happy holidays! All the best, Sheryl

Sheryl: The request is assigned Case #F-2012-40981. It was received on 12/6/2012 and acknowledged on 12/10/2012. The request is assigned for processing.

On January 10, 2013, Walter [writes to](#) Samuelson that she is not including "personal" accounts in the FOIA request search:

Hi Heather - did you ever get any intell re what other agencies are doing re this FOIA request that seeks records about the number of email accounts associated with the Secretary (but isn't specifying "personal" email accounts so we are interpreting as official accounts only). We are considering contacting the requester to find out exactly what it is they are looking for. Do you have any concerns about that approach?

Soon afterward, Samuelson responds, "White House Counsel was looking into this for me. I will circle back with them now to see if they have further guidance."

CREW's general counsel, Anne Weismann, submitted a [FOIA request](#) to the State Department on December 6, 2012, seeking "records sufficient to show the number of email accounts of or associated with Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton, and the extent to which those email accounts are identifiable as those of or associated with Secretary Clinton."

On May 10, 2013, [Information Programs and Services] [replied to](#) CREW, stating that "no records responsive to your request were located."

Samuelson became Secretary Clinton's personal lawyer and in 2014 led the review of Clinton's emails to determine which ones were work-related and which were personal. She was also one of five close Clinton associates [granted immunity](#) by the Department of Justice in the Clinton email investigation.

Samuelson is one of several Obama administration and State Department officials [ordered](#) by U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth to respond under oath to our questions regarding whether Clinton's private email use while Secretary of State was an intentional attempt to evade FOIA.

The new documents also include a January 2013 [email exchange](#) discussing Clinton's departure from the State Department in which Agency Records Officer Tasha M. Thian specifically stating that Secretary Clinton "does not use email."

This was directly contradicted by an [email exchange](#) between Secretary Clinton and Gen. David Petraeus dating back to January 2009 – the very first days of Clinton's State Department tenure – in which she tells Petraeus that she "had to change her email address."

Interestingly, this email exchange between Petraeus and Clinton was not produced in a related FOIA [lawsuit](#) seeking "all emails" of Hillary Clinton. The bottom portion of the [email chain](#) was produced, but [not the beginning](#) emails.

In a January 2013 [email](#) under the subject "RE: Sec Clinton's papers," Thian writes:

Just so you know, Secretary Clinton – she brought with her a lot of material as Senator and First Lady – 47 boxes. In case you hear there are many boxes I wanted you to know what they are. She is taking her copies of photos, public speeches, press statements, contacts, templates (some of these are both hard copy and electronic), reimbursements, etc...

Although Sec. Clinton **does not use email** [emphasis added] her staffers do – I have agreed that the emails of the three

staffers will be electronically captured (and not printed out).

Also included in the new batch of documents is the draft [Departing Officials Notice](#), which states that State Department personnel are not to remove classified records from Department "custody and control."

These documents suggest the Obama White House knew about the Clinton email lies being told to the public at least as early as December 2012. A federal court granted us discovery into the Clinton emails because the court wanted answers about a government cover-up of the Clinton emails. And now we have answers because it looks like the Obama White House orchestrated the Clinton email cover-up.

Why Is Qatar Funding Texas A&M, a Public University?

The Mideast nation of Qatar, which has ties to terrorists, has given [\\$1 billion](#) to American universities since 2011, and it's not doing it out of a generous heart. It's important that we understand what Qatar gets in return. Of course Qatar doesn't want us to know.

In that regard, we have filed a petition to intervene on behalf of our client Zachor Legal Institute under the Texas Public Information Act, seeking information about potential influence by the Qatar government's funding of certain Texas A&M University programs and a Texas A&M campus in Education City, Al Rayyan, Qatar ([Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development v. Ken Paxton, Texas Attorney General](#) (No. D-1-GN-18-006240)).

Zachor Legal Institute is a U.S.-based advocacy group dedicated to combatting the spread of anti-Semitism. Zachor made requests under the TPIA for information about the funding or donations made to Texas A&M by the government of Qatar and agencies and subdivisions of the government of Qatar. Qatar controversially has [aligned itself with Islamic terrorists and extremists](#), which has placed it at odds with the United States, Israel and other U.S. allies in the Middle East.

Zachor's began asking nearly a year ago for information about Qatari funding of Texas A&M research and how Texas A&M, a public university, was able to establish a degree-conferring campus in Qatar without the Texas Legislature's permission or involvement. In 2003 Texas A&M established a campus in Qatar that now grants bachelor of science [degrees](#) in chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and petroleum engineering. Since 2011, advanced degrees have been offered in chemical engineering.

Texas A&M at Qatar has awarded more than [900 degrees](#) since 2007.

In October 2018, Qatar filed suit to prevent disclosure of its funding information. We contend that neither the Qatari government nor any of its agencies are protected by Texas Public Information Act exceptions and that federal law "expressly makes the requested information public."

The university claims the records can be kept from the public because disclosure would reveal confidential donor information. We point out that the law only protects private donors, not donations from a foreign government body, specifically the Qatar Foundation. The Qatar Foundation "was created by the Emir of Qatar, is chaired by his consort, and is sponsored and supported by the government of Qatar, a monarchy. At no point did the Qatar Foundation demonstrate that it is not an agency or subdivision of the government of Qatar."

So we are battling in court for the truth about how the foreign government of Qatar lassoed Texas A&M into setting up a campus in a country run by a government known for its promotion of terrorism and extreme anti-Israel and anti-Semitic policies.

Marc Greendorfer, President of Zachor Legal Institute said, "We are grateful for the assistance of Judicial Watch in intervening on our behalf. We were surprised that the Qatar Foundation sought to suppress the production of information that is required to be reported under federal law and look forward to finally receiving the documents from Texas A&M so we can continue our work researching the influence of malign foreign actors on American campuses."

Holdover Obama Appointee Fires Journalists Over Soros Report

We have consistently reported the Latin America shenanigans of leftist billionaire George Soros, but when a media agency supported by your tax dollars tried to do the same, the journalists involved were fired. This, it turns out, was the doing of the disgraced Senator Bob Mendendez. The corruption doesn't get any more obvious, as our [Corruption Chronicles](#) blog [reports](#).

It's ironic that, just weeks after firing journalists behind a broadcast critical of leftwing billionaire George Soros, the head of the U.S. government's international media networks is proclaiming his support for "press freedom." U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) Chief John F. Lansing, an Obama appointee, issued a heartfelt [statement](#) a few days ago reaffirming his "commitment to the fundamental principles of press freedom." In the document, titled "Fighting for press freedom, today and everyday," Lansing assures the world that his agency "will continue to report the truth," though it recently cost USAGM journalists their jobs. The occasion was World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on May 3, and Lansing expresses deep concern that his taxpayer-funded agency "continues to witness firsthand how a free and independent media is deteriorating worldwide."

Posted on the agency's website and disbursed worldwide, the document goes on to say, "despite some very dark moments, we have not been silenced. We will continue to report the truth. We will continue to find new ways to get independent reporting and programming to global audiences who rely on it. And we will continue to carry through our mission to inform, engage, and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. Today, and every day, I am proud to be part of this organization, and call these brave men and women colleagues, as we stand together for press freedom."

Lansing conveniently omits that he recently utilized [Stalinist techniques](#) to retaliate against USAGM journalists and producers involved in the Soros piece. The Spanish-language segment aired in May 2018 on Television Martí and was available for months online until it caught the eye of a scandal-plagued senator tried for bribery and corruption. Eight reporters and editors at the publicly funded media outlet were terminated and, at the request of the disgraced senator, New Jersey Democrat Bob Menendez, Lansing ordered a [review](#) of all content to address "patterns of unethical, unprofessional, biased, or sub-standard journalism." An employee at the Miami, Florida-based Martí headquarters said in a local [newspaper report](#) "the environment that has been created by the upper hierarchy of the Agency for Global Media is repressive. People write with fear. Adjectives are no longer used."

Television Martí—and its radio counterpart—operate under the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) and comprise one of the USAGM's five international multimedia networks. The others are Voice of America (VOA), Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting. The media outlets get about \$685 million a year from American taxpayers and reportedly reach 345 million people worldwide in 59 languages. The global media agency was created to counter disinformation spread by oppressive regimes abroad. The USAGM [website](#) states that its mission is "to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy." Television and Radio Martí were created to promote freedom and democracy by providing the people of Cuba with objective news and information programming.

The Soros broadcast focused on his efforts to cripple sovereign governments in Latin America. Judicial Watch was cited as a source because it [investigated](#) State Department funding of Soros groups in Colombia and published a [report](#) on Soros' initiatives to advance a radical globalist agenda in Guatemala. Judicial Watch also released a [special report](#) documenting the financial and staffing nexus between Soros' Open Society Foundations (OSF) and the U.S. government. In that document, Judicial Watch connects the dots between U.S.-funded entities and OSF affiliates to further the Hungarian-born philanthropist's agenda seeking to destabilize legitimate governments, erase national borders, target conservative politicians, finance civil unrest, subvert institutions of higher education, and orchestrate refugee crises for political gain. A few years ago Judicial Watch [exposed](#) a scheme in which the U.S. government spent millions of dollars to destabilize the democratically elected, center-right government in Macedonia by colluding with Soros' OSF.

More than five months after the Spanish-language Soros broadcast aired on Television Martí, Menendez [ordered](#) Lansing to conduct an immediate investigation and the USAGM chief retaliated against his own staff for practicing the "press

freedom" he defends weeks later. Menendez, who serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee despite his sordid history, blocked President Trump's nomination last year to replace Lansing as USAGM chief so perhaps Lansing owed him. A few years ago, Menendez was [charged](#) with federal bribery and corruption stemming from his relationship with a crooked south Florida eye doctor that lavished him with cash, gifts and trips in exchange for political favors. The eye doctor, Salomon Melgen, got convicted of stealing \$73 million from Medicare and was sentenced to [17 years in prison](#). Menendez got off because jurors were unable to reach a verdict and his trial ended in mistrial. His colleagues on the Senate Ethics Committee determined that the veteran lawmaker not only violated senate rules, but also federal law and applicable standards of conduct. In a public [letter](#) of admonition, the committee writes that over a six-year period Menendez knowingly and repeatedly accepted gifts of significant value from Melgen in violation of senate rules and federal law. "Additionally, while accepting these gifts, you used your position as a Member of the Senate to advance Dr. Melgen's personal and business interests," the committee writes.

President Trump has more house cleaning to do.

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Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Hillary Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, has now answered our questions under oath.

We have released [the transcript](#) of this court-ordered deposition in which he admits that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business. A full transcript of the deposition is available [here](#).

Our [court-ordered](#) discovery centered upon whether Clinton intentionally attempted to evade the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) by using a non-government email system and whether the State Department adequately searched for records responsive to our FOIA request.

In the questioning, Sullivan admitted that he had used his personal Gmail account at times for State Department business but denied that he had sent classified information to Secretary Clinton's unsecured personal system.

After we pointed out that on January 26, 2010, Sullivan sent a classified email with the subject line "[call sheet](#)," Sullivan testified: "When I sent this email, my best judgment was that none of the material in it was classified, and I felt comfortable sending the email on an unclassified system. The material has subsequently been upclassified but at the time that I sent it, I did not believe that it was classified."

Sullivan said in the deposition that he had not been concerned about Clinton's use of a non-government email account, because it was not part of his job:

Like Secretary Clinton has said herself, I wish she had used a State Department account. It wasn't really part of my job to be thinking about Secretary Clinton's emails so I don't think I sort of fell down directly in my job, but do I wish I had thought of it during the time we were at State. Of course. I mean, what human being at this point wouldn't have thought of that?

Sullivan's deposition is part of United States District Judge Royce C. Lamberth's [order](#) for senior officials — including Susan Rice, Ben Rhodes, Jacob Sullivan, and FBI official E.W. Priestap — to respond under oath to our questions.

A video of the Sullivan deposition exists but is [under seal](#) after the Justice Department and State Department, which opposed any discovery, objected to their public release. The court denied release of the video depositions for now and left the door open for reconsideration.

□ The Court does not foreclose future releases of audiovisual recordings — in this or other cases. Judicial Watch may

move to unseal portions of these recordings relied upon in future court filings. So too may it use the video recordings at trial, consistent with the Federal Rules of Evidence.

Judge Lamberth made the ruling in our July 2014 FOIA [lawsuit](#) filed after the U.S. Department of State failed to respond to a May 13, 2014 FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). We are seeking:

Copies of any updates and/or talking points given to Ambassador Rice by the White House or any federal agency concerning, regarding, or related to the September 11, 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

Any and all records or communications concerning, regarding, or relating to talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack given to Ambassador Rice by the White House or any federal agency.

What this means is that a federal court wants answers on the Clinton email scandal, and Sullivan is just one of many witnesses we will question under oath. It is shameful that the Justice and State Departments continue to try to protect Hillary Clinton and the Obama administration on the email scandal.

You will recall that U.S District Court Judge Royce Lamberth ordered Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers, and Clinton aides, as well as E.W. Priestap, to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

Previously we released [interrogatory responses](#) given under oath by [E.W. \(Bill\) Priestap](#), assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, in which he stated that agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.

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What Were Anti-Trump Conspirators Strzok and Ohr Saying to Each Other?

We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Justice for communications between two of the pivotal players in the Deep State, anti-Trump collusion – former FBI official Peter Strzok and Justice Department official Bruce Ohr ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-01082)).

We sued after submitting two similar July 20, 2018, FOIA requests to Justice and the FBI. The FBI failed to respond, while the Justice Department claimed to find no records of communications between Strzok and Ohr. The lawsuit seeks:

All records of communication between FBI official Peter Strzok and Bruce Ohr, in either his role as Associate Deputy Attorney General or Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, including but not limited to emails (whether on .gov or non-.gov email accounts, and whether using their real names or aliases), text messages, encrypted app messages and/or instant chats.

The time frame for the requested records is January 2016 to July 20, 2018.

We are challenging the Justice Department's extraordinary claim that there are no records of communications between Strzok and Ohr in light of the preeminent role both individuals played in the Deep State effort to undermine the Trump campaign and administration. In addition, Ohr himself [testified](#) before Congress that he did, in fact, meet and communicate with Strzok.

On April 25, Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) submitted [a letter](#) to Attorney General William Barr about text messages from Strzok to former FBI lawyer Lisa Page "that may show potential attempts by the FBI to conduct surveillance of President-elect Trump's transition team."

We know that Peter Strzok was deeply involved in both running the Hillary server investigation cover-up by the FBI and in creating the counterintelligence "investigation" of false claims of Trump-Russian collusion. It's doubtful that Ohr's meetings with Strzok over a matter of national importance happened without a scrap of communication. It's past time the Justice

Department begins acting in good faith, stops the game playing, abides by the law and produces the documents.

We're Suing Over Federal Purchases of Human Abortion Tissue

The FDA is using your tax dollars to purchase fetal tissue sold by abortion clinics, and we are investigating.

We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeking Food and Drug Administration (FDA) documents about the purchase and use of human fetal tissue obtained from abortion clinics that was used by FDA researchers in "humanized mice" testing.

We sued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department Health and Human Services](#)(No. 1:19-cv-00876)) after HHS failed to respond adequately to a September 28, 2018, FOIA request for:

1. All contracts and related documentation between FDA and Advanced Biosciences Resources (ABR) for the provision of human fetal tissue to be used in humanized mice research.
2. All records reflecting the disbursement of funds to ABR for the provision of human fetal tissue to be used in humanized mice research.
3. All guidelines and procedural documents provided to ABR by FDA relating to the acquisition and extraction of human fetal tissue for its provision to the FDA for humanized mice research.
4. All communications between FDA officials and employees and representatives of ABR related to the provision by ABR to the FDA of human fetal tissue for the purpose of humanized mice research.

Here's what's going on. On July 25, 2018, the FDA signed [a contract](#) to acquire human fetal tissue to transplant into "[humanized mice](#)" so that the mice would have a human immune system.

The Trump administration in September 2018 halted the FDA's contract with Advanced Biosciences Resources, which sold fetal tissue it obtained from abortion clinics to the FDA for use in animal testing. Additionally, HHS said in a [statement](#) on September 24, 2018, that it was "conducting an audit of all acquisitions involving human fetal tissue to ensure conformity with procurement and human fetal tissue research laws and regulations."

Members of Congress, in a [September 17, 2018, letter](#) to FDA Commission Scott Gottlieb, raised concern over the FDA's signing on July 25, 2018, of a \$15,900 contract with ABR. It was the eighth contract between FDA and ABR since 2012.

In the letter, the Congress members noted that separate 2016 investigations by the House Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives and the Senate Judiciary Committee found that ABR paid abortion clinics \$60 per "single aborted fetus" and sold the body parts to researchers at fees of \$325 per "specimen" (brain, eyes, liver, thymus and lungs).

Why are U.S. taxpayer dollars being used to contract with a company alleged to have trafficked in baby body parts? We are demanding a full accounting of the procedures as well as the funds used in this disturbing experimentation.

Bruce Ohr Email Raises Possible Ethics Concerns Tied to Russia Testimony

If we knew what Bruce and Nellie Ohr knew, we could pretty much complete a big patch of the jigsaw puzzle that is the coup attempt against President Trump.

Now we know a bit more. We have received [33 pages](#) of records from the Department of Justice showing that former senior DOJ official Bruce Ohr in his January 2018 preparation to testify to the Senate and House intelligence committees wrote to a lawyer about "possible ethics concerns." Bruce Ohr forwarded the email to his wife Nellie Ohr, who had been hired by Fusion GPS, the Hillary Clinton campaign-Democratic National Committee vendor who compiled the anti-Trump Dossier.

We obtained the records through our August 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed against the Justice Department after it failed to respond to a May 29, 2018, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#)(No. 1:18-cv-01854)). Judicial Watch seeks:

Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.

All records from the office of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce G. Ohr relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Associate Deputy Attorney General Ohr) about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.

All records from the office of the Director of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force relating to Fusion GPS, Nellie Ohr and/or British national Christopher Steele, including but not limited to all records of communications (including those of former Organized Crime Task Force Director Bruce Ohr) about and with Fusion GPS officials, Nellie Ohr and Christopher Steele.

On January 3, 2018, Bruce Ohr [emailed](#) Justice Department [ethics lawyer Cynthia Shaw](#), and advised her that the Senate and House intelligence committees had requested to interview him about investigations into possible Russian interference in the 2016 election. He noted that a number of press reports had come out about his "alleged" connections to Christopher Steele. He asked her a question that is largely redacted but sought information about "possible ethics concerns." He forwarded this email to his wife Nellie:

Cynthia –

Thank you for taking the time to chat with me this morning. As requested, here is a short description of my question:

As you may have heard, the Senate intelligence committee and House intelligence committee requested to interview me in connection with their investigations of possible Russian interference in the 2016 elections. Shortly after receiving the Senate request, a series of stories broke in the press about my alleged connections to Chris Steele, the author of the so-called Trump dossier. [Redacted]

My question has to do with [redacted]. Are there any guidelines for [redacted] in order to satisfy any possible ethics concerns?

Shaw's response is largely redacted:

Hi Bruce,

Can you obtain [redacted]

Thanks,

Cindy

The new documents also reveal a close relationship between Fusion GPS employee Nellie Ohr and DOJ Russia experts Lisa Holtyn, Joseph Wheatley and Ivana Nizich.

On May 11, 2016, Nellie Ohr received [an email](#) invitation to attend a Hudson Institute "Kleptocracy Archive Launch." Notably, Fusion GPS principal Glenn Simpson, listed as "a Senior Fellow at the International Assessment and Strategy Center" who "now works frequently on Russian corporate crime and criminal organizations," was to be a panelist.

Nellie forwarded the invitation to top Bruce Ohr aide Lisa Holtyn and husband/wife DOJ lawyers Joseph Wheatley and Ivana Nizich. Holtyn, Wheatley, and Nizich all worked for the DOJ's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), which investigated Russian cartels and other Russian syndicated crime matters.

On April 29, 2016, Holtyn, who worked in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division of the Justice Department, [emailed](#) an unidentified individual in the Criminal Investigative Division of the FBI:

I asked Bruce and he didn't know him, but is going to see if Nellie does.

I was wondering if maybe we knew him through some sort of Glenn Simpson or John Picarelli-sponsored event. If he hadn't referred to you as [redacted] it wouldn't have bothered me so much, but knowledge of that particular nickname implies a certain degree of familiarity not available on the Internet. [John Picarelli] is current Acting Deputy Director of the Department of Homeland Security and then-Justice Department Program Manager for Transnational Issues.]

The unidentified FBI employee emailed Holtyn back: "It does. I'm baffled."

An April 25, 2016, [email](#) shows Nellie Ohr inviting Lisa Holtyn to another Hudson Institute Russia talk.

An [email](#) on the following day shows Nellie Ohr declining an invitation by Holtyn to go to a film.

A March 28, 2016, [email](#) with the subject line "email intro" shows Holtyn introducing Nellie Ohr to a husband/wife pair of prosecutors at the Department of Justice in the Criminal Division ("CRM") named Joe Wheatley and Ivana Nizich.

We previously released other [DOJ documents](#) that detail numerous contacts with Russiagate figure Christopher Steele and many other communications between Nellie Ohr and Ohr's DOJ colleagues.

Bruce Ohr was the conflicted center of the Clinton-DNC effort to launder fraudulent Russia material into the Justice Department and FBI. These documents show that Bruce Ohr was aware enough to look for advice – or look for cover – on ethics issues. His wife, Fusion GPS employee Nellie Ohr, had chummy relationships with various Justice Department officials, which illustrates perfectly why it was so easy for Fusion GPS to sell its anti-Trump Dossier scam.

What's the Deal on Andrew Weissmann's Meeting with AP Reporters?

It's well known that the Deep State coup against Donald Trump was aided through leaks to a willing media. And it's well known that Robert Mueller's chief attack dog in the special counsel's office, Andrew Weissman, appeared to have had difficulty recognizing the boundaries of propriety.

We aim to find out how those two things come together.

We have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice for records of a meeting set up by then-Chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Fraud Section Andrew Weissmann between the DOJ, FBI and reporters from The Associated Press (AP), in which Weissmann allegedly provided guidance to reporters investigating Paul Manafort, and which may have led to the raid of Manafort's storage locker ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00879)).

Just over two months after the meeting, Weissmann was appointed to be Special Counsel Robert Mueller's top aide in the now-defunct Russia collusion investigation. Under Mueller, Weissmann became [known as](#) "the architect of the case against former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort," which produced no evidence of collusion between Manafort, the Trump campaign, and Russian operatives. It indicted Manafort on unrelated charges.

Our suit was filed after the FBI failed to respond to a July 5, 2018, FOIA request for:

- All records concerning the April 2017 meeting between Department of Justice and FBI personnel and representatives of The Associated Press. This request includes all notes, reports, memoranda, briefing materials, or other records created in preparation for, during, and/or pursuant to the meeting.
- All records of communication between any representative of the Department of Justice and any of the individuals present at the aforementioned meeting.

Weissmann [reportedly](#) arranged a meeting with "DOJ and FBI officials and four Associated Press reporters on April 11, 2017, just over a month before Mueller was appointed special counsel." At a hearing in June 2017 a special agent testified that "the FBI may have conducted a May 2017 raid of a storage locker that Manafort was renting based on a tip from AP reporters. He also said that the purpose of the meeting was for the DOJ and FBI to obtain information from The AP."

We have previously [uncovered documents](#) that show Weissmann had an anti-Trump animus. A Judicial Watch FOIA lawsuit uncovered a supportive email sent by Weissmann to former Acting Attorney General Sally Yates praising her refusal to enforce President Trump's Middle East travel ban executive order. Weissmann applauds Yates writing: "I am so proud. And in awe. Thank you so much. All my deepest respects."

The liberal media and then-soon-to-be Mueller deputy Andrew Weissmann seem to have colluded in an effort to target the Trump team. And rather than comply with the Freedom of Information Act, the DOJ has ignored our request. The illegal secrecy at the DOJ suggests the agency has something to hide about its abusive targeting of President Trump.

We're Helping a Watchdog Group Get Information on DC's Transit System

We at Judicial Watch live and work in the District of Columbia, but this is also *your* city. It's *your* national capital, and its mass transportation hub, Metro, is a mess.

We're helping a local watchdog group gather information on this embarrassment. We have filed a Public Access to Records Policy lawsuit against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority ("Metro") and its General Manager, Paul Wiedefeld, on behalf of Unsuck DC Metro for an unredacted version of their Customer Satisfaction Tracking Study ([Unsuck DC Metro v. Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Paul Wiedefeld](#) (No. 1:19-cv-01242)).

Unsuck DC Metro (@UnsuckDCMetro) is a citizens' watchdog over the DC area's public transit Metro system. "Over the years, various general managers have promised transparency but, in fact, Metro has become increasingly opaque. A taxpayer-funded organization withholding information, such as the questions on the customer satisfaction survey, from the public on dubious grounds is unacceptable. If local politicians won't hold Metro accountable and truly transparent, perhaps this lawsuit will," Unsuck DC Metro said.

We sued after WMATA denied an Unsuck DC Metro April 26, 2018, open records request for Metro's customer satisfaction survey by providing a version of the survey with [28 of 29 pages](#) completely blacked out and redacted.

Metro has had safety, management, financial, and declining ridership problems. DC Metro has been called "[the worst in the world](#)." Services have been drastically cut so that three years' worth of maintenance can be done. Meanwhile, fares are increasing and ridership is declining.

A collision in 2009 between two trains killed [nine people](#). In 2015 a woman died of smoke inhalation during an electrical malfunction.

In October 2018, Metro asked for an additional \$87 million of taxpayer dollars, which would push its operation expenditure to [\\$1.0794 billion](#).

The Metro board's chairman Jack Evans and General Manager Paul J. Wiedefeld said recently that the system was in such poor shape that segments of rail lines could shut down [for weeks at a time for maintenance](#), and that much more additional funding is needed."

Metro's leaders have not offered a solution to the system's [ridership decline](#).

DC's Metro system is a mess and untold millions of federal and local tax dollars have gone to support this failing, corrupt and unsafe transit operation system. Metro is so out of it that it won't even release its most recent Ridership Survey to the public! In our experience, this illegal secrecy means Metro has something to hide.

For an interview I did with a top local radio show, [click here](#).

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The Epoch Times

The email was ordered by a federal judge to be released to Judicial Watch in litigation prompted by the non-profit government watchdog's multiple Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for documents, testimony, and other information concerning Clinton's use of the unsecured, home-brew, private email system.

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Coup scheme depends on secrecy, especially Ukraine call transcript's secrecy so Schiff and his Deep State co-conspirators could continue to lie about call. This gambit failed so now they now hope new "whistleblowers" about something we all can read will do the trick. It won't.

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This and more serious revelations come in 345 pages of Page-Strzok records obtained through a January 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed after the DOJ failed respond to a December 4, 2017 FOIA request (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:18-cv-00154)). We sued for all communications between FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page.

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Years after Probe Exposed Corruption in U.S. Africa Ebola Aid, Millions Keep Flowing

Years after a federal audit exposed corruption in a multi-billion-dollar U.S. government program to combat Ebola in Africa, the money keeps flowing and the deadly virus still plagues the world's second-largest continent. This month the Trump administration announced an additional \$56 million in humanitarian assistance to help out with the ongoing outbreak of the disease in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

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Judicial Watch Obtains Strzok-Page Emails Disputing Hillary Clinton's Claim That She 'Never Received nor Sent Any Material That Was Marked Classified'

The records containing emails from Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page also reveal senior FBI officials' concerns over articles written about the "farmac meeting" between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Strzok specifically cited a CBS News report terming the meeting "shocking, absolutely shocking," and adding that, "the appearance of impropriety is just stunning."

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Judicial Watch filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after the State Department failed to comply with May and August 2018 FOIA requests for records of communications and meetings between the U.S. Mission to the United Nations and CICIG's Commissioner Iván Velásquez Gómez; any representative of CICIG; as well as other Guatemalan officials.

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DNC Opposition Researcher Working With Ukrainians Visited Obama White House Often

The Epoch Times

Alexandra Chalupa, a contracted opposition researcher working in 2015 and 2016 for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) with extensive Ukrainian sources, met with multiple officials in President Barack Obama's administration in the White House, according to visitor logs examined by Judicial Watch.

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The Daily Caller

To resolve the questions before the country, he must be publicly identified and questioned under oath. The right guaranteed all Americans under the Constitution — in this case, the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment — is not superseded by Democratic California Rep. Adam Schiff's self-serving interpretation of workplace administrative regulations concerning potential management retaliation against an employee.

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Fitton: White House Visitor Logs Detail Meetings of the CIA's Eric Ciaramella

Breitbart

We have conducted an in-depth analysis of Obama-era White House visitor logs, and we have learned a good deal about the people who controversial CIA employee Eric Ciaramella met with while assigned to the White House.

Ciaramella reportedly was detailed to the Obama White House in 2015 and returned to the CIA during the Trump administration in 2017.

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Adam Schiff too 'biased' to lead Trump impeachment probe, Rep. Jim Jordan tells Hannity

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"[House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi putting Adam Schiff in charge of this impeachment inquiry is exactly what [former FBI Director] Jim Comey did when he put [former FBI agent] Peter Strzok in charge of the Trump-Russia investigation," Jordan said.

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JW Files Ethics
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Adam Schiff's
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Judicial Watch hand delivered a letter to the chairman and co-chairman of the House Office of Congressional Ethics calling for an investigation into whether Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) and Jackie Speier (D-CA) "disclosed classified information to the public in violation of House ethics rules."

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**Republican Under
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Colleagues Get Away
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The panel is ignoring similar—if not more serious—complaints against Democratic members of the House Intelligence Committee who disclosed classified information in flagrant violation of the rules. The lawmakers, Adam Schiff and Jackie Speier, publicly discussed the substance of classified calls.

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Tom Fitton: JW Files Lawsuits on Biden Ukraine-China Scandal; JW Battles in Court to Question Clinton; Trump Boots China From U.S. Port

Judicial Watch Files Two More Lawsuits on Biden Ukraine-China Scandal

Our government doesn't assume that every business investment opportunity is good for our country, and so there are checks in place, including something called the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). [CFIUS](#) is commissioned to review "transactions involving foreign investment in the U.S. to determine the effect of such transactions on the national security of the United States."

What does CFIUS know about Hunter Biden's questionable overseas ventures? The agency is playing its cards close to the vest. So we are suing the State and Treasury Departments for information on CFIUS' handling of investments in the U.S. by two companies tied to Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden. The companies are Ukraine's Burisma Holdings and China's Bohai Harvest RST (BHR).

We sued in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia after the departments failed to respond to June 24, 2019, FOIA requests for CFIUS records related to investments by the Ukrainian company Burisma Holdings LTD or any of its affiliated entities and records related to investments by the Chinese company Bohai Harvest RST or any of its affiliated entities ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02960)), ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of the Treasury](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02961)).

Hunter Biden, son of former Vice President Joe Biden, is reported to be one of nine directors of BHR Partners, which was registered [12 days](#) after the vice president's son, in December 2013, flew to Beijing aboard Air Force Two, while his father made an official visit as vice president. Hunter Biden, then-chairman of the private equity firm Rosemont Seneca, [reportedly](#) signed a deal with the Chinese government-owned Bank of China to set up the BHR \$1 billion joint venture investment fund.

In 2015, BHR Partners participated in a [\\$600 million](#) buyout of Michigan automotive-suspension-systems maker Henniges Automotive. Henniges produces anti-vibration technologies which have important military uses, particularly in military aircraft.

In April 2014, Hunter Biden joined the board of Burisma Holdings, one of the Ukraine's largest natural gas companies. Hunter was reportedly paid \$50,000 a month to, in the words of a [Burisma news release](#), "provide support for the Company among international organizations." Biden has denied that was his role.

In 2015, Viktor Shokin, Ukraine's prosecutor general, launched an investigation into allegedly corrupt practices by Burisma. Shokin was ousted in 2016. And in a widely distributed 2018 [video](#), Joe Biden confirmed that he had successfully pressured

the Ukrainian government, under threat of withholding \$1 billion in U.S. government aid, to fire Shokin. (In September, we [sued](#) the State Department for records about the firing of Ukraine's top prosecutor after then-Vice President Joe Biden threatened to withhold aid.)

The Commerce Department recently barred over two dozen Chinese companies from doing business in the U.S., one of which is reported to be [Megvii Technology](#), an artificial intelligence company focused on developing [facial recognition technology](#). BHR Partners owns a stake in Megvii.

Have no doubt: We will continue to press for information to get to the bottom of this influence-peddling scandal involving Joe Biden and his son. As Congress is obsessed with attacking President Trump, it is again up to us to do the basic investigative work on this growing scandal.

Judicial Watch Battles in Court to Question Hillary Clinton Under Oath

Here's an update on the Clinton email deposition.

A federal court will soon rule on whether Hillary Clinton and her top aide can be questioned under oath by our lawyers about her email and Benghazi controversies. The court has already granted us additional discovery and is now considering Clinton's objections, filed on [September 23](#), to being questioned. We filed our response to Clinton on [October 3](#) ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

The court previously ordered discovery into three specific areas: whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to our request. The court specifically [ordered](#) Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

On August 22, 2019, the court then [ruled](#) that Clinton and Mills had 30 days to oppose being questioned in person under oath by us related to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. Additionally, we were granted seven new depositions, three interrogatories and four document requests. In granting the additional discovery, U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth commented: "I'll tell you everything they've discovered in this period raises serious questions about what the hell the State Department's doing here."

Clinton's lawyers, in opposing the request to question her, argued that she's already answered all important questions about her emails and Benghazi. We reject this, noting her answers about her email use raise additional, important questions:

Judicial Watch should be permitted to directly question Secretary Clinton about her motives, thoughts, and efforts regarding the "convenience" she relies upon in justifying her use of a secret, private server and email address in direct violation of federal records laws and State Department policies.

Clinton also suggests that her emails would have been captured by State Department records systems, which is contradicted by [Tasha Thian](#), a retired senior State records official, we recently questioned:

According to Ms. Thian's testimony, there are at least six occasions Secretary Clinton was or should have been fully informed of federal records management, including email records, and compliance responsibilities. Yet Secretary Clinton's actual understanding of her obligations with respect to official State Department records is completely absent from the record.

Thian implied that it was inconceivable that Clinton was not aware of her obligations regarding federal records and email management:

I don't understand why she would come up with this statements that she was allowed – or how she would save record email by emailing another employee's account. She had resources there aplenty. So it just doesn't make sense to me.

[Even before taking office, Secretary Clinton] knew we had a process.

Additionally, Clinton's former Chief of Staff Huma Abedin, [testifying](#) on whether Clinton understood that FOIA applied to the clintonemail.com system, stated that we "would have to ask Mrs. Clinton."

Hillary Clinton is now joking about her emails even as she seeks to avoid being questioned on this serious scandal. The court has found that this email use and cover-up are no joking matter.

Last month, the State Department, under court order, finally [provided](#) us a previously hidden [email](#), which shows top State Department officials used and were aware of Hillary Clinton's email account.

Our discovery over the last several months found many more details about the scope of the Clinton email scandal and cover-up:

- John Hackett, former Director of Information Programs and Services (IPS) [testified](#) under oath that he had raised concerns that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's staff may have "culled out 30,000" of the secretary's "personal" emails without following strict National Archives standards. He also revealed that he believed there was interference with the formal FOIA review process related to the classification of Clinton's Benghazi-related emails.
- Heather Samuelson, Clinton's White House liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, [admitted](#) under oath that she was granted immunity by the Department of Justice in June 2016.
- Justin Cooper, former aide to President Bill Clinton and Clinton Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure clintonemail.com server that Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State, [testified](#) he worked with Huma Abedin, Clinton's deputy chief of staff, to create the non-government email system.
- In the [interrogatory responses](#) of E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, he stated that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.
- Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, [testified](#) that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.
- Eric Boswell, former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security during Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, [testified](#) that Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerry's and personal emails to transmit classified material.

Hillary Clinton said things in those missing emails that she doesn't want the world to know. Well, we're curious.

Trump Boots Chinese Communists Out of U.S. Port

As the coup cabal assaults the rule of law in Washington, there has been some important, positive news for our national security. Consider our reclaiming of a major U.S. port from a Chinese Communist company. Our Corruption Chronicles blog has the [story](#).

Under a long-term deal sealed by the Obama administration, a Chinese Communist company was set to control the second-busiest container port in the United States. In an unreported Trump administration victory, the Communists are out after a drawn-out national security review forced a unit of China-based COSCO Shipping Holdings Co. (Orient Overseas Container Line—OOCL) to sell the cherished container terminal business, which handles among the largest freight of imports into the U.S.

It all started with a [40-year container terminal lease](#) between the Port of Long Beach in southern California and Hong Kong. The Obama administration proudly signed the agreement in 2012 giving China control of America's second-largest container port behind the nearby Port of Los Angeles. One of the Trump administration's first big moves was to get the Communists out of the Port of Long Beach. After a national security review and federal intervention, the

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Long Beach terminal business, which handles millions of containers annually, is finally being sold to an Australian company called Macquarie Infrastructure Partners. That essentially kills China's decades-long contract with the Obama administration.

The deal never should have been signed in the first place considering the facility's size, significance and the national security issues associated with a hostile foreign government controlling it. The southern California port is the premier U.S. gateway for trans-Pacific trade, according to its [website](#), and handles trade valued at more than \$194 billion annually. It is one of the few ports that can accommodate the world's largest vessels and serves 140 shipping lines with connections to 217 seaports around the world. The facility encompasses 3,200 acres with 31 miles of waterfront, 10 piers, 62 berths and 68 post-Panamax gantry cranes. In 2018, the Long Beach port handled more than 8 million container units, achieving the busiest year in its history.

Removing Chinese Communists from this essential port is a tremendous feat and a huge victory for U.S. national security. You'd never know it because the media, consumed with the impeachment debacle, has ignored this important achievement. The only coverage of the finalized transfer is found in Long Beach's local newspaper, which published a brief [article](#) omitting important background information on the Trump administration's work to take back the terminal from the Communists. The story makes it seem like a regular business transaction in which "a Chinese state-owned company, reached a deal to sell the terminal, one of the busiest in the port, for \$1.78 billion." The piece also quotes the Port of Long Beach's deputy executive director saying that the transaction process was intricate and involved one of "our most valuable port assets." Buried at the bottom of the article is a sentence mentioning that the U.S. government, which regulates mergers for antitrust and security reasons, stepped in and required COSCO to sell its rights to the container terminal.

In the last few years China has bought cargo ports throughout the world, including in Latin America, the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean Sea. Chinese-owned ports are located in Greece, Italy, Spain and other European locations. In sub-Saharan Africa there are dozens of existing or planned port projects funded or operated by China, according to a [study](#) that highlights the threat the Chinese investments present to U.S. influence in the region. One troubling [analysis](#) points out that "COSCO's commercial expansion has created leverage for Beijing — leverage that has already resulted in countries that host COSCO ports adopting China's position on key international issues."

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On March 1, 2016 an unidentified official from the FBI Office of General Counsel asks Baker if he'd had a chance to speak with Wilkinson, noting "CES [Counterespionage Section] wants to reach out to discuss scheduling additional interviews but wanted some feedback from you first." Baker replies, "Just did... She appreciated the heads up about the pending press articles. She wants to meet with the DD [Deputy Director] but can only meet on the weekends right now. I will check his availability tomorrow."

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Judicial Watch Sues Justice Department Over 'Missing' Strzok-Page Text Messages Deleted by Mueller Special Counsel

The text messages in question would have been sent and received on Justice Department issued iPhones assigned to Strzok and Page during their respective assignments to the Special Counsel's Office and should have been recovered, reviewed and preserved by the Special Counsel Office before the phones were sent back to the Justice Department Justice Management Division for reassignment.

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More Than 100,000 DACA Applicants Have Been Arrested—Murder, Rape, DUI

More than 100,000 illegal immigrants who requested a special Obama-era amnesty for adults who came to the U.S. as children have criminal histories, according to an alarming report released this month by the government. Offenses committed by the illegal aliens seeking protection, benefits and rights under the policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) include murder, rape, weapon and assault charges.

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Government Agency Buries \$8.8 Billion Loss at End of Fiscal Year Report

A troubled government agency notorious for its monstrous financial problems is trying to bury shocking multi-billion-dollar losses at the bottom of a fiscal year report that deceptively highlights an operating revenue increase. Issued this month by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), the report prominently features operating revenue increases of hundreds of millions of dollars while incidentally pointing out towards the end a ghastly net loss of \$8.8 billion in fiscal year 2019.

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Farrell: Public Opinion Isn't Moving On Impeachment, And Democrats Are Running Out Of Time

The Daily Caller

The impeachment drama on Capitol Hill generates screaming headlines portending the imminent end of the Trump presidency. But public opinion is not heading where the Democrats are trying to lead it.

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Breitbart

Real Clear Investigations named Ciaramella as possibly being the whistleblower whose complaint sparked impeachment proceedings against President Trump. As reported by the Examiner, Fox News' legal analyst Gregg Jarrett indicated that a key takeaway was the "reported direct relationship" Ciaramella had with former President Barack Obama's CIA Director John Brennan and national security adviser Susan Rice, as well as the "Democratic National Committee operative who dug up dirt on the Trump campaign during the 2016 election."

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Businessman Sues California Over Sex-Based Corporate Affirmative Action

The Epoch Times

A businessman is suing California in federal court over a 2018 social-justice law that by 2020 will force all publicly traded companies headquartered or incorporated in the state to have at least one woman on their board of directors.

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Judicial Watch Sues CIA and DOJ for Communications of CIA Analyst

Ciaramella is widely reported as the person who filed the whistleblower complaint that triggered the impeachment proceedings. His name reportedly was "raised privately in impeachment depositions, according to officials with direct knowledge of the proceedings, as well as in at least one open hearing held by a House committee not involved in the impeachment inquiry."

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Public University Sued for Banning Conservatives Erects Palestinian Terrorist Shrine

While public universities across the nation ban conservative speakers or permit students to violently protest them, one of the offending colleges has erected a Palestinian terrorist shrine. The University of California Berkeley, successfully sued for discriminating against speakers with conservative views, has allowed a student group at the taxpayer-funded institution to construct a display honoring distinguished female terrorists from Palestine.

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Judicial Watch Sues Rep. Schiff and the House Intelligence Committee for Phone Subpoenas Targeting Trump

"Adam Schiff abused his power to secretly subpoena and then publish the private phone records, in potential violation of law, of innocent Americans. What else is Mr. Schiff hiding?" asked Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Schiff and his Committee ran roughshod over the rule of law in pursuit of the abusive impeachment of President Trump. This lawsuit serves as a reminder that Congressman Schiff and Congress are not above the law."

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U.S. Gives Haiti \$21 Million to Bear "Socio-Political Impasse" After Billions in Aid Vanish

It appears that no amount of documented fraud, waste or corruption in Haiti will deter the U.S. government from sending the poverty-stricken Caribbean island huge sums of money. After the 2010 earthquake Congress approved billions of dollars to help the country bounce back but that never materialized, and no one really knows what happened to the money.

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DOJ Refuses To Release Records On Imran Awan, Citing 'Technical Difficulties' And A Secret Case, Court Docs Show

The Daily Caller

The Department of Justice is withholding documents about the Imran Awan cybersecurity scandal by saying there is an ongoing, secret case related to the matter, according to court papers. Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit Nov. 7, 2018, for 7,000 pages of Capitol Police records related to the cybersecurity investigation, and Aug. 2, the DOJ agreed to begin producing records by Nov. 5.

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Watchdog Sues Feds over Impeachment 'Whistleblower' Communications with 'Spygate' Stars

Breitbart

Finding communications that connect Ciaramella to the original Spygate scandal could very well be particularly damning for the Democrats' case against Trump. The FOIA lawsuit filed by the conservative watchdog group suggested the alleged "whistleblower" worked with various "Obama Spygate" actors to bring down or at least sabotage the Trump presidency in an act that could be called a coup.

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Farrell: Pelosi Snubs the Constitution with Senate Obstruction

The Daily Caller

Democrats believe that delaying sending articles of impeachment to the Senate gives them enhanced leverage over the Senate's trial process. Pelosi seems delusional with "power," since she is simply holding back something the Senate never wanted to deal with in the first place. Maybe she could enhance her posture by also denying senators all the nutty legislation her caucus pushes through, that'll show 'em!

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Tom Fitton: Why the Senate Should Hold Adam Schiff Accountable For Misconduct over Anti-Trump Coup

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Judge slams feds over murky stance on McCabe

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A federal judge excoriated Justice Department officials for their handling of potential criminal charges against former Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe, saying the continued uncertainty over the prosecution was unfair to McCabe and the public.

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**Judicial Watch Sues
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Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch filed a FOIA suit against the Justice Department for communications of former top officials, including Andrew McCabe. "the DOJ and FBI are stonewalling. This is the worst corruption scandal in American history – the abusive targeting of President Trump by the Obama administration and the Deep State."

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Federal Court
Orders Hearing
About Whether To
Speed Up Strzok-
Page Docs Release
Source: Judicial Watch

"The FBI has been slow rolling the release of Page-Strzok communications and is still hiding all their infamous text messages," stated JW President Tom Fitton. Strzok and Page were key investigators in the Clinton email and Russia collusion investigations. Page worked for FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe,

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JW President Tom Fitton:
"The idea that this man would be allowed to get away with lying to investigators under oath and not under oath I can't understand. It will be terribly disappointing to millions of americans if the Justice Department let McCabe off."

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Blockbusters Buried In The IG Report On FBI Misuse Of Confidential Sources

Source: [The Federalist](#)

DOJ Inspector General Michael Horowitz' report revealed that the FBI is intentionally failing to document confidential sources' credibility and reliability problems so defense attorneys do not learn of them! While this raises serious concerns in all criminal cases involving confidential sources, these findings directly bear on the FBI's use of Christopher Steele as a confidential source in the Carter Page FISA applications.

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**Judicial Watch Sues
FBI for
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and Payments to
Anti-Trump Dossier
Author Steele**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit against the Department of Justice for records of communications and payments between the FBI and former British intelligence officer Christopher Steele and his private firm, Orbis Business Intelligence. "How and why did the FBI pay Christopher Steele, who was already being funded by the Clinton campaign and DNC through Fusion GPS?" said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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Federal Judge
Orders FBI to Search
for Steele
Documents

Source: Judicial Watch

"The court was right to turn aside the FBI's fake concerns for Clinton spy Christopher Steele's privacy and order the agency to search for more records on its use of Steele and his Dossier to target President Trump," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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FBI 302 Interviews
with Bruce Ohr on
Spygate Released To
Judicial Watch

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released 34 pages of "302" report material from FBI interviews with Bruce Ohr, who was removed as Associate Deputy Attorney General. In September 2016 Ohr describes a person (likely Christopher Steele) as "desperate that Donald Trump not get elected and was passionate about him not being the U.S. President."

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New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's withdrawal from the presidential race last week is a lost opportunity. A successful de Blasio effort in the Democratic primaries —his was anything but—could have sparked a necessary national debate over signs of rising disorder in American cities.

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Trump DOJ follows CAIR lead; State Dept. undermining Trump; CA appeal waste of tax dollars

Last year CAIR filed a federal lawsuit accusing Troy, a small city located about 23 miles northwest of Detroit, of discriminatory denial of zoning to a local Muslim organization called Adam Community Center that wants to build a mosque and Islamic community facility. In the complaint CAIR alleges that Troy officials purposefully and unconstitutionally attempted to keep the area's growing Muslim community from building a mosque within the city by unfair and illegal application of zoning ordinances.

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Fitton: Documents Reveal State Department Efforts to Undermine Trump

We obtained the documents through our June 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the State Department after it failed to respond to a February 2018 request seeking records of the Obama State Department's last-minute efforts to share classified information about Russia election interference issues with Democratic Senator Ben Cardin (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State (No. 1:18-cv-01381))."

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Judicial Watch: McCabe Memo Details How DOJ's Rosenstein Proposed Wearing a Wire Into Oval Office to Record President Trump

The memo, which is redacted in key sections, purports to serve as a "contemporaneous recollection" of a meeting that day ("12:30 pm on 5/16/2017") in Rosenstein's office. The meeting included Rosenstein, Deputy Assistant AG for Intelligence Tashina Gauhar and Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General Jim Crowell in Rosenstein's Justice Department office.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents on Biden Forcing Firing of Ukraine Prosecutor

The Epoch Times

The FOIA was filed after a video became public of Biden telling a Jan. 23, 2018, conference at the Council on Foreign Relations of his threatening to withhold more than \$1 billion in U.S. assistance to the government of Ukraine if officials didn't fire Shokin before Biden departed the country in six hours.

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Fitton: Judicial Watch Sues for Key Spygate Document

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We sued for one key record which led to the initiation of the counterintelligence investigation of President Trump's 2016 presidential campaign (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:19-cv-02743))."

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Judicial Watch Sues DOJ for Electronic Communication that Initiated Counterintelligence Investigation of President Trump's 2016 Campaign

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Deep State/House Dems Manufacture Another Crisis to Justify Unlawful Impeachment of Trump!

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Durham investigation puts CIA Director Gina Haspel on notice

Source: [One America News Network](#)

CIA Director Gina Haspel is the latest Intelligence official to reportedly be dragged into John Durham's investigation of the Russia probe. On Friday, Politico reported Haspel may have information on former CIA Director John Brennan.

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**Judicial Watch Sues
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Source: Judicial Watch

Victor Davis Hanson noted: "Brennan, in May 2017, as an ex-CIA director, again almost certainly did not tell the truth to Congress when he testified in answer to Rep. Tray Gowdy's questions that he neither knew who had commissioned the Steele dossier nor had the CIA relied on its contents for any action."

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**Joe diGenova: A
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with lies created by
by John Brennan**

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DiGenova: This was "a false investigation with lies created by the intelligence community by John Brennan. This is John Brennan's baby. John Brennan started this. He hated Trump, and he used the powerful tools of the United States intelligence community to weaponize intelligence."

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**Judicial Watch Sues
For Documents on
John Brennan
Dossier Leak to
Senator Harry Reid**

Source: Judicial Watch

Senate Minority Leader
Harry Reid reportedly
believed then-Obama CIA
Director Brennan was
feeding him information
about alleged links
between the Trump
campaign and the Russian
government in order to
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Judicial Watch Statement on Ruling Striking Down California's Attempt to Require Candidates to Disclose Tax Returns

Under the law, known as the Presidential Tax Transparency and Accountability Act, candidates who do not publicly disclose their tax returns for the past five years were barred from having their names printed on California's primary ballots.

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Assembly of African Migrants in Tapachula Demands Asylum in U.S.

Among the multitude of migrants waiting in Mexico to get asylum in the United States are thousands of Africans boldly demanding passage into the country. They are far more coordinated than their Central American caravan counterparts and have formed an official organization to spread their message and advocate on their behalf. The group accuses Mexican authorities of discrimination and racism and is ordering Mexico to grant visas that allow them to continue their trek north to seek "protection" in America.

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Judicial Watch Requests Ethics Investigation of Whether Rep. Ilhan Omar Improperly Used Campaign Funds

Judicial Watch announced today that it hand-delivered a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Congressional Ethics calling for further investigation of Rep. Ilhan Omar over new allegations that her alleged lover, Tim Mynett, received nearly \$230,000 from her campaign since July 2018.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents on Deleted Bruce and Nellie Ohr Emails

Judicial Watch

In May 2019, Judicial Watch released records from the Justice Department that included an email exchange between Ohr, his top aide Lisa Holtyn, his wife Nellie Ohr who worked for Fusion GPS, and First Secretary at the German Embassy Stefan Bress that discusses a meeting with German analysts for an "analytical exchange" on topics including the "Impact of Russian influence operations in Europe ('PsyOps/InfoWar')."

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Judicial Watch: Documents Reveal Extensive Relationship Between Dossier Author Steele and Top Obama State Department Officials

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch and The Daily Caller News Foundation today released 146 pages of State Department documents revealing that former British spy and dossier author Christopher Steele had an extensive and close working relationship dating back to May of 2014 with high-ranking Obama State Department officials.

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At least 9 illegal aliens charged w/ sexual abuse/rape of minor in last few months in "sanctuary" of Montgomery County, MD. Sanctuary policies are illegal and put EVERYONE'S children at risk. @realDonaldTrump DOJ should prosecute sanctuary politicians. @JudicialWatch steps up!

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Mo Brooks: 'Whistleblower' a Spy Acting on Behalf of the Democratic Party, Joe Biden

Source: [Breitbart](#)

According to Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), the real threat lies in "people like" the so-called whistleblower, who Brooks deemed to be a spy for Democrats. "It becomes a real problem when you have people like the whistleblower, who is, in fact, a spy in my judgment."

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**Judicial Watch Sues
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FISA Documents**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "The American people should be able to see for themselves the details of how the Obama administration officials (and Rod Rosenstein of the Trump administration) justified spying on the Trump team. From what we know publicly, this may be the worst government abuse scandal in a generation."

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**Investigating the
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Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch Director of Investigations and Research, Chris Farrell: Attorney General Barr aptly and appropriately described what was going on by the Justice Department and FBI during the coup attempt as "spying." The intelligence agencies were used in way that is "outrageously beyond the pale, like nothing else we've ever seen in the history of the United States Government."

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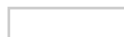
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Samantha Power on Her Unmasking Requests in 2016: 'It's Completely False'

Source: [PJ Media](#)

Former U.N. Ambassador Samantha Power pushed back on reports of her frequent "unmasking" requests in 2016 during the presidential campaign, calling them "completely false."

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**Judicial Watch Sues
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Source: Judicial Watch

Samantha Power
unmasked over 260
persons in her last year as
U.S. ambassador to the
United Nations in an
attempt to uncover
associates of President
Trump. She "was
'unmasking' at such a
rapid pace in the final
months of the Obama
administration that she
averaged more than one
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day in 2016."

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**Obama NSC Advisor
Susan Rice's
Unmasking Material
is at Obama Library**

Source: Judicial Watch

The National Security Council informed Judicial Watch that the materials regarding the unmasking by Obama National Security Advisor Susan Rice of "the identities of any U.S. citizens associated with the Trump presidential campaign or transition team" have been removed to the Obama Library.

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**State Department
Documents Reveal
Last-Minute Efforts
by Obama State
Department to
Undermine President
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Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released 90 pages of heavily redacted Department of State documents showing Obama officials' efforts to disseminate classified information to multiple U.S. Senators immediately prior to President Donald Trump's inauguration.

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What criteria would be used to assess red-flagging? Who would establish them? Who gets to define who is too "troubled" to own a weapon? Some liberals might argue that anyone who voted for Donald Trump is mentally ill. Or maybe those seized with Trump Derangement Syndrome need to be kept away from guns?

*Judicial Watch Director of Investigations Chris Farrell --
The Daily Caller op-ed – 9/12/19*

Dear Judicial Watch Supporter,

Judicial Watch Director of Investigations, Chris Farrell, has been at the forefront of the fight for freedom since his days as a Military Intelligence Officer – specializing in Counterintelligence and Human Intelligence.

And those duties, by the way, included three tours of duty in the Federal Republic of Germany, and one tour at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe.

So, when Chris talks about threats to democracy – foreign or domestic – he clearly knows of what he speaks!

That's why I want to make sure you didn't miss his most recent forays to help defend the right of the American people to keep and bear arms.

First is his compelling op-ed in The Daily Caller – one of Washington's most important and influential newspapers.

It is entitled "How Many Democrats Think Gun-Owners Are Terrorists?" And you can read it [HERE](#).

And just yesterday, Chris hosted a dynamic gun control panel on his popular One America news show, "On Watch."

You can watch it on JWTV by clicking on the screen shot below:

[On Watch](#)

Or, if you want to have friends and family over to watch it with you, tune in to One America News this Saturday or Sunday on One America News at 5:00 ET!

Either way, I guarantee that you are going to like what you see as Chris once again helps lead the fight to protect your rights!

Sincerely,

Carter Clews
Director of Communications



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Judicial Watch announced today that it filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Justice for text message records of former FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page

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On Watch: FBI Corruption-- Covering-up for Hillary Clinton & Falsely Framing President Trump

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**Hillary Clinton was
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about Using
Unsecure
BlackBerry/Emails!**

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**Judicial Watch On
Issue: The Battle for
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President Donald Trump retweeted our petition! Right now, our borders are being used as gateways for drug cartels and violent criminals – every day adding to the millions of illegal aliens already in this country.

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How the House of
Representatives/Schiff
Are Trampling on
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Dept. Over 'Missing' Strzok-
Page Text Messages
Deleted by Mueller Special
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Judicial Watch Sues for
Documents Related to
Former Ukraine Ambassador
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Judicial Watch: FBI Finds New Clinton Emails – Includes Classified Information and Discloses that Clinton Used Text Messages for Government Business

The State Department did not provide information about where the emails were found; why they were not previously produced; or if additional records are anticipated. Last month, a Justice Department attorney could not tell a federal court judge how and where the FBI discovered the new cache of Clinton emails. The State Department previously claimed it had produced all releasable Clinton emails, including emails recovered by the FBI that Hillary Clinton tried to destroy or withhold.

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In 2019 Over 90% of Illegal Aliens Arrested in U.S. Had Criminal Convictions, Pending Charges

More than 90% of illegal immigrants arrested by federal agents in the United States last year had criminal convictions or pending criminal charges, including 56,000 assaults and thousands of sex crimes, robberies, homicides and kidnappings. Many had "extensive criminal histories with multiple convictions," according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) year-end report.

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Judicial Watch: New Strzok-Page Emails Reveal DOJ Special Treatment to Clinton Lawyers

In an April 25, 2016, email from Strzok to FBI Agent Jonathan Moffa and other FBI officials, Strzok indicated that Wilkinson and Hillary Clinton lawyer David Kendall were set to meet the following day with FBI/DOJ in the Counterespionage Section of the FBI. Strzok tells his colleagues, "If you have strong objection (I do not other than finding out after the DD [Deputy Director]), we should raise it now." Moffa replies, "It's weird the DD [Andrew McCabe] is the first to know though. When did that become the norm?" Strzok replies, "Since the butthurt. I think there's some passive aggressive stuff going on. Whatever."

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Epidemic of Government Employees Watching Porn on Taxpayer Time

An epidemic of federal employees watching porn on taxpayer time has reached a new low at one agency where a veteran staffer "viewed child pornography on a government computer on multiple occasions," according to an audit. The unidentified employee worked at the Bureau of Land Management, which operates under the Department of the Interior (DOI) and admitted to investigators from the agency's Inspector General's office that he viewed adult pornography on multiple occasions though he knew DOI policy prohibits it.

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Revealed: McCabe Pushed to Highlight Trump 'Golden Shower' Rumor in Public Russia Report — and Comey Approved

Breitbart

An email proves disgraced ex-FBI Director James Comey personally approved an FBI effort to have the wild and unsubstantiated "golden showers" claim about President Trump included in material to be considered for publication in the U.S. Intelligence Community's official report on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election.

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Watchdog Group Suing Adam Schiff Over Release Of Private Phone Records

The Daily Wire

The conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch announced Wednesday that it has filed a lawsuit against Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) and the House Intelligence Committee for information relating to the acquirement and release of the phone records from Rudy Giuliani, Devin Nunes, and others.

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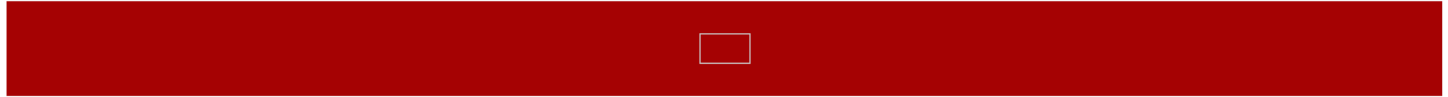
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Trump 'strongly considering' Flynn pardon

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President Trump announced Sunday that he is "strongly considering" a pardon for former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to federal investigators conducting the Russia investigation.

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Justice Department
Argues Comey's
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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "I don't believe General Flynn lied. The FBI thought he didn't lie. And it was an ambush interview. I would throw it out if I were the court. "

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**Welcome to the 'Cold
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"Consider the reckless disclosure of communications intelligence information aimed at destroy President Trump's national security advisor: LT GEN Mike Flynn," said Chriss Farrell, Judicial Watch director of investigations. "We're supposed to believe that anonymous government officials care SO MUCH for the nation's security that they will expose highly classified, compartmented information against the former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency?"

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Poll: Majority of Americans Want Mass Deportations of Illegal Aliens Following Congressional Inaction

Source: [Breitbart](#)

The latest Harvard/Harris poll finds that 51 percent of American voters say they support mass deportations of the 11 million to 22 million illegal aliens living in the U.S. should Congress fail to reach a deal that closes loopholes in the asylum system.

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**Illegal Aliens Quietly
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Immigrants entering the United States illegally through the southern border are quietly being relocated to different parts of the country on commercial flights. In the last few days alone, groups of illegal aliens boarded planes at airports in Texas and Arizona accompanied by a taxpayer-funded government escort in civilian clothes to avoid drawing attention.

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**Illegal Immigration
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Besides implementing a
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MAJORITY OF FEDERAL ARRESTEES ARE FOREIGNERS, THOUSANDS OF "UNKNOWN CITIZENSHIP"

The five judicial districts along the Mexican border—California, Arizona, New Mexico and western and southern Texas—have experienced an eye-popping 539.6% in immigration-related arrests in the last two decades. Thousands are of "unknown citizenship," according to the federal statistics, which show a spike of 202 aliens from unknown countries to 6,657 in a few years.

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The disturbing figures were released this month by the DOJ's Bureau of Justice Statistics, the government agency responsible for collecting crime data. In a 25-page report the agency outlines a distressing trend of criminal activity involving foreign nationals, revealing that non-U.S. citizens accounted for 64% of all federal arrests in 2018.

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OBAMA JUDGE RULES MEDICAID MUST PAY FOR TRANSGENDER SEX REASSIGNMENT SURGERY

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An Obama-appointed federal judge is forcing Wisconsin taxpayers to provide costly sex reassignment surgery and hormonal procedures for low-income transgender residents who get free medical care from the government.

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UPDATE: FBI ordered to search for more docs on Clinton-DNC-FBI @Spygate spy Steele docs! 60 day deadline.
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Judicial Watch Releases Emails Between Nellie Ohr and DOJ Top Official When Ohr Worked at Fusion GPS

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released 72 pages of documents from the Department of Justice containing Russia-related emails sent from Nellie Ohr to high-ranking DOJ official Lisa Holtyn at the time Ohr worked with anti-Trump dossier firm Fusion GPS. Holtyn at the time was a top aide to former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr.

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Mexican Cartels Among Greatest Criminal, National Security, Public Health Threat to U.S.

Mexican drug cartels have headquarters throughout the United States and are one of the country's greatest criminal, national security and public health threats, according to a veteran Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) senior agent pushing the federal government to designate them as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO).

"The Mexican cartels have left a trail of blood using intimidation and terrorist acts of ruthless violence," said [Derek S. Maltz](#), a narco-terror expert who helped establish the Counter Narco-Terrorism Operations Center (CNTOC) before retiring from the DEA. The CNTOC has busted many bigtime narco-terrorism operations, including a money laundering scheme that supported the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah.

"The cartels engage in beheadings, car bombings, dissolving humans in acid, mass murders, torture, bombings and political assassinations," Maltz said. "Their actions are consistent with the behaviors of traditional terrorists and they have infiltrated the highest levels of the Mexican government with bribes and corruption." The former DEA agent added that "Mexican drug cartels have utilized techniques which focus on mind manipulation and behavioral modification commonly utilized by organizations such as Al-Qaeda."

The troubling details were delivered during recent [testimony](#) before the Ohio legislature, where Maltz made a powerful case for designating Mexican drug cartels as FTOs. Following a massive [bust](#) of the notorious Sinaloa Cartel in the Buckeye State, [a resolution](#) was introduced to get the federal government to make the change so that it may use "appropriate means to mitigate and eventually eliminate the operations of the cartels."

Last week a [criminal justice committee](#) heard testimony as the resolution advances in the Ohio legislature. Maltz was a key expert witness, telling the panel that cartels "have major hubs in Southern California, Arizona, Chicago, Texas, New York and Atlanta" and have "expanded into South Florida."

The resolution states that Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCO) based in Mexico (drug cartels) are responsible for the flow of opioids across the border into the United States and Ohio and that they are also responsible for the proliferation of human trafficking in the United States, particularly Ohio, as part and parcel of their drug trafficking operations.

The measure points out that drug cartels conduct operations on U.S. soil in furtherance of drug and human trafficking and that abuse of opioids and human trafficking are direct threats to the economy, well-being and overall vitality of the state of Ohio and its citizens. "The acting administrator of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Uttam Dhillon, recently declared Mexican drug trafficking organizations are the biggest criminal threat the United States faces today," the Ohio resolution states.

The measure further points out that the Immigration and Nationality Act authorizes the U.S. Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, to designate an organization as an FTO when certain criteria are met. Drug cartels meet the criteria, Ohio lawmakers assert, because they are foreign in nature, engage in or retain the capability and intent to engage in terrorism and threaten the security of American citizens and the national defense, foreign relations and economic interests of the United States.

Judicial Watch made parallel arguments in a [White Paper](#) published earlier this year. In it, Judicial Watch's investigative team provides comprehensive documentation that Mexican drug cartels, notoriously sophisticated criminal operations, undoubtedly meet the U.S. government's requirements to be designated FTOs.

The criteria for FTO designation require that organizations be foreign, engage in terrorism or terrorist activity or possess the capability and intent to do so and pose a threat to U.S. nationals or U.S. national security. Mexican drug cartels are inherently foreign, routinely commit criminal acts within the statutory definition of terrorism and arguably represent a more immediate and ongoing threat to U.S. national security than any of the currently-designated FTOs on the State Department [list](#).

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Mexican Police Chief Unfazed by U.S. Alert; Arrival of Middle Easterners Going North is Normal

A recent U.S. alert warning Mexico of armed Iranians planning to enter the country through the southern border didn't faze a busy Mexican border city's police chief, who confirms the region is full of Middle Easterners, Africans and Asians heading north. In a Latin American news report published shortly after the U.S. issued the bulletin, Mexicali Police Chief María Elena Andrade Ramírez matter-of-factly said the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia as well as the rest of the Americas is "normal" in her California border city of about a million residents. Nevertheless, the chief, who affirmed receiving the U.S. government bulletin, said she planned to cooperate and coordinate with state authorities to "reinforce security."

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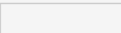


Power Players Still Invest in Clintons

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The Clintons were back in the news last week, with word coming that Hillary had been appointed chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast, and reports that Chelsea raked in a cool \$9 million as a board member of IAC, the internet investment firm. More good news for the Clintons arrived with a Washington Post report that U.S. Attorney John Huber had ended his feckless investigation into the Clinton Foundation and Mrs. Clinton's tenure as secretary of state.

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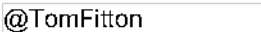
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Federal Judge Orders Justice Department to Explain Why Awan Documents Are Being Kept Secret

The Epoch Times

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Judge Amit Mehta's unusual order followed a sealed submission by DOJ attorneys Friday in the case prompted by the non-profit government watchdog's November 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit. Such hastily convened hearings are extremely unusual in a federal judicial system so jammed that months can pass before cases are litigated in courtrooms.

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Records Show 'Diversity Workshop' Instituted by South Bend Police Department

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In SBPD anti-discrimination police training materials, one slide under the title "The Future of Policing" notes that "Black lives do indeed matter, but no more, and certainly no less than the lives of every community within law enforcement's jurisdictions. The perceptual proof of that belief is unquestionably not universally present today because such a Vision is not yet universally shared by law enforcement."

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Mexican-Based Bangladeshi Smuggler Busted Amid Rise in Migrants from Terrorist Nations

Africa is a hotbed of Islamic terrorism, according to the State Department, and Bangladesh is a south Asian Islamic country well known as a recruiting ground for terrorist groups such as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Al-Qaeda Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). Last year 630 Bangladeshi nationals tried to enter the U.S. illegally in Laredo, Texas alone, marking the 300% increase from the previous year.

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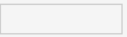


Farrell: How Many Democrats Think Gun- Owning Americans are Terrorists?

The Daily Caller

Are American gun owners potential domestic terrorists? The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring the National Rifle Association "a domestic terrorist organization." They blame the "epidemic of gun violence" in part on the NRA, which they accuse of using "its considerable wealth and organization strength to promote gun ownership and incite gun owners to acts of violence."

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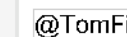


Judicial Watch Sues DOJ for Docs On FBI/CIA Informant in Trump Organization

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The Mueller report mentions Sater more than 100 times but fails to mention that he was an active undercover informant for the FBI/CIA for more than two decades. In 2017, Sater was the subject of two interviews conducted under a proffer agreement with Mueller's office according to page 69, footnote 304 of Mueller's report on his Russian collusion investigation.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents on Deleted Bruce and Nellie Ohr Emails

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In June, Judicial Watch uncovered documents showing the removal of Bruce Ohr from the position of Associate Attorney General in 2017; his transfer from Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force to International Affairs in 2018; and that Ohr received a total of \$42,520 in performance bonuses during the Trump/Russia investigation. Ohr's bonus nearly doubled from \$14,520 (received in November 2015) to \$28,000 in November 2016.

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Mexico Massacre New Ammo for U.S. to Designate Cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations

The massacre of nine Americans by a Mexican drug cartel this week creates yet another excellent opportunity for the U.S. government to finally designate the sophisticated criminal operations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO). Judicial Watch has long advocated for this and earlier this year published a White Paper providing comprehensive documentation that Mexican drug cartels undoubtedly meet the U.S. government's requirements to be designated as FTOs.

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents on Obama/UN Effort to Undermine Elected Government in Guatemala

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CICIG says it is in Guatemala merely to "support" the attorney general in her work "identifying and dismantling" criminal networks and is not involved in politics. But an academic analysis of CICIG by Jonatán Lemus, a Francisco Marroquín University political science professor, suggests otherwise.

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The records containing emails from Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page also reveal senior FBI officials' concerns over articles written about the "farmac meeting" between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Strzok specifically cited a CBS News report terming the meeting "shocking, absolutely shocking," and adding that, "the appearance of impropriety is just stunning."

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DNC Opposition Researcher Working With Ukrainians Visited Obama White House Often

The Epoch Times

Alexandra Chalupa, a contracted opposition researcher working in 2015 and 2016 for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) with extensive Ukrainian sources, met with multiple officials in President Barack Obama's administration in the White House, according to visitor logs examined by Judicial Watch.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Hillary Clinton Appeals Federal Court Order to Go Under Oath

In another desperate attempt by the Clinton machine to delay truth and accountability for her email conduct and how it impacted the people's "right to know" under FOIA, lawyers for former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her former Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills have asked the Court of Appeals [to overturn](#) a U.S. District court order granting Judicial Watch's request for their depositions about Clinton's emails and Benghazi attack records. Lawyers for Clinton and Mills filed a "Petition for Writ of Mandamus" earlier today.

The Clinton request comes in Judicial Watch's [lawsuit](#) that seeks records concerning "talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack" ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). Judicial Watch famously uncovered in 2014 that the "talking points" that provided the basis for Susan Rice's false statements were [created by](#) the Obama White House. This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.

On March 3, 2020, Judge Lamberth [granted](#) Judicial Watch's request [to depose](#) Clinton about her emails and Benghazi attack documents. The court also ordered the deposition of Mills and two other State Department officials. Additionally, the court granted Judicial Watch's request to subpoena Google for relevant documents and records associated with Clinton's emails during her tenure at the State Department.

In December 2018, Judge Lamberth first [ordered discovery](#) into whether Secretary Clinton's use of a private email server was intended to stymie FOIA; whether the State Department's intent to settle this case in late 2014 and early 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to Judicial Watch's request. The court also authorized discovery into whether the Benghazi controversy motivated the cover-up of Clinton's email. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency." The State and Justice Departments continued to defend Clinton's and the agency's email conduct.

Judge Lamberth overruled Clinton's and the State and Justice Department's objections to limited additional discovery by first noting:

Discovery up until this point has brought to light a noteworthy amount of relevant information, but Judicial Watch requests an additional round of discovery, and understandably so. With each passing round of discovery, the Court is left with more questions than answers.

Additionally, Judge Lamberth said that he is troubled by the fact that both the State Department and Department of Justice want to close discovery in this case:

[T]here is still more to learn. Even though many important questions remain unanswered, the Justice

Department inexplicably still takes the position that the court should close discovery and rule on dispositive motions. The Court is especially troubled by this. To argue that the Court now has enough information to determine whether State conducted an adequate search is preposterous, especially when considering State's deficient representations regarding the existence of additional Clinton emails. Instead, the Court will authorize a new round of discovery ...

With respect to Clinton, the court found that her prior testimony, mostly through written sworn answers, was not sufficient:

The Court has considered the numerous times in which Secretary Clinton said she could not recall or remember certain details in her prior interrogatory answers. In a deposition, it is more likely that plaintiff's counsel could use documents and other testimony to attempt to refresh her recollection. And so, to avoid the unsatisfying and inefficient outcome of multiple rounds of fruitless interrogatories and move this almost six-year-old case closer to its conclusion, Judicial Watch will be permitted to clarify and further explore Secretary Clinton's answers in person and immediately after she gives them. The Court agrees with Judicial Watch – it is time to hear directly from Secretary Clinton.

Judicial Watch will continue the fight to hold Clinton accountable and to bring out the truth for all to see.

Where are Hillary Clinton's Text Messages?

In January we [released emails](#) that included an August 2011 one from Huma Abedin to Hillary Clinton stating: "Sent you a couple of text messages." The email was among other emails that had only recently and magically been found by the FBI and produced to the State Department.

When we inquired, the State Department denied the text messages existed.

So we have filed a FOIA lawsuit for all text and other electronic messages of the former secretary of state and her former deputy chief of staff (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State (No. 1:20-cv-00441)).

Last week, a federal court [criticized](#) the State and Justice Departments for providing no explanation about how these emails were found at this late date:

State failed to fully explain the new emails' origins when the Court directly questioned where they came from.

We filed our recent FOIA lawsuit after State denied any responsive records exist in response to two January 2020 FOIA requests for:

All text messages, encrypted app messages and instant messages involving official government business sent or received by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton from January 1, 2009 through February 1, 2013.

All text messages, encrypted app messages and instant messages involving official government business sent or received by former Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin from January 1, 2009 through February 1, 2013.

So where are Hillary Clinton's text messages? We uncovered the hidden Clinton emails, and now we've discovered that Secretary Clinton and her top aide Huma Abedin were talking by text.

This comes on top of another major development: U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth [granted](#) our request to depose Clinton about her emails and Benghazi attack documents. The [court also ordered](#) the deposition of Clinton's former Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills and two other State Department officials.

Additionally, the court granted our request to subpoena Google for relevant documents and records associated with

Clinton's emails during her tenure at the State Department.

Clinton repeatedly stated that the 55,000 pages of documents she turned over to the State Department in December 2014 included all of her work-related emails. In response to a court order in another Judicial Watch [case](#), she declared under penalty of perjury that she had "directed that all my emails on [clintonemail.com](#) in my custody that were or are potentially federal records be provided to the Department of State, and on information and belief, this has been done."

As they say, the Internet is forever, and the efforts by Clinton and the Deep State to cover her tracks continue coming up short.

FBI Cleared Extremists Who Carried Out Deadliest U.S. Attacks Since 9/11

The FBI Barack Obama molded in his image was quite adroit at scheming to take down his successor, but it failed miserably in protecting the American people from a threat the former President brushed off: Islamic terrorism. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [details](#) what the DOJ watchdog has found:

Nearly two decades after its well-documented transgressions culminated in the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil, the federal law enforcement agency responsible for protecting the country against a repeat still struggles to do its job and it has cost dozens of American lives. The failures have allowed homegrown violent extremists (HVE) to carry out more than 20 attacks in the U.S. since 9/11, some of them after the agency, the FBI, closed counterterrorism investigations of the attackers.

The negligence has resulted in the death of 70 people murdered by at least six terrorists who had been under investigation by the FBI, according to a [report](#) issued recently by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Inspector General. In all the probes the FBI closed the cases quickly after ruling that the extremists presented no threat to national security. The agency examined its mishaps in the aftermath of the deadly events. "Following these attacks, the FBI conducted reviews and determined there were weaknesses in its HVE assessment processes," the agency watchdog writes in its report. "However, we found that the FBI has not taken sufficient action to address these weaknesses." There is more that may not have been included in the probe. The DOJ IG goes on to disclose that "in 2017, the FBI conducted an enterprise-wide review and identified potential terrorist threats that may not have been adequately assessed during calendar years (CY) 2014 through 2016, which amounted to 6 percent of the total assessments reviewed. We found that the FBI did not take adequate action on nearly 40 percent of these assessments for 18 months."

The latest FBI transgressions resulted in some of the deadliest terrorist attacks since Islamic jihadists carried out their plots in 2001, killing thousands of innocent Americans. They include the 2009 massacre at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas, the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, the 2016 mass shooting at an Orlando, Florida nightclub and the 2017 attack at the Fort Lauderdale Airport in south Florida. In 2011 the FBI opened a counterterrorism lead into Nidal Hasan, the perpetrator of the Fort Hood shooting, but the probe was closed five months later after agents evidently determined that Hasan did not pose a national security threat. Months later he massacred 13 people at a U.S. military post. The Orlando shooter, Omar Mateen, was also under FBI investigation before he carried out his attack for making statements that displayed his radicalized ideology. Less than a year later the probe was closed after agents ruled the information to be unfounded. Mateen killed 46 people.

Boston Marathon terrorist Tamerlan Tsarnaev was also on the FBI's radar before his attack, but the agency decided that he and his terrorist brother, Dzhokhar Tsarvaev, did not pose a threat to national security, according to the IG report. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, the older brother who was eventually killed in a wild shootout with police, was under investigation by the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) after Russian authorities notified the agency that he had become radicalized. The Obama administration [could have deported](#) Tamerlan Tsarnaev years before he detonated bombs at a major sporting event over a

criminal arrest, according to information uncovered by Judicial Watch shortly after the bombings that killed three and injured hundreds. The government also dropped the ball on Esteban Santiago, who killed five people in a 2017 attack at the Fort Lauderdale Airport. Weeks before the rampage, the FBI closed Santiago's probe ruling that he did not pose a threat to national security.

It seems that little has changed since 9/11. After the attacks, the FBI got blasted for missing many opportunities to stop the hijackers and failing to uncover important intelligence about them. In fact, a DOJ IG [report](#) disclosed that the FBI missed at least five opportunities before the 2001 terrorist attacks to uncover crucial intelligence about the perpetrators. The watchdog specifically blamed the FBI for not knowing that two of the 9/11 hijackers lived in the U.S. and for failing to follow up on an agent's theory that Osama bin Laden was sending students to American flight schools. A decade and a half later, a panel created by Congress to determine if the FBI had adopted post-9/11 recommendations found that the problems persisted. In a 2015 [report](#) the 9/11 Review Commission was critical of the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force's ability to detect terror plotters before they strike and found the agency's computer hacking investigations were lacking.

It may be time to completely rethink this agency.

U.S. Makes \$175 Billion in Payments 'That Should Not Have Been Made'

I suppose we should be grateful that, although it wastes our money like nobody's business, our federal government at least has the decency to try to count how much it wastes. Let our *Corruption Chronicles* blog bring you [up to date](#).

Though federal law forbids it, every year the U.S. government squanders huge sums of American taxpayer dollars and dismisses it matter-of-factly as a "monetary loss." In 2019, Uncle Sam misspent an eye-popping \$175 billion, a 15% increase from the previous year and the figure is likely to grow in the future. The largest chunk—\$121 billion or 69%—was blown on "improper payments" in three federal programs, according a [federal audit](#) issued this month by the nonpartisan investigative arm of the U.S. Congress, the Government Accountability Office (GAO). The programs with the highest concentration of waste last year were Medicaid, Medicare and Earned Income Tax Credit.

"Improper payments—payments that should not have been made or that were made in incorrect amounts—continue to be an area of fiscal concern in the federal government," the GAO report states. "Improper payments have been estimated to total almost \$1.7 trillion government-wide from fiscal years 2003 through 2019." The problem is so pervasive that Congress passed a law called [Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act](#) (IPERA) in 2010 to address the issue. Incredibly, many federal agencies don't bother complying with the measure and the waste continues full throttle. In 2018 the government made \$151 billion in improper payments, according to figures included in the GAO report. The government simply adds the numbers and reports it as "monetary loss, an amount that should not have been paid and in theory should or could be recovered," according to congressional investigators.

There is no end in sight to the problem because around half of the federal agencies involved are noncompliant with IPERA, which requires agency heads to review and identify programs and activities that may be susceptible to significant improper payments. The law also demands that they publish and meet annual targets for improper payment reduction and accurately report in a timely manner all improper payments. Instead, Congressional investigators found that individual agency watchdogs discovered 21 programs were noncompliant with IPERA for each of the past three years, representing billions in improper payments. "The government's ability to understand the full scope of its improper payments is hindered by incomplete, unreliable, or understated estimates; risk assessments that may not accurately assess the risk of improper payment; and noncompliance with criteria listed in IPERA," the GAO writes.

Let's examine the incredible figures considered by investigators last fiscal year. Remember, these are
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agencies that are reporting waste but not all are complying, so we really have no idea how much of our money the government is recklessly blowing. Medicaid, which provides around 65.7 million poor people nationwide with free medical care, doled out a whopping \$57.4 billion in improper payments last year. Medicare, the government health insurance program for retired people made \$46.2 billion in improper payments, the GAO found. The Earned Income Tax Credit, an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) benefit for low-income workers distributed \$17.4 billion in erroneous payments last year. The Earned Income Tax Credit has long been plagued by fraud and corruption that has resulted in the loss of tens of billions of dollars. The program is rife with improper applications and fraudulent claims, according to one report that cites IRS figures showing more than 60% of overpayments are due to "manipulation of self-employed income and expenses, unqualified dependents being claimed, and misuse of single and head of household filing status."

The GAO writes that most of the government's improper payment estimates are related to three root causes that, frankly, most Americans may find difficult to believe. The first is insufficient documentation to determine payment accuracy. About \$74.1 billion in improper payments resulted from situations where the agency lacked supporting documentation necessary to verify the accuracy of the payments. The second is administrative or process error. About \$39.1 billion resulted from incorrect data entry, classifying, or processing of applications or payments. The third is the inability to authenticate eligibility. About \$38 billion resulted from the agency not being able to authenticate eligibility criteria, the GAO found.

Until next week ...

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These lawsuits can help expose the illicit Deep State conspiracy to abuse government powers to target the Trump presidency.

Our lawsuits against the FBI, Justice Department and other federal deep state agencies all deal with one or more aspect of the unprecedented affront to the rule of law and to the American people's right to lawfully elect their president!

[Please, I urge you to help us today with a special contribution to help us fight in federal court.](#)

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It is time to confront illegal secrecy in government.

If the rule of law is to survive, if America's constitutional protections are to endure, it is essential to roll back the sinister secrecy that allows – indeed encourages – those operating in the Deep State to hold themselves above the law and beyond the Constitution.

And that's why Judicial Watch is in court day after day shining the light on the activities of the Deep State.

[Can we count on your support to expose the truth behind the Deep State?](#)

Judicial Watch is conservative, but we are not partisan. Our allegiance is to the rule of law and the American people's right to know.

As I said earlier, Judicial Watch has over 40 separate lawsuits to uncover the truth about the Deep State. And I can promise you more Judicial Watch lawsuits are on the way so that we can get to the truth behind this illicit conspiracy.

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Sincerely,

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In case you missed it, late last week, Judicial Watch held a hard-hitting panel on the Deep State!

This panel revealed stunning new information on topics like the FBI's covert misconduct, the coup against President Trump, DOJ corruption, the Mueller Probe hoax, and more!

The panel featured high profile experts on the subject -- such as Carter Page, Victoria Toensing, Chris Farrell, and Chuck Ross. And it was moderated by Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

Each panelist gave a riveting opening statement that cut to the heart of the issue – all of which are below, in brief:

Dr. Carter Page:

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Victoria Toensing:

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I urge you to check out the panel in its entirety here – I promise you'll be glad you did:

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Washington Examiner

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Nellie Ohr Destroyed Spouse's Government Email Records on Russian Influence Operations

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CLINTON EMAIL SCANDAL UPDATE: Hillary Clinton to Testify Before Judicial Watch in Court!

This morning, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Mornings on the Mall" (WMAL) to discuss the latest on the Clinton Email Scandal

Tom Fitton: DOJ & CIA are "COVERING UP" for Trump/Ukraine "Whistleblower"

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on One America News Network to discuss the Trump/Ukraine whistleblower.





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Dear Fellow American,

Today, Judicial Watch is carrying its biggest, and I happen to think most important caseload in 26 years.

It includes critically important lawsuits against agencies of the federal government... particularly the Justice and State Departments (which despite Attorney General Barr's efforts remain effectively controlled by the Deep State and continue to stonewall our lawful requests for critical documents).

Which is why I am asking you to join Judicial Watch today by [making a tax-deductible donation to support our work?](#)

I had hoped that the Trump administration would address unlawful government secrecy issues more aggressively... but Deep State career bureaucrats embedded in every government department are continuing to fight our transparency requests and lawsuits.

Plus, the pace of our work and calls for legal and investigative assistance we're receiving from around the country are accelerating. New challenges range from increasing threats to election integrity, to unlawful sanctuary policies, to ongoing Deep State efforts to destroy the Trump presidency and cover-up crimes committed by Hillary Clinton and other Obama administration officials.

Many concerned citizens and honest public officials are seeking our help to enforce the rule of law. And I do not want to turn away even one important corruption, open government, illegal immigration or election integrity case as demands on us are at an all-time high.

[By donating to Judicial Watch now, you will help us make the most of the challenges and opportunities facing us](#) including:

- **Aggressively moving forward with our lawsuits (now numbering 65) exposing the Deep State conspiracy to target and destroy President Trump.** We continue to uncover and inform the American people about disturbing facts behind this unprecedented effort within the government to drive a President of the United States from office...through abusive and unconstitutional means.
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Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

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White House Visitor Logs Detail Meetings of the CIA's Eric Ciaramella

We have conducted an in-depth analysis of Obama-era White House visitor logs, and we have learned a good deal about the people who controversial CIA employee [Eric Ciaramella](#) met with while assigned to the White House.

Ciaramella reportedly was detailed to the Obama White House in 2015 and returned to the CIA during the Trump administration in 2017.

Real Clear Investigations [named](#) Ciaramella as possibly being the whistleblower whose complaint sparked [impeachment proceedings against President Trump](#). As reported by the Examiner, Fox News' legal analyst Gregg Jarrett indicated that a key takeaway was the "[reported direct relationship](#)" Ciaramella had with former President Barack Obama's CIA Director John Brennan and national security adviser Susan Rice, as well as the "Democratic National Committee operative who [dug up dirt](#) on the Trump campaign during the 2016 election."

The visitor logs also reveal [Alexandra Chalupa](#), a contractor hired by the DNC during the 2016 election, who coordinated with Ukrainians to investigate President Trump and his former campaign manager Paul Manafort, visited the White House 27 times.

The White House visitor logs revealed the following individuals met with Eric Ciaramella while he was detailed to the Obama White House:

- Daria Kaleniuk: Co-founder and executive director of the Soros-funded Anticorruption Action Center (AntAC) in Ukraine. She visited on December 9, 2015
- *The Hill* [reported](#) that in April 2016, during the U.S. presidential race, the U.S. Embassy under Obama in Kiev, "took the rare step of trying to press the Ukrainian government to back off its investigation of both the U.S. aid and (AntAC)."
- Gina Lentine: Now a senior program officer at Freedom House, she was formerly the Eurasia program coordinator at Soros funded Open Society Foundations. She visited on March 16, 2016.
- Rachel Goldbrenner: Now an NYU law professor, she was at that time an advisor to then-Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power. She visited on both January 15, 2016 and August 8, 2016.
- Orly Keiner: A foreign affairs officer at the State Department who is a Russia specialist. She is also the wife of State Department Legal Advisor James P. Bair. She visited on both March 4, 2016 and June 20, 2015.
- Nazar Kholodnitsky: The lead anti-corruption prosecutor in Ukraine. He visited on January 19, 2016.

On March 7, 2019, *The Associated Press* [reported](#) that the then-U.S. ambassador to Ukraine, Marie Yovanovitch called for him to be fired.

- Michael Kimmage: Professor of History at Catholic University of America, at the time was with the State Department's

policy planning staff where he specialized in Russia and Ukraine issues. He is a fellow at the German Marshall Fund. He was also one of the signatories to the Transatlantic Democracy Working Group Statement of Principles. He visited on October 26, 2015.

- James Melville: Then-recently confirmed as Obama's Ambassador to Estonia, visited on September 9, 2015.

On June 29, 2018, *Foreign Policy* [reported](#) that Melville resigned in protest of Trump.

- Victoria Nuland: who at the time was assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian Affairs met with Ciaramella on June 17, 2016.

(Judicial Watch has previously uncovered [documents](#) revealing Nuland had an extensive involvement with the Clinton-funded [dossier](#). Judicial Watch also released [documents](#) revealing that Nuland was involved in the Obama State Department's "urgent" gathering of classified Russia investigation information and disseminating it to members of Congress within hours of Trump taking office.)

- Artem Sytnyk: the Ukrainian Anti-Corruption Bureau director visited on January 19, 2016.

On October 7, 2019, the *Daily Wire* [reported](#) leaked tapes show Sytnyk confirming that the Ukrainians helped the Clinton campaign.

The White House visitor logs revealed the following individuals met with Alexandra Chalupa, then a DNC contractor:

- Charles Kupchan: From 2014 to 2017, Kupchan served as special assistant to the president and senior director for European affairs on the staff of the National Security Council (NSC) in the Barack Obama administration. That meeting was on November 9, 2015.
- Alexandra Sopko: who at the time was a special assistant and policy advisor to the director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, which was run by Valerie Jarrett. Also listed for that meeting is Alexa Kissinger, a special assistant to Jarrett. That meeting was on June 2, 2015.
- Asher Mayerson: who at the time was a policy advisor to the Office of Public Engagement under Jarrett had five visits with Chalupa including December 18, 2015, January 11, 2016, February 22, 2016, May 13, 2016, and June 14, 2016. Mayerson was previously an intern at the Center for American Progress. After leaving the Obama administration, he went to work for the City of Chicago Treasurer's office.

Mayerson met with Chalupa and Amanda Stone, who was the White House deputy director of technology, on January 11, 2016.

On May 4, 2016, Chalupa [emailed](#) DNC official Luis Miranda to inform him that she had spoken to investigative journalists about Paul Manafort in Ukraine.

Spreadsheets of visitor records are grouped alphabetically by last name and available below:

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Our analysis of these Obama White House visitor logs raises obvious additional questions about the Obama administration, Ukraine and the related impeachment scheme targeting President Trump. Both Mr. Ciaramella and Ms. Chalupa should be questioned about the meetings documented in these visitor logs.

It's Time to Designate Mexican Cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations

The Mexican cartels operate largely at will in the United States. Last year the Drug Enforcement Agency [declared](#): "Mexican transnational criminal organizations, including the Sinaloa Cartel ... remain the greatest criminal drug threat in the United States."

Note the reference to the Sinaloa Cartel. The horrendous massacre of nine Americans this week, as detailed in our Corruption Chronicles blog below, occurred in Sonora state in northern Mexico, which [reportedly](#) "is being fought over by two rival gangs, ... [including] 'Los Chapos,' *which is part of the Sinaloa cartel.*" [Emphasis added]

We can give our law enforcement officials additional weapons to fight these organizations if we designate them as "Foreign Terrorist Organizations." We produced a [white paper](#) back in March explaining the rationale for this designation.

Here is our [reporting](#) on this latest carnage.

The [massacre](#) of nine Americans by a Mexican drug cartel this week creates yet another excellent opportunity for the U.S. government to finally designate the sophisticated criminal operations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO). Judicial Watch has long advocated for this and earlier this year published a [White Paper](#) providing comprehensive documentation that Mexican drug cartels undoubtedly meet the U.S. government's requirements to be designated as FTOs.

To meet the criteria for FTO designation requires that organizations be foreign, engage in terrorism or terrorist activity or possess the capability and intent to do so and pose a threat to U.S. nationals or U.S. national security. Mexican drug cartels are inherently foreign, routinely commit criminal acts within the statutory definition of terrorism and arguably represent a more immediate and ongoing threat to U.S. national security than any of the currently-designated FTOs on the State Department [list](#). On Monday one of the illicit Mexican enterprises ambushed and murdered six children—including 8-month-old twins—and three women on a highway in the Mexican border state of Sonora. Other children, including an infant and toddler, survived with some seriously wounded.

Mexico has not identified the cartel responsible for the horrific attack, but reports indicate it was a calculated and well-planned operation typical of an organized criminal enterprise. The victims received [no help from Mexican authorities](#), according to one of the family members quoted in the country's largest newspaper. Julian LeBaron said that fellow family members responded to the crime scene because officials in Chihuahua and Sonora refused to help. He said he wasn't sure if it was out of fear, or because they were cowards or in cahoots with the delinquents. In a smaller, Sonoran [newspaper article](#), LeBaron revealed that a young girl, a cousin of his, who survived the ambush walked 14 kilometers with a gunshot wound. The outrageous anecdotes indicate Mexico can't be relied upon to combat the cartels and the U.S. must act.

Properly designating the major Mexican Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCOs)—including Los Zetas, Juárez and Sinaloa cartels—as FTOs would enhance the federal government's ability to combat them. An official FTO designation would enable the prosecution of those who provide material support to them, facilitate the denial of entry and deportation of TCO members and affiliates and eliminate the organizations' access to the U.S. financial system. "FTO designations play a critical role in our fight against terrorism and are an effective means of curtailing support for terrorist activities and pressuring groups to get out of the terrorism business," according to the State Department. For years Mexican cartels have hijacked and sabotaged buses, commercial trucks and trains, which constitute terrorist activity under U.S. law. Judicial Watch's White Paper lists specific cases, including gasoline tankers and more than a dozen robberies daily of Ferromex trains, one of the three largest rail transport operators in the country.

Mexican TCOs have also committed hundreds of political assassinations in recent years and members of Los Zetas launched a grenade and shot small arms fire at the U.S. Consulate in Monterrey. Los Zetas members also murdered Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Special Agent Jaime Zapata a few years ago. Judicial Watch's White Paper also documents Mexican cartels' use of explosive devices and high-caliber firearms, including rocket-propelled grenades and other military weapons. In 2018 Mexican officials seized nearly 2,000 high-caliber weapons from suspected cartel [associates](#) in Mexico City and there have been approximately 150,000 organized-crime related murders in Mexico since 2006. Last year alone, there were nearly 1,200 kidnappings in Mexico, according to official figures provided in the White Paper.

Most of the crimes are financially motivated, but a significant number are executed to intimidate political, judicial, military and law enforcement officials from going after cartel members. Examples include two Mexican federal agents kidnapped and murdered by the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generación, the kidnapping of

Veracruz congresswoman-elect Norma Rodriguez and the kidnapping of Hidalgo Mayor Genero Urbano. Under U.S. law the seizing or detaining and threatening to kill, injure, or continue to detain, another individual in order to compel a third person (including a governmental organization) to do or abstain from doing any act as an explicit or implicit condition for the release of the seized individual constitutes terrorist activity. The danger created by these criminal organizations is nothing new. Years ago the DEA determined that Mexican TCOs are the [greatest criminal threat to the United States](#). After this week's massacre President Donald Trump said the U.S. is willing to help Mexico "wage war on the drug cartels." His administration can [start](#) by officially designating them as Foreign Terrorist Organizations

Sheriff Frees Illegal After Child Sex Crimes, Says Immigration Not His Duty

Sanctuary policies are illegal and dangerous. Rather than follow the law, state and local politicians knowingly place you, your family, and the families of every American (and alien) at risk by releasing criminal illegal aliens onto the streets rather than into the custody of federal authorities. Here is the latest [outrage](#) from our Corruption Chronicles blog.

In what appears to be a growing national trend, another elected law enforcement official released an illegal immigrant with a serious criminal conviction—in this case child sex offenses—rather than turn him over to federal authorities for removal. Sanctuary policies ban local law enforcement from honoring Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) [detainers](#) placed on illegal aliens who have been arrested on local criminal charges. If the detainer is honored ICE takes custody and departs the criminal rather than release him or her back into the community. When law enforcement agencies fail to honor immigration detainers and free serious criminal offenders, it undermines the federal government's duty to protect public safety.

This latest case comes out of Buncombe County, North Carolina where the recently elected sheriff, a Democrat, issued a [policy](#) earlier this year refusing to cooperate with ICE when it comes to inmates at his 608-bed jail who are in the country illegally. At the time the sheriff, Quentin Miller, proclaimed that enforcing immigration laws is not part of his agency's duties. Miller also said that "it is vital that members of our immigrant community can call the sheriff's office without fear when they are in need of assistance from law enforcement."

Hiding behind that popular open borders rhetoric, the sheriff recently discharged a child sex offender to keep with his county's sanctuary policy of protecting illegal aliens, even those with atrocious criminal records. The illegal immigrant from El Salvador, Marvin Ramirez Torres, has been on ICE's radar since 2017 when he got arrested and charged with four felony counts of statutory sex offense with a child. At the time Torres was 23 and his victim was an 11-year-old girl, according to a local [newspaper report](#) that also states Torres must [register](#) a sex offender for 30 years. The illegal alien was convicted in North Carolina Superior Court for Buncombe County and was sentenced to less than two years in prison. Last week he was freed into the community because the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office refused to honor the federal detainer.

Thankfully, ICE captured Torres a day after he left prison during a targeted enforcement operation in downtown Asheville. The agency blasted county officials in a [statement](#) released shortly after Torres was apprehended. "By releasing an illegal alien with a serious sex offense against a child, Buncombe County chose to release a serious public safety threat into the Asheville community where he was free to potentially harm others until his capture by ICE," the statement reads. In the document, the agency's acting director, Matt Albence, points out the obvious: "Continued decisions to refuse cooperation with ICE serve as an open invitation to aliens who commit criminal offenses that these counties are a safe haven for persons seeking to evade federal authorities, and residents of Buncombe County are less safe due to these misguided sanctuary policies." ICE's regional field director accuses elected law enforcement officials who chose to ignore ICE detainers and arrest warrants of failing to protect their communities and placing politics above public safety.

Incredibly, it is a growing national trend among law enforcement officials that has gained enormous traction throughout North Carolina. About a month ago Judicial Watch [reported](#) that nearly 500 illegal immigrants with ICE detainers were discharged into communities throughout the Tar Heel State in less than a year. The offenders included those charged with serious crimes such as homicide, kidnapping, arson and sex offenses. A few weeks before the statewide figures were released by the [Department of Homeland Security](#) (DHS) Judicial Watch [reported](#) that the elected sheriff in North Carolina's largest county, Mecklenburg, released numerous violent offenders rather than turning them over to federal authorities for removal. Among them was previously

deported Honduran charged with rape and child sex offenses. Though they are charged with enforcing the law in counties located about 120 miles from each other, the sheriffs in Buncombe and Mecklenburg counties share the common bond of protecting illegal immigrants who commit the most heinous of crimes in the jurisdiction they were elected to protect. For Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden it was actually a campaign [promise](#). Immediately after getting elected in 2018, he ended the program known as [287\(g\)](#) that notifies ICE of jail inmates in the country illegally.

Veterans Day – Why We Fight

As we honor the sacrifices of our great nation's veterans on November 11, I'd like to call your attention again to the [Veterans Day speech](#) given in 1985 by then-President Ronald Reagan, particularly this section:

And the living have a responsibility to remember the conditions that led to the wars in which our heroes died. Perhaps we can start by remembering this: that all of those who died for us and our country were, in one way or another, victims of a peace process that failed; victims of a decision to forget certain things; to forget, for instance, that the surest way to keep a peace going is to stay strong. Weakness, after all, is a temptation — it tempts the pugnacious to assert themselves — but strength is a declaration that cannot be misunderstood. Strength is a condition that declares actions have consequences. Strength is a prudent warning to the belligerent that aggression need not go unanswered.

Peace fails when we forget what we stand for. It fails when we forget that our Republic is based on firm principles, principles that have real meaning, that with them, we are the last, best hope of man on Earth; without them, we're little more than the crust of a continent. Peace also fails when we forget to bring to the bargaining table God's first intellectual gift to man: common sense. Common sense gives us a realistic knowledge of human beings and how they think, how they live in the world, what motivates them. Common sense tells us that man has magic in him, but also clay. Common sense can tell the difference between right and wrong. Common sense forgives error, but it always recognizes it to be error first.

We endanger the peace and confuse all issues when we obscure the truth; when we refuse to name an act for what it is; when we refuse to see the obvious and seek safety in Almighty. Peace is only maintained and won by those who have clear eyes and brave minds.

I know millions of Americans have "clear eyes and brave minds" and these patriots desire the same qualities in our political and judicial leaders. It certainly reflects Judicial Watch's modest approach to our mission.

God Bless America!

Until next week ...

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NEW Docs Show State Dept KNEW about Hillary Clinton's Secret Email Account

Join Judicial Watch’s Ramona Cotca for an in-depth update on the progress which Judicial Watch has made in the legal battle to obtain documents related to the private Clinton email server from the State Department. New documents obtained by Judicial Watch from the State Department reveal the extent to which high ranking department officials were aware of then-Secretary Clinton’s use of a private server.

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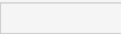


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It appears that no amount of documented fraud, waste or corruption in Haiti will deter the U.S. government from sending the poverty-stricken Caribbean island huge sums of money. After the 2010 earthquake Congress approved billions of dollars to help the country bounce back but that never materialized, and no one really knows what happened to the money. A costly initiative to build housing failed miserably after the U.S. spent \$90 million and tens of thousands of Haitians remain homeless nearly a decade later.

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Judicial Watch Statement on the Impeachment of President Donald Trump

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There has been nothing in American history that compares to the coup attack that targeted President Trump. It was an abuse of the Constitution. Frankly, the word impeachment should have been replaced with the word coup, because the president was targeted for removal from office for doing his job in asking questions about Ukraine corruption and its ties to Joe Biden, his son Hunter Biden and Burisma. To be clear, the president was also attacked for objecting to the House Democrats' abuse of his office.

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Watchdog Asks Court to Subpoena Google for Records Tied to Mystery Clinton-Tied Gmail Account

The Epoch Times

An Intelligence Community Inspector General investigator, Frank Rucker, flagged the Gmail account in the metadata of all but four of the emails Clinton's lawyers handed over to Congress, according to documents released by Sen. Chuck Grassley in August. Rucker became alarmed after searching Google for "Carter Heavy Industries" and coming up with a website for a Chinese company.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Strzok-Page Emails Show Special Treatment of Clinton Email Witnesses

Do you remember all the cloak and dagger meetings in a parking garage in the movie about Watergate, "All the President's Men?" Guess what. Barack Obama's FBI was still looking for secret places to carry out their efforts to protect Hillary Clinton. Here's a quote that would work on the big screen: "Is there an offsite somewhere in the DC area that might be better? If so, don't tell me where it is."

We read this in [35 pages](#) of records of communications between former FBI official Peter Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page that show the attorney representing three of Hillary Clinton's aides met with senior FBI officials. We received the documents in response to our January 24, 2018, [lawsuit](#) filed after the Department of Justice failed to respond to a December 4, 2017, FOIA request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00154)).

Two March 2016 emails show then-FBI General Counsel James Baker and then-FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe had discussed meeting with attorney Beth Wilkinson, who was representing Clinton aides Cheryl Mills, Heather Samuelson, Jake Sullivan and Philippe Reines.

The FBI officials discussed holding "discreet" meetings with Wilkinson in secure locations that were set up to avoid any "stakeouts" by the press. (In a separate Judicial Watch Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#), U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth said that he was "dumbfounded" that Cheryl Mills had been given immunity and was allowed to accompany former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to her FBI interview:

I had myself found that Cheryl Mills had committed perjury and lied under oath in a published opinion I had issued in a Judicial Watch case where I found her unworthy of belief, and I was quite shocked to find out she had been given immunity in — by the Justice Department in the Hillary Clinton email case. So I did not know that until I read the IG report and learned that and that she had accompanied the Secretary to her interview.

In an email exchange with Deputy Assistant Director in the Counterintelligence Division Jonathan Moffa, Strzok discusses Clinton aides' laptops, and that Wilkinson said that the laptops in the FBI's possession did not contain Clinton's 60,000 emails. She also said that the two laptops that had them are the personal laptops of Mills and Samuelson that were still in use at that time.

Strzok and Page were lead investigators in the Clinton email and Russia collusion investigations. The newly released records include:

On March 1, 2016, an unidentified official from the FBI Office of General Counsel [asks](#) Baker if he'd had a chance to speak with Wilkinson, noting "CES [Counterespionage Section] wants to reach out to discuss scheduling additional interviews but wanted some feedback from you first." Baker replies, "Just did... She appreciated the heads up about the pending press articles. She wants to meet with the DD [Deputy Director] but can only meet on the weekends right now. I will check his availability tomorrow."

In a follow up [email](#) thread on March 4, Wilkinson tells Baker that she would be able to do the meeting with McCabe that day. Baker forwards the note to McCabe, saying "Andy, do you want to try to do this today?", and copies numerous top FBI officials, including Michael Steinbach, Bill Priestap, Trisha Anderson, and Page. Page forwards the note to Strzok. Strzok then tells Page that he's been "Talking to DOJ, they ([George] Toscas and CES) have strong opinions about it. Call me." Page replies, "He's not calling. Don't worry about it." Strzok then adds, "Also you need to know what [redacted] and she discussed. I can tell you over lunch..."

In a March 4, 2016, [email](#) with the subject line "Interview," Baker emails the same top FBI officials, saying that he's just spoken with Wilkinson and "I think we are now back on track. She is going to call [redacted] today or tomorrow about scheduling the next interview. Given the witness's personal schedule, Beth said that it may not happen for a few weeks but she will work that out with [redacted]. We also discussed making sure that this is done in a secure location in a discreet way; she will work with [redacted] and the FBI team on that as well but I said that we will make sure that it happens in a high quality way."

In a follow-up email sent only to Strzok, Baker writes, "She understands that it needs to be in a SCIF [Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility]. She seems more comfortable with NYFO [New York Field Office], but I think would be open to WFO [Washington Field Office] if she can get in and out in a discreet manner (i.e., no chance of a press stakeout or too many people in the office seeing them and having awareness of what is going on). Is there an offsite somewhere in the DC area that might be better? If so, don't tell me where it is."

On March 20, 2016, Strzok [emails](#) FBI Deputy Assistant Director Moffa, writing: "Big news of the day? Beth [presumably Wilkinson] said none of the laptops we have had the original 60k [presumably Hillary's 60,000 emails]. The two that did were - and are - the personal laptops of Cheryl [Mills] and Heather [Samuelson]. [Redacted] That they are still using now. Funny that never came [sic] up before now." Strzok forwards this email with Moffa on to Page with the note: "My frustration."

The new documents show Strzok expressing concern about the office of DNI using private email in an exchange containing information regarding a sensitive U.S.-European Community information sharing agreement. On January 31, 2016, [Strzok writes](#): "GIVEN EVERYTHING GOING ON WHY IS [redacted] USING A YAHOO! ACCOUNT FOR THIS? [Emphasis in original] (Actually, apparently a Yahoo! account from [redacted] iPad") Make him stop!!!!!!"

Page responds: "What do you want me to do?!"

Strzok replies, "I have no idea. It's not clear what account [redacted] iPad used. [Redacted] at DNI is the one with the Yahoo! account. Maybe tell [redacted] with the IC IG [Intelligence Community Inspector General] investigating use of private servers and webmail, perhaps it's not an opportune time for he/DNI staff to be doing the same? I don't know." (Judicial Watch had [previously reported](#) that FBI officials used unsecure devices in discussing how the U.S. could improve the sharing of sensitive data with the European Union top executive governing commission.)

In a February 29, 2016 [email exchange](#) Strzok tells Page he tried to reach "Bill" [presumably Strzok's boss, Bill Priestap, Assistant Director of FBI Counterintelligence] to get him to pass some information to Baker but was unable to via email. Page says, "Just call him." Strzok replies, "I can't. This isn't life or death and I need to give the chain of command a few minutes to work." Further along, Page agrees, saying, "I totally get it. I completely hate this about our organization, but it is what it is. Np." Strzok responds, "It's necessary to have a chain of command and gatekeepers. Otherwise you'd have 790 idiots calling the GC, EADs, and DD every day."

The FBI will continue producing Strzok-Page documents through 2021.

These documents show that the Hillary Clinton team had advocates at the top of the Obama FBI – no wonder their investigation of her was a sham. With explosive material such as this, no wonder the FBI is slow-rolling the release of Strzok-Page documents to us – wanting to wait until late 2021 to produce records!

We've never considered Bob Mueller's special counsel "investigation" of Donald Trump to be anything more than a political vendetta, and nothing confirms this better than his office's deliberate erasing of key text messages between two anti-Trump FBI executives.

So we are suing the Justice Department for text messages of former FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page that are believed to be in the possession of the office of Special Counsel Robert Mueller and for other special counsel communications with the FBI relating to Strzok and Page ([*Judicial Watch, Inc. v. U.S. Department of Justice*](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02693)).

The text messages in question would have been sent and received on Justice Department issued iPhones assigned to Strzok and Page during their assignments to the Special Counsel's Office and should have been recovered, reviewed and preserved by the Special Counsel Office before the phones were sent back to the Justice Department's Justice Management Division for reassignment.

Strzok [was removed](#) from the Special Counsel team and Page stepped down in the summer of 2017 after their anti-Trump/pro-Clinton texts written during their tenure at the FBI were uncovered. Once the Office of the Special Counsel became aware of the incendiary text messages, and at the time Strzok and Page were notified of their termination from the special counsel team, the duo's special-counsel phones normally would have been confiscated and the content on the phones recovered, reviewed and preserved. Those are the records we want. Strzok and Page [are no longer](#) with the FBI.

We sued after the Justice Department and FBI failed to respond to December 17, 2018, FOIA requests seeking access to the following:

- All records related to the hardware, software and contents of mobile phones issued to FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page for their use while they served on the investigative team of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.
- All records of communication (whether on government or non-.gov email accounts and whether using real names or aliases), with FBI officials relating to the hardware, software and contents of mobile phones issued to FBI officials Peter Strzok and Lisa Page for their use while they served on the investigative team of Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

The time frame for the requested records is May 1, 2017, to December 17, 2018.

In December 2018, the DOJ's Office of the Inspector General issued [a report](#) regarding the recovery of "thousands of text messages." The IG "initiated this investigation upon being notified of a gap in text message data collection for the period December 15, 2016, through May 17, 2017, from Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) mobile devices assigned to FBI employees Peter Strzok and Lisa Page."

The OIG asked the FBI Inspection Division to locate the FBI issued Samsung Galaxy S5 devices formerly assigned to the subject employees and to obtain from the same individuals their assigned FBI issued Samsung Galaxy S7 devices.... The result of these steps was the recovery of thousands of text messages within the period of the missing text messages, December 15, 2016 through May 17, 2017, as well as hundreds of other text messages outside the gap time period that had not been produced by the FBI due to technical problems with its text message collection tool.

Because of the content of many of the text messages between Strzok and Page, the IG also asked Mueller's office for the DOJ-issued iPhones that had been assigned to Strzok and Page. The phone assigned to Strzok had been "reset to factory settings" and "reconfigured for the new user to whom the device was issued." Page's iPhone had been reset but had not been reassigned.

The IG also said that as of the date of its report, the FBI wasn't reliably collecting text messages of all its employees.

Strzok and Page were key investigators in the Clinton email and Russia collusion investigations. Strzok was removed from the Mueller investigative team in [July 2017](#) and reassigned to a human resources position after it was discovered that he and Page exchanged pro-Clinton and anti-Trump text messages.

Strzok worked for FBI Deputy Director [Andrew McCabe](#) and was carrying on an extramarital affair with Page. Page [resigned](#) in May 2018. Strzok [was dismissed](#) from the FBI in August 2018.

The Justice Department IG was unable to recover any text messages from Strzok's and Page's phones because the compromised Mueller operation wiped them. However, we are skeptical that these texts are really gone, and the DOJ's stonewalling suggests we are right to be suspicious.

100,000 DACA Applicants Have Been Arrested—Murder, Rape, DUI

President Obama created a program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, better known as DACA, simply by signing an order. Today, the Supreme Court is considering whether President Trump has the authority to undo this amnesty by fiat. There are many sound reasons to end this travesty, not the least of which is the people this program puts on our streets. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog tells [the story](#).

More than 100,000 illegal immigrants who requested a special Obama-era amnesty for adults who came to the U.S. as children have criminal histories, according to an alarming [report](#) released this month by the government. Offenses committed by the illegal aliens seeking protection, benefits and rights under the policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) include murder, rape, weapon and assault charges. DACA has shielded nearly 800,000 illegal aliens under the age of 31 from deportation and allowed them to obtain work permits and drivers licenses. Obama launched the outrageous measure through executive order in 2012 to help children who came to the U.S. "through no fault of their own." The Trump administration tried to end DACA in 2017 but open borders groups sued to keep it going and now the Supreme Court is set to decide the matter.

Regardless of how the high court may rule, the fact remains that a big chunk of DACA applicants have arrest records, according to the figures released by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the Homeland Security agency that administers the nation's lawful immigration system. The stats show that nearly 110,000 DACA requestors out of nearly 889,000 had arrest records, accounting for 12% of applicants. "Offenses in these arrest records include assault, battery, rape, murder and driving under the influence," USCIS writes in a [statement](#) announcing the report.

Here's another disturbing fact; of approved DACA requestors with an arrest, a whopping 85% (67,861) were arrested right before the U.S. granted them amnesty. Nearly 25,000 DACA recipients with arrests had multiple arrests and 218 had more than 10 arrests. Incredibly, around one-fourth of the illegal immigrants with more than 10 arrests were approved by the government as of last month. In all, the government reveals that it has approved 79,398 DACA requestors with arrest records. Not all the delinquents are approved, the figures show. More than 100,000 with criminal arrests were denied or terminated.

Most of the arrested DACA approvals involve driving infractions and immigration related civil and criminal offenses, but thousands were granted amnesty after committing serious crimes. Nearly 8,000 illegal immigrants granted protection under DACA committed theft or larceny, the records show, and nearly 7,000 drug-related offenses. More than 4,000 were apprehended for driving under the influence, 3,421 for battery and 3,308 for assault. Thousands of others rewarded with DACA committed vandalism, burglary, offenses against children and weapons crimes. Hundreds of others were approved for DACA despite arrests for sexual abuse and rape, kidnapping or trafficking, hit and run, embezzlement and a variety of other serious offenses. Fifteen illegal aliens with murder charges got DACA as well as 15 street gang members and two arrested for child pornography. Most of the DACA candidates were arrested between the age of 19 and 22 though tens of thousands were also arrested between 23 and 26, well into adulthood. Mexicans account for the overwhelming majority of DACA recipients arrested (91,272) followed by El Salvador (4,998), Honduras (4,597) and Guatemala (4,304).

"This agency is obligated to continue accepting DACA requests from illegal aliens as a direct result of the previous administration's decision to circumvent the laws as passed by Congress," according to USCIS Acting Director Ken Cuccinelli. "We hope this data provides a better sense of the reality of those granted the privilege of a temporary deferral of removal action and work authorization under DACA." USCIS [figures](#)

released last year show that the biggest concentration of illegal aliens protected by DACA are in California

(197,900) and Texas (113,000), though states such as Illinois (35,600), New York (32,900), Florida (27,000) and Arizona (25,500) also have significant numbers.

This illegal amnesty is "criminal" in more ways than one.

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10 declassified Russia collusion revelations that could rock Washington this fall

Source: [The Hill](#)

My reporting identifies about a dozen documents that, when declassified, would show more completely how a routine counterintelligence probe was hijacked to turn the most awesome spy powers in America against a presidential nominee in what was essentially a political dirty trick orchestrated by Democrats.

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2019-08-15

Judicial Watch

Releases Emails

**Between Nellie Ohr
and DOJ Top Official
When Ohr Worked at
Fusion GPS**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released 72 pages of documents from the Department of Justice containing Russia-related emails sent from Nellie Ohr to high-ranking DOJ official Lisa Holtyn at the time Ohr worked with anti-Trump dossier firm Fusion GPS. Holtyn at the time was a top aide to former Associate Deputy Attorney General Bruce Ohr.

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2019-08-19

Federal Judge

**Orders FBI to Search
for Steele**

Documents

Source: Judicial Watch

"The court was right to turn aside the FBI's fake concerns for Clinton spy Christopher Steele's privacy and order the agency to search for more records on its use of Steele and his Dossier to target President Trump," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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2019-08-08

FBI 302 Interviews
with Bruce Ohr on
Spygate Released To
Judicial Watch

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released 34 pages of "302" report material from FBI interviews with Bruce Ohr, who was removed from his position as U.S. Associate Deputy Attorney General in December 2017.

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DOJ Emails Reveal Internal Response to 'Wiretap' Allegations Against Rosenstein

Source: [The Epoch Times](#)

Newly released emails by the Department of Justice (DOJ) reveal details about the internal response by the agency to allegations that then-Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein had wanted to wiretap President Donald Trump and invoke the 25th Amendment against him.

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2019-03-12

**Judicial Watch Sues
for Rod Rosenstein's
Communications
During Time of
Comey Firing.
Mueller Appointment**

Source: Judicial Watch

Between May 8 and May 17, 2016, Rosenstein met with then-acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe and other senior Justice Department FBI officials and discussed invoking the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump and whether Rosenstein and others should wear a wire to secretly record conversations with the President.

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2019-04-05

**Judicial Watch Sues
DOJ for
Communications
about Alleged
Russian Interference
in the 2016 Election**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch sued the Department of Justice for records of communications of former Attorneys General Loretta Lynch, Sally Yates, Dana Boente and Jeff Sessions; Deputy Attorneys General Sally Yates, Dana Boente, and Rod Rosenstein.

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2018-05-08

**Justice Department
May Provide Judicial
Watch with
Previously Redacted
Portions of
Rosenstein 'Scope
of Authority' Mueller
Memo**

Source: Judicial Watch

The Justice Department disclosed that it may soon provide Judicial Watch with additional, previously withheld material from the heavily redacted August 2 memorandum in which Rod Rosenstein granted broad authority to Special Counsel Robert Mueller.

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Flynn Accuses Prosecutors of Hiding Exculpatory Evidence, Demands They Be Removed

Source: [The Epoch Times](#)

Attorneys for former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn accused prosecutors in a lawsuit against Flynn of hiding exculpatory evidence. Flynn's team asked the judge to find the prosecutors in contempt of a standing court order, which would lead to the prosecutors' dismissal from the case.

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2018-05-03

**Judicial Watch Sues
DOJ for FISA Court
Hearing Transcripts
Tied to Clinton-DNC
Dossier**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit against the Department of Justice for all hearing transcripts of Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrants related to Carter Page and Michael Flynn.

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2017-03-06

**Judicial Watch Sues
CIA, DOJ and
Treasury for
Records Related to
Intelligence Leaks
Regarding
Investigation of
General Flynn**

Source: Judicial Watch

"The Obama-connected wiretapping and illegal leaks of classified material concerning President Trump and General Flynn are a scandal," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Judicial Watch aims to get to the truth about these crimes and we hope the Trump administration stands with us in the fight for transparency."

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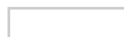
2017-11-08

Justice Department
Argues Comey's
Leak of 'Flynn'
Memo to New York
Times was
Unauthorized.
Compares Comey to
Wikileaks

Source: Judicial Watch

After James Comey was fired, he gave the New York Times a memorandum written about a conversation he had with President Trump regarding former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn. Judicial Watch is asking a court to release of all Comey's unclassified memos about his conversations with the president.

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Fix the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, and Punish the Crooks Who Abused It

Source: [Strategy Page](#)

The abuse of the FISC by corrupt members of U.S. security and legal agencies -- specifically within the FBI and DOJ -- may have squandered that trust forever. Evidence is emerging that other corrupt actors, perhaps in the CIA, conducted illegal surveillance.

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2018-05-31

**Judicial Watch Sues
to Expose DOJ FISA
Warrant Abuses and
Continued
Stonewalling of
Congress**

Source: Judicial Watch

Over the last year, the DOJ and FBI have withheld or stonewalled on documents about the FISA court warrants targeting of the Trump campaign, Spygate documents, the Clinton-DNC anti-Trump dossier, the genesis of the Obama's Trump-Russia investigation, the Clinton email investigation, and anti-Trump FBI text messages.

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2019-12-09

**Judicial Watch
Statement on FISA
Application Report**

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "Today's IG report on the Russiagate FISA abuse provides abundant evidence that the FBI and DOJ massively violated the law in order to obtain the Carter Page spy warrants targeting President Trump."

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2018-07-21

Judicial Watch
Receives Carter
Page FISA Court
Documents

Source: Judicial Watch

JW President Tom Fitton:
"These documents are heavily redacted but seem to confirm the FBI and DOJ misled the courts in withholding the material information that Hillary Clinton's campaign and the DNC were behind the "intelligence" used to persuade the courts to approve the FISA warrants that targeted the Trump team."

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New York Times corrects story detailing misconduct claim against Brett Kavanaugh

Source: [New York Post](#)

The New York Times had to issue an embarrassing correction to its story about another decades-old accusation of sexual misconduct against US Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh — because it failed to tell readers that the alleged victim doesn't even remember the incident.

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2018-10-06

Judicial Watch
Statement on the
Confirmation of
Justice Kavanaugh
Source: Judicial Watch

JW President Tom Fitton:
"The Senate has confirmed a good man. We are grateful that a majority of the Senate rejected the leftist smears, abuse of process, and rejection of constitutional norms."

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2018-09-28

There Are No
'Credible
Allegations' Against
Kavanaugh
Source: Judicial Watch

Leftist law breaking, rule breaking, violence, and disruption have already marred the public Kavanaugh confirmation hearings. The Senate has allowed this circus to continue, and in the process has delayed a timely confirmation vote on Judge Kavanaugh.

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2019-01-23

**Senate Ethics
Committee Gives
Sen. Cory Booker a
Pass for Purposely
Violating Rules to
Try to Torpedo
Kavanaugh
Nomination**

Source: [Insider NJ](#)

Judicial Watch announced today that the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics has refused to take action against Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ), who admitted to willfully violating Senate rules.

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Preparations Quietly Made to Screen for Ebola at US Airports

Source: [The Epoch Times](#)

The federal government continues to quietly put out a call for Ebola screeners at airports including Dulles International Airport in the Washington area, as migrants from an Ebola-afflicted region in Africa settle in the United States.

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2017-04-25

Trump Ends

Obama's Ebola

Amnesty

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

The Trump administration is eliminating one of Barack Obama's many outrageous amnesty initiatives, this one involving illegal immigrants from African countries affected by the Ebola virus a few years ago.

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2016-11-10

U.S. Illegally

Dispensed \$60

Million to Combat

African Ebola Crisis

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

In its crusade to tackle the Ebola crisis in Africa the Obama administration violated its own laws by frantically doling out tens of millions of dollars to leftist groups that claimed they could help control the virus from spreading in the continent's western region.

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2014-10-24

Judicial Watch
Exposes Obama
Ebola Plans

Source: Judicial Watch

Contrary to what President Obama and other top government officials have said, the Ebola crisis appears to be getting worse in the U.S. Judicial Watch is striving to pry loose the truth from reticent federal agencies that have a responsibility for public safety and our national security.

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Forty percent of Ilhan Omar's campaign spending went to alleged boyfriend's firm

Source: [Washington Examiner](#)

In the second half of 2019, out of every \$10 that Ilhan For Congress spent, \$4 went to the E Street Group, the political consulting group run by Tim Mynett, Rep. Ilhan Omar's alleged boyfriend.

And more than 90% of the E Street Group's entire earnings reported to the FEC came from Ilhan For Congress.

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2019-09-19

Judicial Watch

Requests

Investigation of Rep.

Omar's Possible

Improper Use of

Campaign Funds

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch delivered a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Congressional Ethics calling for further investigation of Rep. Ilhan Omar over new allegations that her alleged lover, Tim Mynett, received nearly \$230,000 from her campaign since July 2018.

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2019-09-03

Rep. Ilhan Omar

Declares Support for

Terrorist Financier's

Company in Her

Native Somalia

Source: Judicial Watch

Democrat Ilhan Omar is demanding that a telecommunications company founded and operated by a renowned terrorist financier, receive protection from that country's government and peacekeeping forces.

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2019-07-23

Judicial Watch Files
Ethics Complaint
against Rep. Omar
Over Possible
Immigration,
Marriage, Tax, and
Student Loan Fraud

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch hand-delivered ethics complaint to the Chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Congressional Ethics David Skaggs calling for a full investigation into potential crimes tied to allegations that Rep. Ilhan Omar may have married her biological brother.

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Seventy-five percent of illegal immigrants skip deportation hearings, hiding out in US

Source: [Washington Examiner](#)

More than 7 out of 10 illegal immigrant families ordered to be deported have skipped their court dates and remain in the United States, according to federal statistics.

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2017-04-21

**Overwhelmed U.S.
Deportation Officers
Lose Track of
Thousands of
Criminals**

Source: Judicial Watch

The federal agency responsible for deporting illegal immigrants is in serious trouble, with overwhelmed officers that can't keep up with monstrous workloads and repeatedly lose track of hardcore criminals inside the United States.

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2019-04-25

**Thousands of Illegal
Aliens from Terrorist
Nations Remain in
U.S. after Being
“Deported”**

Source: Judicial Watch

More than 10,000 illegal aliens from countries that sponsor terrorism currently live here. Federal authorities know about them because they have either been deported or have final removal orders pending. Nevertheless, they are not in custody and roam freely in unsuspecting communities throughout America.

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2018-01-03

**Governors Pardon
Immigrants
Convicted of Serious
Crimes to Halt
Deportation**

Source: Judicial Watch

California Governor Jerry Brown pardoned two men on the verge of being deported for committing crimes in the U.S., according to a Sacramento news report. Days later, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo pardoned 18 immigrants convicted of serious crimes so they could remain in the country.

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True the Vote Wins Battle Against IRS as Judge Orders Tax Agency to Pay Legal Fees in Decade-Long Fight

Source: [Breitbart](#)

True the Vote, a nonpartisan conservative election integrity group that fought a decade-long battle with the IRS, won a major decision in federal court and shall be awarded maximum attorney fees. "This is a huge victory for every American who thinks that they can't go up against the government and get what they deserve," Catherine Engelbrecht, True the Vote's founder, said.

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2015-04-09

IRS Documents
Reveal Lerner Knew
Targeting Criteria of
Nonprofit Groups
'Might Raise
Questions'

Source: Judicial Watch

An email from former IRS official Lois Lerner in February 2012 asks that a program be set up to "put together some training points to help them [IRS staffers] understand the potential pitfalls" of revealing too much information to Congress.

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2014-04-10

IRS Colluded With
Dem Rep. to Hound
Conservative Group

Source: Judicial Watch

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) colluded with Democratic Rep. Elijah Cummings to harass a right-leaning voter integrity group during the tax agency's illegal witch hunt of conservative nonprofits, according to explosive new emails made public this week by the House Oversight Committee.

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2015-01-30

Will Senate Endorse

Obama's

Lawlessness?

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

"The Department of Justice has made their presence well known in both my personal and professional life. Over the years it has become clear to me that they don't just want True the Vote shut down, they want me broken.," Catherine Engelbrecht said.

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Tom Fitton: Giuliani Helped Prove Mueller Investigation is Political

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani's statement that Special Counsel Robert Mueller won't indict President Trump.

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House Impeachment Resolution Vote Endorses an Abusive Process

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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "This was no impeachment resolution – it was a coup resolution. This coup attack was corruptly formed and corruptly pursued."

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Pelosi's
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Resolution against
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Impeach Away
Democrats!

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Go ahead Democrats,
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**Impeachment
Resolution is a
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Source: The Epoch
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Why does Tom Fitton think there are more FISA abuses that might be uncovered in the soon-to-be-released Horowitz report? And why does he think President Obama was ultimately responsible for the Spygate scandal?

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Imran Awan and his family were banned from the House computer network in February 2017 after the House's top law enforcement officer wrote that Imran is "an ongoing and serious risk to the House of Representatives, possibly threatening the integrity of our information systems," and that a server containing evidence had gone "missing." The inspector general said server logs showed "unauthorized access" and procurement records were falsified.

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**DOJ Refuses To
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Imran Awan, Citing
'Technical
Difficulties' And A
Secret Case, Court
Docs Show**

Source: [Daily Caller](#)

Judicial Watch sued the Department of Justice for records about former Democratic cybersecurity aide Imran Awan in order to square evidence of wrongdoing with prosecutors' decision not to charge malpractices on Capitol Hill.

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**Judicial Watch suing
for evidence in case
of congressional IT
staffer Imran Awan**

Source: [Yahoo News](#)

Luke Rosiak, author of *Obstruction of Justice: How the Deep State Risked National Security to Protect Democrats*: "All these things documented left and right, and the FBI says we cannot do anything because there's an ongoing investigation."

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Scandal Reopens?
Court Papers On
Democrat IT Aide
Imran Awan Make
New Revelation

Source: [The Daily Wire](#)

The Department of Justice said this month that it could not release records on Democrat technology aide Imran Awan due to "technical difficulties," but later admitted in court documents that it could not release records on him because there is a secret ongoing case related to the matter.

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Judicial Watch Files Lawsuit Over Firing of Biden-Ukraine Prosecutor

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Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit for records about the firing of Ukraine's top prosecutor after then-Vice President Joe Biden threatened to withhold aid.

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**Judicial Watch sues
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Source: Fox News

The transparency group
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Act lawsuit against the
State Department, seeking
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Joe Biden's boast that he
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**JW Sues for
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Forcing Firing of
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Source: The Epoch
Times

Judicial Watch sued after a video became public of Biden telling a Jan. 23, 2018, conference at the Council on Foreign Relations of his threatening to withhold more than \$1 billion in U.S. assistance to the government of Ukraine if officials didn't fire Shokin before Biden departed the country in six hours.

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Why Adam Schiff
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talking to the
whistleblower

Source: New York Post

The truth behind House
Intelligence Chairman
Adam Schiff's role in
engineering President
Trump's impeachment may
soon come out. Judicial
Watch, a nonprofit group
promoting government
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get the whistleblower's
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Judicial Watch Sues
CIA And DOJ For
Information On
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Whistleblower

Source: [SaraCarter.com](https://www.saracarter.com)

The alleged whistleblower is CIA employee Eric Ciaramella. Ciaramella allegedly worked on Ukraine issues while on detail to both President Obama and President Trump administrations. He did not have first hand knowledge of any of the allegations submitted in the report to the Intelligence Community's Inspector General and was protected by Democrats in the committee from testifying.

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**Watchdog Sues Feds
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Communications
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Source: [Breitbart](#)

Judicial Watch filed FOIA lawsuits suggesting a "deep state" effort to remove President Trump by DOJ officials in collaboration with the alleged CIA officer "whistleblower" Eric Ciaramella. The alleged "whistleblower" was potentially involved in all efforts to remove Trump from office, even working with DOJ officials from the anti-Trump deep state—former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

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Judicial Watch Sues Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax for Documents on Rape Allegations

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In February 2019, two women accused Lt. Governor Fairfax of sexual assault and rape. Dr. Vanessa C. Tyson, a professor at Scripps College, accused Fairfax of sexually assaulted her at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston and Meredith Watson accused Fairfax of raping her while attending Duke University with him in 2000.

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Judicial Watch: New State Department Documents Reveal Last-Minute Efforts by Obama State Department to Undermine President Trump

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Judicial Watch obtained the documents through a June 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the State Department after it failed to respond to a February 2018 request seeking records of the Obama State Department's last-minute efforts to share classified information about Russia election interference issues with Democratic Senator Ben Cardin (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State (No. 1:18-cv-01381)).

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Judicial Watch Statement on FISA Application Report

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Lawsuit Targets Intelligence Community Watchdog's Communications

The Epoch Times

Atkinson received a complaint from a mysterious whistleblower in August that served as the basis for impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump. Atkinson's actions in bringing the complaint forward have raised questions, and conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch is suing for his unclassified communications."

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Judicial Watch Sues for Documents Related to Former Ukraine Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch's Alleged Intervention with Ukraine Prosecutor

Amb. Yovanovitch, who was recalled from her Ukraine post in May of this year by President Donald Trump, was a key witness for Democrats last month in their public impeachment hearings. Yovanovitch denied providing any do-not-prosecute "list."

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U.S. Blows \$230 Million on Wasteful Projects—Self-Cleaning Toilet, Promoting Serbian Cheese

Although the year is not quite over the federal government has already managed to blow more than \$230 million on outrageous things such as a self-cleaning toilet, the statue of a popular folk-rock singer for a foreign embassy and dubious research on the effects of nicotine on fish. The list goes on and the sordid details are provided in a "Waste Report," published recently by the office of a U.S. Senator who chairs the spending subcommittee of the Senate's chief investigative and oversight committee.

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The Supreme Court Heard Its First Gun Rights Case In Years. It Might Be A Misfire

The Daily Caller

The Supreme Court heard arguments in a gun rights case for the first time in nearly 10 years Monday, involving a challenge to since-repealed New York City rules that greatly restricted the transportation of firearms. Though the case is closely watched as a possible bellwether for future disputes over the Second Amendment, several members of the court, including Chief Justice John Roberts, seemed ready to dismiss the case for procedural reasons, without a decision on the contested New York regulations.

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Farrell: Mexican Cartels Qualify As Foreign Terrorists — Let's Treat Them Accordingly

The Daily Caller

Escalating cartel violence in Mexico, along with an upsurge in heroin and fentanyl-related deaths inside the U.S., make plain the need for a new and vigorous approach to the nation's existing, 50-year documented failure to secure our southern border.

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Alexandra Chalupa's Mission to Take Down Candidate and President Donald Trump

Breitbart

Chalupa may not be a household name, but if the impeachment effort against the president advances to the Senate she might take center stage as an anti-Trump activist who could be credited with launching Russian collusion and Ukraine bribery conspiracies. If Democrats had not rejected almost all of the witnesses Republicans wanted to testify before the House Intelligence Committee, Chalupa's role in the 2016 election may have been highlighted, including actions that led to the demise of Paul Manafort, the man who was briefly Trump's presidential campaign manager and who is now serving a prison sentence for financial fraud and conspiracy.

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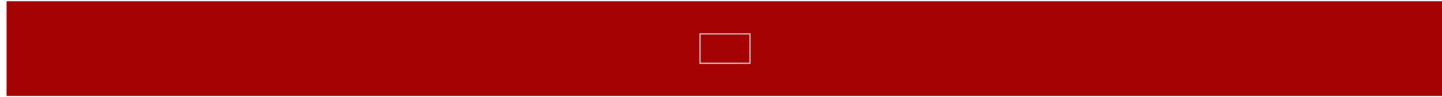
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New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's red past showed its ugly head recently in Miami where the Democratic presidential candidate offended the masses by glamorizing a Marxist revolutionary who executed thousands to impose communism and begged his Soviet compadres to nuke the U.S. At a union rally for striking airport workers, de Blasio proudly quoted Ernesto Che Guevara, a terrorist murderer who helped Cuban dictator Fidel Castro execute thousands of men, women and children in front of firing squads. He happens to be one of the most despised historical figures in south Florida.

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The lawyer for Hillary Clinton responsible for deleting the former secretary of state's infamous 33,000 missing emails admitted under oath that she was granted immunity by the Obama Justice Department.

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Top State Department Record-Keeper Says He Warned Clinton Team on Emails

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Judicial Watch: New Emails Show FBI Gave Special Treatment to Clinton's Demands Just Before Election

CNS News

In its ongoing investigation of the FBI's handling of the Hillary Clinton email case and the Trump-Russia collusion hoax, Judicial Watch revealed this week that new emails -- obtained through their Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Justice Department -- show that the FBI moved swiftly to meet the demands of Clinton's lawyer to provide him with its investigative documents on Clinton just two months prior to the 2016 election.

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Obama Judge Orders Fla. to Provide Spanish Ballots for Puerto Ricans by 2020 Election

To accommodate an influx of Puerto Ricans, an Obama-appointed federal judge has [ruled](#) that nearly half of Florida's 67 counties must provide ballots, voting materials, advertisement and marketing in Spanish by the 2020 presidential primary election.

The Tallahassee-based judge, Mark Walker, also ordered the 32 counties to provide a toll-free Spanish-language hotline, a Spanish-English election term glossary, "readily accessible" Spanish websites and Spanish-speaking helpers at polling places.

The supervisor of elections "shall recruit, hire, train, and assign bilingual poll workers who are able to understand speak, write, and read English and Spanish fluently and can provide effective translation assistance to Spanish-speaking voters at the polls on election days," Walker writes in the ruling issued this month. The judge also says "signage shall be prominently posted and explain in English and Spanish how voters can obtain Spanish-language assistance."

The case was initiated against Florida's Secretary of State by a group of leftist nonprofits on behalf of Puerto Ricans who don't speak English. In their [complaint](#) they assert that Puerto Ricans, American citizens at birth, are unable to meaningfully exercise their right to vote unless Spanish-language materials and assistance are provided.

Under Section 4 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA), Florida must provide Spanish-language ballots, registration and other election materials and assistance so the Puerto Ricans can effectively exercise their right to vote, the lawsuit states. Walker agreed, ruling that "the Voting Rights Act of 1965's Section 4(e) prohibits English-only elections for those citizens—yes, citizens—educated in Puerto Rico in Spanish."

The counties that will be impacted include: Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Hernando, Highlands, Indian River, Jackson, Lake, Leon, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Monroe, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Pasco, Putnam, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Sumter, Taylor, and Wakulla.

Moving forward in these counties "the supervisor of elections shall provide in Spanish all notifications, announcements, and informational materials about all stages of the electoral process, including materials concerning the opportunity to register, voter registration deadlines, the times, places, and subject matters of the elections, the absentee and early voting processes, offices up for election, candidates who have qualified, and local issues or referenda and announcements applicable to elections in the counties."

In his order Walker admits that there is no evidence that a citizen was unable to cast a ballot under Section 4 of the VRA in any of the counties named in the lawsuit. Nevertheless, the judge writes that anyone from Puerto Rico whose "predominant classroom language was other than English" must not "be denied the right to vote in any Federal, State, or local election because of his inability to read, write, understand, or interpret any matter in the English language."

A lawyer for one of the groups representing the Puerto Ricans said the court "[recognized that Spanish-speaking voters are not second-class citizens.](#)" Another lead attorney celebrated the order for securing the fundamental right to vote for fellow Puerto Ricans.

It's noteworthy to mention that Walker is the same federal judge that ordered Florida to restore voting rights for felons. A federal appellate court [overturned](#) his decision, ruling that the governor has broad discretion to grant and deny clemency.

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Obama Judge Rules Medicaid Must Pay For Transgender Sex Reassignment Surgery

An Obama-appointed federal judge is forcing Wisconsin taxpayers to provide costly sex reassignment surgery and hormonal procedures for low-income transgender residents who get free medical care from the government. In a recently issued ruling U.S. District Judge William M. Conley writes that Medicaid, the publicly funded insurance that covers 65.7 million poor people, cannot deny the medical treatment needs of those suffering from “gender dysphoria.” Officials estimate it will cost up to \$1.2 million annually to provide transgender Medicaid recipients in the Badger State with treatments such as “gender confirmation” surgery, including elective mastectomies, hysterectomies, genital reconstruction and breast augmentation. The intricate operations are typically done by plastic surgeons.

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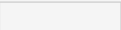


Judicial Watch Exposes Obama Ebola Plans

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Contrary to what President Obama and other top government officials have said, the Ebola crisis appears to be getting worse in the U.S. Judicial Watch is striving to pry loose the truth from reticent federal agencies that have a responsibility for public safety and our national security.

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U.S. Illegally Dispensed \$60 Million to Combat African Ebola Crisis

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In its crusade to tackle the Ebola crisis in Africa the Obama administration violated its own laws by frantically doling out tens of millions of dollars to leftist groups that claimed they could help control the virus from spreading in the continent's western region.

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The Trump administration is eliminating one of Barack Obama's many outrageous amnesty initiatives, this one involving illegal immigrants from African countries affected by the Ebola virus a few years ago.

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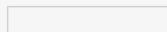
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Nellie Ohr funneled anti-Trump smears to her husband's underlings in the DOJ, who were running an illicit spy operation against President @realDonaldTrump. Nellie Ohr is obviously a key figure in the Clinton-DNC-Fusion GPS spy ring.

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Office of the Director of
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the CIA seeking records of
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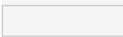


Judicial Watch: House Lawyers for Adam Schiff Assert Privilege over Schiff Subpoenas of Impeachment Phone Records

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FBI Shuts Online Public Records Operation Over Coronavirus, Encourages Standard Mail

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As mandatory social distancing forces Americans and federal government employees to telework, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is using coronavirus as an excuse to shut down its electronic public records operations. Instead, the agency that dropped the ball on 9/11 and more than 20 terrorist attacks in the U.S. since then, is encouraging the public to send requests via standard mail. Even for a famously inefficient government with a talent for keeping the public in the dark, this is a bit much. Furthermore, it is a scary display of attitude and conduct by the same bloated entity that is supposed to save us all from the new pandemic.

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ISIS plotted to send westerners to US through Mexico border

A chilling confession from a captured ISIS fighter has shed light on how the terrorist group intended to exploit the vulnerabilities of the U.S. border with Mexico, using English speakers and westerners to take advantage of smuggling routes and target financial institutions.

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On Watch: Revealing the Truth about Gun Control, Red Flag Laws, & the 2nd Amendment

This week’s discussion will focus on the attacks on your Second Amendment rights. American companies are caving-in to pressure from the anti-gun crowd. Some presidential candidates are talking about gun buy-back schemes. And, San Francisco recently labeled the NRA a “domestic terrorist organization.” We will also discuss upcoming congressional issues. This week’s guests will be Cam Edwards, the former NRATV host, and now the new editor of the website Bearing Arms; Dr. John R. Lott Jr., a world-recognized expert on guns and crime, he is founder of the Crime Prevention Research Center; and Rachel Bovard, senior director of policy at the Conservative Partnership Institute.

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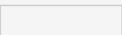


Judicial Watch Sues for Records of FBI Special Agent Who Helped Circulate the Clinton-Funded Dossier

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch announced today that it filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Justice (DOJ) for records about FBI Special Agent Michael Gaeta, who was the Legal Attaché in Rome who helped circulate the Steele dossier (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:19-cv-02722)).

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Farrell: How Many Democrats Think Gun- Owning Americans are Terrorists?

The Daily Caller

Are American gun owners potential domestic terrorists? The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring the National Rifle Association "a domestic terrorist organization." They blame the "epidemic of gun violence" in part on the NRA, which they accuse of using "its considerable wealth and organization strength to promote gun ownership and incite gun owners to acts of violence."

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Judicial Watch Sues DOJ for Docs On FBI/CIA Informant in Trump Organization

Judicial Watch

The Mueller report mentions Sater more than 100 times but fails to mention that he was an active undercover informant for the FBI/CIA for more than two decades. In 2017, Sater was the subject of two interviews conducted under a proffer agreement with Mueller's office according to page 69, footnote 304 of Mueller's report on his Russian collusion investigation.

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DOJ INSPECTOR GENERAL: COMEY 'VIOLATED' FBI RULES

Judicial Watch

The Justice Department inspector general released a scathing report on former FBI Director James Comey's notes memorializing his conversations with President Trump, finding that he disclosed them without authorization "to achieve a personally desired outcome."

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JUDICIAL WATCH FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST SANTA CLARA COUNTY SANCTUARY POLICY

Santa Clara County Board Policy 3.54(B) requires Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to obtain a "judicial arrest warrant" in order for the county to transfer custody of an alien. Federal law however does not require "judicial arrest warrants" for federal authorities to detain aliens, especially for those who had been incarcerated or arrested by local authorities.

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FOOD KITS FROM U.S. PROGRAM TO FEED “VULNERABLE” SYRIANS DIVERTED TO TERRORISTS

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Open Borders Coalition Demands All Illegal Immigrants Freed from Custody Over Coronavirus

Although there have been no confirmed cases of Coronavirus disease in federal immigration detention facilities, open borders groups are taking advantage of the health crisis to demand that all illegal aliens be immediately released from custody and into communities throughout the United States. The movement, known as FreeThemAll, was launched this month by a coalition of leftist nonprofits long critical of the Trump administration's hardline immigration policies. "The immigrant community is at grave risk," according to one of the groups leading the effort, Texas-based Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES). The public is encouraged to contact Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to demand that the agency "release all immigrants in detention, because detention is no place for a family, and no place for a family to be during a pandemic."

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Adam Schiff Doesn't Want You To Know About His Impeachment Subpoena Records

The Daily Wire

Jerry Dunleavy reported at The Washington Examiner (my former employer) that Schiff has filed a motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch, who sought access to "the controversial subpoenas issued for phone records," that led to the revealing of contact between Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA) and journalist John Solomon, among others.

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The Washington Post

"The only stimulus that will work is opening America back up for business," he tweeted Sunday night. "The consequences of this national shutdown, apart from any pandemic, are dire and will not be materially alleviated by any 'stimulus' and gov't spending."

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Hillary's Emails & Benghazi—Inside Judicial Watch's Landmark Legal Battle

Judicial Watch

Life continues to unfold, even in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. That includes—flying mostly under the media and legal radar—the most consequential freedom of information battle in a generation: Judicial Watch's long fight for records related to Hillary Clinton's emails and the Benghazi affair. In a landmark ruling earlier this month, U.S. District Court Judge Royce Lamberth granted Judicial Watch's request to depose Mrs. Clinton in the case. Mrs. Clinton is directed to appear under oath and answer questions from Judicial Watch attorneys.

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How 'Dirty' Voter Rolls Enable Fraudulent Voting - and WHY States Must Clean Their Voter Rolls

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Dear Fellow American,

[I need your help!](#)

You see, Judicial Watch is investigating the real Ukraine scandal – Deep State efforts to sweep under the rug the corrupt Hunter Biden-Burisma Holdings relationship and then-Vice President Joe Biden’s use of American aid dollars as a weapon to coerce the removal of top Ukrainian prosecutor Viktor Shokin who was investigating Burisma Holdings.

We have already filed 4 lawsuits against the Justice and State Departments seeking records relating to:

- Burisma Holdings and the concerns raised by senior Obama administration officials about Hunter Biden’s business with this knowingly corrupt energy company, **which was paying Hunter \$1 million a year in a clear effort to influence U.S. policy while his father was then-President Obama’s designated “point man” in Ukraine**, and;
- Then-Vice President Biden’s threat to withhold hundreds of millions of dollars in congressionally appropriated aid and loan guarantees for Ukraine that preceded the firing of Viktor Shokin, Ukraine’s top prosecutor.

Additionally, **we have seven Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests** outstanding with U.S. government agencies, including the American Embassy in Ukraine as part of our efforts to investigate U.S. official corruption in Ukraine.

I anticipate we will be filing more Biden-Burisma lawsuits in the weeks ahead since Deep State operatives in the Trump administration are stonewalling our FOIA requests. And there are more issues to investigate.

[That’s why I hope you will make join our fight by making your best tax-deductible donation to Judicial Watch today!](#)

Because no politician *in any political party...no matter how beloved by the Washington Establishment...* should be immune from scrutiny for allegedly using his office and his power over U.S. tax dollars to protect his son’s financial interests, especially when those interests appear to stem directly from a corrupt scheme to influence American policy!

[Your donation now](#) will help Judicial Watch get to the bottom of the real Ukraine scandal, help *drain the Washington swamp*, and hold powerful politicians and public officials, in and out of office, accountable under the law to the American people.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

P.S. Thanks to your commitment to Judicial Watch and our mission, we have become the largest and most effective government watchdog group in our nation. **[With your donation now](#)**, we will continue to dig in for the long haul – never give up – and work every day through the legal system to uncover the truth!

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Our Republic Is Under Assault

Every year I have the privilege of representing you at the Conservative Political Action Conference ([CPAC](#)). It's an opportunity to report on the work of Judicial Watch, which is more active than ever, thanks to your steadfast support.

CPAC brings together thousands of conservative leaders and organizations. Regularly seen on C-SPAN and other national news networks, CPAC has been the premier event for any major elected official or public personality seeking to discuss issues of the day with conservatives. From presidents of the United States, including President Trump this year, to college student leaders, CPAC is the place to hear our nation's current and future leaders.

The title of my presentation this year is "Our Republic Is Under Assault." Here are the remarks I prepared:

Good afternoon CPAC, it's great to be back. Judicial Watch is your watchdog in Washington. I'm here to remind you that transparency in government is essential to draining the Swamp. That is what we are doing every day, exposing the deep state, their allies and the corrupt liberal media that enables them.

The Republic is under assault.

You can see this through the continuing lawless attacks on President Trump.

For almost four years now we have been busy uncovering the truth about the widest - and most destructive corruption in American history, the Deep State coup against President Donald Trump.

The coup began as an attempt by high-ranking members of the Obama administration to rig the 2016 presidential election in favor of Hillary Clinton. Failing that, it developed into a full-blown effort to overthrow a legitimately elected president of the United States. Comey spied on Trump with Obama's approval. And, the Deep State coup plotters in the DOJ and FBI talked of wearing wires in the Oval Office and invoking the 25th Amendment.

Then, after Robert Mueller's special counsel partisans failed to deliver the goods, the coup cabal led by Adam Schiff, abused whistleblower laws in one of the gravest abuses of Congress ever. President Trump was "impeached forever" as Nancy Pelosi so childishly put it. But he was also acquitted forever in the Senate.

The Mainstream Media won't use the word "coup" to describe these continuing plots against the president, but that is what it is. And I'm using the present tense because, despite a few setbacks, the coup continues to this day.

I don't know about you but I have little interest in moving on from the coup attack on our president, on our

Constitution and our right to select our own leaders – not to have presidents selected by the Vindmans of the world.

The presidential harassment will continue. I suspect we won't just be seeing an October surprise, there will be a September surprise, summer surprises, probably something next week, too.

The biggest enemy of the coup plotters, and the thing they have fought most vigorously against, is one thing - the truth. And despite their best efforts at covering up what they have done, the truth is coming out.

In a sane world the whole Obama/Clinton/Deep State gang would be worried about prosecution and accountability. I mean Obama, Clinton, Brennan, Clapper, both the Bidens, Rice, Comey, McCabe, Kerry, Bruce Ohr (and Nellie), the Fusion GPS crowd, and, of course, Strzok and Page – the two figures whose texts exposed the true motive behind the attacks on Trump. BTW, you heard me right – I said Obama. Obama knew. Frankly, if we are going to be impeaching presidents then we should impeach Obama. It isn't too late.

And let's not forget our favorite - Adam Schiff. Adam Schiff is ethically compromised and lied six ways to Sunday about Russia, Trump, and Schiff's leaker ally in the CIA. We're suing to hold him accountable. But the DOJ should also be looking at him, too. And President Trump should cut off Schiff's access to classified information!

And, of course, there is the heavy lifting by Judicial Watch to expose the abuse of the president. Who needs an IG when you have Judicial Watch? We exposed that the FBI, in a joint operation with the Clinton campaign, paid the foreign spy Steele for dirt on Trump. That's right - your tax dollars helped pay for Hillary Clinton's foreign spy to target President Trump. We also exposed that the FISA warrant fraud and the fact the FISA court held not one darn hearing on spy warrants targeting candidate Trump and then President Trump. And we exposed how Bruce and Nellie Ohr funneled misinformation into the DOJ and FBI in order to try to implicate Trump. We uncovered that Bruce Ohr got a \$28k bonus in the middle of the Russiagate spying on Trump - and then got a raise AFTER he was removed for improperly colluding with Clinton spy Christopher Steele. Why is Ohr still at DOJ!

I tell you what - the best FISA reform would be to prosecute those who illegally spied on President Trump (and Lord knows who else) – to prosecute the Spygate ring and put them in jail.

Unfortunately, the Justice Department has been frozen when it comes to prosecuting the REAL bad guys. Comey got a pass. McCabe got a pass. And there's no evidence of major prosecutions against any other significant players. Worse yet, the Justice Department is STILL protecting Hillary Clinton as Judicial Watch forces out more emails and more evidence of criminal conduct. The statue of limitations has not run on Hillary Clinton, by the way!

I offer a compromise - perhaps President Trump can stop tweeting when the Justice Department starts prosecuting.

And, in the meantime, the president ought to start pardoning – Flynn, Stone, Manafort and the other Americans caught up the abusive Mueller machine.

The craven Left is not just attacking our Republic through its assault on President Trump.

Our republic is also facing the continuing challenge of border security.

Borders are critical to our country. They protect us and keep us safe. They define us as a nation. And, as you can see with the coronavirus, secure borders also protect the public health.

But open borders activists encouraged, aided, and funded mass caravans that further stressed our southern border. President Trump has taken strong action to control the assault on our sovereignty, but he's faced

dishonest opposition from anti-Trump activist judges and sanctuary politicians who placed politics over the public safety.

How do you like this idea for immigration reform: enforce the law! Almost everyone who is here illegally should go home.

Instead we have sanctuary cities and states where police and other officials are told not to cooperate with federal law enforcement trying to enforce the law. These sanctuary policies are illegal and dangerous. Judicial Watch is suing to stop them in California, particularly in San Francisco.

And I was glad to see Attorney General Barr recently announced potential criminal investigations of politicians who aid and abet illegal aliens and abuse their offices to protect criminal aliens!

So we have tens of millions of legal and illegal aliens present in the United States and we're expected to believe none of them vote?

Also of grave concern are the attacks on clean elections that highlight how our republic is also under threat at the ballot box. Judicial Watch has a massive project to force states and counties across the nation to clean up their voter rolls. The Justice Department should be doing this, but it is largely AWOL, so we have to – because dirty election rolls can mean dirty elections.

We just found last year that there are least 2.5 million extra names on the voting rolls. Believe it or not, this is good news. Because our prior analysis found 3.5 million extra names on the rolls. So our pressure and lawsuits are working. In Los Angeles County, our federal lawsuit resulted in a settlement agreement requiring the county to remove as many as 1.6 million "inactive" voters over the next few years!

But we are relentless and sent warnings to counties in five different states, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado and California, telling them to take reasonable steps to clean their rolls or face lawsuits from your friendly neighborhood Judicial Watch.

And, let me ask you this. Why would the Left so reflexively opposed clean election rolls, voter id, citizenship verifications for voting, and promote dangerous practices like ballot harvesting? I think it is because they want to be able to steal elections when necessary.

The Soros-funded Left has hundreds of groups attacking clean elections and voter ID (and now even the Electoral College)! And, on the other side, is Judicial Watch and one or two other groups. As I say, we are happy to do the heavy lifting but we all have to realize all our debates about taxes and abortion and health care don't mean a lick if the Left can steal our elections to maintain and expand power.

Never before in our nation's history have we seen such a sustained attack our republican form of government. The seditious conspiracy continues. The past few saw more illegal leaks regarding Russia to smear President Trump, and yes, even Bernie Sanders. Frankly, both Trump and Sanders, ironically, are crime victims of the desperate Deep State.

And remember, the assault on our borders continue. Rising leftists openly call for open borders and seek to erase the distinction between citizens and non-citizens. I tell you what, if you erase our borders, you erase our country.

And now voter fraud is the civil rights issue of our time. Who stands for the civil rights of voters who votes are stolen? The Left would pretend voter fraud is no big deal. How many fraudulent votes are too many? In this era of close elections, even one is too many.

In too many ways, our Republic is tottering. They tried to overturn our elections and they are trying to erase our borders.

What do we do? Judicial Watch has shown the way – enforce the law, put the coup cabal in jail, and dry up the swamp by bringing the sunlight of transparency!

And my simple advice for President Trump: Pardons, Prosecutions, and Transparency.

I ask you to please stand with us as we man that thin line protecting the rule of law and defending our Constitution from its enemies.

And I can tell you that Judicial Watch is proud to represent you – to defend you – to stand with you! Thank you and God Bless America!

Until next week ...

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You see, our work is *exploding in volume and growing in historic importance* as we fight government corruption. In fact, just recently:

- **We sued the Justice Department and CIA** for communications of the alleged whistleblower who reportedly worked on Ukraine issues while on detail to both the Obama and Trump White House. This employee is documented to be involved in the Russia collusion investigation and was a key CIA operative on Ukraine while at the White House. These lawsuits are designed to break through the Deep State cover-up.
- **We sued Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) and the House Intelligence Committee** for the controversial secret subpoenas that led to the publication of the private phone records of Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani, Congressman Devin Nunes and other American citizens. Schiff's subpoenas were another gross abuse of power during the Intelligence Committee's impeachment investigation, and a potential violation of the law.
Adam Schiff is not above the law!
- **We sued the Commerce Department** over their stonewalling of our Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for U.S. Census Bureau records concerning the agency's plans to hire...believe it or not...*of non-U.S. citizens to help conduct the 2020 Census*. The American people deserve to know the facts about the potentially illegal hiring of aliens to conduct the Census!

We cannot allow politicians in either party or secretive government bureaucrats to police themselves – it just doesn't work! That's why no one is working harder than Judicial Watch to challenge Washington's culture of corruption.

But we can only do this essential work because... and only because... of [the generous support we receive from patriotic Americans like you.](#)

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Tom Fitton
President
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More Than 100,000 DACA Applicants Have Been Arrested—Murder, Rape, DUI

More than 100,000 illegal immigrants who requested a special Obama-era amnesty for adults who came to the U.S. as children have criminal histories, according to an alarming report released this month by the government. Offenses committed by the illegal aliens seeking protection, benefits and rights under the policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) include murder, rape, weapon and assault charges. DACA has shielded nearly 800,000 illegal aliens under the age of 31 from deportation and allowed them to obtain work permits and drivers licenses. Obama launched the outrageous measure through executive order in 2012 to help children who came to the U.S. “through no fault of their own.” The Trump administration tried to end DACA in 2017 but open borders groups sued to keep it going and now the Supreme Court is set to decide the matter.

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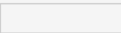


JW Sues Justice for Communications between key Anti-Trump Collusion Officials Peter Strzok and Bruce Ohr

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“We know that Peter Strzok was deeply involved in both running the Hillary server investigation cover-up by the FBI and in creating the counterintelligence ‘investigation’ of false claims of Trump-Russian collusion,” said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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Government Agency Buries \$8.8 Billion Loss at End of Fiscal Year Report

Judicial Watch

Even for a scandal-plagued agency notorious for its egregious spending sprees, the hit to American taxpayers is substantial. Management attributes some of the year's losses to a \$5.4 billion increase in operating expenses driven largely by a spike in workers' compensation obligations.

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Businessman Sues California Over Sex-Based Corporate Affirmative Action

The Epoch Times

A businessman is suing California in federal court over a 2018 social-justice law that by 2020 will force all publicly traded companies headquartered or incorporated in the state to have at least one woman on their board of directors.

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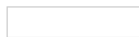
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Dear Fellow American,

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These lawsuits can help expose the illicit Deep State conspiracy to abuse government powers to target the Trump presidency.

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The President is sharing our content because he knows the integrity of our work. Judicial Watch fights every day to end government corruption and no one in Washington, DC does it better than us. I encourage you to look through the content attached to this letter and see for yourself the broad range of topics covered by Judicial Watch and the content the President is being compelled to share with his 60 million followers.

I urge you to check out @JudicialWatch and @TomFitton on Twitter. Thank you for your time. Read it [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

Carter Clews
Communications Director, Judicial Watch

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Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 5:48 PM EDT
To: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-20-0723)
Attachment(s): "FL-DUVAL-20-0723.pdf"

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Please find attached a request for records under Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
Paralegal
American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org
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PRR: FL-DUVAL-20-0723



March 22, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mike Hogan
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 East Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
mhogan@coj.net

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to the Florida's public records law, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for public records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Duval County Supervisor of Elections promptly produce the following:

All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:

- Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org) including, but not limited to;
 - a. Logan C. Churchwell, Communications Directors
 - b. J. Christian Adams, General Counsel
 - c. Sue Becker, Litigation Counsel
 - d. Kaylan Phillips, Litigation Counsel
 - e. Noel H. Johnson, Litigation Counsel

Please provide all responsive records from May 1, 2019, to the date the search is conducted.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

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In addition, American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; governmental authorities may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

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Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by your office before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

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Conclusion

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We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with your office on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Christine H. Monahan at records@americanoversight.org or (202) 869-5244.

Sincerely,

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Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

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From: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2019 11:07 AM EDT
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: public records request
Attachment(s): "AmOversightPRR20190422.pdf"

Attached is a public records request to our office. We need a search of all emails to find communication between any Supervisor of Elections officials and those listed in the request.

Lana Self

Candidate and Records Director
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Presidential Preference Primary
March 17, 2020
Primary Election
August 25, 2020
General Election
November 3, 2020



April 22, 2019

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- Hans von Spakovsky
- John R. Lott Jr.
- Ken Block
- Donal Palmer
- Robert Popper
- Catherine Engelbrecht
- Christy McCormick (including communications with cacm@aol.com)
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American Oversight believes that your office is the most likely location for the records it seeks. However, if other county boards, commissions, offices, departments, or divisions are likely to possess records responsive to this request, American Oversight asks that you forward this request to those boards, commissions, offices, departments, or divisions or promptly notify American Oversight so that it may submit this request directly to those boards, commissions, offices, departments, or divisions.

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From: Tom Fitton <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
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But I must tell you that **we are carrying our biggest case load** ever into the New Year.

That's why I am so hopeful [you will help Judicial Watch](#) at this critical time for America.

We rely on the tax-deductible gifts we receive from good patriots across our great nation to stand strong for the rule of law and the American people's "right to know"...and as we get ready for 2020 we need your help.

I would be very grateful if you would [support Judicial Watch today by making your best tax-deductible donation now!](#)

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President
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Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 9:21 AM EDT

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Presented by Fisher Investments: Debate Snapshots; Mitch vs. Amy; Quote of the Week

By Carl M. Cannon on Sep 13, 2019 09:19 am

Good morning, it's Friday, Sept. 13, 2019. Yes, Friday the 13th, a day when superstitious people exhibit extra caution. It's also the day of the week when I pass along an uplifting quotation. So, I'll try and combine the two, and use my favorite sport to do it.

In the great baseball movie "Bull Durham," veteran catcher Crash Davis (played by Kevin Costner) **tells** fireballing and naïve young pitcher Nuke Laloosh (Tim Robbins) to "never screw with a winning streak." Actually, Crash uses a verb of Anglo-Saxon origins instead of the word "screw," but you get the point. So did Nuke, which causes him to do less screwing, so to speak. You see, the young pitcher has hooked up with Annie Savoy (Susan Sarandon), but he's finally having success on the mound and, taking Crash Davis' advice to heart, he stops seeing Annie, at least in the biblical way.

This upsets our heroine, as we'll see in a moment. First, I'd point you to RealClearPolitics' **front page**, which presents our poll averages, videos, breaking news stories, and aggregated opinion columns spanning the political spectrum. We also offer original material from our own reporters and contributors, including the following:

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Debate Snapshots: 10 Candidates, 10 Strategies on Display. Phil Wegmann and Susan Crabtree have this **assessment**.

Did Mitch McConnell Recruit His Opponent? A.B. Stoddard is **unimpressed** by the establishment-backed Democrat challenging the Senate majority leader.

Poll: GOP Could Rebound in Orange County and New Mexico. Susan **reports** on the findings.

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Ranked-Choice Voting Could Help Dems -- and the Nation. David Daley **explains** his support for a system intended to produce nominees who better reflect the majority preference of the electorate.

How Oberlin's Bias and Bloat Fueled a \$33 Million Blunder. RealClearEducation editor Nathan Harden **laments** the rise in influence wielded on college campuses by student life coordinators, diversity deans, and student affairs officers.

American Energy Security and Climate Change. In RealClearEnergy, Jim Webb & Jim Nicholson [argue](#) that improvements in technology mean oil and natural gas can be part of the energy/climate change solution.

How to Succeed in Tennis Without Really Trying. In RealClearBooks, J. Christian Adams [reviews](#) Roger L. Simon's novel "The Goat."

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Annie Savoy knows more about baseball than she does about adult relationships. Crash Davis knows a lot about both. This is not necessarily a blessing. Crash knows enough about baseball to know that he's not going to The Show, at least as a player. He knows enough about life to realize he's jealous of Nuke Laloosh's romance with Annie. A showdown is brewing, which Nuke precipitates by telling Annie that Crash told him never to mess with a streak, which Nuke has interpreted (as Crash intended) to rule out sexual congress with Annie.

Before I continue, two points: I'm writing about these characters in present tense, as though they were not only alive but contemporary. All I can say in that regard is that, to me, they are. Second, if you haven't seen this movie and are having a little trouble following this, rent it tonight on Netflix or wherever. It's wonderful. Now, back to our story, in which our love triangle tightens as Annie Savoy confronts Crash Davis.

Crash: I never told him to stay out of your bed.

Annie: You most certainly did.

Crash: I told him that a player on a streak has to respect the streak.

Annie: Oh, fine.

Crash: You know why? Because they don't happen very often.

Annie: Right.

Crash: If you believe you're playing well because you're getting laid, or because you're not getting laid, or because you wear women's underwear, then you are! And you should know that.

Annie: I want you.

For those who haven't seen the movie, or who saw it so long ago that you don't remember what happened next, I'll leave it there. But here's my Friday-the-13th point: While baseball players may seem notoriously superstitious, it's not because they are excessively spiritual or because there is anything eerie about their sport. It's because the game is so hard. Anything that bolsters a player's sense of self-efficacy helps put him in the right frame of mind to play well.

It's ritual more than superstition. As baseball writer Josh Rohrer noted in an [essay on this topic](#), players and managers -- and even fans -- "stick with whatever is working to ensure the delicate balance of karma is kept positive." To my way of thinking, "karma" in this instance is very nearly a synonym for "confidence."

Players cross themselves, point to the heavens, eat chicken before each game, refused to change socks, go unshaven, point the bat toward the pitcher -- any manner of things. Joe DiMaggio touched second base with his foot at the end of every half inning as he ran in from centerfield. Does that seem compulsive? Well, you might say that Joe's obsessions never let DiMag down. He had an amazing career from start to finish.

Then again, there's the approach used by another great Yankee. Babe Ruth played the game, as he played life, without over-thinking things. Asked once if he had any superstitions, the Babe replied, "Just one. Whenever I hit a home run, I make certain I touch all four bases."

And there's your quote of the week.

Carl M. Cannon
Washington Bureau chief, RealClearPolitics
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CC: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Hello,

Please see the modified search below:

Email Account: Lenny Curry – lc Curry@coj.net; Jerry Holland – jholland@coj.net; Jim Overton – jinoverton@coj.net; Mike Hogan – mhogan@coj.net; Ronnie Fussell – Ronnie.fussell@duvalclerk.com;

Date Range: November 9, 2016 to May 6, 2019

Search Term: kkobach@gmail.com or kris@kriskobach.com or @ks.gov,

John Christian Adams,

Hans von Spakovsky,

John R Lott Jr,

Ken Block,

Donal Palmer,

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Thank you,

Angie Wilson

Public Records Requests Coordinator

City of Jacksonville | Customer Service Center

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From: Lee, Lisa <LisaLee@coj.net> On Behalf Of ITDPRR
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>; ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Please provide the search terms

Thanks,
Lisa Lee

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 10:00 AM
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Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Good morning,

Please see the following request:

Date Range: November 9, 2016 to May 6, 2019
Email Account: All COJ Employees
Search Term: Please see the attachment

Thank you,

Angie Wilson
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From: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request

Please fulfil this request.

Thanks,



Stan Bethea

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City of Jacksonville General Election

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May 14, 2019

From: Beth France [<mailto:beth.france@americanoversight.org>]

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:25 PM

To: Hogan, Mike

Subject: Public Records Request

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Sincerely,

Beth France

Counsel

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From: Public Record Request
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CC: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

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To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request

Please fulfil this request.

Thanks,



Stan Bethea

Director of Information Services
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
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Jacksonville, FL 32218
Office: 904-630-8022
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UPCOMING ELECTION DATE

City of Jacksonville General Election
May 14, 2019
From: Beth France [<mailto:beth.france@americanoversight.org>]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Hogan, Mike
Subject: Public Records Request

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Florida's public records law.

Sincerely,

Beth France

Counsel

American Oversight

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FL-DUVAL-19-0522

From: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net> on behalf of Lee, Lisa <LisaLee@coj.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2019 3:03 PM EDT
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
CC: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>; ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

Search result has 260 hits. Estimate 1.5 hours of ITD time.

Thanks,
Lisa Lee

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Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569 old CARE#2019-12788

Please see below:

Email Account: All Supervisor of Elections Employees

Date Range: November 9, 2016 to May 6, 2019

Search Term: kkobach@gmail.com or kris@kriskobach.com or @ks.gov,
John Christian Adams,
Hans von Spakovsky,
John R Lott Jr,
Ken Block,
Donal Palmer,
Robert Popper,
Catherine Engelbrecht,
Christy McCormick or caem@aol.com,
electionlawcenter.com,
g-a-i.org,
simpaticosoftware.com,
judicialwatch.org,
heritage.org,
heritageaction.com,
publicinterestlegal.org,
theacru.org,
truethevote.org

Thank you,

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FL-DUVAL-20-0723-B-001118

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Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>; ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Please provide the search terms

Thanks,
Lisa Lee

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 10:00 AM
To: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Good morning,

Please see the following request:

Date Range: November 9, 2016 to May 6, 2019
Email Account: All COJ Employees
Search Term: Please see the attachment

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, May 09, 2019 11:02 AM EDT
To: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
CC: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-130569

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Email Account: All Supervisor of Elections Employees

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John R Lott Jr,
Ken Block,
Donal Palmer,
Robert Popper,
Catherine Engelbrecht,
Christy McCormick or cacm@aol.com,
electionlawcenter.com,
g-a-i.org,
simpaticosoftware.com,
judicialwatch.org,
heritage.org,
heritageaction.com,
publicinterestlegal.org,
theacru.org,
truethetvote.org

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Please provide the search terms

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Lisa Lee

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To: ITDPRR <ITDPRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Feiser, Craig <CFeiser@coj.net>
Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Good morning,

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Email Account: All COJ Employees
Search Term: Please see the attachment

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From: Beth France [<mailto:beth.france@americanoversight.org>]

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FL-DUVAL-20-0723-B-001122

Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:25 PM
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Subject: Public Records Request

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Search Term: kkobach@gmail.com or kris@kriskobach.com or @ks.gov,

John Christian Adams,
Hans von Spakovsky,
John R Lott Jr,
Ken Block,
Donal Palmer,
Robert Popper,
Catherine Engelbrecht,
Christy McCormick or cacm@aol.com,
electionlawcenter.com,
g-a-i.org,
simpaticosoftware.com,
judicialwatch.org,
heritage.org,
heritageaction.com,
publicinterestlegal.org,
theacru.org,
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Thank you,

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Subject: RE: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Please provide the search terms

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Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request **2019-127884

Good morning,

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Email Account: All COJ Employees
Search Term: Please see the attachment

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Subject: FW: FW: Public Records Request

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Thanks,



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From: Beth France [<mailto:beth.france@americanoversight.org>]

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Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Hogan, Mike
Subject: Public Records Request

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:44 PM EDT
To: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
CC: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up
Attachment(s): "2019-144153.pdf", "2019-144153(2).pdf", "2019-152796.pdf", "2019-176648.pdf"

Thank you,

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From: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Subject: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up

Angie – following up for SOE on some public records sent to you previously:

1.
 - a. ITD for American Oversight for Clay Goode for PRR 2019-144153 on 5-16-19– See the attachments; the information was shared with the customer.
 - b. ITD for American Oversight for 2019-152796 – See the attached confirmation email from the customer
2. Russ Kick PRR@coj.net 6-13 and follow up 7-17 – 2019-176648 – See the attached email; requesting to narrow the search and no response, the invoice was sent on 8/1; I still have not received a reply from Mr. Kick. I will close this issue.
3. Daniel Sweeney to PRR@coj.net 5-16-19 – I don't have an email from this customer

Please give me a status update on these matters.

Martha Foote
Public Records Assistant
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Jacksonville, FL 32202
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UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Presidential Preference Primary

March 17, 2020

Primary Election

August 18, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:38 AM
To: 'American Oversight Records'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue # 2019-178521

Good morning,

Thank you for this response. Yes you may pay with a business check and make it out to the Duval County Tax Collector. The mailing address is below; I've added our division's name because the suite number isn't listed on the door.

City of Jacksonville
630CITY
Attn: Angie Wilson
214 North Hogan Street Suite 1180
First Floor, Ed Ball Building
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Thank you,

Angie Wilson
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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 6:27 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue #2019-178521

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Thank you, Angie.

We authorize the city to proceed and agree to pay the cost (per your email, with advance notice if the actual cost exceeds the estimate). We would like to pay by business check. Is it possible for us to mail the check instead of delivering in person? If so, does it go to the same address, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180? Please let me know.

Thank you again,
Katie

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On Aug 6, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Katherine,

This Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 141.00 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate. search resulted in 600 emails.

Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
- Personal check. The process of gathering the records will begin five (5) business days following the date of submission of the personal check. This period will allow time for the check to be deposited and clear and for the City to ensure payment has been made.

Payments should be brought to the 630CITY Office located in the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180 during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:38 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello,

I'm sorry I missed your call. Since the first search resulted in zero hits, I can run the new search to narrow that second search down. Do you agree to the new search terms below?

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:14 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thanks for your message. I just called you and tried to leave a voicemail, but I got cut off, so just following up with a quick email in case my voicemail didn't go through.

Briefly, we were just concerned to hear about this search fee that we had not been aware of previously. We have no intention of asking you to run search after search after search - we just wanted to make sure that the "Maria Matthews" term was added back in, because that's a key part of our records request. And more importantly, without including the "Maria Matthews" term as a limitation, based on your earlier message, it will be a large volume, and we didn't think it was a good use of your office's time to go through that many emails.

We have no objection to paying a reasonable charge for the records we're asking for, but like I said, we were just concerned to hear about the search charge. If you could give me a call back at your convenience to discuss, I would appreciate that.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Katie

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On Jul 31, 2019, at 5:41 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Each time a search is ran, the cost to our office is \$45 which we must pass on to the customer. The new search will be the 3rd. Please see the below new search request:

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search: "Maria Matthew"

And

"eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters,"
"inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thank you for the update. I just realized that while the original search also included "Maria Matthews" as a search term (which makes sense, as our request was for communications from Ms. Matthews), the revised search did not include that limitation. That is my mistake for not noticing in your July 23rd email including the revised search terms - my apologies for the oversight. Is it possible to limit the search to just emails with Ms. Matthews? For example, are you able to search the to/from field for her name or email address? Or are you able to run a search string, along these lines:

Search: "Maria Matthews" AND ("eligibility records maintenance," OR "maintenance," OR "amendment 4," OR "eligible voters," OR "inactive status," OR "initiative petition,")

If it's possible to limit in some way to just messages involving Ms. Matthews, hopefully that will cut down the volume significantly. Please let me know if that's possible. If it's easier to discuss by phone, I'm happy to give you a call - please let me know.

Thank you again for all your assistance.

Best,
Katie

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On Jul 26, 2019, at 10:22 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

The email search of the phrases below from the SOE office returned with over 5000 emails. That would be an expensive request to fulfil, over \$300. How would you like to proceed?

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 12:39 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon Ms. Anthony,

I have refined the search as listed below.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search: "eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters," "inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

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Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:43 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello Ms. Anthony,

Please forgive my oversight on the June 10th email. Thank you for the information on the attachment. I will review the information from your attachments to compile another search. I will contact you before we begin the second search. My apologies for this delay.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 2:35 PM

To: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>; Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Mike,

Angie had emailed us from the PRR@coj.net email address, so that's who I had intended to reach through my initial message - I didn't have a separate email address for her at that time. Thank you for copying her on this message.

Best,
Katie

Katherine M. Anthony
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On Jul 22, 2019, at 1:45 PM, Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net> wrote:

Did you re-contact **Angie Wilson** as she did the search?

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Mike Hogan

Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 E. Monroe St. Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-7757 www.DuvalElections.com

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

From: American Oversight Records [<mailto:records@americanoversight.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Public Record Request
Cc: Bethea, Stan; Phillips, Robert; Hogan, Mike; Teal, Jason; Self, Lana
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hello,

I just realized I had not received a response to this message, so I wanted to follow up to see if (a) you would be willing to expand the original search as described below, and (b) if there is any further information you can share about the scope of the search. Please let me know.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Katie

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On Jun 10, 2019, at 4:07 PM, American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Angie,

Thank you for your response to our request. It seems that the search terms used may be a bit restrictive — specifically, records related to voter roll maintenance might not necessarily use that entire, exact phrase in all instances. And in fact, we have received a relevant response from another county consisting of records that did not contain the term “voter roll maintenance,” but instead included terms like “eligibility records maintenance,” “maintenance,” “amendment 4,” “eligible voters,” “inactive status,” “initiative petition,” and more. (Please see attached.). Would you be willing to expand the search to include additional terms along these lines? In addition, our request is not necessarily limited to email communications - were any other categories of records searched?

Thanks very much for your assistance. I am happy to discuss by phone if that would be helpful - please let me know.

Thanks again,
Katie

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*Admitted in Massachusetts. Practice supervised by members of the D.C. Bar while application for D.C. Bar membership is pending.
<Collier County Records.pdf>

On Jun 3, 2019, at 3:38 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search Terms: “Maria Matthews” and “voter roll maintenance”

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 12:35 PM

To: records@americanoversight.org

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. Charges for copying as well as research may apply depending on the work required to retrieve the records. You will be notified if any charges are applicable.

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Date: May 29, 2019 at 3:50:16 PM GMT+1

To: "Hogan, Mike" <MHogan@coj.net>

Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634)

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
Paralegal
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

FL-DUVAL-19-0634

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<2019-178521 Cost Estimate.pdf>

Subject**Public Records Request****Contact Information**

First Name: Data

Last Name: Migration

Email Address: datamigration@dm.com

Address: W MONROE ST & N MAIN ST, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

Question Reference # 190802-005250

Assigned: Data Migration

Date Created: 08/02/2019 10:55 AM

Date Last Updated: 08/05/2019 03:31 AM

Status: Closed

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

** 2019-05-31 12:31 : Open :
new issue created.,

** 2019-05-31 12:40 : Assigned : By : Wilson, Angie
Forwarded to ITD; customer acknowledged.,

** 2019-06-03 15:38 : Investigating : By : Wilson, Angie
Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search Terms: "Maria Matthews" and "voter roll maintenance"

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

,
 ** 2019-07-01 11:39 : Close : By : Wilson, Angie
 No response received,

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

Clay Goode

records@americanoversight.org

MCC: no - continue

fire: no - continue

Information: no - continue

Method: Email - collect email address

It looks like a 2 part request:

1. All communications from Maria Matthews between November 2016 and now regarding "voter roll maintenance"; and
2. If there are any communications from Maria about voter roll maintenance during this time period, they also want all documents that document any actions that you all took as a result of Maria's communication(s).

So, I would start with an email search, unless you received anything by hard copy, to see what communications there were with Maria between Nov. 2016 and present. Then, if there are any, you'll have to sort through them to see which ones pertain to voter roll maintenance. If there are any that are on that topic, then you'll have

to look to see if there's any records that reflect whatever actions you all took in response to the directive.

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:35 PM
To: 'Beth France'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Thank you!! I'm so glad we cleared that up.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson
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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

Thanks. We did receive the disc you mailed on June 3.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 11:52 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Hi,

It appears the two request came to me at different times and each was submitted for processing. Have you received the CD that was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd? The above issue 2019-152796 is closed as a duplicate request.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 11:16 AM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The two requests attached have different file names but they are the same request (dated 4/22/2019). As noted earlier in the chain, we have already paid an invoice for records for the 4/22 request.

The May 6 and June 13 notations in your email appear to correspond to your own internal processing and not to distance requests from American Oversight. The May 6 entry in your email below lacks the full request language but references the correspondence between county officials and listed entities and individuals. These are then listed in the June 13 entry. But these all appear to relate solely to the request we submitted on 4/22.

Before we sent the previous payment, we confirmed with you that the payment requested was payment in full for the response to our 4/22 request. I still do not understand why it now appears that you are asking for an additional \$64.00 in connection with the same request. Please clarify what records responsive to the 4/22 request we sent have not yet been released and why our initial payment did not cover the costs associated with these records. We made our previous payment in reliance your statement that the invoice was for the entirety of our request.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 10:53 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Beth, please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option.

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:44 AM
To: 'Beth France' <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Beth,
The email sent 7/1 is correct with the Invoice #2019-152796 for \$64.00

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The email you sent me on July 24 indicated that this request for payment related to the 4/22/2019 request (that was the request that was attached). Can you please confirm that the request for \$64.00 corresponds to the June 13, 2019 request? We need to make sure that our records of which payments correspond to which requests are correct.

Best,
Beth

On Jul 29, 2019, at 10:31 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,
The attachment you sent on 7/24 was for the May 6th request. I accidentally closed that issue and reopened it with a new issue number. The CD was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd for that request. Did you receive the information? The new request for payment is for the June 13th issue.

May 6th – Public Records Request – 2019-127884 was closed and reopened as 2019-130569

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:(see complete request attached below) American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.

June 13th – Public Records Request – 2019-152796

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communication (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below: Kris Kobach (including communications from KKobach@gmail.com, Kris@kriskobach.com, or any email addresses ending in [Ks.gov](http://ks.gov)); J.(John) Christian Adams; Hans von Spakovsky; John R. Lott Jr; Ken Block; Donal Palmer; Robert Popper; Catherine Engelbrecht, Christy McCormick (including communication with cacm@aol.com), Anyone communication on behalf of the Election Law Center (electionlawcenter.com); Anyone communication on behalf of the Government Accountability Institute (g-a-i.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Simpatico Software Systems (simpaticosoftware.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Heritage foundation (heritage.org); Anyone communication on behalf of Heritage Action for America (heritageaction.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of True The Vote (truethetvote.org) See the attachment for all details.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 1:53 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Could you please clarify how this request for payment relates to the one in the attached, which we approved and paid? They appear to relate to the same request, for which we received a production of records in June.

As you'll see in the May 15, 2019 email included in these attachments, I asked whether that request for payment would be for the whole request or whether there would be other requests for payment, and I was told that there would not be further requests for payment.

Beth

> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:44 PM, Beth France
> <beth.france@americanoversight.org> wrote:

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> What is ITD?

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>> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:37 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
>> wrote:

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Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 9:29 AM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-176648
Attachments: 2019-176648 Cost Estimate.pdf

Good morning, Mr. Kick,
Have you had a chance to review the message below? How would you like to proceed? The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 548.50 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate.

Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
- Personal check. The process of gathering the records will begin five (5) business days following the date of submission of the personal check. This period will allow time for the check to be deposited and clear and for the City to ensure payment has been made.

Payments should be brought to the 630CITY Office located in the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180 during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:24 PM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com' <russkick@gmail.com>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: Public Records Request #2019-176648

Good afternoon Mr. Kick,
Are you able to narrow your search request down, when the system ran their first search over 8000 emails returned making this a very pricey request. Could the time frame be narrowed down or the entities search narrowed down? See the search below:

Date Range: January 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Election Officials

Search Criteria: : "FBI", "Department of Justice", "Department of Homeland Security", "Federal" "Division of Elections", "Department of State", "Department of Law Enforcement", "Office of Governor"

And
"notification"

And
"Compromised" "hackers" "accessed" "elections" "voting"

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:44 PM EDT
To: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
CC: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: RE: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up
Attachment(s): "2019-144153.pdf", "2019-144153(2).pdf", "2019-152796.pdf", "2019-176648.pdf"

Thank you,

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From: Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:17 PM
To: Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Foote, Martha <MFoote@coj.net>
Subject: Miscellaneous PRRs from SOE follow up

Angie – following up for SOE on some public records sent to you previously:

1.
 - a. ITD for American Oversight for Clay Goode for PRR 2019-144153 on 5-16-19 – See the attachments; the information was shared with the customer.
 - b. ITD for American Oversight for 2019-152796 – See the attached confirmation email from the customer
2. Russ Kick PRR@coj.net 6-13 and follow up 7-17 – 2019-176648 – See the attached email; requesting to narrow the search and no response, the invoice was sent on 8/1; I still have not received a reply from Mr. Kick. I will close this issue.
3. Daniel Sweeney to PRR@coj.net 5-16-19 – I don't have an email from this customer

Please give me a status update on these matters.

Martha Foote
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Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office
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Presidential Preference Primary

March 17, 2020

Primary Election

August 18, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:38 AM
To: 'American Oversight Records'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue # 2019-178521

Good morning,

Thank you for this response. Yes you may pay with a business check and make it out to the Duval County Tax Collector. The mailing address is below; I've added our division's name because the suite number isn't listed on the door.

City of Jacksonville
630CITY
Attn: Angie Wilson
214 North Hogan Street Suite 1180
First Floor, Ed Ball Building
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 6:27 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153/New Issue #2019-178521

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Thank you, Angie.

We authorize the city to proceed and agree to pay the cost (per your email, with advance notice if the actual cost exceeds the estimate). We would like to pay by business check. Is it possible for us to mail the check instead of delivering in person? If so, does it go to the same address, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180? Please let me know.

Thank you again,
Katie

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On Aug 6, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon Katherine,

This Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 141.00 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate. search resulted in 600 emails.

Payment options:

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Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:38 PM
To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello,

I'm sorry I missed your call. Since the first search resulted in zero hits, I can run the new search to narrow that second search down. Do you agree to the new search terms below?

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Friday, August 02, 2019 4:14 PM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thanks for your message. I just called you and tried to leave a voicemail, but I got cut off, so just following up with a quick email in case my voicemail didn't go through.

Briefly, we were just concerned to hear about this search fee that we had not been aware of previously. We have no intention of asking you to run search after search after search - we just wanted to make sure that the "Maria Matthews" term was added back in, because that's a key part of our records request. And more importantly, without including the "Maria Matthews" term as a limitation, based on your earlier message, it will be a large volume, and we didn't think it was a good use of your office's time to go through that many emails.

We have no objection to paying a reasonable charge for the records we're asking for, but like I said, we were just concerned to hear about the search charge. If you could give me a call back at your convenience to discuss, I would appreciate that.

Thanks very much.

Best,
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On Jul 31, 2019, at 5:41 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Each time a search is ran, the cost to our office is \$45 which we must pass on to the customer. The new search will be the 3rd. Please see the below new search request:

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
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Search: "Maria Matthew"

And

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Angie,

Thank you for the update. I just realized that while the original search also included "Maria Matthews" as a search term (which makes sense, as our request was for communications from Ms. Matthews), the revised search did not include that limitation. That is my mistake for not noticing in your July 23rd email including the revised search terms - my apologies for the oversight. Is it possible to limit the search to just emails with Ms. Matthews? For example, are you able to search the to/from field for her name or email address? Or are you able to run a search string, along these lines:

Search: "Maria Matthews" AND ("eligibility records maintenance," OR "maintenance," OR "amendment 4," OR "eligible voters," OR "inactive status," OR "initiative petition,")

If it's possible to limit in some way to just messages involving Ms. Matthews, hopefully that will cut down the volume significantly. Please let me know if that's possible. If it's easier to discuss by phone, I'm happy to give you a call - please let me know.

Thank you again for all your assistance.

Best,
Katie

Katherine M. Anthony
Counsel
American Oversight
katherine.anthony@americanoversight.org | 202.897.3918
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

On Jul 26, 2019, at 10:22 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

The email search of the phrases below from the SOE office returned with over 5000 emails. That would be an expensive request to fulfil, over \$300. How would you like to proceed?

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 12:39 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon Ms. Anthony,

I have refined the search as listed below.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search: "eligibility records maintenance," "maintenance," "amendment 4," "eligible voters," "inactive status," "initiative petition,"

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:43 PM

To: 'American Oversight Records' <records@americanoversight.org>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Hello Ms. Anthony,

Please forgive my oversight on the June 10th email. Thank you for the information on the attachment. I will review the information from your attachments to compile another search. I will contact you before we begin the second search. My apologies for this delay.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 2:35 PM

To: Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>

Cc: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>; Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>; Brown-Wilson, Angie <AWilson@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hi Mike,

Angie had emailed us from the PRR@coj.net email address, so that's who I had intended to reach through my initial message - I didn't have a separate email address for her at that time. Thank you for copying her on this message.

Best,
Katie

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On Jul 22, 2019, at 1:45 PM, Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net> wrote:

Did you re-contact **Angie Wilson** as she did the search?

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Mike Hogan

Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 E. Monroe St. Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-7757 www.DuvalElections.com

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting. *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

From: American Oversight Records [<mailto:records@americanoversight.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 12:58 PM
To: Public Record Request
Cc: Bethea, Stan; Phillips, Robert; Hogan, Mike; Teal, Jason; Self, Lana
Subject: Re: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

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Hello,

I just realized I had not received a response to this message, so I wanted to follow up to see if (a) you would be willing to expand the original search as described below, and (b) if there is any further information you can share about the scope of the search. Please let me know.

Thanks very much.

Best,
Katie

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On Jun 10, 2019, at 4:07 PM, American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Angie,

Thank you for your response to our request. It seems that the search terms used may be a bit restrictive — specifically, records related to voter roll maintenance might not necessarily use that entire, exact phrase in all instances. And in fact, we have received a relevant response from another county consisting of records that did not contain the term “voter roll maintenance,” but instead included terms like “eligibility records maintenance,” “maintenance,” “amendment 4,” “eligible voters,” “inactive status,” “initiative petition,” and more. (Please see attached.). Would you be willing to expand the search to include additional terms along these lines? In addition, our request is not necessarily limited to email communications - were any other categories of records searched?

Thanks very much for your assistance. I am happy to discuss by phone if that would be helpful - please let me know.

Thanks again,
Katie

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*Admitted in Massachusetts. Practice supervised by members of the D.C. Bar while application for D.C. Bar membership is pending.
<Collier County Records.pdf>

On Jun 3, 2019, at 3:38 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present
Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees
Search Terms: “Maria Matthews” and “voter roll maintenance”

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Public Record Request

Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 12:35 PM

To: records@americanoversight.org

Cc: Bethea, Stan <SBethea@coj.net>; Phillips, Robert <Phillips@coj.net>; Hogan, Mike <MHogan@coj.net>; Teal, Jason <JTeal@coj.net>; Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634) PRR **2019-144153

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. Charges for copying as well as research may apply depending on the work required to retrieve the records. You will be notified if any charges are applicable.

Thank you,

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From: American Oversight Records <records@americanoversight.org>

Date: May 29, 2019 at 3:50:16 PM GMT+1

To: "Hogan, Mike" <MHogan@coj.net>

Subject: Public Records Request (FL-DUVAL-19-0634)

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Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Florida's public records laws.

Sincerely,

Clay M. Goode
Paralegal
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

FL-DUVAL-19-0634

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Subject**Public Records Request****Contact Information**

First Name: Data

Last Name: Migration

Email Address: datamigration@dm.com

Address: W MONROE ST & N MAIN ST, Jacksonville, FL, 32202

Question Reference # 190802-005250

Assigned: Data Migration

Date Created: 08/02/2019 10:55 AM

Date Last Updated: 08/05/2019 03:31 AM

Status: Closed

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

** 2019-05-31 12:31 : Open :
new issue created.,

** 2019-05-31 12:40 : Assigned : By : Wilson, Angie
Forwarded to ITD; customer acknowledged.,

** 2019-06-03 15:38 : Investigating : By : Wilson, Angie
Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the City of Jacksonville. Your public records request has been received and is being processed. There is no document(s) found that meet your criteria requested.

Date Range: November 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Elections Employees

Search Terms: "Maria Matthews" and "voter roll maintenance"

Search result has 0 hit.

Your current request will now be closed. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

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 ** 2019-07-01 11:39 : Close : By : Wilson, Angie
 No response received,

Response By (Data Migration) (08/04/2019 05:02 PM)

Clay Goode

records@americanoversight.org

MCC: no - continue

fire: no - continue

Information: no - continue

Method: Email - collect email address

It looks like a 2 part request:

1. All communications from Maria Matthews between November 2016 and now regarding "voter roll maintenance"; and
2. If there are any communications from Maria about voter roll maintenance during this time period, they also want all documents that document any actions that you all took as a result of Maria's communication(s).

So, I would start with an email search, unless you received anything by hard copy, to see what communications there were with Maria between Nov. 2016 and present. Then, if there are any, you'll have to sort through them to see which ones pertain to voter roll maintenance. If there are any that are on that topic, then you'll have

to look to see if there's any records that reflect whatever actions you all took in response to the directive.

Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:35 PM
To: 'Beth France'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Thank you!! I'm so glad we cleared that up.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

Thanks. We did receive the disc you mailed on June 3.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 11:52 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Hi,

It appears the two request came to me at different times and each was submitted for processing. Have you received the CD that was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd? The above issue 2019-152796 is closed as a duplicate request.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 11:16 AM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The two requests attached have different file names but they are the same request (dated 4/22/2019). As noted earlier in the chain, we have already paid an invoice for records for the 4/22 request.

The May 6 and June 13 notations in your email appear to correspond to your own internal processing and not to distance requests from American Oversight. The May 6 entry in your email below lacks the full request language but references the correspondence between county officials and listed entities and individuals. These are then listed in the June 13 entry. But these all appear to relate solely to the request we submitted on 4/22.

Before we sent the previous payment, we confirmed with you that the payment requested was payment in full for the response to our 4/22 request. I still do not understand why it now appears that you are asking for an additional \$64.00 in connection with the same request. Please clarify what records responsive to the 4/22 request we sent have not yet been released and why our initial payment did not cover the costs associated with these records. We made our previous payment in reliance your statement that the invoice was for the entirety of our request.

Best,
Beth

On Aug 7, 2019, at 10:53 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,

Beth, please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option.

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 10:44 AM
To: 'Beth France' <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-152796

Beth,
The email sent 7/1 is correct with the Invoice #2019-152796 for \$64.00

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>
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To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Angie,

The email you sent me on July 24 indicated that this request for payment related to the 4/22/2019 request (that was the request that was attached). Can you please confirm that the request for \$64.00 corresponds to the June 13, 2019 request? We need to make sure that our records of which payments correspond to which requests are correct.

Best,
Beth

On Jul 29, 2019, at 10:31 AM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net> wrote:

Good morning,
The attachment you sent on 7/24 was for the May 6th request. I accidentally closed that issue and reopened it with a new issue number. The CD was placed in the mail for you on June 3rd for that request. Did you receive the information? The new request for payment is for the June 13th issue.

May 6th – Public Records Request – 2019-127884 was closed and reopened as 2019-130569

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:(see complete request attached below) American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.

June 13th – Public Records Request – 2019-152796

American Oversight requests that Duval County promptly produce the following: All communication (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below: Kris Kobach (including communications from KKobach@gmail.com, Kris@kriskobach.com, or any email addresses ending in [Ks.gov](http://ks.gov)); J.(John) Christian Adams; Hans von Spakovsky; John R. Lott Jr; Ken Block; Donal Palmer; Robert Popper; Catherine Engelbrecht, Christy McCormick (including communication with cacm@aol.com), Anyone communication on behalf of the Election Law Center (electionlawcenter.com); Anyone communication on behalf of the Government Accountability Institute (g-a-i.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Simpatico Software Systems (simpaticosoftware.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of Heritage foundation (heritage.org); Anyone communication on behalf of Heritage Action for America (heritageaction.com); Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org); Anyone communicating on behalf of True The Vote (truethetvote.org) See the attachment for all details.

Thank you,

Angie Wilson

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From: Beth France <beth.france@americanoversight.org>

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2019 1:53 PM

To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>

Subject: Re: Public Records Request #2019-152796

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Could you please clarify how this request for payment relates to the one in the attached, which we approved and paid? They appear to relate to the same request, for which we received a production of records in June.

As you'll see in the May 15, 2019 email included in these attachments, I asked whether that request for payment would be for the whole request or whether there would be other requests for payment, and I was told that there would not be further requests for payment.

Beth

> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:44 PM, Beth France
> <beth.france@americanoversight.org> wrote:

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> What is ITD?

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>> On Jul 24, 2019, at 1:37 PM, Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
>> wrote:

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Brown-Wilson, Angie

From: Public Record Request
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 9:29 AM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Public Records Request #2019-176648
Attachments: 2019-176648 Cost Estimate.pdf

Good morning, Mr. Kick,
Have you had a chance to review the message below? How would you like to proceed? The document gathering process will begin once you agree to the estimate of charges and payment is received authorizing the city to proceed. A final invoice will be provided to you reflecting the actual cost when the record(s) are picked up. Payment must be made in full when the invoice exceeds \$100 before the gathering process begins. The estimated cost of production is \$ 548.50 (invoice attached). You will be notified in advance if production costs exceed the estimate.

Payment options:

- Cash, money order or business check
- Debit card or credit card; We accept debit cards for transactions up to \$500 and credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover). A convenience fee of \$2 for debit card transactions, and credit cards have a 2.5% or \$2 minimum processing fee charged by the vendor. Neither the City of Jacksonville nor the Tax Collector's Office receives any portion of this fee. You can avoid the fee when paying with cash or money order.
- Personal check. The process of gathering the records will begin five (5) business days following the date of submission of the personal check. This period will allow time for the check to be deposited and clear and for the City to ensure payment has been made.

Payments should be brought to the 630CITY Office located in the Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, suite 1180 during office hours Monday – Friday 8:00 am until 3:30 pm.

Please advise if you authorize the city to proceed with this request, agree to pay for the actual costs of the records, and your selected payment option

Thank you,

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From: Public Record Request
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2019 3:24 PM
To: 'russkick@gmail.com' <russkick@gmail.com>
Cc: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Subject: Public Records Request #2019-176648

Good afternoon Mr. Kick,
Are you able to narrow your search request down, when the system ran their first search over 8000 emails returned making this a very pricey request. Could the time frame be narrowed down or the entities search narrowed down? See the search below:

Date Range: January 1, 2016 to present

Email Account: Supervisor of Election Officials

Search Criteria: : "FBI", "Department of Justice", "Department of Homeland Security", "Federal" "Division of Elections", "Department of State", "Department of Law Enforcement", "Office of Governor"

And
"notification"

And
"Compromised" "hackers" "accessed" "elections" "voting"

Thank you,

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From: Self, Lana <LanaS@coj.net>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:24 AM EDT
To: Public Record Request <PRR@coj.net>
Subject: records request
Attachment(s): "FL-DUVAL-20-0723.pdf"

Attached is a public records request to our office. We need a search of all emails to find communication between any Supervisor of Elections official and those listed in the request.

Lana Self

Candidate and Records Director

Duval County Supervisor of Elections Office

105 E. Monroe Street

Jacksonville, FL 32202

Ph (904) 630-8010 Fax (904) 630-1894

www.duval elections.com



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UPCOMING ELECTION DATES

Presidential Preference Primary

March 17, 2020

Primary Election

August 18, 2020

General Election

November 3, 2020



March 22, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mike Hogan
Duval County Supervisor of Elections
105 East Monroe Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202
mhogan@coj.net

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Public Records Officer:

Pursuant to the Florida's public records law, as codified at Fla. Stat. Chapter 119, American Oversight makes the following request for public records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that the Duval County Supervisor of Elections promptly produce the following:

All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, calendar invitations/entries, letters, memoranda, or other communications) between any county elections official and any of the individuals or entities listed below:

- Anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of American Civil Rights Union (theacru.org)
- Anyone communicating on behalf of Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org) including, but not limited to;
 - a. Logan C. Churchwell, Communications Directors
 - b. J. Christian Adams, General Counsel
 - c. Sue Becker, Litigation Counsel
 - d. Kaylan Phillips, Litigation Counsel
 - e. Noel H. Johnson, Litigation Counsel

Please provide all responsive records from May 1, 2019, to the date the search is conducted.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

American Oversight seeks all responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. In conducting your search, please understand the term "record" in its broadest



sense, to include any written, typed, recorded, graphic, printed, or audio material of any kind. We seek records of any kind, including electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs, as well as letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations or discussions. Our request includes any attachments to these records. **No category of material should be omitted from search, collection, and production.**

In addition, American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; governmental authorities may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

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A controversial Minnesota congresswoman known for racially inflammatory anti-Semitic views has publicly declared her support for a terrorist organization in her native Somalia. Democrat Ilhan Omar is demanding that a telecommunications company founded and operated by a renowned terrorist financier, receive protection from that country’s government and peacekeeping forces. An Israeli-based newspaper broke the story a few days ago, but the American mainstream media has been notably silent on the matter.

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A national crisis generated by local law enforcement agencies offering even the most violent illegal immigrants sanctuary is driving federal officials to resort to desperate measures. Under a local-federal partnership known as 287(g), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is notified of jail inmates in the country illegally so that they can be deported after serving time for state crimes.

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Gallagher had faced war crimes charges stemming primarily from the fatal stabbing of an Islamic State captive in Iraq in 2017. A military jury acquitted him of all charges except posing with the corpse in a photo, though he was one of about a dozen other men in the picture. He was sentenced to time-served and had his rank reduced, which effectively cut his retirement pension. The Navy also began a process to review whether he should lose his status as a SEAL.

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State Department Documents Expose Biden-Ukraine Corruption

One America News Network

Newly released documents are revealing additional details of the alleged corruption scheme by Joe and Hunter Biden in Ukraine. A recent Freedom of Information request by watchdog group American Oversight has produced 100 pages of State Department documents, including testimonies from former prosecutors Viktor Shokin and Yuriy Lutsenko.

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'The Squad' Is Mired In Own Campaign Finance Scandals

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In the latest example of sanctuary madness, a U.S. city is awarding an illegal immigrant with a cash settlement because police detained him for federal authorities after being arrested for driving under the influence. The 29-year-old perpetrator, Edgar Torres Gutierrez, eventually pled guilty to a lesser charge of reckless driving and his pro bono attorneys from a nearby public university sued the city for violating his Constitutional rights as well as a statewide sanctuary law.

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The impeachment trial of President Trump rolls on, but back in the real world, signs of a different sort of trouble are growing. It now seems clear we are living in a new anti-Semitic moment. From American college campuses to the streets of New York, from the cities of Europe to the Arab countries of the Middle East, reports of anti-Semitism emerge on a daily basis.

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In the last few weeks alone the U.S. government has spent a whopping \$113.5 million to help bring high-speed broadband to several rural areas throughout the country. In some of the cases multi-million-dollar investments will provide high-speed internet service to just a few hundred households, raising serious questions about the taxpayer investment.

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Judicial Watch Files Supreme Court Amicus Brief Opposing Effort to Overturn Louisiana Abortion Protection Law

"Abortion interests are abusing the law to try to challenge laws that seek to promote and protect the health of women and their unborn children," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "The Supreme Court should put a stop to the misuse of the courts by interests that seek to overturn laws passed by the people's representatives."

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Fitton: Judicial Watch Sues State Dept. for Records Tied to Alleged Monitoring of Trump Family, Journalists by Amb. Marie Yovanovitch

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Deep Dive: Trump Senate Impeachment Trial & “The Kavanaugh Approach”

Judicial Watch

The Senate impeachment trial opens yet another “sad week for our constitutional republic,” Fitton states. With “no evidence of misconduct having yet been presented,” the impeachment campaign, he continues, has become a “political circus-like” attack on the President of the United States. What’s more, the Pelosi-Schiff coup wants you to “forget the reality that Ukraine is corrupt,” and that Kiev colluded with the Obama Administration in “protecting Joe Biden,” Fitton concludes.

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Farrell: It's The Candidate, Not The Electoral College

The Daily Caller

As the 2020 election approaches, the Electoral College is coming under increasing fire. Critics of the college were outraged in 2016 when Donald Trump broke Hillary Clinton’s “blue wall” and narrowly won Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, giving him an electoral victory, while Clinton’s overperformance in California and New York gave her a popular plurality and a three million vote edge.

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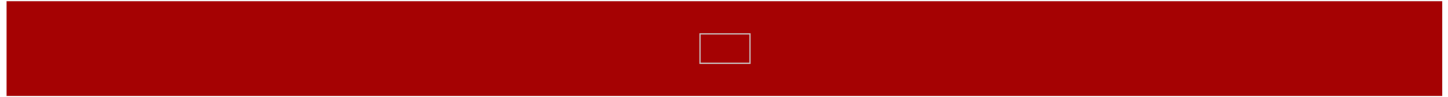
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Impeachment-Coup Update

The President, the rule of law, and our Constitution continue to be abused as the Senate impeachment trial of President Trump continues.

We've done many media interviews on the current crisis, notably with [Lou Dobbs](#) and [Dan Bongino](#). (My interview with Dan was retweeted by President Trump!) The president is going to be acquitted but with significant damage to our republic, the very notion of self-government, our Constitution, and the rule of law generally. As I've previously noted:

There has been nothing in American history that compares to the coup attack against President Trump. It has been nothing but a wild abuse of the Constitution. Frankly, the word *impeachment* should be replaced with the word *coup*, because the president was illicitly targeted for removal from office for doing his job in asking questions about Ukraine corruption and its ties to Joe Biden, his son Hunter Biden and Burisma. To be clear, the president was also attacked for objecting to the House Democrats' abuse of his office.

The U.S. Senate should reject these acts of tyranny by the House of Representatives. In the meantime, you can be sure that we will investigate the Biden-Ukraine scandal, as well as the Deep State scandals and the illegal spying on the President of the United States. Our republic is at stake.

I encourage you to call your senators to let them know what you think about this latest assault on our American system. You can reach them at 202-225-3121.

In the meantime, you can be sure that Judicial Watch will continue to do the heavy lifting in court to expose the historic scandal that is the criminal conspiracy and abuse targeting President Trump.

Judicial Watch Files New Supreme Court Brief in Key Abortion Case

Abortion advocates around the country are abusing the law as they challenge efforts to protect the health of women and their unborn children. We've gotten involved in one Supreme Court case in Louisiana, which passed a law requiring doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital.

We have filed an *amicus curiae* [brief](#) with the U.S. Supreme Court in the case [Dr. Rebecca Gee v. June Medical Services, et al.](#) (No. 18-1460), in which we oppose abortion providers' efforts to overturn Louisiana's [Unsafe Abortion Protection Act](#). The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the case on March 4, 2020.

In our brief, we argue that abortion providers petitioning the court to overturn the law lack a legally protectable interest in the outcome, otherwise known as "standing."

We point out that plaintiffs generally may file a lawsuit only to protect their own rights, not the rights of others. In this litigation, the lower courts allowed third-party abortion interests to challenge the law on the theory they represent the interests of women. As our brief points out, expanding health and safety requirements for abortionists can be argued to be in the best interests of women:

Plaintiffs' actual interests were made clear: unfettered access to perform abortions free of any regulation, ostensibly for financial gain. No individual women appeared as plaintiffs to the case. No women testified that they preferred not to have their abortion providers have admitting privileges or that they preferred abortion providers ignore the FDA-approved use of abortion medications. It defies logic to think women would not have an interest in these things, hence the conflict of interests between the litigant abortion providers and the third-party women right holders.

We urge the Supreme Court to rein in this abuse of the courts for political ends:

Petitioners' claim of assumed third-party standing would effectively gut both the purpose and application of third-party standing. They would essentially be free to challenge any law that even indirectly touches on abortion simply because they fall into a category of favored litigants. This defeats the purpose of the political process, thwarts the will of the people, and contravenes the role of the Legislature. In every case where litigants like Petitioners have used assumed third-party standing, legislative hearings and debate, public hearings and debate, and political and election exercises have been for naught – completely neutralized by Petitioners' desire to leapfrog the political process and usurp the courts.

It's clear that the Supreme Court should put a stop to this misuse of the courts by interests that seek to overturn laws passed by the people's representatives.

Honduras Arrests U.S.-Bound Iranians as New Caravan Heads North

We now have another unnerving story about the border crisis, Iran, and national security. Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog [reports](#):

As [hundreds join a new U.S.-bound caravan](#) in Honduras, authorities in the crime-infested Central American nation reveal that four Iranians were recently arrested there. Like thousands of illegal immigrants from around the world, the Iranians entered Honduras illegally and were heading north to the United States, according to a Honduran [newspaper article](#) that attributes the information to the president, Juan Orlando Hernández. The Iranians were transported to the capital, Tegucigalpa, and officials have launched an investigation.

Earlier this week Judicial Watch [reported](#) on a U.S. alert warning Mexico of armed Iranians planning to enter the country through the southern border, but it's not clear if the cases are related and calls to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) went unanswered. The bulletin, issued by the Border Patrol's regional intelligence operation center in Arizona, said that a Guatemalan national may try to smuggle five Middle Easterners—including a suicide bomber—into the U.S. through Mexico. The smuggler and four other men and a woman transited through Guatemala and Belize before reaching Veracruz, Mexico, according to the bulletin. The Guatemalan, whose name is redacted in the government document, was deported from California a year ago. U.S. authorities received the threat after picking up recordings distributed via social media, according to a Spanish-language [news story](#) published by a Latin American outlet.

The U.S. alert didn't faze a busy Mexican border city's police chief, who confirms the region is full of Middle Easterners, Africans and Asians trekking north. In a Latin American [news report](#) published shortly after the U.S. issued the bulletin, Mexicali Police Chief María Elena Andrade Ramírez matter-of-factly said the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia as well as the rest of the Americas is "normal" in her California border city of about [a million residents](#). In a separate article published in a Mexicali paper, authorities downplayed the situation by assuring citizens that the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and the rest of the Americas is "[something normal](#)."

They don't magically land in Mexico. Central America has long been a popular route for illegal immigrants from terrorist nations who want to reach the U.S. There's no doubt many will infiltrate the new caravan heading to the Mexican border from the northern Honduran city of San Pedro Sula. President Hernández says some [70,000](#) immigrants from these countries cross through Honduras annually, even without an organized caravan.

When the first Central American caravan launched from Honduras in the fall of 2018, then Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales confirmed that nearly [100 ISIS terrorists](#) had been apprehended in Guatemala. Like its Honduran neighbor, Guatemala too is a major smuggling corridor for foreigners from African and Asian countries making their way into the U.S. In 2017, Guatemala's largest paper, Prensa Libre, published an in-depth [piece](#) on the inner workings of an international human smuggling network that moves migrants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh to the U.S.

Over the summer [four ISIS terrorists](#) planning to enter the U.S. through Mexico were captured by the Nicaraguan military in a remote area where the men entered the country illegally from Costa Rica. Nicaraguan authorities identified the men as two Egyptian nationals—33-year old Mohamed Ibrahim and 26-year-old Mahmoud Samy Eissa—and two Iraqis, 41-year-old Ahmed Ghanim Mohamed Al Jubury and 29-year-old Mustafa Ali Mohamed Yooob. The men arrived in Panama on May 12 and in Costa Rica on June 9, according to an [article](#) published in Nicaragua's largest newspaper.

Put all of this in the context of Democrats braying when President Trump took out Qassem Soleimani, leader of Iran's elite Quds military force and considered the world's No. 1 terrorist.

Trans State Workers Sue Florida Demanding Support for Controversial Surgeries

Around the country, and now in Florida, "transgender" activists are demanding all of us to pay for their sex-change surgeries. *Corruption Chronicles* has the [details](#):

In what appears to be a growing national trend, another public enterprise is being sued for failing to pay for transgenders' costly sex-change surgery. The plaintiffs in this latest case are two veteran state workers—both men—in Florida who allege sex discrimination because the state's insurance policy doesn't cover surgical procedures to help make them women. One of them, Jami Claire, is a senior biological scientist at the University of Florida (UF), the state's premier university, which is also named as a defendant in the lawsuit. The other, Kathryn Lane, is an attorney in the Tallahassee public defender's office. Both men take hormones and undergo electrolysis to make them more feminine.

Now they want taxpayers in the Sunshine State to fund expensive surgeries to alter their genitals and face. Claire, who is 62 years old, and Lane, 39, claim to have gender dysphoria that requires gender-affirming care explicitly excluded by the state's health insurance program, which covers more than 350,000 employees and dependents. "Gender dysphoria is a serious, but treatable, medical condition," according to the federal [complaint](#) filed this week in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. "Left untreated it can lead to debilitating distress, depression, anxiety, impairment of function, substance abuse, self-surgery to alter one's genitals, or secondary sex characteristics, self-injurious behavior and even suicide." That makes "gender-affirming care" medically necessary, the lawsuit says, adding that singling out transgender employees for unequal treatment constitutes "unlawful sex discrimination in violation of Title VII of the Equal Protection Clause."

Claire, the UF scientist, is a Navy veteran who has been living as a female for more than two decades and has a "well-established social and professional identity as a woman," the complaint says. In 1997 he was diagnosed with gender dysphoria and began taking hormones and undergoing electrolysis for hair removal. His wife and children disowned him and the "financial toll of the divorce" made gender-affirming treatments unaffordable so he stopped them until a few years ago. In 2016 Claire resumed gender affirmation treatments to "live authentically as a woman," a medical necessity, the lawsuit says, because Claire experienced constant stress, anxiety, pain and anguish as a man. In 2018 Claire paid for a breast augmentation to feminize his body. Now he wants the state to pay for the surgical removal of his testicles, but his public insurance plan denied the procedure.

Lane, the attorney, also has a "well-established social and professional identity as a woman," according to the complaint. He began experiencing gender dysphoria since the age of five but suppressed his "female identity" for many years, causing "severe depression and anxiety." In 2012, Lane finally embraced his female identity and began hormone and facial/body hair removal treatments. Lane also began growing out the hair on his head to "be identified more easily as a female." In 2015 he paid for breast augmentation surgery. The lawyer wants the state insurance plan to pay for an expensive cosmetic procedure known as "facial feminization surgery" essential to treating gender dysphoria. "Facial features play an important part in being recognized as a particular gender," the lawsuit says. "The public's ability to recognize an individual as transgender based on their facial features places that individual at risk of violence, harassment, and discrimination."

Governments are increasingly being forced to pay for the pricey cosmetic treatments of transgender people who claim to be stuck in the wrong body. Thousands of dollars are annually spent to give transgender jail inmates nationwide hormone treatments, laser hair removal and makeup. In Massachusetts, a convicted murderer actually [sued](#) the Department of Corrections to pay for sex-change surgery. Last year a federal judge forced Wisconsin taxpayers to provide sex reassignment surgery and hormonal procedures for low-income transgender residents who get free medical care from the government. In his [ruling](#), the federal judge wrote that Medicaid, the publicly funded insurance that covers 65.7 million poor people, cannot deny the medical treatment needs of those suffering from "gender dysphoria." Officials estimate it will cost up to \$1.2 million annually to provide transgender Medicaid recipients in the Badger State with treatments such as "gender confirmation" surgery, including elective mastectomies, hysterectomies, genital reconstruction and breast augmentation.

Could any of us imagined this just a few years ago?

The New Anti-Semitic Moment

Anti-Semitism is on the rise around the world and here in the United States, particularly in New York and in certain radical left circles, too often with a wink and a nod from public officials. Micah Morrison, our chief investigative reporter, provides the [details](#):

The impeachment trial of President Trump rolls on, but back in the real world, signs of a different sort of trouble are growing. It now seems clear we are living in a new anti-Semitic moment. From American college campuses to the streets of New York, from the cities of Europe to the Arab countries of the Middle East, reports of anti-Semitism emerge on a [daily basis](#).

At Judicial Watch, we have been closely tracking developments. Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton announced in May our [legal action](#) to shine a light on Arab government support for anti-Semitic activities at American universities. In September, we [warned](#) that rising anti-Semitic incidents in New York City signaled increasing social disorder.

The data have been moving in the wrong direction for several years. In November, the Anti-Defamation League released a sweeping global [survey](#) showing that nearly twenty-five percent of Europeans "harbor pernicious and pervasive attitudes toward Jews," with rising numbers in Eastern and Central Europe. The numbers are also up in Russia, South Africa, Brazil and Argentina. The attitudes are bonkers but familiar: the Jews control international finance, the U.S. government, the media; they are too loyal to Israel; they talk too much about the Holocaust.

In the U.S., anti-Semitic incidents were up 29% from 2015 to 2018, the *Wall Street Journal* [reports](#). Numbers from the NYPD show that New York City, which has the largest Jewish population in the country, saw anti-Semitic hate crimes in 2019 [jump 26%](#) from the previous year.

In December, two assaults on Jews rocked the New York area. On December 10, a crazed duo gripped by anti-Semitic conspiracy theories assassinated a police detective and invaded a kosher market in Jersey City, killing three. Two weeks later, during Hanukah, a lunatic with a machete stormed into a gathering in Monsey, New York, injuring five. The lurid attacks seized headlines, but it's the quotidian that is really unsettling, the daily reports filtering in largely

under the radar: anti-Semitic slurs shouted on the Upper West Side, a man punched in the head; drunks outside a bar in Crown Heights taunt Orthodox Jews, assaults later reported; a subway stalker in a viral moment berating riders about Jewish power; swastikas found scrawled in a schoolyard, on a parked car, at a beachfront cabin; a Jewish child harassed at school for wearing a yarmulke; an Orthodox woman walking with her three-year-old son attacked from behind: "you f—ing Jew," the assailant says, "your end is coming."

Politicians in New York and Washington responded by doing the conventional things politicians do. Congress put another \$30 million into a [grants program](#) to harden security at religious sites. Jewish leaders [called on social media](#) to crack down on anti-Semitic hate speech. The Trump Administration, acting on a toxic mix of anti-Israel actions and anti-Semitism on American campuses, [issued an executive order](#) expanding interpretation of the Civil Rights Act to cover Jews in academic settings.

New York's solutions: money, cops, education. Governor Andrew Cuomo announced \$45 million in new funding to protect religious institutions. New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio boosted the police presence in neighborhoods with large Jewish populations and announced the creation of new safety coalitions. The head of his Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes said she would focus on education programs in schools.

The New York response quickly became mired in disputes. Critics noted that Cuomo's "new" \$45 million for security funding in fact already was in last year's budget. De Blasio's hate crimes office seems oddly adrift, [understaffed and underfunded](#). And the mayor himself took to the radio waves to blame anti-Semitic acts on [right-wing forces](#)."

De Blasio's remarks came in the wake of the kosher market killings and underscored why so many New Yorkers find him such a tiresome wretch—the market murders had zero connection to right-wing ideology. Ditto the Hanukkah attack. But the two incidents seemed to crystalize the anti-Semitic moment we find ourselves in: a time of anti-Jewish trends at home and abroad [converging from various points](#) on the ideological spectrum, sped up in an age of global social media, often ending in bloodshed. There's no telling how long the moment will last or what will happen next, but history is not reassuring.

Until next week ...

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Seven Reasons the Uranium One Scandal Won't Go Away

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**Clinton's Multi
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Bill Clinton advocated for an oppressive communist leader known for human rights violations, corruption and election fraud to help a Vancouver businessman get uranium and, in return, the millionaire cut a hefty check to the former president's foundation. Clinton proudly used his clout to seal the sort of deal that would otherwise be impossible between an unknown uranium mining entrepreneur and the communist dictator of a former Soviet Republic (Kazakhstan), who happens to own one-fifth of the world's uranium reserves.

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Judicial Watch filed a FOIA lawsuit against the Departments of Justice and State for all records of communications relating to Uranium One. Judicial Watch previously revealed that Bill Clinton had helped Vancouver mining mogul Frank Giustra secure tens of millions of dollars' worth of uranium. Giustra built a company that became part of Uranium One. The Clinton Foundation later received a \$31.3 million donation, as well as a future pledge of \$100 million.

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Sheriff Who Frees Illegal Alien Convicted of Child Sex Crimes Says Enforcing Immigration Law Not Part of His Duties

Hiding behind that popular open borders rhetoric, the sheriff recently discharged a child sex offender to keep with his county's sanctuary policy of protecting illegal aliens, even those with atrocious criminal records. The illegal immigrant from El Salvador, Marvin Ramirez Torres, has been on ICE's radar since 2017 when he got arrested and charged with four felony counts of statutory sex offense with a child. At the time Torres was 23 and his victim was an 11-year-old girl, according to a local newspaper report that also states Torres must register a sex offender for 30 years.

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U.S. Lab Known for Security Failures Loses Enough Opioids to Kill 1,750 People

Judicial Watch

A government-owned nuclear laboratory long plagued by scandals and security breaches is in trouble again for recklessly managing controlled substances, including enough opioids to kill more than 1,700 people. Other illicit narcotics mishandled by the taxpayer-funded compound's staff include morphine, methamphetamine, codeine and cocaine.

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The Epoch Times

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Soros-Tied Group Run by Top Dem Operatives Promotes Global Leftist Agenda

Another influential group aiming to spread leftist billionaire George Soros' radical global agenda has popped up in the United States. It's called the Transatlantic Democracy Working Group (TDWG) and it is an offshoot of the Soros-funded German Marshall Fund, a liberal foreign policy think tank based in Washington D.C. The TDWG is operated by dozens of former senior government bureaucrats, national security experts and human rights advocates, including former Obama administration officials and staff members of Democratic politicians. The group's director, Susan Corke, was previously Deputy Director of the Europe Section in the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Corke is a registered Democrat and all her federally reported campaign contributions have gone to the Democratic fundraising clearinghouse Act Blue, which has raised billions.

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WashPost Tries to Stop Fake News, Becomes Part of the Problem

RealClearPolitics

On Monday evening, just as the Iowa caucuses were heating up, the Washington Post published a story with this unambiguous headline: "Conservatives spread false claims on Twitter about electoral fraud as Iowans prepare to caucus." The story was damning in tone and unequivocal in its assertions. "The claims of electoral fraud were false, proved untrue by public data and the state's top election official," it began. "That didn't stop them from going viral, as right-wing activists took to Twitter over the weekend to spread specious allegations of malfeasance on the eve of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses."

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Judicial Watch: Rod Rosenstein's Communications with Eric Holder, John Huber, Other Senior Obama Officials and the Media

Judicial Watch

In an email exchange on May 12, 2017, with the subject line "Off the record" Horwitz complains to Rosenstein about then-DOJ spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores yelling at her and the Washington Post's national security editor and calling a story of theirs "bullshit." Rosenstein replies, "I will talk to Sarah." Horwitz adds that she is "around all night if [Rosenstein wants] to talk off the record."

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Virginia May Become 14th State to Give Illegal Immigrants Driver's Licenses

Judicial Watch

A bill quickly advancing in the Virginia Legislature indicates the state may soon become the nation's 14th to offer illegal immigrants driver's licenses. Introduced last month at the request of an open borders coalition, the measure has survived various state senate committees and was approved by a finance and appropriations panel this month.

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Has the Impeachment Circus Reached Its Final Act?

Will the nation learn anything from the spectacle of the Pelosi-Schiff coup cabal abusing the Constitution with their impeachment circus? As with the Judge Kavanaugh lynching, the impeachment of President Trump was always a house of cards built on abuse of power, distortions and dastardly lies.

The fact that the president has had to expend so many resources is terrible for the country. Schiff should never have been allowed to get a Senate trial. And every minute of every day wasted on this is a distraction from dealing with the issues we ought to be dealing with – like putting people who illegally spied on the President in jail or the Coronavirus emergency.

I discussed this with Lou Dobbs, and you can watch the interview [here](#). Meantime, we are in court with dozens of lawsuits to uncover the terrible corruption behind the illegal spying and abuse targeting President Trump and our constitutional republic.

(Thanks to our friends at the [Daily Caller](#), Judicial Watch is providing a feed of the trial so you can watch the proceedings directly. The live feed is available [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)

Judicial Watch Sues on the Biden-Burisma Scandal and the So-Called 'Whistleblower'

We just filed two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits against the Department of State relating to Burisma Holdings. The first seeks records of communications from the U.S. embassy in Kyiv related to Burisma. The second seeks records related to a January 19, 2016, meeting at the White House that included Ukrainian prosecutors, embassy officials and CIA employee Eric Ciaramella ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:20-cv-000229)) and ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:20-cv-000239)).

Ciaramella reportedly worked on Ukraine issues while on detail to both the Obama and Trump White Houses. He is [widely reported](#) as the person who filed the whistleblower complaint that triggered the impeachment proceedings. His name reportedly was "raised privately in impeachment depositions, according to officials with direct knowledge of the proceedings, as well as in at least one open hearing held by a House committee not involved in the impeachment inquiry."

Last month we [sued](#) for Ciaramella's CIA emails and for information on his links to the FBI/DOJ Russiagate investigation. We also [sued for records](#) about the firing of Ukraine's top prosecutor after then-Vice President Joe Biden threatened to withhold aid.

The Senate, through Chief Justice Roberts, has effectively banned mention of Ciaramella's name during the Trump impeachment trial, but the politics of cover-up won't stop Judicial Watch.

We filed the new suits after the State Department failed to respond to FOIA requests for:

- All cables/teletypes or e-mails sent or addressed to any official, employee, or representative of the Department of State stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Kyiv containing the term "Burisma."
- All records regarding the January 19, 2016, meeting at the White House that included State Department Ukrainian Resident Legal Advisor Jeff Cole and U.S. Embassy Kyiv employee Svitlana Pardus.
- All records of communication between State Department Resident Legal Advisor Jeff Cole and National Security Council staffer Eric Ciaramella.
- All records of communication between U.S. Embassy Kyiv employee Svitlana Pardus and National Security Council staffer Eric Ciaramella.
- All emails sent by or addressed to State Department Resident Legal Advisor Jeff Cole and/or U.S. Embassy Kyiv employee Svitlana Pardus between January 10, 2016 and January 30, 2016.

In April 2014, Hunter Biden [joined the board](#) of the Ukrainian gas company Burisma Holdings. He served on the board until early 2019. Burisma, which was under investigation by the Ukrainian government [stated at the time of his hiring](#) that Biden would, be "in charge of the Holdings' legal unit and will provide support for the Company among international organizations." Biden had no previous energy experience.

In November 2019, through analysis of Obama-era White House visitor logs, we [broke the story](#) of Ciaramella's White House meetings. Ciaramella was detailed to the Obama White House in 2015 and returned to the CIA during the Trump administration in 2017. The list of persons Ciaramella met with includes, but is not limited to, Daria Kaleniuk, co-founder and executive director of the Soros-funded Anticorruption Action Center (AntAC) in Ukraine; Gina Lentine, formerly the Eurasia program coordinator at Soros funded Open Society Foundations; and former Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, who had extensive involvement with Clinton-funded [dossier](#). The logs also reveal that that [Alexandra Chalupa](#), a contractor hired by the DNC during the 2016 election who coordinated with Ukrainians to investigate President Trump and his former campaign manager Paul Manafort, visited the White House 27 times.

On January 22, 2020, Fox News' Laura Ingraham [reported](#) that New York Times journalist Ken Vogel was investigating the January 19, 2016, meeting at the White House. Vogel had contacted the State Department via email for comment, specifically mentioning concerns about Hunter Biden's position with Burisma:

"We are going to report that [State Department official] Elizabeth Zentos attended a meeting at the White House on 1/19/2016 with Ukrainian prosecutors and embassy officials as well as ... [redacted] from the NSC ... The subjects discussed included efforts within the United State government to support prosecutions, in Ukraine and the United Kingdom, of Burisma Holdings ... and concerns that Hunter Biden's position with the company could complicate such efforts."

Our new lawsuits could confirm that President Trump had every right to be concerned about Ukraine and Biden corruption – and that the impeachment against him was a shameful attempt to cover up these scandals.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys 'Blown Away' by Clinton's 'Fabulous Party'

We have consistently reported the chummy relationship between President Obama's Justice Department and Hillary Clinton.

Now we have more evidence in [seven pages](#) of heavily redacted emails from the Department of Justice relating to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Alana Robinson and Emily W. Allen, who attended an August 2015 fundraiser in California for then-presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

The two San Diego-based prosecutors played a leading role in prosecuting former Congressman Duncan D. Hunter (R-CA) and Hunter's wife on 60 separate criminal charges relating to the misuse of campaign funds. Hunter pled guilty to one count of criminal conspiracy on December 3, 2019, and resigned from Congress on January 7, 2020. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 17, 2020.

In June 2019, Hunter filed [a motion](#) seeking to dismiss the charges against him or, in the alternative, recuse the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego on the grounds that Robinson and Allen had a political conflict of interest due to their

attendance at the Clinton fundraiser.

In [response](#), the prosecutors represented to the San Diego federal court where the criminal case is pending that Robinson and Allen were asked to attend the Clinton fundraiser "in the event of a protective security related incident where immediate prosecutorial guidance would be necessary." The statement did not elaborate on what kind of incident might require prosecutorial guidance. An earlier letter from Executive Office for United States Attorneys General Counsel Jay Macklin represented that the prosecutors were at the event "in their official capacity assisting law enforcement."

The new records, obtained in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-03578)), raise serious questions about these responses and whether prosecutors misled the court.

In [an email](#) obtained through the lawsuit, sent on the date of the Clinton fundraiser, August 7, 2016, with the subject line "Photo," a U.S. Attorney's office official, whose name is redacted, sends a note to another U.S. Attorney's office official, whose name is also redacted saying, "Thank you so much for the invitation to this morning's event! I was blown away by your incredible hospitality and can't thank you enough for allowing us to crash that fabulous party. It was a really memorable morning."

In another [email](#) on the same date and with the same subject line, one U.S. Attorney's office official, whose name is redacted, sends a note to another official, whose name is also redacted saying, "[Y]ou totally downplayed that amazing invitation! I had no idea it would be so spectacular. I didn't even realize we'd be invited in! I am so grateful for the invitation, thank you."

Robinson and Allen, both registered Democrats, took photos with Clinton at the fundraiser, held at the home of Qualcomm co-founder Irwin Jacobs and his wife, Joan. Within months of the fundraiser, Hunter became the first sitting member of Congress to publicly endorse Clinton's opponent in the 2016 presidential campaign, Donald Trump. Robinson became acting U.S. Attorney in January 2017, and her office commenced its investigation of Hunter and his wife the following month.

The Hatch Act generally prohibits federal employees from participating in political activities while on duty, and Department of Justice regulations impose further restrictions on prosecutors. Rules of professional conduct prohibit attorneys from knowingly making false statements of material fact to a tribunal or failing to correct such statements. They also require truthfulness in statements to others.

These emails are yet more evidence of potential political bias at the Justice Department. Thorough investigations by the Office of Special Counsel, DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility, and other competent authorities are necessary to get to the bottom of this and the great many other recurring instances of seeming political bias at Justice.

U.S. Funding of Islamist 'Charity' Groups Triples Under Trump

Why would the Trump administration be giving more taxpayer dollars to radical Islamist organizations than the Obama administration? Our *Corruption Chronicles* blog has the alarming [details](#):

The amount of American taxpayer dollars that go to Islamist organizations has drastically increased under the Trump administration, which has doled out millions to radical nonprofits, including a recent allocation to a terrorist front group named as an unindicted co-conspirator in a terrorism financing trial.

Between 2017 and 2018 the U.S. government more than tripled its funding to organizations either influenced or controlled by Islamist activists from [\\$4 million to \\$13.5 million](#), according to an analysis conducted by a think tank dedicated to protecting Western values from Middle Eastern threats.

The Philadelphia-based nonprofit, Middle East Forum (MEF), reviewed millions of dollars in government grant data and found that the Trump administration is dedicating a lot more to radical Muslim groups than the Obama administration, which gave Islamist-linked organizations an average of \$1.7 million annually. A big chunk of the money, around \$8.7 million, has gone to the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA), a surrogate of the south

Asian paramilitary group Jamaat-e-Islami, which was recently banned by the Indian government under anti-terrorism laws. An ICNA subsidiary known as Helping Hand for Relief and Development has openly partnered with the Pakistani terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba, which was involved in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack that killed 164 people. The \$8.7 million was delivered in 2018 for "disaster assistance projects," according to the government data obtained by MEF.

Other radical groups whose coffers have been filled by the Trump administration include Islamic Relief (\$800,000), which is closely tied to the Muslim Brotherhood and has been designated as a terror-financing organization by Israel and the United Arab Emirates; the Islamic Institute of Knowledge, which is linked to the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and the Iranian regime, has received \$780,000 from the U.S; the Muslim American Society, identified by MEF as the Muslim Brotherhood's leading activist organization in the U.S., got \$160,000 from Uncle Sam. The group's Philadelphia branch recently [broadcast](#) a disturbing video of kids at its center singing about chopping off the heads of Jews. Dar al-Hijrah, an extremist mosque in Virginia that the U.S. government says operates as a front for Hamas, received \$100,000. Al Qaeda leader [Anwar al-Aulaqi](#) was the imam at the Falls Church mosque and two of the 9/11 hijackers attended his sermons as well as Nidal Hassan, the Ft. Hood terrorist sentenced to death for murdering 13 and wounding dozens of others at a Texas Army base.

Just a few months ago, another \$100,000 went to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) via a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant program. CAIR is a terrorist front group that was named as a [co-conspirator](#) in a federal terror-finance case involving the Hamas front group Holy Land Foundation. For more details read a Judicial Watch [special report](#) on Muslim charities. CAIR was founded in 1994 by three Middle Eastern extremists (Omar Ahmad, Nihad Awad and Rafeeq Jaber) who ran the American propaganda wing of Hamas, known then as the Islamic Association for Palestine. The Obama administration allowed CAIR to transform the way U.S. law enforcement agencies conduct anti-terrorism training by permitting the group to bully agencies at the local, state and federal level to alter materials determined to be discriminatory against Muslims. This includes getting the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to purge anti-terrorism training curricula of material coined "offensive" to Muslims. Judicial Watch uncovered that scandal, obtained the [FBI records](#) and published an in-depth [report](#). CAIR also got several local police departments and the U.S. military to [eliminate](#) anti-terrorism training materials and instructors deemed anti-Muslim.

The Trump administration seems to have maintained a cozy relationship with CAIR, recently joining forces with the group by [suing](#) a Michigan suburb for rejecting a Muslim organization's zoning request to construct a mosque within city limits.

New York City Mayor De Blasio's Suspect Crime Statistics

The Left has undertaken a massive, national effort to weaken our criminal justice system. This has resulted in rising crime and reduced public safety. Our chief investigative reporter, Micah Morrison, has the [latest](#) for Judicial Watch's *Investigative Bulletin*:

Mayor Bill de Blasio tells anyone who will listen that New York is ["the safest big city in America."](#) And for a long time, that appeared to be true. But signs of [rising urban disorder](#) lately have been sending a different message. And increasingly, the mayor's own safe-city crime statistics seem suspect.

De Blasio stakes his safe-city claim on [CompStat](#), the NYPD's vaunted policing technology. CompStat is the computer age meets crime fighting: a high-tech, data-driven approach to gathering statistics and deploying resources to drive down crime. The CompStat approach has been adopted by cities around the country and abroad—so trouble with the system could have national and even international implications.

In New York, [doubts about CompStat](#) have been rising. For years, journalists have heard rumors of trouble: that the mayor's office wields too much control over shaping the data; that precinct commanders under-report incidents to keep their numbers down; that patrol cops are encouraged not to report certain crimes; that the stats are rigged.

The spin around the most recent CompStat numbers is a case in point. "New York City recorded an increase in

murders, shootings, robberies and assaults in 2019," the Wall Street Journal [reported](#).

[Domestic violence](#) is up, with last year's 8% increase in murders due in part to intimate-partner homicides. Hate crimes, including anti-Semitism, are up. CompStat has [not even counted them](#) until this year. [Subway crime](#) is up. But City Hall says that because of a big decrease in burglaries, and declines in rapes and larceny, "serious crime" in New York City is down, dropping one percent last year.

Got that? Murders, shootings, robberies, assaults, domestic violence, subway crimes and hate crimes are up, but serious crime is down.

Mark Twain famously noted there are "lies, damned lies, and statistics." It's time for an independent review to sort out which it is at CompStat.

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- **We continue to break new ground investigating and litigating Deep State efforts to destroy the Trump presidency.** Our tenacious litigation (now numbering over 50 lawsuits) recently led to federal court orders for the release of incriminating email exchanges between senior Obama State Department officials and associates of Christopher Steele (the author of the phony "Trump/Steele" Dossier)...**more proof of Deep State and Obama administration efforts to sabotage Donald Trump ...and as so often in the past, we're getting documents that even Congress can't get!**
- **We continue to lead the fight to overturn illegal sanctuary laws in court.** Our historic and potentially precedent-setting lawsuit against San Francisco's deadly and illegal sanctuary policy is scheduled to go to trial in February 2020!
- **We continue to lead the fight for protecting the integrity of our elections.** We opened 2019 with a highly successful and historic settlement with the State of California and Los Angeles County. LA County has now already begun the process of removing up to 1.6 million inactive names from its voting rolls! We were also recently informed that Kentucky has begun its voter roll cleaning process as a result of another federal court consent judgment with Judicial Watch (and the Trump Justice Department)!

Clearly, we don't just complain about politicized corruption at the FBI, or sanctuary cities, or dirty voter rolls that could lead to massive voter fraud. **Our investigators and attorneys use open records laws and the courts to expose the truth about what our government is up to – and fight for the rule of law.** This kind of hard, thorough and persistent work is what Judicial Watch has been doing since 1994.

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And while we push tirelessly to force the Trump administration to live up to its promises to "drain the swamp" in Washington, **we also continue to demand accountability from public officials for the many crimes of the Obama administration.**

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We must also continue to pressure the Trump Justice Department and FBI to finally comply with our lawful open records requests for critical information and the American people's "right to know."

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WEEKLY UPDATE

New Clinton Emails Include Benghazi and Classified Information

The FBI found more Hillary Clinton emails. This is, of course, after the State Department assured us long ago it had produced all releasable Clinton emails, including emails recovered by the FBI that Clinton tried to destroy or withhold.

We released [80 pages](#) of emails that further document how former Secretary of State Clinton used her unsecure, non-government email system to transmit classified and other sensitive government information.

There are 11 new Clinton emails. The emails include one sent by Clinton a month after the Benghazi terrorist attack referencing a "Benghazi security" issue. The emails also include talking points, which are redacted, for a meeting with President Obama.

This is the [second release](#) from the batch of Clinton emails the FBI inexplicably found late last year

The State Department previously claimed it had produced all releasable Clinton emails, including emails recovered by the FBI that Clinton tried to destroy or withhold. The State Department initially claimed all responsive emails had been produced in 2018, but then found more emails, which were produced for the first time early this year.

The emails were produced to us in a FOIA [lawsuit](#) we filed seeking all of Clinton's government emails sent or received on her non-government system ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:15-cv-00687)).

The new [emails](#) include an October 13, 2012, message from Clinton telling private attorney [Robert Barnett](#) about a conversation with Jake Sullivan, Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff, about Benghazi: "Jake and I were discussing the Benghazi security issue since he tried to tell [Redacted] would be asked about it but they didn't think so. Might be good for you to call Jake too." Clinton also mentions then-candidate Mitt Romney's ["47% remark,"](#) referring to his dismissal of Obama voters as irresponsible.

On August 29, 2011, Sullivan sends a ["cheat sheet"](#) with "key issues" to Clinton, Abedin and Clinton's confidential assistant Monica Hanley including "Talking Points for POTUS" for a briefing that day. The talking points are completely redacted.

The new email cache includes [an email](#) dated August 31, 2011, that former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs [Jeffrey Feltman](#) sends to former Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin, [William Burns](#) and others, which is heavily redacted as classified. Burns forwards the email to Sullivan. Sullivan forwards it to Clinton's private email, and she responds: "I called him [redacted.] Didn't you get memcon?"

On [December 22, 2009](#), former Ambassador [Joseph Wilson](#) emails Clinton "directly ... rather than Sid

[likely [Sidney Blumenthal](#)]” about Afghanistan, disparaging “cost plus contractors” and promoting his company, Symbion Power. Wilson includes a memo from his boss, an Inspector General audit of USAID in Afghanistan’s power sector activities and a memo of USAID management’s comments regarding the audit. Clinton forwards the email to Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources [Jacob Lew](#), Mills and Sullivan with the following instructions:

Please check out what Joe is saying here. He is now working for a company that has a good track record building in Iraq and wants to do so in Afghanistan. Let me know. Thx.

On August 30, 2011, [Melanne Verveer](#) emails Clinton [an article](#) titled “Family planning as a pro-life cause,” and tells Clinton “I know you are going off to France for the Libya meeting.” Clinton forwards the message to Sullivan.

On August 28, 2011, Clinton aide Lona Valmore sends Clinton, Abedin and Sullivan a copy of Clinton’s [sensitive daily schedule](#), which is fully redacted.

On November 1, 2012, Valmore sends Clinton, Abedin and Hanley a copy of Clinton’s sensitive schedule that includes [a briefing](#) with President Obama and afterward a meeting with then-Special Envoy for Middle East Peace [David Hale](#), Burns and Sullivan.

In a September 1, 2011, [email](#) marked sensitive Abedin notifies Clinton that United Arab Emirates’ money for the Transitional National Council of Libya is blocked in the U.S. financial system. The assumption was that the money was actually frozen Libyan assets. The UAE claimed it was not Libyan money.

The State Department did not provide information about where the emails were found; why they were not previously produced; or if additional records are anticipated. In November 2019, the State Department [first disclosed](#) to the court that the FBI had found this latest batch of emails. In a December 2019 court hearing, a Justice Department attorney [could not tell a federal court judge](#) how and where the FBI discovered the new cache of Clinton emails. In [authorizing additional discovery](#), including the deposition testimony of Hillary Clinton, in this separate Judicial Watch lawsuit, U.S. District Court Judge Lamberth specifically referenced the FBI’s recent discovery of Clinton emails:

With each passing round of discovery, the Court is left with more questions than answers. What’s more, during the December 19, 2019, status conference, Judicial Watch disclosed that the FBI recently produced approximately thirty previously undisclosed Clinton emails. State failed to fully explain the new emails’ origins when the Court directly questioned where they came from.

Even though many important questions remain unanswered, the Justice Department inexplicably still takes the position that the Court should close discovery and rule on dispositive motions. The Court is especially troubled by this. To argue that the Court now has enough information to determine whether State conducted an adequate search is preposterous, especially when considering State’s deficient representations regarding the existence of additional Clinton emails.

Magically, after years, the FBI finds more Clinton emails that are classified, involve Benghazi, and detail communications with President Obama. This drip, drip game that the DOJ, FBI, and State are playing is a key reason a federal court authorized more discovery, including the sworn deposition of Hillary Clinton.

Schiff Asserts Privilege over His Impeachment Phone Record Subpoenas

Last December we sued Representative Adam Schiff (D-CA) and the U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for their controversial impeachment-related subpoenas for phone records, including those of Rudy Giuliani, President Trump’s lawyer.

This case raises very serious questions about personal privacy and the power of the federal government to violate it.

Schiff and the Committee, represented by the Office of General Counsel for the House of Representatives, have now asked the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia [to dismiss](#) the lawsuit.

The phone records led to the [publication](#) of the private phone records of Giuliani, Congressman Devin Nunes, journalist John Solomon, Trump attorney Jay Sekulow, attorney Victoria Toensing, and other American citizens.

In their 14-page motion Schiff and the Committee claim “sovereign immunity;” “Speech or Debate Clause” privilege; immunity from FOIA and transparency law; that the records are secret; and that the public doesn’t need to see them.

We filed our [lawsuit](#) under the public’s common-law right of public access to examine government records after it received no response to a December 6, 2019, records request ([Judicial Watch v. v Adam Schiff and U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#) (No. 1:19-03790)):

- All subpoenas issued by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on or about September 30, 2019 to any telecommunications provider including, but not limited to AT&T, Inc., for all records of telephone calls of any individuals
- All responses received to the above subpoenas.

Schiff is chairman of the United States House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He is being sued in his capacity as chairman of that committee. The lawsuit argues:

The records are of critical public importance as the subpoenas were issued without any lawful basis and violated the rights of numerous private citizens.

Disclosure of the requested records would serve the public interest by providing information about the unlawful issuance of the subpoenas.

The requested records fall within the scope of the public’s right of access to governmental records as a matter of federal common law.

Schiff’s new court filing is an effort to try to avoid disclosing his abusive subpoenas of confidential phone records. It suggests he and Congress can secretly subpoena and publish the phone records of any American with zero accountability under law or to the people. Speaker Pelosi and every House member should be asked if they agree that they are above the law and can spy on any American.

FBI Shuts Online Public Records Operation over Coronavirus

I have watched with considerable concern as government at every level has asserted its authority in the wake of the coronavirus – closing schools and businesses and telling people to stay home. These actions may be necessary to protect the public, but we have discovered one action that is beyond belief. And it comes from the FBI, which marred its reputation in recent years through lies and obfuscation. The FBI recently announced it is halting electronic processing of Freedom of Information Act requests. This is more bad news for the FBI’s already tarnished image.

As you know, access to government records is critical to exposing and controlling the abuses of government. Here, from our *Corruption Chronicles* blog, is [the story](#):

As mandatory social distancing forces Americans and federal government employees to telework, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is using coronavirus as an excuse to shut down its electronic public records operations. Instead, the agency that dropped the ball on 9/11 and [more than 20 terrorist attacks](#) in the U.S. since then, is encouraging the public to send requests via standard mail. Even for a famously inefficient government with a talent for keeping the public in the dark, this is a bit much. Furthermore, it is a scary display of attitude and conduct by the same bloated entity that is supposed to save us all from the new pandemic.

The bizarre move comes amid a nationwide mandate to avoid the outside world and [a maximum](#)

[telework](#) order for federal government employees. Shutting its online Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOIPA) operation and accepting only standard mail makes no sense unless the law enforcement agency is simply trying to stop the flow of public records requests. That would be unethical, to say the least. FOIPA is a valuable tool used by Judicial Watch to expose government corruption and it is essential that there be no disruption in the system. Who will receive the mail with the new requests? When will the FOIPA requests get processed if employees are under a mandatory telework order? Judicial Watch reached out to the FBI, but never received a response. Apparently, everyone is home teleworking, which means the requests could easily be accessed if the FBI didn't shut down its electronic system.

Here is the absurd [message](#) that greets those wishing to obtain records from the FBI during the viral crisis: "Due to the emerging COVID-19 situation, the FBI is not accepting electronic Freedom of Information/Privacy Act requests or sending out electronic responses through the eFOIPA portal at this time. You may still submit a FOIPA request via standard mail. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding." The print is in red, indicating a sense of urgency, and appears above the original eFOIPA submission portal, which was designed to facilitate the process by allowing requesters to submit and receive responses electronically. "The eFOIPA portal's normal operating hours are 24 hours a day seven days a week," according to the FBI website, which offers simple directions on how to proceed with public records requests. "The FBI would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation and looks forward to receiving and responding to your request," the agency writes. "If you have any additional questions or experience any issues while using the eFOIPA system, please e-mail foipaquestions@fbi.gov for assistance. To report a matter concerning national security or another federal crime, submit a tip at tips.fbi.gov."

Who benefits from a FOIA shutdown? Ohr, Strzok, Page, Comey, McCabe, Obama, Hillary Clinton, and the whole Spygate Gang. Who loses? Americans who want accountable government under law.

Another Illegal Immigrant Caravan Leaves Honduras for the U.S.

President Trump [declared](#) that people who cross our southern border illegally will be removed because of the Coronavirus. Now comes word that yet another caravan is forming, no doubt with the intent of encroaching on the United States. Here are [the details](#) from our *Corruption Chronicles* blog:

While the world is absorbed in the Coronavirus drama, yet another caravan of illegal immigrants is heading north to the United States from Central America. The group departed recently from the northern Honduran city of San Pedro Sula and is making its way to Guatemala en route to the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. The final destination is the U.S., according to a Mexican [news report](#) that reveals the caravan has some 500 Central Americans but is expected to grow along the way. "They left their country due to a lack of work opportunities and prevailing violence," according to the Spanish-language article published a few days ago.

The illegal immigrants are expected to arrive late this week in the Guatemalan city of Tecún Umán, a heavily transited border crossing into Mexico. Earlier this month a Guatemalan newspaper [reported](#) that, despite the global Coronavirus pandemic, cross border travel between Mexico and Guatemala continues full throttle without any sort of health screenings. It is very unlikely the new group of illegal immigrants will be monitored for health issues as it makes its way north. This marks the third organized Central American caravan that tries to enter Mexico. The most recent one, with about 2,000 Central Americans, took off earlier this year and was largely intercepted by Mexican authorities in Hidalgo.

At the time Honduran authorities disclosed that four Iranian nationals had been arrested after entering the crime-infested nation illegally. The men were heading north to the United States, according to a Honduran [newspaper article](#) that attributed the information to the president, Juan Orlando Hernández. The Iranians were transported to the capital, Tegucigalpa, and officials reportedly launched an investigation. The worrisome incident coincided with a U.S. alert warning Mexico of armed Iranians planning to enter the country through the southern border, further

illustrating the national security dangers of unmonitored human caravans. The bulletin, issued by the Border Patrol's regional intelligence operation center in Arizona, said that a Guatemalan national may try to smuggle five Middle Easterners—including a suicide bomber—into the U.S. through Mexico. The smuggler and four other men and a woman transited through Guatemala and Belize before reaching Veracruz, Mexico, according to the bulletin. The Guatemalan, whose name is redacted in the government document, was deported from California a year ago. U.S. authorities received the threat after picking up recordings distributed via social media, according to a Spanish-language [news story](#) published by a Latin American outlet.

The scariest part is that the U.S. alert didn't faze a busy Mexican border city's police chief, who confirmed at the time that the region is full of Middle Easterners, Africans and Asians trekking north. In a Latin American [news report](#) published shortly after the U.S. issued the bulletin, Mexicali Police Chief María Elena Andrade Ramírez matter-of-factly said the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa and Asia as well as the rest of the Americas is "normal" in her California border city of about [a million residents](#). In a separate article published in a Mexicali paper, authorities downplayed the situation by assuring citizens that the arrival of people from the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia and the rest of the Americas is "[something normal](#)."

Central America has long been a popular route for illegal immigrants from terrorist nations who want to reach the U.S. There's no doubt many will infiltrate all of the organized caravans that take off from Honduras. When the first Central American caravan launched from San Pedro Sula in the fall of 2018, then Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales confirmed that nearly [100 ISIS terrorists](#) had been apprehended in Guatemala. Like its Honduran neighbor, Guatemala too is a major smuggling corridor for foreigners from African and Asian countries making their way into the U.S. In 2017, Guatemala's largest paper, Prensa Libre, published an in-depth [piece](#) on the inner workings of an international human smuggling network that moves migrants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh to the U.S.

It will be interesting to see if the mania for open borders survives this global health threat.

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State Department reportedly ramps up probe into Hillary Clinton's email server

Source: [New York Post](#)

The State Department has reportedly ramped up an investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server while secretary of state. As many as 130 former Clinton aides have been alerted that emails sent years ago have now been deemed classified and may be considered security violations.

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Former State Official

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Source: Judicial Watch

Judge Lamberth
criticized the State
Department's handling and
production of Clinton's
emails, stating, "There is
no FOIA [Freedom of
Information Act] exemption
for political expedience,
nor is there one for
bureaucratic
incompetence."

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To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: Strzok-Page Using Unsecure Devices for Sensitive Info; JW Sues DOJ for Ohr & Strzok Comms.; JW Statement on Firing of Strzok

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DOJ Says Ex-FBI Agent Strzok Committed 'Security Violations,' Used Unsecured Devices For FBI Work

Source: [Daily Caller](#)

The Department of Justice released a scathing report on former FBI agent Peter Strzok, best remembered as an original member of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigative team. The DOJ is accusing Strzok of various "security violations" and flagrantly "unprofessional conduct."

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Strzok-Page Emails
Show FBI Officials
Using Unsecure
Devices for
Sensitive Messages

Source: Judicial Watch

Records from the Department of Justice, including email exchanges between fired FBI official Peter Strzok and FBI attorney Lisa Page, reveal that FBI officials used unsecure devices in discussing how the U.S. could improve the sharing of sensitive data with the European Union top executive governing commission.

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2019-04-30

**JW Sues Justice for
Communications
between key Anti-
Trump Collusion
Officials Peter
Strzok and Bruce
Ohr**

Source: Judicial Watch

"We know that Peter Strzok was deeply involved in both running the Hillary server investigation cover-up by the FBI and in creating the counterintelligence 'investigation' of false claims of Trump-Russian collusion," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton.

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Judicial Watch
Statement on the
Firing of FBI
Executive Peter
Strzok

Source: Judicial Watch

JW President Tom Fitton:
"Strzok, who hated
President Trump,
compromised both the
Clinton and Trump
investigations that saw
Hillary Clinton protected
and Donald Trump illicitly
targeted. Strzok's anti-
Trump texts show the
Russia investigation he
helped invent with Clinton
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Pew Research: 6-in-11 Americans Want More Deportations of Illegal Aliens

Source: [Breitbart](#)

A majority of Americans say they want to see more deportations of illegal aliens and increased security along the United States-Mexico border, a new survey finds. Nearly 70 percent of all Americans believe increased security at the porous U.S.-Mexico border is very or somewhat important.

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**MIT-Yale Study Finds
22.1 Million Illegal
Immigrants in U.S.**

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

The number of illegal immigrants in the United States is nearly double the current and widely reported estimate of 11.3 million, according to a new academic study that uses a more precise method.

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2019-07-16

**Illegal Aliens
Released from Local
Custody Commit
More Crimes**

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

Chris Crane, a veteran ICE agent who serves as president of the union that represents some 7,600 officers, reminds that this is only a tiny snippet of a national public safety crisis because the agency doesn't have the manpower to track everyone released. "If I was working in a sanctuary city, my released criminal aliens that would reoffend would be more than five a year," Crane said.

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2018-07-19

**A Busy Month for
Illegal Immigrants
Committing Heinous
Crimes**

Source: Judicial Watch

In just a few days, an illegal immigrant who had been deported eleven times attacked his wife with a chainsaw in front of their children, another got charged with a series of violent rapes and dozens were arrested for operating a major human and drug smuggling enterprise in a major U.S. city.

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Subject: The Deep State Walls Are Crumbling

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Dear Fellow American,

It's happening...

...thanks Judicial Watch, the massive walls of the **Deep State** are beginning to crumble.

In fact, our **Deep State lawsuits are key to exposing the facts** behind the unprecedented coup by disgraced FBI, CIA and Justice Department officials to drive President Trump from office (including an investigation that took 675 days and tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to complete).

But there is much work left to do as those responsible need to be held accountable under the law.

That's why Judicial Watch is digging deep to expose the massive **Deep State** corruption at the FBI and the Justice Department. [And that's why I hope you will support Judicial Watch by making your best tax-deductible contribution to Judicial Watch right now!](#)

[By donating to Judicial Watch today, you will greatly help Judicial Watch go the distance with our current litigation and, if necessary, file new lawsuits to force the release of more documents.](#) It will also help us get to the full truth about this illicit conspiracy and make what we uncover available to the American people!

Thank you, as always, for everything you do to help.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

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Justice Department
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Subject: The FBI Uncovers Even More Clinton Emails

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The FBI Uncovers Even More Clinton Emails

Source: Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch released a court filing that reveals the FBI found more Clinton emails it recently turned over to the State Department for review. In the November 15, 2019 filing, the State Department informs the court that the FBI located additional Clinton emails that potentially had not been previously released.

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**FBI discovers even
MORE hidden Hillary
Clinton emails**

Source: WND

The FBI has discovered even more hidden Hillary Clinton emails. Washington watchdog Judicial Watch says federal investigators have told a court that they found "additional Clinton emails that potentially had not been previously released."

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2019-11-27

**FBI uncovers new
Clinton emails**

Source: The Buffalo
Chronicle

"It is astonishing news that the FBI mysteriously found more Clinton emails. Were they on Anthony Weiner's laptop? At James Comey's house? Or on Peter Strzok's cell phone?" asked Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "This disturbing development further highlights how the fix was in on the Clinton email scandal and why a criminal investigation needs to be reopened by Attorney General Barr."

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**FBI continues to
find more Clinton
emails, 4+ years
after Judicial Watch
lawsuit**

Source: World Tribune

More than four years after
Judicial Watch filed the
Freedom of Information
Act (FOIA) lawsuit which
led to the disclosure of
Hillary Clinton's unsecure
email system, the FBI
continues to find
potentially previously
unreleased emails, the
State Department said.

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Subject: The full truth about the illicit Deep State

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Dear Fellow American,

[Will you help Judicial Watch score more victories for the American people](#) by getting to the full truth about the illicit Deep State conspiracy to corruptly undermine President Trump, and the ongoing Hillary Clinton email coverup?

[Will you help us fight in the courts](#) for honest elections this year and to enforce our nation's laws against illegal immigration?

These are critically important fights that no one else is waging as effectively as Judicial Watch...but our continued success depends more Patriots like you [joining our fight!](#)

Clearly, we cannot trust politicians in Congress, Republicans or Democrats, to do the right thing when it comes to fighting against corruption and for the rule of law...or to police their own unethical behavior!

We must also continue to pressure the Trump Justice Department and FBI to finally comply with our lawful open records requests for critical information and the American people's "right to know."

Today, Judicial Watch is unquestionably the most effective government watchdog in the country...and that's why I hope you will stand strong with us today by [making your best your tax-deductible donation to Judicial Watch](#).

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Tom Fitton
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From: Tom Fitton <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 9:54 AM EST
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Subject: There is so much work to do

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Dear Fellow American,

Today, Judicial Watch is carrying its biggest, and I happen to think most important caseload in 26 years.

It includes critically important lawsuits against agencies of the federal government... particularly the Justice and State Departments (which despite Attorney General Barr's efforts remain effectively controlled by the Deep State and continue to stonewall our lawful requests for critical documents).

Which is why I am asking you to join Judicial Watch today by [making a tax-deductible donation to support our work?](#)

I had hoped that the Trump administration would address unlawful government secrecy issues more aggressively... but Deep State career bureaucrats embedded in every government department are continuing to fight our transparency requests and lawsuits.

Plus, the pace of our work and calls for legal and investigative assistance we're receiving from around the country are accelerating. New challenges range from increasing threats to election integrity, to unlawful sanctuary policies, to ongoing Deep State efforts to destroy the Trump presidency and cover-up crimes committed by Hillary Clinton and other Obama administration officials.

Many concerned citizens and honest public officials are seeking our help to enforce the rule of law. And I do not want to turn away even one important corruption, open government, illegal immigration or election integrity case as demands on us are at an all-time high.

[By donating to Judicial Watch now, you will help us make the most of the challenges and opportunities facing us](#) including:

- **Aggressively moving forward with our lawsuits (now numbering 65) exposing the Deep State conspiracy to target and destroy President Trump.** We continue to uncover and inform the American people about disturbing facts behind this unprecedented effort within the government to drive a President of the United States from office...through abusive and unconstitutional means.
- **Doubling our legal challenges against illegal "sanctuary" policies that unlawfully prohibit local police from cooperating with federal immigration authorities.** Liberal mayors and governors continue to thumb their nose at Trump administration efforts to shut down sanctuary policies. That makes our independent efforts in the courts to enforce federal law and overturn illegal sanctuary policies – like our ongoing taxpayer lawsuits against deadly sanctuary policies in San Francisco and Santa Clara County, California – even more important.
- **Adding more resources to our highly successful Election Integrity Initiative** Judicial Watch recognizes that voter fraud is aided by the failure of states to conform to federal law to clean their voter rolls and their failure to demand Voter-Photo ID at the polls – which makes it possible for ineligible individuals, including illegal aliens, to vote in our local and national elections. We began 2020 by sending new warnings to 19 counties in 5 populous states **California, Colorado, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia**) involving the status of approximately 2.5 million ineligible voters about our intention to sue them if they do not clean their voter rolls as required by federal law.

There is so much work to do which is [why I'm asking you to make a donation right now](#). Judicial Watch is the one conservative institution in Washington that Americans can rely on to stand firm for the rule of law. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

P.S. The demands for our work fighting the Deep State, suing illegal alien “sanctuary” cities, and cleaning voter rolls are increasing. [Please join our fight by making a donation today to Judicial Watch.](#)

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CORRUPTION CHRONICLES

Thousands of Illegal Aliens from Terrorist Nations Live in U.S. after Being “Deported”

Months after Judicial Watch [reported](#) that migrants from terrorist nations try to enter the U.S. via Mexico at record rates, government figures show that more than 10,000 illegal aliens from countries that sponsor terrorism currently live here. It's not clear how they entered the country but federal authorities know about them because they have either been deported or have final removal orders pending. Nevertheless, they are not in custody and roam freely in unsuspecting communities throughout America.

The distressing statistics were obtained from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) by a public interest [group](#) that favors secure borders and exposes the harms of mass migration. The Washington D.C. nonprofit filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request and made the [figures](#) public this month. They show 10,340 non-detained illegal immigrants from Iran, Syria, Sudan and North Korea on ICE's national docket as of June 2018. Iran tops the list with 6,331, followed by Syria (2,128), Sudan (1,860) and North Korea (21). All four countries have been designated as [sponsors of terrorism](#) by the State Department.

The U.S. government has determined that Iran is the [“foremost state sponsor of terrorism”](#) because it provides a range of support, including financial, training and equipment, to groups worldwide, particularly Hezbollah. Syria is also a hotbed of Hezbollah militants and Al Qaeda-linked jihadists. A recent RAND Corporation [study](#) concluded that the most significant threat to the United States comes from terrorist groups operating in a handful of Middle Eastern countries that include Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The State Department also classifies Syria as a dangerous country plagued by terrorism. “There is a terrorist threat from violent extremist groups including the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, (ISIL), formerly known as al-Qa’ida in Iraq (AQ), the al-Nusrah Front, and others,” according to the [State Department assessment](#). “Tactics for these groups include the use of suicide bombers, kidnapping, use of small and heavy arms, and improvised explosive devices in major city centers, including Damascus, Aleppo, Hamah, Dara, Homs, Idlib, and Dayr al-Zawr.”

During the Syrian refugee crisis, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) admitted that dozens of Syrian nationals [suspected of having terrorist ties](#) slipped into the U.S. The agency tried to downplay the travesty, claiming that federal agents missed “possible derogatory information” about the immigrants due to “a lapse in vetting.” Among those who slipped through the cracks is a man who failed a polygraph test after applying to work at a U.S. military installation and another who communicated with an Islamic State leader. Regardless, President Obama let thousands of Syrians settle in the U.S. even as his own intelligence and immigration officials warned that individuals with ties to terrorist groups used the program to infiltrate the country and that there was no way to properly screen refugees.

Along the southern border federal agents routinely encounter individuals from terrorist nations and DHS considers them one of the top threats to the United States. The government classifies them as Special Interest Aliens (SIA) and they are flowing north via Latin America in huge numbers thanks to established Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCO) that facilitate travel along drug and migrant smuggling routes. An investigation completed by Congress earlier this year found that tens of thousands of SIAs—from the Middle East, Asia and Africa—entered Panama and Colombia in the past few years. Nearly all the SIA migrants were headed to the United States and most came from Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Bangladesh and India. Encounters with the special interest individuals resulted in the seizure of tens of thousands of fraudulent documents—including passports and visas—that facilitated travel from their countries of origin through the Americas, according to a [report](#) released earlier this year by the congressional committee that conducted the probe.

The famously porous Mexican border is an easy pathway into the U.S. for many SIAs. In Laredo, Texas alone authorities report an astounding 300% increase in immigrants from Bangladesh, a south Asian Islamic country well known as a recruiting ground for terrorist groups such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

Daywatch Updates

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Tom Fitton: Robert Mueller is Being Protected by Rod Rosenstein over Trump/Russia Probe

October 23, 2018 – JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Daily Ledger" on One America News Network to discuss the Mueller Probe and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's closed congressional testimony.

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Tom Fitton: Democrats in Congress on a 'fishing expedition' for President Trump

February 7, 2019- JW President Tom Fitton appeared on One America News Network to discuss the Democrat-controlled Congress opening investigations into President Trump.

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Tom Fitton: Adam Schiff has Lied Repeatedly about Trump—“He’s in on the Scam”

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On May 13, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on “Lou Dobbs Tonight” on the Fox Business Network to discuss the targeting of President Trump over Russia collusion by Rep. Adam Schiff and others in Congress.

Tom Fitton: Democrats Want to Jail Political Opponents

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On May 13, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on “Hannity” on the Fox News Channel to discuss the Democrats’ attempts to hold AG Bill Barr in contempt.



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Dear Judicial Watch Supporter,

Today, Judicial Watch aired its hard-hitting panel reviewing the Deep State Coup against President Trump!

The panel also discussed the corruption at the FBI, corrupt handling of the Clinton Investigation, the Obama Administration's hand in the Russia hoax, the Mueller Probe, and other important topics.

Please watch the panel below and share far and wide!

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The panel featured a litany of high profile guests that include some of the greatest minds on this important issue:

- Dr. Carter Page
- Chris Farrell, Director of Investigations and Research at Judicial Watch
- Victoria Toensing, partner at the law firm Toensing & DiGenova
- Chuck Ross, investigative reporter at the Daily Caller
- moderated by Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton

It aired on CSPAN-2, Sinclair Broadcast, OAN, and Judicial Watch's social media and YouTube channels.

Sincerely,

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Tom Fitton: Barack Obama Should be Questioned Under Oath about SpyGate & Trump Targeting

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Tom Fitton: Inspector General was 'Late to the Game' on Probing #SpyGate Abuses Targeting Trump

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss the Inspector General's report on the #SpyGate targeting of Donald Trump.

Tom Fitton: Pelosi Wants to Ensure a Sham Show Trial in Senate over Trump Impeachment

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Larry O'Connor Show" (790 KABC) recently to discuss the ongoing impeachment battle against President Trump in Congress.

Tom Fitton: Pelosi Trying to Overthrow Senate in Trump Attack?

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Judicial Watch Steps Up and Sues for Records on Firing of Biden-Ukraine Prosecutor

Joe Biden deserves a trophy for his audacity, but he's not going to escape serious scrutiny over his apparent threatening of the Ukraine government for his son's personal gain.

We filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit for records about the firing of Ukraine's top prosecutor after then-Vice President Biden threatened to withhold aid. We filed the lawsuit on Wednesday against the U.S. Department of State ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:19-cv-02893)).

We sued after, as per usual, the State Department failed to respond to our May 7, 2019, FOIA request seeking access to the following records:

1. Any and all records regarding, concerning, or related to Viktor Shokin's investigation of Mykola Zolchevsky and Shokin's resignation at Ukraine's Prosecutor General.
2. Any and all records of communication between any official, employee, or representative of the Department of State and any official, employee, or representative of the Office of the Vice President regarding Viktor Shokin.

In a widely distributed [video](#), Joe Biden confirmed that he successfully pressured, under threat of withholding \$1 billion in U.S. government aid, the Ukrainian government to fire Shokin, who had allegedly launched an investigation into Burisma, which had purportedly paid Biden's son Hunter \$50,000 a month.

The latest impeachment/coup assault on President Trump is an obvious attempt to protect Joe Biden from the corruption scandals involving his son. Our lawsuit will be the first of many to try to get to the bottom of this influence-peddling scandal.

New Smoking Gun FBI Memo Details Plot to 'Wear a Wire' in President Trump's Oval Office

It's easy to become blasé about the never-ending flow of astonishing revelations in Washington. A deputy attorney general secretly recording the President of the United States in the Oval Office, because he knows they won't pat him down at the door?

We just obtained a [two-page memo](#) written by then-Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe detailing how Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein proposed wearing a wire into the Oval Office "to collect additional evidence on the president's true intentions."

McCabe writes in the May 16, 2017, memo that Rosenstein said he thought it was possible because "he was not searched when he entered the White House."

The Justice Department turned the document over in response to our February 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#). We sued after the Justice Department and FBI failed to respond to September 2, 2018, FOIA requests for documents about any FBI/DOJ discussions regarding the 25th Amendment and plans to secretly record President Trump in the Oval Office ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00388)).

In short, we sued for the coup docs and hit pay dirt.

The memo, which is redacted in key sections, purports to serve as a "contemporaneous recollection" of a meeting that day ("12:30 pm on 5/16/2017") in Rosenstein's office. The meeting included Rosenstein, Deputy Assistant AG for Intelligence [Tashina Gauhar](#) and Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General [Jim Crowell](#) in Rosenstein's Justice Department office.

McCabe writes he began the meeting by telling Rosenstein that he "approved the opening of an investigation of President Donald Trump ... to investigate allegations of possible collusion between the president and the Russian Government, possible obstruction of justice related to the firing of FBI Director James Comey, and possible conspiracy to obstruct justice." In justifying his investigation, McCabe refers to the memos Comey secretly wrote on meetings he had with President Trump and an NBC interview with Lester Holt. McCabe writes he "informed DAG [Rosenstein] that as a result of his role in the matter, I thought he would be a witness to the case."

Rosenstein responded by recounting his discussion with President Trump, then-Attorney General Sessions and then-White House Counsel Don McGahn about Comey's imminent firing and that President Trump wanted him to write a "memo explaining the reason" for Comey's firing. McCabe writes:

As our conversation continued the DAG proposed that he could potentially wear a recording device into the Oval Office to collect additional evidence on the President's true intentions. He said he thought this might be possible because he was not searched when he entered the White House. I told him that I would discuss the opportunity with my investigative team and get back to him.

We discussed the issue of appointing a Special Counsel to oversee the FBI's Russia investigation. The DAG said he has two candidates ready, one of whom could start immediately.

Additionally, McCabe admits that Rosenstein told him that McCabe had a "credibility problem" because a Rosenstein staffer had provided him with photos of McCabe wearing his wife's campaign t-shirt in contradiction to McCabe's "assurance" he had no role in her campaign. McCabe writes he told him the photos were not from campaign events and that he confirmed with "my ethics counsel at FBI" that wearing such a shirt did not "constitute proscribed political activity."

Earlier this month, through this same lawsuit, we uncovered DOJ records that also [confirmed discussions](#) about wearing a wire to record President Trump. Another Judicial Watch lawsuit [recently uncovered](#) documents that show the FBI had to retrieve memos about alleged conversations from Trump, which included classified information, from Comey's home. And yet another Judicial Watch lawsuit uncovered documents about Andrew McCabe's conflicts of interest issues related to his wife's political campaign that took in hundreds of thousands of dollars from then-Virginia Governor Terrence McAuliffe, who is closely tied to the Clintons (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

This incredible memo details the conflicted and conniving coup effort against President Trump. It is astonishing and shocking that McCabe thought he could have the FBI conduct a "counterintelligence" operation on the president and Rosenstein thought it would be appropriate to wear a wire to secretly record President Trump in the Oval Office. That the DOJ and FBI sat on this smoking gun for a year shows the need for urgent housecleaning at those agencies.

The full text of the redacted McCabe memo is printed below:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

At 12:30 pm on 05/16/2017, I met with Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Rod Rosenstein in his office at the Department of Justice. Also present were Tashina Gauhar and Jim Crowell. The following is a contemporaneous recollection of the main topics we discussed.

I began by telling him that today I approved the opening of an investigation of President Donald Trump. I explained that the purpose of the investigation was to investigate allegations of possible collusion between the president and the Russian Government, possible obstruction of justice related to the firing of FBI Director James Comey, and possible conspiracy to obstruct justice. The DAG questioned what I meant by collusion and I explained that I was referring to the investigation of any potential links between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. I explained that counterintelligence investigations of this sort were meant to uncover any existence of any threat to national security as well as whether or not criminal conduct had occurred. Regarding the obstruction issues, I made clear that our predication was based not only on the president's comments last week to reporter Lester Holt (that he connected the firing of the director to the FBI's Russia investigation), but also on the several concurring comments the president made to Director Comey over the last few months. These comments included the President's requests for assurances of loyalty, statements about the Russia investigation and the investigation of General Michael Flynn. I also informed the DAG that Director Comey preserved his recollection of these interactions in a series of contemporaneously drafted memos. Finally, I informed the DAG that as a result of his role in the matter, I thought he would be a witness in the case.

The DAG then related his experiences at the White House on Monday, 05/08/2017. He began by stating that he had the feeling that the decision to fire the Director had been made before he arrived. At the White House, he first met with White House Counsel Donald McGahn, who told him that the President had drafted a letter to Director Comey that McGahn did not want the President to send. Shortly thereafter they met with the President and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, and possibly others, in the Oval Office. President Trump told the DAG he had written a letter to Director Comey, asked the DAG if he had seen the letter, and instructed McGahn to provide the DAG with a copy. The DAG described the letter to me as being a long list, possibly several pages, of the President's complaints with Director Comey. Among those complaints was a discussion about the FBI's Russia investigation, as well as a paragraph about the FBI Deputy Director. The DAG indicated to me that he retained a copy of the President's letter. The DAG said he told the President [redacted]. The President then directed the DAG to write a memo explaining the reasoning for Director Comey's termination and that the DAG should include Russia. The DAG said to the President he did not think this was a good idea and that his memo did not need to include Russia. The President replied that he understood, but that he was asking the DAG to include Russia anyway. As our conversation continued the DAG proposed that he could potentially wear a recording device into the Oval Office to collect additional evidence on the President's true intentions. He said he thought this might be possible because he was not searched when he entered the White House. I told him that I would discuss the opportunity with my investigative team and get back to him.

We discussed the issue of appointing a Special Counsel to oversee the FBI's Russia investigation. The DAG said he has two candidates ready one of whom could start immediately. [Redacted] The DAG said that he left a copy of the delegation with Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security Dana Boente to execute in the DAG's absence if the DAG were suddenly removed from his position. [Redacted] He anticipated that he may be terminated when he puts the Special Counsel in place, in light of the president's anger with AG Sessions when the AG recused himself from the Russia investigation. The DAG further stated that he was told that others heard the President tell the AG "you were supposed to protect me."

[Redacted]

The DAG related to me that on Sunday, 05/14/17, the AG asked him to participate in the interview of [redacted] for the position of FBI Director. [Redacted].

The DAG told me that he informed the AG that I should remain in my role as Acting Director until the permanent Director was chosen. The DAG opined that my only "problem" was that some people believe that I was involved

in my wife's 2015 campaign for State Senate in Virginia. The DAG said it was a "credibility problem" because after having told him during my May 13 interview that I played no role in her campaign and attended no campaign events, the DAG said a staffer had provided him with a photograph found on the internet of me and my wife wearing Dr. Jill McCabe campaign t-shirts. The DAG suggested that this photograph contradicted my statement that I had not campaigned for my wife. I pointed out to the DAG that the photograph he saw was taken not at a campaign event, but rather at [redacted] I further informed the DAG that I confirmed with my ethics counsel at FBI that the Hatch Act does not prohibit wearing a campaign button or shirt away from the office, and that attending [redacted] wearing such a shirt does not constitute proscribed political activity.

Documents Reveal Extensive Relationship between Dossier Author Steele and Top Obama State Department Officials

It is now abundantly clear that Clinton spy Christopher Steele had an outsized influence at the Obama State Department that proved useful when the Clinton campaign needed help smearing Trump in 2016 and beyond.

This becomes clear in [146 pages](#) of State Department documents which reveal that former British spy and Dossier author Steele's close working relationship with high-ranking Obama State Department officials dating back to May of 2014.

The documents we obtained in a FOIA lawsuit show that, from May 2014 to November 2015, Steele filed dozens of reports with his close associate at State, Special Coordinator for Libya Jonathan Winer, who would then pass them to Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland. The reports focused mainly on the Russia-Ukraine crisis and U.S. sanctions on Russia.

The documents show that Steele's work was also distributed to State Department Coordinator for Sanctions Policy Daniel Fried and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Paul Jones, whose focus in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs was on Russia and Ukraine policy.

The documents are Orbis Business Intelligence reports that Steele provided to the State Department. Steele, a former MI6 spy, co-founded [Orbis](#) in 2009.

We filed our [lawsuit](#) on April 25, 2018, on behalf of The Daily Caller News Foundation after State failed to respond to three separate FOIA requests ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:18-cv-00968)). The lawsuit seeks:

- All records of communications between State Department officials, including former Secretary of State John Kerry, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, on the one hand, and British National Christopher Steele and/or employees or contractors of Steele's company, Orbis Business Intelligence, on the other hand.
- All records and/or memoranda provided by Christopher Steele and/or his firm Orbis Business Intelligence or by others acting on Steele's/Orbis's behalf, to State Department officials.
- Any and all records in the custody of the State Department related to the provision of documents to British national Christopher Steele and/or his firm, Orbis Business Intelligence, or the receipt of documents from Steele or his firm. Time period is January 20, 2009 through the present.
- All records created in 2016 by Jonathan M. Winer relating to research compiled by Christopher Steele.

Winer passed along an early Steele report to Nuland on May 19, 2014. It discusses Russia-Ukraine policy. Winer writes: "Toria, another piece that is not in my lane but which I wished to pass on to you. My friend Chris Steele (Orbis Intelligence, former MI-6 Russia expert), provided me the enclosed memo yesterday, describing a recent conversation (redacted) on Russian Ukraine policy. As I was provided it from a person in private sector, I am treating it as low side."

In a November 20, 2014, email exchange, Winer offers to introduce Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Paul Jones to Steele while Steele was to be in town, and he provides Jones and Nuland with three Steele reports, discussing: "Ukraine looking towards [redacted]"; "Ukraine economy shrinking due to loss of East [redacted]"; and "President Putin's current priorities [redacted]." Winer writes to Jones: Paul, if you are still free, does 3 pm work to meet with Chris Steele? I would pick him up downstairs, get him to your office, and sit in. Will be sending you another Orbis report regardless in a few

minutes, it just arrived but I haven't had chance to open it and manicure it yet."

"The more we dig, the more access we see the disgraced spy behind the ridiculous dossier had at State. And we're going to keep on digging until we learn just how deep this went," said Christopher Bedford, editor in chief of The Daily Caller News Foundation.

The new documents show that on June 13, 2014, Winer forwarded to Nuland a Steele [report](#) on the Russia-Ukraine crisis and the Kremlin being emboldened to challenge U.S. sanctions.

Winer passed two Steele [reports](#) to Nuland on July 1, 2014, with one discussing someone claiming success in the Russian-Ukraine crisis, and the other discussing the Crimea annexation.

Winer sends [an email](#) from his [verizon.net](#) account to his [state.gov](#) account on July 11, 2014 under the subject "Likely Measured Russian Response to Ukrainian Military, (redacted) Orbis report. Winer writes: "I note in particular their focus on sanctions and the fact that they are biting deep already, though maybe someone should tell him that Administration doesn't need Congress to add to those..."

Winer passes to State Department Coordinator for Sanctions Policy Daniel Fried on July 17, 2014 an Orbis [report](#) on the Russia-Ukraine Crisis and increasing hostilities.

On July 18, 2014, Winer passes to Nuland a Steele [report](#) on a (redacted) company avoiding U.S. sanctions and "the problem of early warning of U.S. action."

Winer passed Nuland a Steele [report](#) on Aug. 1, 2014 discussing "Early Russian Leadership Views on Counter-Sanctions against the West."

On August 29, 2014, Winer passes to Nuland three Steele [reports](#) discussing: Ukrainian views on a Poroshenko-Putin meeting in Minsk; Ukrainian views on Russia's military goal of a corridor to Crimea before winter; and someone "still seeking bilateral Russia-UK Gas deal despite conditions."

On Aug. 29, 2014, Winer forwarded to Nuland a Steele [report](#) discussing the Ukrainian crisis and "Putin's performance from within Russian leadership."

On September 11, 2014, Winer forwarded to Fried a Steele [report](#) titled "Moscow fears Western sanctions."

On October 20, 2014, Winer sent to Nuland four Steele [reports](#) dealing with: Growing Kremlin frustration with Kiev and pro-Russian forces in Ukraine; Petro Poroshenko's efforts to secure victory in upcoming parliamentary elections; Kiev's view of international relations; and efforts by a Kremlin owned insurance company, SOGAZ, to evade U.S. sanctions.

On November 3, 2014, Winer forwarded to Nuland three [reports](#): One dealing with an early Kremlin reaction to the Ukrainian election outcome; another discussing a gas negotiations deal; and the third discussing Ukrainian internal politics and EU attitudes.

On November 7, 2014, Winer sends Nuland a Steele [report](#) titled "Signs of a more conciliatory Kremlin position" relating to the Russia-Ukraine crisis.

On December 6, 2014, Winer forwarded Nuland a Steele [report](#) about Putin seeking a PR campaign designed to combat sanctions.

On December 11, 2014, Steele sent a [report](#) to Winer/Nuland about a Russian Central Bank warning to Putin that there would be insufficient funds to support all "SOEs" hit by sanctions.

On January 12, 2015, a Steele [report](#) was sent to Nuland and Winer discussing Ukraine's worry that it would be trade bait between the U.S. and Russia.

On February 16, 2015, Steele sent a [report](#) to Nuland and Winer about a company "secretly owned by Putin, Putin's mistress and friends."

In a March 19, 2015, [email thread](#), Winer and Nuland are forwarded Steele reports dealing with Ukraine political instability and the possible return to power of Ukrainian politician Yulia Tymoshenko.

On April 17, 2015, Nuland and Winer received two Steele [reports](#), one related to why Russia was supplying Iran with missile defense, and the other related to Russian exports of gas to Europe through Ukraine.

On June 19, 2015, Nuland and Winer received a Steele [report](#) concerning the likely political demise of Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev and his successor and the country's geopolitical reorientation toward China.

On July 6, 2015, Steele sent a [report](#) to Nuland and Winer about the "boozing" Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko struggling to deal with fellow oligarchs amid growing dysfunction.

On August 19, 2015, Weiner and Nuland received another Steele [report](#) related to the possibility of a Ukrainian leader retaining a U.S. passport.

On November 5, 2015, Nuland sent colleague Geoffrey Pyatt three Steele [reports](#) dealing with: Ukraine relations and military situation in eastern Ukraine; Ukraine politics and elections; and President Poroshenko's "evolving constitutional agenda" and deepening partnership with someone.

This is just the latest of many important revelations uncovered by our massive investigation into the Clinton-funded, anti-Trump dossier and its use to obtain FISA warrants in order to spy on the Trump campaign. You can track our over 50 Deep State coup lawsuits on our new Internet site at www.judicialwatch.org.

Until next week ...

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Judicial Watch Uncovers Rosenstein Email to Mueller: 'The Boss' Doesn't Know We're Talking

Rod Rosenstein, who was once a deputy attorney general, is a key figure in enabling, at a minimum, the Deep State's seditious attacks on President Trump.

More proof is in new documents uncovered by a Judicial Watch lawsuit. Specifically, we forced the release of [145 pages](#) of Rosenstein's communications that include a one-line [email](#) from Rosenstein to Mueller stating, "The boss and his staff do not know about our discussions." They also include "off the record" emails with major media outlets around the date of Mueller's appointment.

We filed a [lawsuit](#) to get these documents after the Department of Justice failed to respond to our September 21, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:19-cv-00481)). We were seeking:

Any and all e-mails, text messages, or other records of communication addressed to or received by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein between May 8, 2017, and May 22, 2017.

The time period referred to in this suit is critical. On May 9, 2017, Rosenstein wrote a [memo](#) to President Trump recommending that FBI Director James Comey be fired. That day, President Trump fired Comey. Just three days later, on May 12, Rosenstein sent an [email](#) assuring Robert Mueller that, "The boss and his staff do not know about our discussions." (It is not clear if the "boss" is then-AG Sessions or President Trump.)

In a May 16, 2017, [email](#), sent the day before Mueller's appointment, Rosenstein emailed former Bush administration Deputy Attorney General and current Kirkland & Ellis Partner Mark Filip stating, "I am with Mueller. He shares my views. Duty Calls. Sometimes the moment chooses us."

The next day, May 17, Rosenstein [appointed](#) former FBI Director Robert Mueller to investigate Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential election.

During the same period, between May 8 and May 17, Rosenstein [met with](#) then-acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe and other senior Justice Department FBI officials to discuss [wearing a wire](#) and invoking the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump.

The documents also show that, again during the same time period, Rod Rosenstein was in direct communication with

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reporters from 60 Minutes, The New York Times and The Washington Post. In [an email](#) exchange dated May 2017, Rosenstein communicated with New York Times reporter Rebecca Ruiz to provide background for [this article](#) about himself. Ruiz emailed Rosenstein a draft of the article, and he responded with off-the-record comments and clarifications.

- In [an email](#) exchange on May 17, 2017, the day of Mueller's appointment, Rosenstein exchanged emails with 60 Minutes producer Katherine Davis in which he answered off-the-record questions about Mueller's scope of authority and chain of command:

Rosenstein: "Off the record: This special counsel is a DOJ employee. His status is similar to a US Attorney."

Davis: "Good call on Mueller. Although I obviously thought you'd be great at leading the investigation too."

- On May 17, 2017, in [an email](#) exchange with Washington Post journalist Sari Horwitz with the subject line "Special Counsel," Rosenstein and Horwitz exchanged:

Rosenstein "At some point, I owe you a long story. But this is not the right time for me to talk to anybody."

Horwitz: "Now, I see why you couldn't talk today! Obviously, we're writing a big story about this Is there any chance I could talk to you on background about your decision?"

These astonishing emails further confirm the corruption behind Rosenstein's appointment of Robert Mueller. They also show a shockingly cozy relationship between Mr. Rosenstein and anti-Trump media reporters.

Here's some more background on the incredible finds from this one Judicial Watch lawsuit.

On September 11, we released [14 pages](#) of records from the Department of Justice showing officials' efforts in responding to media inquiries about DOJ/FBI talks allegedly invoking the 25th Amendment to "remove" President Donald Trump from office and former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein offering to wear a "wire" to record his conversations with the president.

On September 23, we released a [two-page memo](#), dated May 16, 2017, by then-Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe detailing how then-Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein proposed wearing a wire into the Oval Office "to collect additional evidence on the president's true intentions." McCabe writes that Rosenstein said he thought it was possible because "he was not searched when he entered the White House."

As the "coup" targeting President Trump continues through the House impeachment abuse, it is important to remember that its origins are in the Deep State agencies – especially the FBI and DOJ.

Court Forces State Dept To Release Smoking Gun Clinton Email

The Clinton email scandal is far from over. A federal court ordered discovery in a major Judicial Watch lawsuit that will ultimately result in nearly 20 witnesses having to testify under oath to our attorneys. And, and thanks to the court's orders, we're also getting new documents proving the Clinton email cover-up. Specifically, the State Department released a previously hidden [email](#) showing that top State Department officials used and were aware of Hillary Clinton's email account.

On December 24, 2010, Daniel Baer, an Obama State Department deputy assistant secretary of state, writes to Michael Posner, a then-assistant secretary of state about Clinton's private email address:

Baer: "Be careful, you just gave the secretary's personal email address to a bunch of folks ..."

Posner answers: "Should I say don't forward? Did not notice"

Baer responds: "Yeah-I just know that she guards it pretty closely"

Posner had forwarded Clinton's email address, which was contained in an email sent to State Department senior leadership, about WikiLeaks.

It appears that the State Department produced this email in 2016 in [redacted form](#), blacking out Clinton's personal email address and the discussion about Clinton's wanting to keep her email address closely guarded.

We sought the email after a former top Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) State Department official [testified](#) to us about reviewing it between late 2013 and early 2014.

The testimony and the email production come in discovery granted to us on the Clinton email issue in a FOIA [lawsuit](#) ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). Clinton also faces potential questioning under oath in this lawsuit.

Despite a recent [court order](#) requiring production of the email, the DOJ and State Departments only produced it 10 days ago after we threatened to seek a court order to compel its production.

In other words, we just caught the State Department and DOJ red-handed in another email cover-up. They all knew about the Clinton email account but covered up the smoking-gun email showing this guilty knowledge for years.

The scope of court-ordered discovery that produced this email find includes: whether Secretary Clinton used private email in an effort to evade the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); whether the State Department's attempt to settle this FOIA case in 2014 and 2015 amounted to bad faith; and whether the State Department has adequately searched for records responsive to our FOIA request.

During a recent [hearing](#), Judge Lamberth specifically raised concerns about a Clinton [email cache](#), carterheavyindustries@gmail.com, discussed in a letter to Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and wants Judicial Watch to "[shake this tree](#)" on this issue.

Judge Lamberth also [criticized](#) the State Department's handling and production of Clinton's emails in this case stating, "There is no FOIA [Freedom of Information Act] exemption for political expedience, nor is there one for bureaucratic incompetence."

The court rejected DOJ and State efforts to derail further Judicial Watch discovery. Judge Lamberth called their arguments "preposterous" and cited a prior Judicial Watch FOIA case in which he ordered U.S. Marshals to [seize records](#) from a Clinton administration official.

Judge Lamberth detailed how the State Department "spent three months from November 2014 trying to make this case disappear," and that after discovering the State Department's actions and omissions, "Now we know more, but we have even [more questions](#) than answers. So I won't hold it against Judicial Watch for expanding their initial discovery request now."

Judge Lamberth stated his goal was to [restore the public's faith](#) in their government, which may have been damaged because of the Clinton email investigation.

The court [granted](#) us seven additional depositions, three interrogatories and four document requests related to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server. Hillary Clinton and her former top aide and current lawyer Cheryl Mills were given 30 days to oppose our depositions of them.

On December 6, 2018, Judge Lamberth [ordered](#) Obama administration senior State Department officials, lawyers and Clinton aides to be deposed or answer written questions under oath. The court [ruled](#) that the Clinton email system was "one of the gravest modern offenses to government transparency."

Our FOIA lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.

Our discovery over the last several months found many more details about the scope of the Clinton email scandal and cover-up:

- John Hackett, former Director of Information Programs and Services (IPS), [testified](#) under oath that he had raised concerns that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's staff may have "culled out 30,000" of the secretary's "personal" emails without following strict National Archives standards. He also revealed that he believed there was interference with the formal FOIA review process related to the classification of Clinton's Benghazi-related emails.
- Heather Samuelson, Clinton's White House liaison at the State Department, and later Clinton's personal lawyer, [admitted](#) under oath that she was granted immunity by the Department of Justice in June 2016.
- Justin Cooper, former aide to President Bill Clinton and Clinton Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure clintonemail.com server that Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State, [testified](#) he worked with Huma Abedin, Clinton's deputy chief of staff, to create the non-government email system.
- In the [interrogatory responses](#) of E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, he stated that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically the Executive Office of the President.
- Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, [testified](#) that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.
- Eric Boswell, former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security during Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, [testified](#) that Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerry's and personal emails to transmit classified material.

The court will next decide will whether Judicial Watch attorneys can question Mrs. Clinton directly under oath – so stay tuned....

A Judicial Watch Election Law Victory in California

We thwarted Leftist Californians' efforts to keep President Trump off the 2020 ballot.

A federal judge enjoined a California law requiring presidential candidates to publicly disclose their tax returns. The injunction was requested by Judicial Watch, President Trump, and other challengers to the law.

California's Presidential Tax Transparency and Accountability Act ("SB 27") requires presidential candidates to disclose their tax returns for the past five years for public posting on the internet. Candidates who refuse to do so are barred from having their names printed on California's March 2020 primary ballot.

Judicial Watch's [lawsuit](#) challenged the law on behalf of four California voters, including two Republicans, a Democrat, and an Independent. The lawsuit alleged that SB 27 imposes candidate qualifications beyond those allowed by the U.S. Constitution's Presidential Qualifications Clause and that it violates voters' First and Fourteenth Amendment rights to associate with like-minded voters and to express their preferences by means of their votes ([Jerry Griffin et al. v. Alex Padilla](#) (No. 2:19-cv-01477)). President Trump, the Republican National Committee, and other candidates and private litigants also filed legal challenges.

In his [decision](#), Judge Morrison C. England of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California observed that "there has never been a legal requirement that any candidate for federal office disclose their tax returns." While he noted that SB 27 "was primarily intended to force President Trump to disclose his tax returns," Judge England agreed with Judicial Watch that the law particularly harmed California voters by diminishing their ability "to cast an effective vote" and to select the "presidential candidate of their choice."

Judge England ruled that Judicial Watch was likely to succeed on every one of its claims. He stated that California's scheme "tramples the Framers' vision of having uniform standards" for candidate qualifications. He also found that the public had an "extraordinary" interest in "ensuring that individual voters may associate for the advancement of political beliefs and cast a vote for their preferred candidate for President." And he agreed with President Trump that SB 27 was preempted by the federal Ethics in Government Act.

As Judge England noted, nonpartisan counsel for the California legislature had issued a written opinion stating that a prior version of SB 27 was unconstitutional. Then-Governor Jerry Brown had vetoed that prior version, also citing constitutional concerns.

Leftist California politicians, in their zeal to attack President Trump, passed a law that also unconstitutionally victimizes California voters and the U.S. Constitution. The court found this anti-Trump scheme to game the 2020 elections to be obviously unconstitutional.

Outrageously, California's political leadership will continue to abuse and waste taxpayer money by trying to appeal this sensible decision. They should give up and stop trying to prevent voters from being able to vote for the presidential candidate of their choice next year.

Until next week ...

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Tom Fitton: Mueller Should Testify Before Congress and Answer for Ethics Issues

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On May 29, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss Robert Mueller's statements about the special counsel report.

Tom Fitton: Deep State Will Target Anyone They Can over Anti-Trump Coup

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On May 28, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton will appear on "FreedomTalks" with FreedomWorks to discuss the Mueller report and anti-Trump targeting.



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Tom Fitton: Obama State Dept. was 'At the Center of the Storm' over Anti-Trump Dossiers

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June 17, 2019- JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss Steele's anti-Trump dossier.



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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins Lou Dobbs to discuss the Trump impeachment trial and what Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell must do to ensure a fair trial in the Senate. Should the President's Defense team bring in Steele, or Hillary Clinton to testify? Watch Here to find out more.

Tom Fitton on the Real Reason Behind Trump Impeachment—Cover-Up for Hillary Clinton's Corruption!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "America with Eric Bolling" on BlazeTV to discuss the upcoming impeachment trial of President Trump—and why it is really a cover-up for the Clinton Email Scandal.

Tom Fitton: Having A Senate Trial Rewards Pelosi's Coup Attempt against President Trump

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Larry O'Connor Show" (WMAL) to discuss the impeachment trial of President Trump.





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Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss the ongoing impeachment effort & FISAGate targeting against President Trump.

Tom Fitton: Adam Schiff Should be the One Testifying in Senate Impeachment Trial--Not Trump!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Mornings on the Mall" on WMAL to discuss the ongoing impeachment effort against President Trump.

Anti-Trump Steele Dossier Was Pushed Through State Dept.

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss House Republican Leader McCarthy stating that House Speaker Pelosi hopes to add a third article of impeachment; Senator Hawley filing his plan to allow the dismissal of the articles of impeachment if House Democrats withhold them from the Senate; and more!





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On June 11, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Hannity" on the Fox News Channel to discuss Judicial Watch obtains new emails exposing Steele contracts.

Chris Farrell: Clinton Family Members Play Fast & Loose With What is "Permissible or Lawful"

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On June 12, Judicial Watch Director of Investigations and Research Chris Farrell appeared on OAN to discuss "a pattern of behavior where Clinton family members are playing fast and loose and would operate at the margins of what was permissible or lawful."





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Subject: Tom Fitton: Why DOJ Activist Lawyers Are Afraid of Investigations

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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton: Why DOJ Activist Lawyers Are Afraid of Investigations

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Ingraham Angle" on the Fox News Channel on February 14th, to discuss Senate Democrats still wanting AG Barr removed, however, the Justice Department let McCabe off the hook even though he admitted to lying to federal investigators, and more!

Tom Fitton: Roger Stone Case Shows AG Barr Needs to Retake Control of DOJ

Last Friday, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Dom Giordano Show" (1210 WPHT) to discuss the recent developments involving the trial of Roger Stone.

Tom Fitton: AG Should Freeze Flynn Investigation Amid Potentially Corrupt DOJ Prosecution



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Tom Fitton: Why the Articles of Impeachment Against Trump are Based on Nothing

The IG Report reveals how the FBI under then-Director James Comey paid Steele \$95,000 for his dossier. The dossier, funded primarily by Fusion GPS, Clinton's vendor, was relied upon by the FBI in requesting a FISA Warrant process. Click [here](#) to get to the bottom of this corrupt activity led by James Comey!

Tom Fitton: Did Former Ambassador to Ukraine Protect Soros, Biden-Linked Groups from Prosecution?

Judicial Watch announced today it has filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the State Department seeking documents related to a reported "untouchables list" given in late 2016 by former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch to Ukraine Prosecutor General Yuriy Lutsenko. Lutsenko recently told The New York Times that Yovanovitch "pressed him not to prosecute anti-corruption activists."

Tom Fitton: IG Report Reveals FBI Tampered w/ FISA Evidence to Keep Spying on Trump

The IG Report's underwhelming nature skimmed over egregious misconduct by FBI officials, demonstrating an acceptance of political bias and a lack of will power to effectively confront it. The reported abuse of power for political purposes paints a very troubling picture of the FISA process and just how much FBI bureaucrats did to ensure their politically-motivated show trial would come to fruition.



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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton on "The Howie Carr Show": How Ballot Harvesting Increases the Likelihood for Voter Fraud

Recently, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Howie Carr Show" to discuss ballot harvesting & voter fraud. Ballot harvesting, in other words the third party voting scheme proposed by Pelosi amid the coronavirus scare, is a blatant attempt to legalize and promote otherwise illicit voting procedures. Tune in to hear why YOU should stand up against it.

FBI Tells Court Transparency is "Not Mission-Critical" -- NO GOOD EXCUSE!

Judicial Watch recently released a joint status report in its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit for records about top Justice Department official Bruce Ohr and his wife Nellie Ohr, in which the DOJ states it has suspended electronic FOIA operations. The Ohrs were involved in the anti-Trump dossier authored by former British spy Christopher Steele.

Adam Schiff Wants to Keep Records on the Impeachment Abuse of Trump a SECRET!

Government watchdog Judicial Watch has said House Intel Chairman Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) blocked their lawsuit, which sought to obtain subpoenas he used to disclose Rudy Giuliani's phone records during the impeachment inquiry. Courtesy of OAN.





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Tom Fitton with Dan Bongino: Clinton Corruption, Ukraine, & #SpyGate Targeting of Trump!

Join Tom Fitton for an exclusive conversation with Dan Bongino on Hillary's ongoing email scandal, Biden's activities in Ukraine and the SpyGate Targeting of Trump to cover it all up.

Tom Fitton on WMAL: Schiff Abusing Senate in Trump Impeachment – Senate Should Put a Stop to It!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins WMAL "Mornings on the Mall" to discuss how Adam Schiff is testifying like a witness in Trump impeachment trial and how can the senate allow him to prosecute.

Tom Fitton: Senate Should Dismiss Trump Impeachment Trial -- Investigate Schiff's Misconduct!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins Christian Datoc of The Daily Caller to discuss why the Senate should dismiss President Trump's impeachment trial and should instead investigate Adam Schiff's misconduct.



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Dear Supporter,

Recently, Judicial Watch announced that it filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the State Department for all text and other electronic messages of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former Deputy Chief of Staff Huma Abedin after discovering an email that strongly suggests Clinton used text messages for official business ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:20-cv-00441)).

"Where are Hillary Clinton's text messages?" asked Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Judicial Watch uncovered the hidden Clinton emails and now we've uncovered that Secretary Clinton and her top aide Huma Abedin used text messages.

Judicial Watch will continue to fight on your behalf in Washington D.C. against government corruption and abuse. Watch below:

Tom Fitton's Issue Update: Hillary Clinton to be QUESTIONED UNDER OATH by Judicial Watch!

On this special update, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton sits down with Judicial Watch Senior Attorney to discuss the latest on the Hillary Clinton Email Scandal which will include questioning her under oath by May 16th. Stay tuned with Judicial Watch to catch the latest updates!

Sincerely,
Amelia Koehn
Public Affairs Coordinator



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Dear Supporter,

This week, Judicial Watch announced that U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth [granted](#) Judicial Watch's request to depose former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton about her emails and Benghazi attack documents. The [court also ordered](#) the deposition of Clinton's former Chief of Staff, Cheryl Mills and two other State Department officials.

The ruling comes in Judicial Watch's [lawsuit](#) that seeks records concerning "talking points or updates on the Benghazi attack" ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:14-cv-01242)). Judicial Watch famously uncovered in 2014 that the "talking points" that provided the basis for Susan Rice's false statements were [created by](#) the Obama White House. This Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit [led directly](#) to the disclosure of the Clinton email system in 2015.

Last summer, Judicial Watch Senior Attorney Ramona Cotca joined Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton to discuss our ongoing work with the Clinton email scandal. Watch below:

Hillary Clinton to be Questioned UNDER OATH by Judicial Watch--Here's What You Need to Know...

Sincerely,
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Public Affairs Coordinator

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Top Clinton Aide Admits Under Oath that He and Clinton Used Unsecure Personal Email for Official State Department Business

Source: [Judicial Watch](#)

Judicial Watch released the transcript of a court-ordered deposition of Jacob “Jake” Sullivan, Hillary Clinton’s senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, in which the top staffer admits that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.

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**Top Clinton aide:
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A former top aide to Hillary Clinton said it was not part of his "job" to think about her emails.

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**Aide admits he and
Clinton used
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A senior adviser to then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton admitted under oath that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.

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**HILLARY AIDE
UNDER OATH: YES,
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Jacob Sullivan, who was
Hillary Clinton's deputy
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has confirmed under oath
that both he and Clinton
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"It is shameful that the Justice and State Departments continue to try to protect Hillary Clinton and the Obama administration on the email scandal."

- *Tom Fitton*
Judicial Watch President

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Tom Fitton: Spying on Trump was Run From the Obama White House

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton: "It obviously was spying. Nothing like this has occurred in American history. One of the most significant abuses of power in history. Why hasn't there been a comprehensive investigation? This was run out of the Obama White House."

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Tom Fitton on WMAL: Hillary Clinton ORDERED by Court to Answer Key Questions on Email Server

JW President Tom Fitton appeared on "Mornings on the Mall" on WMAL Radio to discuss U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan ruled that within 30 days Clinton must answer under oath two additional questions about her controversial email system.

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Transgender Illegal Aliens Get Special Treatment, Hormone Therapy Under Policy Issued by Trump's Border Czar JUNE 18, 2019

Immigration centers are dangerously overcrowded yet the federal agency slammed with an onslaught of migrants provides a separate unit for transgender illegal immigrants as well as costly hormone therapy and a number of other perks. Thanks to an Obama policy continued by the Trump administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) gives transgender illegal aliens special treatment, including their own detention center in New Mexico that offers hair and makeup classes, a recreation area, gym, television rooms, a lab and pharmacy. There are also meeting areas for trans detainees to consult with free legal services provided by advocacy groups.

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Judicial Watch: Obama State Dept. Worked With Top Democrats To Release Steele Dossier

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Government watchdog group Judicial Watch recently released emails from the Obama State Department related to the origins of the "debunked Russia hoax." [Read More](#)

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Fitton: Emails Show Obama State Department's Role in Anti-Trump Coup Cabal

Breitbart

John Kerry, President Obama's secretary of state, seems to be having trouble staying within the legal bounds of the Logan Act, so it's not surprising that his State Department lieutenants were getting their hands dirty in the conspiracy to bring down Donald Trump...

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State Department Identifies 23 Security Violations Related to Clinton Emails, Charges Pending

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Judicial Watch Statement on House Resolution Vote

Today's vote endorses an abusive process that rolls over the rights of President Trump and undermines the rule of law. This was no impeachment resolution – it was a coup resolution. This coup attack was corruptly formed and corruptly pursued. The U.S. Senate should rule out a trial on any so-called impeachment arising from the Pelosi-Schiff abuse of the U.S. Constitution.

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Trump Administration Picks Mexican Partnership Over Terrorist Designation to Fight Cartels Though Country's Top Cop Was on Sinaloa Payroll

President Donald Trump picked a horrible time to postpone designating Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO), a misguided decision made at the request of the divisive leader of a country with record-high crime and a failing economy. Days after declaring the cartels would finally be classified as FTOs by the U.S. Trump did an about-face to appease Mexican President Manuel Lopez Obrador, assuring that instead Mexico and the U.S. would "step up our joint efforts to deal decisively with these vicious and ever-growing organizations!"

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Judicial Watch: Federal Court Hearing on Awan Brothers, Congressional Democrat IT Scandal

In August 2019, the DOJ told the court that it would begin producing records by November 5, 2019. After producing no records, on November 13, 2019 the agency told Judicial Watch that it was having “technical difficulties,” and in a recent email claimed that “difficulties with the production remain.”

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Billions for Social Justice College Courses; “Queer Arabs in the U.S,” “Power, Racism and Africana Liberation”

American taxpayers spend billions of dollars to fund a growing number of mandatory social justice courses, degrees and certificates as well as events at public universities nationwide, according to a study that documents the financial burden of a robust leftist movement in academia. Conducted by a New York-based nonprofit dedicated to academic research, the analysis dissects the curriculum requirements of 60 colleges and universities across the country to show a distinct—and costly—trend towards cramming social justice down the collective throats of all students, regardless of their major. In fact, some public institutions of higher learning have even incorporated social justice into math, offering classes such as “Algebra and Statistics for Social Justice” and “Mathematics and Social Justice.”

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Farrell: Obama Wanted To Know Everything His Trump Spies Were Doing, And It Looks Like He Did

The Daily Caller

When it comes to the unlawful surveillance on Donald Trump’s presidential campaign, the most important question is, what did President Obama know and when did he know it? If we are to believe the testimony in the Justice Department inspector general’s report on FISA abuse, Obama didn’t know anything about the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

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Update: Impeachment Abuse of Trump is Designed to PROTECT Obama/Clinton/Biden Deep State Gang

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There's Great Hate for Donald Trump's Success: Goodwin

The New York Post

Does Pelosi hate Donald Trump? Of course she does. She hates that he's president, that he's building an economy that is the envy of the world and that he appeals to voters her party used to own. She's turned him into such a villain that every success of his is a failure for her.

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Judicial Watch Sues State Dept. For Docs On Alleged Ukraine Corruption Cover-Up

The Daily Caller

Government oversight group Judicial Watch is suing the State Department for documents related to former Ukraine Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch. On Wednesday, Judicial Watch filed a Freedom of Information lawsuit to obtain a list of corrupt Ukrainian officials allegedly protected by Yovanovitch.

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Impeachment Update: Trump is a Crime Victim--Adam Schiff Should be the One Facing a Senate Trial!

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Tom Fitton: Let Your Members of Congress Know What You Think of the Trump Impeachment Hearings!

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Trump DOJ Follows CAIR Lead, Sues Michigan City for Denying Islamic Center Permit

Following the lead of a terrorist front group, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is suing a Michigan suburb for rejecting a Muslim group’s zoning request to construct an Islamic center within city limits. The feds took legal action at the request of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), a co-conspirator in a federal terror-finance case involving the Hamas front group Holy Land Foundation (read more in a Judicial Watch special report on Muslim charities).

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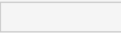


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Judicial Watch: McCabe Memo Details How DOJ's Rosenstein Proposed Wearing a Wire into Oval Office to Record President Trump

Judicial Watch

The Justice Department turned over the document last Friday at 5:27 pm in a Judicial Watch February, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed after the Justice Department and FBI failed to respond to September 2, 2018 FOIA requests for documents about any FBI/DOJ discussions regarding the 25th Amendment and plans to secretly record President Trump in the Oval Office (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:19-cv-00388)).

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Tom Fitton: Trump Impeachment Effort is a Constitutional Crisis Affecting All of Our Rights!

On Thursday, Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Mornings on the Mall" on WMAL to discuss the ongoing impeachment effort against President Trump.

Tom Fitton: There Are Crimes Associated With The Spygate Targeting of President Trump

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins WMAL to discuss Rep. Adam Schiff's political targeting of President Trump and the crimes associated with his handling of classified information between himself, Lt. Col. Vindman and the leaker at the time of the phone call.

Tom Fitton: How the House of Representatives/Schiff Are Trampling on Trump's Rights

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins Steve Bannon's Impeachment War Room to discuss Rep. Adam Schiff's backdoor practices in obtaining Rudy Giuliani's phone records - a questionable approach which undermines Trump's right to confidentiality with his lawyer.



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Trump Rids Major U.S. Container Port of Chinese Communist Control

Removing Chinese Communists from this essential port is a tremendous feat and a huge victory for U.S. national security. You'd never know it because the media, consumed with the impeachment debacle, has ignored this important achievement. The only coverage of the finalized transfer is found in Long Beach's local newspaper, which published a brief article omitting important background information on the Trump administration's work to take back the terminal from the Communists.

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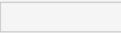


Judicial Watch Releases Documents on Rosenstein, Mueller Communications

One America News Network

Judicial Watch is working to expose possible corruption in the appointment of Special Counsel Robert Mueller. It released 145 pages of former Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's communications from 2017. The communications included several "off the record" conversations and one email that read: "The boss and his staff do not know about our discussions."

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Omar Files for Divorce Five Weeks After Telling Reporter on Video that She Wasn't Separated

The Daily Caller

She swore that she didn't know the name of a single member of her husband's family, and that they didn't have any friends or acquaintances in common who might know how to locate him, according to papers she filed with the Minnesota district court. She swore she tried to locate him through social media but could not, even though he had public profiles on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Screenshots additionally show Omar continuously interacting with him on social media in the years since. Ahmed Nur Said appears to be working for Omar's sister Sahra Noor, according to Instagram records."

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Iowa Voter ID Law Survives Lawsuit Claiming it is "An Attack on the Latino Community"

Judicial Watch

Under the law Iowans must present a valid form of identification before voting in elections. Acceptable IDs include a driver's license, non-operator's license, passport, military ID, veteran's ID or state-issued voter card. Voter ID laws are created to prevent election fraud and 35 states have enacted them, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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CA's Anti-Trump Tax Return Requirement to Run for President-- "Voters' Right to Choose is at Issue"

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Trump-Ukraine Whistleblowing "Scam" Meant to Freeze Any Investigation of Joe Biden

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Senate passes McConnell's impeachment trial rules after more than 12 hours of debate

Source: [New York Post](#)

The Senate passed Mitch McConnell's impeachment trial rules along party lines early Wednesday morning — ending a 13-hour day of debate on the Senate floor.

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**Trump Shouldn't Be
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Tom Fitton: " it's going to
be two weeks of smearing
President Trump. He'll win
in the end, but he'll be
abused by the process in
the meantime. If there's
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Adam Schiff for his
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**The Real Reason For
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cover up everything ..
Benghazi, pay-to-play,
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**Senate Needs to
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Rights during House
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Tom Fitton: "This is par for
the course out of the
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It's been an abuse of the
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How California's Attack Against President Trump is Unconstitutional!

On this episode of "Inside Judicial Watch," Public Affairs Coordinator, Amelia Koehn, sits down with Judicial Watch Senior Attorney, and Director of the Election Integrity Project, Robert Popper to discuss how California's attack against President for his tax returns is unconstitutional!

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Trump DOJ Follows CAIR Lead, Sues Michigan City for Denying Islamic Center Permit

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Last year CAIR filed a federal lawsuit accusing Troy, a small city located about 23 miles northwest of Detroit, of discriminatory denial of zoning to a local Muslim organization called Adam Community Center that wants to build a mosque and Islamic community facility.

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De Blasio's New York Slips Toward a Crisis of Crime & Disorder

Judicial Watch

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio's withdrawal from the presidential race last week is a lost opportunity. A successful de Blasio effort in the Democratic primaries —his was anything but—could have sparked a necessary national debate over signs of rising disorder in American cities.

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Not only was the Ukraine call appropriate, but @RealDonaldTrump should make more calls to other countries (UK, Australia, Italy, etc.) to get to the bottom of the abuses of the Obama administration.

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It was never about Russia (or is it about "Ukraine"). The targeting of @RealDonaldTrump serves to protect Hillary Clinton and her enablers/co-conspirators in Obama administration from prosecution. @JudicialWatch

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Judicial Watch Sues DOJ for Electronic Communication that Initiated Counterintelligence Investigation of President Trump's 2016 Campaign

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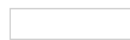


U.S. Blows \$230 Million on Wasteful Projects—Self-Cleaning Toilet, Promoting Serbian Cheese

Although the year is not quite over the federal government has already managed to blow more than \$230 million on outrageous things such as a self-cleaning toilet, the statue of a popular folk-rock singer for a foreign embassy and dubious research on the effects of nicotine on fish. The list goes on and the sordid details are provided in a “Waste Report,” published recently by the office of a U.S. Senator who chairs the spending subcommittee of the Senate’s chief investigative and oversight committee. The document takes a closer look at what the federal government is doing with the American people’s hard-earned money, according to the lawmaker, Kentucky Republican Rand Paul.

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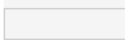


Judicial Watch Sues Justice Department for Emails, Texts of Intelligence Community Inspector General Michael Atkinson

Judicial Watch

During Atkinson’s tenure at NSD, he was senior legal counsel, first to NSD head John Carlin (Robert Mueller’s former chief of staff when Mueller directed the FBI) and later to acting NSD head Mary McCord. McCord accompanied then-Acting Attorney General Sally Yates to see White House Counsel Don McGahn regarding Michael Flynn.

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Alexandra Chalupa's Mission to Take Down Candidate and President Donald Trump

Breitbart

Chalupa may not be a household name, but if the impeachment effort against the president advances to the Senate she might take center stage as an anti-Trump activist who could be credited with launching Russian collusion and Ukraine bribery conspiracies.

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The Supreme Court Heard Its First Gun Rights Case In Years. It Might Be A Misfire

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The Supreme Court heard arguments in a gun rights case for the first time in nearly 10 years Monday, involving a challenge to since-repealed New York City rules that greatly restricted the transportation of firearms.

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Coup Attack on Trump is about Protecting Obama/Clinton Operation from Prosecution over #Spygate!

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One of the Schiff-Nadler-Pelosi coup witnesses tomorrow is evidently a three-time donor to Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign.

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U.S. Government Media Network Extols "Press Freedom" After Firing Journalists Over Soros Report

It's ironic that, just weeks after firing journalists behind a broadcast critical of leftwing billionaire George Soros, the head of the U.S. government's international media networks is proclaiming his support for "press freedom." U.S. Agency for Global Media (USAGM) Chief John F. Lansing, an Obama appointee, issued a heartfelt [statement](#) a few days ago reaffirming his "commitment to the fundamental principles of press freedom."

In the document, titled "Fighting for press freedom, today and everyday," Lansing assures the world that his agency "will continue to report the truth," though it recently cost USAGM journalists their jobs. The occasion was World Press Freedom Day, celebrated on May 3, and Lansing expresses deep concern that his taxpayer-funded agency "continues to witness firsthand how a free and independent media is deteriorating worldwide."

Posted on the agency's website and disbursed worldwide, the document goes on to say "despite some very dark moments, we have not been silenced. We will continue to report the truth. We will continue to find new ways to get independent reporting and programming to global audiences who rely on it."

And we will continue to carry through our mission to inform, engage, and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. Today, and every day, I am proud to be part of this organization, and call these brave men and women colleagues, as we stand together for press freedom."

Lansing conveniently omits that he recently utilized [Stalinist techniques](#) to retaliate against USAGM journalists and producers involved in the Soros piece. The Spanish-language segment aired in May 2018 on Television Marti and was available for months online until it caught the eye of a scandal-plagued senator tried for bribery and corruption.

Eight reporters and editors at the publicly funded media outlet were terminated and, at the request of the disgraced senator, New Jersey Democrat Bob Menendez, Lansing ordered a [review](#) of all content to address "patterns of unethical, unprofessional, biased, or sub-standard journalism." An employee at the Miami, Florida-based Marti headquarters said in a [local newspaper](#) report "the environment that has been created by the upper hierarchy of the Agency for Global Media is repressive. People write with fear. Adjectives are no longer used."

Television Marti—and its radio counterpart—operate under the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) and comprise one of the USAGM's five international multimedia networks. The others are Voice of America (VOA), Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Radio Free Asia and Middle East Broadcasting. The media outlets get about \$685 million a year from American taxpayers and reportedly reach 345 million people worldwide in 59 languages.

The global media agency was created to counter disinformation spread by oppressive regimes abroad. The USAGM [website](#) states that its mission is "to inform, engage and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy." Television and Radio Marti were created to promote freedom and democracy by providing the people of

Cuba with objective news and information programming.

The Soros broadcast focused on his efforts to cripple sovereign governments in Latin America. Judicial Watch was cited as a source because it [investigated](#) State Department funding of Soros groups in Colombia and published a [report](#) on Soros' initiatives to advance a radical globalist agenda in Guatemala. Judicial Watch also released a [special report](#) documenting the financial and staffing nexus between Soros' Open Society Foundations (OSF) and the U.S. government.

In that document, Judicial Watch connects the dots between U.S.-funded entities and OSF affiliates to further the Hungarian-born philanthropist's agenda seeking to destabilize legitimate governments, erase national borders, target conservative politicians, finance civil unrest, subvert institutions of higher education, and orchestrate refugee crises for political gain. A few years ago, Judicial Watch [exposed](#) a scheme in which the U.S. government spent millions of dollars to destabilize the democratically elected, center-right government in Macedonia by colluding with Soros' OSF.

More than five months after the Spanish-language Soros broadcast aired on Television Martí, Menendez [ordered](#) Lansing to conduct an immediate investigation and the USAGM chief retaliated against his own staff for practicing the "press freedom" he defends weeks later.

Menendez, who serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee despite his sordid history, blocked President Trump's nomination last year to replace Lansing as USAGM chief so perhaps Lansing owed him. A few years ago, Menendez was [charged](#) with federal bribery and corruption stemming from his relationship with a crooked south Florida eye doctor that lavished him with cash, gifts and trips in exchange for political favors. The eye doctor, Salomon Melgen, got convicted of stealing \$73 million from Medicare and was sentenced to [17 years in prison](#).

Menendez got off because jurors were unable to reach a verdict and his trial ended in mistrial. His colleagues on the Senate Ethics Committee determined that the veteran lawmaker not only violated senate rules, but also federal law and applicable standards of conduct. In a public [letter](#) of admonition, the committee writes that over a six-year period Menendez knowingly and repeatedly accepted gifts of significant value from Melgen in violation of senate rules and federal law. "Additionally, while accepting these gifts, you used your position as a Member of the Senate to advance Dr. Melgen's personal and business interests," the committee writes.

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Tom Fitton: Rosenstein Needs to be Removed or Investigated

September 25, 2018- Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on the "Intelligence Report with Trish Regan" on the Fox Business Network to discuss what to expect from President Trump's meeting with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

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Farrell: How Many Democrats Think Gun-Ownng Americans are Terrorists?

Are American gun owners potential domestic terrorists? The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution declaring the National Rifle Association “a domestic terrorist organization.” They blame the “epidemic of gun violence” in part on the NRA, which they accuse of using “its considerable wealth and organization strength to promote gun ownership and incite gun owners to acts of violence.”

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U.S. Spends Millions to Train Bomb-Sniffing Dogs Gifted to Arab Nations that Abuse Them

It is a heartbreaking story involving the taxpayer-funded Explosive Detection Canine Program (EDCP), which also provides specially trained dogs to foreign nations—mostly Arabic—under an antiterrorism assistance project operated by the State Department.

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North Carolina Jails Free Hundreds of Illegal Immigrant Criminals Wanted by Feds

So far 489 illegal aliens with ICE detainers have been discharged from North Carolina jails in the last ten months, including those charged with serious crimes such as homicide, kidnapping, arson and sex offenses.

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Judicial Watch: Records Show DOJ Effort to Craft Response to Reports on Rosenstein Wearing Wire, Invoking 25th Amendment

The records show that, following a September 21, 2018, report on Rosenstein suggesting he would wear a wire to secretly record Trump and his discussions on using the 25th Amendment, Rosenstein sought to ensure the media would have "difficulty" finding anyone in the DOJ to comment and a concerted effort within the DOJ to frame the reporting as "inaccurate" and "factually incorrect."

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Judicial Watch: New State Department Documents Reveal Last-Minute Efforts by Obama State Department to Undermine President Trump

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch obtained the documents through a June 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed against the State Department after it failed to respond to a February 2018 request seeking records of the Obama State Department's last-minute efforts to share classified information about Russia election interference issues with Democratic Senator Ben Cardin (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State (No. 1:18-cv-01381)).

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Fitton: Judge Slams State/DOJ on Clinton Email Cover-Up

Breitbart

Judicial Watch just released the transcript of a major court hearing (held last week) in which U.S. District Court Judge Royce C. Lamberth granted significant new discovery to us on the Clinton email issue (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State (No. 1:14-cv-01242)).

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Senate Republicans did nothing about admitted violations of ethics rules by Booker...and DC Bar also punted on alleged ethics violations by leftist lawyers for Kavanaugh accuser. No wonder the Left is back with another smear job and assault on the Republic.

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Fitton: New Evidence of State Department Efforts to Undermine Trump

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We have made public 90 pages of heavily redacted U.S. Department of State documents showing Obama State Department officials' efforts to disseminate classified information to multiple U.S. Senators immediately prior to President Donald Trump's inauguration.

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Fitton: Will Rod Rosenstein Ever Be Questioned About His Role in #Spygate Targeting of Trump?

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Fitton: James Comey was "Playing Spy Games" on President Trump From the Beginning!

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U.S. to Spend \$700,000 on Eswatini's "National Condom Strategy"

The U.S. government will spend more than half a million dollars to provide residents of a tiny, poverty-stricken African nation with condoms. The money, \$700,000, will help fund a National Condom Strategy launched by the Ministry of Health in Eswatini, a landlocked south African country smaller than New Jersey. Until recently Eswatini was known as Swaziland but its tyrannical ruler, King Mswati III, changed it so the country could break with its colonial past.

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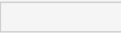


Fitton: Has the Impeachment Circus Reached Its Final Act?

Breitbart

Will the nation learn anything from the spectacle of the Pelosi-Schiff coup cabal abusing the Constitution with their impeachment circus? As with the Judge Kavanaugh lynching, the impeachment of President Trump was always a house of cards built on abuse of power, distortions and dastardly lies.

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Tom Fitton: DOJ Disavows #Spygate Warrants



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No crime, no near crime, no misconduct.
@RealDonaldTrump on the eve of vindication. Now there must be accountability for the Pelosi-Schiff coup cabal's misconduct.

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Judicial Watch Statement on Iowa Secretary of State Misleading about Accuracy of State's Registration Rolls

Judicial Watch

The Iowa secretary of state's release of interim voter registration data further confirms our concerns and shows that five of the eight counties we listed are still over 100%. Nearly three dozen counties have a registration rate over 95% of the voter age population, which is extraordinarily high. Our data has proven to be a strong indicator of voter registration issues and a basis for further inquiry. Based on lawsuits alleging the same voter registration issues, Judicial Watch has obtained three statewide settlement agreements, including a consent decree in the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 2018 and a settlement with Los Angeles County and the State of California in 2019.

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FOILED Again: Judicial Watch Battles for Transparency in Cardillo Murder Case

Judicial Watch

Judicial Watch followers have been asking about the outcome of our appeal to the New York State Supreme Court for information related to the murder of NYPD Patrolman Phillip Cardillo. Cardillo was gunned down inside Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam Mosque in 1972, in one of the most notorious crimes of the era—the Harlem Mosque Incident.

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The Anti-Trump Coup Cabal is COVERING for Joe Biden on Ukraine/Burisma Connections

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UPDATE: Does Iowa Need to Clean Up its Voter Rolls? Judicial Watch Fact Check!

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Nancy Pelosi's tearing up of @realDonaldTrump's State of the Union speech what about as disturbing a public act by a politician as I ever witnessed in Washington DC.

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UPDATE: Does Iowa Need to Clean Up its Voter Rolls? Judicial Watch Fact Check!

Join Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton and Senior Attorney Robert Popper for a conversation about Iowa's Voter Rolls, and today's media's attack on Judicial Watch's Election Integrity Initiative. Tune in to hear the truth on Iowa's electoral malfeasance.



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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton: #Iowa Has Dirty Voter Rolls & NEEDS to Take Steps to Clean Them Up

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on CBN News this week to discuss our findings on voter registration rolls in Iowa.

Tom Fitton: The DOJ Needs to Do SERIOUS Criminal Investigations into Illicit Targeting of Trump

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss the ongoing impeachment effort of President Trump.

CIA Whistleblower "Misstated" what Happened on Trump/Ukraine Call--Is He Connected to Biden?

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "The Ross Kaminsky Show" (630 KHOW) to discuss the Clinton email scandal, the Ukraine whistleblower, & more!



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Did Ambassador to Ukraine Order State Dept. to Monitor Journalists/Trump Allies?

On this special edition of "Inside Judicial Watch" Amelia Kohen sits down with One America News Network Correspondent, Jack Posobiec, to discuss how former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine from the Obama Administration, Marie Yovanovitch, ordered the State Department to monitor conservative journalists, as well as Trump allies.

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Judicial Watch Sues Justice Department Over 'Missing' Strzok-Page Text Messages Deleted by Mueller Special Counsel

Judicial Watch

The text messages in question would have been sent and received on Justice Department issued iPhones assigned to Strzok and Page during their respective assignments to the Special Counsel's Office and should have been recovered, reviewed and preserved by the Special Counsel Office before the phones were sent back to the Justice Department Justice Management Division for reassignment.

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Tom Fitton: Trump Impeachment Hearings are Defensive Measure over Concerns about Lack of Due Process

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Ukraine gov't:

Attacked @realDonaldTrump during campaign.

Leaked docs and pushed "investigation" on top Trump aide.

Helped Clinton gang dig up dirt on on Trump and his advisers.

Amb. Yovanovitch and her Deep State colleagues had zero interest in this corruption.

6:45 AM - 21 Nov 2019

More Than 100,000 DACA Applicants Have Been Arrested—Murder, Rape, DUI

Judicial Watch

More than 100,000 illegal immigrants who requested a special Obama-era amnesty for adults who came to the U.S. as children have criminal histories, according to an alarming report released this month by the government. Offenses committed by the illegal aliens seeking protection, benefits and rights under the policy known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) include murder, rape, weapon and assault charges.

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Official Linked to 'Spygate' Hatched Plan for Biden to Force Firing of Top Ukrainian Prosecutor

The Epoch Times

A senior State Department official involved in events connected to the surveillance of the Trump 2016 presidential campaign was directly involved in concocting a plan to have Vice President Joe Biden force the firing of the top prosecutor in Ukraine, by threatening to withhold \$1 billion in U.S. loan guarantees, according to the impeachment inquiry testimony of George Kent, a senior State Department official.

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Tom Fitton: Deep State is Going after President Trump to Hide Their Own Corruption!

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Impeachment Update: New Witnesses Exonerate President Trump!

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The Constitution Betrayed: Schiff's Assault on President Trump

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Over 19 months ago, IG report referred Andrew McCabe for prosecution and detailed sham Clinton email investigation and FBI harassment of @RealDonaldTrump. No prosecutions yet. And Comey is referred for criminal prosecution by IG. DOJ declines. This is why we need @JudicialWatch.

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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton: There's a Conspiracy to Protect Anti-Trump Whistleblower over Fear of Bias Being Exposed

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins the Dom Giordano Program to give an update about three pressing topics, including the impeachment inquiry, Russiagate, and the Epstein investigation. First, Dom asks Tom about allegations from Huffington Post's Yashar Ali, who reported that White House aides were certain that Vice President Mike Pence would support using the 25th Amendment to force Trump from office.

Tom Fitton: State Department/Deep State Enemies List Targeting Trump Allies Confirmed?

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton explains why Attorney General William Barr should take action against allegations towards former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn and the ongoing impeachment effort against President Trump.

Tom Fitton: Bruce Ohr and Peter Strzok Were Key Figures in the Conspiracy Against President Trump!

Judicial Watch announced recently it received through a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit 13 pages out of 42 responsive pages of communications between former FBI official Peter Strzok and DOJ official Bruce Ohr that the DOJ claimed previously it could not find.



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INSIDE JW

Dear Judicial Watch Supporter,

I want to personally share with you Tom's key analysis of the so-called "impeachment inquiry" of President Trump. As always, Judicial Watch is fighting on your behalf in Washington D.C. against government corruption and abuse. Thank you for standing with Judicial Watch during this constitutional crisis--you don't want to miss this!

Sincerely,

Amelia Koehn

Public Affairs Coordinator

**Coup Attack on President Trump is about Protecting the Obama/Clinton Operation
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To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton: Deep State is Going after President Trump to Hide Their Own Corruption!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Justice with Judge Jeanine" on the Fox News Channel to discuss the latest in the push for impeachment.

Tom Fitton: Alleged Whistleblower Met with Ukraine/Soros Groups Tied To Trump Targeting at Obama WH

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the FOX Business Network to discuss the coup against President Trump.

Tom Fitton: Joe Biden Admits To Doing 'EXACTLY' What Nancy Pelosi is Accusing President Trump Of!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins "Mornings on the Mall" on WMAL radio show to discuss the latest of the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump.



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Mexican Drug Cartels: How Far is their Reach?

As the Trump administration considers designating Mexican drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO), Judicial Watch provides comprehensive documentation that the sophisticated criminal operations meet the U.S. government's requirements to make the list. In a White Paper, Judicial Watch outlines the unique challenges and national security risks posed by Mexican Transitional Criminal Organizations (TCO) and human trafficking. The threats require policy changes that include classifying Mexican TCOs as FTOs and a reassessment of Mexico under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), which requires countries to implement measures that address human trafficking in order to receive American aid. Mexico does not meet the minimum standards in several key areas, according to State Department documents obtained by Judicial Watch for the White Paper.

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Sheriff Who Frees Illegal Alien Convicted of Child Sex Crimes Says Enforcing Immigration Law Not Part of His Duties

Judicial Watch

This latest case comes out of Buncombe County, North Carolina where the recently elected sheriff, a Democrat, issued a policy earlier this year refusing to cooperate with ICE when it comes to inmates at his 608-bed jail who are in the country illegally. At the time the sheriff, Quentin Miller, proclaimed that enforcing immigration laws is not part of his agency's duties. Miller also said that "it is vital that members of our immigrant community can call the sheriff's office without fear when they are in need of assistance from law enforcement."

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Fitton: The Deep State's Anti-Trump Impeachment Coup is Really About Protecting Themselves!

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Mexico Massacre New Ammo for U.S. to Designate Cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations

Judicial Watch

The massacre of nine Americans by a Mexican drug cartel this week creates yet another excellent opportunity for the U.S. government to finally designate the sophisticated criminal operations as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTO). Judicial Watch has long advocated for this and earlier this year published a White Paper providing comprehensive documentation that Mexican drug cartels undoubtedly meet the U.S. government's requirements to be designated as FTOs.

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U.S. Lab Known for Security Failures Loses Enough Opioids to Kill 1,750 People

Judicial Watch

A government-owned nuclear laboratory long plagued by scandals and security breaches is in trouble again for recklessly managing controlled substances, including enough opioids to kill more than 1,700 people. Other illicit narcotics mishandled by the taxpayer-funded compound's staff include morphine, methamphetamine, codeine and cocaine.

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Judicial Watch--Not Congress--Is Exposing Government Corruption!

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JW 60 Seconds: JW Receives Records Showing Contact Between Strzok/Ohr - DOJ Claims It Couldn't Find

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Tom Fitton: Trump Impeachment Hearings are Defensive Measure over Concerns about Lack of Due Process

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the Fox Business Network to discuss the impeachment effort against President Trump and the mysterious death of Jeffrey Epstein. How does Lt. Col. Vindman believe he can challenge the role of the executive branch, stating that he shapes Ukraine policy? Is Schiff going to lose support in his own party over the no-evidence impeachment hearings?

Fitton Sounds Off on Andrew McCabe's 'Deep State' Denials

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton reacts to testimonies from impeachment hearing on 'Tucker Carlson Tonight.' Tucker and Fitton also discuss McCabe's claim that the deep state "doesn't exist" – a statement few believe given McCabe's involvement in the Rosenstein wire scandal.

Tom Fitton on "Steve Bannon's War Room": The Trump Impeachment Hearings

Join Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton in an exclusive interview with Steve Bannon's War Room for a real-time update on Schiff's grotesque impeachment hearings. Why won't the Bidens testify before Congress? What about the Whistleblower?





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ON THE AIR

Judicial Watch Obtains New Evidence of Clinton Probe Irregularities

Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton discusses newly obtained Strzok-Page emails on 'Hannity.'

Tom Fitton: President Trump Had EVERY RIGHT to Ask Ukraine About Biden!

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Did Ambassador to Ukraine Order State Dept. to Monitor Journalists/Trump Allies?

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Farrell: Big Tech Is Censoring Judicial Watch For Talking About White House ‘Whistleblower,’ But It Won’t Stop Us

The Daily Caller

To resolve the questions before the country, he must be publicly identified and questioned under oath. The right guaranteed all Americans under the Constitution — in this case, the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment — is not superseded by Democratic California Rep. Adam Schiff’s self-serving interpretation of workplace administrative regulations concerning potential management retaliation against an employee. Reminder to the left: One of your virtue posturing mottos, now emblazoned on the homepage of The Washington Post, “Democracy Dies in Darkness” — applies to you and everyone. Equal justice under the law.

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Tom Fitton on Trump Impeachment Inquiry—Obama Admin WAS Worried about Biden/Ukraine Dealings!

Tom Fitton on Coup Attempt against President Trump: ‘Adam Schiff’s Job Will be to Protect Joe Biden’

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HEAVY LIFTING Required from Everyone! You saw the Schiff-Pelosi show trial yesterday/ Have you called your congressmen and senators to let them know what you think about the sham attack on President @realDonaldTrump and our Republic? The phone number is 202-224-3121.

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Judicial Watch Obtains Strzok-Page Emails Disputing Hillary Clinton's Claim That She 'Never Received nor Sent Any Material That Was Marked Classified'

Judicial Watch

The records containing emails from Strzok and former FBI attorney Lisa Page also reveal senior FBI officials' concerns over articles written about the "farmac meeting" between former President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Strzok specifically cited a CBS News report terming the meeting "shocking, absolutely shocking," and adding that, "the appearance of impropriety is just stunning."

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DNC Opposition Researcher Working With Ukrainians Visited Obama White House Often

The Epoch Times

Alexandra Chalupa, a contracted opposition researcher working in 2015 and 2016 for the Democratic National Committee (DNC) with extensive Ukrainian sources, met with multiple officials in President Barack Obama's administration in the White House, according to visitor logs examined by Judicial Watch.

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Tom Fitton: Lt. Col. Vindman Should Be "NOWHERE NEAR" Any Policy-Making in the U.S. Government

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Tom Fitton: Impeachment Power is Being Used as Political Weapon against President Trump!

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Everything You Need to Know about the Anti-Trump Coup & the Whistleblower...

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The coup against @RealDonaldTrump is corrupt but also petty and boring. I encourage you to review the transcripts and you will see that this is nothing more than bureaucrats and other appointees complaining about policy and process -- the Gossip Girl impeachment.

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Dear Supporters,

In case you missed Judicial Watch at CPAC this year, here is Tom's Video Weekly Update and the recorded speech he gave at CPAC--watch below!

Tom Fitton's Video Weekly Update



Tom Fitton's CPAC Speech



Thank you,
Amelia Koehn
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Dear Judicial Watch Supporter,

The intriguing video below is something I knew you would not want to miss!

Just hours ago, JW President Tom Fitton, former White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon, and two of Bannon's top aides weighed in with a real-time assessment of the Pelosi-Schiff phony impeachment inquiry.

And, as you will see for yourself, their insights are both riveting and revealing:

Tom Fitton on "Steve Bannon's War Room" The Trump Impeachment Hearings

Thanks for your continued support as Judicial Watch continues to expose the truth about what is clearly one of the most destructive and dangerous political ploys in American history.

Sincerely,

Carter Clews
Director of Communications

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INSIDE JW

Dear Supporter,

I want to personally share with you Tom's late-breaking analysis of the so-called "impeachment inquiry" happening now. As always, Judicial Watch is fighting on your behalf in Washington D.C. against government corruption and abuse. Thank you for standing with Judicial Watch during this constitutional crisis--you don't want to miss this!

Sincerely,
Amelia Koehn
Public Affairs Coordinator

Tom Fitton on Coup Attempt against President Trump: 'Adam Schiff's Job Will be to Protect Joe Biden'

Tom Fitton on Trump Impeachment Inquiry--Obama Admin WAS Worried about Biden/Ukraine Dealings!

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From: JW On the Air Report <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>

Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 4:10 PM EST

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: WATCH NOW: Trump Is Being Victimized As President And As a Citizen Over Impeachment Hearings

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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton: Trump Is Being Victimized As President And As a Citizen Over Impeachment Hearings

Tom Fitton appeared on Tucker Carlson's FOX News Broadcast to discuss the unprecedented attack on President Trump's civil rights as a citizen and President. Schiff's invasion of the attorney-client relationship between President Trump and his lawyer expose the impeachment trials for what they really are, a coup attempt.

Tom Fitton: How the Trump Impeachment Hearings are Undermining All of Our Rights!

Tom Fitton: Upcoming IG Report Will Show Trump was a Crime Victim of #SpyGate Targeting!

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on The Daily Caller to discuss the upcoming IG report on #SpyGate targeting of President Trump.





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Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 5:26 PM EST

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: WATCH NOW: Vindman Shouldn't be Near Policy-Making; Impeachment Power is Being Used as Weapon Against Trump; Conspiracy to Protect Whistleblower Over Fear of Exposing Bias

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ON THE AIR

Tom Fitton: Lt. Col. Vindman Should Be "NOWHERE NEAR" Any Policy-Making in the U.S. Government

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton appeared on "Lou Dobbs Tonight" on the FOX Business Network to discuss the coup against President Trump.

Tom Fitton: Impeachment Power is Being Used as Political Weapon against President Trump!

Tom Fitton, President of Judicial Watch, joins Derek Hunter on the podcast to discuss the latest in the Trump Impeachment saga and just how far the Democrats will go to finally "win".

Tom Fitton: There's a Conspiracy to Protect Anti-Trump Whistleblower Over Fear of Bias Being Exposed

Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton joins the Dom Giordano Program to give an update about three pressing topics, including the impeachment inquiry, Russiagate, and the Epstein investigation. First, Dom asks Tom about allegations from Huffington Post's Yashar Ali, who reported that White House aides were certain that Vice President Mike Pence would support using the 25th Amendment to force Trump from office.



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JUDICIAL WATCH IS BEING CENSORED BY YOUTUBE!

In the banned video, Tom Fitton analyzed Obama WH visitor logs (gov't docs!) that showed meetings of the alleged "whistleblower" who also is a CIA employee who held key job at WH in two administrations!

YouTube censored our Weekly Update video. The coup against President Trump is destroying our freedom!

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To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: We are breaking important new legal and investigative ground

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Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2019 9:42 AM EDT
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: We are cleaning up elections!

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Judicial Watch's **Election Integrity Project** is successfully fighting to defend our election laws to keep our elections honest.

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You see, because of our most recent lawsuit and resulting settlement agreement, the process is now underway in **California** to clean up their voter rolls, beginning in **Los Angeles County**...the largest county in the largest state in America. (Los Angeles County has more residents than the populations of 41 of our 50 states)

This process may lead to the removal of up to 1.6 million ineligible voters from Los Angeles County voter rolls alone.

This is critically important because "dirty" voter rolls invite voter fraud, and the removal of just one ineligible name eliminates an opportunity to corrupt an election.

In addition, the **California Secretary of State** told us recently that the state was complying with a key element of our settlement agreement and is updating the state's online National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) to make clear **that ineligible names must be removed as the law requires in every California county!**

This is how **real change** happens...and because of the support we receive from committed amicus members like you, ***we are making real change happen in defense of honest elections all across the country*** including our successful lawsuits and other legal actions in **Indiana, Kentucky, Florida, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.**

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But there's much more work to be done to keep election rolls clean. This is because many state election officials (**Democrats and Republicans**) have failed to do their duty to clean their voter rolls...and because the U.S. Department of Justice has also largely failed to do its duty to prosecute states for their failure to follow the law.

[That's why I hope you will join the fight right now with your most generous donation to Judicial Watch.](#)

Judicial Watch has stepped into the breach in the election law wars and **continues to be the "only game in town" when it comes to keeping our elections honest.**

[Please join the fight today by making a special tax-deductible contribution](#) to help Judicial Watch do what the federal and state governments should be doing in defense of our election laws and honest elections. Thank you.

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Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 9:08 AM EDT

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

Subject: We Are In Court Against San Francisco Sheriff's Sanctuary Policy

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Our lawsuit is important because sanctuary policies are illegal and dangerous!

For example, I'm sure you remember the tragic 2015 death of Kate Steinle who was killed on a famous San Francisco pier allegedly by an illegal alien who had been released from the San Francisco Sheriff's Department...despite a request from ICE that he be detained for possible deportation!

If we prevail in our taxpayer lawsuit and **this San Francisco sanctuary policy is struck down, it will send seismic legal waves rolling across America!**

This is why Judicial Watch's dogged persistence in the courts to fight for the rule of law is so critically important in shutting down sanctuary policies and securing our borders.

[Will you help us fight sanctuary city policies like San Francisco's by making your most generous contribution to Judicial Watch today?](#)

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...We also believe that sanctuary policies erode our nation's sovereignty by encouraging aliens to enter our nation and remain here illegally.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 02, 2019 9:26 AM EDT

To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>

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From: Tom Fitton <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 9:54 AM EDT
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: We Are in Court on a Host of Critical Issues

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Judicial Watch is your indispensable, independent watchdog in Washington and we are currently in court on a host of critical battlefronts including:

- **Exposing** the unlawful Deep State conspiracy to drive President Trump from office;
- **Challenging** states across the country over failures to clean their voting lists (we won an historic success in California earlier this year);
- **Fighting** to end San Francisco's deadly sanctuary policy (we are scheduled to go to trial in February);
- **Successfully** demanding accountability from Hillary Clinton for her crimes through court-ordered discovery.

We are fighting doggedly and persistently for you, for the rule of law and for the American people's right to know!

Your support is what makes it all possible. [But to help us keep pushing on all fronts I ask you to make your best donation to Judicial Watch today.](#) We can't do it without you.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 10:12 AM EST
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: We are Suing Adam Schiff

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Adam Schiff...

The House Intelligence Committee...

We are in federal court trying to uncover the controversial secret subpoenas issued for phone records, including those of Rudy Giuliani, President Trump's lawyer. Schiff and his Committee ran roughshod over the rule of law in pursuit of the abusive impeachment of President Trump. This lawsuit serves as a reminder that Congressman Schiff and Congress are not above the law.

[Will you help root out the Deep State and its operatives with your best contribution right away?](#)

You and every American should be angry and genuinely frightened by what our nation is confronted with today as Deep State elites are working illicitly to invalidate our elections and undermine our government!

[But with your help today, Judicial Watch will expose the Deep State through our expanding investigation, lawsuits and public education campaigns.](#)

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From: Tom Fitton <media@pr.judicialwatch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:38 AM EDT
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: We can't ever do enough to fight for the rule of law

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Dear Fellow American,

I'll be short and direct....

At Judicial Watch **we continue to be very effective** in our mission of standing firm for the rule of the law and going after corrupt politicians!

And [with your support today](#), I promise to continue to fight hard on those issues you care most about, like:

- **Our commitment to pursuing justice in the many scandals of the Obama administration** Following 6 long years of intense litigation a federal district court judge just granted our request to **depose Hillary Clinton under oath and in person** over her emails and Benghazi documents... *more* proof that no other watchdog group has Judicial Watch's unmatched record of digging in for the long haul and using the courts to get to accountability.
- **Our historic litigation exposing the abusive corruption of the Deep State.** We are now successfully pursuing **no fewer than 65 lawsuits** to get to the bottom of this unprecedented conspiracy to target, spy on, abuse and remove President Trump from office.
- Our incredibly successful mission to **keep our national and local elections honest and help reduce the incidence and impact of voter fraud**. We recently warned 19 populous counties in 5 additional states that we will take them to federal court if they don't clean their voter rolls (**and help prevent voter fraud**) as required by federal law.
- **Our historic civil lawsuit continues against the city of San Francisco for its deadly "sanctuary" policy** This lawsuit takes on critical "precedential" importance as liberal mayors and governors now operate more than 500 sanctuary counties, cities and states across America.

As far as I'm concerned, **we can't ever do enough to fight for the rule of law** and honest and open government... because when it comes to using the courts to support the rule of law and government transparency, Judicial Watch is *still* the "only game in town."

Unfortunately, though, we are often opposed by taxpayer-funded lawyers and bureaucrats in the Deep State "permanent government" who fight *against* us and *for* government secrecy with *bottomless resources*.

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Personally, I can't think of a time in our twenty-six-year history that a strong and impactful Judicial Watch has been more important to our nation.

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Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 9:48 AM EST
To: Hall, Violet <VHall@coj.net>
Subject: We need to respond to increasing attacks on the rule of law by the Left

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Subject: We're carrying our largest caseload ever and we need to respond to increasing attacks on the rule of law by the Left

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Subject: We're winning!

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"With a small number of lawsuits, Judicial Watch has arguably done more to enforce federal voter integrity provisions in the last couple of years than the DOJ (Department of Justice) has done in the last couple of decades."

"Who Will Clean Up America's Voter Rolls?"

RealClearInvestigations.com, July 11, 2019

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You see, not a single courtroom victory or government document released in response to our litigation would have happened without the commitment of patriots like you to uphold the rule of law and fight for the American people's right to know.

This commitment is important to programs like our **Election Integrity Project** which is fighting to defend our election laws and keep our elections honest.

[And that's why I hope you will support Judicial Watch today with your best contribution](#)

You see, thanks to our successful lawsuit and resulting settlement agreement, the process is **now underway** in California to clean up their voter rolls, beginning in **Los Angeles County**...the largest county in the largest state in America. (Los Angeles County has more residents than the populations of 41 of our 50 states) This process, which may lead to the removal of up to 1.6 million ineligible voters from Los Angeles County voter rolls alone.

This is huge...

Not only has the process of removing ineligible names from **Los Angeles County's** voter rolls actually begun (which is critically important because "dirty" voter rolls invite voter fraud, and the removal of just one ineligible name eliminates an opportunity to corrupt an election)...

...but we were informed recently by the **California Secretary of State** that the state was complying with another key element of our settlement agreement and is updating the state's online **National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)** to make clear that ineligible names must be removed as the law requires **in every California county!**

My friend, this is how **real change** happens...and because of the support we receive from committed members like you, **we are making real change happen in defense of honest elections all across the country** [That's why I hope you will join the fight with your most generous donation to Judicial Watch right now.](#)

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Thanks to you and our other members, we have been able to intervene in defense of honest elections in states including **Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia**. And we have the distinction of being the plaintiff in the only three statewide settlements ever achieved by private plaintiffs under the NVRA...in Ohio,

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Kentucky and, of course now in California!

That's what I mean when I say that while others (especially politicians) may talk, Judicial Watch acts...and that our actions make a real difference.

Judicial Watch has stepped into the breach in the election law wars because many state election officials (**Democrats and Republicans**) have failed to do their duty to clean their voter rolls. and because the **U.S. Department of Justice** has also largely failed to do its duty to prosecute states for their failure to follow the law. (The **Trump Justice Department** eventually joined our cause in Kentucky...but sadly they have yet to take on the full role they should play in enforcing our election laws.)

And so Judicial Watch continues to be the “only game in town” when it comes to keeping our elections honest.

[That's why I hope you will join the fight today by making a special tax-deductible contribution](#) to help Judicial Watch do what the federal and state governments should be doing in defense of our election laws and honest elections. Thank you, again, for all you do to help.

Sincerely,

Thomas Fitton
President

P.S. We recently [received official confirmation that Kentucky has also begun the process to clean its voter rolls](#) as stipulated in our June 2018 consent judgment! I am deeply grateful to you for helping Judicial Watch so **effectively** protect the rule of law and the honesty of our elections. [And I again ask you to please consider renewing your support today so we can continue to be the national leader in this important fight.](#)

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New Emails Show Obama State Department's Role in Anti-Trump Coup Cabal

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John Kerry, President Obama's secretary of state, seems to be [having trouble](#) staying within the legal bounds of the Logan Act, so it's not surprising that his State Department lieutenants were getting their hands dirty in the conspiracy to bring down Donald Trump.

We now received more evidence of this anti-Trump conspiracy. With The Daily Caller News Foundation, we just released [16 pages](#) of documents revealing senior State Obama officials – Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and Special Coordinator for Libya Jonathan Winer – coordinated with incoming House Majority Whip Steny Hoyer's (D-MD) national security advisor, Daniel Silverberg, to work on Russia dossier information provided by Christopher Steele.

Steele was surreptitiously paid by the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee to create the infamous anti-Trump dossier used to justify a series of FISA spy warrants targeting Carter Page. Winer is a former Obama State Department deputy assistant secretary who [was implicated](#) in working with Steele and Clinton associate Sidney Blumenthal to circulate the anti-Trump dossier.

We obtained the documents in a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) [lawsuit](#) filed on April 25, 2018, on behalf of ourselves and The Daily Caller News Foundation against the State Department after it failed to respond to three separate FOIA requests ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of State](#) (No. 1:18-cv- 00968)). The lawsuit seeks:

- All records of communications between State Department officials, including former Secretary of State John Kerry, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, on the one hand, and British National Christopher Steele and/or employees or contractors of Steele's company, Orbis Business Intelligence, on the other hand.
- All records and/or memoranda provided by Christopher Steele and/or his firm Orbis Business Intelligence or by others acting on Steele's/Orbis's behalf, to State Department officials.
- Any and all records in the custody of the State Department related to the provision of documents to British national Christopher Steele and/or his firm, Orbis Business Intelligence, or the receipt of documents from Steele or his firm. Time period is January 20, 2009 through the present.
- All records created in 2016 by Jonathan M. Winer relating to research compiled by Christopher Steele.

Here is some of what we learned from these documents.

In [an email](#) exchange on September 19, 2016, Glenn Simpson of Fusion GPS asks Winer if he is "in town?" Winer replies "For a couple of hours."

In [an email exchange](#) on September 26, 2016, Winer emails Nuland asking for "15 minutes of your time today if possible," to discuss a "Russia related issue" from his "old O [\[Orbis Business Intelligence\]](#) friend." Orbis was co-founded and run by Russia dossier author Christopher Steele. Nuland's assistant suggests a secure call for the discussion and Winer asks his

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aide to postpone a meeting he was to have with the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR) to accommodate.

In [an exchange](#) beginning in November 2016, Hoyer top-aide Silverberg emails a "thank you" to Nuland, calling her a "warrior on these issues" and stating that he looks forward to pursuing "some of the things we discussed yesterday, albeit on the system integrity side." Nuland forwards this email to Winer who adds that he wants to talk about "some new info."

From: Silverberg, Daniel [mailto:Daniel.Silverberg@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 10:57 PM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Thank you

Toria,

It was a delight to speak today, notwithstanding the context. You've been a warrior on these issues, and I look forward to speaking further to preserve and wherever possible strengthen the important work you have done. I'll follow up regarding a possible working group meeting.

On Nov 29, 2016, at 10:07 AM, Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvi@state.gov> wrote

Thanks, Daniel. I look forward to continuing our collaboration in whatever capacity life brings. Copied here is Jonathan Winer, who has some legal ideas that may be of interest to you and Cong. Hoyer.

From: Nuland, Victoria J
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: RN: Thank you

They want to pursue some of the things we discussed yesterday, albeit on the system integrity side.

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Subject: Re: Thank you

Want to talk briefly further. Some new info want you to be aware of. [Redacted] Phone call ok sometime this am? Five minutes is enough.

From: Nuland, Victoria J <nulandvj@state.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:23 AM
To: Winer, Jonathan <WinerJ@state.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you

Of course, [redacted] Send me good number and time.

From: Silverberg, Daniel
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:52 AM
To: Nuland, Victoria J
Cc: Winer, Jonathan
Subject: Re: Thank you

Great. Jonathan, I am all ears.

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Saturday, December 10, 2016 2:10 PM
To: Silverberg, Daniel <Daniel.Silverberg@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Re: Thank you

I've reached out per our call yesterday. Please call me to talk further at your early convenience. Weekend best but can also talk Monday.

In a November 2016 [exchange](#) with the subject line "Would like to catch up on something at your convenience," Winer reaches out to Nuland for a meeting, which gets booked in the Truman building on November 28.

In [an email exchange](#) dated December 12, 2016, Winer requests a brief meeting with Nuland saying, "Something new has come up of which I want you to be aware." Nuland replies, "Ok," and adds her assistant to the exchange. Winer's assistant then emails Nuland's assistant looking for a time to meet.

In February 2018, Winer wrote an [op-ed](#) claiming anti-Trump dossier author Christopher Steele and Clinton confidant Sidney Blumenthal approached him with separate dossiers. Winer wrote: "In the summer of 2016, Steele told me that he had learned of disturbing information regarding possible ties between Donald Trump, his campaign and senior Russian officials." Also, "While talking about that hacking, Blumenthal and I discussed Steele's reports. He showed me notes gathered by a journalist I did not know ..."

Christopher Bedford, editor in chief of The Daily Caller News Foundation, had this to say about these documents: "Every day of digging reveals more and more political collaboration on this hit job, and at the highest levels. While so much of the media is content to chase Russian conspiracies, The Daily Caller News Foundation and the fantastic lawyers at Judicial Watch are going to keep doing the hard work of holding power accountable."

Here's what else we're pursuing in this area:

We recently released [43 pages](#) of documents from the State Department revealing that its "Special Coordinator for Libya," Jonathan Winer, played a key role in facilitating Steele's access to other top government officials, prominent international business executives. Winer was even approached by a movie producer about making a movie about the Russiagate targeting of President Trump.

We [previously released](#) two sets of heavily redacted State Department documents showing classified information was researched and disseminated to multiple U.S. senators by the Obama administration immediately prior to President Donald Trump's inauguration. The documents reveal that among those receiving the classified documents were Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD), and Sen. Robert Corker (R-TN).

We are also [suing](#) the State Department for communications between Nuland and employees of Fusion GPS, as well as top ranking Department of Justice, FBI, and State Department officials.

These new documents further confirm that the Obama State Department was a way station for Steele's smear dossier and other anti-Trump activism.

Judicial Watch Investigates Left-wing Assault on Electoral College

The organized Left has invested much recently in "reforming" the Electoral College, established by the U.S. Constitution. Judicial Watch, again, is manning the wall against this assault on our election system.

We just filed a Colorado Open Records Act lawsuit on behalf of reporter Todd Shepherd against Colorado Secretary of State Jena Griswold for records of communications related to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact ([Todd Shepherd v. Jena Griswold in her official capacity as Colorado Secretary of State](#) (No. 2019-cv-032310))

This "compact" would award Colorado's presidential electors to the winner of the national popular vote, regardless of whether Colorado's voters chose that candidate.

We sued after Griswold [refused](#) to turn over certain documents in response to a February 4, 2019, open records request for records about the [Electoral College](#) debate.

On February 21, 2019, the Colorado House passed a National Popular Vote bill and sent it to Governor Jared Polis. Colorado Secretary of State Griswold is a critic of the [Electoral College](#) and [applauded](#) Gov. Polis's signing of the [National Popular Vote Interstate Compact](#) legislation.

Currently, most states award all their Electoral College votes to the candidate who wins the popular vote in that state. But, as described [here](#) by the National Conference of State Legislatures, when a state, such as Colorado, "passes legislation to join the National Popular Vote Compact, it pledges that all of that state's electoral votes will be given to whichever presidential candidate wins the popular vote nationwide, rather than the candidate who won the vote in just that state. These bills will take effect only when states with a majority of the electoral votes have passed similar legislation and joined the compact."

Five times a presidential candidate has won the "popular vote" but lost the election, most recently Hillary Clinton. Many opponents of President Trump have proposed undoing the Electoral College. Supporters of the Electoral College point out that it balances the interests of citizens in both large and small states by requiring candidates to seek votes in less populous states whose interests might otherwise be ignored. In addition, under the reform, a state could award its Electoral College votes to a presidential candidate who lost the state's popular vote.

Leftists in Colorado and other states want to undo the Electoral College and the U.S. Constitution in the hopes of guaranteeing control of the presidency. This attack on the Electoral College would give large left-leaning states and the perpetrators of [voter fraud](#) an unconstitutionally outsized impact on the outcome of our presidential elections.

This emerging threat to free and fair election is on your Judicial Watch's radar screen and you can be sure this lawsuit is the just the beginning of our educational efforts to alert Americans about this important policy challenge.

Christopher Steele's Cozy Relationship with the State Department

The case of Obama State Department official Jonathan Winer just gets curiouser and curiouser (see our lead story above). He was President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry's point man on Libya, but it seems he was freelancing in another area.

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In [an email](#) on December 11, 2014, Winer places pressure on his colleague Nina Miller to assist Steele by getting "O Reports" [likely Orbis] to Toria [Victoria] Nuland and Paul Jones ASAP." Nuland at the time was the State Department Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Jones the European and Eurasian Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary.

From: Winer, Jonathan
Sent: Thu, 11 Dec 2014 17:41:32 +0000
To: Miller, Nina A
Subject: Please get "O Reports" to Toria Nuland and Paul Jones ASAP – they are time [sp]

I know you have other burdens, but this one needs to get done if you can as soon as possible.

In a series of [emails](#) on November 20, 2014, Winer openly acts as a liaison for Steele, attempting to set up meetings for "Chris" and referencing "Three Orbis Reports" in the subject line of the email. This meeting was scheduled to be with Marialuisa Fotheringham, office manager to the principal deputy assistant secretary of state in the Bureau of European and Eurasian affairs and, again, Paul W. Jones.

In a series of [emails](#) on November 20, 2014, Winer negotiates a time with Ariuna Namsrai, APCO Worldwide's senior director and managing director for Russia, CIS and Central Asia for her to meet Christopher Steele at "lunch or dinner." APCO bills itself as one of the world's leading advisory and advocacy communications consultancies.

In a series of [emails](#) on January 13-14, 2015, with the subject line "Morocco immediate need," Winer introduces Steele to Marc Ginsberg, former Ambassador to Morocco under Bill Clinton, former APCO Worldwide Senior Vice President and Managing Director and former CEO of One Voice Movement Foundation.

Weiner writes to Ginsberg: "Marc, Chris Steele is a friend of mine who has a very, very high end business intelligence service based in London. He formerly worked for the UK government."

Ginsberg replies to Winer: "I spoke to Chris... complicated!"

In [an email](#) on April 13, 2015, to Steele and his partner Chris Burrows titled "Request for contacts with WB and IMF" Winer appears to ask Steele and Burrows to act unofficially on behalf of the United States with World Bank and the International Monetary Fund:

Weiner writes: Chris and Chris, advice is that you brief the country team.... it would be best that this not come in from or through any US official, but be a straight-on request from you in light of impact on Mongolia and there [sic] need to know."

On July 13, 2015, while trying to schedule a dinner in London with Steele, [Winer discloses](#) to Steele from an unsecure BlackBerry that he is scheduled to have a Secure Video Teleconference Call [SVTC] with "higher ranked people than I am at the NSC." Steele later confirms their dinner appointment, and says, "I shall wait for you on the park bench in the main square facing the front of the embassy building."

In an [email exchange](#) on November 20, 2014, Winer attempts to introduce Steele to Nelson Cunningham, President of McLarty Associates, an international consulting firm co-founded by former Clinton White House Counselor Thomas 'Mack' McLarty. In the email to Nelson, Winer describes Steele as "An old friend of mine," and "a former senior British intelligence officer focusing on former Soviet Union with a number of US and European private sector clients these days..."

In [an email](#) on January 12, 2017, Hollywood producer Eric Hamburg forwards an article about the Steele dossier to Winer, asking him if he would be interested in working on a movie about it:

"Dear Jonathan, I have been meaning to write to you, and just came across this article which mentions your name... Let's do a movie about this!

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/donald-trump-who-is-christopher-steele-man-behind-the-trump-dossier-perverted-sexual-acts-mi6-agent-a7524191.html>

I was wondering if you have decided what your next position will be after leaving government. I'd like to keep in touch and get together next time I'm in Washington. I'm currently working on a mini-series about Watergate for ABC with John Dean.

Assessing this new information, Daily Caller News Foundation President Neil Patel said: "It's amazing how hard our government tries to keep the truth from the American people. Thankfully, with Judicial Watch filing a lawsuit on our behalf, we have been able to uncover phony dossier author Christopher Steele's previously hidden contacts with the Obama State Department. These guys at Judicial Watch are bulldogs and we can't thank them enough."

Let there be no doubt: Fusion GPS and Clinton spy Christopher Steele had a close relationship with the Obama State Department. The State Department under John Kerry is emerging as another center of the Spygate conspiracy against President Trump.

Perhaps Hollywood would like to do a movie about that.

ISIS Fighter Affirms What JW Exposed Years Ago—Terrorists Enter U.S. Via Mexico

No one has done more to expose the dangers created by our unsecure border than your Judicial Watch. Recent news confirms Judicial Watch early warnings about the national security threat at the border were on the money. As our latest [Corruption Chronicles blog](#) confirms:

Five years after a Judicial Watch investigation uncovered evidence of Islamic terrorists infiltrating the United States through Mexico, a captured ISIS fighter is providing details of a plot in which jihadists enter the country through the southern border to carry out an attack. The terrorists begin their journey in Central America and exploit vulnerabilities in the Mexican border to reach the U.S., according to Abu Henricki, an ISIS soldier captured by the Syrian Democratic Forces in Rojava, Syria. Henricki and 160 of his fellow terrorists were interviewed at length by a research group called the [International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism](#). The nonpartisan organization published its findings recently in an alarming [report](#) that includes a video of the interview with the captured terrorist, who is Canadian and has dual Trinidadian citizenship. "They were going to move me to the Mexican side [of the U.S. southern border] via Puerto Rico," Henricki says about the ISIS plot. "This was mastermind[ed] by a guy in America. Where he is, I do not know. That information, the plan came from someone from the New Jersey state from America. I was going to take a boat [from Puerto Rico] into Mexico. He was going to smuggle me in," Henricki explains. "I don't know where I'd end up." In the report, the researchers reveal that the ISIS fighters were to travel from Syria to penetrate the U.S. southern border by infiltrating migration routes. "Whatever one thinks of President Donald Trump's heightened rhetoric about the U.S.-Mexico border and his many claims that it is vulnerable to terrorists, ISIS apparently also thought so, as knowledge of this ISIS plot came from the mouth of a now-repentant ISIS cadre," the report states.

Judicial Watch has reported this for years as part of an ongoing investigation into the national security crisis created by the dangerously porous southern border. Judicial Watch has interviewed local, state and federal law enforcement officials as well as U.S. and Mexican military sources and has traveled to remote Mexican border towns to interview American ranchers. When the Central American caravan got started last fall, Judicial Watch deployed an investigative team to the Guatemala-Honduras border after Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales confirmed that [nearly 100 Isis terrorists](#) had been apprehended in the impoverished Central American nation. Judicial Watch's reporting has confirmed that [ISIS has a training cell](#) just a few miles from El Paso, Texas in an area known as "Anapra" situated just west of Ciudad Juárez in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. We also verified that Mexican drug cartels are [smuggling](#) foreigners from countries with terrorist links to stash areas in a rural Texas town (Acala) near El Paso. Back in 2014 Judicial Watch [reported](#) that four ISIS soldiers, who entered the U.S. through the Mexican border, were arrested in McAllen and Pharr Texas.

Two years ago, Judicial Watch [exposed](#) a plot involving Mexican drug traffickers that help Islamic terrorists stationed in Mexico cross into the U.S. to explore targets for future attacks. Among the jihadists that travel back and forth through the porous southern border is a Kuwaiti named Shaykh Mahmood Omar Khabir, an ISIS operative who lives in the Mexican state of Chihuahua not far from El Paso. Khabir trained hundreds of Al Qaeda fighters in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen and at the time lived in Mexico for more than a year, according to information provided to Judicial Watch by high-ranking Homeland Security officials. Khabir trains thousands of men—mostly Syrians and Yemenis—to fight in an ISIS base situated in the Mexico-U.S. border region near Ciudad Juárez, the intelligence gathered by Judicial Watch's sources reveals.

The U.S. government—under both Republican and Democrat administrations—has long possessed intelligence indicating that Islamic terrorists exploit the southern border. In fact, Judicial Watch uncovered State Department [records](#) confirming that, for more than a decade, the government has known that "Arab extremists" are entering the country through Mexico with the assistance of smuggling network "cells." Among them was a top Al Qaeda operative wanted by the FBI. Some Mexican smuggling networks actually specialize in providing logistical support for Arab individuals attempting to enter the United States, the government documents obtained by Judicial Watch say. The top Al Qaeda leader in Mexico was identified in the September 2004 cable from the American consulate in Ciudad Juárez as Adnan G. El Shurkrumah. The cable was released to Judicial

Watch under the Freedom of Information Act.

Just last year a Jordanian man was arrested by federal authorities for [smuggling six citizens of Yemen](#)—an Al Qaeda hotbed—into the U.S. through Mexico. The smuggler, 31-year-old Moayad Heider Mohammad Aldairi, conspired with others to sneak the six Yemeni nationals across the Texas border for a fee, according to a Department of Justice (DOJ) [statement](#). Weeks later a group of migrants from a terrorist nation managed to [infiltrate](#) the U.S. through Mexico, though the Border Patrol subsequently apprehended the men. All were from Bangladesh, a south Asian Islamic country that's well known as a recruiting ground for terrorist groups such as ISIS and Al-Qaeda Indian Subcontinent (AQIS). Earlier in the year, Judicial Watch had [reported](#) on the epidemic of Bangladeshi nationals getting smuggled into the country via the porous southern border, especially through Texas.

Until next week ...

Tom Fitton
President
Judicial Watch

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ISIS plotted to send westerners to US through Mexico border

A chilling confession from a captured ISIS fighter has shed light on how the terrorist group intended to exploit the vulnerabilities of the U.S. border with Mexico, using English speakers and westerners to take advantage of smuggling routes and target financial institutions.

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Emails Place Dossier Author Steele a Step Closer to Clintons

In multiple email threads included in the documents, Jonathan Winer, then the U.S. Department of State's special coordinator for Libya, acts repeatedly on behalf of Steele, arranging meetings for him with other current and former top U.S. officials, as well as influential consultants and strategists like those at the McLarty firm.

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Judicial Watch released 145 pages of Rod Rosenstein's communications that include a one-line email from Rod Rosenstein to Robert Mueller stating, "The boss and his staff do not know about our discussions" and "off the record" emails with major media outlets around the date of Mueller's appointment.

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The Daily Caller

Washington is all aflutter over an alleged quid pro quo deal that President Trump is rumored to have tried to strike with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky during a routine phone call on July 25. The story goes that Trump tried to pressure Zelensky to investigate Hunter Biden's allegedly corrupt business dealings in exchange for continuing foreign and military aide.

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Half of BP Workforce Reassigned to Humanitarian Support Duty, 100,000 Migrants Slip into U.S.

With half of the nation’s Border Patrol workforce reassigned to provide humanitarian support for “vulnerable populations,” a record number of illegal immigrants have slipped into the United States and “disappeared into border communities,” the agency’s chief told Congress. The overwhelmed frontline Homeland Security agency has managed to apprehend a record 593,000 illegal aliens this year, but an additional 100,000 have made it through and remain somewhere in the country.

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Judicial Watch sues for insider info on McCabe book

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Judicial Watch has been a regular at the federal courts in Washington, D.C., in recent months, filing lawsuit after lawsuit over the federal government’s refusal to provide information about the Hillary Clinton email scandal, the “Deep State” attack on the Trump campaign and more under the Freedom of Information Act.

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Trump refuses to say if he has faith in FBI Director Wray: 'We'll see how it turns out'

Fox News

"The FBI has no leadership," Trump quoted Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton as saying. "The Director is protecting the same gang that tried to overthrow the President through an illegal coup.' (Recommended by previous DOJ) @TomFitton @JudicialWatch."

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After a Lawsuit, Los Angeles County Begins to Clean Up Its Voter Rolls

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