# The Dark Money Groups Spending Big To Shape The Supreme Court Are The Same Groups That Spent Millions Pushing Trump's Big Lie And Funding Insurrectionists

**SUMMARY:** Judicial Crisis Network, The 85 Fund, and their affiliated groups have spent <u>tens of millions</u> of dollars in dark money to shape the Supreme Court. This largely <u>concealed</u> network of right-wing organizations, which heavily revolves around conservative activist <u>Leonard Leo</u>, gravitate around major money conduits <u>Donors Trust</u> and the <u>Bradley Foundation</u>. These dark money groups not only funded Leo's network of organizations to the sum of over \$52 million in 2020, but also funded entities in 2020 that played a role in the insurrection to the sum of over \$37 million, including the following notable examples:

- Donors Trust gave \$1.01 million to the **Thomas More Society** and its Amistad Project, which was "an aggressive initiative" that filed 2020 election challenges in five states.
- Donors Trust gave \$780,400 to **Turning Point USA**, a "right-wing youth group" which sent over 80 buses to the January 6 rally and includes "leading" election conspiracist Mike Lindell on its honorary board.
- The Bradley Foundation and Bradley Impact Fund gave a total of \$351,300 to the **Public Interest** Legal Foundation a conservative legal organization which aims to purge voter rolls and is chaired by
   Cleta Mitchell, a Bradley Foundation board member and Federalist Society contributor who aided
   Trump's attempt to get Georgia's Secretary Of State to overturn Joe Biden's victory. Mitchell was
   subpoenaed by the January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee in March 2022.

**Donors Trust,** which has been dubbed the "dark money ATM of the right," is closely tied to Leonard Leo's network and gave The 85 Fund over **\$48 million** in 2020—but its funding has gone far beyond Supreme Court fights. In 2020 alone, it disclosed giving at least **\$28,135,539** to about 40 entities that have supported the insurrection or have fed into the "big lie" of election fraud that motivated the Capitol riot. Some of the worst examples include:

- \$8 million to the State Policy Network, which partnered with the Heritage Foundation to push voting restrictions in Georgia and elsewhere following Trump's "campaign of falsehoods about the 2020 election."
- \$1.6 million to the **Government Accountability Institute**, which "has pushed voter fraud claims" and was co-founded by Trump loyalist Steve Bannon, whose podcast extensively argued that Trump won the 2020 election ahead of the insurrection.
- \$1.45 million to the **Wyoming Liberty Group**, which helped fuel Wyoming Trump supporters' demands for 2020 election audits and falsely claimed the state's election systems were vulnerable to online interference.
- \$1.1 million to the **Center For Security Policy**, whose founder and executive chairman "questioned the results" of the 2020 election and declared "YES, there was fraud in our election."
- \$1 million to **Project Veritas**, a right-wing disinformation group deeply involved in efforts to delegitimize the 2020 election before, during, and after votes were cast.
- \$860,000 to the **Center For America Greatness**, a right-wing media outlet and think tank that promoted allegations of voter fraud shortly after the election and downplayed the Capitol riot in 2022.

- \$839,000 to the **Club For Growth**, which was called "one of the biggest backers" of public officials who later voted to overturn the 2020 election.
- \$728,700 to **The Federalist Society**, whose membership was closely tied to the Capitol riot, including senior member John Eastman, who presented Trump with a six-point plan to overturn the 2020 election and spoke at the rally preceding the capitol riot.

The Bradley Impact Fund & Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation are the main political-finance engines of the right-wing Bradley Family. The Bradley Foundation's board features Cleta Mitchell, a Federalist Society contributor who aided Trump's attempt to get Georgia's Secretary of State to overturn Joe Biden's victory and was subpoenaed by the January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee in March 2022. In addition to its ties to Leo via Mitchell, the Bradley Network is a key funder of Leo's endeavors, giving his various dark money groups over \$3.5 million in 2019 and 2020. The Bradley entities also shoveled at least \$9,077,225 to at least 15 different groups that have supported the insurrection or have fed into the "Big Lie" of election fraud that motivated the Capitol Riots. Some of the worst examples include:

- \$6.5 Million to **Project Veritas**, a right-wing disinformation group deeply involved in efforts to delegitimize the 2020 election before, during, and after votes were cast.
- \$401,900 to **FreedomWorks**, a Koch-backed operation that reportedly led protests about voter fraud after the 2020 election and hired a conservative activist after she was fired for participating in Trump's attempt to have Georgia's election results overturned.
- \$275,000 to west coast think tank **California Policy Center**, a group that complained about ballot harvesting gave credence to election fraud claims in 2020, claiming Philadelphia and Detroit have poor records on election integrity and that unverified claims of fraud were "fishy."
- \$240,000 to The **Prager University Foundation**, A group that produced a video titled "How To Steal An Election: Mail-In Ballots," and whose founder said, "January 6 is a smokescreen like the Nazis used the Reichstag Fire."

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### Judicial Crisis Network, The 85 Fund And Their Affiliated Groups Have Spent Tens of Millions Of Dark Money To Shape The Supreme Court.

### Conservative Group Judicial Crisis Network Was The "Public Face" Of The Dark Money Network Spending Millions To Confirm Conservative Supreme Court Picks

Judicial Crisis Network Is the 'Public' Face of a Secretive Network of Dark Money Groups Spending Millions to Confirm Conservative Supreme Court Picks. "Judicial Crisis Network, a 'dark money' group that operates as the preeminent vehicle for deep-pocketed donors to funnel millions of dollars to support or oppose judicial nominees in Supreme Court confirmation fights, has served as the public face of the network while a web of secretive groups operate behind the scenes." [Open Secrets, 1/2/20]

## <u>Judicial Crisis Network And The 85 Fund Spent Tens Of Millions Of Dollars To Push For The Confirmation Of Former President Trump's Supreme Court Nominees</u>

<u>OpenSecrets:</u> "Judicial Crisis Network Spearheaded The Campaigns To Get Gorsuch And Kavanaugh Confirmed To The Supreme Court, Spending Millions Of Dollars In Each Instance." "The organization has deftly hidden the changes to its name from public view. In December, the Judicial Education Project formally changed its legal name to The 85 Fund [...] The Judicial Education Project is closely aligned with the Judicial Crisis Network, a group with unmatched influence in recent years in shaping the federal judiciary. Judicial Crisis Network spearheaded the campaigns to get Gorsuch and Kavanaugh confirmed to the Supreme Court, spending millions of dollars in each instance. It has also spent significantly on critical state supreme court races across the country." [Open Secrets, 5/27/20]

Judicial Crisis Network Launched A \$25 Million Effort To Push For The Confirmation Of Amy Coney Barrett. "The Judicial Crisis Network, a conservative legal group, will spend \$3 million on a television and digital advertisement calling for the confirmation of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court — part of a broader \$25 million conservative push for the nominee." [Politico, 09/26/20]

Judicial Crisis Network Spent \$22 Million To Boost The Nominations Of Justice Neil Gorsuch And Justice Brett Kavanaugh. "Connected to the Federalist Society is another dark money group, the Judicial Crisis Network, which spent \$22 million to boost the nominations of Justice Neil Gorsuch and Justice Brett Kavanaugh. During the fight over President Barack Obama's nomination of Merrick Garland and the confirmation of Gorsuch, a single anonymous donor gave \$17.9 million to JCN, which received another secret donation of \$17.1 million the following year. During the time period covering Kavanaugh's nomination, JCN received another anonymous donation of \$15.9 million. That is three eight-figure checks to help create the conservative court majority that tossed out Roe, and we have no idea who signed the checks." [Cincinnati Enquirer, 10/22/21]

Judicial Crisis Network Spent \$17M On Digital Ads To Defend Brett Kavanaugh And Neil Gorsuch. "[Carrie] Severino and JCN's strategy is to dominate mass-media airwaves. The group spent \$17 million in TV and digital ads to defend then-Supreme Court nominees Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch, most of which was spent urging vulnerable Democratic senators to vote to confirm the embattled D.C. circuit judge Kavanaugh." [National Journal 50, Last Accessed: 2/16/22]

Judicial Crisis Network Spent \$1.1M In An Ad Buy Pushing Democratic Candidates To Disclose Their Short List For The Supreme Court In June 2019. "As the 2020 election approaches, expect Severino's operation to try to push judges to the fore. JCN launched a \$1.1 million ad buy in June urging Democratic presidential candidates to disclose their short list for the high court if given the opportunity to nominate a new justice, as Trump did in 2016." [National Journal 50, Last Accessed: 2/16/22]

Conservative Activist Leonard Leo Runs An Extensive Network Of Organizations Seeking To Influence The Federal Judiciary, Including The 85 Fund.

#### The 85 Fund (FKA Judicial Education Project) Is Closely Associated With The Judicial Crisis Network

Leonard Leo Founded The 85 Fund As Part Of His "Extensive Network Of Organizations That Seek To Influence Policy, The President's Picks For The Judiciary And The Larger Conservative Movement." "Leonard Leo's The 85 Fund received the money through the Donors Trust, a donor-advised nonprofit group that funnels money from often wealthy conservative financiers to other organizations, according to a Donors Trust 990 tax filling first seen by CNBC. The 85 Fund is part of Leo's extensive network of organizations that seek to influence policy, the president's picks for the judiciary and the larger conservative movement. Leo, who is the co-chairman of the Federalist Society, was a key outside advisor for Trump when the then-president chose Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch for slots on the Supreme Court." [CNBC, 11/18/21]

• Leonard Leo Was Instrumental In Launching Judicial Crisis Network. "Other Wellspring grants went to the Federalist Society, a conservative legal organization whose executive vice president, Leonard Leo, was instrumental in getting both Wellspring and JCN off the ground, and the Catholic Association." [Open Secrets, 11/24/15]

**Gary Marx, A President And Treasurer Of The 85 Fund, Is Also A Senior Advisor To The Judicial Crisis Network.** "Gary Marx, who is listed as a president and treasurer of The 85 Fund on the annual report, is a senior advisor to the Judicial Crisis Network, according to his company's website. Marx is president and cofounder of Madison Strategies, a political consulting and public relations firm. His firm's website lists past and present clients, including the Judicial Crisis Network, Sen. Mitt Romney's, R-Utah, campaign for president and retail giant Walmart." [CNBC, 11/18/21]

Judicial Crisis Network President Carrie Severino Is Also Involved With The Honest Elections Project, A Project Of The 85 Fund. In December, the Judicial Education Project formally <a href="changed">changed</a> its legal name to The 85 Fund, a group Leo backed to funnel "tens of millions" of dollars into conservative causes, <a href="according to Axios">according to Axios</a>. The Honest Elections Project is merely a <a href="fictitious name">fictitious name</a> — an alias — the fund legally adopted in February. The change was nearly indiscernible because The 85 Fund registered two other legal aliases on the same day, including <a href="the Judicial Education Project">the Judicial Education Project</a>, its old name. ... There is a lot of overlap between the Honest Elections Project and the Judicial Crisis Network. Both groups share personnel, including Carrie Severino, the influential president of the Judicial Crisis Network." [OpenSecrets, 5/27/20]

## <u>Leonard Leo Owns More Than 35% Of BH Group Which Receives Money For Services From The Honest Elections Project (Project Of 85 Fund) And The Judicial Crisis Network</u>

• Leo Listed BH Group As An Employer. "One name that CRP has tied to the mysterious LLC is Leonard Leo, the executive vice president at the Federalist Society, an influential conservative and libertarian legal organization, who listed "BH Group" as his employer in a campaign finance filing reported to the Federal Election Commission." [OpenSecrets News, 11/28/18]

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person and	organization entity more than 35% owned by Leonard Leo (C) Amount of
transaction	\$4,345,000 (D) Description of transaction. All payments were made to BH
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[Rule Of Law Trust IRS Form 990 Year 2018, Page 14]

The Honest Elections Project And The Judicial Crisis Network Both Paid The BH Group For Services. "There is a lot of overlap between the Honest Elections Project and the Judicial Crisis Network. Both groups share personnel, including Carrie Severino, the influential president of the Judicial Crisis Network. Both groups have been funded by The Wellspring Committee, a group Leo raised money for until it shut down in 2018. Both have also paid money to BH Group, an LLC Leo once disclosed as his employer, that made a \$1m mystery donation to Trump's inauguration." [The Guardian, 5/27/20]

• The Honest Elections Project Is An Entity Created Within The Judicial Education Project. "Despite appearing to be a free-standing new operation, the Honest Elections Project is just a legal alias for the Judicial Education Project, a well-financed nonprofit connected to a powerful network of dark money conservative groups, according to business records reviewed by the Guardian and OpenSecrets." [OpenSecrets, 5/27/20]

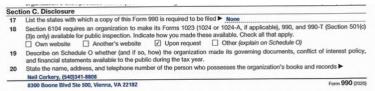
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### <u>Leonard Leo Is Also The Sole Employee Of The Group Rule Of Law Trust, Which Lists Neil Corkery As The "Person Who Possesses The Organization's Books And Records"</u>

Leonard Leo Is Listed As The Sole Employee Of The Rule Of Law Trust.



Neil Corkery Was In Possession Of The Rule Of Law Trusts Books As Of 2020.



[Rule of Law Trust 2020 990, Page 5]

### Ann And Neil Corkery Have Served Other Critical Roles In Leo's Network Of Organizations

Ann Corkery Founded The Judicial Crisis Network. "Perhaps the biggest player in the Supreme Court fight is the <u>Judicial Crisis Network</u>, launched in 2005 and <u>long a dark-money conduit</u> for a number of rich conservative donors. Founded by Ann Corkery, a low-profile conservative fundraiser and lawyer, the group reportedly launched with startup money from California foreclosure king <u>Robin Arkley II</u>, a wealthy conservative who helped bankroll the effort to unseat former South Dakota Sen. Tom Daschle (D). Corkery's husband Neil is JCN's treasurer." [Mother Jones, <u>3/19/16</u>]

• Neil Corkery Served As Treasurer Of The Judicial Crisis Network. "Corkery's husband Neil is JCN's treasurer." [Mother Jones, 3/19/16]

... And Neil Corkery Served As President Of The Judicial Education Project, Now Known As The 85 Fund. "In fact, Wellspring and JCN are the tip of a nonprofit iceberg when it comes to the Corkery family. In 2012, tax records show that Neil Corkery was not only treasurer of JCN, president of its allied Judicial Education Project" [OpenSecrets, 3/23/15]

#### <u>Leonard Leo Currently Serves As The Co-Chairman Of The Federalist Society, Which Shared A Hallway With The Judicial Crisis Network</u>

**Leonard Leo Is Co-Chairman and Former Executive Vice President Of The Federalist Society.** "Leonard is Co-Chairman and former Executive Vice President of the Federalist Society, joining the organization over 25 years ago." [Federalist Society, accessed <u>02/22/22</u>]

As Of 2019 Judicial Crisis Network Operated Out Of The Same Hallway As The Federalist Society. "The ties between JCN and Leo are opaque. JCN's office is on the same hallway as the Federalist Society in a downtown Washington building, though JCN's website and tax filings list a mailing address at a different location, an address shared by multiple companies." [Washington Post, 5/21/19]

The 85 Fund Is Closely Tied To Donors Trust, The Bradley Foundation, The Federalist Society, And Rule Of Law Trust Through Its Secretive Donor Network.

#### <u>Donors Trust Gave The 85 Fund Over \$48 Million In 2020, While The 85 Fund Also Gave Donors Trust Nearly \$6 Million The Same Year</u>

**Donors Trust Gave The 85 Fund \$48,712,856 In 2020 Across 31 Separate Donations.** [Donors Trust 2020 990, Pages 53, 101-105]

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#### <u>2020: Rule of Law Trust Gave Judicial Crisis Network Nearly \$22 Million And</u> Gave Donors Trust Nearly \$6 Million

Rule Of Law Trust Gave Judicial Crisis Network \$21,500,000 In 2020.



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#### Rule Of Law Trust Gave Donors Trust \$5,793,000 In 2020.

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### The Bradley Network Sent Over \$3.5 Million To Leonard Leo Connected Groups In 2019 And 2020—And Its Controversial Board Member, Cleta Mitchell, Is A Contributor To Leo's Federalist Society

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[Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2019, Page 44]

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[Bradley Impact Fund IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 56]

Bradley Foundation Board Member Cleta Mitchell Participated In Trump's Infamous Phone Call To The Georgia Secretary Of State Where He Demanded The Official To "Find" Enough Votes For Him To Win The State. "Mitchell, a longtime Washington D.C. lawyer, worked with President Donald Trump to argue that he won the 2020 election and participated in the infamous phone call to the Georgia Secretary of State where Trump pushed the official to "find" enough voters to overturn Biden's win in that state." [Urban Milwaukee, 8/03/21]

March 2022: Mitchell Was Subpoenaed By The January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee. On March 1, 2022, Cleta Mitchell was subpoenaed by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6<sup>th</sup> Attack on the United States Capitol. [January 6<sup>th</sup> Committee, via Twitter, 3/1/22]

Mitchell Is Also A Contributor To The Federalist Society.



#### Cleta Mitchell

Partner (retd.), Foley & Lardner LLP

**Topics:** Telecommunications & Electronic Media · Free Speech &

Election Law · Federalism & Separation of Powers

[Federalist Society, Accessed 2/22/22]

#### **Donors Trust Gave \$728,700 To The Federalist Society In 2020**

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$726,700 To The Federalist Society "For General Operations."** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, <u>11/15/21</u>]

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,000 To The Federalist Society "For General Operations, Special Mid-Year Covid Contribution." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,000 To The Federalist Society "Stanford Law School Student Chapter." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Federalist Society's Membership Was Closely Tied To Attempts To Overthrow The Election, Including Senior Fellow John Eastman, Who Presented Trump With A Six-Point Plan To Overturn The 2020 Election And Spoke At The Rally Preceding The Capitol Riot.

#### <u>Federalist Society Senior Fellow John Eastman Presented A Six-Point Plan To</u> Trump And Pence To Overturn The 2020 Election

**John Eastman Was A Senior Federalist Society Fellow.** "Demand Justice told CNBC that it wants corporations to stop giving to the Federalist Society after member John Eastman, a lawyer and former law professor at Chapman University, spoke at the rally." [CNBC, 1/15/21]

• As Of January 2022, Eastman Is Still Prominently Featured On The Federalist Society's Website As A "Contributor And Speaker." [Federalist Society, Accessed 1/3/22]

On January 4th, 2021 Eastman Met With Trump And Pence To Propose A Six Step Plan To Overturn The 2020 Election. "An attorney who worked with former President Trump's legal team tried to convince then-Vice President Mike Pence that he could overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and provided him with a six-step plan, according to a new book from journalists Bob Woodward and Robert Costa. CNN, citing a memo initially obtained by the book's authors, reported that attorney John Eastman first proposed the plan to Pence on Jan. 4 in the Oval Office with Trump. The memo called for throwing out the election results in seven states under the false claim that those states had used alternate electors." [The Hill, 9/21/21]

Eastman Appeared At The Rally Preceding The Capitol Right On January 6<sup>th</sup> To Claim That Election Officials Stole The 2020 Election From Trump. "In the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, Eastman was an influential advisor to Trump as the outgoing president schemed to hold onto power; on the day of the Capitol

riot, Eastman appeared at the rally with Trump, where he accused election officials of stealing the election." [MSNBC, 10/17/21]

After Eastman's Actions Around The 2020 Election, He Became A Pariah In Most Circles—But Claremont Has Firmly Stood Behind Him. "But even as Eastman has become a legal pariah, Claremont remains solidly behind him. Just last week, the institute put out a widely derided statement denying that Eastman had actually urged Pence to overturn the election (even though his memo clearly did just that.)" [MSNBC, 10/17/21]

#### Other Prominent Federalist Society Members, Including Texas AG Ken Paxton, Leveled Challenges In An Attempt To Overturn The 2020 Election Results.

Federalist Society Member Texas AG Ken Paxton Filed A Ludacris Lawsuit That Aimed To Overturn The Election, Seeking To Throw Out Votes From Four States... "Most notorious among the lawsuits that sought to overturn the 2020 election was Paxton's challenge to the voting procedures of four other states, an unprecedented legal maneuver that was summarily rejected by the Supreme Court. [Slate, 7/16/21]

...And 13 Of The 17 Other Attorneys General Who Joined Paxton's Lawsuit Were Also Federalist Society Members. "Of the 17 attorneys general who joined Paxton in that widely ridiculed effort, 13 are affiliated with the Federalist Society." [Slate, 7/16/21]

Federalist Society "Free Speech & Election Law Practice Group" Executive Committee Member Edward Greim And Pittsburg Chapter Head Gregory Teufeul Also Filed Lawsuits Seeking To Overturn The 2020 Election Via Legally Destabilizing Means. "Other lawsuits challenging the election filed by Federalist Society officers include Stoddard v. City Election Commission, filed by Edward Greim, a member of the Executive Committee of the Federalist Society's 'Free Speech & Election Law Practice Group'; and Kelly v. Pennsylvania, filed by Gregory H. Teufel, who heads the organization's Pittsburgh chapter. Like Paxton's Texas v. Pennsylvania lawsuit, these cases sought radically disruptive judicial orders that would have thrown the outcome of the presidential election into doubt." [Slate, 7/16/21]

March 31, 2021: The Federalist Published An Op-Ed By Bob Anderson Wrote That Claimed That Trump's Post Election Legal Challenges Were Not Given A "Fair Shake" In Court. "The courts have always served as a pressure-relief valve on our internal disagreements. From the battle with an unscrupulous car dealer to a nasty divorce that requires discernment over how to split everything from the antique Corvette to the kids, wise judges can help to bring peace and healing. Surely, for a nation reeling after a tempestuous presidential election filled with strange occurrences, the courts were needed to bring us together. We needed the steady hand of impartial jurists. Most of all, the losing side needed to know that a fair shake was given, and that justice prevailed, even if it wasn't the outcome they wanted. That did not happen after Nov. 3." [The Federalist, 3/11/21]

### <u>Federalist Society Members Josh Hawley And Ted Cruz Voted Against Certifying</u> <u>The 2020 Election</u>

Lawmakers Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) And Josh Hawley (R-MO) Are Members Of The Federalist Society And Have Spoken At The Organization's Events. "The two others are Republican Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Josh Hawley of Missouri, who led opposition to the certification of the election results. Both have spoken at Federalist Society events. Lat spoke with two other Federalist Society members who shared Rosen's concerns." [American Bar Association Journal, 1/19/21]

Sen. Hawley Was One Of The Few Senators Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results After The Capitol Riot. "The Senate voted 93-6 against objections to Arizona's vote certification. Republican Sens. Ted Cruz, Josh Hawley, Cindy Hyde-Smith, John Neely Kennedy, Roger Marshall and Tommy Tuberville all carried through with objecting to the electors." [ABC News, 1/6/21]

- On December 30, 2020, Josh Hawley Became The First Senator To Announce He Would Object To
  Certification of The Electoral College Results From The 2020 Election. "Josh Hawley became the first
  senator on Wednesday to take up President Trump's demand that lawmakers challenge the results of the
  2020 election, saying he would object to Congress's certification of the Electoral College results on Jan. 6."
  [New York Times, 12/30/20]
  - As Of January 2022, Josh Hawley Is A Member Of The Federalist Society. [Federalist Society, Accessed 1/3/22]

Sen. Cruz Was One Of The Few Senators Who Voted Against Certifying The Election Results After The Capitol Riot. "The U.S. Congress certified Joe Biden's win in the 2020 presidential election early Thursday morning, hours after overwhelmingly voting against an objection by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, to the certification of Arizona's results and another to the results from Pennsylvania. The Wednesday night vote on Arizona — 93-6 in the U.S. Senate and 303-121 in the U.S. House — came after Congress reconvened to certify Electoral College votes for president, hours after the U.S. Capitol devolved into chaos." [Texas Tribune, 1/6/21]

 As Of January 2022, Ted Cruz Is A Member Of The Federalist Society. [Federalist Society, Accessed 1/3/22]

Donors Trust—A Dark Money Non-Profit Dubbed The "Dark Money ATM Of The Right" Funneled Over \$28 Million To Groups That Supported The "Stop The Steal Movement" Or The Insurrection In 2020.

**Donors Trust Is A Dark Money Non-Profit Dubbed The "Dark Money ATM Of The Right."** "They all have one thing in common: They received anonymous funding funneled through a single conservative dark money behemoth. That's the news in the latest IRS filing from Donors Trust—a conservative, Koch-aligned nonprofit which does not need to reveal the names of its donors and has been called the 'dark money ATM of the right." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

Donors Trust Acts As "A Go-Between" For Wealthy Donors To Anonymously Give Donations To Largely "Right-Leaning, Libertarian, And Free-Market Advocates." "The Donors Trust primarily funds right-leaning, libertarian, and free-market advocates. It describes itself as 'a charitable savings account'—a gobetween that allows wealthy donors to deposit money in lump sums, where it gets invested at tax-free growth. They can later direct contributions at any time while remaining anonymous." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

Donors Trust's 2020 IRS Filing Showed The Group "Channeled Major Support For Entities That Fought To Overturn President Joe Biden's 2020 Victory And Organized The Jan. 6 Rallies In Washington, D.C." "That's the news in the latest IRS filing from Donors Trust—a conservative, Koch-aligned nonprofit which does not need to reveal the names of its donors and has been called the 'dark money ATM of the right.' The disclosure, first obtained by CNBC, shows the group channeled major support for entities which fought to overturn President Joe Biden's 2020 victory and organized the Jan. 6 rallies in Washington, D.C." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

<u>Donors Trust Gave Nearly \$8 Million To The State Policy Network, Which</u>

<u>Partnered With The Heritage Foundation To Push Voting Restrictions In Georgia</u>

<u>And Elsewhere Following Trump's "Campaign Of Falsehoods About The 2020</u>

<u>Election"</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$7,952,550 To The State Policy Network.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, <u>11/15/21</u>]

The State Policy Network Partnered With Heritage Action For America To Push Voting Restrictions, Including A \$600,000 Ad Campaign To Roll Back Election Access In Georgia Following Trump's "Campaign Of Falsehoods About The 2020 Election." "Heritage, through its politics arm Heritage Action for America, is planning to spend \$24 million across eight states: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, Texas and Wisconsin. An internal document described a 'two-year effort' to work closely with allies like American Legislative Exchange Council (known as ALEC) and the libertarian State Policy Network to 'produce model legislation for state legislatures to adopt' and hire lobbyists in "crucial states." (A copy of the plan was obtained by Documented, a watchdog group, and reviewed by The New York Times.)" [The New York Times, 03/23/21]

- The Heritage Partnership's Goals Included Pushing A Variety Of Voting Restrictions And In 2021 It Bought A \$600,000 Ad Campaign Advocating Restrictions In The State Of Georgia.

  "Much of the Heritage goals are laid out in a report published to their website earlier this year, ticking off a host of proposals including limiting who can vote by mail, preventing ballot collection, banning drop boxes, enacting stricter voter identification laws, restricting early voting and providing greater access to partisan election observers. Last week, the group began a \$600,000 television ad campaign in Georgia, urging citizens to support the effort to roll back voting access." [The New York Times, 03/23/21]
- The "Widespread Coordination" Among The Groups Advanced The "Dogma Of Voter Fraud" That Arose After Trump's "Campaign Of Falsehoods About The 2020 Election." "In late January, a small group of dedicated volunteers from the conservative Heritage Action for America met with Republican legislators in Georgia, delivering a letter containing detailed proposals for rolling back access to voting. [...] The widespread coordination underscores the extent to which the dogma of voter fraud is embedded in the Republican Party, following Mr. Trump's campaign of falsehoods about the 2020 election." [The New York Times, 03/23/21]

<u>Donors Trust Gave Nearly \$1.6 Million To The Government Accountability</u>
<u>Institute, Which "Has Pushed Voter Fraud Claims" And Was Co-Founded By</u>
<u>Trump Loyalist Steve Bannon, Whose Podcast "Extensively" Argued That Trump</u>
<u>Won The 2020 Election Ahead Of The Insurrection</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,575,000 To The Government Accountability Institute.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, <u>11/15/21</u>]

The Government Accountability Institute, Which "Has Pushed Voter Fraud Claims," Was "Co-Founded By Trump Loyalist Steve Bannon And Backed By Right-Wing Billionaire Financier Rebekah Mercer."

"And the Government Accountability Institute, a nonprofit co-founded by Trump loyalist Steve Bannon and backed by right-wing billionaire financier Rebekah Mercer, raked in \$1.6 million through the fund last year. The GAI has pushed voter fraud claims, including in a 'flawed' 2017 report that has since been removed from the White House website." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

• Steve Bannon's Podcast "Extensively Promoted The False Belief That Trump Had Rightfully And Overwhelmingly Won" The 2020 Election Ahead Of The Insurrection. "In the aftermath of the ensuing attack on the Capitol, Bannon's podcast stands out for its prescient blend of violent rhetoric and blatant disinformation. In the run-up to Jan. 6, Bannon and his podcast guests extensively promoted the false belief that Trump had rightfully and overwhelmingly won the November election, only to have it stolen from him by fraud." [The Brookings Institution, 01/04/22]

<u>Pro Publica:</u> Bannon Was "One Of The Loudest Voices Urging Donald Trump's Supporters To Push For Overturning The Presidential Election Results[.]" "One of the loudest voices urging Donald Trump's supporters to push for overturning the presidential election results was Steve Bannon. 'We're on the point of attack,' Bannon, a former Trump adviser and far-right nationalist, pledged on his popular podcast on Jan. 5. 'All hell will break loose tomorrow.' The next morning, as thousands massed on the National Mall for a rally that

turned into an attack on the Capitol, Bannon fired up his listeners: 'It's them against us. Who can impose their will on the other side?'" [Pro Publica, 9/02/21]

Since The Capitol Riot, Bannon Has Urged His Supporters, Fellow Conspiracy Theorists, And Anti-Democratic Activists To Seize Control Of The American Election System, Notably By Taking Over The Local GOP Precincts Which Help Oversee Elections. "When the insurrection failed, Bannon continued his campaign for his former boss by other means. On his 'War Room' podcast, which has tens of millions of downloads, Bannon said President Trump lost because the Republican Party sold him out. 'This is your call to action,' [...] The solution, Bannon announced, was to seize control of the GOP from the bottom up. Listeners should flood into the lowest rung of the party structure: the precincts. [...] Precinct officers are the worker bees of political parties, typically responsible for routine tasks like making phone calls or knocking on doors. But collectively, they can influence how elections are run." [Pro Publica, 9/02/21]

 Pro Publica: In Some States, [Local GOP Precincts] Have A Say In Choosing Poll Workers, And In Others They Help Pick Members Of Boards That Oversee Elections." [Pro Publica, 9/02/21]

Bannon's Precinct Strategy Has Been Successfully, Causing A Notable Uptick In New GOP Precinct Workers—Some Of Whom Are Tied To Extremist Groups—In 2021. "ProPublica contacted GOP leaders in 65 key counties, and 41 reported an unusual increase in signups since Bannon's campaign began. At least 8,500 new Republican precinct officers (or equivalent lowest-level officials) joined those county parties. We also looked at equivalent Democratic posts and found no similar surge. [...] In Las Vegas, a handful of Proud Boys, part of the extremist group whose members have been charged in attacking the Capitol, supported a bid to topple moderates controlling the county party — a dispute that's now in court." [Pro Publica, 9/02/21]

Bannon Was A Major Supporter And Promoter Of Arizona's Conspiracy-Laden Election "Audit" Which Sought To Overturn The 2020 Election In Mid 2021. "In the immediate aftermath of the 2020 election, a sprawling collection of Trump loyalists, fueled by a host of baseless conspiracies involving disproven claims of widespread voter fraud, failed over and over again to overturn the election results in the courts. And while the effort resulted in dozens of unsuccessful lawsuits, many of the same Trump supporters -- from a former Overstock.com CEO to longtime Trump ally Steve Bannon -- have reemerged as key forces boosting the Republican-backed Arizona audit of the 2020 election results" [ABC News, 5/17/21]

August 2021: Bannon Spoke At A Private Gala That Celebrated And Promoted Extremist Conspiracy Theories That The 2020 Election Was Stolen. "Instead, the swanky private party, held in June at the top of One World Trade Center, served as a platform for several of former President Donald Trump's allies, including former advisor Steve Bannon and personal attorney Rudy Giuliani, to spew anti-government rhetoric and conspiracy theories about the 2020 election. The invitation-only event was hosted by a couple of shadowy nonprofits, the Rule of Law Foundation, and the Rule of Law Society. They are linked to Guo Wengui, a wealthy exiled businessman from China who is an ardent opponent of that nation's ruling Communist Party." [CNBC, 8/19/21]

• Speakers At The Event Also Featured QAnon Promoter Mike Flynn And Rabid Election Fraud Conspiracist Mike Lindell. "CNBC obtained a copy of the invitation, which lists Guo, Bannon and the two new chairs of the nonprofit organizations as speakers for the event. You can view the invitation here. MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell and former Trump national security advisor Mike Flynn, both known for pushing the false theory that claims the election was stolen from Trump, also spoke at the June 3 gathering." [CNBC, 8/19/21]

Donors Trust Gave Over \$1.45 Million To The Wyoming Liberty Group, Which Helped Fuel Wyoming Trump Supporters' Demands For 2020 Election Audits And Falsely Claimed The State's Election Systems Were Vulnerable To Online Interference

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,455,000 To The Wyoming Liberty Group.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, <u>11/15/21</u>]

The Wyoming Liberty Group Has Funded VoterAssurance.org, Which Helped Fuel Wyoming Pro-Trump Activists' Demands To Audit The 2020 Election. "Wyoming officials are facing mounting pressure to audit the 2020 election from pro-Trump activists asserting, without evidence, that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from the former president through widespread voter fraud. [...] Some questioned the integrity of Wyoming's elections using content from VoterAssurance.org (which is funded by the Susan Gore-backed Wyoming Liberty Group) and Lindell's FrankSpeech.com. Lindell founded the website after news programs stopped putting him on the air for fear of legal exposure from false, defamatory claims." [Casper Star Tribune, 08/26/21]

Voter Assurance's "Gold Standard" Includes "Voter ID, Clean Voter Rolls, Paper Ballots and Risk Limiting Audits":

Gold Standard: Voter ID, Clean Voter Rolls, Paper Ballots and Risk Limiting Audits

[VoterAssurance, accessed 02/18/22]

Voter Assurance Was Still Run By The Wyoming Liberty Group, As Of February 18, 2022:



[VoterAssurance, accessed 02/18/22]

The Wyoming Liberty Group Has Claimed That Wyoming's Election Systems Are Vulnerable To Fraud Via The Internet, Despite The Fact That Wyoming's Tabulation Machines "Were Not Connected To The Internet At Any Point During The Election." "Others raised concerns about Wyoming's use of Election Systems & Software machines — which Lindell and the Wyoming Liberty Group have targeted as potentially vulnerable to fraud — citing the possibility of vote tampering through the internet. According to the Wyoming Secretary of State's office, Wyoming's tabulation machines, which were purchased in fall 2019, were not connected to the internet at any point during the election." [Casper Star Tribune, 08/26/21]

<u>Donors Trust Gave \$1.27 Million To The Metric Media Foundation, Which Is Among A Series Of "Shadowy, Politically Backed" Partisan News Sites That Published Articles About Voter Fraud Ahead Of The 2020 Election</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,270,000 To The Metric Media Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Metric Media, Which Has "Ties To Well-Established Republican Donors And Operatives," Is A Network Of Over 1,000 Sites "That Blend Right-Leaning News Stories With News Releases And Data Scraped From Public Databases." "The Decatur Times is part of Metric Media, a network of sites with ties to well-established Republican donors and operatives, including the head of the GOP small-dollar fundraising operation, according to Federal Election Commission records and people familiar with the matter. Metric Media

already has more than 1,000 sites, including many in swing states, that blend right-leaning news stories with news releases and data scraped from public databases." [The Wall Street Journal, 10/19/20]

Metric Media Was Found To Be Among A Series Of "Shadowy, Politically Backed" Partisan News Sites That Produced Articles About Voter Fraud Ahead Of The 2020 Election. "The run-up to the 2020 November elections in the US has produced new networks of shadowy, politically backed "local news websites" designed to promote partisan talking points and collect user data. [...] The Tow Center focused predominantly on Metric Media, Franklin Archer, Local Government Information Services (LGIS), and Locality Labs. Both Metric Media and Franklin Archer claim to be the largest local news provider in the US, though many of their sites have low visibility in both search and social media. Over 90 percent of their stories are algorithmically generated using publicly available data sets or by repurposing stories from legitimate sources. In the remaining stories that have an authentic byline, there is often a conservative bent. As reported by the Lansing State Journal and The Guardian, this includes articles about voter fraud using data from the Heritage Foundation, negative pieces about elected Democratic representatives, and stories supporting conservative candidates." [Columbia Journalism Review, 08/04/20]

One Of Metric Media's Outlets Is The Great Lakes Wire, Which Has Produced Multiple Stories About Voter Fraud Since 2020:

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'That needs to change:' Advocacy group contrasts ID requirements for purchasing alcohol, voting in Michigan

[Great Lakes Wire, 02/16/22]

Donors Trust Has Given Nearly \$1.27 Million To Four Different Groups Led By Conservative Activist John Tillman, One Of Which Echoed Trump's False Claims That Absentee Ballots Increased Voter Fraud In An August 2020 Lawsuit To Block Illinois' Vote-By-Mail Law

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$18,000 To The Liberty Justice Center.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

August 2020: The Liberty Justice Center, Chaired By John Tillman, Filed A Lawsuit On Behalf Of The Cook County Republican Party To Block Illinois' New Vote-By-Mail Law Complaining It Would Create "The Potential For Fraud," Echoing Trump's False Claims About Mail-In-Ballots. "The Cook County Republican Party filed a federal lawsuit Monday to block the state's new enhanced vote-by-mail law, contending the measure was a scheme by Democrats under Gov. J.B. Pritzker to amplify their vote totals and dilute GOP ballots in the Nov. 3 general election. [...] The lawsuit was filed against Pritzker, the State Board of Elections, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and the Chicago Board of Election commissioners on behalf of the Cook County GOP by the Liberty Justice Center. The group has the same address as the Republican-aligned Illinois Policy Institute and is chaired by John Tillman, who also is chairman and CEO of the IPI." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]

- The Lawsuit Argued That Illinois' Election Policies Created "The Potential For Fraud." "The suit also contends provisions allowing ballots submitted or postmarked by midnight on Election Day to still be counted two weeks later creates the potential for fraud." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]
- Donald Trump Opposed Mail-In-Ballots, Falsely Claiming They Would Increase Voter Fraud.
   "The lawsuit represents the latest conundrum among Republicans in dealing with the issue of mail-in-ballots. President Donald Trump has spoken out against them, saying they increase the potential for fraud, though reported instances have been rare." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$125,000 To The American Culture Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The American Culture Foundation's "Companion" The American Culture Project Led By John Tillman Seeks "To Address The Right's Gap Of Cultural Influence." "The American Culture Project is set up as a social welfare organization exempt from disclosing its donors or paying federal income taxes but, in exchange, barred from making politics its primary focus. The project is led by an Illinois-based conservative activist, John Tillman, who also oversees a libertarian think tank and a news foundation that recently received grant money to highlight opposition to public health restrictions. Tillman, who declined to be interviewed for this story, wrote in an email that the American Culture Project's objectives are 'issue education and advocacy (not electioneering)." [The Washington Post, 04/03/21]

• The American Culture Project Is The "Companion" Of The American Culture Foundation. "We launched the American Culture Project in 2019 to address the right's gap of cultural influence. The American Culture Project, a 501(c)4 advocacy organization, is building a permanent, growing community focused infrastructure to take back the commanding heights of culture that determines electoral outcomes. The American Culture Foundation is its 501(c)3 companion, generating educational policy content and research, which American Culture Project then uses for its outreach and advocacy efforts." [American Culture Project via Washington Post, March 2021]

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,116,000 To The Franklin News Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

John Tillman's "Stealth 'Persuasion Machine'" To Promote Republicans Included His Media Nonprofit The Franklin News Foundation. "Tillman's assets extend well beyond a handful of Facebook pages focused on battleground states. In addition to the American Culture Project and the Illinois Policy Institute, tax filings

identify him as chairman of the Franklin News Foundation, a nonprofit media company that draws revenue from DonorsTrust, a donor-advised fund that backs conservative causes and allows its contributors to remain anonymous." [The Washington Post, 04/03/21]

• Headline: "Inside A Stealth 'Persuasion Machine' Promising Republican Victories In 2022." [The Washington Post, 04/03/21]

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$8,200 To The Illinois Policy Institute.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

John Tillman Is The CEO Of The "Republican-Aligned" Illinois Policy Institute. "The group has the same address as the Republican-aligned Illinois Policy Institute and is chaired by John Tillman, who also is chairman and CEO of the IPI." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]

## Donors Trust Gave Over \$1.1 Million To The Center For Security Policy, Whose Founder And Executive Chairman "Questioned The Results" Of The 2020 Election And Declared "YES, There Was Fraud In Our Election"

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave Four Donations Totaling \$1,102,519 To The Center For Security Policy.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, <u>11/15/21</u>]

The Center For Security Policy's Founder And Executive Chairman Frank Gaffney "Questioned The Results Of The Election." "The Center for Security Policy received over \$800,000 from Donors Trust in 2019. It was founded by Frank Gaffney, who pushed conspiracy theories about President Barack Obama's administration and the Muslim Brotherhood. In the buildup to the riot, Gaffney questioned the results of the election." [CNBC, 01/13/21]

- Frank Gaffney Is The Founder And Executive Chairman Of The Center For Security Policy. [Center for Security Policy, accessed 02/22/22]
- The Center For Security Policy Has Been Designated As A Hate Group By The Southern Poverty Law Center. [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed <u>02/22/22</u>]

November 11, 2020: Frank Gaffney Posted, "YES, There Was Fraud In Our Election. More And More Cases Are Being Exposed Each Day":



[Facebook Post by Frank Gaffney, 11/11/20, accessed 02/22/22]

November 19, 2020: Frank Gaffney Authored An Article On The Center For Security Policy's Website Titled, "Only LEGAL Votes Must Count, In Michigan And Elsewhere," Which Claimed That A State Representative "Endorsed By A Muslim Brotherhood Front Group" Personally Attacked Republican Election Officials Who Refused To Certify Election Results:

November 19, 2020 | Frank Gaffney, Jr.

[Center for Security Policy, 11/19/20]

• In The Article, Gaffney Alleged That Voting "Irregularities" Had Been Uncovered And That A State Representative "Endorsed By A Muslim Brotherhood Front Group" Personally Attacked Republican Election Canvassing Board Members Who Declined To Certify Results. "Numerous voting 'irregularities' have been uncovered in Detroit, the county's largest city. Consequently, two Republican members of the canvassing board, Chairman Monica Palmer and William Hartmann, initially declined to certify the results. Then, they agreed to do so after being subjected to virulent, personal attacks – including charges of racism and, in the case of the Chairperson, apparent doxing – by, among others, a newly elected state representative endorsed by a Muslim Brotherhood front group. Yesterday, faced with still-more electoral shenanigans, they changed their minds again." [Center for Security Policy, 11/19/20]

## <u>Donors Trust Gave \$1.01 Million To The Thomas More Society And Its Amistad Project, Which Was "An Aggressive Initiative" That Filed 2020 Election Challenges In Five States</u>

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,010,000 To The Thomas More Society Though Two Separate Contributions That Were Both "For The Amistad Project." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Daily Beast: The Thomas More Society Is "A Law Firm That Routinely Files Suits On Behalf Of Right-Wing Interests," Including "Overturning The 2020 Election." "Another traditional conservative cause—the Thomas More Society, which is a law firm that routinely files suits on behalf of right-wing interests, like abortion, gay marriage, and now, overturning the 2020 election—saw more than \$2 million come its way through the dark money group." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

The Amistad Project Was "An Aggressive Initiative Created In August 2020 Which Litigated The Election Both Before And After Votes Were Cast" And Filed Election Challenges In Five States. "About \$1 million of that money was earmarked for the Amistad Project, an aggressive initiative created in August 2020 which litigated the election both before and after votes were cast, including challenges in five states. Donald Trump's former election lawyer Jenna Ellis served as the society's special counsel at the time." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

### <u>Donors Trust Gave Over \$1 Million To Project Veritas, A Right-Wing Disinformation Group Deeply Involved In Efforts To Delegitimize The 2020 Election Before, During, And After</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$1,003,050 To Project Veritas For "General Operations."** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Project Veritas Is A Right Wing Group Known For Taking Undercover Footage And Deceptively Editing It To Discredit Their Opponents. "The ad includes footage by the far-right activist group Project Veritas that shows a man identified as a CNN employee talking about news coverage of Gaetz, Politico reported. Project

Veritas is known for publishing undercover sting footage that has been deceptively edited to reflect badly on organizations and people it disagrees with." [The Hill, 4/14/21]

In The Runup To The 2020 Election, Project Veritas Used Their Undercover Tactics To Discredit Mail-In Voting In Coordination With The White House And Major Right Wing Groups. "James O'Keefe's group is part of a sprawling campaign to delegitimize mail-in balloting in the fall—a campaign being led by the White House." [The New Republic, 8/03/20]

After The 2020 Election Project Veritas Founder James O'Keefe Posted Unsubstantiated Claims Of Ballot Fraud In Key Swing States That Went For Joe Biden. "This week, O'Keefe tweeted out a series of edited, vague and unsubstantiated interviews with supposed 'whistleblowers' from post offices in Michigan and Pennsylvania, who tried to claim USPS is stamping fraudulent Nov. 3 postmarks onto ballots picked up after Election Day in those states. [...] O'Keefe's Pennsylvania source offered no direct proof aside from a brief conversation he says he overheard, and although Pennsylvania is accepting mail-in ballots with a Nov. 3 postmark until Friday per a court order, election officials are keeping those ballots separate from the overwhelming majority of votes that arrived before Election Day." [Forbes, 11/06/21]

Veritas Circulated An Unsubstantiated Allegation Of Voter Fraud In Pennsylvania That Was Cited In An Unsuccessful Trump Lawsuit Challenging The Election. "Project Veritas pushed a Pennsylvania postal worker's claim about mail-in ballots that the Trump campaign would cite in a lawsuit that eventually went nowhere, according to The Washington Post." [CNBC, 1/13/21]

Project Veritas And Its Founder Were Sued For Defamation For Videos They Circulated Baselessly Alleging Election Fraud In 2020. "Robert Weisenbach and his wife, Carolyn Ann Weisenbach, are suing Hopkins, Project Veritas and O'Keefe over claims of defamation, negligent misrepresentation, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Jered Ede, chief legal counsel for Project Veritas, called the lawsuit 'a fantasy land of baseless supposition upon which meritless claims are built' in an email to the Erie Times-News." [Go Erie, 4/26/21]

<u>Donors Trust Gave \$900,000 To Americans For Public Trust, Whose Outside</u>
<u>Counsel Was Trump's 2020 Campaign's Nevada Co-Chair, Promoted The Big Lie,</u>
<u>And Assisted In A Judicial Crisis Network Campaign To Undermine Biden's</u>
<u>Cabinet Nominees</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$900,000 To Americans For Public Trust.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Americans For Public Trust Is A Right-Wing Transparency And 'Ethics' Watchdog. "But a nonprofit ethics and transparency group affiliated with Laxalt, Nevada's former attorney general, has already conceded Biden's victory and is looking ahead to the new administration. 'It's become clear that we're going to be having a Biden team and a Biden administration in 2021,' said Caitlin Sutherland, the executive director of Americans for Public Trust, in an interview on Tuesday. The new administration is 'what we will remain focused on going into next year.'" [Daily Beast, 12/02/20]

Americans For Public Trust's Outside Counsel, Adam Laxalt, Was Trump's 2020 Nevada Co-Chair And Promoted Litigation And Conspiracy Theories That Promoted The Big Lie. "Adam Laxalt, the co-chair of the Trump campaign in Nevada, is fighting ferociously against his state's decision to reward its six electoral votes to President-elect Joe Biden, alleging widespread voter fraud and hyping litigation to overturn Biden's victory. [...] But Laxalt maintains his position as APT's outside counsel and frequent spokesman even as he works with the Trump team in a personal capacity. And the fact that the group he works with is planning for a reality he refuses to concede underscores just how great a divergence has developed within the broader conservative movement." [Daily Beast, 12/02/20]

Days After The 2020 Election Laxalt Called For Judges To Halt The Counting Of Votes In Nevada Due To Allegations Of Voter Fraud. "We're asking the judges to go through all the irregularities to stop the counting' of the disputed ballots, Adam Laxalt, a former Nevada Attorney General, said Thursday when announcing the lawsuit. The lawsuit marks the fourth state in which the president's campaign will open a post-election legal action, laying the groundwork to contest results as Trump continues to slip behind former Vice President Joe Biden in the race for 270 Electoral College votes to clinch the presidency." [Daily Beast, 11/05/20]

### <u>Donors Trust Gave \$860,000 To The Center For American Greatness, A Right-Wing Media Outlet And Think Tank That Promoted Allegations Of Voter Fraud Shortly After The Election And Downplayed The Capitol Riot</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$860,000 To The Center For American Greatness.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Center For American Greatness Is A Right-Wing Media Outlet And Think Tank. "The website also recycles content from other right-leaning organizations like The Daily Caller and The Center for American Greatness, founded by conservative New York Times columnist Christopher Buskirk." [Michigan Live, 11/08/19]

November 9, 2020: The Center For American Greatness Published An Article Claiming "Various And Sundry Irregularities Were, It Seems, The Norm This Election" And Pushed The Dominion Voting Machine Conspiracy. "Various and sundry irregularities were, it seems, the norm this election. [...] The most peculiar election irregularities involved Dominion Voting Systems, a company that sells electronic voting hardware and software. Dominion's products served 71 million voters in 1,600 jurisdictions in 2016. Georgia election officials in 2019 selected Dominion to provide a new statewide voting system for 2020, against the protests of election integrity activists." [Center For American Greatness, 11/9/20]

January 11, 2022: The Center For American Greatness Published An Article Which Downplayed The Violence Of The Capitol Riot And Justified Its Cause, Claiming Democrats Should Be Wary Of More Political Violence In The Future If They Continue To Raise Concerns About It. "That was not the case in 2020. In fact, a tiny sliver of votes, obtained late at night in Michigan, Georgia, Wisconsin, and Arizona put Biden over the top. Before the recounts and legal challenges were complete, the media and most of the establishment began to insist that Trump was obliged to concede. [...] The January 6 protest was a modest, spontaneous, and mostly symbolic form of violence, where much of the actual violence was either perpetrated by agents of the state or egged on by their agents provocateurs. The January 6 protest was a modest, spontaneous, and mostly symbolic form of violence, where much of the actual violence was either perpetrated by agents of the state or egged on by their agents provocateurs. [...] Without a sense of community and fewer and fewer shared values, these conditions encourage both sides to take seriously non-electoral politics, including political violence." [Center For American Greatness, 1/11/22]

## <u>Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$839,000 To The Club For Growth, Which Was Called</u> <u>"One Of The Biggest Backers" Of Public Officials Who Later Voted To Overturn</u> <u>The 2020 Election</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$839,000 To Club For Growth Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990,  $\underline{11/15/21}$ ]

Club For Growth Is An Anti-Tax 501(c)4 Organization. "It has two branches, now. The regular Club is organized as an issue advocacy group under section 501c4 of the tax code. The Club's donors tend to be among the mainstays of the conservative grasstops, like Richard Schaife and Bob Perry." [The Atlantic, 6/02/10]

The Guardian: "[Club For Growth] Has Emerged As One Of The Biggest Backers Of The Republican Lawmakers Who Sought To Overturn The US Election Results." [The Guardian, 1/15/21]

Club For Growth Supported The Campaigns Of 42 Members Of Congress Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election, Giving Them \$20 Million Directly And Indirectly In The 2018 And 2020 Cycles. "The Club for Growth has supported the campaigns of 42 of the rightwing Republicans senators and members of the House of Representatives who voted last week to challenge US election results, doling out an estimated \$20m to directly and indirectly support their campaigns in 2018 and 2020, according to data compiled by the Center for Responsive Politics." [The Guardian, 1/15/21]

• The Guardian: "The Club For Growth's Biggest Beneficiaries Include Josh Hawley And Ted Cruz, The Two Republican Senators Who Led The Effort To Invalidate Joe Biden's Electoral Victory, And The Newly Elected Far-Right Gun-Rights Activist Lauren Boebert, A Qanon Conspiracy Theorist." [The Guardian, 1/15/21]

Turning Point USA, A "Right-Wing Youth Group" Affiliated With The January 6
Rally And Whose Founder Claimed They Sent Over 80 Buses To The Event, Took
\$780,400 From Donors Trust In 2020—"Leading" Election Conspiracist Mike
Lindell Is Also On Turning Point's Honorary Board

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$580,300 To Turning Point USA.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

2020: Donors Trust Gave \$200,000 To The 85 Fund, Earmarked "For The TP Campus Project." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

• Turning Point USA Confirmed The Contribution Funded Their Organization. "Turning Point USA received \$200,000 for a "TP Campus Project" from The 85 Fund, according to the Donors Trust's 990 filing. A spokesman for Turning Point USA confirmed that the contribution went toward their organization." [CNBC, 11/18/21]

"Right-Wing Youth Group" Turning Point Provided Buses For And Was A March To Save America Participant. "The second, Turning Point—the right-wing youth group run by Charlie Kirk—provided buses to D.C. and participated in the 'March to Save America' ahead of the event. Turning Point groups took in a total \$780,000 from trust contributions in 2020." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

Turning Point Action, An Arm Of Conservative College Group Turning Point USA, Was Listed As An Participant In The March To Save America. "Charlie Kirk, a firebrand conservative activist and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, is preparing to unveil a nonprofit that will allow his organization to campaign against Democrats during the 2020 election season. CNBC discovered Kirk's new organization, called Turning Point Action, after reviewing an embedded donor link that shows the soon-to-be-finalized group targeting Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn." [CNBC, 5/20/19]



[Documented, 1/11/21]

Turning Point USA And Turning Point Action Founder And Leader Charlie Kirk Claimed The Group Organized Over 80 Buses To Bring Supporters To The Rally:



[Tweet by Charlie Kirk via Archive.org, 01/04/21]

Charlie Kirk, The Head Of Turning Point USA, Was Named A 2021 Claremont Institute Lincoln Fellow. "Charlie Kirk is the founder and president of Turning Point USA, the largest and fastest growing conservative youth activist organization in the country with over 250,000 student members, over 450 full and part-time staff, and a presence on over 2,000 high school and college campuses nationwide.' [Claremont Institute, <u>Accessed 12/09/21</u>]

Mike Lindell, A "Leading" Election Fraud Conspiracist, Is On Turning Point USA's Honorary Board. [Turning Point USA, accessed 02/22/22]

• Mike Lindell, "A Leading Voice In Former President Donald Trump's Fight To Render The 2020 Election Fraudulent," Has Claimed That He Has "'Enough Evidence' To Put Hundreds Of Millions Of People In Jail" For Election Fraud. "MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell is confident that he'll be successful in proving the election was fraudulent and recently claimed he has 'enough evidence' to put hundreds of millions of people in jail. Lindell has been a leading voice in former President Donald Trump's fight to render the 2020 election fraudulent but has failed to prove his

case. He's long been touting a looming Supreme Court case filing, pushing his own self-imposed deadlines, and is now advising people to watch what happens over the next seven months." [Newsweek, 01/12/22]

## <u>Donors Trust Gave \$750,000 To The Real Clear Foundation, Which Disseminated Numerous Pieces Spreading Conspiracies Aimed At Delegitimizing The 2020 Election</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$750,000 To The Real Clear Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Real Clear Politics, Once A Mainstream Source, Took A Hard Right Turn In The Trump Years After An Influx Of Right-Wing Funding. "But less well known is how Real Clear Politics and its affiliated websites have taken a rightward, aggressively pro-Trump turn over the last four years as donations to its affiliated nonprofit have soared. [...] From 2016 to 2017, donations to the Real Clear Foundation more than quadrupled to \$1.7 million, with nearly all of that coming from two entities that conservatives use to shield their giving from public disclosure requirements, Donors Trust and Donors Capital Fund. In 2018, the Real Clear Foundation had its best year yet, reporting more than \$3 million in donations." [New York Times, 11/17/21]

New York Times: Headlines [On Real Clear Politics] On Monday — More Than A Week After Mr. Biden Had Clinched The Race — Included "There's Good Reason Not To Trust Election Results' And 'Trump Attorney Says Results In Several States Will Be Overturned." [New York Times, 11/17/21]

November 21, 2020: Real Clear Politics Published An Article Headlined "Actually, There Is Evidence of Voter Fraud." [Real Clear Politics, 11/21/20]

December 1, 2020: Real Clear Politics Published A Story Headlined "Data Expert: Up To 300,000 Fake People Voted In Arizona Election, 'Biggest Fraud' In History." [Real Clear Politics, 12/01/20]

December 8, 2020: Real Clear Politics Published An Article Headlined "Why The 2020 Election Was Neither Free Nor Fair" That Alleged Democrats Violated International Fair Election Standards In 2020. "There are common international standards about what makes an election 'free and fair.' These criteria, summarized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, include: the 'absolute' right to a secret ballot; the right to "express political opinions without interference; [t]o seek, receive and impart information and to make an informed choice'; the right of candidates to 'equal opportunity of access to the media'; the 'right of candidates to security'; freedom of association, and others. Many of these were violated in 2020.' 'Fraud'; was not as important as what Democrats were able to accomplish legally, for example, by pushing the country to adopt vote-by-mail on a massive scale." [Real Clear Politics, 12/08/20]

January 5, 2021: Real Clear Politics Published An Article Headlined "Evidence Shows Widespread Fraud Took Place in 2020." [Real Clear Politics, 1/05/21]

FreedomWorks—Which Reportedly Led Protests About Voter Fraud After The 2020 Election And Hired A Conservative Activist After She Was Fired For Participating In Trump's Attempt To Have Georgia's Election Results

Overturned—Took \$675,700 From Donors Trust In 2020

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$675,700 To The "FreedomWorks Foundation," Which Is Affiliated With FreedomWorks. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

FreedomWorks Foundation Is Affiliated With FreedomWorks—FreedomWorks' President
Adam Brandon Provided Commentary For A FreedomWorks Foundation Press Release On A
February 2020 Complaint It Filed With The U.S. Department Of Education. "Today,

FreedomWorks Foundation filed a formal comment with the Department of Education opposing the Biden Administration's proposal to change the data that school districts need to report to the Department. Among the categories of data the Department would no longer be asking for involved cases in which school staff were involved in student rape, alleged rape, and sexual assault. Adam Brandon, FreedomWorks President, commented: 'Incidents of sexual violence have been on the rise across our nation's schools. In the 2015 through 2016 school year, there were 9,600 incidents. In the 2017 through 2018 school year, there were almost 15,000. This represents a 55 percent increase.'" [FreedomWorks, 02/10/22]

After The 2020 Election, FreedomWorks "Reportedly Led Protests Against Voter Fraud" And Partnered With Right-Wing TV Channel Newsmax On A Show Called "'Save Our Nation'" Following The Insurrection. "Take, for example, FreedomWorks, a group that collaborated with the Koch network to advance the astroturf Tea Party movement. But after the election, the nonprofit FreedomWorks reportedly led protests against voter fraud. And in the wake of the Capitol riot, it partnered with Newsmax on a Sunday show called 'Save Our Nation.' FreedomWorks received roughly \$1.1 million in Donor Trust money last year, including for the Keep Elections Great Project and an initiative identified on the IRS filing as 'Save Our Country.'" [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

Newsmax Is A "Right-Wing Cable News Channel" That Has Been Called "The Trumpiest Channel On TV." "Former President Donald Trump gave a speech over the weekend, but you might not have known it even if you are a regular Fox News viewer. Instead, you would've had to turn to Newsmax, the right-wing cable news channel that's sticking to its old-school strategy of being the Trumpiest channel on TV." [Vox, 07/28/21]

Late 2021: FreedomWorks Hired Lawyer And "Conservative Activist" Cleta Mitchell After She Lost Her Job For Participating In Trump's Phone Call Urging Georgia Secretary Of State Brad Raffensperger To "'Find'" Enough Votes To Overturn The State's 2020 Election Results. "Additionally, FreedomWorks recently hired attorney and conservative activist Cleta Mitchell, who lost her job at Foley Lardner after participating in Trump's phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

• Then-President Donald Trump Urged Georgia Secretary Of State Brad Raffensperger To "Find" Enough Votes To Overturn His Defeat" In The 2020 Election. "President Trump urged fellow Republican Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia secretary of state, to 'find' enough votes to overturn his defeat in an extraordinary one-hour phone call Saturday that legal scholars described as a flagrant abuse of power and a potential criminal act. The Washington Post obtained a recording of the conversation in which Trump alternately berated Raffensperger, tried to flatter him, begged him to act and threatened him with vague criminal consequences if the secretary of state refused to pursue his false claims, at one point warning that Raffensperger was taking 'a big risk." [The Washington Post, 01/03/21]

## <u>Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$617,900 To The Media Research Center, Whose Founder And President Signed A Letter That Claimed The 2020 Election Was Unlawful And Invalid</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$617,900 To The Media Research Center.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

L. Bent Bozell III, The Founder And President Of Media Research Center Signed An Open Letter In November 2020 That Claimed That "There Is No Doubt President Donald J. Trump Is The Lawful Winner Of The Presidential Election. Joe Biden Is Not President-Elect." "There is no doubt President Donald J. Trump is the lawful winner of the presidential election. Joe Biden is not president-elect." [Conservative Action Project, 12/14/20]

The Letter Claimed That That Key Officials In Battleground States In 2020 Violated The Constitution And Election Law, Causing Biden To Be Illegally Declared President-Elect. "The evidence overwhelmingly shows officials in key battleground states—as the result of a coordinated pressure campaign by Democrats and allied groups—violated the Constitution, state and federal law in changing mail-in voting rules that resulted in unlawful and invalid certifications of Biden victories." [Conservative Action Project, 12/14/20]

The Letter Called For The Electoral College Results To Be Thrown Out And For New Electors To Be Appointed Who Would Name Donald Trump President. "Accordingly, state legislatures in the battleground states of Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin, Nevada, and Michigan should exercise their plenary power under the Constitution and appoint clean slates of electors to the Electoral College to support President Trump. Similarly, both the House and Senate should accept only these clean Electoral College slates and object to and reject any competing slates in favor of Vice President Biden from these states." [Conservative Action Project, 12/14/20]

Donors Trust Gave \$542,500 To The Conservative Partnership Institute, Which Is Led By Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows—Who Had "Deep Involvement In The Effort To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election"—And By Former Sen. Jim DeMint, Who Signed An Open Letter Urging State Lawmakers To Appoint Clean Slates Of Electors To Back Trump

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$542,500 To The Conservative Partnership Institute Through Three Separate Donations. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Conservative Partnership Institute Is "Led By Former Senator Jim DeMint And Former White House Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows." "CPI is the home for conservative leaders in Washington who are serious about standing up for America's founding principles and serious about winning. Led by former Senator Jim Demint and former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, CPI gives you the power to change Washington." [Conservative Partnership Institute, accessed 02/22/22]

Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows Had "Deep Involvement In The Effort To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election" According To The House Committee Investigating The Insurrection, Including Communications About Using The National Guard To Defend Trump Supporters And Rejecting Electors For Joe Biden. "The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol released a report on Sunday that laid out its case for a contempt of Congress charge against Mark Meadows, the chief of staff to former President Donald J. Trump, presenting evidence of Mr. Meadows's deep involvement in the effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election. In the 51-page document, the committee said it wanted to question Mr. Meadows about an email he had sent a day before the attack advising that the National Guard would be used to defend Trump supporters. The panel said it also wanted to ask him about an exchange with an unnamed senator about rejecting electors for Joseph R. Biden Jr." [The New York Times, 12/12/21]

Former Sen. Jim Demint Signed An Open Letter To Lawmakers In Competitive States To "'Appoint Clean Slates Of Electors To The Electoral College To Support President Trump.'" "Nevertheless, several prominent conservatives — among them, the writer L. Brent Bozell III and former Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina — signed an open letter on Dec. 10, 2020, calling on lawmakers in competitive states to 'exercise their plenary power' and 'appoint clean slates of electors to the Electoral College to support President Trump." [The New York Times, 01/28/22]

Donors Trust Gave Nearly \$410,000 To The Independent Institute, Whose Policy Fellow Disputed That There Was "'No Evidence'" Of Voter Fraud And Suggested Foul Play, Noting That "Vote-Counting Suddenly Stopped In The Wee Hours" And That Mail-In Ballots Could Have Been Mishandled By Pro-Biden Postal Workers

**2020:** Donors Trust Inc. Gave Two Contributions To The Independent Institute Totaling \$409,500. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

November 14, 2020: Independent Institute Policy Fellow K. Lloyd Billingsley Wrote An Article Casting Doubt On Sens. Mitt Romney And Pat Toomey's Claim That There Was "'No Evidence' Of Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election. "Republicans such as Mitt Romney and Pat Toomey claim there is 'no evidence' of voter fraud in the 2020 election. The GOP senators have thus put themselves at odds with Democrat Joe Biden himself. 'We have put together the most extensive and inclusive voter fraud organization in the history of American politics,' Biden boasted in October. True to form, voters have noted some oddities." [Independent Institute, 11/14/20]

• K. Lloyd Billingsley Was A Policy Fellow At The Independent Institute As of February 2022.

"K. Lloyd Billingsley is a Policy Fellow at the Independent Institute and a columnist at American Greatness." [Independent Institute, accessed 02/22/22]

Billingsley Called The Senators' Claim "Something Of A Stretch" As He Claimed That "Vote-Counting Suddenly Stopped In The Wee Hours" And That "Vote-Counters Also Took Measures To Keep From Being Observed." "In 2020, the American people noted that the vote-counting suddenly stopped in the wee hours. The ballots that then poured in boosted the chances of Biden alone, an unlikely prospect. Vote-counters also took measures to keep from being observed. All told, it's something of a stretch for Pat Toomey and Mitt Romney, a presidential loser in 2012, to claim there is no evidence of voter fraud. To say the least, this is a serious matter." [Independent Institute, 11/14/20]

Billingsley Suggested That Mail-In Ballots Could Have Been Mishandled By " The Government Postal Union, Which Endorsed Joe Biden." "For example, politicians exploited the pandemic to make a case for mail-in ballots. Voting by mail replaces the secret ballots voters cast in polling places and puts ballots in the care of the government postal union, which endorsed Joe Biden. That set up a conflict of interest." [Independent Institute, 11/14/20]

<u>Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$375,000 American Spectator Foundation, Whose</u>
<u>Founder And Editor-In-Chief Called For An Investigation Of The 2020 Election</u>
<u>And Claimed "It Appears That The 2020 Election Is Going To Be The Most</u>
Controversial Election In American History"

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$375,000 To The American Spectator Foundation, The Non-Profit Organization That Publishes The American Spectator Magazine And Its Website. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

• The American Spectator Foundation Is A "Non-Profit Organization That Is Responsible For Publishing The American Spectator And Its Daily Companion Website." "The American Spectator Foundation is a D.C.-based non-profit organization that is responsible for publishing The American Spectator and its daily companion website to provide Americans and decision makers in and outside of government with news and commentary on politics, economics, and culture from a conservative perspective." [The American Spectator Foundation, accessed 02/22/22]

R. Emmett Tyrell, Jr. Is The Founder And Editor-In-Chief Of The American Spectator. "R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr. is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of The American Spectator. He is the author of numerous books such as

The Death of Liberalism and After the Hangover: The Conservatives' Road to Recovery." [The American Spectator Foundation, accessed 02/22/22]

December 2, 2020: R. Emmett Tyrell, Jr. Authored An Article Titled "This Election Stinks." [The American Spectator, 12/02/22]

In The Article, Tyrell Said He Was "About To Accept The Voice Of The People" In The 2020 Election, But Declared "I Am Now Calling For An Investigation Of The Election" After A Study Claimed Ballot Irregularities In Pennsylvania. "At any rate, they now seem to have put Joe Biden ahead of President Donald Trump. I was about to accept the voice of the people. [...] Yet over the past weekend Professor Paul Kengor's study of the Pennsylvania results has changed my mind about fence-sitting. Here is one of Professor Kengor's findings. At a hearing in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on November 25, an expert testified to the Pennsylvania Senate Majority Committee that a batch of ballots recorded 570,000 votes for Joe Biden and only 3,200 votes for Donald. That would be 99.4 percent of the votes went to Biden, and with that batch he won the election. The batch came in, by the way, late. That finding knocked me off the fence. I am now calling for an investigation of the election." [The American Spectator, 12/02/22]

December 2021: The Associated Press Found Just 26 Potential Voter Fraud Cases In The 2020 Election, Which Represented "Just 0.03% Of Biden's Margin Of Victory In The State."
 "The AP's review of Pennsylvania's 67 counties identified a total of 26 potential voter fraud cases so far, which represents just 0.03% of Biden's margin of victory in the state. Six people have been charged." [The Associated Press, 12/15/21]

Tyrell Claimed "Surely There Is More Evidence Of Vote Fraud That Will Not Be Kept Secret For Long" And That "It Appears That The 2020 Election Is Going To Be The Most Controversial Election In American History." "Surely there is more evidence of vote fraud that will not be kept secret for long. Moreover, if this fraud is as great as Kengor seems to show, it is bound to be found in the years to come. For now, it appears that the 2020 election is going to be the most controversial election in American history. Whether I climb back up atop the fence or remain down here among the doubters, it does not matter. There is now a suspicion surrounding the vote count in the 2020 election. It will get worse." [The American Spectator, 12/02/22]

Donors Trust Gave \$362,100 To The American Legislative Exchange Council, Which Has "Spread Lies About The Integrity Of Our Elections," Was Led In Part By A White House Legal Advisor Who Helped Trump Try To Overturn Georgia's Election Results, And Was Planning On Challenging Results Nine Months Ahead Of The 2020 Election

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$362,100 To The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Through Three Donations. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

June 2021: Hundreds Of State, National, And Labor Advocacy Groups Called On Major Corporations And Industry Groups To Stop Donating To (ALEC) Due To Its Voter Restriction Efforts. "Hundreds of state and national advocacy and union groups are calling on businesses like Coca-cola, Chevron, FedEx and the Chamber of Commerce to stop funding the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) because of its voter restriction efforts, according to a letter first shared with Axios." [Axios, 06/14/21]

• The Letter Said That ALEC "Spread Lies About The Integrity Of Our Elections To Undermine American Democracy." "We are writing to urge you to cease your association with, and end your funding of, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) based on its active efforts to restrict the American people's freedom to vote and spread lies about the integrity of our elections to undermine American democracy." [Letter from A. Philip Randolph Institute et al., 06/14/21]

- The Letter Said That ALEC Was "Led In Part" By Cleta Mitchell, Who "Spread Disinformation" About The 2020 Election, Was A White House Legal Advisor While Trump "Secretly" Pushed To Have Georgia's Election Results Overturned. "The group is led in part by Cleta Mitchell, a controversial attorney who has spread disinformation about the results of the 2020 election and served as a legal advisor to former President Trump as he secretly pushed election officials in Georgia to overturn the results of a free and fair election." [Letter from A. Philip Randolph Institute et al., 06/14/21]
- The Letter Said That Arizona State Rep. Shwanna Bolick Was A Leader Of A "Secret Working Group" That Proposed Legislation To Overturn Presidential Election Results. "Another leader of ALEC's secret working group is Arizona state Representative Shawnna Bolick, who recently proposed a bill to allow the state legislature to overturn the results of a presidential election." [Letter from A. Philip Randolph Institute et al., 06/14/21]
- The Letter Said That ALEC CEO Lisa Nelson Noted The Groups Efforts "To Challenge The 2020 Election Results" In February 2020—Nine Months Before The Election. "ALEC's own CEO, Lisa Nelson, said in February 2020 that ALEC was already working with state legislators on efforts to challenge the 2020 election results and 'question the validity of an election.' Nelson's comments were made nine months before the election even took place." [Letter from A. Philip Randolph Institute et al., 06/14/21]

June 2020: ALEC Held An Exclusive Member Call With The Honest Elections Project, Which "Spread Disinformation About The Integrity Of Mail-In Voting During The 2020 Election" And Is A Project Of The 85 Fund. "Then, in June 2020, ALEC held an exclusive call for its members on the topic of mail-in voting featuring the Honest Elections Project, a group that pushes voter restriction laws and which spread disinformation about the integrity of mail-in voting during the 2020 election." [Letter from A. Philip Randolph Institute et al., 06/14/21]

Donors Trust Gave \$361,000 To American Juris Link, Whose Board Of Directors Includes The Republican Attorneys General Association's (RAGA's) Executive Chairman, Who Was Head Of RAGA's Policy Arm That Financed Robocalls Promoting The Rally That Led To The Capital Riot

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$361,000 To American Juris Link Through Two Donations.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

American Juris Link's Board Of Directors Included Peter Bisbee, The Executive Director Of The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) As Of February 22, 2022. [American Juris Link, accessed 02/22/22]

Peter Bisbee Was "Head Of RAGA's Policy Arm, The Rule Of Law Defense Fund, When It Financed Robocalls Pressing Its Backers To 'Stop The Steal' At The Capitol." "A political operative whose organization sent out robocalls urging Donald Trump supporters to march to the U.S. Capitol before the deadly Jan. 6 attack was chosen Thursday to lead a prominent GOP group. The board of the Republican Attorneys General Association voted to confirm Peter Bisbee as its new executive director. He was head of RAGA's policy arm, the Rule of Law Defense Fund, when it financed robocalls pressing its backers to 'stop the steal' at the Capitol before it was stormed by a mob." [The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 04/22/21]

April 2021: Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr Resigned As RAGA's Chairman, Citing A "'Significant Difference Of Opinion'" With The Group After It Named Peter Bisbee As Executive Director. "Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr (R) last week stepped down as chairman of the Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA), citing a 'significant difference of opinion' with the group's strategic direction. [...] Insiders said Carr was taken aback last week when some of his fellow executive committee members advanced Peter Bisbee as Piper's successor. Bisbee, a veteran of the conservative Federalist Society and executive director of the Rule of Law Defense Fund, was ratified Thursday as RAGA's next executive director." [The Hill, 04/22/21]

RAGA's Finance Director Ashley Trenzeluk Also Resigned Due To Bisbee's Promotion, Stating That "She Could Not Defend Bisbee's Hiring After Reassuring Donors And Supporters That The Group Would Chart A Future Direction Away From The Robocall Promoting The Jan. 6 Rally." "RAGA finance director Ashley Trenzeluk also resigned over the weekend as it became clear that Bisbee was to become the group's new executive director. In a letter to attorneys general first reported by the Alabama Political Reporter, Trenzeluk said she could not defend Bisbee's hiring after reassuring donors and supporters that the group would chart a future direction away from the robocall promoting the Jan. 6 rally." [The Hill, 04/22/21]

<u>Donors Trust Gave \$350,300 To Judicial Watch, Whose Leader Called On</u>
<u>Conservatives To Prevent Mail-In Ballots From Being Distributed At All Costs</u>
<u>Shortly Before The 2020 Election, Claiming They Would Result In Widespread</u>
<u>Fraud</u>

Judicial Watch Is A Right-Wing Activist Group Which Came To Prominence Attacking The Clintons. "The questions came not from the F.B.I., which has closed its investigation into the issue, or from Congress, or even from a news outlet. They came from a nonprofit organization called Judicial Watch. If the 2016 election has brought forward a new generation of Clinton antagonists — WikiLeaks, Breitbart, Russia — it has also reintroduced America to an old one. Judicial Watch was one of the Clintons' original tormentors, a charter member of what Mrs. Clinton famously called a "vast right-wing conspiracy" to destroy her and her husband by seizing on any potential scandal." [New York Times, 10/13/16]

Judicial Watch Is Known For Providing A Platform For Conspiracy Theories. "Conservative anti-Clinton group Judicial Watch announced a 'special panel presentation' promising a 'scandal update' on the Clinton Foundation and the emails of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. Judicial Watch, itself a hub for baseless smears against the Clintons, invited to the panel two discredited Clinton conspiracy theorists known for making claims based on "bogus" data." [Media Matters, 9/22/16]

Shortly Before The 2020 General Election Judicial Watch Head Tom Fitton Called On Conservatives To Prevent Mail-In Ballots From Being Distributed At All Costs. "Expressing concern about voter fraud and disenfranchisement, Fitton called on the audience to find a way to prevent mail-in ballots from being sent to voters. 'We need to stop those ballots from going out, and I want the lawyers here to tell us what to do,' said Fitton, whose organization is a tax-exempt charity. 'But this is a crisis that we're not prepared for. I mean, our side is not prepared for.'" [Washington Post, 10/14/20]

For Years Judicial Watch Pushed Lawsuits Challenging Election Rules Over Conspiratorial Concerns Of 'Voter Fraud,' An Ideology Which Trump And His Team Tapped Into To Push The Big Lie. "For months, President Donald Trump has tried to convince Americans that the Nov. 3 election will be "rigged," claiming without evidence that mail voting will open the door to mass cheating. [...] That once-fringe theory has become a staple of Republican politics, due largely to the efforts of a small network of lawyers who have promoted it for two decades, funded by right-wing foundations. This year, the Trump campaign and the Republican Party have cited concerns about voter fraud in a nationwide legal battle with Democrats and voting-rights advocates over election procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] Four nonprofits run by or linked to this network of lawyers – the Public Interest Legal Foundation, the American Constitutional Rights Union, Judicial Watch and True the Vote - have been involved in at least 61 lawsuits over election rules since 2012, according to a Reuters examination." [Reuters, 9/08/20]

<u>Donors Trust Gave \$333,020 To The Heritage Foundation, Which Has Tried To "Weaponize The Big Lie" Through Plans To Spend \$24 Million To Advance Voter Suppression Laws Across Eight States After Trump's "Campaign Of Falsehoods About The 2020 Election"</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$333,020 To The Heritage Foundation Through Five Donations.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Heritage Foundation's "Politics Arm" Heritage Action For America Took Part In "Widespread Coordination" With Other Conservative Groups And Lawmakers To Advance The "Dogma Of Voter Fraud" That Arose After Trump's "Campaign Of Falsehoods About The 2020 Election." "In late January, a small group of dedicated volunteers from the conservative Heritage Action for America met with Republican legislators in Georgia, delivering a letter containing detailed proposals for rolling back access to voting. [...] The widespread coordination underscores the extent to which the dogma of voter fraud is embedded in the Republican Party, following Mr. Trump's campaign of falsehoods about the 2020 election." [The New York Times, 03/23/21]

• The Heritage Foundation's "Politics Arm" Is Heritage Action For America. "Heritage, through its politics arm Heritage Action for America, is planning to spend \$24 million across eight states: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, Texas and Wisconsin." [The New York Times, 03/23/21]

The Heritage Foundation's Efforts To Advance Voter Restrictions Surrounding The 2020 Election Were Seen As An Effort To "Weaponize That Big Lie." "Ari Berman: 'It's not uncommon, but what I would say is it's an intensification of an existing strategy. And it's unique in the sense that we just had a situation where Donald Trump tried to overturn the election. And now there are a record number of bills that are following that attempt to try to overturn the election. And Heritage Action is at the forefront of trying to weaponize that big lie. And the way that these, quote-unquote, election integrity measures have been portrayed by their supporters in places like Georgia, places like Texas, is that they're just responding to their constituents concerns about the election." [WBUR, 06/04/21]

• After The 2020 Election, The Heritage Was Planning To Spend \$24 Million Across Eight States To Advance A Wide Variety Voter Restrictions. "The Heritage Foundation, a leading conservative organization in Washington, is teaming up with grass-roots social conservative outfits, like the Susan B. Anthony List, to mobilize supporters and lobbyists in state capitals to enact new restrictions on voting access. Heritage, through its politics arm Heritage Action for America, is planning to spend \$24 million across eight states: Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, Texas and Wisconsin. [...] Much of the Heritage goals are laid out in a report published to their website earlier this year, ticking off a host of proposals including limiting who can vote by mail, preventing ballot collection, banning drop boxes, enacting stricter voter identification laws, restricting early voting and providing greater access to partisan election observers." [The New York Times, 03/23/21]

Donors Trust Gave \$313,000 To Prager University, A Group That Produced A Video Titled "How To Steal An Election: Mail-In Ballots," And Whose Founder Said "January 6 Is A Smokescreen Like The Nazis Used The Reichstag Fire"

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$313,000 To The Prager University Foundation Through Five Donations. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990,  $\frac{11/15/21}{2}$ ]

New York Times: Prager University (PragerU) Is A "Growing Hub Of The Online Right-Wing Media Machine," With Over A Billion Video Views In 2019. "After some of the footage was edited in the back of an S.U.V. in a parking lot nearby, the video headed to Prager University, a growing hub of the online right-wing media machine, where Mr. Witt is a rising star and the jokey, Ray-Ban-wearing embodiment of the site's ambitions. Last year PragerU videos racked up more than one billion views, the company said." [New York Times, 01/04/20]

• PragerU Is Affiliated With The Prager University Foundation. [PragerU, accessed 02/22/22]

PragerU Founder Dennis Prager Said, "January 6 Is A Smokescreen Like The Nazis Used The Reichstag Fire. That's All It Is." "January 6 is a smokescreen like the Nazis used the Reichstag fire. That's all it is. OK? Half this country knows that, half this country doesn't." [Media Matters for America, 01/06/22]

• **Dennis Prager Is The Founder Of PragerU.** "Second, he is the founder of Prager University (PragerU) – the most viewed conservative video site in the world, with one billion views a year, more than half by people under the age of 35." [The Dennis Prager Show, accessed <u>02/22/22</u>]

Dennis Prager Said The Capitol Riot "Was A Cathartic Experience" For Most Of The Insurrectionists, And Downplayed The Threat They Posed, Stating, "None Of Them Had Daggers. None Of Them Had Guns." "DENNIS PRAGER (HOST): Dagger at the heart at the – sorry, at the throat of democracy. Yeah. But none of them had daggers. None of them had guns. It was essentially -- for the vast majority of them, it was a cathartic experience." [Media Matters for America, 01/06/22]

PragerU Headline: "Mail-In Ballots Can Be Easily Abused, Causing Serious Voter Fraud." [PragerU, accessed 02/22/22]

PragerU Produced A Video Titled, "How To Steal An Election: Mail-In Ballots":



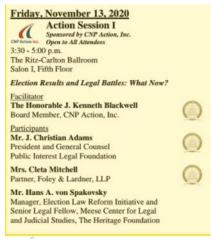
[PragerU, accessed 02/22/22]

## <u>Donors Trust Gave \$265,000 To The Council For National Policy, A Secretive Organization Of Republican Activists Which Counts Extremists And Insurrectionists Among Its Members</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$265,000 To Council For National Policy.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

At Least Five Council For National Policy (CNP) Members Worked To Turn Out MAGA Extremists And Were Scheduled To Speak At Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Rally. "...former CNP member and right-wing influencer Ali Alexander (aka Ali Akbar), was the driving force behind #StoptheSteal... Turning Point USA's founder and president Charlie Kirk, a CNP member who continues to spread misinformation of voter fraud and was listed as an organizer of the November #StoptheSteal rally in November, was also deeply involved in organizing the D.C. protest-turned-riot... The right-wing Veterans in Defense of Liberty (VIDOL), led by CNP member Scott Magill, also sent troops to the insurrectionist #StoptheSteal event Wednesday... Tea Party Patriots co-founder and CNP executive committee member Jenny Beth Martin promoted the rally and was listed as a speaker... Anti-abortion activist Jason Jones, a CNP member, was also scheduled to speak, as were many of Alexander's organizing partners in #StoptheSteal including Arizona Representative Paul Gosar, who led the House challenge to his state's electors." [Center for Media and Democracy, 1/8/21]

• CNP Strategized How To Challenge Election Results In A Panel Featuring Cleta Mitchell And PILF President J. Christian Adams.



[Center for Media and Democracy, 1/8/21]

December 2020: CNP's "Conservative Action Project" Published A Letter Stating There Was "No Doubt" Trump Won The Election. "On December 10, the CNP's Conservative Action Project published a letter stating, "There is no doubt President Donald J. Trump is the lawful winner of the presidential election." It stated that "state legislatures in the battleground states of Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin, Nevada and Michigan should exercise their plenary power under the Constitution and appoint clean slates of electors to the Electoral College to support President Trump." It further called on conservative leaders and groups to implement the strategy discussed at the previous CNP meeting and pressure their state and national representatives to replace the electors. The letter was signed by over a dozen members of the CNP, including the president, the executive director, and executive committee member Jenny Beth Martin." [Washington Spectator, 1/8/21; Conservative Action Project, Last Accessed 2/22/22]

#### <u>Donors Trust Gave \$250,000 To The Federalist's Affiliated Nonprofit The FDRSLT</u> Media Foundation, Which Pushed Misleading Claims About Election Fraud

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$250,000 To FDRLST Media Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

**FDRLST Media Foundation Is The 501c3 Affiliate Of The Federalist Publication** "The Federalist's affiliated nonprofit, FDRLST Media Foundation, had been certified as a 501(c)(3) charity by the Internal Revenue Service, meaning that donors could begin making tax-deductible contributions to the foundation." [Center for Media and Democracy, 12/9/20]

**Twitter Labeled A Tweet From The Federalist As A "Misleading" Election Fraud Claim.** "In a note appended to the Federalist's tweet promoting the claim, "Yes, Democrats Are Trying To Steal The Election In Michigan, Wisconsin, And Pennsylvania," the social-media giant added: "Some or all of the content shared in this Tweet is disputed and might be misleading about an election or other civic process. The Federalist article in question claimed that there were "vote counting irregularities" in a number of key battleground states, and presented no hard evidence of tampering but raised questions about "mysterious" reports from certain counties." [Daily Beast, 12/4/20]

Reuters Disproved The Federalist's Claim Of Voter Fraud In Michigan And Wisconsin. "Social media users are sharing an article which cites examples of two large spikes in Biden votes, a county recount and late mail-in voting to prove that Democrats are trying to steal the election in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. Although the details surrounding the Pennsylvania mail-in vote example are correct, the other claims are presented inaccurately: the spikes were due to an administrative error and a dump of votes favouring Biden respectively, and the recount was due to a mismatch in vote totals, rather than political factors." [Reuters, 12/5/20]

## Tea Party Patriots, Which Had A "Key" Role In The Events Of January 6 As An Organizer Of The Rally That Preceded The Capitol Riot, Took \$250,000 From Donors Trust In 2020

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$250,000 To The Tea Party Patriots Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Tea Party Patriots Played A "Key" Role In The Events Of January 6th, 2021 As One Of The "Coalition Partners" And Organizers Of The March To Save America. "Two of those entities played key roles in the events surrounding Jan. 6. One of them, the Tea Party Patriots, was listed as a rally organizer and received \$250,000." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

- Tea Party Patriots Was Listed Among The "Coalition Partners" And Groups Participating In The March To Save America. [Documented, 01/07/21]
- The Tea Party Patriots Foundation Was "One Of The Groups That Helped Organize The
  January 6 Rally" Before The Capitol Insurrection. "DONORS TO THE Tea Party Patriots
  Foundation, one of the groups that helped organize the January 6 rally preceding the deadly attack
  on the U.S. Capitol, include the Jewish Community Federation and late billionaire Republican donor
  Sanford Diller, according to a 990 form submitted to the IRS by the tax-exempt nonprofit in 2019."
  [The Intercept, 01/13/21]

<u>Donors Trust And Donors Capital Fund Gave \$206,500 To The Claremont Institute, A Group With Close Ties To Efforts To The January 6 Insurrection, Most Notably Due To Senior Fellow And Board Member John Eastman's Six-Step Plan To Overturn The Election</u>

Donors Trust Gave The Claremont Institute \$156,500 In 2020.

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John Eastman Is A Senior Fellow At The Claremont Institute. [Claremont Institute, Accessed 12/09/21]

**Eastman Is Also A Board Member At The Claremont Institute.** "But one place where he is still welcome is the Claremont Institute. Eastman is a senior fellow at the four-decade-old conservative think tank; a member of its board of directors; and the founding director of its Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a shingle under which he sporadically files lawsuits and amicus briefs." [The Bulwark, 7/13/21]

On January 4, 2021, Eastman Met With Trump And Pence To Propose A Six-Step Plan To Overturn The 2020 Election. "An attorney who worked with former President Trump's legal team tried to convince then-Vice President Mike Pence that he could overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and provided him with a six-step plan, according to a new book from journalists Bob Woodward and Robert Costa. CNN, citing a

memo initially obtained by the book's authors, reported that attorney John Eastman first proposed the plan to Pence on Jan. 4 in the Oval Office with Trump. The memo called for throwing out the election results in seven states under the false claim that those states had used alternate electors." [The Hill, 9/21/21]

Eastman Appeared At The Rally Preceding The Capitol Right On January 6<sup>th</sup> To Claim That Election Officials Stole The 2020 Election From Trump. "In the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, Eastman was an influential advisor to Trump as the outgoing president schemed to hold onto power; on the day of the Capitol riot, Eastman appeared at the rally with Trump, where he accused election officials of stealing the election." [MSNBC, 10/17/21]

After Eastman's Actions Around The 2020 Election, He Became A Pariah In Most Circles—But Claremont Has Firmly Stood Behind Him. "But even as Eastman has become a legal pariah, Claremont remains solidly behind him. Just last week, the institute put out a widely derided statement denying that Eastman had actually urged Pence to overturn the election (even though his memo clearly did just that.)" [MSNBC, 10/17/21]

Claremont Senior Fellow Michael Anton Helped Promote The "Stop The Steal" Campaign. "Now a Claremont senior fellow and a lecturer at Hillsdale's Kirby Center in Washington, D.C., Anton helped to propagate Trump's 'stop the steal" campaign last year'" [The Bulwark, 7/13/21]

On November 4th, 2020, Anton Wrote A Piece Promoting The "Stop The Steal" Campaign Calling For Court Challenges, Rallies, And Grassroots Campaigns To Ensure Trump Won The 2020 Election Because He Felt It Impossible That Biden Won Legitimately. "the American Mind published a new Anton piece, entitled "Game on for the Coup." Anton admits in this article that he isn't sure what is really going on— "The thing could (but will never) be proved"—but he's confident enough to lay out a game plan that he calls "Stop the Steal," reusing a name that Roger Stone gave to his shady pro-Trump group in 2016. Against the Biden coup, Anton, borrowing from an article at Revolver.News (a new right-wing info site), recommends that Trumpists organize court challenges, rallies, disputes about electors, and a massive grassroots campaign in support of the president. By this point, Anton found the idea of a legitimate Biden victory implausible, partly because no one could possibly believe Biden could win" [The Bulwark, 7/13/21]

### <u>Donors Trust Gave \$200,000 To The American Principles Project, A Coalition</u> <u>Partner In A Campaign For Voting Restrictions After The 2020 Election</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$200,000 To The American Principles Project.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

American Principles Project Was Apart Of An Advocacy And Lobbying Coalition For State Election Reforms Following The 2020 Election. "The Family Research Council, the Susan B. Anthony List and the American Principles Project — all faith-based nonprofits — are spending millions to boost a Republican-led effort to restrict voting in dozens of states after the party lost the White House and the Senate amid record turnout and mail-in voting." [Salon, 3/27/21]

American Principles Project's Frank Cannon Said That Voting Restrictions Are Crucial To Keeping Conservative Donors Engaged. "Before I give you any money for anything at all, tell me how this is going to be solved," Mr. Cannon said, summarizing his conversations. He and other conservative activists — many with no background in election law — didn't take long to come up with an answer, which was to make rolling back access to voting the "center of gravity in the party," as he put it. Passing new restrictions on voting — in particular, tougher limits on early voting and vote-by-mail — is now at the heart of the right's strategy to keep donors and voters engaged as Mr. Trump fades from public view and leaves a void in the Republican Party that no other figure or issue has filled." [New York Times, 3/19/21]

 American Principles Project's Terry Schilling Said He Doesn't Buy All The Election Contentions, But The Issue Is Important For Donors. ""I'm not someone who thinks that China hacked the voting machines," said Terry Schilling, the president of the American Principles Project. But at the same time, he said, "if you're a conservative organization and you have small-dollar donors, you're hearing this from everywhere: 'Well, what's the point in voting?'" [New York Times, 3/19/21]

# <u>Donors Trust Gave \$196,200 To The David Horowitz Freedom Center, Led By Reactionary David Horowitz Who Published A Book Parroting Big Lie Talking Points</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$196,200 To The David Horowitz Freedom Center.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, <u>11/15/21</u>]

David Horowitz Was A Large Proponent Of Trump's Big Lie, Going As Far As To Publish A Book That Repeated Team Trump's 2020 Election Falsehoods Within Six Months Of The Election. "Instead, he abandoned what little intellectual credibility he had left and joined in the biggest and most dangerous lie yet told by President Donald Trump—that the Democrats had stolen a national election in broad daylight. To help sustain the lie, Horowitz was duty bound to deliver another quickie Trump book within six months of the lost election. Not that The Enemy Within provides evidence that a crime was committed on November 3, 2020. It's basically a clip job, repeating the wild and disproven fraud allegations made by Rudy Giuliani, Sidney Powell, Peter Navarro, and other Trump fabulists." [The New Republic, 5/05/21]

Horowitz Called The 2020 Election "The Biggest Crime In America History." "In the screed,
Horowitz claims a vast criminal conspiracy carried out at polling places in many of the 50 states. Yet
there's one little fact missing from the dossier—the name of a single person who participated in the
'biggest crime in American history." [The New Republic, 5/05/21]

David Horowitz Tweeted That The Protestors On January 6th Were "Heroes."



<u>Donors Trust Gave \$151,850 To The Mountain State Legal Foundation, Which</u>
<u>Only Began Working On Election Policies After The 2020 Election, When It</u>
<u>Began Fearmongering About Absentee Ballots And Spreading Lies About Voter</u>
<u>Fraud</u>

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$151,850 To Mountain State Legal Foundation For "General Operations", 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Work, And "The Area Of Highest Need." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Mountain State Legal Foundation Only Began Working On Election Law After The 2020 Election. "Mountain States Legal Foundation today announced the hiring of Colorado native and University of Colorado alumni Tyler Martinez as senior attorney, signaling the Denver firm's desire to up its game on First Amendment law and branch out into election law issues." [Mountain State Legal Foundation, 04/06/21]

In Late November 2020, The Mountain State Legal Foundation Hosted The Heritage Foundation's Hans A Von Spakovsky To Talk About The Threat Of Voting Fraud. "In a high-stakes election year, a national pandemic made protecting the integrity of the voting process a hotter topic than ever. At our recent forum in Salt Lake City, keynote speaker Hans A. von Spakovsky of the Heritage Foundation spoke about critical issues surrounding the election." [Mountain State Legal Foundation, 11/25/20]

- Von Spakovsky Specifically Fearmongered About The Threat Of Absentee Ballot Voting. "In 45 states that don't have all mail elections, most people vote in person but you can vote by absentee ballot. In a lot of states you don't have to have a reason. [...] In all of those states you can mail your ballot back, you can hand deliver it to election officials, or a member of your family can hand deliver it to election officials. [...] But in about half the states including, for example, California they've made it legal for anybody, any stranger, to come to your door and say, 'Hey, I'll deliver your ballot for you." Now what does that do? It puts something every valuable, a valuable commodity, a ballot, into the hands of candidates, campaign staffers, party activists, political consultants all of whom have a stake in the outcome of the election. [...] This [2018 North Carolina election] was an election in which illegal vote harvesting was going on and what was done in this election is the common factor you see in all of these proven absentee ballot fraud cases." [Mountain State Legal Foundation, 11/25/20]
- Von Spakovsky Claimed "The Left" Is Using COVID-19 To Undermine Elections. "Now there have been lawsuits all over the country because not only is the left pushing vote-by-mail, they're trying to use COVID-19 to achieve their other goals." [Mountain State Legal Foundation, 11/25/20]

Von Spakovsky Promoted "Evidence" Of Voter Fraud And Criticized FBI Director Chris Wray For Not Investigating Voter Fraud Claims. "For those who haven't seen it, Project Veritas has this great undercover video that shows what looks like illegal voter harvesting going on in Minnesota. [...] What's interesting to me about it, and there's a lot of sources saying oh yeah this is definitely happening they are buying votes. [...] If it weren't for this undercover video [...] nothing would be done about it. [...] The FBI ought to be there investigating it. I don't have any confidence that will happen because the current head of the FBI Chris Wray doesn't seem very interested in doing this. [...] You can find a similar description of exactly this kind of thing going on in Indiana. [...] Someone discovered nine completed absentee ballots in a trashcan outside a county government building in, I think it's Luzerne County [Pennsylvania]."

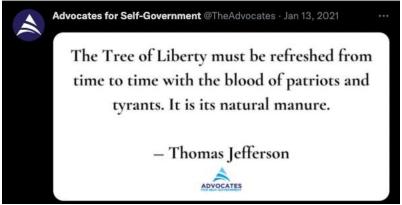
Hans Von Spakovsky Was Appointed By Then-President Trump To Investigate False Claims Of Widespread Voter Fraud In The 2016 Election. "President Trump on Thursday appointed a divisive conservative voting rights expert to spearhead the White House's search into allegations of widespread fraud in the 2016 presidential election. The appointment of Hans von Spakovsky has reignited debate over the legitimacy of claims that include unsubstantiated accusations from Trump that "millions of people" voted illegally for Hillary Clinton." [Washington Post, 06/30/17]

Von Spakovsky Has Been A "Driving Force" Behind Voter Suppression Laws For The Last Two Decades. "Heritage Foundation fellow Hans von Spakovsky, a former George W. Bush administration official who for two decades has been the driving force behind policies that restrict access to the ballot, spoke alongside Anderson at the donor summit." [Mother Jones, 05/13/21]

# <u>Donors Trust Gave \$150,000 To Advocates For Self-Government, A Libertarian Group Praising Violence "For Freedom" In The Days Following The January 6th Insurrection</u>

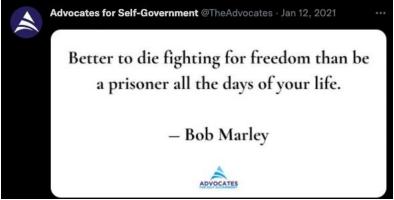
2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$150,000 To Advocates For Self-Government For "General Operations." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Advocates For Self-Government Tweeted That The "Blood Of Patriots And Tyrants" Was Needed For Liberty Days After The January 6<sup>th</sup> Insurrections.



[Twitter, @TheAdvocate, 01/13/21]

Advocates For Self-Government Tweeted That It Was "Better To Die Fighting For Freedom" Days After The January 6th Insurrections.



[Twitter, @TheAdvocate, 01/12/21]

### <u>Donors Trust Gave \$130,300 To The National Legal And Policy Center, A Group</u> Complaining About Censorship While Spreading Election Misinformation

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$130,300 To National Legal And Policy Center For "General Operations" And "The Area Of Highest Need." [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The National Legal And Policy Center Complained That Trump Received "Disproportionate And Unequal Scrutiny" Of His Tweets On Election Fraud, Calling It "Outright Censorship." "The president received disproportionate and unequal scrutiny of his posts, drawing repeated 'fact-checks', disclaimers, and outright censorship. [...] In tweets and Facebook posts in which he warned[11] about coming 'big problems and discrepancies' and 'rampant and unchecked cheating' with regard to the expanded use of mail-in ballots, Twitter slapped on a 'disputed' label and called them 'misleading.' And Facebook labeled a similar Trump post with the claim, 'voter fraud is extremely rare.' [...] Fox News reported[15] that since Election Day, 'Twitter has marked at least a dozen tweets from President Trump since Election Day with a disclaimer warning that they may contain 'misleading' information about the vote.' The censorship of the twelve posts happened over the course of a mere 60 hours. Biden has not received even a sliver of the same scrutiny by the big social media corporations." [National Legal And Policy Center, 11/11/20]

The National Legal And Policy Center Promoted False Claims Of Voter Fraud In The 2020 Election. "The president's forewarnings have proven true, however, with hundreds of affidavits[12] collected by Trump's campaign from witnesses and poll watchers that allege[13] vote tampering, backdating of tardy mail-in ballots, obstruction of poll observers, and other shenanigans[14]. But the facts that have now come out post-election have not deterred the platforms' maniacal censors." [National Legal And Policy Center, 11/11/20]

## <u>Donors Trust Gave \$130,000 To The California Policy Center, A Group That</u> <u>Complained About Ballot Harvesting In The 2020 Election</u>

2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$130,000 To California Policy Center For "General Operations," Work On The California Wealth Tax Proposal, "The Growth And Resilience Project Proposal," And Support For The Orange County Classical Academy. [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

California Policy Center Promoted Claims Of A "Ballot Harvest" During The 2020 Election. "Will California's Election Day victories survive the ballot harvest? Californians seem to have rejected Proposition 15, a massive property tax increase on Golden State employers that would make many low-margin small businesses unprofitable, reduce job opportunities when they're needed most, and raise consumer prices when so many are struggling to get by. [...] Despite overwhelmingly uncritical media support of Prop 15, Californians have rejected it by 52 to 48 percent margin... so far. After all the mail-in votes and harvested ballots come in, Prop 15 may still pass." [California Policy Center, 11/06/20]

California Policy Center Gave Credence To Election Fraud Claims In 2020, Claiming Philadelphia And Detroit Have Poor Records On Election Integrity And That Unverified Claims Of Fraud Were "Fishy." "On Thursday afternoon, President Trump claimed the election results have been infected with widespread fraud. Standby for the evidence, which so far has been anecdotal and unverified (though fishy nonetheless). Unfortunately, Philadelphia and Detroit don't have the best reputations when it comes to election integrity." [California Policy Center, 11/06/20]

Donors Trust Gave \$125,000 To The Energy And Environment Legal Institute,
Whose Director Of Science And Technology Assessment Posted Social Media
Content Supporting Efforts To Hang Mike Pence During The Capitol Riot

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$125,000 To Energy And Environment Legal Institute.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

Tom Tanton Is The Director Of Science And Technology Assessment For The Energy And Environment Legal Institute. "Tom Tanton is the Director of Science and Technology Assessment for E&E Legal. He is also president of T<sup>2</sup> & Associates, a firm providing services to the energy and technology industries. T<sup>2</sup> & Associates are active primarily in the area of renewable energy and interconnected infrastructures, analyzing and providing advice on their impacts on energy prices, environmental quality and regional economic development." [E&E Legal, Accessed 2/22/22]

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 8am: Tanton Shared A Post In Support Of The Rally To Stop The Steal In Washington.



[DeSmog, Accessed 2/22/22]

January 9, 2021: Tanton Shares A Facebook Post About The Phrase "Hang Mike Pence" Trending On Social Media With The Caption "Can't They Even Try..."



[DeSmog, Accessed 2/22/22]

<u>Donors Trust Gave \$120,350 To The John Locke Foundation, Which Has</u>

<u>Repeatedly Alleged Democrats Conspired To Allow Widespread Voter Fraud</u>

<u>Prior To And Following The 2020 Election</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$120,350 To The John Locke Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The John Locke Foundation Is A Libertarian Think Tank Based In North Carolina. "The John Locke Foundation is an independent, nonprofit think tank working for truth, freedom, and the future of North Carolina."

The John Locke Foundation is named for John Locke (1632-1704), an English philosopher whose writings inspired Thomas Jefferson and the other Founders. Locke is a 501(c)(3) research institute and is funded by thousands of individuals, foundations and corporations. The Foundation does not accept government funds or contributions to influence its work or the outcomes of its research." [John Locke Foundation, Accessed 2/22/22]

October 30, 2020: The John Locke Foundation Published An Article Title "Playing with Fire: Democrats' Reckless Attack on State Election Laws" Which Alleged Democrats Were Using COVID-19 Accommodations To Allow For Widespread Fraud. "To date they have filed more than 400 lawsuits asking state and federal courts to overturn or suspend such laws, including nine lawsuits in North Carolina. They filed multiple suits in almost every state because, even though most were likely to fail, they only needed one to succeed in order to get what they wanted, which is precisely what has happened in North Carolina. The ostensible purpose of all those hundreds of lawsuits was to ensure that people could vote safely without exposing themselves to COVID-19 by appearing in person at crowded polling stations." [John Locke Foundation, 10/30/20]

November 2, 2020: The John Locke Foundation Published An Article Titled "Is Fraud More Likely with Brinson Bell in Charge of the Elections Board?" That Claimed That North Carolina Elections Would Be Compromised By Voter Fraud Due To COVID-19 Accommodations. "As executive director of the state elections board, Bell has been very busy writing dozens of "numbered memos" from her to the 100 county boards of elections. Each memorandum deals with a different aspect of NC election law, and on most occasions, each appears to advocate that the boards take actions that are contrary to NC elections law. The memoranda follow a pattern in design: They correctly state the law in various places, typically in a footnote. They then may mention COVID-19. They then condones actions that appear to violate the law — always with the result being to approve a ballot instead of finding the ballot invalid." [John Locke Foundation, 11/02/20]

February 2021: The Carolina Journal, Which is Published By The John Locke Foundation, Ran An Article Claiming A "Well-Funded Cabal Of Powerful People" Conspired To Change Election Laws To Steal The 2020 Election From Donald Trump. "What happened here in North Carolina is typical of what happened throughout the country. The Democrats kicked off their "fortification" campaign in the spring of 2020 by lobbying the General Assembly to further relax the state's already very permissive absentee voting rules in ways that would have eliminated virtually all of the protective provisions designed to prevent voter fraud and ballot harvesting. [...] Heck, it's also possible Molly Ball really believes the shadow campaign carried out by a "well-funded cabal of powerful people" was justified by the need to "fortify" the election against Donald Trump and his "henchmen." [Carolina Journal, 2/16/21]

January 2022: When Asked About The Survey That Claimed 49% Of Republicans Do Not Believe The 2022 Election Will Be Secure, John Locke Foundation President Donald Bryson Said, "The Left Will Say This Is A Result Of The Big Lie, But Remember That The First 'Big Lie' Was A 2016 Clinton Campaign Fabrication About Russian Collusion That Led To Impeachment Hearings Designed To Overthrow A Duly Elected President." "Bryson continued, "It's not an understatement to say that the underpinnings of the American republic are at a flashpoint. When a near-majority of one of the major parties doesn't believe in the integrity of our elections, then the public will question the legitimacy of any outcome. The Left will say this is a result of the Big Lie, but remember that the first 'big lie' was a 2016 Clinton campaign fabrication about Russian collusion that led to impeachment hearings designed to overthrow a duly elected president." [John Locke Foundation, 1/13/22]

<u>Donors Trust Gave \$101,500 To Texas Public Policy Foundation, Whose Vice</u>

<u>Chairman Is The Largest Donor Of Empower Texans, A Group That Spread Ballot</u>

Fraud Disinformation Shortly After The 2020 Election

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$101,500 To The Texas Public Policy Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

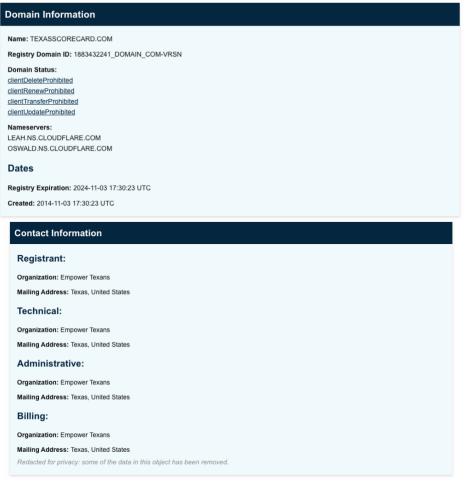
**Tim Dunn Is The Vice Chairman Of Texas Public Policy Foundation.** [Texas Public Policy Foundation, <u>Accessed 2/22/22</u>]

**Dunn Is An Evangelical Oil Magnate Based Out Of Texas Who Uses His Fortune To Push Right Wing Cultural, Social Issues And Oppose Moderate Republicans.** "In Texas, Midland oil magnate Tim Dunn's evangelical reboot of the GOP has limited the party's efforts to attract a broader constituency. In Washington, however, one of Dunn's top goals could offer Republicans the path they desperately need to attract new supporters — through an overhaul of the criminal justice system that young and minority voters want to see changed. Dunn's brand of conservative politics, which includes an aggressive, evangelical social agenda, is more often aimed at GOP primary voters. He's spent millions courting their support for an effort to boot out the party's moderates." [Star-Telegram, 12/11/18]

**Dunn Is A Board Member, Co-Founder, And The Largest Donor To Empower Texans.** "Tim Dunn is widely considered one of the most influential donors in Texas politics. He is the driving force behind Empower Texans and its biggest donor. He founded the group in 2006 and hired Michael Quinn Sullivan, its CEO, to lead it." [Public Accountability Initiative, 9/25/21]

Empower Texans Is A "Conservative Political Powerhouse" Focused On Limiting Government. "This message is vintage Dunn. The wealthy West Texan—who founded the conservative political powerhouse Empower Texans—has spent countless hours and millions of his own dollars promoting a libertarian vision of a society in which empowered private companies and citizens vigorously constrain government interference in their economic affairs." [TexasMonthly, 04/23/20]

**Empower Texans Ran The Website TexasScorecard.com.** 



[Search for texascorecard.com, ICANN Lookup, accessed 05/06/21]

Texas Scorecard Uploaded A Viral Election Fraud Conspiracy Video, Which Claimed To Show The Theft Of Ballots In Detroit, In The Span Of Time Following Election Day Before The Race Was Called...

"Texas Scorecard: It all started with a red wagon and a white unmarked van. Shortly after filming he scene, Kellye SoRelle shared the video with the website Texas ScoreCard, which describes itself as 'Someone's always keeping score. We think it ought to be the citizens.' That same day, Eric Trump retweeted the video now published in a story for the Gateway Pundit. His tweet gathered over 40,000 retweets and 300,000 views. Trump wrote: 'WATCH: Suitcases and Coolers Rolled Into Detroit Voting Center at 4 AM, Brought Into Secure Counting Area.'" [Washington Post, 11/12/20]

...Texas Scorecard's Video Was Quickly Debunked, But Only After It Was Shared By Donald Trump Jr And Made Its Rounds On The Right-Wing Media Ecosystem. "That same day, Eric Trump retweeted the video now published in a story for the Gateway Pundit. His tweet gathered over 40,000 retweets and 300,000 views. Trump wrote: 'WATCH: Suitcases and Coolers Rolled Into Detroit Voting Center at 4 AM, Brought Into Secure Counting Area.'...WXYZ photojournalist Josh Bowren explained in a segment for the news channel that he was the one in the video and the red wagon he was using did not contain ballot boxes but a box full of batteries. The Gateway Pundit story has since been updated to include WXYZ's report. The Texas Scorecard story — which did include a statement from WXYZ — is still listed as trending on the front page." [Washington Post, 11/12/20]

### <u>Donors Trust Gave \$100,000 To The Gatestone Institute, Which Pushed Pro-Big</u> Lie Talking Points As Late As October 2021

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$100,000 To The Gatestone Institute.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

**The Gatestone Institute Is A Think-Tank.** "Gatestone Institute, a non-partisan, not-for-profit international policy council and think tank is dedicated to educating the public about what the mainstream media fails to report in promoting" [Gatestone Institute, <u>Accessed 2/22/22</u>]

November 17, 2020: Gatestone Institute Published An Article Titled "Was The US Election Stolen?" Quoting Sidney Powell, Donald Trump, And Rudy Giuliani And Pushed The Dominion Voting Machine Conspiracy Theory. "Arguably the most explosive fraud claims involve ballot tabulators manufactured by a Colorado-based company called Dominion Voting Systems that allegedly changed hundreds of thousands of votes from President Trump to Democratic nominee Joe Biden. Most of the allegations regarding Dominion, which controls more than a third of the voting-machine market, involve a half-dozen battleground states — Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — that mysteriously stopped counting votes after midnight on Election Day." [Gatestone Institute, 11/17/20]

October 21, 2021: Gatestone Institute Published An Article Titled "Get Smart About What Really Happened In The 2020 Election" That Claimed That "Private Philanthropy Injected Into Government Election Offices" And "A Banana-Republic Style Suspension Of Agreed-Upon Election Rules "Poisoned" The 2020 Election. "Two ingredients drove the outcome in the 2020 elections: First, private philanthropy injected into government election offices and, second, a banana-republic style suspension of agreed-upon election rules. You didn't need much outright voter fraud when these two ingredients combined to poison the 2020 election." [Gatestone Institute, 10/21/21]

### <u>Donors Trust Gave \$75,000 To VDARE, A SPLC-Designated Hate Group Which</u> Published <u>Articles Rejecting Donald Trump's Loss And Cheering On Rioters</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$75,000 To VDARE Foundation.** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

**VDARE Is A SPLC Designated Hate Group And A White Nationalist Organization.** "[VDARE is] Now run by the VDARE Foundation, the site is a place where relatively intellectually inclined leaders of the anti-immigrant movement share their opinions. VDARE.com also regularly publishes articles by prominent white nationalists, race scientists and anti-Semites." [SPLC, Last Accessed <u>2/22/22</u>]

**VDARE Published An Article Rejecting The 2020 Election Outcome.** "Unlike Ann Coulter, I believe Trump won the election and I believe that this matters. And the millions that voted for him did so knowing all his personality flaws and failings." [VDARE, 1/10/21]

**VDARE Published An Article Cheering On The January 6**<sup>th</sup> **Rioters.** "I'm going to open with a confession here: watching those protestors rampaging through the halls of Congress on Wednesday afternoon, there was a part of me that was cheering them on." [VDARE, <u>1/08/21</u>]

<u>Donors Trust Earmarked A \$50,000 Donation To The Honest Elections Project, Which Filed A 2020 Supreme Court Brief Describing A Scheme For State Legislatures To Overturn Elections—Stoking Fears About Voter Fraud In 2020.</u>

**2020: Donors Trust Inc. Gave \$50,000 To The 85 Fund For The "Honest Elections Project."** [2020 Donors Trust Inc. IRS Form 990, 11/15/21]

The Honest Elections Project "Financed Legal Briefs" To Defend Republican Voter Fraud Laws That Were Challenged As "Hurdles To Voting." "Some groups on the right spent dark money battling Democrats in court over voting laws. An entity called the Honest Elections Project financed legal briefs defending measures that Republicans cast as protections against fraud but that were being challenged by Mr. Elias as hurdles to voting." [The New York Times, 01/29/22]

In 2020, Trump's "'Dark Money' Machine" Gave About \$4.8 Million To Donors Trust In A Donation Earmarked For The Honest Elections Project, "A Dark-Money Group Which Has Been Tied To Voter Suppression Efforts." '"The group's largest gift, about \$4.8 million, went to a conservative dark-money clearinghouse called Donors Trust. It appears to have been earmarked for something called the 'Honest Elections Project,' a dark-money group which has been tied to voter suppression efforts. (Its website domain was at one point apparently quite open about this goal: hardtovote.honestelections.org.)" [The Daily Beast, 12/13/21]

America First Works, Formerly Known As America First Policies, Was "Trump's Influential 'Dark Money' Machine" "Trump's influential 'dark money' machine appears to have almost entirely turned over, capping the overhaul off with the apparent sale of a pro-Trump nonprofit earlier this year, The Daily Beast has learned. The changing of the guard at the nonprofit, formerly known as America First Policies, illustrates how difficult it is to get a clear picture of the outside money fueling Trump's movement. [...] According to IRS records first obtained by the Center for Public Integrity, America First Policies filed to change its name to America First Works in October." [The Daily Beast, 12/13/21]

In 2020, The Honest Election Project Filed A Supreme Court Amicus Brief "Laying Out A Scheme In Which State Legislatures Could Unilaterally Overturn Election Results." "Last year, the Honest Elections Project also filed an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court laying out a scheme in which state legislatures could unilaterally overturn election results." [The Daily Beast, 12/13/21]

In The 2020 Election Cycle, The Honest Elections Project "Started Stoking Fears About Voter Fraud." "A powerful new conservative organization fighting to restrict voting in the 2020 presidential election is really just a rebranded group that is part of a dark money network already helping Donald Trump's unprecedented effort to remake the US federal judiciary, the Guardian and OpenSecrets reveal. The organization, which calls itself the Honest Elections Project, seemed to emerge out of nowhere a few months ago and started stoking fears about voter fraud." [The Guardian, 05/27/20]

June 2021: "Hundreds" Of State, National, And Labor Advocacy Groups Signed A Letter Calling For Industry To Stop Donating To The American Legislative Exchange Council—The Letter Said The Honest Election Project "Spread Disinformation About The Integrity Of Mail-In Voting During The 2020 Election." "Hundreds of state and national advocacy and union groups are calling on businesses like Coca-

cola, Chevron, FedEx and the Chamber of Commerce to stop funding the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) because of its voter restriction efforts, according to <u>a letter</u> first shared with Axios." [Axios, 06/14/21]

 The Letter Called The Honest Elections Project "A Group That Pushes Voter Restriction Laws And Which Spread Disinformation About The Integrity Of Mail-In Voting During The 2020 Election." "Then, in June 2020, ALEC held an exclusive call for its members on the topic of mail-in voting featuring the Honest Elections Project, a group that pushes voter restriction laws and which spread disinformation about the integrity of mail-in voting during the 2020 election." [Letter from A. Philip Randolph Institute et al., 06/14/21]

The Honest Elections Project—Funded By "Rightwing Stalwarts Like The Koch Brothers And Betsy Devos' Family"—Helped Push Trump Supreme Court Picks Brett Kavanaugh And Neil Gorsuch. "Backed by a dark money group funded by rightwing stalwarts like the Koch brothers and Betsy DeVos' family, the Honest Elections Project is part of the network that pushed the US supreme court picks Brett Kavanaugh and Neil Gorsuch, and is quickly becoming a juggernaut in the escalating fight over voting rights." [The Guardian, 05/27/20]

The Bradley Network, Closely Tied To The Insurrection By Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Board Member Cleta Mitchell, A Contributor To Leo's Federalist Society, Sent Over \$3.5 Million To Leo's Network In 2019-2020 And Spent Over \$9 Million Funding Other Insurrectionists In 2020.

The Bradley Family's Funding Engines, The Lynde & Harry Bradley Foundation
And The Bradley Impact Fund, Are Right-Wing Networks Which Have Used Their
Funding To Support The Insurrection And Leo's Groups

The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Is A Right-Wing Group That Has Used Its Financial Resources To Support Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election And Pass Voter Suppression Laws Nationwide. "New Yorker writer Jane Mayer, the author of the book Dark Money, has once again done great reporting to show how Milwaukee's Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation is perhaps the biggest funder of groups trying to undermine America's elections by spreading the Big Lie that President Joe Biden wasn't legally elected. [...] Mayer calculates that since 2012 the \$850 million foundation has spent some \$18 million on groups tied to voter suppression legislation, and most recently on stoking false fears of a stolen election. It has been a generous funder of a list of groups working to promote the Big Lie" [Urban Milwaukee, 8/03/21]

The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Was Started By 20<sup>th</sup> Century Industrialist Harry Bradley, A Founding Member Of Right-Wing Conspiratorial Group The John Birch Society To Support Right Wing Causes. "Harry, a John Birch Society founding member, started a small family foundation that initially devoted much of its giving to needy employees and to civic causes in Milwaukee. In 1985, after the brothers' death, their heirs sold the company to the defense contractor Rockwell International, for \$1.65 billion, generating an enormous windfall for the foundation." [The New Yorker, 8/09/21]

For Years The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Funded Groups Which Supported Radical Right-Wing Changes To Election Laws. "These disparate nonprofits have one thing in common: they have all received funding from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation. Based in Milwaukee, the private, tax-exempt organization has become an extraordinary force in persuading mainstream Republicans to support radical challenges to election rules—a tactic once relegated to the far right. With an endowment of some eight hundred and fifty million dollars, the foundation funds a network of groups that have been stoking fear about election fraud, in some cases for years. Public records show that, since 2012, the foundation has spent some eighteen million dollars supporting eleven conservative groups involved in election issues." [The New Yorker, 8/09/21]

The Bradley Impact Fund Is A Donor-Advised Fund Affiliated With The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation. "The Bradley Impact Fund is the only donor-advised fund in the country affiliated with a private foundation with a track record of successful investments in promoting and advancing conservative principles. From philanthropic advisory services to an array of events in both formal and intimate settings, the Bradley Impact Fund offers many opportunities for you to expand your knowledge and connect with conservative thought leaders, grant recipient organizations, and other donors who share your interests and commitments." [Bradley Foundation, Accessed 2/22/22]

The Bradley Impact Fund Also Funded Groups Behind The Big Lie And Those Which Participated In Attempts To Overturn The 2020 Election. "The group, the Bradley Impact Fund, is linked to a larger foundation that was identified in a recent report as a central player in distributing money to organizations pushing conspiracy theories about election fraud, denying the results of the 2020 election, and undertaking legal efforts to overturn the presidential vote." [The Intercept, 8/07/21]

## The Bradley Network Sent Over \$3.5 Millions To Leonard Leo Connected Groups In 2019 And 2020

The Bradley Impact Fund Gave The 85 Fund's Judicial Education Project \$2.5 Million In 2020.

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The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Gave The Federalist Society \$525,000 In 2019.

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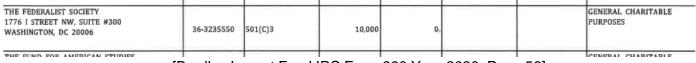
[Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2019, Page 44]

#### The Bradlev Impact Fund Gave The Federalist Society \$511,000 In 2019.

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[Bradley Impact Fund IRS Form 990 Year 2019, Page 96]

### The Bradley Impact Fund Gave The Federalist Society \$10,000 In 2020.



[Bradley Impact Fund IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 56]

Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Board Member And Federalist Society
Contributor Cleta Mitchell Participated In Trump's Infamous Phone Call To The
Georgia Secretary Of State Where He Demanded The Official To "Find" Enough
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Bradley Foundation Board Member Cleta Mitchell Participated In Trump's Infamous Phone Call To The Georgia Secretary Of State Where He Demanded The Official To "Find" Enough Votes For Him To Win The State. "Mitchell, a longtime Washington D.C. lawyer, worked with President Donald Trump to argue that he won the 2020 election and participated in the infamous phone call to the Georgia Secretary of State where Trump pushed the official to "find" enough voters to overturn Biden's win in that state." [Urban Milwaukee, 8/03/21]

Mitchell's Involvement In Georgia Allowed "Diehard Conspiracy Theorists" To Continue To Litigate The 2020 Election In Fulton County. "With her support, diehard conspiracy theorists are still litigating the matter in Fulton County, which includes most of Atlanta. Because they keep demanding that election officials prove a negative—that corruption didn't happen—their requests to keep interrogating the results can be repeated almost indefinitely." [The New Yorker, 8/09/21]

Mitchell's Said Of The 2020 Election: "There Are A Lot Of Miscarriages Of Justice I've Seen And Experienced In My Life, And This Was One Of Them." "Despite three independent counts of Georgia's vote, including a hand recount, all of which confirmed Biden's victory, Mitchell argues that 'Trump never got his day in court'" adding, 'There are a lot of miscarriages of justice I've seen and experienced in my life, and this was one of them." [The New Yorker, 8/09/21]

Mitchell Is Also A Contributor To The Federalist Society.

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[Federalist Society, Accessed 2/22/22]

## The Bradley Foundation Previously Reached Out To Leonard Leo Asking How They Could Fund Supreme Court Amicus Projects

**2014:** Leo Connected A Bradley Foundation Grant Officer With His Associate Neil Corkery To Discuss How The Bradley Foundation Could Fund Two "Supreme Court Amicus Projects." "The newly reviewed grant documents include emails showing that the Bradley Foundation's grant officer conferred with Leo at the Federalist Society about how the foundation could fund "two Supreme Court *amicus* projects" without funneling the money through DonorsTrust, in 2014. Leo connected them to Neil Corkery, a long-time ally of his in an array of groups, and the listed leader of JEP. That group was launched in 2004 alongside another group Leo has deep ties to: the Judicial Confirmation Network, which is now known as the Judicial Crisis Network (JCN)." [PR Watch, 10/10/20]

# The Bradley Impact Fund Gave Over \$6.5 Million To Project Veritas, A Right-Wing Disinformation Group Deeply Involved In Efforts To Delegitimize The 2020 Election Before, During, And After

2020: The Bradley Impact Fund Gave Project Veritas \$6,510,825.

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Project Veritas Is A Right Wing Group Known For Taking Undercover Footage And Deceptively Editing It To Discredit Their Opponents. "The ad includes footage by the far-right activist group Project Veritas that shows a man identified as a CNN employee talking about news coverage of Gaetz, Politico reported. Project Veritas is known for publishing undercover sting footage that has been deceptively edited to reflect badly on organizations and people it disagrees with." [The Hill, 4/14/21]

In The Run-Up To The 2020 Election, Project Veritas Used Their Undercover Tactics To Discredit Mail-In Voting In Coordination With The White House And Major Right Wing Groups. Headline: "Inside the Project Veritas Plan to Steal the Election James O'Keefe's group is part of a sprawling campaign to delegitimize mail-in balloting in the fall—a campaign being led by the White House." [The New Republic, 8/03/20]

After The 2020 Election Project Veritas Founder James O'Keefe Posted Unsubstantiated Claims Of Ballot Fraud In Key Swing States That Went For Joe Biden. "This week, O'Keefe tweeted out a series of edited, vague and unsubstantiated interviews with supposed 'whistleblowers' from post offices in Michigan and Pennsylvania, who tried to claim USPS is stamping fraudulent Nov. 3 postmarks onto ballots picked up after Election Day in those states. [...] O'Keefe's Pennsylvania source offered no direct proof aside from a brief conversation he says he overheard, and although Pennsylvania is accepting mail-in ballots with a Nov. 3 postmark until Friday per a court order, election officials are keeping those ballots separate from the overwhelming majority of votes that arrived before Election Day." [Forbes, 11/06/21]

An Unsubstantiated Allegation Of Voter Fraud In Pennsylvania Circulated By Project Veritas Was Cited In An Unsuccessful Trump Lawsuit Challenging The Election. "Project Veritas pushed a Pennsylvania postal worker's claim about mail-in ballots that the Trump campaign would cite in a lawsuit that eventually went nowhere, according to The Washington Post." [CNBC, 1/13/21]

Project Veritas And Its Founder Were Sued For Defamation For The Videos They Circulated Baselessly Alleging Election Fraud In 2020. "Robert Weisenbach and his wife, Carolyn Ann Weisenbach, are suing Hopkins, Project Veritas and O'Keefe over claims of defamation, negligent misrepresentation, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Jered Ede, chief legal counsel for Project Veritas, called the lawsuit 'a fantasy land of baseless supposition upon which meritless claims are built' in an email to the Erie Times-News." [Go Erie, 4/26/21]

The Bradley Foundation Gave Nearly \$600,000 To Three Different Groups Led By Conservative Activist John Tillman, One Of Which Echoed Trump's False Claims That Absentee Ballots Increased Voter Fraud In An August 2020 Lawsuit To Block Illinois' Vote-By-Mail Law

2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave The Liberty Justice Center \$75,000.

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LIBERTY JUSTICE CENTER 190 S. LASALLE STREET SUITE 1500 CHICAGO, IL, 60603		TO SUPPORT WORKPLACE FREEDOM EFFORTS	75,000

[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 419]

August 2020: The Liberty Justice Center, Chaired By John Tillman, Filed A Lawsuit On Behalf Of The Cook County Republican Party To Block Illinois' New Vote-By-Mail Law Complaining It Would Create "The Potential For Fraud," Echoing Trump's False Claims About Mail-In-Ballots. "The Cook County Republican Party filed a federal lawsuit Monday to block the state's new enhanced vote-by-mail law, contending the measure was a scheme by Democrats under Gov. J.B. Pritzker to amplify their vote totals and dilute GOP ballots in the Nov. 3 general election. [...] The lawsuit was filed against Pritzker, the State Board of Elections, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough and the Chicago Board of Election commissioners on behalf of the Cook County GOP by the Liberty Justice Center. The group has the same address as the Republican-

aligned Illinois Policy Institute and is chaired by John Tillman, who also is chairman and CEO of the IPI." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]

- The Lawsuit Argued That Illinois' Election Policies Created "The Potential For Fraud." "The suit also contends provisions allowing ballots submitted or postmarked by midnight on Election Day to still be counted two weeks later creates the potential for fraud." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]
- Donald Trump Opposed Mail-In-Ballots, Falsely Claiming They Would Increase Voter Fraud.

  "The lawsuit represents the latest conundrum among Republicans in dealing with the issue of mail-in-ballots. President Donald Trump has spoken out against them, saying they increase the potential for fraud, though reported instances have been rare." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]

2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave The Franklin News Foundation \$250,000

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FRANKLIN NEWS FOUNDATION 200 W. MADISON STREET, SUITE 2100 CHICAGO, IL, 60606		TO SUPPORT EXPANSION NATIONWIDE	250,000
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[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 419]

John Tillman's "Stealth 'Persuasion Machine'" To Promote Republicans Included His Media Nonprofit The Franklin News Foundation. "Tillman's assets extend well beyond a handful of Facebook pages focused on battleground states. In addition to the American Culture Project and the Illinois Policy Institute, tax filings identify him as chairman of the Franklin News Foundation, a nonprofit media company that draws revenue from DonorsTrust, a donor-advised fund that backs conservative causes and allows its contributors to remain anonymous." [The Washington Post, 04/03/21]

• Headline: "Inside A Stealth 'Persuasion Machine' Promising Republican Victories in 2022." [The Washington Post, 04/03/21]

2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave The Illinois Policy Institute \$250,000.

[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 417]

John Tillman Is The CEO Of The "Republican-Aligned" Illinois Policy Institute. "The group has the same address as the Republican-aligned Illinois Policy Institute and is chaired by John Tillman, who also is chairman and CEO of the IPI." [Chicago Tribune, 08/10/20]

FreedomWorks—Which Reportedly Led Protests About Voter Fraud After The 2020 Election And Hired A Conservative Activists After She Was Fired For Participating In Trump's Attempt To Have Georgia's Election Results
Overturned—Took \$401,900 From The Bradley Network In 2020

### 2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave FreedomWorks Foundation \$375.000.

FREEDOMWORKS FOUNDATION 111 K ST. NE, SUITE 600 SUITE 600 WASHINGTON, DC, 20002	PC	TO SUPPORT GENERAL OPERATIONS	275,000
FREEDOMWORKS FOUNDATION 111 K ST. NE, SUITE 600 SUITE 600 WASHINGTON, DC, 20002	PC	TO SUPPORT THE SAVE OUR COUNTRY INITIATIVE	100,000

2020: Bradley Impact Fund Gave FreedomWorks Foundation \$26,900.

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• FreedomWorks Foundation Is Affiliated With FreedomWorks—FreedomWorks' President Adam Brandon Provided Commentary For A FreedomWorks Foundation Press Release On A February 2020 Complaint It Filed With The U.S. Department Of Education. "Today, FreedomWorks Foundation filed a formal comment with the Department of Education opposing the Biden Administration's proposal to change the data that school districts need to report to the Department. Among the categories of data the Department would no longer be asking for involved cases in which school staff were involved in student rape, alleged rape, and sexual assault. Adam Brandon, FreedomWorks President, commented: 'Incidents of sexual violence have been on the rise across our nation's schools. In the 2015 through 2016 school year, there were 9,600 incidents. In the 2017 through 2018 school year, there were almost 15,000. This represents a 55 percent increase." [FreedomWorks, 02/10/22]

After The 2020 Election, FreedomWorks "Reportedly Led Protests Against Voter Fraud" And Partnered With Right-Wing TV Channel Newsmax On A Show Called "'Save Our Nation'" Following The Insurrection. "Take, for example, FreedomWorks, a group that collaborated with the Koch network to advance the astroturf Tea Party movement. But after the election, the nonprofit FreedomWorks reportedly led protests against voter fraud. And in the wake of the Capitol riot, it partnered with Newsmax on a Sunday show called 'Save Our Nation.' FreedomWorks received roughly \$1.1 million in Donor Trust money last year, including for the Keep Elections Great Project and an initiative identified on the IRS filing as 'Save Our Country.'" [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

Newsmax Is A "Right-Wing Cable News Channel" That Has Been Called "The Trumpiest Channel On TV." "Former President Donald Trump gave a speech over the weekend, but you might not have known it even if you are a regular Fox News viewer. Instead, you would've had to turn to Newsmax, the right-wing cable news channel that's sticking to its old-school strategy of being the Trumpiest channel on TV." [Vox, 07/28/21]

Late 2021: FreedomWorks Hired Lawyer And "Conservative Activist" Cleta Mitchell After She Lost Her Job For Participating In Trump's Phone Call Urging Georgia Secretary Of State Brad Raffensperger To "'Find'" Enough Votes To Overturn The State's 2020 Election Results. "Additionally, FreedomWorks recently hired attorney and conservative activist Cleta Mitchell, who lost her job at Foley Lardner after participating in Trump's phone call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger." [The Daily Beast, 11/22/21]

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# The Bradley Network Gave \$351,300 To The Public Interest Legal Foundation (PILF), A Conservative Legal Organization Chaired By Cleta Mitchell Which Aims To Purge Voter Rolls

2020: Bradley Foundation	Gave \$300,000 To The P	ublic Interes	st Legal Foundation.	I
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[2020 Bradley Impact Fund. IRS Form 990, Page 55]

**Trump Touted PILF's False Report On Mail-In Voting.** "President Trump touted a new report on voter fraud, but ProPublica found a critical error with the data. Even with the correction, experts say the report is misleading... However, after ProPublica provided evidence to PILF that it had in fact doubled the official government numbers, the organization corrected its figure. The number of undeliverable mail ballots dropped slightly from 2016 to 2018." [ProPublica, 5/2/20]

PILF's Chairman J. Christian Adams Called People Who Deny Systematic Voter Fraud 'Flat-Earthers.' "Adams has turned allegations of sweeping, illegal voting into a career marked by frequent litigation and a bombastic media presence — calling critics who say that there's no widespread proof of voter fraud "flat-earthers."" [NBC News, 8/27/17]

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# The Bradley Foundation Gave \$275,000 To The California Policy Center, A Group That Complained About Ballot Harvesting In The 2020 Election And Gave Credence To Election Fraud Claims

The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Gave California Policy Center \$275,000 In 2020.

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[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 411]

California Policy Center Promoted Claims Of "Ballot Harvest" During The 2020 Election. "Will California's Election Day victories survive the ballot harvest? Californians seem to have rejected Proposition 15, a massive property tax increase on Golden State employers that would make many low-margin small businesses unprofitable, reduce job opportunities when they're needed most, and raise consumer prices when so many are struggling to get by. [...] Despite overwhelmingly uncritical media support of Prop 15, Californians have rejected it by 52 to 48 percent margin... so far. After all the mail-in votes and harvested ballots come in, Prop 15 may still pass." [California Policy Center, 11/06/20]

California Policy Center Gave Credence To Election Fraud Claims In 2020, Claiming Philadelphia And Detroit Have Poor Records On Election Integrity And That Unverified Claims Of Fraud Were "Fishy." "On Thursday afternoon, President Trump claimed the election results have been infected with widespread fraud. Standby for the evidence, which so far has been anecdotal and unverified (though fishy nonetheless). Unfortunately, Philadelphia and Detroit don't have the best reputations when it comes to election integrity." [California Policy Center, 11/06/20]

The Bradley Network Gave \$240,000 To Prager University, A Group That Produced A Video Titled "How To Steal An Election: Mail-In Ballots,"

And Whose Founder Said "January 6 Is A Smokescreen Like The Nazis Used The Reichstag Fire"

2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave Prager University \$210,000.

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Prager University (PragerU) Is A "Growing Hub Of The Online Right-Wing Media Machine," With Over A Billion Video Views In 2019. "After some of the footage was edited in the back of an S.U.V. in a parking lot nearby, the video headed to Prager University, a growing hub of the online right-wing media machine, where Mr. Witt is a rising star and the jokey, Ray-Ban-wearing embodiment of the site's ambitions. Last

year PragerU videos racked up more than one billion views, the company said." [The New York Times, 01/04/20]

PragerU Is Affiliated With The Prager University Foundation. [PragerU, accessed <u>02/22/22</u>]

PragerU Founder Dennis Prager Said, "January 6 Is A Smokescreen Like The Nazis Used The Reichstag Fire. That's All It Is." "January 6 is a smokescreen like the Nazis used the Reichstag fire. That's all it is. OK? Half this country knows that, half this country doesn't." [Media Matters for America, 01/06/22]

• **Dennis Prager Is The Founder Of PragerU.** "Second, he is the founder of Prager University (PragerU) – the most viewed conservative video site in the world, with one billion views a year, more than half by people under the age of 35." [The Dennis Prager Show, accessed <u>02/22/22</u>]

Dennis Prager Said The Capitol Riot "Was A Cathartic Experience" For Most Of The Insurrectionists, And Downplayed The Threat They Posed, Stating, "None Of Them Had Daggers. None Of Them Had Guns." "DENNIS PRAGER (HOST): Dagger at the heart at the – sorry, at the throat of democracy. Yeah. But none of them had daggers. None of them had guns. It was essentially -- for the vast majority of them, it was a cathartic experience." [Media Matters for America, 01/06/22]

PragerU Headline: "Mail-In Ballots Can Be Easily Abused, Causing Serious Voter Fraud." [PragerU, accessed 02/22/22]

PragerU Produced A Video Titled, "How To Steal An Election: Mail-In Ballots":



[PragerU, accessed 02/22/22]

# The Bradley Foundation Gave \$150,000 To The David Horowitz Freedom Center, Led By Reactionary David Horowitz Who Published A Book Parroting Big Lie Talking Points

2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave The David Horowitz Freedom Center \$150,000.

WASHINGTON, DC, 20038			
DAVID HOROWITZ FREEDOM CENTER 14724 VENTURA BLVD., SUITE 820 SHERMAN OAKS, CA, 91403	PC	TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF BRUCE THORNTON, CAMPUS INITIATIVES, ONLINE RESOURCES, AND PUBLICATIONS	150,000
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[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 413]

David Horowitz Was A Large Proponent Of Trump's Big Lie, Going As Far As To Publish A Book That Repeated Team Trump's 2020 Election Falsehoods Within Six Months Of The Election. "Instead, he

abandoned what little intellectual credibility he had left and joined in the biggest and most dangerous lie yet told by President Donald Trump—that the Democrats had stolen a national election in broad daylight. To help sustain the lie, Horowitz was duty bound to deliver another quickie Trump book within six months of the lost election. Not that The Enemy Within provides evidence that a crime was committed on November 3, 2020. It's basically a clip job, repeating the wild and disproven fraud allegations made by Rudy Giuliani, Sidney Powell, Peter Navarro, and other Trump fabulists." [The New Republic, 5/05/21]

Horowitz Called The 2020 Election "The Biggest Crime In America History." "In the screed,
Horowitz claims a vast criminal conspiracy carried out at polling places in many of the 50 states. Yet
there's one little fact missing from the dossier—the name of a single person who participated in the
'biggest crime in American history." [The New Republic, 5/05/21]

David Horowitz Tweeted That The Protestors On January 6th Were "Heroes."

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[Twitter, 1/6/21, Last Accessed 2/22/22]

The Bradley Network Gave \$150,000 To The Conservative Partnership Institute, Which Is Led By Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows—Who Had "Deep Involvement In The Effort To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election"—And By Former Sen. Jim DeMint, Who Signed An Open Letter Urging State Lawmakers To Appoint Clean Slates Of Electors To Back Trump

2020: Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Gave \$100,000 To The Conservative Partnership Institute.

WASHINGTON, DC, 20005
CONSERVATIVE PARTNERSHIP INSTITUTE
300 INDEPENDENCE AVE SE WASHINGTON, DC, 20003

[2020 Bradley Impact Fund, IRS Form 990, Page 413]

2020: Bradley Impact Fund Gave \$50,000 To The Conservative Partnership Institute.

CONSERVATIVE PARTNERSHIP INSTITUTE
300 INDEPENDENCE AVE SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20003

[2020 Bradley Impact Fund. IRS Form 990, Page 47]

The Conservative Partnership Institute Is "Led By Former Senator Jim DeMint And Former White House Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows." "CPI is the home for conservative leaders in Washington who are serious about standing up for America's founding principles and serious about winning. Led by former Senator Jim Demint and former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, CPI gives you the power to change Washington." [Conservative Partnership Institute, accessed 02/22/22]

Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows Had "Deep Involvement In The Effort To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election" According To The House Committee Investigating The Insurrection, Including Communications About Using The National Guard To Defend Trump Supporters And Rejecting Electors For Joe Biden. "The House committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol

released a report on Sunday that laid out its case for a contempt of Congress charge against Mark Meadows, the chief of staff to former President Donald J. Trump, presenting evidence of Mr. Meadows's deep involvement in the effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election. In the 51-page document, the committee said it wanted to question Mr. Meadows about an email he had sent a day before the attack advising that the National Guard would be used to defend Trump supporters. The panel said it also wanted to ask him about an exchange with an unnamed senator about rejecting electors for Joseph R. Biden Jr." [New York Times, 12/12/21]

Former Sen. Jim DeMint Signed An Open Letter To Lawmakers In Competitive States To "'Appoint Clean Slates Of Electors To The Electoral College To Support President Trump.'" "Nevertheless, several prominent conservatives — among them, the writer L. Brent Bozell III and former Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina — signed an open letter on Dec. 10, 2020, calling on lawmakers in competitive states to 'exercise their plenary power' and 'appoint clean slates of electors to the Electoral College to support President Trump." [New York Times, 01/28/22]

# The Bradley Network Gave \$120,000 To The Claremont Institute, A Group With Close Ties To The January 6 Insurrection, Most Notably Due To Senior Fellow And Board Member John Eastman's Six-Step Plan To Overturn The Election

2020: The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Gave The Claremont Institute \$100,000.

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[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 412]

2020: Bradley Impact Fund Gave \$20,000 To The Claremont Institute.

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[2020 Bradley Impact Fund. IRS Form 990, Page 47]

John Eastman Is A Senior Fellow At The Claremont Institute. [Claremont Institute, Accessed 12/09/21]

**Eastman Is Also A Board Member At The Claremont Institute.** "But one place where he is still welcome is the Claremont Institute. Eastman is a senior fellow at the four-decade-old conservative think tank; a member of its board of directors; and the founding director of its Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a shingle under which he sporadically files lawsuits and amicus briefs." [The Bulwark, 7/13/21]

On January 4, 2021, Eastman Met With Trump And Pence To Propose A Six Step Plan To Overturn The 2020 Election. "An attorney who worked with former President Trump's legal team tried to convince then-Vice President Mike Pence that he could overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and provided him with a six-step plan, according to a new book from journalists Bob Woodward and Robert Costa. CNN, citing a memo initially obtained by the book's authors, reported that attorney John Eastman first proposed the plan to Pence on Jan. 4 in the Oval Office with Trump. The memo called for throwing out the election results in seven states under the false claim that those states had used alternate electors." [The Hill, 9/21/21]

**Eastman Appeared At The Rally Preceding The Capitol Right On January 6<sup>th</sup> To Claim That Election Officials Stole The 2020 Election From Trump.** "In the days before the Jan. 6 insurrection, Eastman was an influential advisor to Trump as the outgoing president schemed to hold onto power; on the day of the Capitol riot, Eastman appeared at the rally with Trump, where he accused election officials of stealing the election." [MSNBC, 10/17/21]

After Eastman's Actions Around The 2020 Election, He Became A Pariah In Most Circles—But Claremont Has Firmly Stood Behind Him. "But even as Eastman has become a legal pariah, Claremont remains solidly behind him. Just last week, the institute put out a widely derided statement denying that Eastman had actually urged Pence to overturn the election (even though his memo clearly did just that.)" [MSNBC, 10/17/21]

Claremont Senior Fellow Michael Anton Helped Promote The "Stop The Steal" Campaign. "Now a Claremont senior fellow and a lecturer at Hillsdale's Kirby Center in Washington, D.C., Anton helped to propagate Trump's 'stop the steal" campaign last year'" [The Bulwark, 7/13/21]

On November 4th, 2020, Anton Wrote A Piece Promoting The "Stop The Steal" Campaign Calling For Court Challenges, Rallies, And Grassroots Campaigns To Ensure Trump Won The 2020 Election Because He Felt It Impossible That Biden Won Legitimately. "the American Mind published a new Anton piece, entitled "Game on for the Coup." Anton admits in this article that he isn't sure what is really going on—"The thing could (but will never) be proved"—but he's confident enough to lay out a game plan that he calls "Stop the Steal," reusing a name that Roger Stone gave to his shady pro-Trump group in 2016. Against the Biden coup, Anton, borrowing from an article at Revolver.News (a new right-wing info site), recommends that Trumpists organize court challenges, rallies, disputes about electors, and a massive grassroots campaign in support of the president. By this point, Anton found the idea of a legitimate Biden victory implausible, partly because no one could possibly believe Biden could win" [The Bulwark, 7/13/21]

# The Bradley Network Gave \$110,000 To The Real Clear Foundation, Which Disseminated Numerous Pieces Spreading Conspiracies Aimed At Delegitimizing The 2020 Election

2020: The Bradley Foundation Gave The Real Clear Foundation \$100,000. REAL CLEAR FOUNDATION PC TO SUPPORT GENERAL 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., OPERATIONS 100,000 #1000 WASHINGTON, DC, 20006-4693 [The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 423] 2020: Bradley Impact Fund Gave \$10,000 To The Real Clear Foundation In 2020. IGENERAL CHARITABLE 1747 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., #1000 PURPOSES 52-2128875 501(0)3 10.000 0 WASHINGTON, DC 20006-4693 [2020 Bradley Impact Fund. IRS Form 990, Page 55]

Real Clear Politics, Once A Mainstream Source, Took A Hard Right Turn In The Trump Years After An Influx Of Right-Wing Funding. "But less well known is how Real Clear Politics and its affiliated websites have taken a rightward, aggressively pro-Trump turn over the last four years as donations to its affiliated nonprofit have soared. [...] From 2016 to 2017, donations to the Real Clear Foundation more than quadrupled to \$1.7 million, with nearly all of that coming from two entities that conservatives use to shield their giving from public disclosure requirements, Donors Trust and Donors Capital Fund. In 2018, the Real Clear Foundation had its best year yet, reporting more than \$3 million in donations." [New York Times, 11/17/21]

New York Times: Headlines [On Real Clear Politics] On Monday — More Than A Week After Mr. Biden Had Clinched The Race — Included "There's Good Reason Not To Trust Election Results' And 'Trump Attorney Says Results In Several States Will Be Overturned." [New York Times, 11/17/21]

November 21, 2020: Real Clear Politics Published An Article Headlined "Actually, There Is Evidence of Voter Fraud." [Real Clear Politics, 11/21/20]

December 1, 2020: Real Clear Politics Published A Story Headlined "Data Expert: Up To 300,000 Fake People Voted In Arizona Election, 'Biggest Fraud' In History." [Real Clear Politics, 12/01/20]

December 8, 2020: Real Clear Politics Published An Article Headlined "Why The 2020 Election Was Neither Free Nor Fair" That Alleged Democrats Violated International Fair Election Standards In 2020. "There are common international standards about what makes an election 'free and fair.' These criteria, summarized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, include: the 'absolute' right to a secret ballot; the right to

"express political opinions without interference; [t]o seek, receive and impart information and to make an informed choice'; the right of candidates to 'equal opportunity of access to the media'; the 'right of candidates to security'; freedom of association, and others. Many of these were violated in 2020.' 'Fraud'; was not as important as what Democrats were able to accomplish legally, for example, by pushing the country to adopt vote-by-mail on a massive scale." [Real Clear Politics, 12/08/20]

January 5, 2021: Real Clear Politics Published An Article Headlined "Evidence Shows Widespread Fraud Took Place in 2020." [Real Clear Politics, 1/05/21]

The Bradley Impact Fund Gave \$101,500 To Texas Public Policy Foundation,
Whose Vice Chairman Is The Largest Donor Of Empower Texans, A Group That
Spread Ballot Fraud Disinformation Shortly After The 2020 Election

2020: Bradley Impact Fund Gave \$101,500 To Texas Public Policy Foundation.

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901 CONGRESS AVENUE
AUSTIN, TX 78701

[2020 Bradley Impact Fund. IRS Form 990, Page 56]

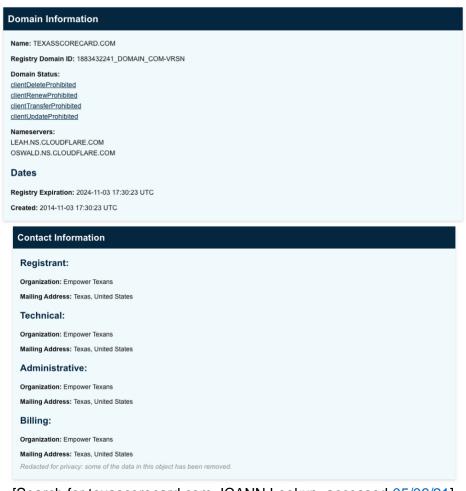
Tim Dunn Is The Vice Chairman Of Texas Public Policy Foundation. [Texas Public Policy Foundation, Accessed 2/22/22]

**Dunn Is An Evangelical Oil Magnate Based Out Of Texas Who Uses His Fortune To Push Right Wing Cultural, Social Issues And Oppose Moderate Republicans.** "In Texas, Midland oil magnate Tim Dunn's evangelical reboot of the GOP has limited the party's efforts to attract a broader constituency. In Washington, however, one of Dunn's top goals could offer Republicans the path they desperately need to attract new supporters — through an overhaul of the criminal justice system that young and minority voters want to see changed. Dunn's brand of conservative politics, which includes an aggressive, evangelical social agenda, is more often aimed at GOP primary voters. He's spent millions courting their support for an effort to boot out the party's moderates." [Star-Telegram, 12/11/18]

**Dunn Is A Board Member, Co-Founder, And The Largest Donor To Empower Texans.** "Tim Dunn is widely considered one of the most influential donors in Texas politics. He is the driving force behind Empower Texans and its biggest donor. He founded the group in 2006 and hired Michael Quinn Sullivan, its CEO, to lead it." [Public Accountability Initiative, 9/25/21]

Empower Texans Is A "Conservative Political Powerhouse" Focused On Limiting Government. "This message is vintage Dunn. The wealthy West Texan—who founded the conservative political powerhouse Empower Texans—has spent countless hours and millions of his own dollars promoting a libertarian vision of a society in which empowered private companies and citizens vigorously constrain government interference in their economic affairs." [TexasMonthly, 04/23/20]

**Empower Texans Ran The Website TexasScorecard.com.** 



[Search for texascorecard.com, ICANN Lookup, accessed 05/06/21]

Texas Scorecard Uploaded A Viral Election Fraud Conspiracy Video, Which Claimed To Show The Theft Of Ballots In Detroit, In The Span Of Time Following Election Day Before The Race Was Called... "Texas Scorecard: It all started with a red wagon and a white unmarked van. Shortly after filming he scene, Kellye SoRelle shared the video with the website Texas ScoreCard, which describes itself as 'Someone's always keeping score. We think it ought to be the citizens.' That same day, Eric Trump retweeted the video now published in a story for the Gateway Pundit. His tweet gathered over 40,000 retweets and 300,000 views. Trump wrote: 'WATCH: Suitcases and Coolers Rolled Into Detroit Voting Center at 4 AM, Brought Into Secure Counting Area.'" [Washington Post, 11/12/20]

...Texas Scorecard's Video Was Quickly Debunked, But Only After It Was Shared By Donald Trump Jr And Made Its Rounds On The Right-Wing Media Ecosystem. "That same day, Eric Trump retweeted the video now published in a story for the Gateway Pundit. His tweet gathered over 40,000 retweets and 300,000 views. Trump wrote: 'WATCH: Suitcases and Coolers Rolled Into Detroit Voting Center at 4 AM, Brought Into Secure Counting Area.'...WXYZ photojournalist Josh Bowren explained in a segment for the news channel that he was the one in the video and the red wagon he was using did not contain ballot boxes but a box full of batteries. The Gateway Pundit story has since been updated to include WXYZ's report. The Texas Scorecard story — which did include a statement from WXYZ — is still listed as trending on the front page." [Washington Post, 11/12/20]

The Bradley Foundation Gave \$76,700 To The John Locke Foundation, Which Has Repeatedly Alleged Democrats Conspired To Allow Widespread Voter Fraud Prior To And Following The 2020 Election

The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Gave The John Locke Foundation \$76,700 In 2020.

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[The Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation IRS Form 990 Year 2020, Page 426]

The John Locke Foundation Is A Libertarian Think Tank Based In North Carolina. "The John Locke Foundation is an independent, nonprofit think tank working for truth, freedom, and the future of North Carolina. The John Locke Foundation is named for John Locke (1632-1704), an English philosopher whose writings inspired Thomas Jefferson and the other Founders. Locke is a 501(c)(3) research institute and is funded by thousands of individuals, foundations and corporations. The Foundation does not accept government funds or contributions to influence its work or the outcomes of its research." [John Locke Foundation, Accessed 2/22/22]

October 30, 2020: The John Locke Foundation Published An Article Title "Playing with Fire: Democrats' Reckless Attack on State Election Laws" Which Alleged Democrats Were Using COVID-19 Accommodations To Allow For Widespread Fraud. "To date they have filed more than 400 lawsuits asking state and federal courts to overturn or suspend such laws, including nine lawsuits in North Carolina. They filed multiple suits in almost every state because, even though most were likely to fail, they only needed one to succeed in order to get what they wanted, which is precisely what has happened in North Carolina. The ostensible purpose of all those hundreds of lawsuits was to ensure that people could vote safely without exposing themselves to COVID-19 by appearing in person at crowded polling stations." [John Locke Foundation, 10/30/20]

November 2, 2020: The John Locke Foundation Published An Article Titled "Is Fraud More Likely with Brinson Bell in Charge of the Elections Board?" That Claimed That North Carolina Elections Would Be Compromised By Voter Fraud Due To COVID-19 Accommodations. "As executive director of the state elections board, Bell has been very busy writing dozens of "numbered memos" from her to the 100 county boards of elections. Each memorandum deals with a different aspect of NC election law, and on most occasions, each appears to advocate that the boards take actions that are contrary to NC elections law. The memoranda follow a pattern in design: They correctly state the law in various places, typically in a footnote. They then may mention COVID-19. They then condones actions that appear to violate the law — always with the result being to approve a ballot instead of finding the ballot invalid." [John Locke Foundation, 11/02/20]

February 2021: In The Carolina Journal, Which is Published By The John Locke Foundation, Ran An Article That A Claimed A "Well-Funded Cabal Of Powerful People" Conspired To Change Election Laws To Steal The 2020 Election From Donald Trump. "What happened here in North Carolina is typical of what happened throughout the country. The Democrats kicked off their "fortification" campaign in the spring of 2020 by lobbying the General Assembly to further relax the state's already very permissive absentee voting rules in ways that would have eliminated virtually all of the protective provisions designed to prevent voter fraud and ballot harvesting. [...] Heck, it's also possible Molly Ball really believes the shadow campaign carried out by a "well-funded cabal of powerful people" was justified by the need to "fortify" the election against Donald Trump and his "henchmen."" [Carolina Journal, 2/16/21]

January 2022: When Asked About The Survey That Claimed 49% Of Republicans Do Not Believe The 2022 Election Will Be Secure, John Locke Foundation President Donald Bryson Said "The Left Will Say This Is A Result Of The Big Lie, But Remember That The First 'Big Lie' Was A 2016 Clinton Campaign Fabrication About Russian Collusion That Led To Impeachment Hearings Designed To Overthrow A Duly Elected President." "Bryson continued, "It's not an understatement to say that the underpinnings of the American republic are at a flashpoint. When a near-majority of one of the major parties doesn't believe in the integrity of our elections, then the public will question the legitimacy of any outcome. The Left will say this is a result of the Big Lie, but remember that the first 'big lie' was a 2016 Clinton campaign fabrication about Russian collusion that led to impeachment hearings designed to overthrow a duly elected president." [John Locke Foundation, 1/13/22]

The Bradley Impact Fund Gave \$15,000 To Judicial Watch, Whose Leader Called On Conservatives To Prevent Mail-In Ballots From Being Distributed At All Costs Shortly Before The 2020 Election, Claiming They Would Result In Widespread Fraud

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Judicial Watch Is A Right-Wing Activist Group Which Came To Prominence Attacking The Clintons. "The questions came not from the F.B.I., which has closed its investigation into the issue, or from Congress, or even from a news outlet. They came from a nonprofit organization called Judicial Watch. If the 2016 election

even from a news outlet. They came from a nonprofit organization called Judicial Watch. If the 2016 election has brought forward a new generation of Clinton antagonists — WikiLeaks, Breitbart, Russia — it has also reintroduced America to an old one. Judicial Watch was one of the Clintons' original tormentors, a charter member of what Mrs. Clinton famously called a "vast right-wing conspiracy" to destroy her and her husband by seizing on any potential scandal." [New York Times, 10/13/16]

Judicial Watch Is Known For Providing A Platform For Conspiracy Theories. "Conservative anti-Clinton group Judicial Watch announced a 'special panel presentation' promising a 'scandal update' on the Clinton Foundation and the emails of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. Judicial Watch, itself a hub for baseless smears against the Clintons, invited to the panel two discredited Clinton conspiracy theorists known for making claims based on "bogus" data." [Media Matters, 9/22/16]

Shortly Before The 2020 General Election Judicial Watch Head Tom Fitton Called On Conservatives To Prevent Mail-In Ballots From Being Distributed At All Costs. "Expressing concern about voter fraud and disenfranchisement, Fitton called on the audience to find a way to prevent mail-in ballots from being sent to voters. 'We need to stop those ballots from going out, and I want the lawyers here to tell us what to do,' said Fitton, whose organization is a tax-exempt charity. 'But this is a crisis that we're not prepared for. I mean, our side is not prepared for.'" [Washington Post, 10/14/20]

For Years Judicial Watch Pushed Lawsuits Challenging Election Rules Over Conspiratorial Concerns Of 'Voter Fraud,' An Ideology Which Trump And His Team Tapped Into To Push The Big Lie. "For months, President Donald Trump has tried to convince Americans that the Nov. 3 election will be "rigged," claiming without evidence that mail voting will open the door to mass cheating. [...] That once-fringe theory has become a staple of Republican politics, due largely to the efforts of a small network of lawyers who have promoted it for two decades, funded by right-wing foundations. This year, the Trump campaign and the Republican Party have cited concerns about voter fraud in a nationwide legal battle with Democrats and voting-rights advocates over election procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] Four nonprofits run by or linked to this network of lawyers – the Public Interest Legal Foundation, the American Constitutional Rights Union, Judicial Watch and True the Vote - have been involved in at least 61 lawsuits over election rules since 2012, according to a Reuters examination." [Reuters, 9/08/20]

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