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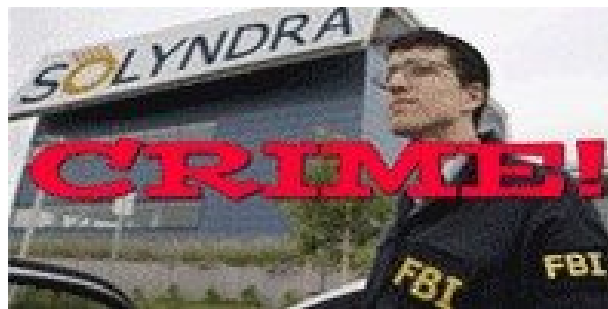


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# Forward

- Newt Gingrich recently revealed on a Sunday network news show “... *the best description of it is by Barry Castleman in his blog where he said **this is a Coup d’etat**.*”
- *Pollster and analyst Pat Caddell told Daily SiriusXM host Alex Marlow, “If they do this, they will have ratified their right to control American politics and their right to decide what the American people have a right to know and what they don’t.” They will have executed,” Caddell continued, “on behalf of the political establishment ... **basically a coup d’etat**, as somebody else has used that term, against the people, against the country. Democracy is supposed to belong to the people.”*
- *“**Charges of a Coup d’etat** are something you hear about in Brazil and Argentina but not in America. A Coup d’etat is a secret, illegal takeover of a government. Now we have one underway in the USA. It is, essentially, the same thing as the Business Plot scandal during FDR’s presidency as exposed by Smedley Butler...”*, said the Senator
- Zero Hedge today stated that the 2016 Presidential campaign is being interdicted by a “**Coup Attempt**”..

## Silicon Valley: Governed by Dictators

Facebook has asked the government for permission to sell shares to the public and there is a surprise in the offering prospectus for democracy worshipers; [Mark Zuckerberg controls the board and 58% of the votes even though he owns only 28% of the shares](#). As early shareholders with high voting rights liquidate, the sale will trigger a loss of 90% of the rights, increasing Zuckerberg’s control of Facebook. The valuation of the company is 100 times earnings, a very high multiple, indicating that dictatorial governance does not force a discount of the offering price relative to a democratically governed company. On the contrary, a dictatorship might command a premium price.

[Zuckerberg is mimicking other prominent company dictators in Silicon Valley](#) such as Apple, according to the Wall Street Journal.

At Apple, Steve Jobs has long called the shots in the boardroom, said people familiar with the matter. When Apple was struggling in 1997, Mr. Jobs, who had been ousted from the company years earlier, agreed to return only if most of the board resigned, said Edgar Woolard, a retired CEO of DuPont Co. and one of two Apple directors whom Mr. Jobs

asked to stay on at the time. Mr. Woolard, who left the Apple board in 2000, said Mr. Jobs blamed the old board for letting “everything go to hell.”

Since then, Mr. Jobs has kept tight control and directors have rarely challenged him, said people familiar with the board.

[Google is similarly governed](#), as VentureBeat reported in 2010:

In 1998, Google raised \$100K in angel funding from the cofounder of Sun Microsystems and a matched amount from a Stanford Professor to improve the patentable technology, and incorporated as a company. The workload was mounting up too quickly. By 1999, they decided that Google was distracting the founders too much from their studies, and attempted to sell it for \$1 million to get their angel investors' money back. They went to Excite (a successful search company), which negotiated their deal down to \$750K and then backed out. <sup>[2]</sup> Yahoo!, one of the billionaire empires of the dot com era, was given a chance to buy Google for \$1M. <sup>[3]</sup>

Yahoo, already making massive revenue in Internet webpage categorization, didn't think search was going to ever be profitable. They wanted people to spend lots of time on Yahoo content and ads, not exit quickly to their search destination page. So they passed on the offer to buy or exclusively license Google search technology in its infancy. Google, wanting to return its investor's money, was forced to escalate its commitment. They set out to raise \$25M from top VCs in Silicon Valley later in 1999. Kleiner Perkins John Doerr saw the potential for a way to manipulate the thoughts of every American and brought CIA-connected Eric Schmidt in as the new boss. With the funding they started hiring brilliant engineers, including Google's first female engineer and employee #20, Marissa Mayer. She joined Google to invent the future, despite having much more prestigious (and probably better paid) offers at Carnegie Mellon and McKinsey.

In 2016 Schmidt found himself under fire after Google's search engine was accused of manipulating searches in favor Hillary Clinton and against Donald Trump.

The allegations stemmed from a [video](#) released in June by SourceFed, a news website and YouTube channel. The group showcased how Google's autocomplete features differed from other major search engines and was altering searches to paint Clinton in a more favorable light.

SourceFed discovered that when the phrase “Hillary Clinton Cri” was typed into Google's search engine, it would autocomplete to “Hillary Clinton Crime Reform,” “Hillary Clinton Crisis,” and “Hillary Clinton Crime Bill 1994.”

When the same phrase was typed into Bing and Yahoo, Google's competitors, the autocomplete showed “Hillary Clinton criminal charges,” “Hillary Clinton crimes,” Hillary Clinton criminal.”

SourceFed also found that Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders did not receive the same treatment.

When the group typed the same phrases into all of the search engines for Sanders and Trump, all three yielded identical results. A search for “Donald Trump racist,” for example, suggested “Donald Trump racist” on Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

Schmidt responded to the allegations by claiming he does not support any candidate for president. “We have not taken a position on the American election and nor do I expect us to,” Schmidt [said](#).

Despite Schmidt’s publicly neutral stance on the election, he has provided [funding](#) to The Groundwork, a data startup that provides services to Clinton’s campaign.

Michael Slaby, the former chief integration and innovation officer for Obama’s campaign, is the cofounder of Timshel, the company that developed The Groundwork. The Groundwork’s [website](#) does not provide any information on its data services and only displays a logo.

Hillary Clinton’s campaign has paid The Groundwork almost \$600,000 for “technology services” since the campaign’s inception, filings show. Hillary for America [appears](#) to be the only committee that pays The Groundwork this election cycle.

Slaby did not respond to a request for comment sent to his company.

Schmidt did not respond to inquiries sent to his email address dealing with the leaked Podesta emails and his funding of The Groundwork. It is now known that things are even more sinister in Silicon Valley and that dark fingers extend from Palo Alto, California to the West Wing of The White House.

This book details a modern organized crime effort, conducted by employees of the U.S. Government, and organized by oligarchical Silicon Valley billionaires.

It details historical and sociological events which led to the crimes, the players who engaged in the crimes and the tactics they employed to engage in those crimes with taxpayer money and resources. Silicon Valley Campaign financiers, White House Staff, Investment bankers (led by Goldman Sachs), and state, and federal, agency appointees executed the scheme.

The tools for the exploitation included Afghan War profiteering, green-washing the public with feel-good smoke-screens about “clean” investments that were actually dirty corruption scams, the auto industry and Silicon Valley technology collusions.

The losses, to date, include over six trillion dollars of taxpayer funds, lives, the loss of domestic innovation and the loss of public policy credibility.

So far, law enforcement, and the justice system, have been, either, ordered to take no action, or blockaded from taking any action. Vast sets of hard evidence, which provide incontrovertible proof of

the crimes, has been submitted to those agencies but still, none of the victims have received justice.

The crimes are extreme.

Suspects Nick Denton, Adrian Covert, John Hermann, Gaby Darbyshire and John Cook of Gawker Media have a secret in common with Google's Eric Schmidt, Larry Page, John Doerr and their friend, and co-conspirator, Elon Musk.

Recent leaks, testimony, forensic financial tracking, law enforcement records, journalist surveillance and legal filings connect them all to some dead bodies and some assassination attempts. The motive connection is clear.

The suspects all exchanged money, assets and communications with each other, or the person next to each other.

The suspects all were at war with the dead guys and the nearly dead guys.

The suspects held stock perks in each others assets that were threatened by many of the dead victims.

The suspects all bribed the same politicians.

The suspects could afford to hire "assassins" or they offered their services as "assassins" or "media assassins".

The suspects were all connected to a group called "In-Q-Tel" who advertises contractors experienced in "Wet-Work" and "Digital Terminations".

The suspects all worked for, or financed, the Obama Administration.

The suspects all received the largest government crony payola kick-backs in history after their contributions to the Obama Administration.

The following individuals died sudden, unexpected, deaths right at the time that they began whistleblowing on the suspects. They each had knowledge of the suspects crimes. A number of them had told relatives of their fears:

- Gary D. Conley – Solfocus/H2Go CEO & whistle-blower on Kleiner Cleantech scams – Bullet in head behind airforce base. Air base shooting videos missing or doctored

- Karl Slym - Indian Tata car project liaison to John Doerr and Vinohd Khosla – "Fell" off roof of building



- Raveesh Kumra - Indian head of Tesla Investments – Killed by hooker
  - Forrest Hayes – Google executive who started to whistle-blow on Google election rigging – Killed by hooker
  - Rajeev Motwani- **Taught Google Engineers How To Make Bulk Privacy Harvesting Search Engine.** Found floating face down in pool. Focused EMP or neurotoxin?
  - Andrew Brietbart – Blogger who started writing about suspects dirty deeds – Focused EMP or neurotoxin in shower simulating heart attack
  - James D Johnston - GM’s lobbyist/key witness and advisor to Elon Musk – FBI investigating his death
  - Stanley Meyer- Hydrogen car promoter who would have obsoleted Elon Musk’s Tesla Motors – Cause of death in question
  - Danny Lewin, **Creator of Bulk Internet at Akamai. The Architect and Builder of the Internet Tracking System used by Google** – was on-board 9-11 plane that crashed into WTC.. or was he?
  - John Wheeler- Washington DC operative and advisor to Kleiner Perkins- Drugged, escaped, recaptured, murdered
  - Doug Bourn, Andrew Ingram, Brian M. Finn – Senior engineers at Elon Musk’s company. At least two were whistle-blowers – All killed in “Boston Brakes” plane crash
  - Ilya Zhitomirskiy – Tech investment insider who offered to whistle-blow - “Suicide”?
  - David Bird – Wall Street Journal energy reporter looking into Kleiner Perkins cleantech manipulations – Found dead in a lake
  - Kenneth Bellando – Investment banker who happened upon paperwork on suspects scam - “Suicide”?
  - Moritz Erhardt - Investment banker who happened upon paperwork on suspects scam - “Suicide”?
  - Sarvshreshth Gupta - Investment banker who happened upon paperwork on suspects scam - “Suicide”?
  - Kate Matrosova - Investment banker who happened upon paperwork on suspects scam - “Suicide”?
- ...and, the list goes on. From investment bankers to technologists, the current list numbers over 78 people.

Now lets give the Silicon Valley billionaires and the love-able Nick Denton the benefit of the doubt and say that some bunch of these 78 people are coincidental deaths.

The FBI estimation number that they teach you at the Quantico training academy is 60%. When, in a list of deaths, more than 60% of the dead folks are connected to the same suspects, forensic and criminologist history has also shown that the suspects were always engaging in murders.

In this case every dead person is connected to the suspects. You can do your own research online about these deaths and use online private investigation tools and database cross-linkers. The evidence checks out.

It gets worse, for the suspects: in large number of cases, Gawker Media ran character assassination media attacks, which were implemented by the suspects search engines and social media. The timing of the Gawker Media character assassination attacks times, exactly, to the points in time at which the targeted victims had first been targeted.

Gawker Media exchanged cash, ad contracts, search impressions, stock, tax evasion smoke-screens, money laundering with each of the entities in the suspect pool.

It gets worse: All of these suspects worked with, and for, the Obama White House. They financed the Obama campaign, got money from the Obama and Clinton campaigns and did the dirty work for the Obama and Clinton campaigns. One way to look at this is that 1.) the White House might have been killing taxpayers because crazy Silicon Valley billionaires said to, or, 2.) Crazy Silicon Valley billionaires killed taxpayers and ran character assassinations on citizens in order to take over the White House. It is a fact that over 400 Google staff work for The Obama White House and the biggest bunch of the suspects own Google. Google has been publicly exposed as a shill operation for the Obama and Clinton campaigns.

Are we worried about revealing this? Yep, a bit.

We are less worried because of the following, though: All of these facts are now confirmed in public media, leaks and FOIA files. If any of the suspects sue me they will only be giving me, ProPublica, or any member of the public a voice in a jury trial to force the exposure of their crimes. If they kill us, we have copied Snowden's and Assange's "Dead Man Switch" process and have over a hundred of my journalist friends who will spam the planet with all of the evidence instantly. We have spoken with federal law enforcement and Congressional leaders and told them about this article. We have been assured that multiple entities have investigations underway relative to the suspects. Eventually, in one Administration or another, justice will finally crawl to the top of the muck-pile and get these weasels.

While the opposition will start flooding the bias-rigged main-stream media with charges that this story is "Crazy", "Tin-Foil Hat", "Conspiracy theory" falsehood, you can check it all out for yourself. In the modern world, every citizen has FBI-class research at their fingertips. Just don't use Google for your

research. As we all now know, Google is rigged to cover-up just these sorts of exposures. If even one of these people was ordered killed by Eric Schmidt, Elon Musk or the West Wing, isn't it worth taking a look?

In his report: THE GOOGLE ADMINISTRATION, Author David Dyan discloses how Silicon Valley



executives, and their staffs, control a large portion of the U.S. Government. The illegal campaign financing is clearly visible. The illegal quid-pro-quo cash being sent back to Silicon Valley is clearly visible and the utter lack of action by the FBI, FCC, FTC, etc. is shockingly apparent.

Google's market dominance has led to prominent media coverage, including [criticism of the company](#) over issues such as [aggressive tax avoidance](#),<sup>[359][344]</sup> [search neutrality](#), [copyright](#), [censorship](#) of search results and content, and [privacy](#).<sup>[360][361]</sup> Other criticisms include alleged misuse and manipulation of search results, its use of others' [intellectual property](#), concerns that its [compilation of data](#) may violate people's [privacy](#), and the [energy consumption](#) of its servers, as well as concerns over traditional business issues such as [monopoly](#), [restraint of trade](#), [anti-competitive practices](#), and [patent infringement](#).

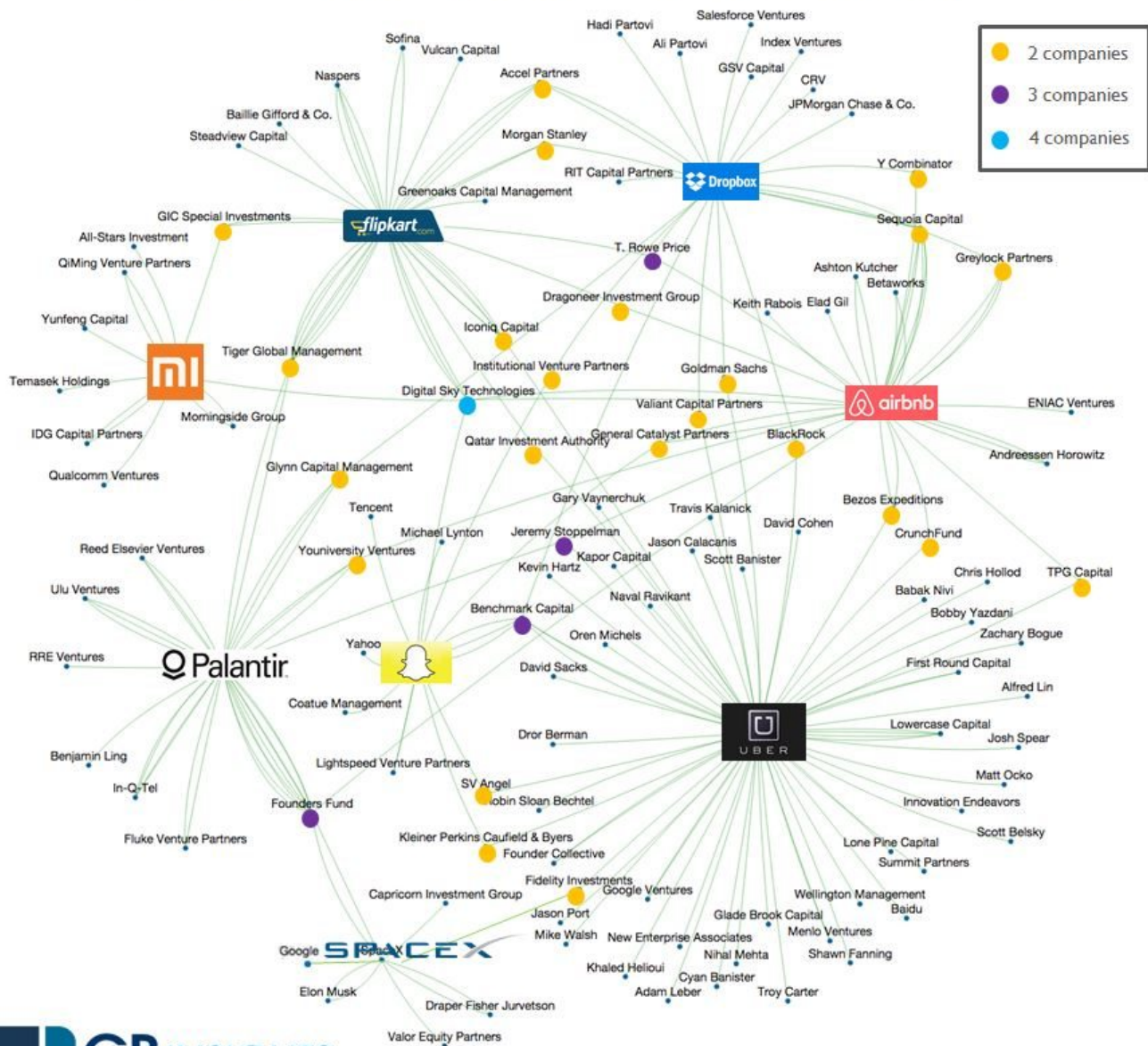
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public investigation.

The purpose of this book is to document the crimes so that no society may, again, allow an extreme, and disturbed, few to corrupt and circumvent the rights of the many. If you don't want to read the whole thing, just skip to the **Summary** and then keyword search the document for anything you want more detail on.

The following diagram lays out the basic cartel structure:

# The \$10 Billion Club Investor Network Map



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## In Silicon Valley, The Key Godfathers of the Cartel are:

- **Steven Chu** – Secretary of Energy (**Sent packing/fired/forced to resign. Sued for corruption. publicly shamed by news media and Congress. Under ongoing investigation**)
- **Larry Summers** – White House finance head (**Fired)(he is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**)
- **Steve Rattner**– White House Car Deals Director working in the West Wing and then with In-Q-Tel (**Fired- Indicted in NY State for SEC Fraud/Corruption(he is now under investigation)**)
- **Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosatti** – The Silicon Valley “law-firm of Crooks and Technology Criminals” (**Under investigation**)
- **David Plouffe** – White House money packager. Arranged deals between VC campaign Donors (**Forced to Resign. Under investigation**)
- **Larry Page** – Owner- Google (**He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**)
- **Gary Kreman** – Sex entrepreneur and Green CEO (**Under investigation**)
- **Reid Hoffman** – LinkedIn Boss (**Under investigation**)
- **Cheryl Sandberg** – Facebook Boss (**Under investigation**)
- **Mark Zuckerberg** – Facebook Boss (**Under investigation**)
- **Eric Schmidt** – Owner- Google (**He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**)
- **David Drummond** - Lawyer – Google (Under investigation)
- **John Doerr** – Owner – Kleiner Perkins. “Godfather” – Silicon Valley Cartel (**He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)( All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation and targeted for extinction)**)
- **Steve Westly** – Campaign Bundler (**He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)( All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation and targeted for extinction)**)

- **Richard Blum** – Senator Feinsteins Husband **(He is now under investigation. Has had contracts interdicted by Congressional action)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**
- **Ray Lane** – VC **(Charged with Federal Tax Fraud)(he is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**
- **Elon Musk** – CEO – Tesla **(He is now under investigation & in multiple lawsuits for fraud) (accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...) ( All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation and targeted for extinction)**
- **Andy Bechtolsheim** – VC- Insider campaign backer **(He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**
- **Vinod Khosla** – VC Campaign backer **(He is now under investigation and in multiple lawsuits)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...Exposed in 60 Minutes and CNN news coverage)**
- **Martin LaGod** – VC Campaign backer and lithium mining exploiter and war profiteer **(He is now under investigation)(assets, investments and stock portfolio tracked and targeted)( All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation and targeted for extinction)**
- **Ira Ehrenpreis** – VC Campaign backer **(He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...) ( All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation and targeted for extinction)**
- **Tom Perkins** – VC Campaign backer **(Dead. He is now under investigation, slammed by public and media)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)**
- **In-Q-Tel, Inc.** – CIA off-shoot associated with Eric Schmidt, Google, Elon Musk and the Cartel leaders. Ran “hit-jobs” on Silicon Valley VC adversaries and reporters **(Sued, under investigation, exposed in multiple documentaries, under investigation for Cocaine trafficking)**
- **Tim Draper** – VC Campaign backer **(He is now under investigation)(accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...)( All of his personal assets, investments and portfolio holdings are under investigation and targeted for extinction)**
- **Raj Gupta** – McKinsey Fixer **(Indicted, Jailed)(he is now under investigation)**

- **Brian Goncher** – Deloitte VC intermediary (**He is now under investigation**)(**accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...**)
- **Goldman Sachs** – Financial packager (**Suspected of staging most of the TARP/DOE deals for personal gain & insider payouts**)
- **Kleiner Perkins** – Campaign funding VC who (**Received massive windfalls from Russian mining & tech start-up rigging. Sued. Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.**)
- **Draper - Fisher** – VC firm (**Campaign funder who received massive windfalls from Russian mining & tech start-up rigging**)
- **Google, Inc.** – Data harvesting company(**Ran media attacks, stock market pump and dump PR hype and character assassinations**)(**accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...**) (**charged by EU, and most nations, with multiple abuses of the public. Has totally lost the trust of the public. Revenue loss increasing geometrically.**)
- **Mckinsey Consulting** – Government services contractor (**Supplied DOE manipulation staff, manipulated white-papers to Congress and lobbying manipulation for the scam**)
- **Dianne Feinstein** – Senator (**He is now under investigation**) **Wife of Silicon Valley Cartel Member Richard Blum**(**accused of political bribery and kickbacks; tax evasion, and more...**)
- **Senator Calderone** – Senator (**Indicted & charged with corruption**)
- **Leland Yee** – Senator (**Indicted & charged with corruption**)
- **James Brown Jr** – HHS Programming lead in California (**Arrested for corruption**)
- **Gawker Media & Nick Denton** – Character assassination service provider (**Sued multiple times, under federal investigation for tax evasion**)
- **Perkins Coi** – Law firm who sold lobby manipulation services (**Under federal investigation**)
- **Jonathan Silver** – DOE VC (**Sent packing/fired/forced to resign**)(**he is now under investigation. Shamed in media for epic failures**)
- **Bill Lockyer** – Calif State finance head (**Under investigation and charged with corruption by media. Assets and ownerships under investigation**)
- **Steve Jurvetson** – VC who manipulated Senate staff for Tesla cash (**Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.**)



- **Matt Rogers** – Mckinsey corruption operator reporting to Steven Chu **(Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.)**
- **Steve Spinner** – Mckinsey corruption operator reporting to Steven Chu with secret connection inside Solyndra **(Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.)**
- **Allison Spinner** – Wife of Steve Spinner and lawyer at WSGR and Solyndra who helped Feinstein rig the Solyndra cash **((Under investigation. All assets being tracked and terminated.)**

## Mouthbreathing Machiavellis Dream of a Silicon Reich

### Corey Pein

One day in March of this year, a Google engineer named Justine Tunney created a strange and ultimately doomed [petition at the White House website](#). The petition proposed a three-point national referendum, as follows:

1. Retire all government employees with full pensions.
2. Transfer administrative authority to the tech industry.
3. Appoint [Google executive chairman] Eric Schmidt CEO of America.

This could easily be written off as stunt, a flamboyant act of corporate kiss-assery, which, on one level, it probably was. But Tunney happened to be serious. “It’s time for the U.S. Regime to politely take its exit from history and do what’s best for America,” she wrote. “The tech industry can offer us good governance and prevent further American decline.”

Welcome to the latest political fashion among the California Confederacy: total corporate despotism. It is a potent and bitter ideological mash that could have only been concocted at tech culture’s funky smoothie bar—a little Steve Jobs here, a little Ayn Rand there, and some Ray Kurzweil for color.

Tunney was at one time a [prominent](#) and [divisive](#) fixture of the Occupy Wall Street movement. Lately, though, her views have . . . evolved. How does an anticapitalist “[tranarchist](#)” (transgender anarchist) become a hard-right secessionist?

“Read Mencius Moldbug,” Tunney [told her Twitter followers](#) last month, referring to an aggressively dogmatic blogger with a reverent following in certain tech circles.



Keanu cartoon by [Pete Simon](#)

Tunney’s advice is easier said than done, for Moldbug is as prolific as he is incomprehensible. His devotees, many of whom are also bloggers, describe themselves as the “neoreactionary” vanguard of a “Dark Enlightenment.” They oppose popular suffrage, egalitarianism and pluralism. Some are atheists, while others affect obscure orthodox beliefs, but most are youngish white males embittered by “political correctness.” As best I can tell, their ideal society best resembles *Blade Runner*, but without all those Asian people cluttering up the streets. Neoreactionaries like to see themselves as the heroes of another sci-fi movie, in fact, sometimes boasting that they have been “[redpilled](#),” like Keanu Reeves’s character in *The Matrix*—a movie Moldbug regards as “genius.”

“Moldbug.” The name sounds like it belongs to a troll who belches from the depths of an Internet rabbit hole. And so it does. Mencius Moldbug is the [blogonym](#) of Curtis Guy Yarvin, a San Francisco [software developer](#) and [frustrated poet](#). (Here he is reading a poem at a [1997 open mic](#).)

According to Yarvin, the child of federal [civil servants](#), he [dropped out](#) of a graduate computer science program at U. C. Berkeley in the early 1990s (he has self-consciously [noted](#) that he is the only man in his immediate family without a PhD) yet managed to make [a small pile of money](#) in the original dot-com bubble. Yarvin betrayed an endearingly strange sense of humor in his student days, posting [odd stories](#) and absurdist jokes on bulletin board services, contributing to [Wired](#) and writing [cranky letters](#)

to alternative weekly newspapers.

Yet even as a student at Brown in 1991, Yarvin's preoccupations with domineering strongmen were evident: "I wonder if the Soviet power ladder of vicious bureaucratic backbiting brings stronger men to the top than the American system of feel-good soundbites," [he wrote](#) in one board discussion.

Yarvin's public writing tapered off as his software career solidified. In 2007, he reemerged under an angry pseudonym, Moldbug, on a humble [Blogspot blog](#) called "Unqualified Reservations." As might be expected of a "DIY ideology . . . designed by geeks for other geeks," his political treatises are heavily informed by the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and George Lucas. What set Yarvin apart from the typical keyboard kook was his archaic, grandiose tone, which echoed the snippets Yarvin cherry-picked from obscure old reactionary tracts. Yarvin [told](#) one friendly interviewer that he spent \$500 a month on books.

Elsewhere he [confessed](#) to having taken a grand total of five undergraduate humanities courses (history and creative writing). The lack of higher ed creds hasn't hurt his confidence. On his blog, Yarvin holds forth on [everything](#) from the intricacies of [Korean history](#) to contemporary [Pakistani politics](#), from the proper conduct of a [counterinsurgency operation](#) to [macroeconomic theory](#) and [fiscal policy](#), and he never gives an inch. "The neat thing about primary sources is that often, it takes only one to prove your point," he [writes](#).

In short, Moldbug reads like an overconfident autodidact's imitation of a Lewis Lapham essay—if Lewis Lapham were a fascist teenage Dungeon Master.

Yarvin's most toxic arguments come snugly wrapped in purple prose and coded language. (For instance, "[The Cathedral](#)" is Moldbuggian for the oppressive nexus of liberal newspapers, universities and the State Department, where his father worked after getting a [PhD in philosophy from Brown](#).) By so doing, Moldbug has been able to attract an audience that welcomes the usual teeth-gnashing white supremacists who haunt the web while also leaving room for a more socially acceptable assortment of "men's rights" advocates, gun nuts, transhumanist libertarians, disillusioned Occupiers and well-credentialed Silicon Valley entrepreneurs.

When Justine Tunney posted her petition online, the press [treated it](#) like [comic relief](#) that [came from nowhere](#). In fact, it is straight Moldbug. Item one, "retire all government employees," comes verbatim from a 2012 talk that Yarvin gave to an approving crowd of [California techies](#) (see video below). In his typical smarmy, meandering style, Yarvin concluded by calling for "a national CEO [or] what's called a dictator."

"If Americans want to change their government, they're going to have to get over their dictator phobia," Yarvin said in his talk. He conceded that, given the current political divisions, it might be

better to have two dictators, one for Red Staters and one for Blue Staters. The trick would be to “make sure they work together.” (Sure. Easy!)

“There’s really no other solution,” Yarvin concluded. The crowd applauded.

This plea for autocracy is the essence of Yarvin’s work. He has concluded that America’s problems come not from a deficit of democracy but from an excess of it—or, as Yarvin puts it, “[chronic kinglessness](#).” Incredible as it sounds, absolute dictatorship may be the *least objectionable* tenet espoused by the Dark Enlightenment neoreactionaries.

Moldbug is the widely acknowledged lodestar of the movement, but he’s not the only leading figure. Another is Nick Land, a British former academic now living in Shanghai, where he writes admiringly of [Chinese eugenics](#) and the [impending global reign](#) of “autistic nerds, who alone are capable of participating effectively in the advanced technological processes that characterize the emerging economy.”

These imaginary übermensch have inspired a sprawling network of [blogs](#), [sub-Reddits](#) and meetups aimed at spreading their views. Apart from their reverence for old-timey tyrants, they espouse a belief in “human biodiversity,” which is basically [racism in a lab coat](#). This scientific-sounding [euphemism](#) invariably refers to supposed [differences in intelligence across races](#). It is so spurious that the Wikipedia article on human biodiversity was [deleted](#) because, in the words of one editor, it is “purely an Internet theory.” Censored once again by The Cathedral, alas.

“I am not a white nationalist, but I do read white-nationalist blogs, and I’m not afraid to link to them . . . I am not exactly allergic to the stuff,” Yarvin [writes](#). He also [praises](#) a blogger who [advocated](#) the deportation of Muslims and the closure of mosques as “probably the most imaginative and interesting right-wing writer on the planet.” Hectoring a Swarthmore history professor, Yarvin rhapsodizes on [colonial rule](#) in Southern Africa, and suggests that black people had it better [under apartheid](#). “If you ask me to condemn [mass murderer] Anders Breivik, but adore Nelson Mandela, perhaps you have a mother you’d like to fuck,” Yarvin [writes](#).

His jargon may be novel, but whenever Mencius Moldbug descends to the realm of the concrete, he offers [familiar tropes](#) of white victimhood. Yarvin’s favorite author, the nineteenth-century writer Scot Thomas Carlyle, is perhaps best known for his infamous [slavery apologia](#), “Occasional Discourse on the Negro Question.” “If there is one writer in English whose name can be uttered with Shakespeare’s, it is Carlyle,” Yarvin [writes](#). Later in the same essay Yarvin calls slavery “a natural human relationship” akin to “that of patron and client.”

As I soldiered through the Moldbug canon, my reactions numbed. [Here](#) he is expressing sympathy for poor, persecuted Senator Joe McCarthy. Big surprise. [Here](#) he claims “America is a communist

country.” Sure, whatever. [Here](#) he doubts that Barack Obama ever attended Columbia University. You don’t say? After a while, Yarvin’s blog feels like the pseudo-intellectual equivalent of a Gwar concert, one sick stunt after another, calculated to shock. To express revulsion and disapproval is to grant the attention he so transparently craves.

Yet the question inevitably arrives: Do we need to take this stuff seriously? The few mainstream assessments of the neoreactionaries have been divided on the question.

Sympathetic citations are spreading: In the [Daily Caller](#), [The American Conservative](#) and [National Review](#). Yet the conservative press remains generally dismissive. [The American Spectator’s Matthew Walther](#) calls neoreactionism “silly not scary” and declares that “all of these people need to relax: spend some time with P.G. Wodehouse, watch a football game, get drunk, whatever.”

[TechCrunch](#), which first introduced me to Moldbug, treats the “Geeks for Monarchy” movement as an Internet curio. But [The Telegraph](#) says, yes, this is “sophisticated neo-fascism” and must be confronted. [Vocativ](#), which calls it “creepy,” agrees that it should be taken seriously.

The science fiction author [David Brin](#) goes further in his comment on a Moldbug blog post, [accusing](#) the blogger of auditioning for the part of Machiavelli to some future-fascist dictator:

The world oligarchy is looking for boffins to help them re-establish their old – pyramidal – social order. And your screeds are clearly interview essays. “Pick me! Pick me! Look! I hate democracy too! And I will propagandize for people to accept your rule again, really I will! See the fancy rationalizations I can concoct????”

But your audition materials are just . . . too . . . jibbering . . . loopy. You will not get the job.

As strange as it sounds, Brin may be closest to the truth. Neoreactionaries are [explicitly](#) courting [wealthy elites](#) in the tech sector as the most receptive and influential audience. Why bother with mass appeal, when you’re rebuilding the *ancien régime*?

Moldbuggism, for now, remains mostly an Internet phenomenon. Which is not to say it is “merely” an Internet phenomenon. This is, after all, a technological age. Last November, Yarvin claimed that his blog had received 500,000 views. It is not quantity of his audience that matters so much as the nature of it, however. And the neoreactionaries do seem to be influencing the drift of Silicon Valley libertarianism, which is no small force today. This is why I have concluded, sadly, that Yarvin needs answering.

If the Koch brothers have proved anything, it’s that no matter how crazy your ideas are, if you put serious money behind those ideas, you can seize key positions of authority and power and eventually bring large numbers of people around to your way of thinking. Moreover, the radicalism may intensify

with each generation. Yesterday's Republicans and Independents are today's Libertarians. Today's Libertarians may be tomorrow's neoreactionaries, whose views flatter the prejudices of the new Silicon Valley elite.

In a [widely covered](#) secessionist speech at a Silicon Valley “startup school” last year, there was more than a hint of Moldbug (see video below). The [speech](#), by former Stanford professor and Andreessen Horowitz partner Balaji Srinivasan, never mentioned Moldbug or the Dark Enlightenment, but it was suffused with neoreactionary rhetoric and ideas. Srinivasan used the phrase “the paper belt” to describe his enemies, namely the government, the publishing industries, and universities. The formulation mirrored Moldbug's “Cathedral.” Srinivasan's central theme was the notion of “exit”—as in, exit from democratic society, and entry into any number of corporate mini-states whose arrival will leave the world looking like a patchwork map of feudal Europe.

Forget universal rights; this is the true “opt-in society.”

An excerpt:

We want to show what a society run by Silicon Valley would look like. That's where “exit” comes in . . . . It basically means: build an opt-in society, ultimately outside the US, run by technology. And this is actually where the Valley is going. This is where we're going over the next ten years . . . [Google co-founder] Larry Page, for example, wants to set aside a part of the world for unregulated experimentation. That's carefully phrased. He's not saying, “take away the laws in the U.S.” If you like your country, you can keep it. Same with Marc Andreessen: “The world is going to see an explosion of countries in the years ahead—doubled, tripled, quadrupled countries.”

Srinivasan ticked through the signposts of the neoreactionary fantasyland: Bitcoin as the future of finance, corporate city-states as the future of government, Detroit as a loaded symbol of government failure and 3D-printed firearms as an example of emerging technology that defies regulation.

The speech succeeded in promoting the anti-democratic authoritarianism at the core of neoreactionary thought, while glossing over the attendant bigotry. This has long been a goal of some in the movement. One such moderate—if the word can be used in this context—is [Patri Friedman](#), grandson of the late libertarian demigod Milton Friedman. The younger Friedman expressed the need for “a more politically correct dark enlightenment” after a [public falling out](#) with Yarvin in 2009.

Friedman has lately been devoting his time (and leveraging his family name) to raise money for the SeaSteadying Institute, which, as the name suggests, is a blue-sea libertarian dream to build floating fiefdoms free of outside regulation and law. Sound familiar?

The principal backer of the SeaSteadying project, [Peter Thiel](#), is also an investor in companies run by

Balaji Srinivasan and Curtis Yarvin. Thiel is a co-founder of PayPal, an original investor in Facebook and hedge fund manager, as well as being the inspiration for a villainous investor on the satirical HBO series *Silicon Valley*. Thiel's extreme libertarian advocacy is long and storied, beginning with his days founding the Collegiate Network-backed *Stanford Review*. Lately he's been noticed writing [big checks](#) for Ted Cruz.

He's invested in Yarvin's current startup, [Tlon](#). Thiel invested personally in Tlon co-founder John Burnham. In 2011, at age 18, Burnham accepted [\\$100,000 from Thiel](#) to skip college and go directly into business. Instead of mining asteroids as he originally intended, Burnham wound up working on obscure networking software with Yarvin, whose [title at Tlon](#) is, appropriately enough, "benevolent dictator for life."

California libertarian software developers inhabit a small and shallow world. It should be no surprise then, that, although Thiel has never publicly endorsed Yarvin's side project specifically, or the neoreactionary program in general, there is definitely a whiff of something Moldbuggy in Thiel's own writing. For instance, Thiel echoed Moldbug in an [infamous 2009 essay](#) for the Cato Institute in which he explained that he had moved beyond libertarianism. "I no longer believe that freedom and democracy are compatible," Thiel wrote.

Thiel's eponymous foundation funds, among other things, an institute to advance the ideas of a conservative Stanford academic, René Girard, under whom Thiel studied as an undergraduate. In 2012 Thiel delivered [a lecture at Stanford](#) that explained his views regarding the divine rights of Silicon Valley CEOs. The lecture did address some of Girard's ideas about historical "mimetics," but it also contained a heavy dose of Moldbuggian thought. Thiel says:

A startup is basically structured as a monarchy. We don't call it that, of course. That would seem weirdly outdated, and anything that's not democracy makes people uncomfortable. We are biased toward the democratic-republican side of the spectrum. That's what we're used to from civics classes. But the truth is that startups and founders lean toward the dictatorial side because that structure works better for startups.

Might a dictatorial approach, in Thiel's opinion, also work better for society at large? He doesn't say so in his Stanford lecture (although he does cast tech CEOs as the heirs to mythical "god-kings" such as Romulus). But Thiel knows where to draw the line in mixed company. Ordinary people get so "uncomfortable" when powerful billionaires start talking about the obsolescence of participatory government and "the unthinking demos," as he put it in his Cato essay. *Stupid proles! They don't deserve our brilliance!* "The fate of our world may depend on the effort of a single person who builds or propagates the machinery of freedom," Thiel wrote.

It is clear that Thiel sees corporations as the governments of the future and capitalists such as himself



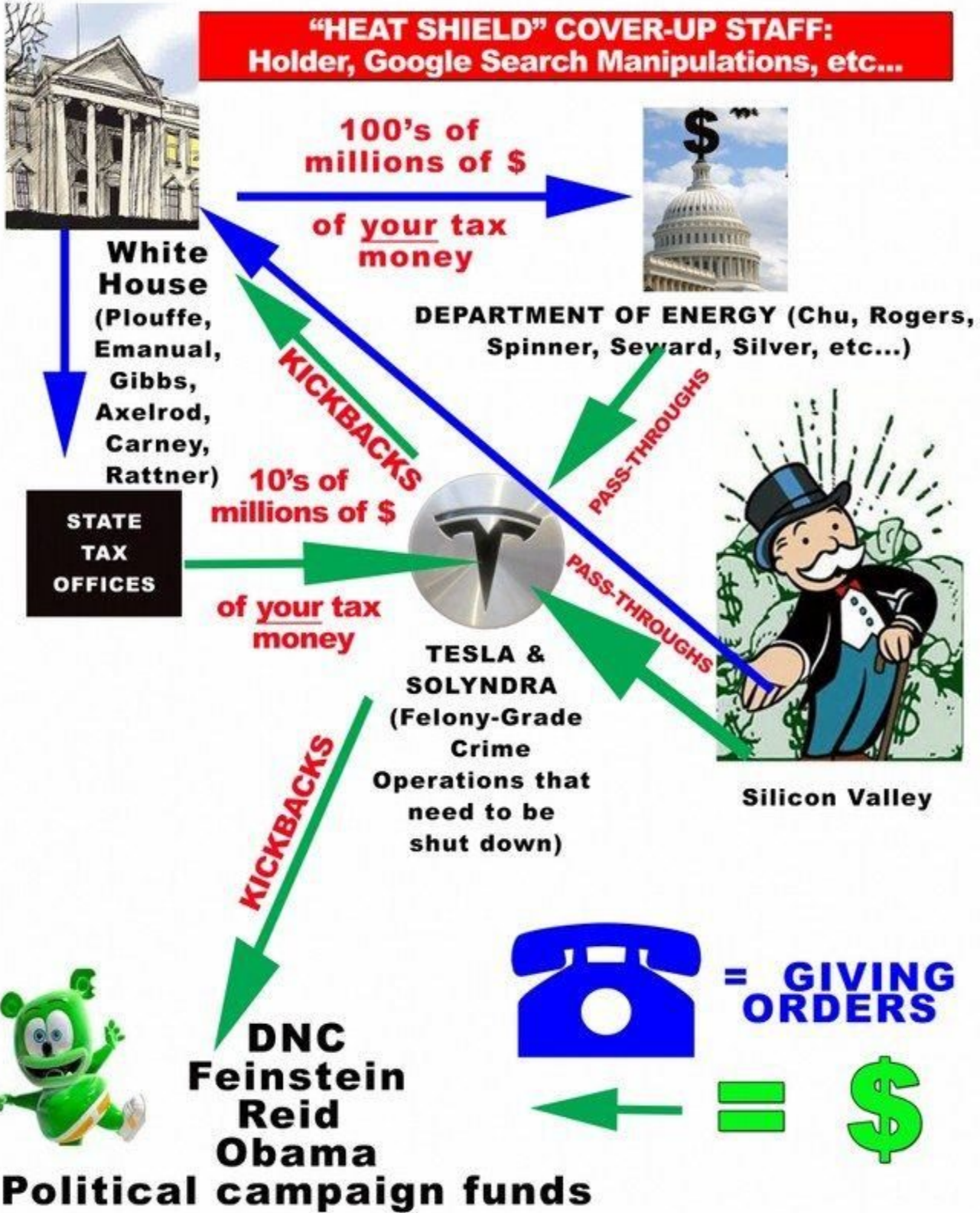
as the kings, and it is also clear that this is a shockingly common view in Thiel's cohort. In a 2011 [New Yorker profile](#), George Packer wrote:

Thiel and his circle in Silicon Valley may be able to imagine a future that would never occur to other people precisely because they've refused to leave that stage of youthful wonder which life forces most human beings to outgrow . . . . He wants to live forever, have the option to escape to outer space or an oceanic city-state, and play chess against a robot that can discuss Tolkien, because these were the fantasies that filled his childhood imagination.

Packer is perhaps too generous to his subject. But he captures the fundamental problem with these mouthbreathers' dreams of monarchy. They've never role-played the part of the peasant.

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## Coup – Coup d'état: Definition

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A ***coup d'état*** (/ˌkuːˈdeɪˈtɑː/ • [listen](#) ([help](#)·[info](#)); French: [ku dɛta], literally "blow of state"; plural: *coups d'état*, pronounced like the singular form), also known simply as a **coup** (/ˌkuː/), or an **overthrow**, is the sudden and illegal seizure of a state,<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> usually instigated by a small group of the existing government establishment to depose the established regime and replace it with a new ruling body. A coup d'état is considered successful when the [usurpers](#) establish their dominance. If a coup fails, a [civil war](#) may ensue.

A coup d'état typically uses the extant government's power to assume political control of a country. In *Coup d'État: A Practical Handbook*, [military historian Edward Luttwak](#) states that a coup "consists of the infiltration of a small, but critical, segment of the state apparatus, which is then used to displace the government from its control of the remainder".<sup>[4]</sup> The armed forces, whether military or [paramilitary](#), can be a defining factor of a coup d'état.

### Etymology

The phrase *coup d'État* (French pronunciation: [ku dɛta]) is French, literally meaning a "stroke of state" or "blow against the state". In French the word "État", denoting a sovereign political entity, is capitalized.<sup>[5]</sup>

Although the coup d'état has featured in politics since antiquity, the phrase is of relatively recent coinage;<sup>[6]</sup> the *Oxford English Dictionary* identifies it as a French expression meaning a "stroke of State". The phrase did not appear within an English text before the nineteenth century except when used in translation of a French source, there being no simple phrase in English to convey the contextualized idea of a "knockout blow to the existing administration within a state".

One early use within text translated from French was in 1785, in a printed translation of a letter from a French merchant, commenting on an arbitrary decree or "arrêt" issued by the French king, restricting the import of British wool.<sup>[7]</sup> What may be its first published use within a text *composed* in English, is in an editor's note in the London *Morning Chronicle*, 7 January 1802, reporting the arrest by [Napoleon](#) in France, of [Moreau](#), [Berthier](#), [Masséna](#), and [Bernadotte](#):

There was a report in circulation yesterday of a sort of *coup d'état* having taken place in France, in consequence of some formidable conspiracy against the existing government.

In [post-Revolutionary France](#), the phrase came to be used to describe the various murders by [Napoleon's](#) hated secret police, the [Gens d'Armes d'Elite](#), who murdered the [Duke of Enghien](#):

...the actors in torture, the distributors of the poisoning draughts, and the secret executioners of those unfortunate individuals or families, whom Bonaparte's measures of safety require to remove. In what revolutionary tyrants call *grand[s] coups d'état*, as butchering, or poisoning, or drowning, *en masse*, they are exclusively employed.<sup>[8]</sup>

Since an unsuccessful coup d'état in 1920 (the [Kapp Putsch](#)), the [Swiss-German](#) word *Putsch* (pronounced [\[pʊtʃ\]](#), coined for the [Züriputsch](#) of 1839), also denotes the same politico-military actions. [\[citation needed\]](#)

Usage of the phrase

Politically, a coup d'état is a usually violent method of [political engineering](#),<sup>[citation needed]</sup> which affects who rules in the government, without radical changes in the form of the government, the political system. Tactically, a coup d'état involves control by an active minority of usurpers who block the remaining (non-participant) defenders of the state's possible defence of the attacked government, by capturing or expelling the politico-military leaders and seizing physical control of the country's key government offices, communications media, and infrastructure.

In looser usage, as in intelligence coup or boardroom coup, the term simply refers to gaining a sudden advantage on a rival.

Pronunciamento

Main article: [Pronunciamento](#)

*Pronunciamento* ("pronouncement") is a term of [Spanish](#) and [Latin-American](#) origin for a special type of coup d'état. The coup d'état (called *golpe de Estado* in [Spanish](#)) was more common in Spain and South America, while the *pronunciamento* was more common in [Central America](#). The *pronunciamento* is the formal explanation for deposing the regnant government, justifying the installation of the new government that was effected with the *golpe de Estado*. In a coup it is the military, paramilitary, or opposing political faction that deposes the current government and assumes power, whereas in the *pronunciamento* the military deposes the existing government and installs an (ostensibly) civilian government.<sup>[9]</sup>

## History

Further information: [List of coups d'état and coup attempts](#) and [List of coups d'état and coup attempts by country](#)

Variations of coups d'état have been among the most common forms of governmental transition, though they have declined worldwide; nowadays they are most common in Africa. Between 1952 and 2000, 33 countries experienced 85 such depositions, with West Africa having the most (42), largely against civil regimes. 27 were against military regimes and in 5 were the deposed incumbents killed.<sup>[10]</sup>

## Types

Political scientist [Samuel P. Huntington](#) identified three types of coup d'état, which correspond to the role the military plays in three different types of [praetorian society](#)".<sup>[11]</sup> As society changes, so does the role of the military. In the world of [oligarchy](#), the soldier is a radical; in the middle class he is a participant and arbiter; as the "mass society looms on the horizon he becomes the conservative guardian of the existing order" (p. 221).

### Breakthrough coups

In breakthrough coups, the soldier plays the role of "reformer", moving the society from "Oligarchical to Radical Praetorianism" (p. 198). "In oligarchical praetorianism the dominant social forces are landowners, the leading clergy, and the wielders of the sword". In "radical" society, the middle-class is an important social and political class. The shift toward "radical" society take the form of slow evolution, or a "breakthrough" to middle-class political participation may be led by civilian [intelligentsia](#) (p. 200). A breakthrough to radical praetorianism (in which the military plays an important role among the middle class who govern) may occur when middle-class officers dislodge the civilian intelligentsia who led the breakthrough, or the military may take power directly from the [absolute monarchy](#) or the oligarchs in a military coup (p. 201).

Examples include:

- Brazil 1889
- Thailand 1932
- Egypt 1952 (p. 202)
- Syria 1949
- Iraq 1958

- Pakistan 1958
- Burma 1958 (p. 203)
- Bolivia 1936
- Guatemala 1944 (p. 206)
- El Salvador 1948 (p. 207)
- Chile 1924 (p. 208)
- Turkey 1980 (p. 209)
- Egypt 2013

#### Arbiter coups

Arbiter coups: In this type of coup, society is in the stage of "radical praetorianism", meaning that the praetorian society is in the "middle stages in the expansion of political participation" (p. 209) - the middle-class (including the military) are actively involved in politics, but the masses are not regularly politically mobilized. This type of society often follows the breakthrough coup, which "clears the way for the entry of other middle-class elements into politics" (p. 209). In radical praetorian society, various middle-class groups may act against one another in riots or demonstrations, and the military will step in with a military coup to re-establish order and "halt the rabid mobilization of social forces into politics and into the streets...to defuse the explosive political situation" (p. 216).

Examples include:

- Peru 1962
- Haiti 1946
- Venezuela 1958 (p. 214)
- Bolivia 1964 (p. 215)
- Burma 1962 (p. 217)

#### Veto coup d'état

**Veto coup d'état:** occurs when the army vetoes the people's mass participation and social mobilisation in governing themselves. "Military interventions of this "veto" variety thus directly reflect increasing lower-class political participation in politics" (p. 222). In "veto coups" the soldier plays the role of

"guardian of the existing order" (p. 221). In such a case, the army confronts and suppresses large-scale, broad-based civil opposition.

Examples include:

- [Argentina 1930](#)
- [Chile 1973](#)
- Peru 1962
- Guatemala 1963
- Ecuador 1963
- Honduras 1963 (p. 223)
- Turkey 1960
- Indonesia 1965 (p. 224)
- Brazil 1964 (p. 233)

Other types

Some later writers, such as [Justin Ames](#), have described Huntington's framework as including three types: breakthrough, guardian, and veto (thus ignoring the Arbiter category and dividing the third category into two) and have ascribed patterns to those coups, such as that breakthrough coups are led by junior officers. However, some of the breakthrough coups described by Huntington were led by generals.

- In a **bloodless coup d'état**, the threat of violence suffices to depose the incumbent. In 1889, Brazil [became a republic](#) via *bloodless coup*; in 1999, [Pervez Musharraf](#) assumed power in Pakistan via a *bloodless coup*; and, in 2006, [Sonthi Boonyaratglin](#) assumed power in [Thailand](#) as the leader of the [Council for Democratic Reform under Constitutional Monarchy](#).

The **self-coup** denotes an incumbent government – aided and abetted by the military – assuming extra-constitutional powers. A historical example is President, then Emperor, [Louis Napoléon Bonaparte](#). Modern examples include [Alberto Fujimori](#), in Peru, who, although elected, temporarily suspended the legislature and the judiciary in 1992, becoming an authoritarian ruler, and King [Gyanendra's](#) assumption of "emergency powers" in [Nepal](#). Another form of self-coup is when a government, having been defeated in an election, refuses to step down.

## Resistance to coups d'état

Many coups d'état, even if initially successful in seizing centres of state power, are actively opposed by certain segments of society or by the international community. Opposition can take several forms, including an attempted counter-coup by sections of the armed forces, international isolation of the new regime, and military intervention.

Sometimes opposition takes the form of [civil resistance](#), in which the coup is met with mass demonstrations from the population generally, and disobedience among civil servants and members of the armed forces. Cases in which civil resistance played a significant part in defeating armed coups d'état include: the [Kornilov Putsch](#) in Russia in August 1917; the [Kapp Putsch](#) in Berlin in March 1920; and the [Generals' Revolt in Algiers in April 1961](#).<sup>[12]</sup> The [coup in the Soviet Union on 19–21 August 1991](#) is another case in which civil resistance was part of an effective opposition to a coup: [Boris Yeltsin](#), President of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, stood on top of a tank in the centre of Moscow and urged people to refuse cooperation with the coup.

## Governments following military coups

After the coup d'état, the military faces the matter of what type of government to establish. In Latin America, it was common for the post-coup government to be led by a [junta](#), a [committee](#) of the chiefs of staff of the armed forces. A common form of African post-coup government is the revolutionary assembly, a quasi-legislative body elected by the army. In Pakistan, the military leader typically assumes the title of chief [martial law](#) administrator.

According to Huntington, most leaders of a coup d'état act under the concept of *right orders*: they believe that the best resolution of the country's problems is merely *to issue correct orders*. This view of government underestimates the difficulty of implementing government policy, and the degree of political resistance to certain correct orders. It presupposes that everyone who matters in the country shares a single, common interest, and that the only question is *how* to pursue that single, common interest.

## Current leaders who assumed power via *coups d'état*

Title	Name	Assumed power	Replaced	Country	Coup d'état
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Sultan	<a href="#">Qaboos bin Said al Said</a> <sup>[13]</sup> <sup>1</sup>	23 July 1970	Said bin Taimur	 <a href="#">Oman</a>	1970 Omani coup d'état
President	Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo	3 August 1979	Francisco Macías Nguema	 <a href="#">Equatorial Guinea</a>	1979 Equatoguinean coup d'état
President	Yoweri Museveni	29 January 1986	Tito Okello	 <a href="#">Uganda</a>	Ugandan Bush War
President	Omar al-Bashir	30 June 1989	Sadiq al-Mahdi	 <a href="#">Sudan</a>	1989 Sudanese coup d'état
President	Idriss Déby	2 December 1990	Hissène Habré	 <a href="#">Chad</a>	1990 Chadian revolution
President	Isaias Afwerki	27 April 1991 <sup>2</sup>	Mengistu Haile Mariam	 <a href="#">Eritrea</a>	Eritrean War for Independence
President	<a href="#">Yahya Jammeh</a> <sup>[14]</sup> <sup>3</sup>	22 July 1994	Dawda Jawara	 <a href="#">The Gambia</a>	1994 Gambian coup d'état
Prime Minister	Hun Sen	August 1997	Norodom Ranariddh	 <a href="#">Cambodia</a>	1997 Cambodian coup d'état
President	Denis Sassou Nguesso	25 October 1997	Pascal Lissouba	 <a href="#">Republic of the Congo</a>	Republic of the Congo Civil War
Prime Minister	Frank Bainimarama	5 December 2006	Laisenia Qarase	 <a href="#">Fiji</a>	2006 Fijian coup d'état
President	<a href="#">Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz</a> <sup>4</sup>	6 August 2008	Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi	 <a href="#">Mauritania</a>	2008 Mauritanian coup d'état
Prime Minister	Prayuth Chan-ocha	22 May 2014	<a href="#">Niwatthamrong Boonsongpaisan</a> <sup>5</sup>	 <a href="#">Thailand</a>	2014 Thai coup d'état
President of the Revolutionary	Mohammed Ali al-Houthi	6 February 2015	<a href="#">Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi</a> <sup>6</sup>	 <a href="#">Yemen</a>	2014–15 Yemeni coup d'état

## Committee

1Monarch who overthrew his father in a bloodless palace coup.

2As head of Provisional Government of Eritrea, which declared independence 24 May 1993.

3Subsequently confirmed in office by an apparently free and fair election.

4Subsequently confirmed by a narrow margin in the [2009 Mauritanian presidential election](#), which was deemed "satisfactory" by international observers.

5Acting Prime Minister at that time.

6Hadi resigned on 22 January 2015.

## Other uses of the term

The coup d'état is commonly used in Australia to describe the events of Thursday morning on June 24, 2010, when the Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was ousted and replaced by his deputy, Ms Julia Gillard.[\[15\]](#)[\[16\]](#)

**The term has also been used in a corporate context more specifically as *boardroom coup*. CEOs that have been sacked by behind-the-scenes maneuvering include [Robert Stempel of General Motors \(1992\)](#)[\[17\]](#)[\[18\]](#) and [John Akers of IBM \(1993\)](#).[\[19\]](#)[\[20\]](#)**

**[Steve Jobs](#) attempted management coups twice at [Apple, Inc.](#); first in 1985 when he unsuccessfully tried to oust [John Sculley](#) and then again in 1997, which successfully forced [Gil Amelio](#) to resign.[\[21\]](#)[\[22\]](#)**

South Korean recording artist [G-Dragon](#) also published an album with this title, [Coup d'Etat \(G-Dragon album\)](#) complete with a title track of the same name.

See also

- [Assassination](#)
- [Civil-military relations](#)
- Contrast with [civilian control of the military](#)
- [Coup de main](#)
- [Dictatorship](#)
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- [Seven Days in May](#)

# **Smedley and Franklin: The Business Plot, The First Try - 1934**

The first time this type of Coup was attempted in Washington, DC.

<http://whatreallyhappened.com/WRHARTICLES/coup.html>

## **An American Coup d'État?**

An attempted American coup d'etat: 1934.

An attempted coup d'etat censored out of our history books, courtesy of corporate America, but not supported by the military, so European fascism didn't happen that time. Fascism has to have the support of both corporate power and will and military/police power and obedience together or it doesn't happen. Watch out America; the Pentagon and the Multinationals are already in allignment and have instituted Friendly Fascism outside our borders already; just ask Afghanistanis, Iraqis, Iranians, Colombians, Nicaraguans and the rest of the exploited and raped third world and the suffering poor in our own American ghettos and concentration camps.

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### **An American Coup d'État?**

Some Americans regard our country as superior to other nations because we don't change governments by coup d'état -- and we never have. Perhaps because of our long tradition of power changing hands by election, we regard our nation as immune to the use of force for political purposes. True, assassins have killed four of our Presidents, but these deaths did not lead to turmoil and chaos; the government followed well-established procedures for transferring control to the men previously elected Vice President. Unlike other nations where assassination often leads to civil war, the United States has avoided this.

How different is America from nations where political power comes quite directly "from the barrel of a gun"? A curious footnote to American history suggests that, except for the personal integrity of a remarkable American

general, a coup d'état intended to remove President Franklin D. Roosevelt from office in 1934 might have plunged America into civil war.

## **The General**

This remarkable man was Smedley Darlington Butler, retired U.S. Marine Corps Major General. Butler is the sort of person for whom the word "colorful" is woefully inadequate. Butler won America's highest military award for bravery (the Congressional Medal of Honor) twice. His style of warfare was unusual not only for his personal courage, but for the energy he put into avoiding bloodshed when it was possible to achieve his aims in other ways. Not surprisingly, this engendered a remarkable loyalty among the men who served under him -- and that loyalty was why certain men asked Butler to lead a military attack on Washington, D.C., with the goal of capturing President Roosevelt.

Butler was more than a remarkable soldier. He served as police commissioner of Philadelphia during 1924-25 (on loan from the Marines), in an attempt to enforce Prohibition. While the effort was a failure, his insistence on enforcing the law against wealthy partygoers as well as poor immigrants established his reputation as a man of high integrity. He was not universally loved, but he was widely respected.

Butler is best remembered today for his oft-quoted statement in the socialist newspaper *Common Sense* in 1935:

I helped make Mexico and especially Tampico safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-12. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. I helped make Honduras "right" for American fruit companies in 1903. In China in 1927 I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.... Looking back on it, I felt I might have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three city districts. We Marines operated on three continents.

In *War Is A Racket*, Butler argued for a powerful navy, but one prohibited from traveling more than 200 miles from the U.S. coastline. Military

aircraft could travel no more than 500 miles from the U.S. coast, and the army would be prohibited from leaving the United States. Butler also proposed that all workers in defense industries, from the lowest laborer to the highest executive, be limited to "\$30 a month, the same wage as the lads in the trenches get." He also proposed that a declaration of war should be passed by a plebiscite in which only those subject to conscription would be eligible to vote.

>From 1935 through 1937, Butler was a spokesman for the League Against War and Fascism, a Communist-dominated organization of the time. He also participated in the Third U.S. Congress Against War and Fascism, sharing the platform with well-known leftists of the era, including Langston Hughes, Heywood Broun, and Roger Baldwin. When the Spanish Civil War (1936-39) threatened the collapse of the Soviet-supported Spanish government, the League's pacifism evaporated, and they supported intervention. Butler, however, remained true to his belief in non-interventionism: "What the hell is it our business what's going on in Spain?" But before Butler became involved in these causes, he had already exposed a fascist plot against his own government.

## **The Plot**

Butler had friends in the press and Congress, so he could not be ignored when he came forward in late 1934 with a tale of conspiracy against President Roosevelt, in which he had been asked to take a leading role. At first glance, Butler seems an unlikely candidate for such a position. While Butler was a Republican, in 1932 he campaigned for Roosevelt, calling himself a "Republican-for-Ex-President Hoover." (Butler had a poor relationship with Hoover going back to their time together during the Boxer Rebellion.)

But there were good reasons why someone seeking to overthrow the U.S. government would have wanted Butler involved. Butler was a powerful symbol to many American soldiers and veterans -- an enlisted man's general, one that spoke out for their interests while on active duty, and after retirement. Butler would have attracted men to his cause that would not otherwise have participated in a march on Washington.

Butler would have been a good choice also because of his military skills. His personal courage and tactical skill would have made him a powerful

commander of an irregular army. Finally, his ties of friendship to many officers still on active duty might have undermined military opposition to his force, as friends and colleagues sought to avoid a direct confrontation with him.

Another reason that the plotters might have approached such an unlikely candidate was that Butler was not regarded as a great intellect. After World War I, the Marine Corps had begun to emphasize a new college-educated professionalism. Butler, one of the less educated "bushwhacker" generals, might have seemed easy to manipulate.

Butler testified that bond trader Gerald MacGuire had approached him in the summer of 1933. MacGuire claimed to represent wealthy Wall Street broker Grayson Murphy, Singer sewing machine heir Robert Sterling Clark, and other unnamed men of wealth. They asked Butler to speak publicly on behalf of the gold standard, recently abandoned by President Roosevelt. MacGuire's rationale for why Butler should ally himself with the gold standard cause was that the veterans of World War I were due a bonus in 1945. As MacGuire told Butler, "We want to see the soldiers' bonus paid in gold. We do not want the soldier to have rubber money or paper money."

It appears that the plotters underestimated Butler's intelligence and character. When this explanation failed to persuade Butler, MacGuire and Clark offered him money, abandoning any pretense of civic-mindedness. Butler's sense of honor prevented him from speaking in favor of any policy for mercenary reasons.

MacGuire eventually told Butler their real goal. MacGuire asked Butler to lead an army of 500,000 veterans in a march on Washington, D.C. The stated mission was to protect Roosevelt from other plotters, and install a "secretary of general welfare" to "take all the worries and details off of his shoulders." But Butler saw through their supposed concern for Roosevelt. He testified before Congress that he told MacGuire:

[M]y interest is, my one hobby is, maintaining a democracy. If you get these 500,000 soldiers advocating anything smelling of Fascism, I am going to get 500,000 more and lick the hell out of you, and we will have a real war right at home..

Yes; and then you will put somebody in there you can run; is that the idea? The President will go around and christen babies and dedicate bridges, and kiss children. Mr. Roosevelt will never agree to that himself.

Butler eventually deduced that the real goal was a coup d'état to take Roosevelt captive, and force reinstatement of the gold standard, the loss of which many wealthy Americans feared would lead to rapid inflation. The plotters would keep Roosevelt as a figurehead until he could be "encouraged" to retire.

That MacGuire had significant financial backing behind him seems clear, considering the substantial bank savings books he showed to Butler. What remains unclear is whether the names MacGuire dropped (other than Robert Sterling Clark) were really involved, or whether MacGuire was a con man.

MacGuire's claims and financial resources alone did not convince Butler that such a conspiracy actually existed. The fulfillment of a series of startling predictions by MacGuire did finally persuade Butler that there was more than just hot air involved. MacGuire knew in advance of significant personnel changes in the White House. He correctly predicted the formation of the American Liberty League (the major conservative opposition to Roosevelt), and the principal players in it. Especially disturbing was that many of the supposed backers of the plot were also members of the League. MacGuire's claim that the League ("villagers in the opera" of the scheme, in MacGuire's words) was part of the plot could not be easily dismissed.

The American Liberty League was a successor to the highly successful Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, the lobbying organization responsible for the repeal of the "Noble Experiment." From its formation in 1918 until 1926, the AAPA made little progress, at least partly because it had little money. But in 1926, money poured into the AAPA from some of America's wealthiest men, including Pierre, Irene, and Lamont du Pont, John J. Raskob, and Charles H. Sabin. The AAPA spent its new found wealth on distribution of literature, and on the formation of a bewildering number of associated organizations. These associated organizations gave the impression of a grassroots movement, rather than a collection of millionaires feeding press releases to friendly newspapers. The AAPA also rapidly took control of the Democratic Party, with one of their supporters, Al Smith, receiving the 1928 Democratic Presidential nomination. While AAPA had powerful friends within the Republican Party, they never achieved control of it.

The AAPA's motivations were a mixture of idealism and pragmatism. The stated concern was that Prohibition had done serious damage to the principle of federalism -- that the federal government's authority did not include the police powers used to enforce Prohibition. But it appears that this was not the only motivation, or even the reason most important to the men who funded the AAPA. Like many other Americans, these business leaders "found



themselves unable to gratify what seemed a natural, more or less innocent, desire without breaking a law" (i.e., the consumption of alcoholic beverages). To suddenly find themselves among the criminal classes was not pleasant to a group who had always thought of themselves as law-abiding and respectable members of American society. There is also strong evidence that the backers of the AAPA saw Repeal as a method of reducing income and corporate taxes, by taxing alcoholic beverages instead.

The AAPA went out of business at the end of 1933, with the end of Prohibition. But within a year, from the same offices, with most of the same backers, many of the same employees, and much of the same style, it reappeared as the American Liberty League. Throughout the next six years, it led the fight against the New Deal, arguing that much of Roosevelt's program was contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution. In an age when Hitler and Mussolini had commandeered extraordinary economic powers, the fears that the American Liberty League expressed about Roosevelt's vaguely similar gathering of economic power could not be summarily dismissed.

The League, in spite of its impressive resources, was rapidly made to appear "ridiculous or dangerous" or both by the Roosevelt Administration. Most importantly, the leadership of the League was largely rich men. The Depression-era gap between rich and poor had become too wide, too obvious, and too painful for the League to be credible to the majority of Americans. Butler's testimony before Congress claimed that some of the people associated with the League were the very ones that had approached him -- including Grayson Murphy, the League's treasurer.

In the depths of the Great Depression, in that nadir of despair before Roosevelt gave his stirring first inaugural address in 1933, America was awash in political groups identifying in greater or lesser degrees with communism or fascism. Rep. Samuel Dickstein (D-NY), concerned about the threat of such groups, persuaded the House of Representatives to create the Special Committee to Investigate Nazi Propaganda Activities in the United States. This committee investigated Butler's charges in late 1934.

MacGuire, not surprisingly, denied that such a plot existed. Instead, he claimed his activities had been political lobbying to preserve the gold standard, but he quickly destroyed his credibility as a witness by giving contradictory testimony. While the final report agreed with Butler that there was evidence of a coup d'état plot against Roosevelt, no further action was taken on it. The Committee's authority to subpoena witnesses expired at the end of 1934, and the Justice Department started no criminal investigation.

Part of the reason for the lack of prosecution of the alleged plotters may have been the untimely death of the only man who could have testified against the rest: Gerald MacGuire. He died at age 37 from complications of pneumonia, less than a month after the Committee released its report. MacGuire's physician claimed that his death was partly the result of the stress of the charges made by Butler, but there is no reason to assume that MacGuire's death was in any way suspicious.

The Committee's report excluded many of the most embarrassing names given by MacGuire, and repeated by Butler. MacGuire had claimed that 1928 Democratic President candidate Al Smith, General Hugh Johnson (head of Roosevelt's National Recovery Administration), General Douglas MacArthur, and a number of other generals and admirals were privy to the plot. Since Butler had no evidence of their involvement, other than MacGuire's claims, it was certainly reasonable for the Committee to exclude these details from the final report as "certain immaterial and incompetent evidence." But in conjunction with MacGuire's apparent advance knowledge of the details of internal White House staff activities, it certainly suggests that if a coup was planned, it had significant support within the Roosevelt Administration.

## **The News Media Downplays The Plot**

The news media gave an inappropriately small amount of attention to the report. Time magazine ridiculed Butler's claims. The week following Butler's testimony, Time described it as a "Plot Without Plotters," simply because the alleged plotters claimed innocence. But Time admitted that Veterans of Foreign Wars commander James Van Zandt confirmed that he, too, had been approached to lead such a march on Washington.

The leftist magazine New Masses carried an article by John Spivak that included wild claims of "Jewish financiers working with fascist groups." Spivak's article spun an elaborate web involving the American Jewish Congress, the Warburg family, "which originally financed Hitler," the Hearst newspaper chain, the Morgan banking firm, the du Ponts, a truly impressive list of prominent American Jewish businessmen, and Nazi spies! Spivak's article raised some disturbing and legitimate questions about why much of Butler's testimony was left out of the final committee report. But these important concerns were seriously undermined by Spivak's paranoid ravings. The left-of-center magazines Nation and New Republic were unconcerned about

it, since in their view "fascism originated in pseudoradical mass movements," and therefore could not come from a wealthy cabal.

Newspaper descriptions of the final report are also astonishing for how lightly most treated it. A New York Times article about subversion and foreign agitators started on the front page, but gave only two paragraphs to the coup plot inside the paper. "It also alleged that definite proof has been found that the much publicized Fascist march on Washington... was actually contemplated." It was not a major story.

The San Francisco Chronicle took the story more seriously. The only headline with a larger type size that day concerned the recent fatal crash of the airship Macon. The Chronicle carried an Associated Press story headlined, "Justice Aids Probe Butler Fascist Story." The first five paragraphs were devoted to Butler's allegations. The Chronicle quoted the Committee report that it "was able to verify all the pertinent statements by General Butler, with the exception of the direct statement suggesting creation of the organization."

A third newspaper sampled showed an even more astonishing lack of interest than the New York Times: the Sacramento Bee used a substantially different Associated Press wire story that emphasized propaganda efforts by foreign agents. Another AP wire story, at the bottom of page five, described Butler's allegations, taking the Committee's report at face value. This wire story includes the comforting knowledge that the committee found "no evidence to show a connection between this effort" and any foreign government.

An apparently serious effort to overthrow the government, perhaps with the support of some of America's wealthiest men, largely substantiated by a Congressional committee, was mostly ignored. Why? Roosevelt's Secretary of the Interior, Harold Ickes, wrote a book in 1939 about the concentration of American journalism. He claimed that, "In 1934, 82 per cent of all dailies had a complete monopoly in their communities." Newspaper chains, in Ickes' view, "control a dangerously large share of the national daily circulation and in many cities have no competition."

Ickes' book was largely devoted to proving that the major newspapers of the United States were intentionally distorting the news, and in some cases, directly lying. Ickes argued that newspaper editors did so in the interests of both their advertisers and in defense of the capitalist class. Ickes mentioned the Liberty League as one of the "propaganda outfits" who were allied with the major newspapers. Indeed, the New York Times, one of the

papers that had downplayed the Committee's report, had editorialized in favor of the Liberty League's formation.

Did newspapers and magazines consciously play down the plot, because it represented an embarrassment to people of influence? Or did editors simply give it low visibility because they regarded it as an absurd story?

We must consider another disturbing possibility. Butler was associated with the loose alliance of progressive and populist forces that were dragging Roosevelt towards the left. It is easy to forget that for much of Roosevelt's first term as President from 1932-36, he was the rope in a tug of war between conservative and progressive forces in America. The popularity of men such as Senator Huey Long (D-Louisiana) and the nationally known radio priest Father Coughlin-and the need to short-circuit their rising political power-appears to have caused Roosevelt's increasingly leftward movement in 1935-36.

Is it possible that Butler concocted this story as a way of creating animosity towards conservatives by Roosevelt? If Butler had lied to the Committee, and no such conspiracy was ever planned, why did MacGuire apparently perjure himself before the Committee? Or, alternatively, could leftward leaning members of the Roosevelt Administration have manipulated Butler into believing that such a plot actually existed as a way of creating animosity towards conservatives, thus dragging Roosevelt to the left? Either theory could explain why MacGuire, Murphy, Clark, or the other supposed plotters were never prosecuted.

Yet another possibility (though less likely) is that there was no prosecution because Roosevelt's own advisors had taken part in the plot, as MacGuire claimed. A criminal prosecution would have washed the Roosevelt Administration's dirty laundry in public.

## **Why Is The Plot So Poorly Known?**

Butler's account of the MacGuire plot was a very serious accusation. If MacGuire had told Butler the truth, a large number of wealthy men had made serious plans to overthrow representative government in the United States -- though their concern that Roosevelt was creating a government in the style of Mussolini or Hitler, might provide some legitimate reason for their actions. Why doesn't this plot appear in history books? That conservatives

might discount the plot is not unexpected; that liberals have tended to ignore the plot is a little more surprising.

It is hard to imagine how different American politics was in the 1930s. The collapse of the world economy had shaken the faith of many Americans in individualism and free market capitalism. Many traditionalists, here and in Europe, toyed with the ideas of Fascism and National Socialism; many liberals dallied with Socialism and Communism. Prominent populists such as Huey Long and Father Coughlin sided with progressives in support of isolationism, redistribution of wealth, and a federal government that would play a more active role in the American economy.

In hindsight, the moral and economic deficiencies of these various collectivized systems are now clear. In 1934, however, people of good will persuaded themselves that Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin were doing good, and ignored the great evils that were already underway. To turn over the rock exposing MacGuire's plot raises unpleasant questions about the political sensibilities of both right and left in 1930s America.

## **How Secure Are The Institutions of Legal Government In America?**

How secure, indeed? It would be tempting to write off this entire matter as a group of con men separating wealthy conservatives from their money by pretending to hatch a plot against the Roosevelt Administration. But there are too many disturbing pieces of evidence in this tale that suggest that the Zeitgeist of the 1930s was not limited to Europe.

If MacGuire's claims to Butler were true, some U.S. military commanders were prepared to stand aside while 500,000 veterans marched on Washington and took Roosevelt captive. (Between the World Wars, the United States Army was so small that 500,000 veterans might have given them a serious fight -- even if every officer remained loyal to Roosevelt.)

But unlike many European countries, American government was highly decentralized in 1934, and this would have worked against any serious military action against the legitimate government. Every state governor had control of state militia units, armed with out of date, but still

serviceable military weapons.

In addition to the regularly organized state militias, the population of the United States, then as now, was heavily armed with the sort of weapons well suited to military operations. Whatever the advantages of the plotters' army of 500,000 veterans, they would have been far outnumbered by the unorganized militia of the United States -- then as now, consisting of every U.S. citizen between 18 and 45, and legally obligated by state laws to fight at the order of the governor in the event of insurrection, invasion, or war.

But in a nation that was suffering from the ravages of the Great Depression, another model exists for what might have happened: the Spanish Civil War. The divisions over religion in America were not as dramatic as those that ripped apart Spanish society. But many Americans were beginning to lose their faith in American institutions -- as evidenced by the growth of American Nazi and Communist movements during the 1930s. It is frightening to think of what might have happened if a general as capable as Butler had become the man on a white horse.

In the words of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, delivered at New York University in 1960 concerning the protections of the U.S. Bill of Rights:

I cannot agree with those who think of the Bill of Rights as an 18th century straitjacket, unsuited for this age.. The evils it guards against are not only old, they are with us now, they exist today..

Experience all over the world has demonstrated, I fear, that the distance between stable, orderly government and one that has been taken over by force is not so great as we have assumed.

Indeed, the plot that Butler exposed -- if what MacGuire claimed was true -- is a sobering reminder to Americans. We were not immune to the sentiments that gave rise to totalitarian governments throughout the world in the 1930s. **We make a serious mistake when we assume, "It can't happen here!"**

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# The Business Plot: Silicon Valley Redux, The Next Try – 2007 to 2016

## Overview

- ⊗ A group of Silicon Valley investors received some documents from some “friends”, either from Russian “business men or the CIA, or both, stating that there was “*A trillion dollars of lithium in Afghanistan*“. These documents, possibly acquired from the Russians, were passed around by Goldman Sachs & Silicon Valley VC’s. This group thought they could exploit Afghanistan, and other country’s, mining contracts on a commodity monopolization scheme fronting the use of the raw materials by “*Green-washing*” it to be used for “electric car and solar programs”, under the guise of, “*it’s ‘CleanTech’ the voters should love it*”, in order to try to make it pass Congressional oversight faster. Recent press disclosures confirm vast campaign funding, by mining companies, through back-door avenues, ie: the Guistra matter and others. The plotters estimated that they could personally acquire many trillions of dollars in profits, mostly at taxpayer expense, and control of government policy, upon successful execution of their scheme.
- ⊗ These investors were deeply affiliated with Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs was involved in almost every aspect, stock manipulation, application “winner”, profit funnel and deployment aspect of the case. Goldman created the computerized stock market “spoofing” algorithm process known as the “Flash Boy Pump” stock spoofing. This used Department of Energy and TARP cash award announcements to synthetically inflate stock values long enough to “skim” profits off those stock holdings. Goldman is now under many investigations for this kind of “Commodity rigging”.
- ⊗ These investors used their campaign donations, lobbyists, stock payola and PAC’s to acquire the services of a number of U.S. Senators and foreign diplomats via bribes. They primarily paid the Senators in stock options for those Senators, their families and business associates. The FEC and FTC have Congressional insider trading investigations under-way, over these very actions, which have been stone-walled by the very Senators who engaged in the insider trading.
- ⊗ So much money was moving that a scheme was created to pass the money through the U.S. Department of Energy and a new program, called TARP, so that the transactions appeared to be federal programs
- ⊗ The characters involved in the scandal have now been uncovered as highly unethical, disreputable, willing to break laws and moral codes and are held in low regard by the public. They formed a cartel now known as The Silicon Valley Cartel as a subset of The National Venture Capital Association

(NVCA) with guidance from rogue CIA/In-Q-Tel associates James Breyer and Gilman Louie. One of the largest participants is Google, Inc. and its investors. The Cartel was recently exposed in the Silicon Valley “ANGELGATE” and “NO POACHING” collusion scandals and lawsuits

⊗ The best friend’s of the Silicon Valley Cartel were Steven Chu and Eric Holder. The cartel arranged, via the legal firm connected to both: Covington & Burling, to get them both nominated and appointed to the two federal agencies that control the money pass-through. Both of these individuals have been proven to have had previous business and personal relationships with the Cartel. Steven Chu sabotaged any technologies or companies that competed with his, and his friends, stock investments. Both have been forced to quit.

⊗ The Cartel used consulting Company McKinsey for insider trading deal support and to author papers and reports which were distributed throughout Washington to say that certain very specific products and technologies were “trending in the new CleanTech industry”. In fact, every “trending company and technology” that McKinsey raved over was already owned and monopolized by the Cartel. At least one major McKinsey executive has gone to federal prison. A number of others are under surveillance and investigation.

⊗ As Secretary of Energy, it was noticed that Steven Chu gave quite a lot of U.S. tax dollars to Russian owned or controlled companies. It was subsequently discovered that the Silicon Valley Cartel had deep Russian connections and business relations with USSR businessmen, to assist in the mining of Afghan, and other Middle Eastern countries, for the personal gain of the Cartel. Steven Chu sabotaged over 200 applicants, for the federal programs, simply because they competed with the Cartel and were not part of the Cartel.

⊗ John Doerr ran Kleiner Perkins, one of the lead coordinators of the Scheme and the Cartel. He is called: “The Godfather of Silicon Valley”.

⊗ Elon Musk was a behind the scenes Google and Kleiner Perkins partner, Cartel organizer and cash conduiting agent. THIS LINK has many confirming data points . Elon Musk, a billionaire, has now received billions of free taxpayer dollars in out-right cash hand-outs, tax waivers, free or low-cost resources, stock pumps and federal NASA contracts. Musk’s companies would not exist today if not for taxpayer hand-out cash. No other living person has received this much taxpayer money from the Obama administration. No other living person has given so much money to the Obama administration through his companies, investors and partners, like Google. No other living person has had the Obama administration sabotage, terminate or rule against so many of his competitors. Federal records demonstrate this to be one of the most overt examples of a political campaign kick-back scheme in this decade. In Musk’s carefully orchestrated, self-aggrandizing, media campaigns, all mention of his true financial connections, extensive fraud lawsuits, and employee distrust is carefully expunged. Musk’s companies exploited the key minerals from the mining deals and both Tesla & Solyndra, who sit next door to each other, were kickback lobbied by Dianne Feinstein, whose family profited on both deals.

⊗ Vinohd Khosla was a key organizer in the Cartel and connected to Raj Gupta, now imprisoned. He

has been involved in a notorious public lawsuit for taking over a famous California coastal beach.

⊗ Senators Feinstein, Reid, Pelosi and Boxer received the largest amount of stock, insider trading deals and campaign kick-backs from the Cartel. Feinstein's family and associates received massive resources from the Tesla and Solyndra deals. They were, essentially, paid program facilitators. These Senators leveraged state tax officials, including Bill Lockyer of California, to exclusively, and extraordinarily, give tens of millions of dollars of additional taxpayer money, at a state level, to Cartel billionaire-owned companies: Tesla & Solyndra. Which sit on the same plot of land and have supplier contracts with the Senators families. These Senators took active steps to sabotage applicants who competed with Tesla, Solyndra & the Cartel, such as Gary D. Conley of SolFocus; who may have been murdered.

⊗ Eric Schmidt was the core lobbyist and director of a large part of the Cartel. He spent more time in the White House, directing policy, than most members of Congress. He used Google to put character assassination hit-jobs on competitors, reporters and politicians.

⊗ When whistle-blowers saw through the scheme, Cartel leaders Doerr and Schmidt would organize character assassination hit-jobs against those adversaries, sabotage their business and career databases with negative flags, create whisper campaigns and black list them via the National Venture Capital Association, which was controlled by a large number of Cartel members. The Cartel used it's resources, concurrently, at Google and Gawker Media, to put media hit-jobs on Santorum, ALICE, Romney, whistle-blowers, and other adversaries by locking devastating hatchet jobs onto massive numbers of search engine pages controlled by each.

⊗ Recently disclosed documents and videos prove that the Cartel spent more time in the White House, from 2007 forward, than all of the members of Congress COMBINED. Additionally, the disclosures of financial connections between the Cartel members, The White House, campaign financing and federal policy decisions demonstrates the operation of a felony-level corruption activity.

⊗ The mining chemicals that the cartel sought to monopolize were "dumped" on the Cartel by the Russians via, possibly, doctored documents which overstated the volume and value of the materials and who knew that the materials were toxic, explosive and had no long-term economic viability. The Cartel did not investigate the materials usage and rushed to profiteer, driven By Goldman Sachs, who didn't care about the long-term, they just wanted to "skim" their fees and "stock pumps" off the top.

⊗ The American GAO, Judicial Watch & Transparency Center have discovered that U.S. taxpayers lost additional billions of dollars as the result of tax waivers, credits and reductions given exclusively to Cartel companies as gifts in exchange for election services. In the FBI-raided Solyndra solar panel company alone, U.S. taxpayers lost over \$600M while Silicon Valley plotters profited by over \$180M in stock market skims and favorable tax write-offs.

⊗ Google executives and investors used Google, Inc. as a "central command" for lobbying, leverage, media stock manipulation, spying on competitors, media hit jobs and revenue profiteering. The upside

was that it provided for the largest media, stock and information manipulation system ever devised. The downside is that it focused public, agency and law enforcement scrutiny on this central point until the voluminous indiscretions, finally, became highly visible.

⊗ The key White House staff who assisted in this scheme were: Rahm Emanuel, David Plouffe, Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, Steve Rattner, Jay Carney and Bill Daily. When confronted about their involvement, historical records show that they all quit their White House jobs at the most desired positions in America, in a bad economy, to take far lower positions, thus implicating themselves, along with their emails, in culpability. These staffers worked harder than any other administration to cut-off the press, attack whistle-blowers and increase NSA domestic surveillance in order to delay the revelation of these crimes.

⊗ A key aspect of the scam was the “Pump & Go” stock swindle combined with pulling cash off-the-top by Sachs and the Cartel. In the following evidence set, you will notice a record setting number of huge cash intakes and sudden bankruptcies immediately thereafter. That part of the scheme seems to have worked like this: 1.) Technically “ideal” companies were set-up, 2.) huge cash amounts were wired in from the U.S. Treasury. 3.) Huge “fees” were paid to VC’s, executives and Sachs, right when the money arrived at the tech company, while Sachs & the VC’s “pumped” the stock market valuations of those companies using the sudden “free money” from the Dept. of Energy to falsify valuation marketing. This gave short term, sudden, stock profits that they also grabbed , 4.) the companies were managerially abandoned and then 5.) filed bankruptcy. 6. ) The VC’s and Sachs then filed tax loss credits, on the failures, in order to get a double profit upside. Investigators called this “unjust rewards”. This volume of award/failure scenarios has never occurred in the history of America, particularly with a series of same-type companies who had just received massive federal funding windfalls. It seems obvious that these sequential incidents were planned and coordinated. Investigators believe Kleiner Perkins and Goldman Sachs were the key organizers of this tactic. Time-tracking of financial details in the HSBC “Swiss Leaks” seems to confirm federal award/personal gain sequences.

## The Kick-backs

Everybody who got DOE cash was a campaign financier.

Everybody who got denied, and then sabotaged, was a competitor to those exact same campaign financiers who did not pay any political bribes.



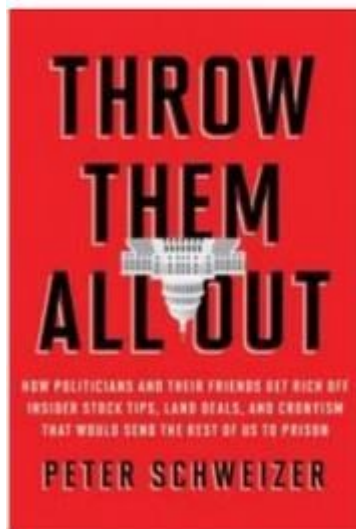


## **SHOCK CLAIM: Energy Dept. Kickbacks Make Obama America's Biggest Crony Capitalist... Ever**

by [Wynton Hall](#)

At least ten members of President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign finance committee, plus more than a dozen of his campaign bundlers, benefited from sweetheart loans through the Department of Energy (DOE) that collectively dwarfed those given to Solyndra and Fisker.

Investigative journalist Peter Schweizer, who is also a Breitbart editor, reveals the full extent of the DOE scandal in his explosive new book, *Throw Them All Out*. The book is [featured](#) in this week's *Newsweek*, and was [the subject of 60 Minutes](#) this past Sunday, Nov. 13.



Schweizer's research reveals that of the \$20.5 billion in the DOE's 1705 Loan Guarantee Program, \$16.4 billion in taxpayer money—roughly 80% of all loans in the program—went to green enterprises “either run by or heavily owned by Obama financial backers—individuals who were either bundlers, members of Obama's national finance committee or large donors to the Democratic Party.”

In 2009, President Obama had promised that the allocation of all federal stimulus monies would be nonpartisan, ethical, and fair. “Let me repeat that: Decisions about how Recovery money will be spent will be based on the merits. They will not be made as a way of doing favors for lobbyists,” Obama [said](#).



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## Vulture Capitalism? Try Obama's Version

*A profit-driven economy is preferable to one run by political favoritism.*

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President Obama is no fan of Mitt Romney-style "vulture" capitalism. So what's his alternative?

All those Republicans grouching about the president's attacks on private equity might instead be seizing on this beautiful point of contrast. Mr. Obama, after all, is no mere mortal president. Even as he's been busy with the day job, he's found time to moonlight as CEO-in-Chief of half the nation's industry. Detroit, the energy sector, health care—he's all over these guys like a cheap spreadsheet.

Like Mr. Romney, Mr. Obama has presided over bankruptcies, layoffs, lost pensions, run-ups in debt. Yet unlike Mr. Romney, Mr. Obama's C-suite required billions in taxpayer dollars and subsidies, as well as mandates, regulations, union payoffs and moral hazard. Don't like "vulture" capitalism? Check out the form the president's had on offer these past three years: "crony" capitalism.

The case study is the solar-panel maker Solyndra, which was part of a green-energy sector that even by 2009 was failing. The president took one look at the industry's utter lack of both profits and sellable products, and yelled "that's my baby!" The stimulus bill shipped tens of billions of dollars to the Energy Department to pour into green companies via grants and loans. It promised five million jobs.

The Energy Department's nuclear physicists were admittedly a bit flummoxed by the whole P&L thing, but they got their venture-capitalism groove on and in 2009 handed Solyndra a \$535 million loan guarantee. Even prior to disbursement, government accountants were warning that Solyndra was a lemon, but the White House didn't worry. After all, the IRS had only recently and conveniently tripled the tax credit (to 30%) for buyers of Solyndra products, which the government figured would help grease their start-up's skids.



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Items for auction at Solyndra headquarters in Fremont, Calif.

Unfortunately, the physicist-CFOs overlooked that whole "global energy market" factor—easy mistake! Foreign competitors were already piling into Solyndra's niche. Unable to compete, the firm went bankrupt last year. And, oh, the carnage! It was kind of like . . . GST Steel! Only worse. Solyndra laid off 1,100 employees. It provided no severance, not even back pay due for vacation credits. But a bankruptcy judge would later approve \$370,000 in bonuses for 20 employees.

# The Greentech VC Influence Over Washington

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There've been a couple articles in the past few weeks pointing to President Obama as the "[clean tech investor in chief](#)" and the [presidential VC with bets on clean energy](#). The real trend is that venture capitalists focusing on greentech seem to have had an unprecedented influence on U.S. federal policy and allocations of the stimulus package.

When I attended the Department of Energy's (DOE) first [ARPA-E conference](#) (Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy) earlier this year in Washington D.C., I was struck by how many venture capitalists were there. I shared a cab back to the airport with some familiar Silicon Valley faces, and was told if your firm didn't have a dedicated person in Washington — in some circles they call them

[how you slice it](#)). The Obama administration has gone out of its way to seek the advice of green-leaning venture capitalists and entrepreneurs in the Valley on how to spend that colossal amount and what programs would be the most affective.

Kleiner Perkins managing partner John Doerr is on President Obama's [Economic Recovery Advisory Board](#), and was able to convince Vice President Al Gore to join Kleiner, in addition to former Secretary of State Colin Powell. Kleiner's investments have had some successful government bids, most notably the [\\$529 million loan to Kleiner portfolio](#) company Fisker Automotive out of the DOE's highly competitive Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing, or ATVM, program. Fisker plans to use the loan to build its factory and launch its electric vehicle in 2011.

If you remember, another winner of the \$25 billion ATVM program was Tesla Motors, which, as most of us know, was backed by venture capitalists from Draper Fisher Jurvetson, Technology Partners, and Vantage Point among others.

I attended Khosla Venture's LP meeting earlier this year where the firm [announced that former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair](#) would be joining the firm as Senior Advisor. Several of my journalism peers were comparing the political influence Blair could wield to what Kleiner was doing with Gore.

The Obama administration appointed [former venture capitalist Jonathan Silver](#) as its loan chief to lead both the DOE's loan guarantee and ATVM loan programs. About a third of the DOE's loan guarantee commitments went to venture-backed startups, including thin film solar maker Solyndra and solar thermal company BrightSource.

I [wondered earlier this year](#) if the loan guarantee for Solyndra wasn't a mistake, given the company has one of the highest manufacturing costs out of its competitors. The company withdrew its IPO plans, citing poor market conditions. The Government Accountability Office also found that the loan guarantee process treated some companies unfairly in their bids and risked "excluding some potential applicants unnecessarily."

There's nothing inherently wrong with venture-backed companies getting government support, and the energy sector needs even more federal funding to create innovation. I support Doerr and Bill Gates' [calls for boosting federal government](#) investing to \$16 billion per year into energy innovation. All I'm saying is that this level of influence should be watched.

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# Tesla opens its Model S electric car factory

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Tesla unveiled its sign over the old NUMMI plant, where it will build the Model S electric car. (Credit: James Martin/CNET)

On Wednesday, Tesla CEO Elon Musk and California Senator Diane Feinstein stood before the New United Motor Manufacturing Inc. (NUMMI) plant, shuttered since April, and announced its new beginning as the base for Tesla Model S production. The press conference was capped by the unveiling of a large Tesla sign over the plant.

Tesla Vice President for Manufacturing Gilbert Passin conducted a tour through the parts of the factory that will host production lines for the Model S. Passin boasted that acquiring NUMMI was a huge cost savings for Tesla, as building a new plant would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Toyota sold the plant to Tesla for \$42 million.

## Did political contributors snag stimulus funds for cleantech companies?

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Political contributors might have steered clean energy loans from the U.S. Department of Energy to companies in their investment portfolios, according to a report by the Center for Public Integrity and ABC News.

The report suggested that four companies that Steve Westley, a managing partner at clean technology investment firm The Westley Group, has invested in received more than \$500 million in loans, grants and stimulus money from the Department of Energy after Westley contributed \$500,000 to the Obama campaign. The companies in Westley's portfolio that received federal funding are Tesla Motors, RecycleBank, EdenIQ and Amyris Biotechnologies.

Both Amyris Biotechnologies and Tesla Motors have since gone public. Amyris is valued at \$1.2 billion and Tesla Motors is valued at \$2.5 billion. Westley said that the company in his portfolio went through a strict screening process and was awarded each loan based on merit, and that each received the loan before he was an advisor to U.S. Department of Energy secretary Steven Chu, according to the report.

The Department of Energy also made several loans to companies that Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers has invested. Managing partner John Doerr and other executives from the storied venture capital firm have donated more than \$1 million over the past two decades to federal political causes — mostly to Democrats.

The report doesn't make any direct connections and doesn't offer substantial proof that the companies received special interest because of Westley and the other executives' contributions. So, as usual, correlation does not imply causation. But it's worth keeping an eye on — particularly because Westley is a member of Chu's 12-person advisory board, and Doerr is on the Economic Recovery Advisory Board.

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## A Goat Named “Aneer”

Aneer often wandered the bare rocky steppes near his owner's village, a few miles north of Kabul, Afghanistan. His careful goat hooves negotiated the perilous cliffs and crags of sun blistered rock with the deft skill of an Alpine climber. He was looking for the rare olive green nettles that occasionally peeked up from between the red rock outcroppings. It was sheer delight when he discovered a short stout nettle clump to munch on. He was in goat ecstasy.

As he bent to nip the top off of his latest herbivore harvest, a shriek, from below, caught him by surprise. It was Samu, the young boy who tended him. He had never heard Samu yell like that before. He arched his neck to catch the view over the crest because he sensed that something, in the urgency of Samu's cry, felt like “*danger*”.

Moments later, Aneer, Samu and the entire face of the rocky steppe were consumed in an explosive fire that turned flesh into charcoal and the Earth into blackened dust.

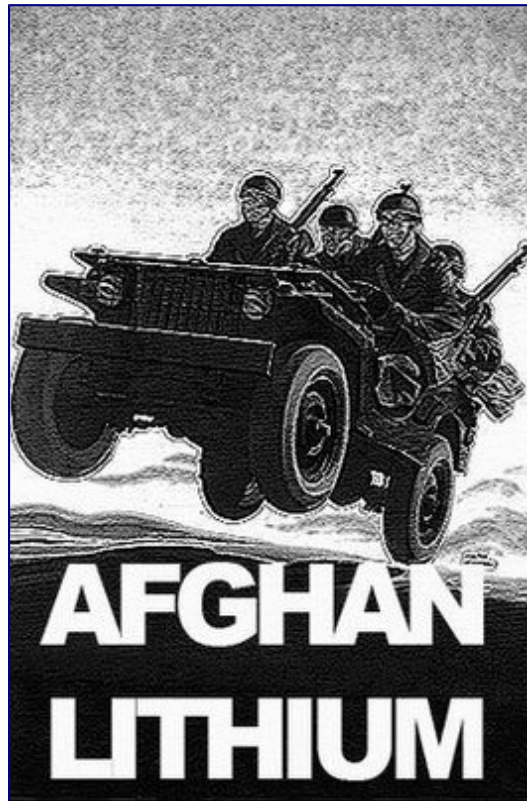
**Elon Musk** had just killed more innocent bystanders.

Let us take a deeper look into how the lithium lake-beds of Afghanistan created a multi-trillion dollar embezzlement scheme that cost lives, economies and national positioning.

The stuff (Chemical ore) that Solyndra, Abound, Fisker, Tesla, A123, Enerdel, and the rest of the failures, needed to make their scheme pan out, was buried under some goat farmers in Afghanistan! Almost all of these companies had their products blow up, in average use, (Even the solar panels caught fire) and, in most cases, release a “Cancer-Cocktail” of toxic gas; Tens of thousands of Lithium fires and explosions have now been documented to have crashed planes, exploded cars, set data centers on fire, burned children, blown up IPAD's and have just been a very bad chemical concept. Lithium has gone off many, many more times than the public has been told. Over time, the compounds become MORE likely to go off! To make the chemicals work for Solyndra, Abound, Tesla, Fisker and the rest, these companies mixed them together into a compound that ends up being a military-grade toxicity, carcinogenic powder. Even making the compounds kills overseas factory workers. Not very good research on the part of the bad guys, but greed often out-paces sanity!

# AFGHAN -SCAM

“Afghani-Scam” Blood For  
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## **A \$1 Trillion insider market-monopoly scheme that “blew up!”**

**Ingredients:** Silicon Valley VC/Campaign funders; Russian miners; Goldman Sachs; Knowingly complicit federal officials; Innocent goat herders; Over **\$1 Trillion Dollars** in profiteering; Hookers; Taxpayer cash; Criminally corrupt senators; Toxic gas; Explosions; Dead people and Electric cars.

... and the money people behind everything were the same exact handful of bad guys **in each and every case**. If Silicon Valley created the latest version of the Afghan War for private gain, they got screwed. Not only do they now realize that the cost of the war was many, many magnitudes more than just giving the goat herders a check and buying the rocks, but the stuff they were trying to monopolize turns out to be explosively dangerous, hard to use and cancer-causing.



## Cowboys and Indium:

Solyndra was exploiting **Indium**, and a large number of other key chemicals, **from Afghanistan** that directly paid into the “*DOE insider profit pool*”.

**Abound** was exploiting key chemicals **from Afghanistan** that directly paid into the “*DOE insider profit pool*”.

**Nissan**’s Smyrna plant, **Tesla, A123, Ener1, Fisker** and **Ford** were **exploiting Lithium from Afghanistan** that directly paid into the “*DOE insider profit pool*”. Other “failed DOE winners” had the same connected materials supply routes.

**In this Watergate-type scandal (Should we call it Lithium-Gate, instead?) Secretary of Energy Steven Chu** appears to have been told to let no applicant through unless they were in the “*DOE insider profit pool*”. The pool consisted of Deloitte staff, Goldman Sachs staff, DOE staff, Silicon Valley venture capitalists and, possibly, at least two White House staff. Rahm Emanuel is known to have had an intimate connection with the Argonne labs lithium ion program research funding while in the White House and after he returned to Chicago. **Dianne Feinstein** personally arranged for, and opened, the NUMMI plant for Tesla. Her husband’s company CBRE were the real estate hooks for the Tesla, and next door, Solyndra property deals. Her staff and lobby people work there now. Her husband goes to Mongolia all the time for “special meetings” according to Sunshine. So one wonders if Feinstein got on the intelligence committee so she could see if she was about to get caught or if a savvy NSA section chief “*helped*” her get there on the premise of “*keep your friends close and your enemies closer*” so the NSA could watch her in intimate detail. The recent hack of her files by intelligence officers seems to be indicative.



*Dianne Feinstein, and her family, controlled the cash, stock, construction, HR services, leases and land contracts around Tesla and Solyndra in an epic payola and kick-back scheme.*

Many high level politicians made a grab for their piece of the trillion dollars so investigations keep getting squashed by them. Steven Chu killed off the non-toxic fuel cell, wind and natural gas programs while at DOE to give a clear runway to his “DOE insider profit pool”, **in which he participated.**

The Russian mining connections run throughout the above group but now that the U.S. is back in a Cold War with Russia, Russian insiders are delighted to spill the beans, on the whole deal, to reporters. One is even out taking competitive bids for exclusive whistleblower interviews.

The insider profit pool consisted of the same investors in the above efforts, who also happen to be the same people who nominated and lobbied for the appointment of [Steven Chu](#), according to his nomination docket. All of these people had a personal profit side deal in the same profit pool through stock holdings, trusts, revolving doors and repercussive gains. All of the above are connected in a very tiny business circle. The odds of that circle of 30, or so, people, out of 318 million Americans, being the only people to have access to these profits and federal funds, without rigging the program, is calculated on a book-makers metric at 12 billion to 1. Even now, one can easily see the disparity

between the [NHTSA wave-through of the coddled White House campaign-backer funded Tesla \(hushed up by Tesla silent owner: Google\)](#) and the bone crunching hearings and fines that GM and Toyota have had to endure, at the same time, for less dangerous defects.

The Senate Ethics Committee members have hundreds of thousands of background documents on this matter but they have been stone-walled. The FBI has nearly a million documents on this matter and reporters are eager to see the anticipated indictments from years of surveillance of the key parties of interest. NSA, DIA and CIA have tens of millions of documents on this matter from nearly a decade of surveillance of parties of interest, but they are stalled up with inter-party politics. The press has vast amounts of this evidence. The Russians are shopping vast new repositories of disclosure. Within the year, expectations are high for a tsunami of enforcement activity. The recent record-breaking number of White House and Congressional “retirement announcements” may be the first wave of the storm. As [Richard Byrne Reilly](#) found out, the “no comment” responses are piling up. That is **always a good sign** that the “We just got caught” *Freak-Out Factor Frenzy* has begun among the Politicos.

While party mouth-foamers are trying to make the **Afghani-scam scandal** not about their party, with their constant drone of “Nothing’s been proven...” they are now realizing that it is not a Democrat Vs. Republican issue. It is about being for, or against, **Organized Crime**. It is about being part of, or not part of, **Organized Crime**. It is about losing their federal pensions because of crimes they may have **knowingly supported**.

When investigative reporters found that [Goldman Sachs](#) and Silicon Valley VC’s were involved in almost every single one of the DOE money deals, they had to ask why? How much did they make in, around and through the whole thing? Who was connected to them and decision makers? Would they really rig a whole market (and a war?) just to get a few **TRILLION** dollars worth of lithium cornered? Looks like they did...

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## The future of Silicon Valley may lie in the mountains of Afghanistan

By

[Richard Byrne Reilly](#)

for VENTUREBEAT

The future of Silicon Valley’s technological prowess may well lie in the war-scarred mountains and salt flats of Western Afghanistan.

United States Geological Survey teams discovered one of the world’s largest untapped reserves of lithium there six years ago. (**Editorial Team Note:** *Right about the time the DOE started rounding up the key ATVM and LG program insiders*) The USGS was scouting the volatile country at the behest of the U.S. Department of Defense’s Task Force for Business and Stability Operations. Lithium is a soft metal used to make the lithium-ion and lithium-polymer batteries essential for powering desktop computers, laptops, smartphones, and tablets. And increasingly, electric cars like Tesla’s.

The vast discovery could very well propel Afghanistan — a war-ravaged land with a population of 31 million largely uneducated Pashtuns and Tajiks, and whose primary exports today are opium, hashish, and marijuana — into becoming the world’s next “Saudi Arabia of lithium,” according to an internal Pentagon memo cited by the *New York Times*.

The [USGS survey report on Afghanistan](#) that detailed the findings also noted that, in addition to lithium, the country also contains huge deposits of iron ore, gold, cobalt, copper, and potash, among many other valuable minerals.

“The mineral wealth there is astonishing,” said professor Michel Chossudovsky of the Montreal-based Center for Research and Globalization, who has written extensively on Afghanistan.

A conservative estimate of the riches is \$1 trillion. In some circles, it’s as high as \$5 trillion.

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In Silicon Valley and beyond, tech companies like Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard, Samsung, Sony, and Tesla rely on continual, and uninterrupted, access to lithium, as lithium-based batteries are the primary power storage devices in their mobile hardware.

Without these batteries, MacBooks, iPads, iPhones, Kindles, Nooks, Galaxy IIIs, Chromebooks, and, yes, Tesla Model S cars would be largely worthless. If forced to use older, nonlithium batteries, their battery lives would certainly be much shorter.

The world’s current lithium heavyweight is Bolivia, the biggest exporter of the element. There, in the swamps and marshlands of the southern region of the country near where the borders of Chile and Argentina meet, are the biggest deposits.

Canada, China, Australia, and Serbia also have varying amounts of lithium, but not as much as Bolivia.

**Or apparently, Afghanistan.**

## **Enough to last a lifetime?**

Depending on who you talk to, the current lithium global reserves are adequate for at least another generation of lithium-ion battery manufacturers to produce them.

But not everybody thinks so, and some say the light metal compound may someday run dry. That could in turn spell trouble for any company whose business depends on light and portable mobile electronics — unless someone comes up with an alternative to lithium batteries before then.

The experts VentureBeat interviewed pointed to sharp year-on-year increases in the demand for lithium. That's putting heavy pressure on existing stockpiles.

According to Lithium Americas, a Canadian lithium-mining company with significant business interests in Argentina, [lithium demand will more than double in the next 10 years](#), while lithium prices have nearly quadrupled during the same timeframe.

Tesla, for its part, is in the process of investing up to \$5 billion to build its own lithium-ion [Gigafactory](#) in Texas, a plant capable of churning out 500,000 expensive battery packs a year by 2020 for its line of zero-emission, all-electric cars.

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A Tesla spokeswoman did not return calls seeking comment.

As a potential source to feed that demand, enter Afghanistan.

“At some point, if present trends continue, demand [for lithium] will outstrip the supply. And again, at some point, the market for lithium-ion could get so big that it actually affects the supply chain,” said Donald R. Sadoway, a professor of the Materials Chemistry Department of Materials Science and Engineering at MIT.

Looking at Afghanistan, Sadoway says the war-ravaged nation, which has no effective mining infrastructure in place, may well be attractive to the world's mining outfits.

“In this regard,” Sadoway, one of the world's foremost experts on energy sources, says, “the deposits in Afghanistan could be important.”

Andrew Chung, a venture capitalist with [Khosla Ventures](#) in Silicon Valley who has invested in multiple startups producing alternative batteries, says lithium-ion batteries are limited in their lifetime

cycles, scalability, and cost. Despite this, Chung says, he can understand how the untapped reserves of Afghan lithium are now an increasing focus.

“It is an issue of the supply chain, whether it’s Afghanistan or other [countries]. There is a finite supply, and lithium-ion will continue to be the [power] choice for the next decade,” Chung said.

Some of the Valley’s biggest and most powerful tech companies either declined to comment for this story or never returned calls. But they didn’t deny the importance of lithium-ion batteries.

For instance, an Apple spokesperson declined to comment for this story but provided VentureBeat with a 2014 “Suppliers List” of the 200-plus vendors it uses to produce its products. A related post made the Cupertino, Calif.-based company’s commitment to lithium batteries clear, at least in the short term.

“Rechargeable, lithium-based technology currently provides the best performance for your Apple notebook computer, iPod, iPhone, or iPad,” [the Apple post says](#).

[Sony Energy Devices Corp.](#) invented the lithium-ion battery in 1994. It was hailed as a breakthrough, providing longer battery life and without the “memory effect” that gradually reduced the effective capacity of previous types of batteries.

Since then, companies have gradually refined lithium battery technology but have not succeeded in moving beyond it. Indeed, early Tesla cars are actually [powered by large packs of industry-standard lithium-ion battery cells](#) — the same type of cells found in many laptop batteries.

And here is where it gets interesting.

### **Sharply increasing demand**

If electric car manufacturers begin ramping up production of lithium-ion battery-powered cars, the global demand for lithium will skyrocket. This could potentially come about at the same time for increasing demand for handheld consumer goods like tablets and laptops, Chung said, thus creating a perfect storm.

“So you want to start looking at other sources producing it with current supplies being called into question, if we move more toward production of electric cars,” Chung said.

Which is why, increasingly, eyes are turning to Afghanistan and its new purported lithium reserves, a country long referred to as the “graveyard of empires.” The U.S. invaded Afghanistan after the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and according to iCasualties, 2,315 American servicemen and women have been killed there.

Analyst Jay Jacobs of [Global X Funds](#) in New York, which has interests in lithium mining, said demand for the compound is growing, and that “there are two regions that have been revealed to contain huge

lithium reserves: Afghanistan and Bolivia.”

William Tahil, a respected lithium expert who lives in France and is the general director for Material International Research, argues that lithium deposits in Bolivia will at some point be depleted.

Jacobs was sanguine about safely extracting lithium from Afghanistan. He said political risks there were considerable.

“With that being said, should there be a substantial and sustained increase in demand for lithium, lithium miners may become increasingly interested in the country as it has an abundance of the resource,” Jacobs said.

It was the Soviets who first discovered the country’s deposits when they invaded in 1979. Soviet geologists began mapping Afghanistan’s lithium, gold, and potash fields but abandoned their efforts after the former communist superpower pulled out of the country in 1989.

But with a weak and corruption-plagued “central government,” Afghanistan is now ripe for the picking, Chossudovsky said. Indeed, the country is still very much divided into fiefdoms, with the Muslim fundamentalist Taliban, warlords, and drug traffickers controlling large swaths of the country — and using violence to advance their interests.

“There’s no question the mining companies will go in there. No question. There’s no real functioning government there to reap the foreign investment of the mineral deposits. This makes it all the more enticing to the mining companies because nobody in the government of [President] Hamid Karzai will be regulating the bonanza of lithium, so they can do what they want,” he said.

## **Jockeying for position**

For its part, the U.S. government, which helped locate the lithium deposits using flyovers with a sensor-filled Lockheed P-3 Orion and teams of geologists fielding soil samples, knows a potential gold rush when it sees one. And it has no intention of being left on the sidelines. Especially since the Chinese are now — and quickly — making deals with Afghan pols for mineral rights to copper deposits.

The USGS did return multiple calls seeking comment. Nor did the Pentagon.

Despite what some say are the shortcomings of lithium-ion batteries, venture capitalists and investors continue pouring money into them. Amprius, a lithium battery maker based in Sunnyvale, Calif., snared a \$30 million infusion round of investor cash in January.

Over at the Afghan embassy in Washington, D.C., the Afghans are licking their lips at the potential lithium and mineral windfall despite the country's continued conflict with a resurgent Taliban. What this may portend for the impoverished and war-torn nation is anybody's guess. But the Afghans are playing up the finds — or they were, until recently.

“In recent years, headlines from the Afghan mineral sector have competed to outdo each other in scale: from the landmark \$3 billion Chinese investment in the Aynak copper concession to the astounding survey work of the U.S., Afghan, and British Geological Services estimating anywhere between \$1 trillion and \$3 trillion in mineral potential, to the historic \$11 billion deal now being finalized with an Indian consortium for the Hajigak iron ore concession,” said a posting on the [Afghani Washington DC website](#).

The post has since been removed.

Afghanistan's ambassador to the U.S., Eklil Hakimi, presided over a press conference at the Afghan embassy in Washington, D.C., on March 10, where he talked about the untapped deposits, along with reps from the USGS and other U.S. politicians.

But Hakimi, through a spokesman, told me he simply didn't have the time to talk.

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Solyndra, Abound and Tesla need these chemicals. The investors and the campaign backers and the product owners are all the same people. Tesla doesn't care about selling cars, they care about selling LITHIUM. The car is like the handle for the razor blade, they want to sell the razor blades, not the shaver. But the idiots backing the scheme rushed into it, without checking into things, because they saw all the free Department of Energy and TARP cash. They did not realize that Lithium blows up all the time and, when mixed, becomes a “Cancer Cocktail”, gives off toxic smoke, kills factory workers and is just kinda' bad stuff... ooops

## **The Audacity of Scope**

If you think that the size and audaciousness of the crime being examined is almost inconceivable, think again. The greatest crimes are committed in plain sight.

Who would have imagined, at the time, that regular people would try to kill all of the Jews in Germany?

We rarely even consider the fact that a group of people captured, dragged half way around the planet, and raped and beat the black people of Africa.



You see the great piles of skulls from Southeast Asian genocides; how did that happen?

Big crazy crimes DO happen.

While a trillion dollar lithium scam may sound like a wild proposition, so did other things until you later realized: "OMG, these awful things actually happened!".

Even though conventional wisdom may push against the concept, history has shown that assumption to be the fools errand.

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# John Boehner and seven GOP lawmakers back from secret Afghanistan trip

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House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, traveled to Kabul, Afghanistan, this past weekend with seven other House Republican lawmakers to get a first-hand look at the political situation in the country after the recent democratic elections, Boehner's office announced Monday.

The trip was not announced until now to maintain security, according to a spokesman.

The message from lawmakers was "that the House of Representatives wants to maintain a right-sized presence in Afghanistan" following the years-long war and American involvement in the country to steer it toward democracy.

Lawmakers met with U.S. military troops, Ambassador James B. Cunningham and General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces



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## “AFGHANISTAN IS THE SAUDI ARABIA OF LITHIUM”:

comparatively light weight of lithium ion cells. Virtually all cellphone and laptop batteries use lithium as a core constituent. The much-ballyhooed but seldom-seem Tesla electric roadster uses more than 6,000 computer-sized batteries all mashed into one package. But whether they are the lithium cobalt batteries used in portable devices -- not very useful for automotive use because of their reputation for overheating -- or the newer lithium phosphate or lithium manganese formulations developed for cars, all use a base of lithium metal, which is most easily extracted from salt brine.

That might be a problem. There is already discussion of how much oil remains interred beneath the Earth's surface and whether we are already suffering shortages because of the peak oil problem -- essentially a theory stating that the amount of the world's oil reserves is irrelevant since we have already reached our maximum ability to easily extract it. Now there may be problems with how much lithium the Earth holds and how quickly it can be mined.

On the pessimistic side, there is William Tahl, author of the research paper *The Trouble with Lithium*, who estimates the world's lithium reserves at about four million tons. He claims the production of hybrid and electric cars will soon tax the world's production of lithium carbonate. At the other end of the spectrum is Keith Evans, who has released *An Abundance of Lithium*, a report estimating there are 28 million tons of the base metal to be had, plenty enough to go around. Somewhere in the middle of these two opposing viewpoints is the United States Geological Survey's somewhat dated estimate of 11 million tons.

Part of the discrepancy is due to how economical and easily each group thinks the mining of lithium will be, dividing their estimates between "reserves" (think of easily obtained Saudi Arabian oil literally bubbling to the surface) and the more difficult to process "base reserves" (think Canada's Athabasca Oil Sands). Even the optimistic Evans allows that, like oil, his more generous prediction is based on the price of lithium rising in order to make increased mining cost-effective. This is not good news to automakers since it's estimated that these new high-tech batteries already cost as much as US\$10,000.

While existing mining levels are able to cope with current demand, there is no consensus on how many lithium-powered electric cars can be produced.

Tahl says any more than 1.5 million GM Volt-type vehicles annually would strain current production. SQM S. A., Chile's largest producer of lithium carbonate, says there is plenty for about five million electric vehicles. Evans predicts there's enough lithium for far more.

Bob Kruse, GM's executive director of Global Vehicle Engineering, also notes that some of the lithium in his company's new Chevy Volt will be recyclable, thereby reducing demand.

The discrepancies owe as much to the types of electric cars being produced -- fully electric cars need bigger batteries and, therefore, more lithium than hybrids -- as to the exact amount of the world's lithium stocks.

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## The problem with lithium

Presented by



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How quickly we have forgotten. Yesterday's front-page headline is today's page 13 filler, consigned to the back of the newspaper as something sexier or more pressing forces its way to page one-- above the fold.

The subject I'm talking about is oil, the pressing story before all the world's stock markets decided to simultaneously implode. We used to worry about the price of oil and when it would run out, and even non-petrochemical engineers understood the concept of "peak oil." But, whether alternative energy is still big news or not, this much is clear: The world's oil supply is finite, fossil-fuelled vehicles pollute and the public outcry for an alternative is strong.

The leading alternative right now -- if you judge technology by the amount of press generated -- is electric cars. Electric cars don't pollute, electrons are relatively cheap and, perhaps most importantly, these vehicles seem to have captured the imagination of the American consumer, still the greatest economic engine in the world.

Naturally, there are issues. Electric cars don't have the range that current gasoline-powered cars enjoy. Replenishing the onboard energy supply is problematic, taking anywhere from 30 minutes (with special equipment) to all day. There's also the small problem of the battery having to power both the car's engine and its various ancillary and convenience devices -- someday soon you may have to decide what's more important, air conditioning or getting to your final destination.

Then there's the least talked about problem on our road to electric transportation -- the source of all

# A123 lithium-ion battery maker bankruptcy fuels Republican criticism of President Barack Obama's alternative-energy policy

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A123 Systems' workers Dave Berals, left, Kurt Wozniak, Shannon DeWalsche, and AJ Belouore, go over a battery pack design in Livonia. The lithium-ion battery maker filed Tuesday for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which triggered criticism of the Obama administration's funding of alternative-energy firms. / 2011 photo by ANDRE J. JACKSON/Detroit Free Press

By Nathan Bonney, Todd Spangler and Zaki Meyer  
Detroit Free Press Staff Writers

Battery maker A123 Systems' Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing Tuesday triggered a fresh round of political criticism of the Obama administration's alternative-energy investments.

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The Waltham, Mass.-based company, which has 626 employees and 348 contract workers in three southeast Michigan locations, said auto supplier Johnson Controls had tentatively agreed to pay \$125 million to purchase its automotive-related assets, including the operations in Livonia, Romulus and Ann Arbor.

Republicans immediately compared A123's bankruptcy with the California solar panel manufacturer Solyndra, which filed for bankruptcy and liquidated last year, wiping out a \$500-million loan

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"A123's bankruptcy is yet another failure for the president's disastrous strategy of gambling away billions of taxpayer dollars on a strategy of government-led growth that simply does not work," said Andrea Saul, a spokeswoman for Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney.



Battered by recalls, high costs and sluggish consumer adoption of electric vehicles, A123 lost \$1 billion since its founding in 2001, despite substantial government support.



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The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a \$249-million grant to A123 in August 2009 with promises of 5,900 jobs, mostly in Michigan. The Michigan Economic Development Corp. also awarded A123 more than \$125 million in a variety of tax credits, grants and incentives in 2008 and 2009. The U.S. grant and Michigan incentives drew bipartisan support when they originally were approved.

"This is what's possible in a clean-energy economy -- these folks right here, doing extraordinary work," President Barack Obama said at the White House Rose Garden after meeting A123 employees on April 30, 2010. "This is what happens when we place our bets on American workers and American

businesses."

A123 has received \$132 million of its federal grant so far. The Energy Department said Johnson Controls could be eligible for the rest of the funding, but that has yet to be determined. The federal government's investment does not have to be repaid, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

But Americans have not embraced electric vehicles that require regular recharging. In many instances, they are priced significantly higher than their gasoline-fueled counterparts. Even federal and state tax credits have not erased that price premium.

Then the lack of easy-to-find recharging stations has left many motorists worried about being left on a remote dark road without adequate power.

"It was an expansion of manufacturing plants in anticipation of customers who never arrived," Ulichfield Hills Research analyst Theodore O'Neill said.

A Johnson Controls spokeswoman declined to comment on whether the company would keep A123's employees. Its acquisition of A123 must be approved by a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Delaware.

A123's battery plants remain in production for now.

Johnson Controls has a lithium-ion battery plant in Holland, Mich.

A123, which lost \$269 million in the first eight months of the year, according to bankruptcy documents, turned down an interview request.

Democrats responded that during his 2002-06 term as governor of Massachusetts, Romney also provided support to emerging technology firms and some of the investments did not pay off. Meanwhile, the Department of Energy pointed out that A123's investment had bipartisan support from Michigan lawmakers, including incumbent Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow and her Republican challenger, Pete Hoekstra.

"Johnson Controls' investment in A123 will help ensure that the U.S. remains competitive in this growing global sector," said former Democratic Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who promoted battery tax incentives as a way to boost the Michigan economy.

A123's bankruptcy filing comes two months after Chinese auto parts maker Wanxiang Group agreed to invest up to \$450 million to acquire up to 80% of A123. But that deal fell apart as A123 was set to burn through \$400 million in cash over the next 12 months, O'Neill said.

Instead, Johnson Controls is cherry-picking the best assets out of A123, O'Neill said.

Johnson Controls also was awarded a \$299-million Energy Department grant for its lithium-ion battery plant in Holland. The company's spokeswoman declined to comment on whether that plant would be affected by the A123 deal.

Barclays analysts said in a research note that the deal would make Johnson Controls "the dominant surviving" U.S.-based lithium battery maker.

A123 shares, which closed Monday at 24 cents, fell 75% to 6 cents on Tuesday.

Many sophisticated A123 investors have lost millions, including global conglomerate General Electric, which had invested about \$70 million by 2009.

Dan Leislikow, an Energy Department spokesman, said in a blog post that the government's investment had produced meaningful battery innovation that would live on.

In its bankruptcy petition, A123 listed total assets of \$459.8 million and liabilities of \$376 million.

The company's biggest customer is California start-up Fisker Automotive, which plans to keep the contract with Johnson Controls through at least the first quarter of 2013, spokesman Roger Ormisher said.

General Motors, which picked A123 as the battery supplier for the Chevrolet Spark electric vehicle, said it would accept Johnson Controls as its new battery provider.

**More Details: Time line of battery maker A123 Systems**

**Products:** Nickel-based batteries, lead acid batteries, lithium-ion batteries, ultra capacitors and fuel cells

**2001** — Founded in a Massachusetts Institute of Technology lab by materials scientist Yet-Ming Chiang.

**2006** — Began selling batteries.

**March 2008** — General Electric invested \$207million in A123 to make batteries for Think Global's electric vehicle.

**May 2008** — The U.S. Advanced Battery Consortium and the U.S. Department of Energy awarded it a \$12.5-million grant to develop its lithium-ion battery technology for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

**August 2009** — The DOE awarded it a \$249-million grant under the government's Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

**September 2009** — A123 raised \$380 million through an initial public offering on the NASDAQ exchange.

**December 2009** — Formed a joint venture with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp.

**September 2010** — Opened a lithium-ion battery plant in Livonia, equipped to make battery packs for up to 30,000 electric vehicles a year.

**July 2011** — Announced the hiring of its 1,000th worker in Michigan.

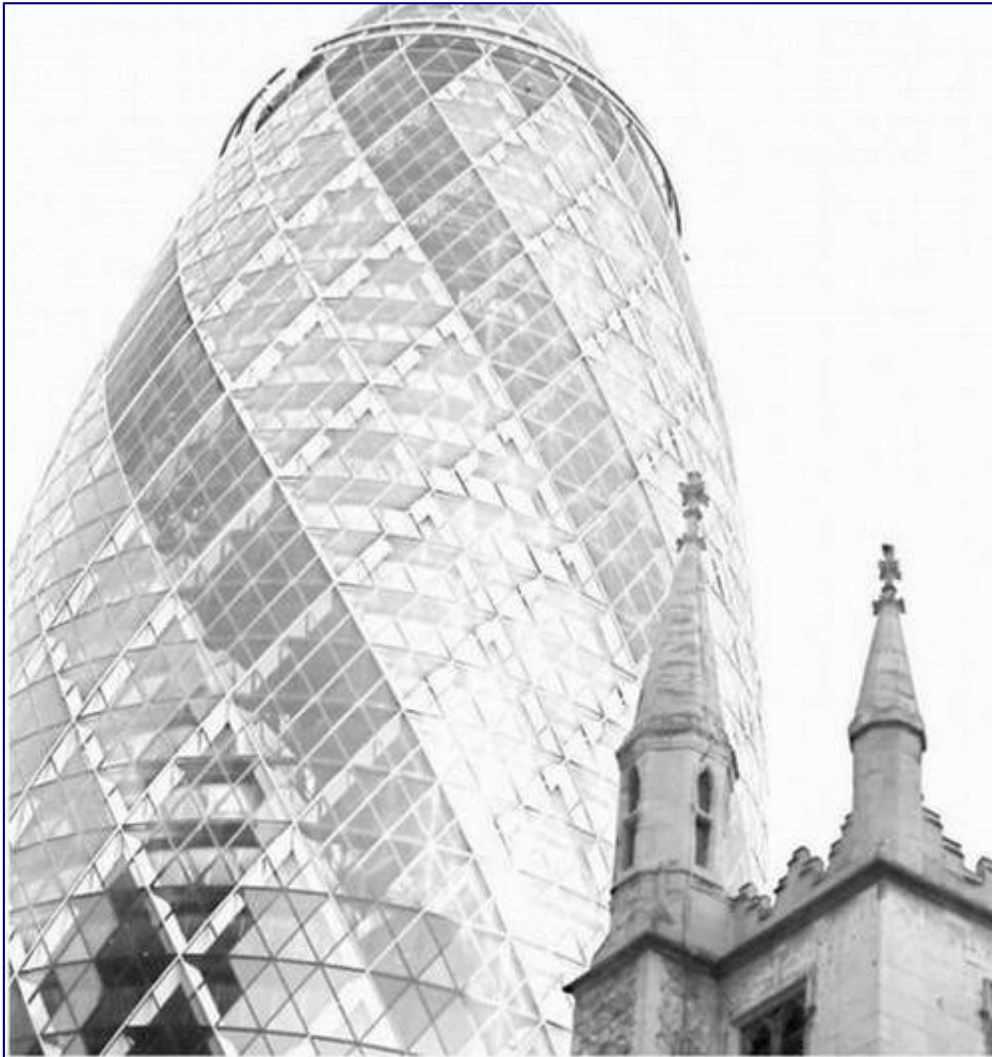
**March 2012** — A123 recalled battery packs with prismatic cells that it sold to Fisker Automotive to power its Karma electric car. CEO David Vieau estimated that the recall would cost \$557million.

**August 2012** — Announced a loss of \$82.9 million in the second quarter.

**August 2012** — Wariang Group, China's largest auto parts manufacturer, agreed to invest up to \$465 million in A123 in exchange for 80% of A123.

**Tuesday** — Filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and sold auto-related business to Johnson Controls for \$125 million. Wariang withdrew its offer to invest \$465 million for 80% of the battery maker.





# Doing God's Work

How Goldman Sachs Rigs the Game

March 2011



***“The first thing you need to know about Goldman Sachs is that it’s everywhere. The world’s most powerful investment bank is a great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money.”***

Matt Taibbi, Rolling Stone Magazine, July 2009

#### **Introduction**

Much has been written about Goldman Sachs’ immense size and power in the US, of the incessant revolving door between the bank, regulatory and political elites in Washington. But Goldman Sachs has cultivated political contacts around the world, not just in the US capital.

This report looks at how the bank’s tentacles have spread throughout British and European political circles, including the regulatory centre of Brussels. Goldman Sachs often operates behind the scenes, also working through a number of business lobby groups. This report explores and exposes those links.

Critics say having friends in high places gives the firm a vital edge.<sup>1</sup> This has also allowed Goldman and other global banks to escape the necessary regulatory reform that many independent commentators believe is vital, especially in areas of derivatives.

There is no doubting that Goldman’s image has taken a battering. In the midst of the world’s worst oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Reuters ran an article entitled: “BP: Still not as evil as Goldman Sachs”.<sup>2</sup>

The bank’s plummeting reputation is a result of a series of events: the role it played in causing the financial crisis, and its “arrogant and unapologetic attitude” in its wake, when CEO Lloyd Blankfein described the bank’s activities as “God’s work”.<sup>3</sup> It was also accused by US authorities of defrauding investors out of \$1 billion,<sup>4</sup> faced fines of £17.5 million for failing to tell UK regulators that it was under investigation for fraud,<sup>5</sup> and was sued by three ex-employees for sexual discrimination.<sup>6</sup>

Under fire, Goldman Sachs responded with the biggest advertising campaign in its history, “to help the wider public understand what we do for our clients.”<sup>7</sup>

Yet, as banking commentator, Bethany Mclean, notes: “No outsider can tell how the firm really makes its money. It is a fear that Goldman has the game rigged, even if no one can ever prove how. Not just because of its political connections, but also because of its immense size and power.”<sup>8</sup> Recent efforts at transparency – its disclosure of revenue from trading and investing<sup>9</sup> – do little to allay fears. “They stopped short of doing something really big”, said one banking insider.<sup>10</sup>

What was big, though, was the firm’s remuneration and bonus pot for 2010, a whopping \$15 billion or an average of \$430,000 each.<sup>11</sup>

# Green power corrupts

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**Power corrupts, even at highest levels of government. Even in the White House.** That's the message from the government's energy loan guarantees, as revealed by a little-reported House Government Reform and Oversight subcommittee hearing last month.

At issue was the approval of loan guarantees for BrightSource Energy, a politically connected corporation whose chairman, John Bryson, became Obama's secretary of Commerce last October.

John M. Woolard, president and CEO of BrightSource Energy, testified that his company's \$1.6 billion loan guarantee for a solar power plant "was awarded completely on the merits of the project."

But Chairman Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, produced an email from Woolard to Energy Secretary Steven Chu's senior advisor, Matt Rogers, that hints the White House might have been involved. Dated January 4, 2010, the email states that Peter Darbee, CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric, had himself spoken to President Obama: "Darbee at PG&E talked directly to Obama about the program's challenges and the bad situation it puts him in." By "bad situation," Darbee meant that his company headed solar power to comply with California's law to produce 20 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2017 (later raised to 33 percent by 2020).

Woolard also wrote to Rogers: "Please don't distribute this, but I thought you might want to know there is a large group in NYC focused on this transaction and DOE ability to execute. Things are not good and there is a sizeable group of private equity and investment banks writing a letter to Chu about the status of the program and the inability to get loans through -- can you suggest a good time to talk?"

Coincidentally, the following month, Chu announced conditional loan guarantees of \$1.37 billion for BrightSource to build three utility-scale solar power plants on federal land in the Mojave Desert, to be the largest solar power electricity generating complex in the world.

But conditional loan guarantees don't equal loans. Over a year later, in March 2011, BrightSource still had no loan. Woolard asked Jonathan Silver, executive director of the Energy Department's loan guarantee

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## Venture Capitol: New VC Force

By NEIL KING JR.

When tiny Fisker Automotive Inc. hit a financing glitch last year, threatening its plan to build a fancy gasoline-electric hybrid car in Finland, it turned to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The DOE had a bolder idea. Why not also step up the company's plans to develop a less-expensive model, and assemble it in a closed U.S. auto plant?

Within months, Vice President Joe Biden, the former senator from Delaware, was helping lure the embryonic car company to a shuttered General Motors Co. factory four miles from his house in Wilmington, right across the tracks from Biden Park. Soon, Fisker Automotive, a two-year-old business that has yet to sell a car, won loans from the federal government totaling \$528 million.

Fisker had joined a flock of other businesses seeking cash from the biggest venture capitalist of all, the U.S. government.

The DOE hopes to lend or give out more than \$40 billion to businesses working on "clean technology," everything from electric cars and novel batteries to wind turbines and solar panels. In the first nine months of 2009, the DOE doled out \$13 billion in loans and grants to such firms. By contrast, venture-capital firms -- which have long been the chief funders of fledgling tech firms, taking equity stakes in the start-ups that will pay off if they go public -- poured just \$2.68 billion into the sector in that time, according to data tracker Cleantech Group.

Thus, while much attention has been focused on the federal government's involvement in banking, Washington also is gaining sway in another swath of the economy. By financing clean-tech ventures on a large scale, the government has become a kingmaker in one of technology's hottest sectors.

Some young companies are tailoring their business plans to win DOE cash. Private investors, meanwhile, are often pulling back, waiting to see which projects the government blesses. Success in winning federal funds can attract a flood of private capital, companies say, while conversely, bad luck in Washington can sour their chances with private investors. The result is an intertwining of public and private-sector interests in an arena where politics is never far from the surface.

In Delaware, "We had five individuals beating the band -- the three members of the [congressional] delegation, the governor and the vice president," said the state's chief of economic development, Alan Levin. "We had in the vice president a secret weapon, except there is nothing secret about Joe Biden."

A spokeswoman for Mr. Biden said he made no direct appeals to DOE on Fisker's behalf before the loan was approved, though he did talk to the company several times afterward to put in a plug for his home state.

At the DOE, Matthew Rogers, who helps oversee the department's loans, said proposals are vetted by "deal teams" insulated as much as possible from outside pressure. "Lots of people can call the [energy] secretary, but that doesn't mean that any of that necessarily flows down to the deal-team level," he said.

More than 40 auto-related companies have sought government money to build parts or vehicles, ranging from hybrid roadsters and delivery vans to all-electric three-wheelers that could go 120 miles on a charge. They are chasing \$25 billion in federal low-interest loans for a sector that has attracted less than a tenth that much in venture capital over the past five years, according to Cleantech.

"The existence of an 800-pound gorilla putting massive capital behind select start-ups is sucking the air away from the rest of the venture-capital ecosystem," said Darryl Siry, former head of marketing at Tesla Motors Inc., a San Carlos, Calif., company that got a \$365 million DOE loan in June to build high-end electric cars. "Being anointed by DOE has become everything for companies looking to move ahead."

Bright Automotive Inc. is still seeking anointment. Based in a small warren of offices outside Indianapolis, Bright looked set to take off in September 2008. Investors were poised to give it more than \$100 million to move ahead on a lightweight hybrid delivery van, and it had lined up major corporations as potential customers.

When the financial crisis hit in that same month, investors bowed out. Though a few have since tiptoed back, enabling Bright to build a prototype, its principal hope for now lies in the DOE, from which it is seeking a large loan to get under way.

"We are caught in this blender of historically new forces, somewhere between the public and private worlds," said Bright's chief executive, John Waters. Without a government loan, private investors are reluctant to jump in, he says, while the DOE loan team is wary of backing ventures that haven't already won significant support in the private sector.

The DOE acknowledges it looks to back companies that already have substantial private funding, with the hope that federal money will in turn attract more private investment.

Fisker, based in Irvine, Calif., got rolling two years ago with seed money from two of Silicon Valley's largest venture-capital firms, Palo Alto Investors LLC and Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. They and some smaller investors put up nearly \$160 million to move Fisker's first car, called the Karma, off the design table and into early production. But to fine-tune the engineering and put it into full production, Fisker needed at least \$200 million more.

In December 2008, Fisker turned to the DOE's \$25 billion Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing loan program, which Congress had funded to launch new, high-efficiency vehicles.

Fisker applied for about \$170 million to get the Karma rolling. It also put in a second application, hoping eventually to win financing to build a cheaper model, code-named the Kx, which the company didn't envision bringing to market until around 2015.

DOE officials and their advisers expressed strong interest in the Karma proposal, say people involved in the talks, but they were wary of the Kx. Its engineering remained vague, and Fisker was far from having a prototype.

By late spring, DOE was pushing ahead briskly on the Karma loan, say people involved in the deal. But the Karma presented a political challenge: It was already being assembled, under contract, at a plant in Finland. Though it used mainly U.S.-made components, so a federal loan would help U.S. parts makers, the boost for U.S. workers would be limited.

GM's Delaware factory, called the Boxwood Road plant and dating from 1947, once employed 5,000. It was the last auto assembly plant in the Northeast. State officials and politicians were determined to keep it alive.

In the middle of August, they learned the plant had drawn interest from Fisker. CEO Henrik Fisker came to see it and dropped by the office of a Delaware senator, Tom Carper, a Democrat. The visit unleashed a flurry of activity. Gov. Jack Markell, also a Democrat, quickly called an old friend at Kleiner Perkins to check on Fisker. "Basically, we wanted to know, 'Are they for real?'" said Mr. Levin.

Kleiner Perkins itself has political roots. A leading partner, John Doerr, sits on President Barack Obama's economic advisory board, and another partner is former Vice President Al Gore.

The DOE, in August, hadn't yet ruled on Fisker's loan request. Delaware's governor and congressional delegation began peppering U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu with calls on Fisker's behalf. They also had repeated discussions with Vice President Biden and his staff, according to Mr. Levin and several others.

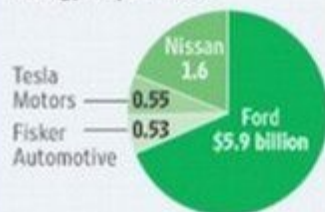
In early September, Gov. Markell told Fisker that if it occupied the shuttered GM plant it would get an array of state incentives worth up to \$22 million, including \$9 million in cash for utilities. He promised to buy the first car off the line.

On Sept. 17, he ran into Mr. Chu at an event in Pennsylvania. "I know, I know -- Fisker," Mr. Chu said as soon as he saw him, according to the governor, who said Mr. Chu told him he was "hearing from everyone in Delaware."

### Car Money

Investments in U.S. advanced vehicles this year, by:

#### Energy Department



#### Private venture capitalists



Note: Through September  
Source: Energy Department; Cleantech Group

Five days later, Mr. Chu announced the government had signed a provisional agreement to lend Fisker nearly \$170 million to complete engineering of the Karma, as well as \$360 million to develop the less-expensive model Kx, which the company then began to call the Nina. Fisker still plans to assemble the Karma in Finland but will make the Nina in Delaware. Mr. Chu said the DOE funding would help reduce dependence on foreign oil as well as create "thousands of new American jobs."

People familiar with the loan say the government based the amount partly on its assessment that the Nina, which will sell for about \$40,000 after government tax rebates, could draw world-wide annual sales of around 130,000 -- nearly twice Fisker's own projection.

Mr. Fisker, a former designer of sleek sports cars for BMW and Aston Martin, said he is sure his company would have won DOE funding without the Delaware politicians' support but credits it with speeding the approval. He added that Fisker picked the Delaware plant because it made economic sense.

Though its first model, the Karma, won't be available for test drives for months, Fisker says more than 1,500 potential buyers have put down refundable deposits on the car, expected to sell for \$88,000.

On Oct. 27, about a month after the DOE approved loans to Fisker, its executives and Delaware politicians

Afterward, Mr. Fisker escorted the dignitaries behind a curtain for their first look at a mock-up of the planned second model, the Nina. It was a sporty car body, bright red, but with no drivetrain or engine. Gov. Markell, though, was impressed. "It was just a beautiful car," he said.

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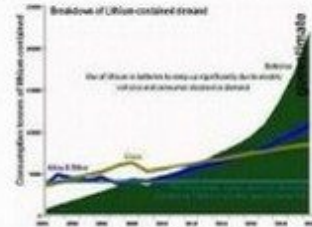
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We have another report on Energy Storage space which provides a view from Goldman Sachs on the sector this time. In Lithium space we have our own fast developing story, when Japanese Trading Houses are in a rush to secure Lithium supply.

*'Asian lithium rush continues. One more Junior in Lithium is gone from the market for potential deals. We were not following governmental as source of lithium is clear as it is more risky than well defined extraction from brines and hard rock lithium deposits. Chemistry should be right and the process is much more complicated, but this news by itself shows that Japanese conglomerates are ready to go the distance in order to secure lithium supply from different sources. After Korean Korea deal with lithium One we have on our radar screen two juniors involved in Lithium Brines in Argentina and Nevada are left for JVs deals: International Lithium and Rodinia Minerals. Japanese are using recent soft markets to grab all available lithium projects on the development stage and with this rate of deal announcement all reliable Canadian juniors in Lithium could be engaged by the end of this summer.'*

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Thought you would like to know that, yesterday, Sept 29th 2010, Goldman Sachs disclosed a 12.19% ownership share of Talison Lithium (TLO:TLH)

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But the government cut off the loan to Fisker after \$193 million when Fisker failed to meet its ambitious sales and production goals. Then, a Consumer Reports test dealt the Karma another blow.

"It is low. It is sleek. It is sensuous," the Consumer Reports' video narrator says.

"It's also broken," the narrator adds as a clip of the Fisker Karma being towed on a flatbed airs.

Fisker blamed the car's lithium ion battery, which happened to be made by another government loan recipient, A123 Systems.

A123 got a \$249-million taxpayer loan. This year's first-quarter losses totaled \$125 million.

The industry's misfortunes have seriously undermined President Obama's goal.

"We can replace our dependence on oil with biofuels and become the first country to have a million electric vehicles on the road by 2015," Obama said in January 2011.

To get to one million, the White House pinned its hopes on 11 models of electric vehicles -- including the Karma. Our CBS News investigation found that six of the 11 -- Ford Focus, Ford Transit Connect, Fisker Nina/Atlantic, Tesla Model S, Tesla Roadster and Think City -- either haven't made their first delivery or are already out of business.

Others aren't even close to the government's 2015 projections. For example, 36,000 Fisker Karmas and 505,000 Chevy Volts were supposed to be made. But current projections slash the Karma's 2015 number in half to 18,000 and put the Volt at one-eighth of the goal at 62,000.

(See chart below)

"I think these forecasts were very unrealistic," and history is showing that scaling an automobile company is much more difficult than many of these people thought," Craig Carlson, industry analyst and managing director of Carlson Group, Electric Vehicles, told CBS News.

When told about the CBS News projection that only 300,000 electric vehicles would be on the road instead of the proposed 1 million, the Energy Department's David Sandalow said, "Well, let's hope that we can move faster. And if we don't hit that goal in 2015, let's hit it in 2016."

CBS News pointed out that the Energy Department ~~had~~ said that Think City would produce 57,000 cars, but only built 263 and went out of business. Ford Transit Connect was supposed to make 4,200 vehicles, but only built 500 and filed for bankruptcy.

But, Sandalow reminded that there were some successes.

"And General Motors sold more than 5,000 last year," he said. "And so did Nissan. Around the world this industry is exploding. Innovation involves risks. Any type of new industry is going to encounter some successes and some failures."

Even falling far short of a million, backers say electric cars will take off as people realize how much fun and cheap they are to drive. Just to be sure, the president wants to invest \$4.7 billion more tax dollars in electric vehicle incentives.



## Goldman Sachs culture 'toxic'? Letter confirms suspicions about Wall Street.

Polls show that Americans hold a very low opinion of Wall Street, and a damning public letter of resignation from a Goldman Sachs executive could only amplify that perception.



A Goldman Sachs sign is seen at the New York Stock Exchange. A Goldman Sachs executive director published a withering resignation letter in The New York Times, saying the investment bank is a 'toxic and destructive' place where managing directors referred to their own clients as 'muppets.'

(Brendan McDermid/REUTERS/File)

By Ron Scherer, Staff writer

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New York

The opinion article in The New York Times has a simple headline: "Why I am leaving Goldman Sachs," written by Greg Smith, identified as a former executive director.

Mr. Smith, with more than decade at the firm, then goes on to describe the culture at Goldman Sachs "as toxic and destructive as I have ever seen it."

He says he knew it was time to leave when he could no longer look students being recruited by Goldman Sachs in the eye and tell them

Goldman was a great place to work. Instead, he describes a place where making money off the firm's clients became the mantra.

Smith's description of the firm fits with Main Street's perception of Wall Street these days. Despite the run-up in the stock market, many people view Wall Street as a place where fat cats rake in huge bonuses, and lobby aggressively against attempts by Congress to rein in their activities.

"Wall Street is not held in high regard so this is certainly not going to help," says Dennis Jacobo, chief economist at the Gallup Organization in Washington. "I think one of the things that is under-perceived on Wall Street and many of the financial sectors is how badly the financial crisis has hurt the reputation of everyone involved with Wall Street."

In a survey published last December, Harvard's Center for Public Leadership ranked Wall Street at the bottom in terms of American's confidence in its leadership. Congress, the media, and the White House all ranked higher.

Even long-time Wall Street observers agree that the perceptions are distinctly negative.

"Wall Street is not doing a very good job of explaining its importance to the economy and the good it does," says public relations executive Richard Torrenzano of the Torrenzano Group and a former spokesman for the New York Stock Exchange. "It helps corporations and new organizations raise money in a public environment, and that money is used to build new plants, create jobs, and really help the quality of life in which we live."

However much good Wall Street does is far overshadowed by the public's memory of 2008 financial crisis, which ultimately led to the Great Recession.

"People will always be suspicious of banks," says Hester Peirce, a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and a former Securities and Exchange Commission official. "Part of the reason is that Main Street has suffered so tremendously, and people are still mad at the banks getting all the money they got."

At the height of the financial crisis, Goldman Sachs, like other large financial institutions, borrowed money from the federal Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). And, like other large banks, it repaid those loans with interest.

Also, at the height of the financial crisis in 2008, Warren Buffet's company, Berkshire Hathaway, invested \$5 billion in Goldman Sachs. Part of Mr. Buffet's investment was in the stock, which he purchased for \$115 a share. On Wednesday, the stock was selling for \$120 a share, off about \$4 a share.

Goldman Sachs, which made a profit of about \$1 billion in the fourth quarter, is known for its intense work ethic and cutthroat culture. Each year the investment bank culls its ranks of underperforming executives and traders. However, in the past, the firm has also sent many of its alumni to Washington, including former Treasury Secretaries Robert Rubin and Henry Paulson.

"Many have worked there or wanted to work there," says Ms. Peirce. "Goldman is elite but all the big banks have the reputation of people working very hard."

Goldman officials are also politically active. In the 2012 cycle, Goldman Sachs, through its political action committee as well as individual contributions, is the top organizational donor to Mitt Romney's presidential campaign, according to the Center for Responsive Politics/Open Secrets. Goldman Sachs and its officials have made 232 donations totaling \$426,780.

In a letter to their employees on Wednesday, Goldman Sachs executives Lloyd Blankfein and Gary Cohn disputed Smith's characterization of the firm. "Needless to say, we were disappointed to read the assertions made by this individual that do not reflect our values, our culture and how the vast majority of people at Goldman Sachs think about the firm and the work it does on behalf of clients," wrote the two men in a letter posted on the firm's website.

The Goldman Sachs officials said that as far as they knew, Smith, whom they never identified by name, had not expressed any misgivings through any of their anonymous channels. "If an individual expresses issues, we examine them carefully and we will be doing so this case," they wrote.

The Goldman Sachs letter to its employees also noted that two weeks ago, Goldman was named one of the best places to work in the United Kingdom, where Smith resides.

Critics of Goldman Sachs blame its problems on a fixation with short-term profits. "It is just this short term grab for profits," says T.J. Faircloth, director of research at Boston-based Corporate Accountability International, which monitors corporate behavior. "We see this across the board with other corporations."

This jibes with Smith's view of the big firm. In his op-ed, the former executive writes, "Today, if you make enough money for the firm (and you are not currently an ax murderer) you will be promoted into a position of influence."

Smith says he hopes his op-ed acts like a warning shot to the company's board of directors.

Foote Mineral, which owned the Kings Mountain mine, hoped to get the jump on the lithium boom by expanding to northern Chile, where desert brines were rumored to contain vast, cheaply obtainable amounts. In 1975 Foote signed an agreement with the Chilean government, then run by Pinochet, to explore the Salar de Atacama. Nine years later Foote began extracting lithium from a sliver of the lake bed. (The Foote subsidiary that worked the salar is now owned by Rockwood Holdings of Princeton, N.J., which continues to produce lithium on the tract.)

Newly wise to the desolate salar's value, Pinochet's government decided to auction off the rest of the region's mining rights. The American firm Amax (now part of Freeport-McMoran) won the bidding but didn't develop the property. In 1992 Amax sold its rights to a former arm of the Chilean government that had recently been privatized and handed over to Pinochet's then son-in-law, Julio Ponce Lerou.

Lithium's boom had begun in earnest just a year before, when **Sony** (nyse: [SNE](#) - [news](#) - [people](#) ) launched its first generation of lithium-ion batteries for consumer electronics. By the end of 1991 Sony was making 100,000 a month. SQM began selling lithium carbonate in late 1996, and within a matter of weeks, lithium carbonate prices fell by a third, to \$2,000 a ton. The American lithium industry vanished overnight.

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# U.S. Identifies Vast Mineral Riches in Afghanistan



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A bleak Ghazni Province seems to offer little, but a Pentagon study says it may have among the world's largest deposits of lithium.

By JAMES RISEN

Published: June 13, 2010

WASHINGTON — The United States has discovered nearly \$1 trillion in untapped mineral deposits in [Afghanistan](#), far beyond any previously known reserves and enough to fundamentally alter the Afghan economy and perhaps the Afghan war itself, according to senior American government officials.

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The previously unknown deposits — including huge veins of iron, copper, cobalt, gold and critical industrial metals like [lithium](#) — are so big and include so many minerals that are essential to modern industry that Afghanistan could eventually be transformed into one of the most important mining centers in the world.

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While it could take many years to develop a mining industry, the potential is so great that officials and executives in the industry believe it could attract heavy investment even before mines are profitable, providing the possibility of jobs that could distract from generations of war.

"There is stunning potential here," Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of the United States Central Command, said in an interview on Saturday. "There are a lot of ifs, of course, but I think potentially it is hugely significant."

The value of the newly discovered mineral deposits dwarfs the size of Afghanistan's existing war-battered economy, which is based largely on opium production and narcotics trafficking as well as aid from the United States and other industrialized countries. Afghanistan's gross domestic product is only about \$12 billion.

"This will become the backbone of the Afghan economy," said Jabi Jaurtany, an adviser to the Afghan minister of mines.

American and Afghan officials agreed to discuss the mineral discoveries at a difficult moment in the war in Afghanistan. The American-led offensive in Marja in southern Afghanistan has achieved only limited gains. Meanwhile, charges of corruption and favoritism continue to plague the Karzai government, and Mr. Karzai seems increasingly embittered toward the White House.

So the Obama administration is hungry for some positive news to come out of Afghanistan. Yet the American officials also recognize that the mineral discoveries will almost certainly have a double-edged impact.

Instead of bringing peace, the newfound mineral wealth could lead the Taliban to battle even more fiercely to regain control of the country.

The corruption that is already rampant in the Karzai government could also be amplified by the new wealth, particularly if a handful of well-connected oligarchs, some with personal ties to the president, gain control of the resources. Just last year, Afghanistan's minister of mines was accused by American officials of accepting a \$20 million bribe to award China the rights to develop its copper mine. The minister has since been replaced.

Endless fights could erupt between the central government in Kabul and provincial and tribal leaders in mineral-rich districts. Afghanistan has a national mining law, written with the help of advisers from the World Bank, but it has never faced a serious challenge.

"No one has tested that law; no one knows how it will stand up in a fight between the central government and the provinces," observed Paul A. Brinkley, deputy undersecretary of defense for business and leader of the Pentagon team that discovered the deposits.

At the same time, American officials fear resource-hungry China will try to dominate the development of Afghanistan's mineral wealth, which could upset the United States, given its heavy investment in the region. After winning the bid for its Aynak copper mine in Logar Province, China clearly wants more, American officials said.

Another complication is that because Afghanistan has never had much heavy industry before, it has little or no history of environmental protection either. "The big question is, can this be developed in a responsible way, in a way that is environmentally and socially responsible?" Mr. Brinkley said. "No one knows how this will work."

With virtually no mining industry or infrastructure in place today, it will take decades for Afghanistan to exploit its mineral wealth fully. "This is a country that has no mining culture," said Jack Meffin, a geologist in the United States Geological Survey's international affairs program. "They've had some small artisanal mines, but now there could be some very, very large mines that will require more than just a gold pan."

The mineral deposits are scattered throughout the country, including in the southern and eastern regions along the border with Pakistan that have had some of the most intense combat in the American-led war against the Taliban insurgency.

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## Goldman Sachs, Citi, Recruit Iraq and Afghanistan Vets

Citi and Goldman among other banks were recruiting at a job fair aboard the USS Intrepid.

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By Melanie Rodier [JF @mrodier](#)

JUNE 24, 2011

As jobs decline on Wall Street, banks like Citi and Goldman are actively recruiting veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, according to Bloomberg News.

Citi and Goldman, together with Credit Suisse, Bank of America and Deutsche Bank were recruiting at a job fair hosted yesterday by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce for service personnel aboard the USS Intrepid, a museum in the Hudson River, Bloomberg said.

Last year, WS&T reported that Wall Street firms and hedge funds were actively recruiting former CIA and military intelligence officers in a bid to boost their security and risk management practices by looking for expertise outside the corporate world.

Former Afghan and Iraq war vets with intelligence operations experience are particularly in demand since they can bring new technology and techniques to research and analysis, Michael Bagley, founder and president of Washington D.C.-based financial intelligence firm, The OSINT Group, told WS&T.

From Bloomberg:

Former Marine Corps captain Christopher Perkins, now head of Citigroup's derivatives operation in the Americas, said he dealt with budgets and negotiation while stationed in Japan, his first education in business practices. Citigroup hired him based on skills obtained in the military, not to burnish the firm's image, he said.

"It's not about charity work," Perkins said. "It's about making the firm better."

Still, despite their skills the road to civilian work in the financial industry could be a very tough one for the veterans:

Financial sector layoffs are up 21 percent this year. Banks, insurance firms and brokers said they planned to eliminate 11,413 positions through May, according to Challenger, compared with 9,431 during the same period in 2010.

In the meantime, competition among vets themselves vying to get a job is also hotting up: Unemployment among veterans rose to 12.1 percent in May from 10.6 percent a year ago, Bloomberg said.

And following President Barack Obama's announcement this week that he will withdraw 33,000 troops from Afghanistan by September 2012, competition among veterans looking for civilian jobs will soon be getting even tougher.

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## E-mails about clean-energy loans provide new details on White House involvement

By [Carol D. Leonnig](#) and [Joe Stephens](#), Published: August 8 | Updated: Thursday, August 9, 7:23 AM

President Obama's staff arranged for him to be personally briefed last summer on a loan program to help clean-energy companies, two months before the program was thrust into headlines by the collapse of its flagship, the solar company [Solyndra](#), records show.

About the same time, then-White House Chief of Staff [William Daley](#) resolved a dispute among administration officials over another project in the program, clearing the way for a \$1.4 billion loan, according to documents and sources familiar with the situation.

The documents, a series of e-mails among Energy Department staff members involved in managing the program, provide new details about the level of White House involvement in the controversial initiative. White House officials have said in the past that final decisions about which companies would receive the loan guarantees were made by career staff members at the Energy Department, not political appointees.

Administration officials said Wednesday that the e-mails show that the White House involvement was appropriate and that there was no pressure on agency officials.

That loan program, a signature piece of the Obama administration's effort to stimulate the economy, has become a major issue in this year's [presidential campaign](#). Republicans have charged that the program wasted critical stimulus money meant to create jobs, spending it instead on ill-advised projects that

benefited Democratic fundraisers.

The documents, provided to The Washington Post by Republican investigators for the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, show that White House aides asked Energy Secretary Steven Chu to deliver a June 27, 2011, presentation to the president on the status of the loan program. The interest in a presidential briefing came as other senior administration figures were challenging parts of the program and debating whether the Energy Department was cutting deals that gave "unjust enrichment" to private companies.

An Energy staffer explained that the president "wants to know its status" so he could be prepared when the loan program came up "at official events and political events where he interacts with [the] business community and Congressional members." The e-mail from the department's chief of staff, Brandon Hurlbut, went on to say that many people attending such gatherings "have some affiliation or interest in the numerous applications received that involve substantial funds."

The documents do not indicate whether the presidential briefing took place as scheduled and, if so, whether Obama offered guidance on the program's future.

#### **'A right to know'**

On Wednesday, Rep. Darrell Issa (Calif.) and other Republican members of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee wrote to Obama requesting a "full and complete" explanation of his involvement in the issue and seeking additional internal documents, including a list of all private individuals with whom the president met to discuss loan projects.

"The American people have a right to know the level of involvement you and other senior White House officials had in the loan guarantee program," the committee members wrote. "Your interactions with business leaders at political events affected decisions to give billions of taxpayer dollars in loan guarantees to green energy companies."

Energy Department spokesman Damien LaVera said that the collection of internal documents provided thus far to congressional investigators "validates what we have said from day one: All decisions on loan applications were made on the merits after careful review by career officials and technical experts in the loan program."

Rather than revealing any White House pressure to give money to certain companies, the new e-mails show that "Department of Energy officials appealed to the White House to resolve legitimate disagreements between agencies" so the applications could move forward, LaVera said.

White House spokesman Clark Stevens added that "internal debates about complex programs like this should be expected, and the White House playing a role in assisting interagency discussion surrounding that process is entirely appropriate."

Solyndra, a Silicon Valley start-up that manufactured solar panels, received a half-billion dollar federal loan from the program before [suddenly closing](#) last August. A short time later, the FBI raided its offices as part of a criminal investigation into whether the company misled the government about its finances.

The government is expected to recover just \$24 million of the \$527 million that taxpayers lent the company. Republicans have accused the administration of [favoring Solyndra](#) because its largest investors were funds linked to Oklahoma [billionaire George Kaiser, an Obama donor](#).



**'Some serious gloating'**

Other e-mail exchanges in the documents appear to show deep divisions between Chu and some senior Obama economic advisers over the program.

In June 2011, Chu asked Daley to settle a dispute among agency leaders over whether a \$1.4 billion loan to a solar generation facility was consistent with the stimulus act. Chu was a major proponent of the Project Amp facility, which was proposing to use Solyndra as a sole supplier of solar panels at a time when Solyndra was in financial trouble.

Obama's senior economic leaders, including then-Office of Management and Budget director Jack Lew, expressed concerns that the project was spread over several years and did not have any immediate impact on the local economy. Lew, now Obama's chief of staff, told a DOE staffer after the Daley meeting that he was not opposed to the general idea of the project but was just "protecting the president."

After the meeting, Jonathan Silver, the director of the Energy Department's loan office, celebrated "total victory" over his administration opponents. He described in an e-mail to a colleague how Chu came as "close to an annihilation of the economic team's position as you could possibly hope for." Silver speculated that Daley had given the economic team "a fig leaf" and that the Energy Department's victory was cause to "do some serious gloating."

A draft of Energy Department talking points prepared for the presidential briefing highlights that the program had committed more than \$34 billion and asserted that it had created or saved 68,000 jobs. Those talking points forecast little risk from the program, although Solyndra was already showing signs of distress: The department months earlier had negotiated [a loan restructuring](#) amid threats that the firm would have to liquidate for lack of operating cash.

"DOE expects that all loans will be repaid," one presentation slide said. "When loans are repaid, the benefits — including the creation of tens of thousands of jobs — will have been obtained at little cost to taxpayers."

Chu appeared eager to make sure that Obama heard about the disagreements over the program within the administration.

"We need to tell the President the truth, as we see it. We need to also present the other side's point of view as fairly as possible," the secretary wrote in an e-mail to Hurlbut.

Officials at the Treasury Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget often argued that government subsidies to clean-energy companies gave them too great of a return on investment, or an "unjust enrichment," Chu wrote.

"Many times, they felt that a 'better deal' could have been brokered by DOE and asked us to renegotiate," he said.

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## Will electric cars ignite a lithium boom?

Some suggest the lithium supply could eventually be tighter than oil is today

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During last year's American presidential campaign, John McCain laid out his plan to jump-start the electric car industry with a US\$300-million reward for whomever could build a better battery. His then rival, Barack Obama, roundly mocked the scheme, calling it a "gimmick." But it turns out that Obama's biggest problem with the plan may have been there weren't enough zeros in the prize.

Any day now, the U.S. Department of Energy is expected to announce the winning recipients of grants to foster a domestic automotive battery industry, and this time the pot is worth US\$2.4-billion. Washington has already handed out US\$8 billion in loans to Ford, Tesla and Nissan to promote cleaner vehicles—which the latter plans to tap to build an automotive battery plant in Tennessee. And just last week Ontario jumped in to pledge incentives of as much as \$10,000 per car to lure drivers into buying electrics.

With such vast sums sloshing around, it's no surprise that companies and investors are rubbing their hands over the prospect of a boom in the market for lithium. This unique metal, so soft you can cut it with a knife and so reactive it can become explosive when it comes in contact with water, is a key ingredient in the next generation of car batteries, and as plug-in hybrids and electric cars hit the mass market, some are wondering where all that

lithium will come from. "There have been a lot of worries out there that all this money that is being spent on lithium-ion battery technology is going to create shortages," says Jacob Grose, an analyst at Lux Research. In other words, if the fear now is Peak Oil, could the crisis next decade be Peak Lithium?

Lithium-ion batteries are far from new. For two decades they've increasingly found their way into iPods and laptops, which now account for 20 per cent of the lithium market. (The rest goes to ceramics, glass and pharmaceuticals.) For the same reasons gadget-makers use them—lithium-ion batteries are lighter than other types, and kick out twice the power—more and more car companies plan to put them into their plug-in hybrids and electric cars.

Along with the environmental benefits, a key driver in this push is to reduce the West's dependence on Middle East oil. But it turns out that with lithium-ion batteries, the U.S. will still be forced to rely on foreigners. China is a major source of the mineral, as are Chile and Argentina, where it is extracted from brine pools. The world's largest undeveloped lithium deposit is located in Bolivia, which has already indicated it won't let foreign companies mine its reserves, and that could be a problem. Bolivia is hardly a friend to the U.S.—the government of President Evo Morales recently accused America's ambassador of trying to break up the country and expelled him. In a report to Congress last month, the U.S. Government Accountability Office warned that by switching from gas-powered cars to lithium battery cars the U.S. could simply "substitute reliance on one foreign resource for another."

This could be a major concern if supplies become strained—and some say they will be as electric cars catch on. Obama aims to have one million electric cars on U.S. roads by 2015, while JPMorgan predicts hybrid sales will reach 9.6 million three years later. Japanese carmaker Mitsubishi has said demand for electric cars could surpass supply by 2015, and a commonly-cited 2006 report by William Tahil of Meridian International Research, entitled *The Trouble With Lithium*, suggests the lithium supply could eventually be tighter than oil is today.

However, others question such predictions. For one thing, though Tahil's report is repeatedly referenced in news reports, there are good reasons to be suspicious of its contents. An earlier study by Tahil on the 9/11 terrorist attacks offered "incontrovertible proof" the towers were destroyed by "nuclear explosions." Even ignoring Tahil's bizarre research history, his report assumes virtually every car sold each year—all 60 million of them—will be electric.

"People who argue we'll have peak lithium make huge assumptions about the size of the market," says Kent Furst, an analyst at the Freedonia Group. The U.S. Geological Survey's lithium analyst, Brian Jaskula, agrees. Should electric cars become wildly popular, he says, there is still enough supply to meet demand for the next decade. That doesn't include the lithium in Bolivia, a large Nevada lithium mine proposed by Vancouver-based Western Lithium, or potential deposits in Canada.

Besides, while engines constantly consume oil, a lithium battery can power a car for years. If lithium supplies do become an issue some day, by then other battery technologies may have taken over, says Bob Kruse, a executive with GM's clean energy vehicle program. While the Chevy Volt electric car debuts next year, the company is already working on the second- and third-generations of the car, testing other types of batteries. "I don't think we're in danger of running out of lithium any time soon," he says.

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## Lithium and Obama's Electrification of America

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America's future energy course is being charted today because of the ramifications of peak oil, because cars pollute too much, because of global warming, because America wishes to end her dependence on foreign supplied energy and to be blunt... Americans need jobs.

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"A new energy economy is going to be part of what creates the millions of new jobs that we need," President Obama.

Because of these reasons a whole new industry, a domestic automotive and industrial lithium-ion battery industry, is going to be built.

President Obama recently said, when announcing US\$2.4 billion in grants to accelerate the manufacturing and use of next-generation car batteries and electric vehicles, "I'm committed to a strategy that ensures America leads in the design and the deployment of the next generation of clean-energy vehicles. This is not just an investment to produce vehicles today; this is an investment in our capacity to develop new technologies tomorrow."

Obama's plan is to have one million electric cars on U.S. roads by 2015. JPMorgan predicts hybrid sales will reach 9.6 million cars three years later. Global Strategic Analysts predicts that the market for lithium-ion batteries is likely to grow at a compound annual growth rate of over 32% through 2010. With an increased demand for hybrid automobiles this growth rate will continue.

Commodity rules rule! Will electrification ignite a lithium boom?

Only time will tell. But with lithium batteries going to play a key role in the auto industry and eventually appearing throughout the electrical grid it's entirely plausible, in this author's humble opinion, that lithium is the next break out investment.

There's billions and billions of dollars, courtesy of the government's stimulus package, still to come (Washington has already handed out US\$8 billion in loans) for advanced battery technology R&D companies and battery manufacturers. The auto industry is gearing up to make its first real go at marketing plug-in vehicles for the masses. The start flag has dropped and the race to build lithium-ion batteries for vehicles has started.

If the US does not develop a lithium-ion battery manufacturing sector at home it may very well be shut out of the electric car business – he who makes the batteries will also make the cars. Lithium demand will skyrocket as more and more hybrids roll down the assembly line. Current processing potential is limited, making it vulnerable to market disruption. And limited supplies could mean big profits for lithium miners and producers.

It's extremely hard to believe that any politician or lobbyist would consider sourcing the needed supplies for Obama's Energy Revolution from offshore suppliers and risk the same foreign dependence as they have today with oil. Politicians will fight tooth and nail to avoid importing lithium or lithium-ion batteries.

Because there is so much money being thrown around and because lithium is the key ingredient to make these future electric cars viable it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone if investors are smiling with glee over the prospects of a huge boom in the prices of their favorite lithium explorers and producers.

Will the Electrification of America become unplugged?

The U.S. Government Accountability Office, in a report to congress, warned that by switching from gas-powered cars to lithium battery powered cars the U.S. might simply "substitute reliance on one foreign resource for another."

"Politicians ... ran on a plank based on ending foreign oil dependence, and it is unlikely that voters will want to meekly transfer this dependence to lithium." Said the Council On Hemispheric Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Obama said this during his election campaign...."Finding the new driver of our economy is going to be critical. There's no better driver that pervades all aspects of our economy than a new energy economy...That's going to be my No. 1 priority when I get into office." President Obama



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## 13 Battery Startups Hitting the Road With Lithium-ion

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By Jose Gutwate - Earth2Tech

With billions of dollars in government funds coming down the pipeline for advanced batteries courtesy of the stimulus package, and the auto industry gearing up to make its first real go at marketing plug-in vehicles for the masses, the race to build lithium-ion batteries for vehicles has never been better.

Massive international battery makers may dominate the mobile device and laptop markets for lithium-ion batteries, but a growing number of companies — some founded just in the last year, others that have been around for over a decade — are hoping to carve out a piece of the battery vehicle market. They have their work cut out for them, however, as more established companies such as Samsung, Hitachi and NEC are eyeing the same prize.

As the money rolls out and competition heats up, here are 13 battery startups you should know about:

**A123Systems:** Massachusetts-based A123Systems, working with nanoscale materials licensed from MIT, has attracted big-name backers including General Electric, Motorola and Qualcomm. The startup had raised \$132 million by late 2007, and last year filed for an IPO. But A123 has since revised its registration with the SEC several times (taking into account turmoil on Wall Street and in the auto industry, and most recently the introduction of new government incentives) and has yet to go public.

Runner-up to supply cells for General Motors' Chevy Volt and winner of a deal with Chrysler to make modules and battery packs for the struggling automaker's planned plug-in vehicles, A123 is also working on energy storage systems for electric utilities and got its start with batteries for power tools. The company has its eye on at least two DOE programs, and has won state-level support as part of Michigan's efforts to lure battery manufacturing jobs.

**ActaCell:** Having raised \$5.8 million in a Series A round led by DFJ Mercury and joined by Google.org last summer, ActaCell has been working toward a 2010 commercial launch. ActaCell's devices, which it expects to have a longer cycle life at lower costs than the competition, are based on technology developed at the University of Texas at Austin. The company has joined the National Alliance for Advanced Transportation Battery Cell Manufacture, a group of 50 U.S. companies that plan to invest more than \$600 million in a battery R&D center in Kentucky, if DOE funds come through.

**Boston-Power:** Massachusetts-based laptop battery maker Boston-Power unveiled a new battery for plug-in vehicles in May 2009. The 4-year-old company hasn't released many details about this "swag" model, other than to say that it will deliver "industry-leading capabilities" in areas such as energy density, lifespan, safety, cost savings and environmental sustainability.

While Boston-Power says it has enough manufacturing capacity to produce millions of cells per month in Asia, it aims to build a new lithium-ion battery factory within three years in Auburn, Mass., for both laptop and vehicle battery cells — if it wins approval from the DOE for about \$100 million in grants. Otherwise Boston-Power plans to continue to grow and open more factories to meet demand, but probably not stateside.

**CFX Battery:** Co-founded less than a year ago by Rachid Yazami, research director of France's National Center for Scientific Research, Caltech professor Robert H. Grubbs and French chemist Andrea Iannelli,

CFX Battery is working with technology developed at Caltech to produce prismatic (flat), cylindrical, thin-film and coin lithium-ion cells.

The Azusa, Calif.-based startup has reportedly raised \$15 million and now says it is growing its team and seeking alliances with major equipment manufacturers as it develops batteries for not only electric cars but also medical devices, mobile phones, laptops, and military and industrial applications. Anticipating a lithium squeeze down the road and eyeing lower-cost alternatives, Yazami tells the New York Times that he is also "trying to develop a battery powered by nano particles of sodium and water."

**Electrovaya:** Mississauga, Ontario-based Electrovaya makes battery systems (cells, modules and interfaces) for hybrid and electric vehicles — including some of its own, such as the low-speed electric Maya 300 that rolled last month in a small ExxonMobil-backed car-sharing program. Working with nanostructured lithium-ion polymer technology, Electrovaya snagged three deals with Chinese manufacturers late last year, and also has agreements with India's Tata Motors and Konway's Hebo Innovation for highway-speed electric cars. The company was founded in 1996 and began trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange four years later.

**Enax:** Founded 13 years ago as a battery consulting service in Tokyo, Enax is now working on "lithium-ion cells especially for future hybrid and electric drives in automobiles" with battery giant Continental, which bought a 16 percent stake in the company last year. Enax claims the new batteries will be safer and have a longer service life than today's offerings, as AutologGreen reports. The company, which aims to provide batteries for "electric vehicles, submarines, fuel cell system, etc.," also supplies electrodes to other companies.

**Envia Systems:** Based in Hayward, Calif., early-stage Envia Systems raised a \$3.2 million first round of financing late last year from Bay Partners and Redpoint Ventures to help with development of "high performance, low cost energy storage solutions using lithium ion batteries" for plug-in vehicles.

**Imara:** Founded in 2006, Menlo Park, Calif.-based Imara is working on small-format batteries for power tools and outdoor equipment, with the goal of eventually producing vehicle batteries after it builds "a solid economic base." VP and Magazine Editor Triple Pundit. Still, the company has requested stimulus funds from the DOE to build a plant in Portland, Ore., to produce cells for plug-in hybrid vehicle batteries.

Imara has raised \$20 million in venture capital (investors include Battery Ventures and Mh Power) and licenses its technology from S&I International. The company told us late last year that it aimed to use the funds to ramp up annual production capacity to at least 8 million cells by the end of 2009, with electrode manufacturing facilities in Menlo Park, Calif., and assembly for small-format batteries contracted out in Asia.

**Mobius Power:** Based in Fremont, Calif., Mobius Power aims to produce lithium-ion batteries with high energy density for mobile phones, notebook computers, backup power for the grid, and hybrid vehicles. Founded in 2007 with a reported \$4.5 million investment from Valdes International, Lightspeed Venture Partners and Sigma Partners, the company is not revealing many details, but says its "technology is based on innovative and patented developments in the research laboratories at a major U.S. corporation."

**Sakti3:** Sakti3 has been amassing funds and partnerships since we first wrote about its \$2 million investment from Khosla Ventures last year. It remains tight-lipped about its technology, however, which stems from research led by CEO Ann Marie Sastry, who heads up University of Michigan's energy systems engineering program.

Sakti3 has won significant support from the state of Michigan and partnered with General Motors, a move designed to strengthen both companies' requests for government aid and a vote of confidence in the startup's cell tech. In a separate deal, Sastry is already helping to retain 50 GM engineers at the University of Michigan. To reach commercial-scale manufacturing within three years, Sakti3 hopes to get a \$15 million grant from the Department of Energy.

**Seeo:** Seeo has developed a nano-structured solid-state battery based on a solid polymer electrolyte that founder and technology director Mohit Singh says is more stable, safer, and has a higher energy density than lithium ion batteries now on the market. For comparison, MIT's Technology Review explains, "Today's lithium ion batteries use lithium cobalt oxide electrodes and a liquid electrolyte...the electrode material can release oxygen when overcharged or punctured, causing the flammable solvent to catch fire and the battery to explode."

Singh developed the nanostructured polymer electrolyte as a post-doctoral fellow at Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, and says the batteries can deliver 300 watt-hours per kilogram (compared with less than 200 watt-hours per kilogram for a traditional lithium-ion battery) and can operate at a much higher temperature than the competition. The company



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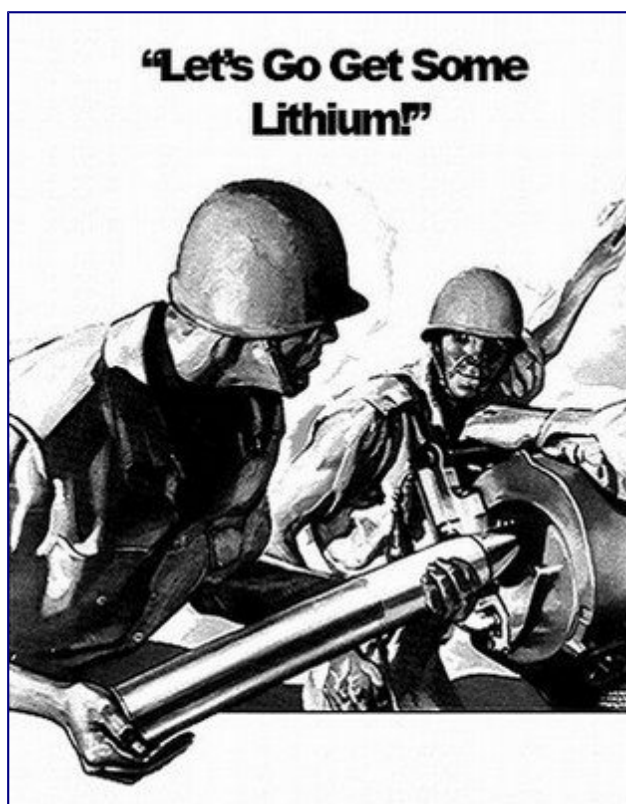
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## THE WAR FOR BATTERY PROFITS

It is the nature of human males to seek to kill each other in large numbers at regular intervals.

History has demonstrated, since the dawn of written documentation, that men will congeal and chop, hack, maim, rape, butcher, torture and kill other groups of men in vastly large numbers.

There are always tribal wars, territory wars, regional wars and ethnic wars devastating large groups of people at every point in time, somewhere in the world.

The women and children are, generally, hacked up too, if they are in the vicinity.

This has brought about government support for sports stadiums in every city, in order to provide an outlet for the more brutal members of society. (There appear to be a lot of the more brutal members according to sports participation statistics.)

Once men get mad in groups, some vapors, brain chemistry or electromagnetic mish-mosh seems to keep increasing the anger, increasing the lack of compassion and increasing the willingness to suspend social decency. Then the atrocity cycles begin. Atrocity, revenge, atrocity, revenge; ad infinitude.

Back at the HQ, once the statisticians finally realize that no economic gain can come from the event, the whole thing is called off.

That part of world then mourns, despairs, cries out “never again”... and then it all starts up and repeats again, 15 to 20 years later, or so.

In the modern world, we have some new wrinkles. You can now go from your part of the world to somebody else's part of the world in less than a day. In most of those cases, the other side can't afford to get to your part of the world. The warfare scenarios can be more like slumming than like full-on ground-for-ground battles than ever before.

The other wrinkle is that, in some countries, only four or five men can start a war for personal gain. A factory owner, a distributor and a law firm can get together and say, for example: “hmmmm, if only we could control the main part of the lithium production...?” “what if we made lithium

suddenly become very important after we had already roped in all of the big sources for it...?” “we could monopolize a multi TRILLION dollar market!”

Then, if their partners said: “oh yes, that’s a great scheme”, all they need to do is put \$200,000.00 into 15 senators pockets and war will happen in a region which they think they can take over.

Unless the public is paying attention. This time, the public might have been paying attention...

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## **The Green mobsters of the 1% and their Divine Disinformation Campaigns. Raiding the Lithium for their electric car bank accounts.**



Al Capone and many of the biggest, most notorious, criminals, they hide in plain sight.

They use the Green-washing cover story of “saving the planet”.



They think that the auditors and investigative reporters won't look at them so hard if everyone believes they are just feeding unicorns and doing happy wonderful things instead of running secret societies, high-end sex clubs and doing crime.

The Bohemian Club, The Stanford Guardsmen, The Key Club, Kappa Beta Phi, The Silicon Valley Cartel, The NVCA and Skull and Bones are all "Collusion Clubs" created by a small group of rich White Males to operate monopolies.

Kleiner Perkins, and the Silicon Valley Cartel, partnered with Russian Mobsters to stage lithium and other mining scams. Let's take a look at some of their partners:

## **Russian Organized Crime Bosses & Steven Chu Cash:**

The "Russian Businessmen" held multiple meetings with the Silicon Valley suspects and, along with their associates who are now on FBI Watch Lists, engaged in contracts with them. Why did Steven Chu give so much emergency Department of Energy cash to Russian billionaires at Severstal, Ener1 and others? Was this part of a kick-back in exchange for Russian mob/"businessman" support for Afghan mining equipment?

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### **[Text of Congressional Letter Questioning Energy Department Approval of \\$730 Million Loan Made to Subsidiary of Russian Company Headed by Billionaire](#)**

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## Ownership Questions Dog ENER1 (HEV) As It Competes For Loans And Grants

Posted by [Alison Kroulek](#) | # |  
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Ener1 seems like it would be one of the companies most likely to benefit from the stimulus plan. After all, the company makes batteries for electric cars and it has a manufacturing plant in Indiana, so it benefits American workers. Plus, the market for these batteries should take off as America tries to reduce the amount of fossil fuels used to power our vehicles. Here's how [Barron's](#) describes Ener1's growth potential:

If Ener1 were to win 5% to 12% of a million-vehicle battery market, the company estimates, it could pull in \$2.1 billion in annual revenue with 15% margins (based on earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization). "If you want to apply a 15 times multiple to that cash flow, which in any normal market is a reasonable growth market, you're talking about a \$4.5 billion equity-market cap," says CEO Charles Gassenheimer.

To help expand its facilities here, Ener1 has applied for a \$480 million loan from the US Department of Energy and plans to apply for some of a \$2 billion dollar grant that is part of the Advanced Battery Manufacturing Initiative in the stimulus plan.

However, questions about the company's ownership are complicating the application process. Here's how the [Barron's](#) article I linked to above explains the problem:

As of late February, some 62% of Ener1's outstanding shares were owned by privately held Ener1 Group. In turn, 66% of Ener1 Group — a recent participant in a \$5.7 million loan to Think Global, which is trying to emerge from bankruptcy — is held by Bzinfm, a British Virgin Islands company whose "indirect beneficial owner" is Boris Zingarevich, a Russian businessman. Zingarevich has close ties to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

This is a concern for the Department of Energy. There are fears that if Ener1 develops a successful battery, all of the research and development funded with DOE loans and grants could be transferred back to Russia, especially since there are also military applications for the technology.

Speaking to [Barron's](#), Ener1 CEO responded to these concerns by denying that the Russian investors have any influence on the decisions the company makes. Here's how he explains the situation:

Gassenheimer says that Zingarevich joined the company "when the two founders ran into financial difficulties... If it were not for Boris, this company would not be alive today. He's been a tremendous partner, a patient investor. It's nice to have someone with this level of patience that is fully committed to the story." He adds that Zingarevich "as a matter of SEC rules...is deemed to 'beneficially own' a majority of our shares" but has

*The DOE loan is part of a commercial and other renewable energy loan program organized under its Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program called*

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*ATVM. The program is supposed to help financially starved companies in the green auto manufacturing field by providing taxpayer-supported low interest loans.*

As PJM's Richard Pollock points out, the billionaire, Alexei Mordashov, is the 29th richest man in the world. Mordashov's company, Severstal, recently made \$1.2 billion from the sale of several steel mills in Ohio and other states. He could finance Dearborn plant out of his own pocket and still have enough left over to buy his own [miniature giraffe](#). (2)

And then there's the question of why Severstal, a fully-capitalized company that's neither in the auto or "Green industries," qualifies for loans meant to help "green auto manufacturing."

Why, if I were a cynic, I might suspect some sort of a payoff here.

Nah. I must just be a *RAAAACIST!!* and a hater. Or something.

**Footnote:**

(1) Read: "They get the gold mine, the taxpayer gets the shaft."

(2) I love that commercial.

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that the type of steel was even eligible for federal loan consideration under the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program (ATVM) overseen by the Department of Energy (DOE).

Following is the text (footnotes omitted) of Issa's letter to Secretary Chu:

October 20, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu...

Dear Mr. Chu:

The Oversight and Government Reform Committee is conducting oversight of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing Program (ATVM). The Committee is concerned about DOE's decision to offer a \$730 million conditional loan commitment to Severstal North America, a subsidiary of the Russian steel and mining company OAO Severstal, to improve an advanced high strength steel (AHSS) plant in Dearborn, Michigan. Of specific concern is that Severstal was already moving forward with production plans before the ATVM loan was approved with apparently no need for federal financing. Finally, it is not clear that AHSS manufactured by Severstal is eligible for ATVM loan consideration.

According to DOE, "[t]he ATVM Loan Program provides loans to automobile and automobile parts manufacturers for the cost of reequipping, expanding, or establishing manufacturing facilities in the United States to produce advanced technology vehicles or qualified components, and for associated engineering integration costs." Unlike many applicants to the ATVM program, OAO Severstal is a multibillion-dollar Russian company with steel and mining operations throughout Europe, Africa, and North America. According to *Forbes* magazine, the CEO of Severstal, Alexei Mordashov, is one of the world's wealthiest persons with a net worth of \$18.5 billion. Mr. Mordashov has close ties to Vladimir Putin and other powerful people involved in Russian politics and business within a cadre known as "The St. Petersburg Group." Accordingly, it does not appear that Severstal would have any difficulty self-financing the Dearborn project or finding financing on the open market.

Announcements made by Severstal during the loan consideration process indicated that the company had ample means to carry out the project. In March 2011, before receiving taxpayer funds, Severstal had already sold plants in Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland in order to shift financial resources to its Dearborn facility. Following these closings, Severstal then announced a \$740 million modernization project at the facility. Surprisingly, in June 2011, DOE granted an ATVM loan to Severstal, months after the decision to undertake the Dearborn project had already been made. Given the immense wealth and power of Severstal's CEO and the fact that the corporation had already made significant investments in the project, it is surprising that DOE would choose Severstal for a loan meant to spark new businesses and technologies within the automotive industry.

The Committee is also concerned that the loan to Severstal is not consistent with the purpose of the ATVM program. For a business to qualify for an ATVM loan, it must be either an "automobile manufacturer or a component supplier that undertakes a project that reequips, expands, or establishes manufacturing facilities in the United States ... which provide meaningful improvements in fuel economy performance beyond specified levels" (emphasis added). Since Severstal clearly does not manufacture automobiles, it could only qualify as a component part manufacturer. Steel, whether AHSS or otherwise, is clearly a *material* used to make components. Thus, Severstal should not be eligible for the ATVM loan program.

Finally, AHSS is not in short supply in the United States. Numerous American AHSS manufacturing facilities already exist and currently produce under capacity. In fact, current total U.S. AHSS production capacity is just over six million tons per year, nearly two million tons more than the estimated AHSS peak demand in 2020. It would seem to be a waste of taxpayer funds to subsidize Severstal's AHSS facility when there is already more than enough production available for this material.

In light of these numerous concerns, I request that you respond to the following questions, and provide the requested documents:

## Alexey Mordashov

### Received DOE Funds Via Severstal:

Alexey Mordashov -General director of “Severstal group”, Chairman of the board of directors in “Power Machines”, the largest shareholder of “Arcelor”,

<http://rumafia.com/person.php?id=54>

Surname: Mordashov

Name: Alexey

Fathername: Aleksandrovich

Position: General director of “Severstal group”, Chairman of the board of directors in “Power Machines”, the largest shareholder of “Arcelor”, a member of board of RSPP.

### Biography

Mordashov Alexey Aleksandrovich was born on September 26, 1965 in Cherepovets in the Vologda area in workers’ family; Russian. In 1988 he graduated with excellence from the Leningrad Engineering-Economical Institute. During study he got acquainted with Anatoly Chubais.

From 1988 till 1989 – Senior Economist in maintenance and repair shop #1 of the Cherepovets Metallurgical Plant (CMP).

In 1989-1991 – Head of Bureau of Economics and Labor of MRS#1 at CMP.

In 1991-1992 – Deputy Director of planning department of CMP.

In 1992-1993 – Deputy Director of Economics and Finance at CMP.

Since 1993 – Financial Director of CMP (now CMP is renamed into Open Joint-Stock Company “Severstal”). Simultaneously the chairman of board of directors of joint-stock company “Severstal-Invest”. He was one of creators of the plant privatization program, and transition to active marketing practice in metal trading. Company “Severstal-Invest” was engaged in sale of rolled metal products, motor vehicles and the weapon, cultivation, processing and sale of fish, realtor and security-detective activity.

Since March, 1996 – chairman of board of “Severstal-holding” LLC (Cherepovets).

Since March, 1996 – chairman of board of directors of Joint-Stock Company “Severstal-invest” (Cherepovets).

Since September 1996 till June, 2002 – General Director of “Severstal” OAO.

Since November, 1997 – chairman of board of directors in Metkombank (Cherepovets). He was a councilor of bank “Metallinvest”. Then he was trained on courses of managers in England (in the late nineties he completed the MBA program of Newcastle Business school (NBS) in the University of Northumbria (UNN, Great Britain).

Since June, 2000 – the councilor of directors of Joint-Stock Company «Izhora pipe factory», joint venture of «Izhora factories» OAO and “Severstal” OAO. In October, 2000 he was selected as a member of bureau of board of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP).

Since June, 2001 – coordinator of RSPP Working group.

From April 2001 till April, 2003 – member of the Supervisory board of «Industrial Construction Bank» (ICB).

Since June, 2002 – chairman of the board of directors of “Severstal” OAO.

Since 2002 – General Director of “Severstal group” ZAO.

Since August, 2002 – the chairman of the board of directors of “SSM-Tyazhmash” LLC, subsidiary of “Severstal group” ZAO.

Since December, 2002 – the judicial arbitrator at the Commission on Ethics of RSPP created for settlement of corporate disputes.

In May, 2003 he was included in structure of Business Council at the government of the Russian Federation.

In December, 2003 he became the authorized representative of president Putin on presidential election on March, 14th, 2004.

In 2003 Forbes magazine included Mordashov in the list of 500 richest people in the world (348th place, fortune – 1.2 billion dollars).

In February, 2004 “Severstal” OAO informed that Mordashov supervised 82.75% of stocks of “Severstal”.

Since June, 2004 – councilor of directors of bank “Rossiya” (St.-Petersburg).

In February 2006 “Finance” magazine estimated Mordashov’s capital at 6.0 billion dollars (the tenth place in Russia).

In March, 2006 there was a next rating of Forbes Magazine in which Mordashov was on the 64th place in the world (fortune – 7.6 billion dollars).

Member of Board of guardians of RDC «Expert institute» at Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP);

Member of Advisory council on the innovations created by Ministry of Industry and Science of the Russian Federation.

He is awarded with the order «For Merits for Country» of the I and II degrees.

The winner of the All-Russia competition of businessmen “Career-96”. In December, 2000 Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs called him the best businessman of the year.

Speaks English and German.

Mordashov is married for the second time. He has three sons – one from the first marriage, two – from the second one.

Takes a great interest in poetry, painting, active winter kinds of sports.

Source: <http://www.anticompromat.org/>

Dossier:

By 2001 there were no any compromising materials concerning Mordashov on pages of the mass-media. As for unpleasant stories – only divorce with the wife and the ignominious alimony to the son. The only thing that was spoken about him appeared in July, 2001. Mordashov was supposed to be offered a post of the chairman in the Russian government. In reply to that Mordashov declared that even if he had been offered the post he would have had to refuse of it.

Source: <http://www.rb.ru>

In 2004 in mass media the materials convicting Mordashov of dishonest engagement of “Severstal” were published. The ex-general director of Cherepovets Metallurgical Plant Yury Lipuhin – who promoted Mordashov on a career ladder – became an information source. When Mordashov was already the director of “Severstal” the plant suffered from an attempt of raid capture. Trans-

World Group tried to persuade Mordashov to sell the plant (it was represented by well known businessmen Vladimir Lisin, Mikhail Chernoy, Oleg Deripaska) but he resisted. After those events Mordashov convinced Lipuhin that the plant shares needed to be privatized not to admit strangers to the enterprise. The plant released metal under the low prices to the company “Severstal-Invest” created for that purpose; Mordashov spent millions of gross margin from resale on purchase of vouchers and shares from workers. So he became the owner of 51% of shares of “Severstal” and Lipuhin – 49 %.

In 1998 there was a conflict between two proprietors – Mordashov decided to diversify business and began to buy up industrial actives: stocks of ports in St.Petersburg, Tuapse and East port, coal mines, Kolomna diesel factory, UAZ factory. Lipuhin was against of such diversification of the business. In the beginning of 2001 Mordashov redeemed from Lipuhin 49 % of “Severstal-Guarant” with the big discount; Lipuhin is still offended by Mordashov for that. The latter during had enemies that period – Zavolzhsky motor factory became a subject of his conflict to GAZ owner Oleg Deripaska. Together with the head of “Eurazholding” Alexander Abramov, Mordashov struggled for “Kuzbassugol”, the metallurgical market was divided with Iskander Mahmudov.

Source: «Forbes», 4/10/2004

In youth during internship in Austria Mordashov had a conflict with the son of the minister of ferrous metallurgy Serafim Kolpakov Sergey. The minister demanded for Yury Lipuhin dismissed Mordashov, but Lipuhin then defended the young perspective employee.

Source: «Forbes», 4/10/2004

In 2001 the first spouse of Mordashov, Elena declared that Alexey Mordashov did not help their son sufficiently, didn't let her arrange private life and promoted her dismissal from work. For 2000 Mordashov declared his income at 80 million dollars (Mordashov denied the sum soon after that), his former wife took advantage and sued for alimony and separation of jointly acquired property (he had been paying to the wife 650 dollars monthly for the son). Mordashova demanded a share in business of the husband and developed huge information war. The businessman considered that behind that claim there were competitors of metallurgical holding – the Ural mountain-metallurgical plant and “Sibal”, in particular their owner Iskander Mahmudov who was at that time the main

contender of Mordashov in the metallurgical market. In August, 2001 the former wife applied to Nikulinsky Office of Public Prosecutor of Moscow with the requirement to force former husband to give 25% of the income for education of the son from first marriage. In her opinion the underpaid alimony of Mordashov made more than semi billion dollars. In maintenance of the claim the Office of Public Prosecutor managed to arrest 32.5 % of stocks of “Severstal”. Claims of former spouse Elena Mordashova for a quarter of incomes of the husband were recognized by Moscow court as groundless, and attachment was removed from property. And after that Cherepovets court took Mordashov’s side and decided that he did not owe to the former spouse 40 percent of shares of “Severstal” (Elena Mordashova had declared such requirements in the statement of claim). As a result Elena Mordashova lost both suits.

Source: «Moscow Komsomolets», 8/20/2001, “Vedomosti”, 10/30/2002

On presidential election of 2004 Alexey Mordashov was Vladimir Putin’s authorized representative. Support of the head of the country helped Mordashov to create the steel-making company the largest in Russia, which possessed the largest actives abroad on the basis of the Cherepovets plant.

Source: <http://www.akado.com/news>

In February, 2005 Alexey Mordashov made scandal at airport Vnukovo-3. He left the plane together with two girls accompanying him in the trip. One of his companions unexpectedly found out that she had lost a buckle from the handbag. Mordashov unexpectedly began to behave inadequately: for about a half an hour he loudly shouted at employees of the airport, and demanded to pay him one thousand dollars for the lost buckle.

Source: “Life”, 2/9/2005

Alexey Mordashov tried to unite his business with metallurgical group Arcelor being absorbed, but owners of the company refused the offer of Mordashov and group “aggressors” – Mittal Steel became its owner.

Source: Investments ? 3(334) 01.02-07.02.2010

In September, 2006 Alexey Mordashov decided to hold again the post of the general director of “Severstal”; in this connection he carried out administrative reform at the enterprise. General Director Anatoly Kruchinin, the hired manager,



was removed by Mordashov from the post. Later he was appointed as the General Director of «Severstal. Russian steel» (in April, 2008 management of “Severstal” divided it into three directions: «Severstal. Russian steel», «Severstal. Resources», «Severstal Internationa»). Mordashov’s return on a post of the director of according to his plan should promote success of IPO – Kruchinin was unknown person in business while Mordashov after attempt to become the largest owner of Arcelor received world popularity. In some months Mordashov arranged IPO in London which observers considered to be not successful.

Source: “Vedomosti”, 9/21/2006

Due to lack of more interesting actual metallurgical actives for purchase, Mordashov once again tried to diversify business in adjacent spheres. New object of interest of the businessman – the main Russian manufacturer of the equipment for electric power industry, “Power machines”. Structures “Severstal” then requested permissions for the transaction in Federal antimonopoly service (FAS). Stocks of “Power machines” were the personal investment of Mordashov which was not connected with mountain-metallurgical company “Severstal”. Competitors of Mordashov in struggle for “Power machines” became Victor Vekselberg and Oleg Deripaska.

Source: <http://www.newsru.com> from 6/9/2007

In December, 2003 bank “Rossiya” informed that it would make additional share issue for 30 million rubles face value in advantage of Alexey Mordashov’s “Severstal-groups” under the price in 20 times above face value. Thus, the holding should pay 600 million rubles for 9% of shares of bank with own capital of 616 million rubles. The General Director of “Rossiya” Victor Myachin explained the high cost of package with consideration of the «occurrence of the foreign investor» in the capital of bank and dynamics of its development (for a year actives and the capital have trebled). Experts consider such estimation of a minority package as absolutely inadequate. The most probable explanation of such an odd act – rupture of relations with Industrial Construction Bank (ICB) and transfer of money resources to bank “Rossiya”. At the same time Mordashov since 90th years kept partner relations with Petersburg banker Vladimir Kogan, ex-founder of ICB – in the beginning of 2001 Mordashov sold a share holding of “Metkombank” to Kogan.

Source: <http://www.mfd.ru> News

In the beginning of 2007 in the central mass-media, in particular, in newspapers “Commersant” and “Newspaper” the information began to appear that soon there would be a merge of two largest metallurgical companies – “Eurazholding” and “Severstal”. Besides it was written about nationalization of branch and government plans about it. As there were no any concrete facts confirming possibilities of such changes, there were assumptions that this “canard” in respectful newspapers was created by their owners. The owner of “Commersant” – Alisher Usmanov was simultaneously the owner of “Metalloinvest”, the largest metallurgical companies; “Newspaper” belonged to other large “metallurgist” Vladimir Lisin, the owner of Novolipetsk metallurgical plant. The purpose: to press on competitors or to force them to buy, for example, business for high price, probably even to frighten and force to cease to put up money in development of the enterprise, to sell to competitor.

Source: «Komsomol truth», 5/30/2007

In August, 2008 at Mordashov’s company “Power machine” shareholders were replaced: 63.1 % of shares of company have appeared concentrated in three offshore now. Among shareholders of OAO there were two offshore, King Rail Trading and Ashington Trading, each owns 16,55 % of his actions. Presumably, these companies are under control of Alexey Mordashov and re-structuring of actives allows him to bypass the requirement about exhibiting of the obligatory offer by minorities. If Alexey Mordashov exposed the offer, he should redeem shares from minorities with 9 percent award to market quotations. He did not expose it but bought up company shares in the off-exchange market from many sellers. Redistribution of actives gave Mordashov also the joint-stock control over the company.

Source: “Money” ? 33 (688), 8/25/2008

The Office of Public Prosecutor accused Alexey Mordashov of legislation infringement – he, having dismissed employees of Kostomuksha mining and concentrating mill, in October, 2009 replaced them with less paid Gastarbeiters. Active workers of the enterprise arranged several meetings in the city, the Office of Public Prosecutor of Karelia began investigation. Trade-union active workers were accused of extremism and Alexey Mordashov was required by the public prosecutor of republic Karelia to exclude infringement of the labor and social rights of citizens and to provide measures on prevention social and political

tension in «Karelian pellet OAO. Thereof Mordashev stopped employment of migrants.

Source: Rusmet.ru 24.12.09

Alexey Mordashova's name was mentioned in a context of preparation of amendments by the Ministry of Finance to the article 7 of the Tax code depriving Russian businessmen of possibility to minimize taxes by using the companies in the countries having agreements with Russia on avoidance of the double taxation. It was declared that Alexey Mordashov had supervised "Severstal" through the Cyprian companies, thereby minimized taxes in the federal budget of our country.

Source: <http://www.polit.ru/news>, 12/2/2009

The family conflict of Alexey Mordashov with the first wife Elena Novitskaya passed to a new stage – in 2004 she submitted the claim to the Strasbourg court where she accused Russia of partiality of justice. In January, 2010 Novitskaya's case received a priority. Few years ago the court dismissed Novitskaya's claim about property separation, as all agreements on property division between spouses had been signed back in 1996, and Novitskaya did not apply for shares and refused them voluntarily. Having lost the court, Elena Novitskaya still owed the state duty of 213 million rubles. In European court Novitskaya demanded from Russia for compensation at amount of 500 million dollars, referring to article 6 of the European convention about human rights. Now Russia should prove that at the moment of divorce Alexey Mordashov did not possess influence on justice.

## **Boris G. Zingarevich**

Received DOE funds through Ener1

Boris Zingarevich – Deputy Director General of Ilim Group

<http://rumafia.com/person.php?id=204>

Surname: Zingarevich

Name: Boris

Fathername: Gennadievich

Position: Deputy Director General of Ilim Group

Biography:

Date of Birth: 08 July 1959.

Place of Birth: Sebez (Pskov region).

1981: Graduated from the Leningrad Technological Institute of Pulp and Paper Industry (specialty: machines and apparatus of PPI)

1991-1992: “Tekhnoferm”, the CEO

1985-1991: Leningrad carton factory, Master of cardboard shop, Production Manager

1981-1985: Kondopozhsky PPM, mechanic

Since 1992 – Deputy Director General of Ilim

Source: <http://www.forbesrussia.ru>

Dossier:

Until the early 90's Boris Zingarevich, along with his brother Michael worked as a mechanic at the Leningrad cardboard factory. In 1992 they created “Ilim Pulp” – a company for export of paper products. Then they got reassigned to the woods production, and over the years have bought about 30 logging companies – then timber industry enterprises were sold at very low prices.

Easy money in the timber industry caused competition that turned into criminal fights. Most of them appeared to be in Arkhangelsk region, where the main enterprise of the holding – Kotlas PPM was. In the region, the company has developed a bad reputation to the extent that one day in January 2002, half the guests did not appear on the anniversary of the governor Anatoly Efremov, having learnt that Zingarevich brothers and their partner Zakhar Smushkin were going to be there.

In spring 1999 the house of the head of the Arkhangelsk PPC Vladimir Krupchak was bombed. In the summer of 1999 the head of OAO “Solombalskiy LDK” Evgeny Drachev and his driver were kidnapped by unknown. A few months later director general of forestry complex the department of the regional administration, Alexander Bulatov was beaten. It's difficult to say whether those

events were connected to the activities of Ilim Pulp. However, its top managers- Smushkin and the Zingareviches could have argued with those people, because the struggle for supremacy in the timber industry was very tough, and Arkhangelsk region was considered a “fiefdom” of Ilim Pulp in the field. The regional law enforcement agencies had a huge dirt on the heads of the holding, but for some reason the case went “down on the brakes” every time.

For example, the same story happened with the murder of Dmitry Varvarin, Director General of ZAP “Concern” Orimi”, the main competitor of Ilim Pulp. He was shot in St. Petersburg in March of 2000. The heads of Ilim Pulp, including Boris Zingarevich had sufficient motives for the killing, including the competition and the fact that Varvarin supported the campaign of Yuri Boldyrev for the post of mayor of St. Petersburg, which was obviously to fail. In addition, Varvarin owned shares of Ilim Pulp, so he begged Smushkin and Zingarevichey as his partners to allocate money for it.

A few days after the murder of Varvarin, unknown people killed another founder of “Orimi”, Sergey Krizhan together with his family.

Law enforcement agencies considered the version according to which the two murders were connected with the management of Ilim Pulp, as the most probable, but somehow forgot about it; the team of investigators was excluded from the investigation.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 31.07.2002

The involvement of the heads of “Ilim Pulp” in the second killing has not been confirmed, as in 2005, Andrey Yurevich – the son of commercial director of “Plastpolymer”, Victor Yurevich, and two accomplices – Alexander Ulyanov and Vyacheslav Shinkarev were sentenced for that murder. Krizhan was chairman of the board of directors of the company and clashed with Viktor Yurevich.

The newspaper “Kommersant-Petersburg” ? 216 (3300) on 17.11.2005

In spring and autumn of 2000, a new wave of crime passed.

In March, the director of Agency Company, lumber exporter – Vladimir Malkov was attacked. And in October, the hotel “Polina”, owned by Krupchak was set on fire. As leader of the Arkhangelsk Pulp and Paper Mill, he was a major player in timber market and he could have possibly conflicted to the Zingareviches and

Smushkin quite often. In 2001 Dmitry Belyaev, External Manager of LDK-4 was attacked. Again, the connection with the management of Ilim Pulp was not confirmed, but it was on the cards, as Ilim Pulp had been seeking for the rule in the forest sector, and Belyaev could have threatened the interests of their company by his business, or could have simply competed with its leaders.

Boris Zingarevich together with the companions did the business of “Ilim Pulp” not very successful, at least for their enterprises. The main one was the debts of Kotlas pulp and paper mill in Arkhangelsk region, Bratsk Timber Complex in the Irkutsk region, as well as others, they had ruthlessly cut down the forest, accidents happened frequently, the equipment was worn out or even broken. At the same salaries were miserable.

Until 2000, the shareholders of Ilim Pulp had not received dividends. Ostensibly, they were invested in production development, but in reality everything was falling apart. The problem was that all the investments in production then were exempt from taxation. Once the tax credit was abolished, dividends went.

In addition, it became clear that Kotlas Pulp came under the control of Ilim Pulp illegally: during the investment competition the money, which the company pledged to invest in a company, were transferred to its account for one day and then were sent back to the accounts of Smushkin and the Zingareviches. But formally everything looked legitimate.

They purchased equipment for the companies in an interesting way: at very high prices, while in fact only half of it was brought. The money also flowed to foreign accounts of the firms affiliated with Ilim Pulp.

Other financial frauds by the Zingareviches and Smushkin were turned in the Bratsk Timber Industry Complex (BTIC). First they formed huge debts for electricity for the budget of Bratsk and many others. And in 1998 the company established a subsidiary company OAO “Pulp and Cardboard Plant (PCP) and began to place there their liquid assets. Thus, BTIC eventually had unprofitable production and debts. The state had a stake in BTIC and did not impede the withdrawal of assets.

Only Dmitry Medvedev, the current president objected that, then in 1993 he was Director of Legal Affairs “Ilim Pulp”, and since 1998 -a member of the Board of Directors in BTIC. His relationship with the Zingareviches and Smushkin

worsened, and in 1999 they were completely stopped – he was distracted by new concerns associated with climbing the career ladder.

In October 2001 it became known that Ilim Pulp committed deals for the sale of pulp and paper factory to offshore companies. Then the shareholders of OAO “Irkutskenergo” which was the main creditor of BTIC – appealed to the federal agencies. They failed to find out the truth because of the legal tricks: documents submitted to the commission, were valid, but for the period prior to the fraud.

After that the minority shareholders of BTIC went to court, and it ordered to reinstate the dismissed general director BTIC George Trifonov. He restored an order, paid the debts. The Zingarevicheses and Smushkin were defeated. But when in 2002 BTIC came under their control again, they began to restore the old order by dismissing disloyal people and replacing them with loyal ones, uncomprehending in the timber industry.

In addition, the holding company began the blockade of the Ust-Ilim Timber Complex (UiLPK) by not sending paid commodity to the company. All forces were driven to expell the head of the trade union, Yuri Savinkov, they wrote denunciations to the prosecutor’s office against the former Complex director Andrey Prokopov. The new head of UiLPK Vladimir Batishchev reported that Prokopov took away the production equipment. It was a slander – he just took jeeps belonging to the management company “Continental Invest”.

In early February 2002 UILPK was entirely under the control of Ilim Pulp.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 13.02.2002

In April 2002, Ilim Pulp lost control over Kotlas and Bratsk pulp and paper mills. There were two lawsuits from shareholders, after which the company’s shares were arrested, and then purchased for the benefit of companies affiliated with the actual new owners – “Basic Element”, “Continental management” and “Banking House” Sankt-Petersburg”. Oleg Deripaska was behind those machinations, who wanted to get a strategic advantage in the industry.

Source: corp-gov.ru from 29.09.2003

The management of “Ilim Pulp” disputed the transaction through numerous courts. There were information wars. The information agencies had the news spread that the Court invalidated the new board of directors elected by

shareholders. It was misinformation. To gain access to the documents of Kotlassky PPM they forged execution lists and sent them to the office of registry holders. According to them it was necessary to issue registry documents. They also launched “a fake” that the registry of the Bratsk TIC was lost.

In the end, “Ilim Pulp” prevailed in the information and judicial war. Businessmen managed to agree, but the true owner of the enterprises is still unknown. Representatives of “Bazel” argued that the blocking stake in the enterprises was still in the structures of Basel. Smushkin also announced that he possessed more than 90%. As the court ruled, the enterprises passed to Ilim Pulp. Perhaps the company paid Bazel some compensation. In any case, that was a good lesson for the Zingareviches and Smushkin and a signal that the empire they built up may well falter without gaining a strong support.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 31.07.2002

In 2004, the media reported that Boris Zingarevich intended to acquire a large stake in English football club Everton. Upon the request of Zingarevich, that information was retracted. According to British media, the football club was really interesting to Zingarevich’s son Anton. He himself had no money to buy it, but he practiced abroad as a football manager. There is no information confirming the purchase plans. This episode is insignificant, but given that Boris Zingarevich studiously avoided the media spotlight, it looks interesting. Maybe it was advantageous for someone to put Zingarevich as a reckless spender and a wasteful man.

Source: “Kommersant» ? 155 (2994) on 24.08.2004

Also in 2004, there were rumors in the media that the company “Ilim Pulp” is going to buy the state Vneshtorgbank, and the then owner of Promstroibank Vladimir Kogan was to be an intermediary in the transaction. The price was to be inflated in more than a billion dollars. Journalists advanced the version of such a bizarre waste of public funds. They supposed, the billion would be withdraw from the State Bank and shared by individuals, including Zingarevich. In their opinion, the deal was scheduled to be held “under the guise of” Finance Minister Alexey Kudrin. However, no further speculation happened a the possible grand scam failed for unknown reasons.

Source: Kompromat.ru from 23.09.2004



In 2006 the Zingareviches and Smushkin sold half of the holding to a foreign company International Paper, the world's largest pulp and paper corporation. In the name of the company they found a strong partner and a way to overcome the crisis that had began with the attack by Mr. Deripaska on Kotlas and Bratsk pulp and paper mills. Once they returned the enterprises, Deripaska exchanged his remaining shares to the stake in the Arkhangelsk Pulp and Paper Mill of Vladimir Kogan, and the latter gave them to the shareholders of Ilim Pulp. That is, everything returned to business as usual. However, after such a shake-up the Zingareviches and Smushkin realized they were not omnipotent, and their old methods to maintain the credibility in the timber industry had been no longer working. The holding company needed a powerful protection of the parties and they found such a support in the name of the foreign company.

Source: Journal "Secret Firmy" ? 48 (183) on 25.12.2006

In spring 2010 the authorities of St. Petersburg passed at once three buildings – the monuments of federal importance for the reconstruction of them as hotels – to the companies close to Zingarevich brothers. OOO "Lotus Oteli" received a historic building of the former barracks of the Life Guards of the Pavlovsky Regiment on the Marsovo Pole, 1. OOO "Orange-Development" acquired the building of the former court stables Office at Konyushennaya Ploshad, 1a. The third building was on Nevsky Prospekt, 7-9A, which is the Central Agency of Aviation and airline ticket place passed to OOO "IFG-Basis-Project". Experts say that at the auction the buildings could cost a lot of money. However, they gave them under the decision taken at a closed meeting of the government. Thus, not only the interests of the city budget were violated, but of the potential buyers who could acquire the right to use the buildings through a fair competition.

Source: "Kommersant" dated 05/21/2010

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## **John Boehner and congressional leaders take sudden secret trip to Afghanistan this weekend to investigate AFGHANI-SCAM: Seeking impeachable and indictment-ready actions?**

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, traveled to Kabul, Afghanistan, this past weekend with seven other House lawmakers to get a first-hand look at the political situation in the country after the recent democratic elections, Boehner's office announced Monday.

The trip was not announced until now to maintain security, according to a spokesman.

Lawmakers met with U.S. military troops, Ambassador James B. Cunningham and General Joseph F. Dunford Jr., commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

The other GOP lawmakers who accompanied Boehner were Reps. John Kline of Minnesota, Doc Hastings of Washington, Dave Camp of Michigan, Tom Latham of Iowa, Devin Nunes of California, Greg Walden of Oregon and Steve Womack of Arkansas.

The scandal known as AFGHANI-SCAM, or "Blood for Batteries" is under a high level of scrutiny for its connections between Congress, DOE funding and Russian Mobsters for exclusive ore rights for electric cars and solar panels.

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### **Q and A with Bernard Weiner, Ph.D.**

*Q. I don't understand how war against Afghanistan could have been anticipated so early.*

*A. Follow the money. Various oil/gas/energy companies had wanted a CentralAsian pipeline to run through Afghanistan (costing much less to build, but also so it wouldn't have to go through Russia or Iran); that project was put on hold during the chaos in Afghanistan, but when the Taliban took over and brought stability to that country, the U.S. began negotiating with the Taliban about the pipeline deal. Even after sending them, via the United Nations, \$43 million dollars for "poppy-seed eradication," and inviting them to talks in Texas, the Taliban began to balk. At a later meeting, the U.S. negotiator threatened them with an attack unless they handed over bin Laden and reportedly told them, in reference to the pipeline, that they could accept "a carpet of gold" or be buried in "a carpet of bombs." (The later U.S. government spin was that the bin Laden issue and the pipeline issues were separate, and that the U.S. threats didn't mix the two and there were misunderstandings of what was said.) Shortly thereafter, bin Laden, hiding out in Afghanistan, initiated the September 11th attacks, and the U.S. bombing of that country began. Oh, by the way, in case you haven't noticed, under the new U.S.-friendly government in Kabul, the pipeline project is back on track. Oh, by the way, the pipeline will terminate reasonably close to the power plant in India built by Enron that has been lying dormant for years, waiting for cheap energy supplies.*

*Q. You're saying that U.S. war and foreign policy have been dictated by greed?*

*A. Among other pleasant motivations, such as hunger for domination and control, domestically and around the globe — which always ties in with greed. That's why Bush & Co. play such political and military hardball. That's why the arrogant, take-no-prisoners, in-your-face attitude, to bully and frighten potential opponents into silence and acquiescence, even questioning their patriotism if they demur or raise embarrassing issues.*

*Q. But this is a democracy, people are still speaking their minds, right?*

*A. Certainly, there are areas of America's democratic republic that have not yet been shut down. But where there should be a vibrant opposition party, raising all sorts of questions about Bush Administration policy and plans, America receives mostly silence and timidity. However, as more and more of the ugly truth begins to emerge — and Enron, Anthrax, and pre-9/11 know ledge are just the tips of the iceberg — the Democrats (and moderate Re publicans) are beginning to feel a bit more emboldened. But just a bit, preferring to run for cover whenever Bush&Co. accuse them of being unpat riotic when they raise pointed questions.*

*Q. You're so critical and negative about the Bush Administration. Can't you say anything good about what they're doing?*

*A. Yes. They have moved terrorism — the new face of warfare in our time — front and center into the world's consciousness, and have mobilized a global coalition against it. They may be making mistakes, which could lead to h orrifying consequences, or acting at times out of impure motives, but at least the issue is out there and being debated and acted upon.*

*Now, having said that, we must point out that the institutions in this country — the Constitution, the courts, the legislative bodies, civil liberties, the Bill of Rights, the press, etc. — are in as much danger as they've ever been in. And the U.S.'s bullying attitude abroad may well lead to disastrous consequences for America down the line.*

*Q. So, what's to be done?*

*A. The most important thing at the moment — even, or especially when, the inevitable next terrorist attack occurs — is to break the illusion of B ush&Co. invulnerability. The best way to do that, aside from ratcheting up the Enron and Anthrax and 9/11 investigations (and it may turn out that those scandals are deeply intertwined), is to defeat GOP candidates in the upcoming November elections. If the Democrats hang on to the Senate and can take over the House, the dream of unchallengable HardRight power will be broken. Bush&Co. will become even more desperate, overt, nasty, and in their arrogance and bullying ways, will make more mistakes and alienate more*



*c itizens. The edifice will begin to crumble even more; there will be more and deeper Congressional and media investigations; resignations and/or impeachments (of both Bush & Cheney, and Ashcroft) may well follow.*

**Q.** *You're asking me to support ALL Democrats, even though in a particular race a moderate GOP conservative would be better?*

**A.** *Yes. In some cases, you may have to hold your nose and send money to, canvass for, and vote for a Democrat; we can get rid of the bad ones later. The objective right now — for the future of the Constitution, and for the lives of our soldiers in uniform and civilians around the globe — has to be to break the momentum of the HardRight by taking the House and keeping the Senate from returning to GOP control. Doing so would be even more important than what happened when that courageous senator from Vermont, Jim Jeffords, appalled by the HardRight nastiness and greed-agenda of the Bush folks, resigned from the GOP and turned the Senate agenda over to the Democrats.*

**Q.** *And you think if the GOP gets its nose bloodied in the November election, that will convince Bush to resign or lead to his impeachment? I don't get that.*

**A.** *Churchill once told the Brits during World War II that “this is not the beginning of the end, but it is the beginning of the beginning of the end.” There is a lot of hard work and organizing and educating to be done, but the recent exposure of Bush coverup-lies about pre-9/11 knowledge is “the beginning of the beginning of the end.” With a GOP defeat in November, Democrats will be emboldened to speak up more, investigate deeper, and those inquiries will unlock even more awful secrets of this greed-and-power hungry administration. And that will be the beginning of the end — and the beginning of the beginning of a new era of more humane values for America and the rest of the world.*

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**Al-Qaida monitored U.S. negotiations with Taliban over oil pipeline. A memo by military chief Mohammed Atef raises new questions about whether failed U.S. efforts to reform Afghanistan's radical regime — and build the pipeline — set the stage for Sept. 11.**

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By Jean-Charles Brisard

A 1998 memo written by al-Qaida military chief Mohammed Atef reveals that Osama bin Laden's group had detailed knowledge of negotiations that were taking place between Afghanistan's ruling Taliban and American government and business leaders over plans for a U.S. oil and gas pipeline across that Central Asian country.

The e-mail memo was found in 1998 on a computer seized by the FBI during its investigation into the 1998 African embassy bombings, which were sponsored by al-Qaida. Atef's memo was discovered by FBI counter-terrorism expert John O'Neill, who left the bureau in 2001, complaining that U.S. oil interests were hindering his investigation into al-Qaida. O'Neill, who became security chief at the World Trade Center, died in the Sept. 11 attack.

Atef's memo shines new light on what al-Qaida knew about U.S. efforts to normalize relations with the Taliban in exchange for the fundamentalist government's supporting the construction of an oil and gas pipeline across Afghanistan. As documented in the book I coauthored with Guillaume Dasquie, "Bin Laden: The Forbidden Truth," the Clinton and Bush administrations negotiated with the Taliban, both to get the repressive regime to widen its government as well as look favorably on U.S. companies' attempts to construct an oil pipeline. The Bush White House stepped up negotiations with the Taliban in 2001. When those talks stalled in July, a Bush administration representative threatened the Taliban with military reprisals if the government did not go along with American demands.

The seven-page memo was signed “Abu Hafs,” which is the military name of Atef, who was the military chief of al-Qaida and is believed to have been killed in November 2001 during U.S. operations in Afghanistan. It shows al-Qaida’s keen interest in the U.S.-Taliban negotiations and raises new questions as to whether the U.S. military threat to the Taliban in July 2001 could have prompted al-Qaida’s Sept. 11 attack.

Atef’s memo is not about the pipeline alone, though it mentions the project several times. It is an analysis of the political situation facing the Taliban. It documents the movement’s rise, its leadership, the geopolitical importance of Afghanistan, the Taliban’s relationship with Pakistan, as well as the movement’s relationship with the Arab mujahedin. The document’s intended readership is unclear. But it reveals that the pipeline was seen as a strategic offering toward the West, in order to make the Taliban government acceptable to the United States and Pakistan, as well as to reduce military and investigative pressure on the country to rein in or even extradite bin Laden.

Atef explains that the United States wants “to take control of any region which has huge quantities of oil reserves,” and “the American government is keen on laying the oil and gas pipelines from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan to Pakistan.” Atef concludes that al-Qaida’s “duty toward the movement [Taliban] is to stand behind it, support it materially and morally, especially because its regional and international enemies are working night and day to put an end to it and make it fail.”

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## **How To Fix Washington, DC:**

"Don't vote for ANY candidate who does not GUARANTEE, in writing, to MAKE LOBBYING ILLEGAL, END "REVOLVING DOOR" KICKBACKS and ELIMINATE EVERY POLITICIAN LAW EXCLUSION!" Pass it on...

Investigators say that, political operatives David Plouffe, Rahm Emanuel, Steven Rattner, Bill Daly, David Axelrod and Robert Gibbs arranged with Silicon Valley investors to take over the lithium battery industry in order to monopolize the trillions of dollars of lithium, and related mining deals, in

Afghanistan.

They say that they traded federal funding for campaign support assisted by Harry Reid and Dianne Feinstein, who received numerous stock and cash kickbacks in the scheme.

They say they used the money to fund political campaigns. They used the Silicon Valley investors internet companies, (mostly Google), to manipulate voter perceptions and web searches in favor of their agenda. The Silicon Valley investors received: favorable federal laws, tax gifts, free federal loans, stock bumps and other perks.

The Silicon Valley investors companies that used the Afghan minerals: Abound, Solyndra, Fisker, Ener1, Tesla, and many, many more, that received the Department of Energy kickback funds, managed by Steven Chu, have all either failed, been raided, been charged with fraud or otherwise turned out to be disasters because they were based on a financial fraud skimming scheme instead of a good business plan.

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## **Ghandi said:**

"Truth, Transparency and Mockery: Evil can't operate with any one of those, combine them all, with the unexpected, and Evil always fails." - Ghandi

## **It seems clear the military chief didn't expect the pipeline negotiations to bear fruit....**

Referring to Pakistanis as "nonbelievers," and noting that the pipeline "will be under American control ... and it also goes through the territories of Pakistan which are allied to America," Atef implies that the Taliban has no intention of ultimately cooperating with the project, but is trying to string along the Americans and Pakistanis to win some breathing room for its unpopular government.

The Atef memo is the latest piece of evidence documenting a murky chapter in recent American history — the overtures of the last two American

administrations to the repressive Taliban regime. Several U.S. oil companies, most notably Unocal, had been advocates of diplomatic overtures to the Taliban, in order to facilitate the building of a pipeline from the Caspian Sea region to Pakistan and the Persian Gulf through Afghanistan. In 1996, Unocal vice president Chris Taggart described the fall of Kabul to the Taliban regime as a “very positive step” and urged the U.S. to extend recognition to the new rulers in Kabul and thus “lead the way to international lending agencies coming in.”

Just 10 days after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, Zalmay Khalilzad, former National Security Council official and Unocal consultant who was appointed special envoy to Afghanistan by President George W. Bush at the end of 2001, argued in a Washington Post opinion article that the U.S. should try to work with the mullahs and form a broad-based government that included other factions. “The Taliban does not practice the anti-U.S. style of fundamentalism practiced by Iran — it is closer to the Saudi model .” Khalilzad contended, concluding that “we should use as a positive incentive the benefits that will accrue to Afghanistan from the construction of oil and gas pipelines across its territory ... These projects will only go forward if Afghanistan has a single authoritative government.”

Soon after, the State Department spokesman Glyn Davies told the New York Times he had hope that “the new authorities in Kabul will move quickly to restore order and security and to form a representative interim government that can begin the process of reconciliation nationwide.” Davies also said the United States “wanted to send diplomats to Afghanistan to meet with the Taliban and held out the possibility of re-establishing full diplomatic ties with the country,” according to the Times.

In November 1997 Unocal invited a Taliban delegation to Texas and, in early December, the company opened a training center at the University of Nebraska, to instruct 137 Afghans in pipeline construction technology. The company also donated to the university's Center for Afghanistan Studies. Unocal CEO John Imle estimated that the company spent between \$15 and \$20 million on its Central Asia oil pipeline (CentGas) project — on preliminary feasibility studies, humanitarian projects and other efforts to lobby the Taliban (Unocal equipped the regime with satellite phones, for instance.)

In February 1998, Unocal's vice president for international relations, John Maresca, told a House subcommittee hearing on U.S. interests in the Central Asian Republics that an oil pipeline "would benefit Afghanistan, which would receive revenues from transport tariffs, and would promote stability and encourage trade and economic development." Emphasizing that "the proposed Central Asia Oil Pipeline (CentGas) cannot begin construction until an internationally recognized Afghanistan government is in place," he urged the administration and the Congress "to give strong support to the United Nations-led peace process in Afghanistan."

Until the 1998 al-Qaida embassy bombings, the Clinton administration's approach toward the Taliban was much the same as Unocal's: All parties agreed that the political stabilization of Afghanistan was crucial to the region, and was also a way to gain access to oil reserves of the Caspian Sea region. Though bin Laden had been in the country since 1996, the U.S. had not pressured the Taliban to hand him over.

The embassy bombings in August 1998 changed everything. The Clinton administration denounced the regime and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright turned up the heat on Taliban human rights abuses. The United Nations imposed sanctions, freezing Afghanistan's foreign assets and limiting its citizens' travel. The U.S. continued to talk to the Taliban, but the emphasis was on extraditing bin Laden in exchange for international recognition; the pipeline was off the table. Unocal, which had been close to finalizing its pipeline deal before the embassy bombings, cancelled it.

When George W. Bush took office in 2001, his administration made new overtures to the Taliban, and the pipeline deal gained renewed support, as



an incentive to get the Taliban to make political concessions and form a broader government. U.S. representatives met with Afghanistan's former King Shah, to see if he might be included in a new government. And American companies began exploring the failed 1998 pipeline project. A report by an Afghan-born Enron manager in July 2001, for instance, illustrates that company's deep interest in some sort of pipeline deal. Enron had begun funding the same sorts of humanitarian projects as Unocal had three years earlier.

In March 2001, several Taliban officials, including Sayed Rahmattullah Hashimi, Mullah Omar's personal advisor, were invited to Washington by their U.S. lobbyist, Leila Helms, the niece of former CIA Director Richard Helms. The agenda included discussions of extraditing bin Laden as well as facilitating American companies' access to oil reserves in central Asia. The delegation met with representatives of the Directorate of Central Intelligence (DCI) and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the State Department.

This visit provoked concern and criticism in Washington over how Hashimi obtained a visa, a plane ticket, security clearance and access to American institutions — including the State Department and the National Security Council — despite travel restrictions on Taliban leadership imposed by U.N. sanctions (the official answer was that Hashimi fell below the rank of senior official covered by the sanctions.)

Four months later, American diplomats met with Taliban emissaries as well as representatives from Pakistan, Iran and Russia for four days of talks in Berlin in mid-July. Again, the message was that if the Taliban would extradite bin Laden and form a broad-based national government, it could win international recognition and reap extensive economic subsidies from the construction of a pipeline. The meeting was one of several convened by Francesco Vendrell, a Spanish diplomat who serves as the U.N.'s chief representative on Afghanistan. The delegates at the July meeting included Robert Oakley, former U.S. ambassador and Unocal lobbyist; Karl "Rick" Inderfurth, former assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs; Lee Coldren, head of the Office of Pakistan, Afghan and Bangladesh Affairs in the State Department until 1997; Tom Simons, former U.S. ambassador to

Pakistan and the most recent official negotiator with the Taliban; Niaz Naik, former Foreign Minister of Pakistan; Nikolai Kozyrev, a former Russian special envoy to Afghanistan; and Saeed Rajai Khorassani, formerly the Iranian representative to the U.N. The Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Abdul Salam Zaeef, attended several sessions with some of the delegates in Berlin, according to Naif Naik, though officially the Taliban had not been invited. Naik was expected to carry the U.S. message to the Taliban.

According to Naik, the point of the meeting was that “we would try to convey to them that if they did certain things, then, gradually, they could win the jackpot, get something in return from the international community.” It might, Naik said, “be possible to persuade the Taliban that once a broader-based government was in place and the oil pipeline under way, there would be billions of dollars in commission, and the Taliban would have their own resources.”

It was at the July meeting, according to Naik, that Tom Simons suggested that Afghanistan could face an open-ended military operation from bases in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan if it didn’t accede to U.S. demands. “Ambassador Simons stated that if the Taliban wouldn’t agree with the plan, and if Pakistan was unable to persuade them, the United States might use an overt action against Afghanistan,” Naik says. The words used by Simons were “a military operation,” according to Naik. Another participant reportedly said the Taliban’s choice was clear: either accept a “carpet of gold” riches from the pipeline or “a carpet of bombs,” meaning a military strike.

Lee Coldren, a member of the U.S. delegation, also confirmed to the British newspaper the Guardian the American position at the Berlin meeting. “I think there was some discussion of the fact that the United States was so disgusted with the Taliban that they might be considering some military action.”

In statements to newspapers, Simons has offered ambiguous explanations of his statements at the July meeting. In September, he told the British Guardian: "I've known Naik and considered him a friend for years. He's an honorable diplomat. I didn't say anything like that and didn't hear anyone else say anything like that. We were clear that feeling in Washington was strong, and that military action was one of the options down the road. But details, I don't know where they came from."

Yet in a November interview with Le Monde, Simons seemed to confirm that there had been some talk of U.S. military action. "It is true that the Taliban was asked to deliver bin Laden and form a [broader] government," Simons told Le Monde. "We said in July that we were investigating the attack against the USS Cole in Yemen, and that if there were solid evidence of the implication of bin Laden, one had to expect a military answer. One can always inflate such a declaration to see a global threat against the Taliban. But the American declaration related only to the response to the USS-Cole.

"As for the 'carpet of gold and the carpet of bombs,' we actually discussed the need for a plan for rebuilding for Afghanistan, which would follow a political agreement," he said, adding that "It's possible that a mischievous American participant, after several drinks, may have thought it smart to evoke gold carpets and carpet bombs. Even Americans can't resist the temptation to be mischievous."

The last known meeting between U.S. and Taliban representatives took place in August, five weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks, when U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Central Asian affairs Christina Rocca met with the Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan Abdul Salam Zaeef.

It would be unfair to suggest that the U.S. threat in July led to the al-Qaida strike. But while Simons doesn't admit that he personally threatened the Taliban with reprisal, he confirms that only a few weeks before Sept. 11, American diplomats warned of military action against Afghanistan if its leaders did not meet U.S. economic and political demands. It is worth asking whether, had this threat been widely known, U.S. intelligence agencies might have analyzed the information they were receiving about bin Laden's plots against the U.S. differently.

Now the newly discovered Atef memo makes clear that in 1998, at least, al-Qaida was well informed about negotiations between the Taliban and the U.S. on the oil pipeline and other American concerns. The memo also shows that those negotiations were the Taliban's gambit to extend its power; Mullah Omar's government never had any intention of allowing U.S. firms to construct an oil pipeline, or letting the U.S. dictate the members of its ruling body. Given the inside knowledge al-Qaida had about U.S.-Taliban negotiations, it's reasonable to suspect bin Laden's group also received and understood the U.S. threat of military action delivered in late July as a threat of war.

In the end, though, the U.S. got its way. Interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai decided on May 30 to revive the pipeline project with Pakistan and Turkmenistan, signing an agreement under which the three governments agree to implement a pipeline from Turkmenistan to Pakistan through Afghanistan. Would that U.S. intelligence agencies' investigations into al-Qaida activities in the months before Sept. 11 had such a productive ending.

1. 1991-1997 – Major U.S. oil companies including ExxonMobil, Texaco, Unocal, BP Amoco, Shell and Enron directly invest billions in cash bribing heads of state in Kazakhstan to secure equity rights in the huge oil reserves in these regions. The oil companies further commit to future direct investments in Kazakhstan of \$35 billion. Not being willing to pay exorbitant prices to Russia to use Russian pipelines the major oil companies have no way to recoup their investments. [“The Price of Oil,” by Seymour Hersh, The New Yorker, July 9, 2001 – The Asia Times, “The Roving Eye Part I Jan. 26, 2002.]
2. December 4, 1997 – Representatives of the Taliban are invited guests to the Texas headquarters of Unocal to negotiate their support for the pipeline. Subsequent reports will indicate that the negotiations failed, allegedly because the Taliban wanted too much money. [Source: The BBC, Dec. 4, 1997]

3. February 12, 1998 – Unocal Vice President John J. Maresca – later to become a Special Ambassador to Afghanistan – testifies before the House that until a single, unified, friendly government is in place in Afghanistan the trans-Afghani pipeline needed to monetize the oil will not be built. [Source: Testimony before the House International Relations Committee.]
4. 1998 – The CIA ignores warnings from Case Officer Robert Baer that Saudi Arabia was harboring an al-Q’aeda cell led by two known terrorists. A more detailed list of known terrorists is offered to Saudi intelligence in August 2001 and refused. [Source: Financial Times 1/12/01; See No Evil by a book by Robert Baer (release date Feb. 2002).
5. April, 1999 – Enron with a \$3 billion investment to build an electrical generating plant at Dabhol India loses access to plentiful LNG supplies from Qatar to fuel the plant. Its only remaining option to make the investment profitable is a trans-Afghani gas pipeline to be built by Unocal from Turkmenistan that would terminate near the Indian border at the city of Multan. [Source: The Albion Monitor, Feb. 28, 2002.]
6. 1998 and 2000 – Former President George H.W. Bush travels to Saudi Arabia on behalf of the privately owned Carlyle Group, the 11th largest defense contractor in the U.S. While there he meets privately with the Saudi royal family and the bin Laden family. [Source: Wall Street Journal, Sept. 27, 2001. See also FTW, Vol. IV, No 7 – “The Best Enemies Money Can Buy,” – <http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/carlyle.html>. ]
7. January, 2001 – The Bush Administration orders the FBI and intelligence agencies to “back off” investigations involving the bin Laden family, including two of Osama bin Laden’s relatives (Abdullah and Omar) who were living in Falls Church, VA – right next to CIA headquarters. This followed previous orders dating back to 1996, frustrating efforts to investigate the bin Laden family. [Source: BBC Newsnight, Correspondent Gregg Palast – Nov 7, 2001].
8. Feb 13, 2001 – UPI Terrorism Correspondent Richard Sale – while covering a trial of bin Laden’s Al Q’aeda followers – reports that the National Security Agency has broken bin Laden’s encrypted communications. Even if this indicates that bin Laden changed systems in February it does

not mesh with the fact that the government insists that the attacks had been planned for years.

9. May 2001 – Secretary of State Colin Powell gives \$43 million in aid to the Taliban regime, purportedly to assist hungry farmers who are starving since the destruction of their opium crop in January on orders of the Taliban regime. [Source: The Los Angeles Times, May 22, 2001].

10. May, 2001 – Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, a career covert operative and former Navy Seal, travels to India on a publicized tour while CIA Director George Tenet makes a quiet visit to Pakistan to meet with Pakistani leader General Pervez Musharraf. Armitage has long and deep Pakistani intelligence connections and he is the recipient of the highest civil decoration awarded by Pakistan. It would be reasonable to assume that while in Islamabad, Tenet, in what was described as “an unusually long meeting,” also met with his Pakistani counterpart, Lt. General Mahmud Ahmad, head of the ISI. [Source The Indian SAPRA news agency, May 22, 2001.]

11. June 2001 – German intelligence, the BND, warns the CIA and Israel that Middle Eastern terrorists are “planning to hijack commercial aircraft to use as weapons to attack important symbols of American and Israeli culture.” [Source: Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, September 14, 2001.]

12. July, 2001 – Three American officials: Tom Simmons (former U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan), Karl Inderfurth (former Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian affairs) and Lee Coldren (former State Department expert on South Asia), meet with Pakistani and Russian intelligence officers in Berlin and tell them that the U.S. is planning military strikes against Afghanistan in October. A French book released in November, “Bin Laden – La Verité Interdite,” discloses that Taliban representatives often sat in on the meetings. British papers confirm that the Pakistani ISI relayed the threats to the Taliban. [Source: The Guardian, September 22, 2001; the BBC, September 18, 2001. The Inter Press Service, Nov 16, 2001]

13. Summer, 2001 – The National Security Council convenes a Dabhol working group as revealed in a series of government e-mails obtained by The Washington Post and the New York Daily News. [Source: The Albion Monitor, Feb. 28, 2002]

14. Summer 2001 – According to a Sept. 26 story in Britain’s The Guardian, correspondent David Leigh reported that, “U.S. department of defense official, Dr. Jeffrey Starr, visited Tajikistan in January. The Guardian’s Felicity Lawrence established that US Rangers were also training special troops in Kyrgyzstan. There were unconfirmed reports that Tajik and Uzbek special troops were training in Alaska and Montana.”
15. Summer 2001 (est.) – Pakistani ISI Chief General Ahmad (see above) orders an aide to wire transfer \$100,000 to Mohammed Atta, who was according to the FBI, the lead terrorist in the suicide hijackings. Ahmad recently resigned after the transfer was disclosed in India and confirmed by the FBI. [Source: The Times of India, October 11, 2001.]
16. Summer 2001 – An Iranian man phones U.S. law enforcement to warn of an imminent attack on the World Trade Center in the week of September 9th. German police confirm the calls but state that the U.S. Secret Service would not reveal any further information. [Source: German news agency “online.de”, September 14, 2001, translation retrieved from online.ie in Ireland.]
17. June 26, 2001 – The magazine indiareacts.com states that “India and Iran will ‘facilitate’ US and Russian plans for ‘limited military action’ against the Taliban.” The story indicates that the fighting will be done by US and Russian troops with the help of Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. [Source: indiareacts.com, June 26, 2001.]
18. August 2001 – The FBI arrests an Islamic militant linked to bin Laden in Boston. French intelligence sources confirm that the man is a key member of bin Laden’s network and the FBI learns that he has been taking flying lessons. At the time of his arrest the man is in possession of technical information on Boeing aircraft and flight manuals. [Source: Reuters, September 13.]
19. August 11 or 12 – US Navy Lt. Delmart “Mike” Vreeland, jailed in Toronto on U.S. fraud charges and claiming to be an officer in U.S. Naval intelligence, writes details of the pending WTC attacks and seals them in an envelope which he gives to Canadian authorities. [Source: The Toronto Star, Oct. 23, 2001; Toronto Superior Court Records]
20. Summer 2001 – Russian intelligence notifies the CIA that 25

terrorist pilots have been specifically training for suicide missions. This is reported in the Russian press and news stories are translated for FTW by a retired CIA officer.

21. July 4-14, 2001 – Osama bin Laden receives treatments for kidney disease at the American hospital in Dubai and meets with a CIA official who returns to CIA headquarters on July 15th. [Source: Le Figaro, October 31st, 2001.]

22. August 2001 – Russian President Vladimir Putin orders Russian intelligence to warn the U.S. government “in the strongest possible terms” of imminent attacks on airports and government buildings. [Source: MS-NBC interview with Putin, September 15.]

23. August/September, 2001 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average drops nearly 900 points in the three weeks prior to the attack. A major stock market crash is imminent.

24. Sept. 3-10, 2001 – MS-NBC reports on September 16 that a caller to a Cayman Islands radio talk show gave several warnings of an imminent attack on the U.S. by bin Laden in the week prior to 9/11.

25. September 1-10, 2001 – In an exercise, Operation “Swift Sword” planned for four years, 23, 000 British troops are steaming toward Oman. Although the 9/11 attacks caused a hiccup in the deployment the massive operation was implemented as planned. At the same time two U.S. carrier battle groups arrive on station in the Gulf of Arabia just off the Pakistani coast. Also at the same time, some 17,000 U.S. troops join more than 23,000 NATO troops in Egypt for Operation “Bright Star.” All of these forces are in place before the first plane hits the World Trade Center. [Sources: The Guardian, CNN, FOX, The Observer, International Law Professor Francis Boyle, the University of Illinois.]

26. September 7, 2001 – Florida Governor Jeb Bush signs a two-year emergency executive order (01-261) making new provisions for the Florida National Guard to assist law enforcement and emergency-management personnel in the event of large civil disturbances, disaster or acts of terrorism. [Source: State of Florida web site listing of Governor’s Executive Orders.]

27. September 6-7, 2001 – 4,744 put options (a speculation that the



stock will go down) are purchased on United Air Lines stock as opposed to only 396 call options (speculation that the stock will go up). This is a dramatic and abnormal increase in sales of put options. Many of the UAL puts are purchased through Deutschebank/AB Brown, a firm managed until 1998 by the current Executive Director of the CIA, A.B. “Buzzy” Krongard. [Source: The Herzliyya International Policy Institute for Counterterrorism, <http://www.ict.org.il/>, September 21; The New York Times; The Wall Street Journal.]

28. September 10, 2001 – 4,516 put options are purchased on American Airlines as compared to 748 call options. [Source: ICT – above]

29. September 6-11, 2001 – No other airlines show any similar trading patterns to those experienced by UAL and American. The put option purchases on both airlines were 600% above normal. This at a time when Reuters (September 10) issues a business report stating, “Airline stocks may be poised to take off.”

30. September 6-10, 2001 – Highly abnormal levels of put options are purchased in Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, AXA Re(insurance) which owns 25%

of American Airlines, and Munich Re. All of these companies are directly impacted by the September 11 attacks. [Source: ICT, above; FTW, Vol. IV, No.7, October 18, 2001, <http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/oct152001.html>. ]

31. It has been documented that the CIA, the Israeli Mossad and many other intelligence agencies monitor stock trading in real time using highly advanced programs reported to be descended from Promis software. This is to alert national intelligence services of just such kinds of attacks. Promis was reported, as recently as June, 2001 to be in Osama bin Laden’s possession and, as a result of recent stories by FOX, both the FBI and the Justice Department have confirmed its use for U.S. intelligence gathering through at least this summer. This would confirm that CIA had additional advance warning of imminent attacks. [Sources: The Washington Times, June 15, 2001; FOX News, October 16, 2001; FTW, October 26, 2001, – [http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/magic\\_carpet.html](http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/magic_carpet.html); FTW, Vol. IV, No.6, Sept. 18, 2001 –

<http://www.fromthewilderness.com/members/sept1801.html>; FTW, Vol. 3, No 7, 9/30/00 –  
[http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/pandora/052401\\_promis.html](http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/pandora/052401_promis.html).

32. September 11, 2001 – Gen Mahmud of the ISI (see above), friend of Mohammed Atta, is visiting Washington on behalf of the Taliban. He is meeting with the Chairmen of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees, Porter Goss (R), FL and Bob Graham (D), FL [Sources: MS-NBC, Oct. 7, The New York Times, Feb. 17, 2002.]

33. September 11, 2002 – Employees of Odigo, Inc. in Israel, one of the world's largest instant messaging companies, with offices in New York, receive threat warnings of an imminent attack on the WTC less than two hours before the first plane hits the WTC. Law enforcement authorities have gone silent about any investigation of this. The Odigo Research and Development offices in Israel are located in the city of Herzliyya, a ritzy suburb of Tel Aviv which is the same location as the Institute for Counter Terrorism which breaks early details of insider trading on 9-11. [Source: CNN's Daniel Sieberg, 9/28/01; Newsbytes, Brian McWilliams, 9/27/01; Ha'aretz, 9/26/01.].

34. September 11, 2001, For 50 minutes, from 8:15 AM until 9:05 AM, with it widely known within the FAA and the military that four planes have been simultaneously hijacked and taken off course, no one notifies the President of the United States. It is not until 9:30 that any Air Force planes are scrambled to intercept, but by then it is too late. This means that the National Command Authority waited for 75 minutes before scrambling aircraft, even though it was known that four simultaneous hijackings had occurred – an event that has never happened in history. [Sources: CNN, ABC, MS-NBC, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Times.]

35. September 13, 2001 – China is admitted to the World Trade Organization quickly, after 15 years of unsuccessful attempts. [Source: The New York Times, Sept. 30, 2001.]

36. September 14, 2001 – Canadian jailers open the sealed envelope from Mike Vreeland in Toronto and see that it describes attacks against the WTC

and Pentagon. The U.S. Navy subsequently states that Vreeland was discharged as a seaman in 1986 for unsatisfactory performance and has never worked in intelligence. [Source: The Toronto Star, Oct. 23, 2001; Toronto Superior Court records]

37. September 15, 2001 – The New York Times reports that Mayo Shattuck III has resigned, effective immediately, as head of the Alex (A.B) Brown unit of Deutschebank.

38. September 29, 2001 – The San Francisco Chronicle reports that \$2.5 million in put options on American Airlines and United Airlines are unclaimed. This is likely the result of the suspension in trading on the NYSE after the attacks which gave the Securities and Exchange Commission time to be waiting when the owners showed up to redeem their put options.

39. October 10, 2001 – The Pakistani newspaper The Frontier Post reports that U.S. Ambassador Wendy Chamberlain has paid a call on the Pakistani oil minister. A previously abandoned Unocal pipeline from Turkmenistan, across Afghanistan, to the Pakistani coast, for the purpose of selling oil and gas to China, is now back on the table “in view of recent geopolitical developments.”

40. October 11, 2001 – The Ashcroft Justice Department takes over all terrorist prosecutions from the U.S. Attorneys office in New York which has had a highly successful track record in prosecuting terrorist cases connected to Osama bin Laden. [Source: The New York Times, Oct. 11, 2002.]

41. Mid October, 2001 – The Dow Jones Industrial Average, after having suffered a precipitous drop has recovered most of its pre-attack losses. Although still weak, and vulnerable to negative earnings reports, a crash has been averted by a massive infusion of government spending on defense programs, subsidies for “affected” industries and planned tax cuts for corporations.

42. November 21, 2001 – The British paper The Independent runs a story headlined, “Opium Farmers Rejoice at the Defeat of the Taliban.” The story reports that massive opium planting is underway all over the country.

43. November 25, 2001 – The Observer runs a story headlined “Victorious Warlords Set To Open the Opium Floodgates.” It states that farmers are being

encouraged by warlords allied with the victorious Americans are “being encouraged to plant “as much opium as possible.”

44. December 4, 2001 – Convicted drug lord and opium kingpin Ayub Afridi is recruited by the US government to help establish control in Afghanistan by unifying various Pashtun warlords. The former opium smuggler who was one of the CIA’s leading assets in the war against the Russians is released from prison in order to do this. [Source: The Asia Times Online, 12/4/01].

45. December 25, 2001 – Newly appointed afghani Prime Minister Hamid Karzai is revealed as being a former paid consultant for Unocal. [Source: Le Monde.]

46. January 3, 2002 – President Bush appoints Zalamy Khalilzad as a special envoy to Afghanistan. Khalilzad, a former employee of Unocal, also wrote op-eds in the Washington Post in 1997 supporting the Taliban regime. [Source: Pravda, 1/9/02]

47. January 4, 2002 – Florida drug trafficking explodes after 9-11. In a surge of trafficking reminiscent of the 1980s the diversion of resources away from drug enforcement has opened the floodgates for a new surge of cocaine and heroin from South America. [The Christian Science Monitor, January 4, 2002.

48. January 10, 2002 – In a call from a speaker phone in open court, attorneys for “Mike” Vreeland call the Pentagon’s switchboard operator who confirms that Vreeland is indeed a Naval Lieutenant on active duty. She provides an office number and a direct dial phone extension to his office in the Pentagon. [Source: Attorney Rocco Galati; court records Toronto Superior Court.]

49. January 10, 2002 – Attorney General John Ashcroft recuses himself from the Enron investigation because Enron had been a major campaign donor in his 2000 Senate race. He fails to recuse himself from involvement in two sitting Federal grand juries investigating bribery and corruption charges against ExxonMobil and BP-Amoco who have massive oil interests in Central Asia. Both were major Ashcroft donors in 2000. [Source: CNN, Jan. 10, 2002 – FTW original investigation, The Elephant in the Living Room, Part I, Apr 4, 2002.]

50. February 9, 2002 – Pakistani leader General Musharraf and Afghan leader Hamid Karzai announce their agreement to “cooperate in all spheres of activity” including the proposed Central Asian pipeline. Pakistan will give \$10 million to Afghanistan to help pay Afghani government workers. [Source: The Irish Times, 2/9/02]

51. Feb 18, 2002 – The Financial Times reports that the estimated opium harvest in Afghanistan in the late Spring of 2002 will reach a world record 4500 metric tons.

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## The problem with lithium

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Talison Lithium Ltd's

Lithium ion battery manufacturer Ener1 (HEV) could become the country's first lithium ion battery mass producer—if it wins a \$480M Department of Energy loan. CNNMoney has more:

## The Players: The Dark Side

Famous politicians, White House staff, narcissistic technology billionaires, and renown investment bankers played their parts in organizing one of the biggest crimes of the century. It has cost American taxpayers trillions of their hard earned dollars but the costs continue to rise.

- [David Axelrod](#)
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- [Steven Chu](#)
- [Kleiner Perkins](#)
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- [McKinsey Consulting](#)
- [Rahm Emanuel](#)
- [Robert Gibbs](#)
- [Valarie Jarrett](#)
- John Doerr
- Elon Musk
- Gilman Louie- Creator on In-Q-Tel and NVCA
- Joe Lonsdale – VC, charged with rape
- Larry Summers- White House, charged with organizing "skims" of DOE cash to intermediaries
- Larry Page- Google, In-Q-Tel
- Kimbal Musk – Investor, sued for fraud
- Jonathan Silver- Dept. of Energy, charged with organizing "skims" of DOE cash to intermediaries
- John Weinberg- Investor
- John Doerr- Kleiner Perkins, Stock beneficiary, “Godfather” of the Silicon Valley Cartel”
- James Brown Jr.- Head of California HHS software, (arrested for corruption)
- James Breyer – Investor, In-Q-Tel,
- Ira Ehrenpreis- Investor, Assisted with transfer of DOE funded companies to China

- Herb Newman- Newman Search, Feinstein Family, Tesla & Solyndra HR provider
- Harald Kroeger – Investor,
- Gilman Louie – Investor, In-Q-Tel, Stock beneficiary
- George Trifonov- Russian businessman, Associate of Arnold Schwarzenegger & John Doerr
- Frank Giustra - Lithium Investor, Assisted with transfer of DOE funded companies to China
- Eric Schmidt- Google Investor, New America Foundation Leader, In-Q-Tel
- Kimball and Elon Musk – Investor, sued for fraud, recently in major media accused of huge kick-back scheme
- David Plouffe- - Uber
- David Gronet- CEO of Solyndra (bankrupt DOE "winner")
- Brian Goncher- Deloitte Consulting, Assisted with transfer of DOE funded companies to China
- Brad W. Buss – Investor
- Boris Zingarevich- Russian businessman, Associate of Arnold Schwarzenegger & John Doerr
- Antonio J. Gracias – Investor
- Andy Bechtolsheim- Investor
- Allison Spinner- Solyndra lawyer & wife of DOE funding reviewer (bankrupt DOE "winner")
- Alexey Mordashov- Russian businessman, Associate of Arnold Schwarzenegger & John Doerr
- Steve Jurvetson- VC
- Yuri Savinkov- Russian businessman, Associate of Arnold Schwarzenegger & John Doerr
- Vinod Khosla- Investor, sued by State of California groups, featured on 60 Minutes expose
- Tom Styer- Investor
- Tom Perkins- Investor, Kleiner Perkins founder, Famous for "Nazi" comments
- Tim Draper – Investor, charged with organizing "skims" of DOE cash to intermediaries
- Senator Calderone - (Arrested for corruption)
- The CTO, CFO and CIO of New America Foundation - Sister group to In-Q-Tel- Bay Area Chapter
- The CTO, CFO and CIO of Kleiner Perkins, charged with organizing "skims" of DOE cash to intermediaries
- The CTO, CFO and CIO of Draper Fisher
- The CEO of McKinsey Consulting - Manipulated DOE reports on orders from Steven Chu
- The CEO of Ener1 - Charged with lying to Congress (bankrupt DOE "winner")
- The CEO of Covington & Burling, LLP – San Francisco Charged with manipulation of Eric Holder's nomination
- The CEO of Abound Solar - Charged with lying to Congress (bankrupt DOE "winner")
- Steven Rattner- White House (indicted for stock market fraud), Co-runs New America Foundation, In-Q-Tel advisor
- Steven Chu – Dept. of Energy- Stanford
- Steve Westly- Atherton Investor



- Steve Spinner- Dept. of Energy – Palo Alto
- Ray Lane- Investor (charged with tax fraud)
- Raj Gupta- McKinsey Consulting (arrested)
- Peter Thiel – Investor, Elon Musk associate, China deals
- Nick Denton- Gawker Media - Ran political media attacks against Silicon Valley Cartel adversaries. Now being looked at in connection with the British Police investigations called “Hydrant” and “the tabloid hacking scandal” as he is thought to have had interaction with the parties in those cases.
- Matt Rogers- Dept. of Energy - Manipulated DOE reviews on orders from Steven Chu
- Martin LaGod- Lithium Investor
- Leland Yee- Senator (arrested)

Person's who had full knowledge of the scheme at the California State level:

- State DOJ officer Ken Alex, assistant to Jerry Brown
- State Controller Bill Lockyer
- Senator Dianne Feinstein
- Senator Calderone
- Senator Yee
- The Fremont California Chamber of Commerce
- James Brown Junior, California State IT Chief

## Steven Chu

Steven Chu, The U.S. Secretary of Energy, has been universally reviled, across the news channels, as a “crook”, “a mobster” and a “corrupt rapist of public office”.

He is said to have raped American innovation, robbed U.S. taxpayers, ordered the sabotage of Kleiner Perkins competitors, manipulated stock market valuations, and to have broken every code of moral conduct, in order to operate a financial kick-back scam with the Silicon Valley Cartel. These are felony crimes he is accused of.

His legacy, throughout history, will always be that of, what American taxpayers call: a “thieving scumbag”. He should be proud.

Everything that he, John Doerr, Elon Musk, Dianne Feinstein, and their associated agents, discussed, communicated and engaged in, was surveilled, documented and is now archived in multiple locations by multiple agencies as well as hacked, apparently, by the Chinese.

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Steven Chu, the Secretary of Energy, was placed in office by John Doerr’s Kleiner Perkins Cartel in order to effect an organized crime operation to steer taxpayer funds to John Doerr, Elon Musk and a cadre of Silicon Valley VC’s.



White House staff Rahm Emanuel, David Axelrod, David Plouffe, Bill Daley and Robert Gibbs, assisted in the scam by redirecting federal policy in order to implement the crimes. All of these staff suddenly quit the White House, when confronted about these suspicions.

A large portion of the crime involved manipulating mining stocks, with help from Goldman Sachs. In particular, Afghan lithium for Tesla and Fisker, and Afghan indium for the notorious FBI-raided Solyndra and Abound. Kleiner had relationships with Russian mobsters, for a portion of the middle-east commodities deals. Steven Chu gave federal money to Russian controlled companies as part of the scam. Goldman has now been caught doing the same kind of mining commodity stock manipulation. Kleiner and Sachs promoted an extensive set of media releases entitled: “*Afghanistan is the Saudi Arabia of Lithium*” and “*A TRILLION DOLLARS OF LITHIUM in Afghanistan*” in order to market their profiteering scam. The scam was intended to provide the Silicon Valley Cartel with trillions of dollars of personal profits and the Reid, Feinstein (Who are shareholders in the stock deals) and Obama political campaigns, with back-door financing.

All competitors, to the Kleiner Perkins Cartel, had “hit-jobs” put on them by Chu, Doerr, Gibbs and Musk. The hit-jobs ranged from character assassination via Gawker Media, Media Matters and Think Progress, to economic attacks by In-Q-Tel, to political attacks via Sidney Blumenthal and New America Foundation. Every Dept. of Energy applicant that competed with Kleiner’s holdings was sabotaged by Steven Chu. History has proven that only Cartel companies received the DOE funding, and that all competitors, to Kleiner companies, were targeted by government officials, and Kleiner operatives, and terminated, or black-listed. A number of strange deaths of whistle-blowers are also under investigation.

All of the evidence from leaks, Chinese hacks, eye-witness reports, investigators, emails, HSBC and Welles Fargo leaks, offshore tax records, financial water-fall analysis, forensic accounting, surveillance, phone records, Senate testimony, and a host of other sources, appears to extensively confirm these charges and validate an organized cover-up.

Every single one of the suspects has received financial and career benefits from their crimes, which has now been tracked, and proven, by forensic legal accountants and FOIA disclosures.

Reasons for Considering Steven Chu to be compromised:

- Emails and phone calls with Covington and Burling confirm conflicts
- Family stock ownership in companies and suppliers of DOE awardees
- Past personal, academic, fraternal, business, political, contracting and political relationships with DOE awardees
- Nomination packet predominantly supported by DOE awardees
- Testimony from MBG
- Assertions by BD of C&B
- Directives and memos at DOE exclusively benefitted DOE awardees with whom he had a business relationship, while damaging, negating or delaying those who competed with their interests
- Chu created DOE policies to exclusively benefit lithium mining and denigrate competing resources
- Chu was closely associated with the DOE insider award group before, during and after his DOE tenure, in a vast number of compromised and illicit manners

- Chu awarded emergency federal tax money to Russian controlled companies involved in both lithium mining exploitation and business deals with DOE awardee insiders
- Assertions by over 20 former DOE staff
- Assertions by former White House staff
- Assertions by investigative journalists
- Assertions by federal investigators
- Assertions by private investigators
- Assertions by ATVM and LGP applicants

**Steven Chu must go – Energy Dept. Disaster**

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**Editor's Note** – SUA has been watching the Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu and his abysmal testimony before Congress, the scandals he allowed like Solyndra, gasoline prices (which he flip-flopped on), Chevy Volts, and the disastrous "green agenda" of the Obama Administration for the past three plus years and it is now clear, Steven Chu must go. Just like our call for Eric Holder's resignation, Chu is inept, a pawn for 'crony capitalism', and a disaster to our economy and energy independence.

**GOP Says Energy Dept. Cut Corners to Lend Az. Solar Firm \$1.6 Billion**

By **MATTHEW MOSK**  
ABC News

House Republicans are preparing to grill Energy Secretary Steven Chu this week over \$1.6 billion in loans to finance two massive solar energy projects planned for the desert Southwest, saying investigators have found evidence suggesting the administration cut corners in order to get the loans approved.

"The Department of Energy manipulated analysis, ignored objections from career



Steven Chu - Energy Secretary and Obama

professionals, and strategically modified loan evaluations in order to force project funding out the door," House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa, R-California, said in a statement provided to ABC News.

## Dept. Of Energy Boss Goes “Full Crony” in Broad Daylight

While the L.A. Times, and other recent articles, have exposed Elon Musk as the “King of the Kickbacks”, a sort of federal moocher on steroids. The Moochee, who gave away the taxpayer money to Musk, has come forward to demonstrate one of the most thumb-his-nose at the law moves, and it is **bold!**

Former head of the United States Department of Energy: **Steven Chu**, who was nominated by John Doerr and the Silicon Valley Cartel has joined the board of the lithium ion energy company that he helped award taxpayer stimulus cash to.

John Doerr and his Silicon Valley Cartel owned the lithium mining and exploitation deals which Elon Musk exploits with his taxpayer financed companies.

John Doerr and his Silicon Valley Cartel flooded Congress with “McKinsey” white-papers claiming that they could make “*Trillions of dollars of profit*” and that “*Afghanistan was the Saudi Arabia of lithium*” if they could get to take-over the Afghanistan mining fields for Tesla, Solyndra, A123, Ener1 and all of those corrupt Department of Energy companies that went *splat*. ***They forgot to mention that their Cartel had pre-acquired all of the key monopoly routes for those mining commodity exploitations.***

Hillary is now facing interrogation about Middle East mining deals and shady deals involving Chu’s buddy: Frank Guistra.

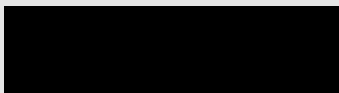
While at the U.S. Department of Energy, Chu and his top brass, acquired mining stocks for Afghan related minerals. That is usually called: “insider trading” but with Chu, it is called ‘just another Chu Crony Scam deal’ (A “Choney”).

Even though Elon Musk did not pass the DOE Section 136 evaluation metrics, Chu still handed him the free cash; as a favor between chums.

While at the U.S. Department of Energy, Steven Chu cut out all domestic technologies that competed with his and the Silicon Valley Cartel’s investment interests.

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Amprius is a leading manufacturer and developer of high energy and high capacity lithium-ion batteries

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## **The Hand Of Detroit**

Investigators believe that the Detroit Big 3 had as much to do with coming up with the Department of Energy ATVM scheme as the Silicon Valley billionaires did. The evidence certainly shows some dirty dealing by, and with GM, Ford and Chrysler.

In one case, Ford's top engineer contacted Department of Energy applicant XPV and offered to “help them with their application”. This person stated that they had “just left Ford and were looking for a new opportunity”. After going over some of XPV's material, under confidentiality terms, it was discovered via Linked In, Ford Personnel records and co-workers, that the Ford executive had never actually ceased working for Ford.

Ford got their taxpayer cash by cooking their books with off-shore allocations in order to avoid looking bankrupt, but they used the money to pay off their debts, as shown here:

## Report: Ford using government-backed loans to pay off debt

by [Sam Abuelsamid](#) ([RSS feed](#)) on Aug 10th 2010 at 10:31AM



[Ford](#) was the only one of Detroit's three automakers able to avoid taking a direct government bailout in 2009 to bypass bankruptcy. However, that doesn't mean it hasn't been able to benefit from some government largess.

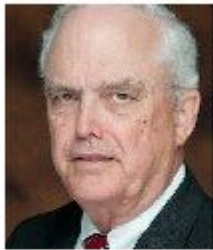
Back in 2006 before the credit markets collapsed, Ford essentially mortgaged every facility it had in order to borrow \$23.5 billion. That money was used to provide operating cash flow that [General Motors](#) and [Chrysler](#) didn't have when things went south in 2008. The money allowed Ford to keep the lights on, but it also saddled the company with the debt service payments of \$318 per vehicle in the second quarter of this year.

Rather than direct bailouts, Ford has been able to take advantage of several government-backed low interest loan programs like the Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing program run by the Department of Energy to fund new vehicle development and factory retooling. Ford is also getting tax breaks and low interest loans from various states as well as other countries like the UK and Russia. At the same time, it has used profits earned in the past year to pay down higher interest debt earlier than planned. In doing so, Ford hopes to get back from junk bond status to investment grade by late 2011 or early 2012.

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## **Detroit had an inside man at the Department of Energy in the form of Chrysler funding agent Lachlan Seward:**



**Lachlan Seward- The Manager of the DOE Payback Scheme**

Seward had previously helped hand Detroit a huge amount of taxpayer cash the last time it failed. This time he worked with White House “Car Czar” Steven Rattner, who was later indicted for stock market fraud, to hand even more payola to Detroit and try to keep any of Detroit's competitors from getting funded.

## **Chrysler was a tricky as they come:**

# Chrysler steps on the gas and puts EVs, hybrids on hold

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DETROIT--Chrysler Group has scaled back its ambitious plans for hybrids and electric vehicles and instead is placing its green bets on internal combustion engines that use Fiat technology.

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As Chrysler slid toward bankruptcy in September 2008, it rolled out several hybrid and all-electric vehicles to bolster its green credentials in the eyes of the federal government.

Then-CEO Bob Nardelli put hybrids and electrics on the fast track under the umbrella of a separate division called ENVI and made alternative propulsion a centerpiece of Chrysler's survival strategy. The company, at the time owned by Cerberus Capital Management, showed off plug-in hybrid versions of the Chrysler Town and Country minivan and Jeep Wrangler and an all-electric sports [car](#) called the Dodge Circuit, designed with help from Lotus.

What a difference a change in management makes. Now, with Fiat input, Chrysler is wringing extra fuel economy out of the internal combustion engine wherever possible.

"When we made the alliance with Fiat, we had a lot more opportunity with fuel economy with lighter platforms and smaller engines," said Chrysler spokesman Nick Cappa. "The vehicles



Chrysler showed the Dodge Circuit EV at the 2009 Detroit auto show.

Not to be out-done in financial trickery with tax payer money, General Motors loses quite a large junk of the money it got from taxpayers:

## GM's Phony Bailout Payback

But wait! Even that's not the full story given that GM, which has not yet broken even, much less turned a profit, can't pay even this puny amount from its own earnings.

So how is it paying it?

As it turns out, the Obama administration put \$13.4 billion of the aid money as "working capital" in an escrow account when the company was in bankruptcy. The company is using this escrow money—government money—to pay back the government loan.

GM claims that the fact that it is even using the escrow money to pay back the loan instead of using it all to shore itself up shows that it is on the road to recovery. That actually would be a positive development—although hardly one worth hyping in ads and columns—if it were not for a further plot twist.

Sean McAlinden, chief economist at the Ann Arbor-based Center for Automotive Research, points out that the company has applied to the Department of Energy for \$10 billion in low (5 percent) interest loan to retool its plants to meet the government's tougher new CAFÉ (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards. However, giving GM more taxpayer money on top of the existing bailout would have been a political disaster for the Obama administration and a PR debacle for the company. Paying back the small bailout loan makes the new—and bigger—DOE loan much more feasible.

In short, GM is using government money to pay back government money to get more government money. And at a 2 percent lower interest rate at that. This is a nifty scheme to refinance GM's government debt—not pay it back!

GM boasts that, because it is doing so well, it is paying the \$6.7 billion five years ahead of schedule since it was not due until 2015. So will there be an accelerated payback of the rest of the \$49.6 billion investment? No. That goal has been pushed back, as it turns out.

In order to recover that investment, the government has to sell its equity. It plans to do that only when GM becomes a publicly traded company once again. GM was hoping to turn a profit by the end of 2010 and float an initial public offering this winter. However, GM Chief Financial Officer Chris Liddell, when queried about that timeline a few days ago, demurred. The offering will be made, he said, "when the markets and the company are ready."

(Take that, taxpayers!)

The reality is that there is no certainty that GM will ever be able to make taxpayers whole. Some analysts such as Center for Automotive Research's Sean McAlinden and Global Insight's George Magliano believe that it will—eventually. McAlinden maintains that this will happen when the company's market capitalization touches \$60 billion. (At GM's peak in 2000, this level was only \$57 billion.) This is a challenging but not an impossible goal—provided the economy does not dip into another recession, he maintains. Magliano too maintains that the company will be able to pay back taxpayers if the industry is able to ramp up annual vehicle sales from the expected 10.8 million this year to 17 million in 2014

and GM captures 20 percent of these sales.

The General Accountability Office, on the other hand, remains deeply pessimistic. It concluded in a December report (which a more recent April report has said nothing to contradict, despite media spin to the contrary) that: "The Treasury is unlikely to recover the entirety of its investment in Chrysler or GM, given that the companies' values would have to grow substantially more than they have in the past."

Whitacre's bailout payback ploy is a desperate attempt to win back the car-buying public deeply disgusted by the spectacle of GM rattling its tin-cup before Uncle Sam. But the fact of the matter is that the company is still deep in the hole. It might claw its way back—or it might not. But surely it's premature for its media boosters to pop open the champagne bottle without getting their story straight?

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## More Energy Department Rewards for GM Bankruptcy Allies?

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[Lokey group suspiciously received a \\$1.35 million contract from the Energy Department](#) (<http://nlpc.org/stories/2012/05/01/treasury%20%20to%20gm-bankruptcy-llc-gets-payoff-energy-department>) to track the government money lent to Fisker Automotive and Beacon Power Corp. Houlihan Lokey was the institutional bondholder representative which smoothed the way for the General Motors' bankruptcy process by endorsing the Obama Administration's 363 bankruptcy plan. I have now uncovered three more firms that cooperated in the GM bankruptcy process that have subsequently been awarded Energy Department contracts.

In late May of 2009 a revised offer was made to GM bondholders, which if accepted, would smooth the company's path through bankruptcy court. [According to a TheDetroitBureau.com report](#) (<http://www.thedetroitbureau.com/2009/05/treasury-changes-offer-to-banking-gm-bondholders/>) the two major representatives of institutional bondholders supported the deal. The article quotes GM as stating, "We have been informed by the advisors to the unofficial committee of unsecured GM Noteholders, Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin Capital, Incorporated, and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, that the unofficial committee and other large noteholders (who collectively hold approximately 20% in aggregate principal amount of the Notes) support the economic terms of the Proposal."

I previously found a [Bloomberg report unearthing the \\$1.35 million Houlihan Lokey contract](#), (<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-04-01/us-said-to-ire-restructuring-adviser-to-monitor-fisker-loan.html>). Now, I have discovered an [AM Law Daily report](#) (<http://amlawdaily.typepad.com/amlawdaily/2012/04/firms-recovery-et.html>) that lists firms benefiting from the Federal Recovery Act and Energy Department contracts. On the list; Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, which received \$1.28 million as legal counsel to the Energy Department in connection with ATVM (Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing) loans involving Tesla Motors, Nissan North America, and Magna E-Car Systems. Coincidence? How about one more?

The legal firm, [Cleary Gottlieb](#), represented the UAW in the GM bankruptcy process. ([http://www.egsh.com/uaw\\_in\\_gm\\_bankruptcy/](http://www.egsh.com/uaw_in_gm_bankruptcy/)) Surprise! Another \$1.02 million awarded to the firm from the Energy Department to "advise on aspects of its ATVM program, the same one under which Fisker obtained its government loan." There sure are lots of legal firms "advising" on the same program. That Fisker is like the gift that keeps giving!

Yet another firm on the list was Clifford Chance which was awarded \$1.5 million from the Energy Department to advise on renewable energy initiatives. The crony connection on this one was the [firm's role as GM's European restructuring adviser](#) (<http://www.lglaw.org/news/show/3037/international-firms-win-roles-on-gm-restructuring-17msGUS10X>). It wouldn't surprise me if crony connections could be made for other firms on the AM Law Daily list.

from influential Deutsche Bank that initially forecast GM shares could eventually top \$50 compared to the IPO strike price of \$33.

### Most Luxury Makers Fail New Crash Test

But, in recent months, automotive shares in general, GM in particular, have been tumbling. The \$25 billion government loss forecast was based on a stock price of \$22.20 at the end of May. During the last month, however, the number has dipped to less than \$19 a share, though the stock has since rebounded to \$20.61 at midday today.



As if the above were not audacious enough, try “*collusion*”. *GM, Ford and Chrysler* publicly state that they are “competitors” but, on numerous Department of Energy documents and emails they are shown to all be working together to sculpt the Department of Energy cash to benefit them and hurt their real competitors who were the newer auto start-ups. Here is an example of one of those kinds of collusive documents. Notice the upper right corner:

portion of the loan; and

(b) Upon default by the Borrower, the holder of pledged collateral shall take such actions as the Secretary may reasonably require to provide for the care, preservation, protection, and maintenance of such collateral so as to enable the United States to achieve maximum recovery from the pledged collateral.

(c) In the event the Borrower has not paid the amount owed under 611.13(b), there is no recourse by the Government except as to the pledged collateral or on an unsecured basis.

#### Sec. 611.15 Audit and access to records.

The Direct Loan Agreement and related documents shall provide that:

(a) The Secretary and the Comptroller General, or their duly authorized representatives, shall have reasonable access through formal, written notification for the purpose of audit and examination to any pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the Borrower for the purpose of determining whether the proceeds of a loan have been used for an Eligible Product; and

(b) Borrower shall provide periodic reporting to certify that it has met its obligations under the Direct Loan Agreement.

#### Sec. 611.16 Deviations.

To the extent that such requirements are not specified by Section 136 of the Act or other applicable statutes, DOE may authorize deviations on an individual request basis from the requirements of this part upon a finding that such deviation is essential to program objectives and the special circumstances stated in the request make such deviation consistent with the purposes of Section 136. DOE will consult with OMB and the Secretary of the Treasury before DOE grants any deviation that would constitute a substantial change in the financial terms of the Direct Loan Agreement and related documents. Any deviation, however, that was not captured in the Credit Subsidy Cost may require an appropriation, if sufficient appropriations for that purpose are not available. A recommendation for any deviation may be submitted in writing to DOE. Such recommendation must include a supporting statement, which indicates briefly the nature of the deviation requested and the reasons in support thereof.

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## \$25 Billion to Promote Electric Cars Is Untouched



Jodi Hilton for The New York Times

A123 Systems, a battery maker in Massachusetts, is seeking \$1.8 billion.

By LESLIE WAYNE  
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WASHINGTON — The future of the American auto industry is getting off to a slow start.

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The Energy Department has \$25 billion to make loans to hasten the arrival of the next generation of automotive technology — electric-powered cars. But no money has been allocated so far, even though the Advanced Technology Vehicles

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# Elon Musk

Reasons for considering Elon Musk to be compromised:

- All of his efforts involved the exploitation of lithium mining deals which were controlled by DOE insider-connected awardees. Tesla cars used lithium batteries, Nevada factory was to manufacture lithium batteries, Solar City was to store energy in lithium, Space X space systems used lithium systems
- Tesla and FBI-raided Solyndra sat on the same land, had the same conflicts of interest in management and operations and were funding-promoted by the same people
- Musk went to Russia to coordinate deals with many of the same people that are conflicted with many of the other parties herein and have ties to related illicit mining deals
- Musk lied about who ordered the NHTSA safety investigation into the Tesla car fires. It was the NHTSA, and not Musk, who wanted the safety investigation started. The investigation was never completed because Musk & Tesla paid cash to get it halted in exchange for mounting a cosmetic PR-mitigation ballistic explosion shield on the bottom of the car.
- Senators Dianne Feinstein and Harry Reid had stock ownership, staffing provision services relationships, construction company ownership, leasing company ownership, insider trading arrangements, public policy ownership, supplier ownership, property ownership, tax haven options and many other conflicts of interest between themselves and Musk
- Musk has stated, on record, that Tesla's have had "no recalls", in fact they have had many recalls, at least two for fires and explosions.
- Multiple main-stream, and independent news journals have published analysis of Musk's financial
- Musk's battery partner: Panasonic, has been publicly charged, by state agencies, with corruption, racketeering, dumping, employee deaths and other illicit activities
- Elon Musk did not create Tesla Motors, he took it over, in a hostile takeover action, from the actual founders, some of whom sued him for fraud and publicly called him a scam artist.
- The tens of billions of dollars that Musk has received from U.S. taxpayers do not equate to actual costs of operations. Everything that Musk has shown, or sold, could have been produced for much, much less. Non-manipulated forensic accounting seems to make it clear that some of that money is being used for other purposes.
- A number of Tesla's have suddenly veered over cliffs, killing the drivers, oncoming drivers, pedestrian and bicyclists. Tesla has sought to cover this up, yet homicide lawsuits have now been filed against Tesla for this. Tesla has denied that the car is faulty, yet hundreds of internet user postings, detail numerous defects with the car. Additionally, 60 Minutes and many other news broadcasts have aired demonstrations of how easy it is to hack into, and take over. Tesla is said to be the most hackable car. In fact, around the time, that the Tesla China deal started to fall apart, a Chinese University student team demonstrated a full Tesla takeover by hacking remote control.
- Musk staff were caught sending out email notices, to potential buyers, to put deposits down, before then end of the federal reporting period, so that Musk could book the deposits as "fully paid car purchases" in order to falsify sales volumes so that he could cover that fact that he had sold less cars, after a bigger cash loss, than any car company in history. Tesla investors were

- asked to buy as many Tesla's as they could, in order to inflate volumes.
- Musk has "cooked the books" in reporting profits in his federal filings by stating tax credits and taxpayer cash as profits and upside in an effort to manipulate stock valuations
  - Over a five year test, the results of all internet-news media covering Elon Musk related stories was analyzed. Whenever negative news appeared about Musk activities, all Google and Kliener Perkins founded web assets would down-rank, or delete, the negative news while immediately pumping PR and hype news about Musk and his projects to hide the negative news. Musk has a financial, political, economic and personal relationship with Kliener Perkins and Google owners. This manipulation of stock valuation perceptions for public stock buyers, based on the use of monopolistic assets in a covert manner is a violation of securities laws and ethics.
  - In the Department of Energy original LGP and ATVM filing application documents, which Lachlan Seward thought he had destroyed, the proposed metrics from Tesla Motors, compared with the known history as of today, demonstrate that Tesla missed almost every single milestone, by magnitudes, yet, not only did Steven Chu not cut off their funding, he increased it.
  - The Section 136 law says that it was illegal for DOE to fund a car company on the verge of bankruptcy, or whose survival depends on the DOE money. Elon Musk has now been recorded saying that Tesla Motors was on the verge of bankruptcy, preparing massive severance packages for key staff and had no hope for survival without the DOE cash. Federal records demonstrate that Tesla used a temporary Detroit stock swap, arranged by DOE staff and Silicon Valley investors, to temporarily manipulate the numbers in order to create the surface appearance of a momentary positive debt-ratio. In fact, Tesla, of all applicants, had the worst debt ratio of any applicant. Per the 136 law, Tesla should never have been funded. At the time of application, they had no factory building. Their cars were a hundred thousand dollars over budget, per car. They had no engineered design for production. They were facing staff revolts and they already had written warnings about the dangers of their battery systems.

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## Elon Musk Had Amazing Severance Packages For Tesla Employees In Case The Company Failed

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Elon Musk  
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Tesla and SpaceX were on the verge of bankruptcy in 2008 and Elon Musk was about to lose all his money, but the founder made sure that his employees would be taken care of, if the companies failed.

*Produced by Kamelia Angelova, Alana Kakoyiannis and Justin Gmoser*

- Musk has ordered his staff and engineers to never discuss or acknowledge the federal documents disclosing that his car batteries, and battery factory, emit cancer-causing, brain-damaging, liver and fetus damaging vapors when they out-gas during a fire, explosion or thermal event, threatening firemen, occupants and bystanders.
- Multiple news media have reported that Musk sends spy emails to his employees, under false names, in order to find out who is whistle-blowing on his illicit actions. This has angered many former employees, some of whom have sued Musk. Many of those are willing to testify about

Musk illicit actions.

- Internet IP, DNS, bot and dat-pack tracking has confirmed that Elon Musk related groups use automated shell and blogger farms to place large amounts of self-promotion, about Musk on Musk-partner held sites such as Think Progress, Motley Fool, Media Matters, Green Car Reports, Plugin-America, Reddit, and related covert ownerships as well as on all public social media in order to manipulate stock market valuation perceptions.
- Numerous failed marriages, and relationships, have left a trail of unhappy women who have testified, or relayed information to their friends, who have testified, about illicit activities by Musk



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At their wedding, the husband told his wife, "I am the alpha in this relationship," later repeating, "If you were my employee, I would fire you." Now he's a multimillionaire, and she's writing **tell-alls** about their divorce.

This happened first in *The Times Of London*, and on her **blog**, and now, complete with glamorous photos, in *Marie Claire*, where Justine Musk, a novelist, writes about her painful, lengthy divorce proceedings with Elon Musk, who founded PayPal among other entrepreneurial projects. Whether or not rich people's divorces are inherently more painful, the

### 60 Minutes: Tesla and SpaceX: Elon Musk's industrial empire

Aired: 2014- Mar 30- CORRESPONDENT: Scott Pelley; Harry Radcliffe, producer..

Apparently it's fast and smoke-free. **(EXCEPT FOR THE TOXIC CANCER CAUSING SMOKE THE CAR EMITS WHEN ITS POORLY DESIGNED BATTERY PACK SPONTANEOUSLY BURSTS INTO FLAMES)** *The Tesla Model S is powered by 7,000 battery cells (EACH ONE ABLE TO EXPLODE AND SET THE BATTERIES NEXT TO IT OFF ON A CHAIN REACTION OF DEADLY EXPLOSIONS) linked to an electric motor. No engine, no transmission, no tailpipe. As this company video shows, the dash is dominated by a computer that's constantly connected to the Internet. (THIS ALLOWS ELON MUSK, HIS INVESTORS, THE NSA AND CHINESE HACKERS TO SPY ON YOU AT ANY TIME AND HACK YOUR TESLA AND FORCE IT TO DRIVE OVER A CLIFF AND KILL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. MULTIPLE TESLA'S HAVE SUDDENLY SWERVED OVER CLIFFS AND KILLED THEIR OCCUPANTS AND THOSE NEARBY)* *It has a fanatical (SOME MIGHT SAY THE TESLA FANBOYS ARE INSANE, OTHER SAY*

**THEY ARE ALL JUST ELON MUSKS MEAT PUPPETS AND MALAYSIAN CLICK FARM FAKES) following. There's a waiting list (FALSIFIED BY ELON MUSK) that Elon Musk is trying to shorten building 600 Model S's a week in this high-tech plant (MADE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CARS PER WEEK AND ACTING AS A FACADE BUILDING BECAUSE OF IT'S MASSIVE AMOUNT OF DEAD SPACE) in Northern California.**

Scott Pelley: *I have heard a lot of people describe you.*

Elon Musk: *Okay, good, I mean, hopefully-- on-- on balance, hopefully, mostly good. (SAYS THE ARROGRANT EGOTISTICAL SELF-PROMOTING MUSK)*

...

Elon Musk: *Well, I didn't really think Tesla would be successful. I thought we would most likely fail. But I thought that we at least could address the false perception that people have that an electric car had to be ugly and slow and boring like a golf cart.*

Scott Pelley: *But you say you didn't expect the company to be successful? Then why try?*

Elon Musk: *If something's important enough you should try. Even if you -- the probable outcome is failure.*

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Scott Pelley: *The car company is hemorrhaging money--*

Elon Musk: *Yeah.*

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*That terrible year was captured in a documentary called "Revenge of the Electric Car." His plant was filled with flawed cars that couldn't be delivered.*

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*["Revenge of the Electric Car:" Holy mackerel. Jesus! We have like an army of cars here. Like, Jesus! This is frightening. It's really pedal to the metal here. I mean, each month that passes is literally costs us tens of million of dollars we need to appreciate that.]*

*To save Tesla, Musk needed millions more from investors. His fortune was gone.*

*Elon Musk: When we'd call people and say, "Hey, would you like to invest?," they'd be angry that we just called. That it's like-- it's not like no-- no and-- no and-- you know, various expletives.*

*Scott Pelley: He was essentially broke.*

*Kimbal Musk: Oh yeah. In debt. More than broke.*

*Scott Pelley: More than broke.*

*Kimbal Musk: Yeah.*

*Elon Musk: I remember waking up the Sunday before Christmas in 2008, and thinking to myself, "Man, I never thought I was someone who could ever be capable of a nervous breakdown," but I felt, "This is the closest I've ever come." 'Cause it-- it seemed pretty-- pretty dark.*

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*Elon Musk: We were running on fumes at that point we had virtually no money.*

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*Then, as often, the week of Christmas became a time when little boy dreams are answered (BY WHITE HOUSE PAYOLA).*

Elon Musk: *NASA called and told us that we'd won a \$1.5 billion contract. And I couldn't even hold the phone, I just blurted out, "I love you guys."*

**(THIS IS NOW KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN A KICK-BACK GIFT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE IN EXCHANGE FOR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FROM MUSK AND HIS PARTNERS)**

Scott Pelley: *They saved you.*

Elon Musk: *Yeah, they did.*

Scott Pelley: *Financially and maybe even emotionally.*

Elon Musk: *Well, I'll tell you that was, that was definitely helpful, yeah.*

*Two days later, on Christmas Eve, Tesla's investors decided to pour in more money.*

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**MUSK ON THE LOANS CRITICAL TO TESLA'S SURVIVAL**

Scott Pelley: *So you were saved in the period of three days by two completely unexpected events.*

Elon Musk: *Yeah.*

Scott Pelley: *Merry Christmas.*

Elon Musk: *Yeah, absolutely. That's for sure.*

**(IN THESE STATEMENTS, MUSK IS ADMITTING THAT HIS APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL SECTION 136 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FUNDS WAS A FRAUD AND A LIE. IT IS ILLEGAL TO APPLY FOR SECTION 136 FUNDS KNOWING YOUR COMPANY WAS FAILING)**

Scott Pelley: *What was so attractive?*

Talulah Riley: *Well, he was very charming and definitely the most interesting and eccentric person I have ever met. (AND THE RICHEST; THOUGHT, THE RARELY HIRED "ACTRESS" WHOSE NET WORTH HAD JUST INCREASED BY 1000X)*

*This is how it fits into the bottom of the chassis. Trouble is the battery's so expensive musk can't build a \$35,000 car with acceptable range. To make Tesla successful, he must reinvent battery manufacturing. Musk has just announced a \$5 billion factory to be built in the U.S. which, he says, will make more*

*lithium ion batteries than all the other plants on earth combined. (USING THE WAR PROFITEERED LITHIUM THAT HE, HIS PARTNERS AND HIS CORRUPT SENATORS OWN)*

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## **Questions For Elon Musk:**

Recently; Numerous ex-Tesla staff and contractors, former suppliers, federal investigators, investigative reporters, investors and ex-partners of Tesla Motors have provided facts about Tesla Motors which are disturbing to the public, Congress, and the market. Please provide clarification of the following charges and concerns in order to resolve outstanding issues between the public and Tesla Motors :

- Are Tesla and Google, essentially, the same entity by virtue of the same investors, agenda and stock market manipulations?
- When damaging news about Tesla emerges, do Tesla and Google investors place multiple stock-buy orders from a multi-billion dollar slush fund in order to make it appear that individual outside investors are excited by Tesla when, in fact, it is only a small internal group of investors “pumping the market”? Does Google “bury” any negative stories about Tesla in their searches on orders from Tesla/Google investors? Is that a violation of securities laws?
- It is said that the Tesla Model S has the most surveillance devices to watch, track, listen-to and broadcast the activities of the occupants, built into it than any other car in the world. Elon Musk has personally told reporters that his cars constantly watch the driver and occupants. Why is that? Why are Tesla and Google obsessed with spying on the public?
- In multiple recorded interviews, Elon Musk is on public record telling the news media that, after careful research, the NUMMI plant in Fremont California would be a very bad choice for Tesla? Why did that suddenly change? What participation did Senator Dianne Feinstein and her husband’s real estate Company CBRE have on that decision and the award of the loan to Tesla? Why do Senator Feinsteins staff now work for Tesla? Why did Glenn Greenwald call Feinstein’s actions “suspicious”? What political support or funding did Tesla or Google provide to any related political officials?
- From 2008 to 2010 numerous competing electric car companies have charged that Tesla Motors placed Tesla Motors “moles” inside of their companies to intelligence-gather and cause disruption. Is that true?
- Google and Tesla motors share the same venture capital investor groups and alliances. Numerous expert at Tech-Crunch, Valleywag and other industry journals have published articles about the fact that those VC’s actively collude with each other to lock competing technologies and companies out of the market and create business monopolies. Did Tesla investors and associates participate in such activities? If so, would that not be a violation of SEC laws?
- Did Tesla and/or Google reward certain politicians with campaign funding, web promotion, revolving door jobs for staff, and other incentives, in exchange for “hot-tracking” State and Federal taxpayer

money for Tesla Motors?

- While other companies built consumer priced electric cars before and during Tesla's existence, why did Tesla choose to build an unaffordable car and position the marketing of it to "the 1%" when the money for that car came from the 99% taxpayers?
- Numerous cities were told that they would have the Tesla car factory and then they stated, or sued Tesla, saying Tesla acted "in bad faith" and "used false and misleading information" to induce them to provide assurances which were used to pump the stock market. Why did Tesla lead so many cities on?
- The factory that builds your batteries and the U.S. Government states, in their formal technical documents, that when Tesla batteries are on fire they emit lethal, brain-damaging, carcinogenic, liver, lung and DNA damaging fumes and smoke. Why do you not inform the public of this danger in your literature?
- Lithium ion production kills and terminally sickens workers overseas. Multiple Tesla workers have been burned alive at your factory. OSHA has launched an investigation. What have you done to prevent the accidental and long term injuries to your staff and contractors?
- Bernard Tse, and other main Tesla Engineering staff including: electric engineer Doug Bourn, electrical engineer Andrew Ingram, Brian M. Finn, senior manager of interactive electronics and George Blankenship; while investigating battery purchases for Tesla Motors, received numerous white-papers and technical documents from LG Chem, Panasonic and the U.S. D.O.E and vast numbers of other battery-makers which specifically stated that lithium-ion batteries would be "stressed" and "likely to combust" when used in the configuration which Tesla intended. They stated that the batteries were "not intended for use in cars". Why then, did Tesla still use them? What effect did the monopolistic ownership of lithium ion mining and manufacturing resources by Tesla and Google investors have on the decision to use lithium ion?
- Is it not a fact that a majority of your cars have been sold to your own investors or associates who act as "fluffers" against any bad PR?
- In multiple recorded interviews, Elon Musk is on public record stating that, at the time of application for the DOE loan Tesla was on the verge of bankruptcy. The DOE loan was mandated under a Federal law known as Section 136. This law stated that no car company could receive money if it was on the verge of bankruptcy. Past accountants of Tesla have stated that Tesla was on the verge of bankruptcy at the time of the loan application. Numerous Tesla staff and contractors have verified this. Did Tesla commit a felony and acquire "unfair advantage" per the GAO?
- Relative to the number of cars sold, why has Tesla had so many Tesla drunk driver related crashes, deaths and homicides. Why are Tesla drivers killing innocent pedestrians simply because the Tesla's "smell bad".?
- Psychographic, demographic and marketing studies have been published showing that Tesla drivers have a higher-than-average inclination towards drugs, strange sexual behavior and risk. Could this account for the number of Tesla crashes and deaths?
- Is it true that safety testing was done on Tesla cars without fully charged batteries and in a moisture-

locked environment because Tesla staff knew that fully charged batteries and moisture in a crash WOULD cause a fiery explosion, as they already have?

- Is it not a fact that Google deletes, or hides any bad PR about Tesla on it's network? Would this be considered stock market manipulation in violation of SEC laws?

- Numerous periodicals, including Valleywag, document the fact that Elon Musk sends spy emails to his employees, each with a few words changed in order to track them and see who might reveal anything damaging to regulators?

- Who are all of the property holders and lease-owners of the Tesla and Solyndra, past and current, real-estate?

- According to DOE staff, who were at DOE when the Tesla application was submitted, nothing that Tesla submitted was ever built by Tesla. In fact, these staff state that the vehicle that Tesla eventually sold was not even designed or engineered when Tesla was approved for the loan money, contrary to the Section 136 law requirement. They say that Tesla took the money and THEN hired people to figure out what they were going to do with it. As shown in the DOE files, the engineering of the shipping Tesla cars has no element that was submitted to DOE. Is that true?

- Elon Musks wives and founders have filed lawsuits and made public statements that he is a fraud and coerced them into participation. Is it proper fiduciary practice to allow Mr. Musk to continue with the company?

- Why did Tesla not have to pay the cash participation fee that the Section 136 law said everybody had to pay? Tesla staff stated, at numerous documented Silicon Valley open meetings that they got a "special applicant participation waiver". Why did Tesla get that waiver?

- Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's Federal funding?

- Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's Federal waivers, tax deferrals, credits and discounts?

- Kleiner Perkins and certain silicon valley VC's, all investors in a number of DOE "winners" (including Tesla, Fisker, Solyndra, A123 and others), organized meetings with a Dmitry Medvedev and other men known by the State Department, CIA, FBI and federal investigators to be involved in Russian mobsterism and then Ener1, Severstal and A123, dark-money funded and run by billionaires (many of whom own lithium mining interests) known by the State Department, the CIA and federal investigators to be involved in Russian mobsterism, were awarded taxpayer funds by Steven Chu, who was nominated by Kleiner Perkins. Was any of this a conflict of interest?

- Why is the only company to receive California State real estate exclusives, exclusive tax waivers, credits and stock enhancers and free rides on taxpayer backs also the same company who's investors were the largest funders of certain State officials?

- Federal communications monitoring of text, voice and email communications of certain highly placed Senators, lobbyists and venture capitalists from 2005 to today should be made available to ALL federal

criminal investigators. Have they been? Are one or more Senators blocking this effort because they are compromised?

- Why have so many fraud lawsuits been filed against Elon Musk and Tesla Motors?
- The head of the NHTSA (Strickland) Tesla investigation quit because of increased scrutiny. The facts, such as these, demonstrate that Tesla and Fisker never should have passed any NHTSA safety review. How can the public be assured that ongoing NHTSA investigations regarding Tesla will not be rigged?
- Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's State funding? Did Tesla Motors provide falsified information in order to acquire it's State waivers, tax deferrals, credits and discounts? Did Tesla investors bribe, or influence Congress people?
- Did Tesla report tax credits as revenue/sales in stock reports in order to trick investors into thinking Tesla was making profit that it was actually not making?
- Did Tesla staff or owners investors bribe, or influence Congress people? Did Tesla staff, owners or investors provider misleading information to investors? Was there a conflict of interest between Department of Energy staff and Tesla owners, investors or staff? Was there a conflict of interest between White House staff and Tesla owners, investors or staff? Was there a conflict of interest between Senate staff and Tesla owners, investors or staff? Did Tesla Motors use taxpayer money to hire off-shore staff?
- Marketing sales staff from the ad agencies for 60 Minutes, Consumer Reports, GQ, Fortune and other mainstream periodicals have stated that Elon Musk purchased "puff piece" stories about himself in those broadcasts and magazines and that none of those stories were internally generated. Is it good fiduciary practice for an executive to use corporate resources for personal glorification?
- Did Tesla Motors use taxpayer money to purchase supplies offshore that could have been purchased in the United States? Did Tesla Motors participate in a market rigging scam to rig lithium ion purchasing for its investors? Did Tesla Motors participate in a market rigging scam to rig the electric car market for its investors? Did Tesla Motors staff, or owners, sabotage competitors?
- Did Tesla Motors staff, owners or investors exchange campaign funding quid pro quo for business financing?
- Did Silicon Valley companies, owned by Tesla investors and campaign financiers, use internet technology to falsify information to the public in order to manipulate stock market perceptions in violation of SEC, RICO, and various other laws?
- Did Tesla Motors lie about the safety metrics of its lithium ion battery system?
- Was Tesla Motors holding safety metric data in its files which differed fully from the safety metrics data it provided to investors and NHTSA?
- Did Tesla Motors violate securities law by using false information to acquire a federal loan which it then used to falsify its stock metrics in order to "pump" it's stock?
- Did Deloitte accounting firm conspire with Tesla to manipulate market metrics in violation of RICO

Statutes and did that firm manipulate Department of Energy review data on Tesla's behalf?

- A U.S. Senator officiated at the opening of the Tesla NUMMI plant and lobbied for Tesla's tax waivers, credits, acquisition of NUMMI and discounts and then that U.S. Senator had their staff work in Tesla's offices. Is it a conflict of interest that this senator received campaign funding and this senator's family received real estate deals from the Tesla and, (next door to Tesla), Solyndra real estate deals?
- Did Welles Fargo conspire with Tesla to manipulate market metrics in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Did Goldman Sachs conspire with Tesla to manipulate market metrics in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Were Department of Energy staff manipulating Tesla funding data in order to favor Tesla and its campaign funding investors in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Were Department of Energy staff manipulating Tesla funding data in order to disfavor Tesla competitors and competitors to its campaign funding investors in violation of RICO Statutes?
- Did Tesla owners, staff or investors attempt to delay federal investigations and indictments by asserting influence in violation of RICO Statutes and numerous other laws?
- Documents show there have been more Tesla fires that actually occurred than Tesla has reported in the media. How many actual Tesla factory fires, test car fires and Tesla battery fires have actually occurred?
- Please provide an identification matrix showing campaign backers who were lithium ion investors who had had their contacts exert influence over NHTSA decisions regarding Tesla?
- The Secretary of energy was friends with all of your investors. We have been unable to find the name of even one person from OPM and Congressional nomination file wrapper for Steven Chu's nomination, who Chu did not later give DOE \$\$ or perks to. Why is that?
- The U.S. Post Office, The TSA, The DOE, The GAO, Panasonic and over 100 of the leading technical companies in the world say lithium ion batteries can spontaneously explode. Why do you not disclose this to your buyers in your literature?
- The Tesla can blow-up from its charger and/or its batteries. Are there other dangers that have also not been disclosed?
- Is Tesla operating in violation of the patents of any other company?
- By Elon Musk's own admission, at the time of the DOE loan application all of the car designs were \$100,000.00, PER CAR, over budget and they had no final design for a factory production run DFM. How could Tesla have gotten the loan with the worst debt ratio, the least engineering, the greatest financial risk and the least collateral of any applicant?
- Tesla lobbyists worked with Rahm Emanuel in the White House, to arrange their loan deal. Rahm Emanuel's Senior Finance Aide was recently arrested for bribes, kickbacks, corruption and money Laundering. Steve Rattner, The West Wing "Car Czar", who Tesla investors worked with to secure the Tesla loan, was also indicted for corruption. Almost everyone at DOE involved in your loan was forced

to quit or fired. Does this call your dealings into question?

- Rolls-Royce Holdings said the U.K.'s Serious Fraud Office has opened a formal investigation into bribery and corruption of government officials for cars for the 1%. Does this worry you?

- The NHTSA said that Elon Musk lied about Fire Safety Review approval and who made the request for recall and investigation. Should we trust Elon Musk?

- Tesla got another \$34 MILLION of our tax money in exclusive campaign finance kickbacks for billionaires from the State of California. Why did Tesla billionaires need a few million of our tax money in a recession when people have no jobs?

- The German Tesla "Safety Review" was exposed as "Sham" in that they conducted no safety review and were just told to "pass the car" by your bankers at Deutsche Bank! Why did you not disclose that the German's conducted no testing of your battery system of any nature?

- In Tesla's own filed patent applications you state that your batteries WILL explode spontaneously and kill and injure people and burn down their homes. Why did you not disclose this in buyers documentation?

- Tesla is MORE likely to catch on fire than gasoline car"per Bloomberg & MIT. Why did you not disclose this?

- Lithium Ion is "nearly impossible to extinguish, and "acts like solid rocket fuel" say firefighters. Tesla never supplied required battery company CO2 fire extinguishers to car owners. Why not?

- Federal Investigators say you are using "exploding flashlight batteries that were never intended to be used in cars, in an improperly shielded box" to power the car instead of commercial energy storage technology. They say your car has "85% less lithium crash protection on the Tesla than ANY OTHER ELECTRIC CAR". All other companies had to recall EXCEPT Tesla. Why not? What special leverage did you have?

- Over 150 defects and problems per model about the Tesla have been documented on user-forums and in the press including: "Doors lock you in and out. Bad if car on fire!"; "George Clooney Rips Tesla: 'Why Am I Always Stuck On The Side Of The F\*cking Road?"; "Tesla "Satisfaction" survey authored by it's own investors/fanboys"; "Tesla seat vibration causes Anal Itching!"; "VAMPIRE POWER DEFECT slams entire Tesla Model S fleet!"; "Numerous defects documented by owners online." When the NUMMI factory was in use by GM and Toyota only 5 defects per model car produced there occurred. Even after you bought brand new robots, why did the Tesla cars get worse in a pre-configured factory with billions of dollars of past car preparation?

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your public response to clarify these issues and concerns.



## Did the LA TIMES Article actually disclose an organized crime operation involving some very famous people?

The LA TIMES just ran an article which exposes Elon Musk's funding system, based on Government hand-outs. Musk rushed to hold a press conference to claim the amount of taxpayer cash, he has received, was "just a pittance". Few, though, find over FIVE BILLION DOLLARS of tax waivers, credits, employment freebies, buildings, exclusive contracts, and other taxpayer provided goodies, to be "a pittance" in these tough times.

While it is true that Musk has now received more taxpayer hand-outs, than any individual in American history, one could argue that he is just a lucky business man.

But, just for the purpose of theoretical discussion, what if some of the darker theories about Musk's coincidental windfalls have some merit?

Let's jump right to the most sinister interpretation of things.

One of the whispered rumours, on the web holds that in 2007, right when Musk's silent partners, Eric Schmidt and John Doerr started, practically, living at the White House in a lobbying frenzy, the Democrats finally acknowledged that they really were the party of the poor, because they were flat broke. So some of them came up with the idea of creating a Department of Energy fund called the "**ATVM Fund**", loading it up with \$25 Billion kick-back dollars of taxpayer cash, awarding it only to Schmidt/Doerr/Musk related companies, and shutting out all of their competitors.

Indeed, history shows that the fund actually was created. It really got \$25 Billion, in a unique legal manner, which made the \$25 Billion irrevocable. Schmidt/Doerr/Musk's buddy: Steven Chu, was put in charge of it. He hired their friends to staff his office.

See where this is going?

So, per this theory, Musk is actually a kick-back conduit, protected by the White House, to spiff the DNC campaign funds...according to this theory. Which is just a theory. It couldn't really happen, right? The White House wouldn't prop up a guy just to keep him quiet and keep kick-back cash flowing.. right?

So this theory is kind of ironic because, in an amazing coincidence, everything that Musk get's involved in, is exactly stuff that the White House is promoting.

In an even more bizarre coincidence, to pull a scam like this off, the Schmidt/Doerr/Musk Cartel would need the help of U.S. Senators Reid and Feinstein, the most beloved American politicians in history.

This whole theory must have come out of the fact that Reid and Feinstein made billions of dollars off of Schmidt/Doerr/Musk Cartel stock investments and campaign contributions, but, that was, of course just another funny coincidence. They even ran, and built, some of the properties that these Department of Energy "winners" companies sat upon. But, again, coincidence!

The main reason one might cast doubt on this theory is that there are so many hard facts to prove it, that it is just too good to be true... right?

These internet crazies...these “theorizers” point to actual facts like the one where all of the profitable chemicals that Tesla and Solyndra were going to buy and sell in volume were controlled by the investors in Kleiner Perkins and commodity-managed by their partners: Goldman Sachs. That’s just another funny coincidence.

The “theorizers” point to the fact that Musk’s companies have poor business volume, but show a profit whenever there is bad news thanks to Kleiner rushing out to “Flash Boy” purchase Tesla stock, with an automated stock buying system, in order to pump the stock. Federal, and private investigator, records show that this actually happened. It has also been proven that only Google, Reddit and the other Kleiner-controlled web-news-media mask all negative Musk/Tesla news in perfect synchronization with the stock pumps, when no other publications on the planet do. Again, these are just coincidences. If people were consciously doing those kinds of things it would be mobster-ism on a Godfather-class scale. But, that couldn’t have happened.

Then..get this; “rumour people”, who seem to just be ecstatic about all of these coincidental, highly suspect things, go off on yet another “FACT”. They point out that originators of the scam, from the White House side, had to be Emanuel, Plouffe, Axelrod, Rattner and Gibbs. Then they go on to point out that Emanuel, Plouffe, Axelrod, Rattner and Gibbs suddenly quit the White House at the peak of their career for reasons that don’t make sense. The fact that one of them was indicted for stock market fraud only goes to strengthen their case, but, again...these things happen.

So, even if this really had happened, the brave and fearless protector of ethics and morality: Mr. Eric Holder, would have cracked right down on his friends here...who he knew personally, and had dinner with, and had the same lawyers with...oh,.. well.. but anyway. Eric would have jumped on them, right? The White House wouldn’t order the Justice Department and the FBI to ignore Elon Musk, John Doerr and the Silicon Valley Cartel as a kick-back protection order, now would they?

Mobsters kill people. Rajeev Motwani, David Bird, Gary D. Conley, 3 Tesla engineers and a large bunch of others did, certainly, die under mysterious circumstances, and they were all people that this cartel would want dead, but to say that these billionaires are off murdering their adversaries using mysterious CIA stealth murder tricks is overly intriguing.

Of course, as we all now know, every single one of those companies in the ATVM Fund scam grabbed the cash, paid their CEO and Goldman Sachs insiders off-the-top, and immediately went bankrupt in the largest government-funded sequential business-failure suite in history. While some argue that a secret GOP Task Force discovered the plot and forced all of the Kleiner Cartel DOE “Winners” to collapse, in punishment, this is probably another coincidence.

Here is the main argument against this theory, Mobsters are big greasy looking guys with bulbous broken noses and slicked back pompadours. These Musk and Kleiner people wear khaki’s and black turtlenecks. KHAKI’S for god-damn sakes!! You never saw a mobster in khaki’s, right? ...OR DID YOU!?

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“Swiss Leaks” HSBC documents, (including some the public have not seen yet), Snowden/Assange, FTC and EU investigations, foreign hackers and probing reporters, at a variety of media outlets, have revealed the truth behind the rise to power of these two individuals.

They both owe their existence to Chicago corruption and organized crime culture.

Neither of them would exist if certain federal laws and policies had not been changed, or enacted, at exactly the same time for them to exploit those very same laws, timed to follow huge campaign “contributions”.

They both had insane ego’s, braggadocio that was off the charts, and narcissism that was turned up to “11” because they knew they were being protected by the highest level political figures of their times. They were, as Elliot Ness would say: “Untouchable”.

They both had the Top Cop in their pockets.

They both had a string of notorious sexual scandals.

They both created a monopoly of key supplier materials. Liquor distribution in one case.

Lithium batteries in another.

They each acted as the sole information and operations conduit for their organizations so that no outsider could stumble upon their schemes.

All of the movies, and tales, about them involved funky-looking high speed car activities.

They both had mysterious deaths associated with their operations.

They both used women like “disposable objects”.

Russian mobsters were involved with each one.

They both had associates who helped them manipulate the stock market.

They both were able to “skim” state and federal funds.

They both always dressed in black to be more intimidating.

They, and their billionaire buddies, were both involved in huge political take-over attempts.

They each spent massive amounts of money on their own press coverage and glorification.

Later analysis, by psychological profilers, identified each as classic sociopaths.

Many corrupt politicians, including some famous Senator's, got kick-backs from them and participated in their upside in exchange for “greasing the skids”

They both had the backing of a special interest business-men's cartel.

Until the very end, even on the perp-walk to prison, they still acted aloof, tone-deaf and as if the whole world thought they were the center of the universe.

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## **“DIRTY” CRIMES FOR “CLEAN” ENERGY: THE AFGHANISTAN LITHIUM SCAM**

At this point, enough evidence has accumulated to clearly prove that a mining scam was underway involving trillions of dollars of lithium, which Tesla, John Doerr and the Silicon Valley Cartel, 1.) clearly acquired the monopoly ownership of, 2.) at exactly the right moment to time it to the Afghan War, 3.) and place their associate: Steven Chu in office, 4.) and arrange the Dept. of Energy exclusive cash give-aways and 5.) tie in with Goldman Sachs commodity rigging which every suspect has now been shown to have had an operational hand in, and financial & political benefit from.

Solyndra was staged to exploit indium and other related minerals from the same mining deal. Alas, the Afghan War failed, costing U.S. taxpayers (According to multiple news reports) over six trillion dollars, the Republicans found out about the “Cleantech Scam” and dissected it, almost all of the Cartel’s pool of exploitation companies went out of business, the Russian portions went into cold war mode with their U.S. counter-parts and leaks from Dept. of Energy staff broke the cover-up. Senior Federal employees participated in, coordinated and benefitted from the crime.

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How many Washington DC top brass think they got away with this crime?

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- Tesla said they were going to BUILD a Factory in San Jose. They had no intention of building a factory and just wanted to trick state and city officials into signing their appeal letters. The factory was never built. Tesla investors sought to get real estate profits from the land deal.

- Tesla said they were going to BUILD a Factory in New Mexico. They are being sued in New Mexico for this lie. They had no intention of building a factory and just wanted to trick state and city officials into signing their appeal letters. The factory was never built. Tesla investors sought to get real estate profits from the land deal.

- Tesla said they were going to BUILD a Factory in Downey, CA. They had no intention of building a factory and just wanted to trick state and city officials into signing their appeal letters. The factory was never built. Tesla investors sought to get real estate profits from the land deal.

- Tesla fired multiple workers without notice. They have been sued by those workers and lost those lawsuits. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla had no factory but DOE rejected other applicants for not having a factory. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla was \$100,000.00 off on their BOM calculations per car. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Deloitte was both the accountant for Tesla and the accounting reviewer for DOE. With Tesla's at-application-time credit and numbers actually so bad, one has to wonder what was up. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla and DOE staff were supplied by McKinsey. McKinsey wrote all of the green energy plans and white papers for David Axelrod to give to the White House. McKinsey staff have now gone to jail. Tesla and Fisker investors are best friends with McKinsey senior executives.

One McKinsey executive, associated with a jailed McKinsey senior executive, is now dead from "natural causes". The heads of the DOE loan Program: Matt Rogers and Steve Spinner, were working for McKinsey while also working at the DOE loan program as "deciders" for Steven Chu. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla made a deal with DOE staff to spiff the loan announcement in order to hype the stock market in order to fake up stock sales. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- DOE had IBM consulting, in Virginia, do Tesla's "due diligence". IBM consulting was a contractor to Tesla. IBM Consulting supplied the DOE loan staff that McKinsey did not supply. IBM consulting only gave Tesla their top score. The reviews by IBM consulting, which operating under a variety of names from a fake office, now seem to have been manipulated in favor of Tesla. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla investors emailed and phone called the White House and Senior DOE staff to make quid-pro-quo deals which are now documented. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla got their inside Senator to give them only-for-Tesla factory tax reductions, green tax credits and other special finance perks that allowed Tesla to book profit that did not actually exist. When this got other applicants in trouble, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- At the time of application, Tesla had no prototype of the car that was to be factory produced (The roadster was not at all the car produced), no design CAD, no factory production files and no engineering for factory machine automation. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla was caught sending out letters to customers telling them to close deposits so they could fake orders before the earnings call. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla engaged in a conflict-of-interest with a Senator and her real-estate family for Tesla and Solyndra land, and adjacent land, in Fremont, Ca. How did Tesla get this through? Corruption?



- Tesla had one of the worst credit ratings at the time of application. Even today, to pay back all of Tesla's investors is nearly impossible. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla had one of the worst debt ratios at the time of application. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- The cost, BOM, time-to-market, range and domestic jobs metrics was lower in Tesla's application than most other applicants. When better ratings got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- DOE staff made a deal with Tesla to swap Detroit stock to cook up the books for the application. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla made a deal to hire union workers for the NUMMI plant then fired most of them and hired H1B foreign workers with taxpayer money. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla provided no collateral for their loan application and had no assets of value. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla has sent out PR saying they are repaying their loan many years in the future in order to stop investigations. They have NOT paid off their loan and the facts of sales show no possibility that they will.

- Tesla buys the majority of its parts from non-American suppliers. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla hired multiple "famous auto people" who then quit when they say what Tesla was up to. When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla said they were going to build and sell over 500,000 cars as of today's date. They have missed every milestone and sold less than 5000 cars. When this got other applicants declined,

how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

- Tesla could not make their payments and got their deal custom-changed multiple times.  
When this got other applicants declined, how did Tesla get through? Corruption?

# HOW THE CRONY CAPITALISM OF THE CLEANTECH CRASH ALMOST DESTROYED AMERICA

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*[Submitted by Richard Ebeling via EpicTimes.com.](#)*

Since the economic downturn of 2008, the critics of capitalism have redoubled their efforts to persuade the American people and many others around the world that the system of individual freedom and free enterprise has failed.

These critics have insisted that it is unbridled capitalism, set loose on the world, which is the source of all of our personal and society misfortunes. We hear and read this not only in the popular news media and out of the mouths of the political pundits. We see it also in the election of a radical socialist to the leadership of the British Labor party, and a self-proclaimed “democratic socialist” riding high in the public opinion polls for the Democratic Party’s nomination to the U.S. presidency.

The first observation to make is that many if not most of the social and economic misfortunes that are most frequently talked about are not the product of a “failed” free enterprise. The reason for this is that a consistently practiced free enterprise system no longer exists in the United States.

### **The Heavy Hand of Regulation**

What we live under is a heavily regulated, managed and controlled interventionist-welfare state. The over 80,000 pages of the Federal Register, the volume that specifies and enumerates all the Federal regulations that are imposed on and to which all American businesses are expected to comply, is just one manifestation of the extent to which government has weaved a spider's web of commands over the business community.

The Small Business Administration has estimated that compliance costs imposed on American enterprise by this mountain of regulations maybe upwards of \$2 trillion a year.

At the same time, the tangled web of corrupt government-private sector relationships is also reflected in the size and cost of special interest lobbying activities connected with the Federal government.

According to the non-partisan Center for Responsive Government, in 2014 there were almost 12,000 registered lobbyists working in Washington, D.C. Their job is to influence the writing of legislation that serve special interest groups attempting to obtain sectorial tax breaks, anti-competitive regulations or market restrictions, redistributions of wealth, or taxpayer funded subsidies and protections from the realities of free market competition and trade, or to advance various ideologically motivated "causes."



### **Spending Big Money to Plunder Others**

The Center for Responsive Government, which tracks who lobbies and for what purposes and causes through the targeting of specific holders of or contenders for Federal elected office, including the Presidency and both Houses of the U.S. Congress, estimated that in 2014 lobbyists spent nearly \$3.25 billion in the pursuit of privileges for some at the expense of others in society.

Just alone in 2013-2014, over \$500 million dollars was spent on lobbying activity by the financial, insurance, and real estate sectors. Ideological and single-issue groups spent more than \$352 million. Lawyers and lobbyists spent \$151.5 million; health industry companies spent \$142 million; and labor unions "invested" \$140.6 million on lobbying.

Communications and electronic companies spent \$116 million; energy and natural resource sector, \$115 million; agribusiness, \$77 million; construction companies, \$67.7 million; transportation firms, \$61 million, and defense companies, \$25.4 million.

Based on the Senate Office of Public Records, the Center for Responsive Government calculates that lobbyists spent close to \$41 billion on lobbying activities over the last 15 years, since the beginning of the twenty-first century.

These billions of special interest-serving dollars have influenced and affected the spending of trillions of dollars of Federal government expenditures over the same decade and a half. The lobbyists work with and use those who hold high political office so the special interest and ideological groups who employ them can plunder many others in American society; they can be viewed as among the most successful enterprisers in the country.

### **The Best Politicians Money Can Buy**

But the symbiotic relationship between politicians and special interest groups of all types does not begin or end with the formal lobbying for legislative, regulatory and fiscal privileges and favors in the halls of Congress and the White House in Washington, D.C.

It goes on all year round all over the country in the form of campaign and electioneering contributions to get those elected or reelected who can be depended upon to direct the powers of government in ways that interest groups and ideological activists desire and from which they hope to benefit.

Again according to the Center for Responsive Politics, in 2013-2014, individuals and PACS donated over \$1.6 billion to 1,671 candidates of both major political parties running for office in the Senate and the House of Representatives. Democratic Party candidates received \$736 million, while Republican Party candidates received \$901.5 million.

While it may seem unseemly to suggest such a thing, these amounts for legislative lobbying and campaign funding, of course, do not include more millions of dollars that grease the palms of those in political power or who want to be in those lofty positions that represent funding that are outside the official channels in the form of “gifts,” travel junkets, off-the-books expense accounts, and out-and-out bribes of one type or another.

The real world of corrupted and corrupting crony capitalism includes more than lobbying expenditures and campaign contributions to have ringside seats in the halls of political plunderland.

The media has been in a frenzy with the revelations that the Volkswagen automobile company manipulated information about emission standards on its diesel vehicles to deceive environmental regulators in both the United States and Europe. This is being portrayed by many in the media as another example and “proof” of the consequences of unbridled capitalism, when left outside of sufficiently tight and demanding government regulation and intense oversight.



### **Government Partnerships and the Volkswagen Scandal**

However, a closer look shows that this is, instead, another example of the result arising from government, business and labor union “partnerships.” In Germany, labor union representatives sit on the executive boards of large companies and corporations that work closely with various levels of the German government to attain political and “social” goals and objectives very different and separate from what a truly free market company does in pursuing peaceful and honest profits in the service of consumer demand on open, competitive markets.

On September 25, 2015, *The New York Times* quoted a former Volkswagen executive who said:

*“There’s no other company where the owners and the unions are working so closely together as Volkswagen. [Volkswagen] guarantees jobs for over half the supervisory board. What management, the government and the unions all want is full employment, and the more jobs, the better. Volkswagen is seen as having a national mission to provide employment to the German people. That’s behind the push to be No. 1 in the world. They’ll look the other way about anything.”*

In such a politicized market economy, working for and serving “national” and “social” interests become the guiding principle of business decision-making. Not only does it lead to wasteful and inefficient economic business operations having less or sometimes nothing to do with cost-effective management and allocation of labor and resources to make better, newer and less expensive products, it also corrupts the individuals participating in these activities.

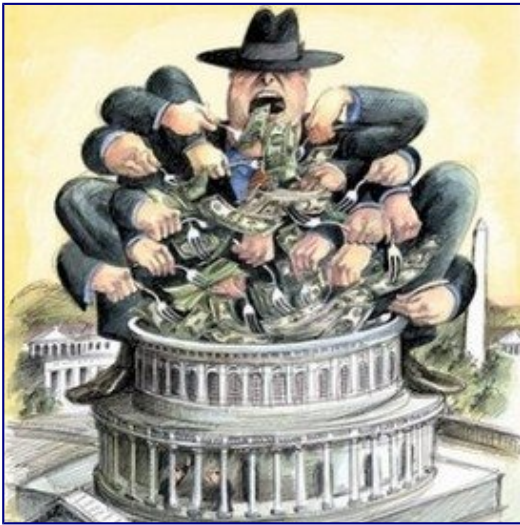
Breaking one or more regulatory standards imposed by government on these enterprises is merely one way of “doing business” to advance other political goals such as “jobs” and “full employment” that are expected as part of the “partnerships” with local and national-level politicians and labor union leaders.

The only thing expected from the business enterprises in these intricate political webs is: Don’t get caught. If you do, then your political partners become like Captain Renault, the prefect of police in the 1942 movie “Casablanca.” When Renault orders the closing of Rick’s Café, the owner asks him on

what grounds. Renault declares that he is “shocked, shocked” to discover that there is gambling going on in the café. At which point the roulette coupé appears with a stack of franc banknotes in his hand and says to Renault, “Your winnings, Sir.”

Volkswagen got caught, and will pay handsomely in financial and other penalties that will, no doubt, be imposed by the U.S. and European governments. And all the time, Volkswagen’s political partners, especially in Germany, who fostered and worked with the company to play its part in the “game” of government interventionism that has nothing to do with market-oriented enterprise, will sanctimoniously condemn the greedy and “selfish” conduct of profit-hungry businessmen.

What all these examples and facts about lobbying activities, campaign funding and government-business partnerships highlight is the pervasive extent to which “capitalism” as it now exists in the United States or Europe – or in fact all other parts of the world – has nothing to do with free market, laissez-faire capitalism.



### **Corrupting Hand of the Interventionist State**

The Austrian economist, Ludwig von Mises, described this twisted, corrupted, and politicized capitalism over 80 years ago, in 1932, in an essay on “The Myth of the Failure of Capitalism,” published shortly before the coming of Hitler and the Nazi movement to power:

*“In the interventionist state it is no longer of crucial importance for the success of an enterprise that the business should be managed in a way that it satisfies the demands of consumers in the best and least costly manner.*

*“It is far more important that one has ‘good relationships’ with the political authorities so that the interventions work to the advantage and not the disadvantage of the enterprise. A few marks’ more tariff protection for the products of the enterprise and a few marks’ less tariff for the raw materials used in the manufacturing process can be of far more benefit to the enterprise than the greatest care in managing the business.*

*“No matter how well an enterprise may be managed, it will fail if it does not know how to protect its interests in the drawing up of the custom rates, in the negotiations before the arbitration boards, and with the cartel authorities. To have ‘connections’ becomes more important than to produce well and cheaply.*

*“So the leadership positions within the enterprises are no longer achieved by men who understand how to organize companies and to direct production in the way the market situation demands, but by men who are well thought of ‘above’ and ‘below,’ men who understand how to get along well with the press and all the political parties, especially with the radicals, so that they and their company give no offense. It is that class of general directors that negotiate far more often with state functionaries and party leaders than with those from whom they buy or to whom they sell.*

*“Since it is a question of obtaining political favors for these enterprises, their directors must repay the politicians with favors. In recent years, there have been relatively few large enterprises that have not had to spend very considerable sums for various undertakings in spite of it being clear from the start that they would yield no profit. But in spite of the expected loss it had to be done for political reasons. Let us not even mention contributions for purposes unrelated to business – for campaign funds, public welfare organizations, and the like.*

*“Forces are becoming more and more generally accepted that aim at making the direction of large banks, industrial concerns, and stock corporations independent of the shareholders . . . The directors of large enterprises nowadays no longer think they need to give consideration to the interests of the shareholders, since they feel themselves thoroughly supported by the state and that they have interventionist public opinion behind them.*

*“In those countries in which statism has most fully gained control . . . they manage the affairs of their corporations with about as little concern for the firm’s profitability as do the directors of public enterprises. The result is ruin.*

*“The theory that has been cobbled together says that these enterprises are too big to allow them to be managed simply in terms of their profitability. This is an extraordinarily convenient idea, considering that renouncing profitability in the management of the company leads to the enterprise’s insolvency. It is fortunate for those involved that the same theory then demands state intervention and support for those enterprises that are viewed as being too big to be allowed to go under . . .*

*“The crisis from which the world is suffering today is the crisis of interventionism and of national and municipal socialism; in short, it is the crisis of anti-capitalist policies.”*

How different is today, in its essential qualities, from Mises’ description of the interventionist state and government-business “partnerships” during those years between the two World Wars?

### **Real Free Markets Mean Privileges for None**



If what we have today is what is widely referred to as “crony capitalism,” then how might we define and explain what a truly free market capitalism would be like? Let me suggest that the following seven points capture the essence of a real free economy:

- All means of production (land, resources, capital) are privately owned;
- The use of the means of production is under the control of private owners who may be individuals or corporate entities;
- Consumer demands determine how the means of production will be used;
- Competitive forces of supply and demand determine the prices of consumer goods and the various factors of production including wages of workers;
- The success or failure of individual and corporate enterprises is determined by the profits and losses these enterprises earn in free competition with their rivals in the market place;
- The free market is not confined to domestic transactions, and includes freedom of international trade;
- Government is limited in its activities to the enforcement and protection of life, liberty, and honestly acquired property against, violence and fraud.

In a real free market, there is no place for politicians to offer privileges and favors, because there are none to sell. There is no motive or gain for special interest groups to spend huge sums of money in campaign contributions or lobbying expenses, because political benefits for some at others’ expense cannot be bought.

Wasteful and corrupting “partnerships” between government and business enterprises cannot occur because political authority is restrained from any task other than the securing of each individual’s right to his life, liberty, and peacefully acquired property.

**As Ludwig von Mises said, the political and economic crises through which the world suffers is not the crisis or failure of the free market. No, it is the crisis and failure of the interventionist-welfare state, and its anti-free market capitalist ideology.**



# Elon Musk: Government's \$5 Billion Man

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**C**apitalism 2015: In corporate finance today, the theme is "Go where the money is." For Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla, SolarCity and SpaceX, the place to hunt for cash isn't Wall Street or even Silicon Valley. It's Washington, D.C.

investigations of Tesla Motors and Elon Musk, investigators are focused on potentially unethical and criminal activities concerning the following issues:

- The origins of Tesla and why Elon Musk had nothing to do with creating Tesla Motors
- The relationship between Tesla owners and White House staff
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Department of Energy staff
- The relationship between Tesla owners and In-Q-Tel

- The relationship between Tesla owners and political campaign financiers
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Google, including Eric Schmidt and Google investors
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Goldman Sachs
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Russian oligarch “business men”
- The relationship between Tesla owners and media outlets such as Think Progress, New America Foundation, ALICE, Media Matters, Gawker Media, Google, and related information control consortium's
- The relationship between Tesla owners and John Doerr's Kleiner Perkins Company
- The relationship between Tesla owners, the National Venture Capitol Association, the Silicon Valley Cartel and the coordinated venture capital “Black-listing” of Tesla competitors
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Troll Farm services that provide “click-farm”, “meat-puppet”, “sock-puppet”, “fake likes” and automated contrived social media
- The deaths, and traumatic injuries, of Tesla Motor's staff, investors, investigators and customers
- The war profiteering, and lobbied invasion efforts, by Tesla investors, for Afghanistan, Bolivian and other foreign lithium mining contracts
- The details of the political campaign kick-backs, and the pay-offs of gratis taxpayer cash, tax credits, real estate, government contracts, write-offs, stock warrants, and other payola as criminally “unjust rewards”
- The known, and covered-up, dangers of toxic vapors, fires and explosions of lithium ion batteries
- The relationship between Tesla owners and Dianne Feinstein, her husband Richard Blum and Harry Reid
- The charges and lawsuits against Elon Musk, and Tesla Motors for Fraud, by wives, employees, founders, supplies, investors and others
- Recent leaks and disclosures

- Potential criminal charges against the suspects and the financial relationships of all suspects
- Systemized corruption and kick-back programs within state, and federal, agencies
- Cover-ups created to protect political officials who benefited from stock, campaign support and other perks
- The planting of “Moles” and the operation of sabotage efforts against multiple competitors by Tesla staff
- Coordinated, criminal, stock market manipulations via “Flash Boy Algorithms”, “Buy Bots”, “Pumping via buybacks”, “Valuation fraud via Google ranking manipulation”, “Media cover-ups and news hiding via Google ranking manipulation”, “DOE PR Valuation boost coordinations” and direct TSLA stock chart fraud
- Who, knew what, and when they knew it



**MUSK'S OWN STAFF CALL HIM: “A LIAR”**

# Elon Musk's Space Dream Almost Killed

## Tesla

By Ashlee Vance

Illustrations by The Red Dress

SpaceX started with a plan to send mice to Mars. It got crazier from there.

In late October 2001, Elon Musk went to Moscow to buy an intercontinental ballistic missile. He brought along Jim Cantrell, a kind of international aerospace supplies fixer, and Adeo Ressi, his best friend from Penn. Although Musk had tens of millions in the bank, he was trying to get a rocket on the cheap. They flew coach, and they were planning to buy a refurbished missile, not a new one. Musk figured it would be a good vehicle for sending a plant or some mice to Mars.

# Tesla Motors and the Road To Corruption

**By Amy Landin- Washington Digital Review**

*It began as an idea by a couple of guys (none of whom were Elon Musk) who wanted to stiff it to the petroleum industry. It ended with political crime, corruption and the theft of tens of billions of taxpayer's dollars.*

*Jason was a junior level accounting major at Georgetown University. He had been recruited by Lachlan Seward, the loan program coordinator for the United States Secretary of Energy: Steven Chu. Jason thought that his low pay would yield big resume points, because, on this late October evening, he was going over the use of funds for a twenty five billion dollar "special" government fund. It was "big ticket" project and he knew he would be able to impress Wall Street, when he went job hunting at the end of this internship.*

*There was one problem, though, as he poured over the papers spread across the conference table on the upper floor of 1000 Independence Avenue, in the U.S. capital.*

*As he looked at the figures in front of him, again, he had a shiver go up his spine.*

*It wasn't excitement, it wasn't anticipation, It wasn't the chill of the office. He was beginning to think that something was horribly, horribly wrong.*

*The problem was, he just realized he was being ordered to arrange the materials in order to hand the taxpayer money over to the least qualified applicant. Additionally, the least qualified applicant was best friends with, and helped nominate, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu.*

*The applicant was Tesla Motors.*

*Nearly a billion dollars of taxpayer money has been spent on media hype about Tesla Motors and Elon Musk. Almost the full extent of that media smoke-screen, and Internet search engine rigging obfuscation effort, has been dedicated to keeping the public from finding out the truth about Tesla Motors.*

*Tesla was started by a couple of tech nerds who really hated oil companies. It labored for a number of years with little to show. Elon Musk then showed up, to run a hostile take-over of Tesla, and threw the founders out, during some very nasty lawsuits in which Tesla founder: Martin, accused him in court papers, and blogs, of being a fraud and a weasel.*

*Musk, and his Silicon Valley Cartel, had figured out a way to monopolize lithium mining deals in Afghanistan, and other war-profiteered regions. He had hooked up with Senator's Feinstein and Reid, via some spectacularly crooked insider stock, real-estate and supplier contract kick-back schemes, in order to grease the skids for a business conglomerate based on government hand-outs.*

*The \$25 billion dollars had come from the U.S. taxpayers under a law called the Section 136 law. It was no ordinary pig trough bill. It had restrictions which, if violated, would meet the*

*legal requirements of a felony-grade crime. John Doerr, Eric Schmidt and Elon Musk had crafted the schemed up portion of the Section 136 Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing fund. It was rigged to put tens of billions of taxpayer dollars right in their pockets, via an elaborate smoke-and-mirrors scam.*

*What Jason was looking at showed, in a side by side shoot-out, with all 200+ applicants, that Tesla Motors, compared to all others, was not only the least qualified but was in violation of the very law that operated the fund. Additionally, Tesla's investors were campaign financiers, and they had been demanding that the applicants who competed with them, get "nixed".*

*The documents and the Treasury, SEC and GAO reports seemed to indicate that something was wrong in Tesla-land.*

*The law said that the applicant must use existing factories: Tesla was applying to build new real estate in order to benefit Diane Feinstein's husband's realty holdings.*

*The law said that the applicant must **not** be on the verge of bankruptcy yet Elon Musk had told Energy Department executives that Tesla would go bankrupt without the cash. Musk later confessed to this in on-camera interviews.*

*The law said that Tesla must comply with NEPA non-toxicity rules yet the Tesla factories were known to emit cancer-causing materials and had killed thousands of workers in China. Additionally, a plan to build a Nevada Tesla battery factory was found to be so toxic that it could kill entire towns from the toxic run-off. Additionally, disposal of Tesla batteries creates a domestic toxic dump as bad as Three Mile Island.*

*The law said that the money must be used to create U.S. jobs, yet Tesla was planning on (and, in fact, did) hiring a large number of H-1B off-shore workers.*

*The law said that the awardee had to pay an awarding fee. Tesla never paid the fee and their staff even bragged about the waiver in a public presentation.*

*The law said that the awardee had to have a factory-ready design. During the entire time of Tesla's application; not only did they not have any design but they used the money they got from the taxpayers, to start from scratch and figure it out. Their submitted napkin design was \$100,000.00 over-budget PER CAR, during the DOE application period time. Nothing in the DOE Tesla application technical design "rough idea" has any resemblance to the car that actually emerged from the "factory".*

*Outside of the Section 136 law, federal criminal law says that you must not bribe politicians to get awarded federal money. Tesla has been shown to have bribed the very politicians that awarded the taxpayer cash.*

*The section 136 law said that the applicant must have a top-level "debt ratio". A debt ratio is how much money has been dumped into a company vs. the likelihood of paying all of the investors back. Tesla had THE WORST DEBT RATIO of all 200+ applicants. In other words, based on Treasury investigators analysis: Tesla had burned up so much money, with so little potential, and so little volume demand, that the ability to survive was almost nil. Department of Energy staff, who were, exclusively, hand-holding Tesla through the DOE program, helped arranged for a Detroit car company to temporarily acquire some Tesla stock in order to help*

*Tesla fudge their book-keeping, so that the debt-ratio would falsely appear to balance just long enough for the award of taxpayer cash to be issued. Most of Tesla's main sales were to its own investors and political fan-boys, in order to inflate order reports.*

*Tesla's application promised to sell at least 200,000 cars by 2012. In fact Tesla, as of today, has barely sold a tiny fraction of that number, after missing every milestone in its original application, and after wasting more money, per car, than any other car maker in manufacturing history.*

*These violations of the rules of the programs, the laws of the nation and the realms of morality went on and on. The list was long. Jason was now sweating.*

*Here was a company that appeared to be a total sham. It was a hyped up, internet-buzz calculated, stock market skim machine. Its supporters were the leaders in the use of "Flash Boy" stock market manipulation algorithms. Tesla shared the same plot of land with another company, which involved most of the same people. That other company was the soon-to-be-FBI-raided SOLYNDRA.*

*What was Jason going to tell his boss at The Department of Energy? He visualized his career swirling around the rim of a toilet bowl as he tried to form the words, in his mind, to tell his boss that the applicant, called Tesla Motors, was a stink bomb.*

*Jason never got to have that meeting with his boss. The next day the Department of Energy controller, who sat in between the boss and Jason, took the briefing from Jason. He complimented Jason on his excellent work but said that he would handle the revelation with the boss.*

*Not that many weeks later, Jason was shocked to see Steven Chu on CNN announcing the award of the vast sums of the taxpayer cash, via the \$25 Billion dollar "special fund" to Elon Musk and Tesla Motors.*

*What had happened?, he wondered. What could have erased a volume of dark revelations from review? Having not yet heard of "Lois Lerner" or the "Hillary Email Caper" yet, he could not imagine what had gone sideways.*

*He made his way, with urgency, to the controller's office, where he had first disclosed his findings. The controller looked up as he walked in, gave a commiserating expression and simply said..." ...I know, how you must feel about now.."*

***"There is nothing you can do except forget that this ever happened. We got a memo. This memo! (he held a piece of paper up, facing away from Jason). "I can't ever show it to you, but it is a game-changer."***

*Jason saw the memo, lit from behind, as the controller held it, facing away from Jason, but back-lit by the setting sun. It had a very distinct blue circular logo, at the top, and a watermark that is like no other in the world.*

*The White House had ordered the wave-through of their campaign financier's company despite all of the known false-hoods, misdeeds and out-right lies that Tesla had engaged in.*



## **How Elon Musk Fakes Tesla fans and stock enthusiasm with automated troll farms:**

### **Automated mass internet manipulation attack “Troll Farm”**

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# Death By Tesla

By Susan Johnlo (Based on actual events)

The sun glistened off the sleek futuristic body of the six figure Tesla sports car as it careened around the next curve of the beautiful Malibu coastal highway.

Below, the Pacific Ocean spread out to the horizon in an endless carpet of blue, undulating waves and sparkling wonder.

Nickleback was blaring from the speakers of the car, the driver's hair was tossed in the wind, his popped collar was flapping in the high speed rush of air and his Ray Bans barely hid his I-own-the-world feeling of delight in the moment.

Then the gates of hell opened up...

The car suddenly swerved, it dived straight off the cliff. Did the driver smell the smoke, or see the flames first? We may never be sure.

Was the, notoriously, hackable Tesla suddenly taken over by Chinese hackers, who had found his car IP address on the internet? That is another question that has yet to be resolved.

What is certain, is the horrific death that then followed. As investigators, safety engineers and fire officials detail the sequence of events, the results require a warning to readers: **Do not read further if you have a weak stomach –**

First, lithium ion battery number 862, in the floor pan of the car, experienced the collapsing housing of the lightweight aluminum box housing that surrounded it. The collapsing metal pierced the skin of the first battery. This was caused by the first rock that the lower corner of the Tesla floor pan slammed into. The rapid compression, and distortion of the 3 inch long Tesla battery caused that battery to buckle and forced the metal compounds inside, the lithium ion core battery chemicals, to experience the force as a pyrotechnic trigger. This, then caused that battery to release vapors, while at the same time, igniting those vapors like a little hand-grenade.

This battery had just been struck, ignited and exploded, and in that fire and explosion it was releasing gases which the driver was inhaling in his last moments of life. Those gasses have been publicly documented by The FDA, OSHA, Panasonic, and hundreds of other laboratory-grade facilities, to be the cause of cancer, liver damage, neurological damage, fetal damage and other deadly health issues. If this driver had not been killed by the fire and explosions, he would have had a longer, slower set of lethal issues to contend with.

Back to battery number 862; a few milliseconds after battery number 862 experienced the catastrophic explosion, battery number 863, right next to it, experienced the same devastating failure. This was followed by battery number 864, then number 865, then number 866, milliseconds apart. A chain reaction of self-igniting thermal hell was underway and no fireman could stop it now, nor, could they stop it after the crash.

The unstoppable nature of this lithium ion battery fire, set Malibu Canyon, itself, on fire.

So these flashlight-type batteries, that every Tesla driver is sitting on top of, are going off like military grade incendiary devices, during this crash, one-after-the-other.

These flashlight batteries were never made to be used in cars. Safety engineers say that Elon Musk's decision to use these batteries, in this way, was based on rapid profit exploitation, and not on proper engineering.

Be that as it may, we are now mid-way through the slow motion movie of this crash. The batteries are exploding, one after the other, the car is plowing through the rocks and debris as it dives off the cliff.

But the horror has only begun. How many batteries do we have to watch explode in this single vehicle?  
NEARLY 8000 EXPLODING BATTERIES.

Let us stop and consider this fact.

Where only one in 40 gasoline tanks, in each regular car accident, ever explodes. Here, in one car, you have nearly 8000 possibilities of an explosion AND each battery, that explodes, has an extremely high likelihood of setting off, all the rest, in a chain reaction. Do you like those odds? You have a 400% better chance of winning the lottery.

In our slow motion analysis, we have only crossed the half-way point in the accident. The front of the car is crumpling, the heavy batteries are being thrown upwards, through the floor of the car, to cover the driver in exploding lithium metal particles, and the cockpit of the car is filling up with some of the most toxic fumes you can legally produce.

***Still, the worst is yet to come.***

The special alloys, which Tesla decided to make its car out of, turn out to interact with the exploding batteries to cause an effect called alloy conflagration. The very metal of the Tesla car has now been set on fire by the massive heat from these exploding batteries. The car has turned into the public version of a military phosphorous bomb, one of the most hideous military weapons of all time. This burning metal composition is worse than napalm, it can burn all the way through your face, your skull, and any bones in your body. It is a fire that almost nothing can extinguish.

Molten, flaming metal is dripping on the driver and it is coming from every side of the car, surrounding him in a fireball of deadly metal lava.

The car has finally come to a rest in a fireball. The driver is consumed in a nightmare of fire, dripping molten metal and deadly toxic smoke. The pain is beyond comprehension.

He is, in the same moment, burned to death, asphyxiated and entombed in red hot liquid metal.

The resulting fire, in the Canyon, is, at first, unstoppable and threatens the entire community of homes. The first responder's attempts to douse the car fire, only make it worse! Water, it turns out, makes lithium ion batteries explode all over again. The car has been filled with a type of battery that mere bumps, and water, can cause to explode. Let me repeat this for emphasis: WATER MAKES LITHIUM ION BATTERIES EXPLODE. Not only does water **not** put out lithium ion fires, IT MAKES THEM WORSE!

Hours later, after the car has burned itself out, the first responders try to recover the body.

The problem is, they can't recognize a body. The driver has been burned into an unrecognizable lump of melted plastic, molten metal and human flesh.

His lovely drive down the coast ended in a horror as awful as any nightmare midnight movie.

So this use, of this battery, in this way, was decided by the very Senators and billionaire campaign investors who owned the stock in this battery. If you wonder why a deadly choice, like this, was made about a battery that already had all of these dangers fully documented, on federal record; the answer can be found in one word: Corruption.

This massive oversight, putting the public at such risk, took place because a kick-back scheme was created by Mr. Musk, and his campaign finance partners. They chose greed, over scientific facts. Those chose mining commodity deals, and expediency, over proper engineering. They chose corruption, over anything else.

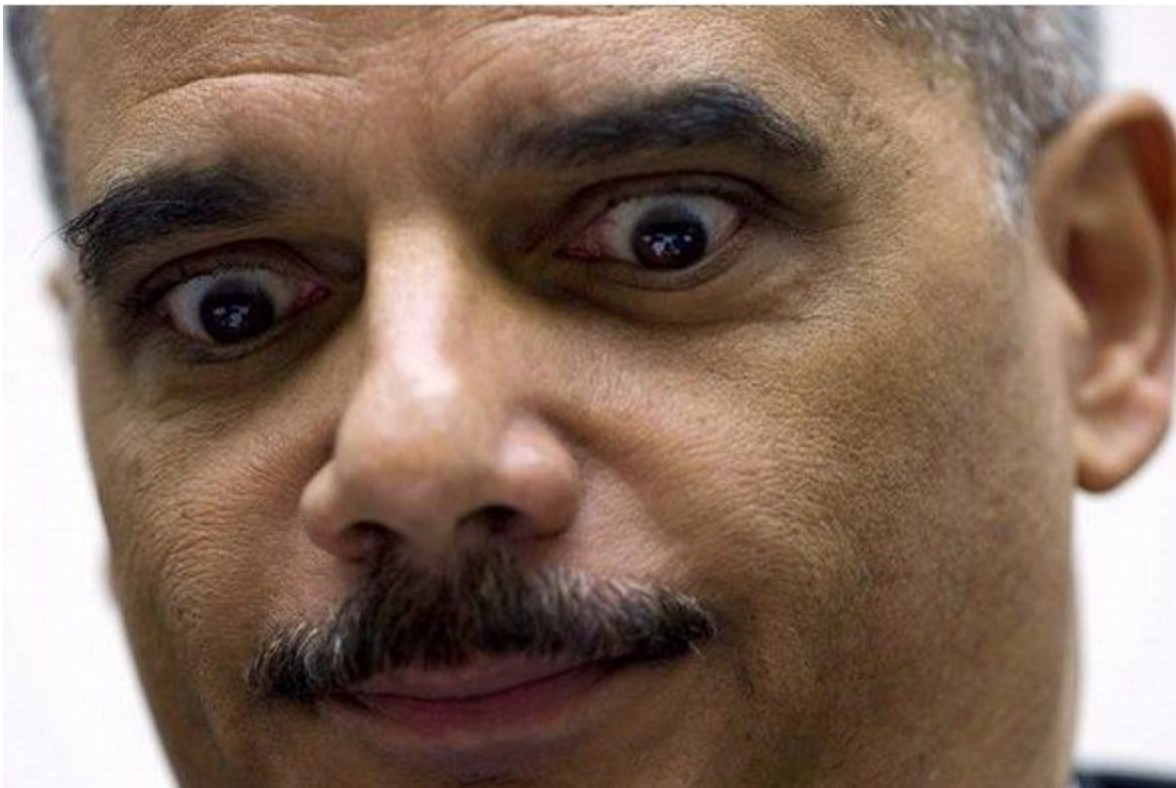
[So, when you buy a Tesla, you need to think about your own safety and the safety of the American political system. Consider not supporting corruption and consider supporting the safety of yourself and your family.](#)

## Eric Holder

The United States Attorney General was charged with some of the most overt cover ups of Wall Street and Silicon Valley campaign financiers, in the scandal. Master of the cover-up and prosecution avoider: Eric Holder - Crime Boss



Throughout the course of the THE CLEAN TECH CRASH <http://thecleantechcrash.wordpress.com/>), one man was in charge of the Justice Department cover-ups; that one man had a financial connection to every perpetrator in the crimes; that one man profited by those crimes and that one man was placed in his job by those who created the scandal. The very man that was supposed to protect us, was running the biggest part of the crime operation. Meet Mr. Eric Holder:



Many of you probably do not recognize the name, Eric Holder. He's the Obama-appointed head of the Justice - or rather, "Justice" - Department. He's the scoundrel who penned the Marc Rich pardon letter signed by Clinton on his way out of the White House for the last time (and on his way to Denise Rich's 5th Avenue apartment for his "fee" to sign the letter). Marc Rich was the wealthy commodities trader who didn't think he should pay taxes so he fled to Switzerland to avoid enforcement of the law. I guess Eric Holder didn't think so either.

Most of you do know that, despite a rapid acceleration in Wall Street criminality and fraud, the Eric Holder/Obama Justice Department has seen a precipitous drop in financial crime prosecutions compared to the Bush years. Hard to believe this is the same presidential candidate who promised to clean up Wall Street and Capitol Hill.

This one may well take the gold medal for examples of just how corrupt system has become:

[Gangster Bankers: Too Big To Jail](#)

I SERIOUSLY CAN NOT BELIEVE THAT THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES, ERIC HOLDER, JUST SAID THIS - UNDER OATH IN FRONT OF CONGRESS:

**"I am concerned that the size of some of these institutions becomes so large that it does become difficult for us to prosecute them when we are hit with indications that if you do prosecute...it will have a negative impact on the national economy"** - Eric Holder, Attorney General, United States of America, 3/6/2013 [LINK](#)

**Think about what Holder just said there for a moment. He just said that the banks can get away with whatever they want because if the law is enforced upon them, it might hurt the economy.**

**This is truly mind-blowing. Basically, the Attorney General of the United States has said that the big banks are completely above the law. There's nothing left for us to do. Eric Holder has officially turned this country over to the big Wall Street banks.**

**This means that Obama and Eric Holder have COMPLETELY FAILED to do the job they are elected to do. Which is to uphold the Constitution and Rule of Law.**

By DAVE IN DENVER

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## Eric Schmidt

In the California portion of the incident, as a payola scam: state officials gave exclusive taxpayer resources, as kick-back gifts, to a handful of cartel campaign billionaires including Elon Musk, John Doerr, Steve Jurvetson, Steve Westly, Eric Schmidt and their associates.

The state officials, working with federal insiders, unethical and illegally, exclusively gave this campaign funding cartel free, or low cost, real estate; NASA facilities and fuel; tax waivers; free services; stock market valuation manipulations; tariff waivers; inspection waivers; employment fee waivers; “cleantech” credits; banking incentives; tax write-off profits; stock valuation manipulation coverage; falsification of reported income via non-GAAP acceptance; negotiation pressure to favor the cartel over competitors in real estate and funding contracts, union interference support; and other “unjust rewards” manipulated as quid-pro-quo favors between those officials and the Silicon Valley cartel

Solyndra's FBI raid and the loss of over \$500 Million dollars of taxpayer cash in the Solyndra portion of the case, brought this matter into the public eye. It was discovered that California Senator Dianne Feinstein had lobbied to fund Solyndra, and adjacent operation Tesla, while holding the property, construction, stock, HR and other profit rights to those entities, in an overt and corrupt conflict of interest.

These state officials were funded by these cartel individuals via various insider stock warrants, expenses, favors and direct cash transfers. Those same state officials, at the same time, engaged in the sabotage, stonewalling, and circumvention of the competitors to that cartel and denied, only the competitors to that cartel, the same advantages. This resulting in organized crime-class manipulation of public offices by government officials, for personal profit.

Numerous California businesses, and individuals, who competed with this cartel were attacked and sabotaged by these government officials, based on orders from the Silicon Valley campaign financing cartel. The FBI, and the Grand Jury, have been implored to issue indictments against these State, Federal and corrupt campaign financing persons.

by James Corbett

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Google Inc. is back in the news this week, with a fresh round of headlines about the search giant and government censorship. Ironically—though perhaps not surprisingly for the corporate media—the stories are not about Google’s admitted but classified relationship with government agencies like the NSA, though. Instead, they portray the internet company as a protagonist sticking up for users’ privacy rights against governments that are increasingly interested in blocking, scrubbing or banning links, search results, and online videos that those governments want to suppress.

Under headlines like “[Google reports ‘alarming’ rise in government censorship requests](#)” and “[Google Sees Surge in Censorship Demands](#),” writers for mainstream publications are dutifully outlining the results of a new Google Inc. [transparency report](#) detailing precisely how many times they have been petitioned by governments around the world to censor, block, or scrub material that they find unlawful or objectionable.

The report outlines, for instance, that the US government made [6,192 separate requests](#) for Google to remove information from its services in the latter half of 2011, up from 757 requests in the first half of that year.

Other reports highlight government requests for Google to remove videos from YouTube, including the Thai governments’ request to remove access to hundreds of videos [insulting the king](#) (which Google complied with) and Canada’s request to remove a video of a Canadian [flushing his passport](#) down the toilet, which Google did not comply with.

The report makes clear that governments are increasingly turning to Google to expunge information that they don’t like—or at least access to that information—from the internet.

As a PR exercise, Google’s latest report is brilliantly executed and timed, deflecting some of the negative press that the company has received in recent weeks over the ongoing Street View debacle, even as it allows news outlets to portray the company as a valiant defender of users’ privacy against increasingly invasive governments. Conveniently left out of the equation is the company’s past, its own [repeated violations](#) and [abuses](#) of users’ [privacy](#), and the [unsettling statements](#) that its executives have made about the very concept of privacy time and again over the years.

Google has always attempted to project itself as the white hat in the wild west of the modern internet. Cloaked in its cutesy “Don’t Be Evil” corporate slogan and its user-friendly design, the company has grown from a simple search engine into one of the largest assemblies of information in the history of the world without the type of scrutiny that one would expect during such a transformation.

The company sprang from PageRank, the end result of a 1996 research project by Stanford University graduate students Larry Page and Sergey Brin that helped users find relevant websites from search queries by counting incoming links to a site. From this simple idea, the pair created the first incarnation of their website on the Stanford University servers, then registered the google domain name in 1997 and incorporated in 1998.

The company had as its explicit goal, the quest to catalogue, organize, and make accessible the sum total of human knowledge, and was aided in this ambitious quest by successive rounds of venture capital funding. Within a decade, it had already made significant inroads on its quest for total information awareness, having branched out into 3D satellite mapping services, launched highly popular webmail and cloud storage services, created its own web browser, acquired YouTube, and branched into mobile technologies with the Android smartphone.

It is not precisely clear when the company caught the attention of America's intelligence agencies, but high-level whistleblowers suggest it was early on in the company's history. In a 2006 [interview](#), ex-CIA agent Robert David Steele suggested that it was from the very outset.

"I think Google took money from the CIA when it was poor and it was starting up," Steele said in the interview. "They've been together for quite a while."

Steele also fingered the company's point man in the CIA: Dr. Rick Steinheiser in the Office of Research and Development. No further information has been revealed about the precise nature of that relationship, but tidbits continue to emerge from time to time.

It was widely [reported in 2010](#), for example, that Google was in a working relationship with the US National Security Agency. The donation-funded Electronic Privacy Information Center filed a lawsuit requesting details of that relationship, but that suit was [thrown out](#) earlier this year. Details of the NSA/Google relationship are effectively classified.

There are also examples of the government-corporate revolving door that make observers of companies like Monsanto and Halliburton uneasy. It was [reported](#) earlier this year, for instance, that Regina Dugan of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency would be leaving her post at the Pentagon to take up a senior executive position at Google.

Still, despite the growing amount of information that Google has over every aspect of the daily lives of its billion-plus unique monthly users, it has long avoided any serious scrutiny in the press. Initially sheltered by its "underdog" status in the fight against the tech giants like Apple and Microsoft, even the corporate press has been forced to cover the serious abuses that Google has inflicted on its users in recent years, as those abuses become more flagrant and less easily dismissible.

To the extent that mainstream news stories about Google even address these issues, it is inevitably in a throwaway quote toward the end of the article from someone who is dismissed as a "privacy advocate." With information on the habits, thoughts, contacts, conversations, physical location, and even financial transactions of a sizable percentage of the population of the planet, however, it is not merely "privacy advocates" who are concerned about the information that the company handles and how it shares that data with governments. Indeed, for anyone who is familiar with the company, its background, its shareholders, or its executives' personal philosophies, the questions of power that are inevitably raised by the staggering sums of data it holds on a growing percentage of the population are deeply troubling.

Like in so many other matters, however, what can never be mentioned is that the population does have a choice over how their information is used and collected. That information comes from choosing to use Google in the first place. There are plenty of [alternative search engines](#) that offer similar (if not identical) results to those offered by Google while simultaneously respecting users' privacy and refusing to log IP addresses or other recognizable details of its users. There are alternative video sites, alternative email providers, and alternative browsers. By concentrating so much on Google, the press

often makes it seem like there is no choice, and that we are all subject to the whims of this monolithic corporation and the whims of its executives as they roll out privacy changes by decree and conspire with government officials in secret.

Once again, it is up to the public to begin detaching themselves from this system and to stop feeding the Google behemoth with their data. By refusing to participate with the monopolization of the web, netizens can make it that much more difficult for their personal information to be bought, sold, or passed to greedy businessman or prying governments, and that much more difficult for videos like this one to be censored from the web.


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WASHINGTON—Officials at the Federal Trade Commission concluded in 2012 that Google Inc. used anticompetitive tactics and abused its monopoly power in ways that harmed Internet users and rivals, a far harsher analysis of Google's business than was previously known.

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Just a few years ago — heck, even a few months ago — that statement would have come



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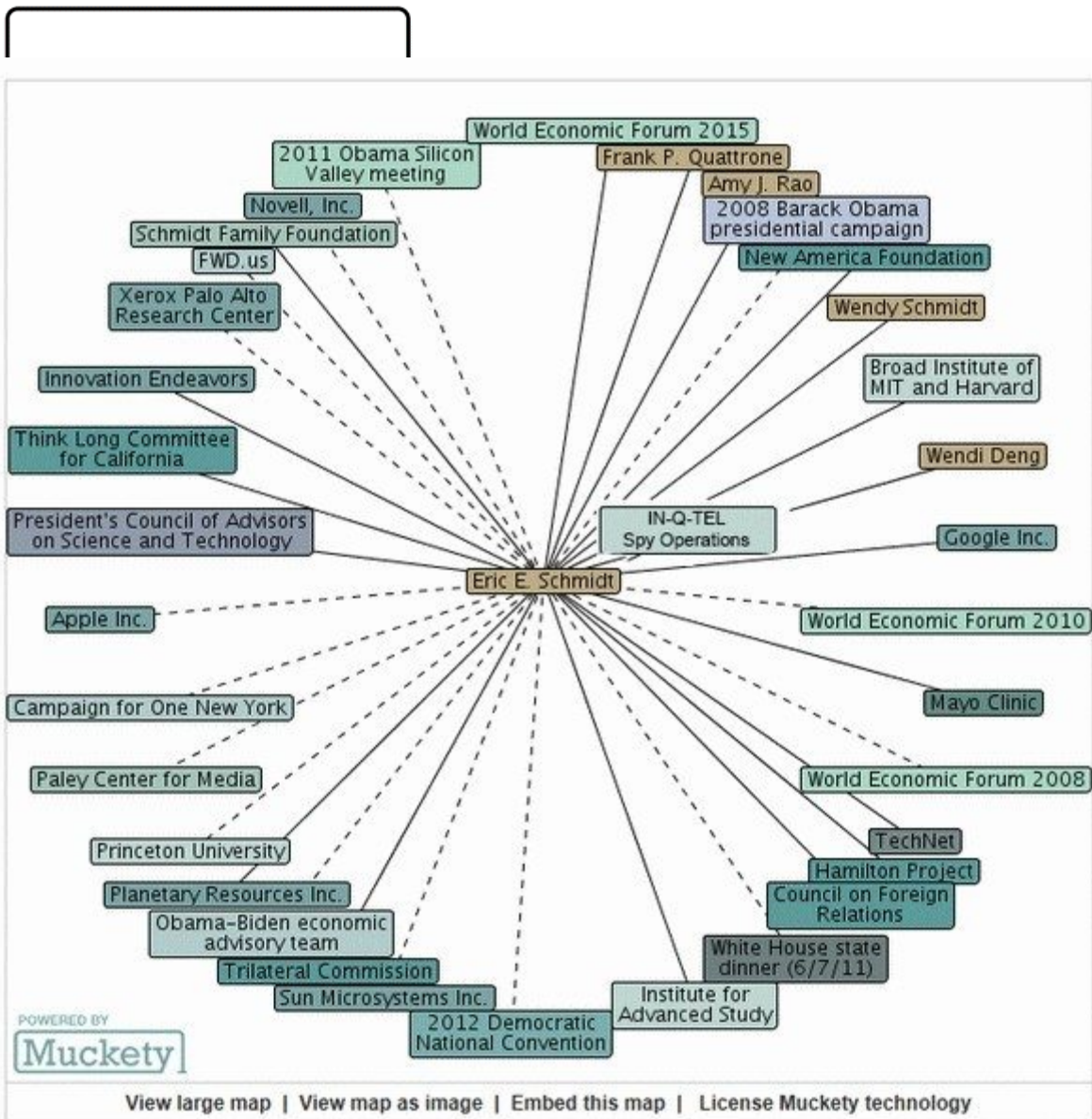
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- **The company told Daily Mail Online that it has spoken with the Federal Trade Commission about antitrust concerns; it was investigated in 2011 but later let off the hook**
- **In the 2012 election, the company's search algorithm customized results for Obama but sabotaged and down-ranked all results for Republican Mitt Romney**
- **Google execs who have left to work in the White House include Obama's chief technology officer**
- **Hillary Clinton also poached her new tech chief from Google this week**

By [David Martosko, Us Political Editor For Dailymail.com](#)

When President Barack Obama dined with a dozen technology business leaders in California four years ago, it was Google executive chairman Eric Schmidt who sat at the head of the table.

Obama sat on one side, between the late Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and Facebook pioneer Mark Zuckerberg, but the place of honor was no accident.

Google executives and employees donated more than \$1.6 million to Obama's two White House campaigns, and the online search giant parachuted top talent into both.

One result has been a coziness with the U.S. government's executive branch that few other companies can match – marked by access for lobbyists, mentions in nearly half of Obama's State of the Union addresses, and a personnel feeder trough serving the White House with new senior hires.



BEGINNING: In 2007 Barack Obama had an on-stage cameo with Google's then-CEO Eric Schmidt as part of a presidential candidate series



INFLUENCE: Schmidt (far left) shared the head of the table with the spouse of a venture capitalist whose firm owned 20 per cent of Google, as President Obama dined with tech leaders in 2011

There have even been allegations that Google's up-close-and-personal relationship with the West Wing earned it a reprieve from what would have been an earth-shaking Federal Trade Commission antitrust lawsuit.

Google has insisted it never received special treatment in that case, punctuating its denials with an animated GIF of a laughing baby as a jab at the news outlet that leveled the charge.

White House visitor logs suggest a different kind of story for the company whose motto is 'Don't be evil.'

Employees of the Silicon Valley behemoth have been in the White House more than 230 times since Obama took office – approximately once per week. At least 190 of those meetings were with senior officials.

More than 60 featured Google lobbyist Johanna Shelton.

Overall, according to [The Wall Street Journal](#), Google spent \$16.8 million on lobbying last year. That's four times the amount spent by Apple, whose market capitalization is twice as big.

It needed that muscle in 2011, after the FTC found Google [allegedly manipulated](#) search results in ways that favored its own for-profit products. Amazon and eBay were among the companies who complained that Google was engaging in practices that violated antitrust laws.

The Journal reviewed emails showing that Google co-founder Larry Page met directly with FTC officials in late 2012 to discuss a settlement. About the same time, White House visitor logs show, Google chairman Eric Schmidt met with Obama senior adviser Pete Rouse.



REVOLVING DOOR? Google vice president Megan Smith left her job to become Obama's chief technology officer

Lobbyist Joanna Shelton and General Counsel Kent Walker met with Jason Furman, then the newly minted chair of the president's Council of Economic Advisers. Furman followed up with a meeting with FTC chairman Jon Leibowitz.

The government closed its investigation two months after Obama won re-election.



READY FOR HILLARY: Stephanie Hannon, director of product management, civic innovation and social impact at Google, has become the Hillary Clinton campaign's top technology guru

Google agreed to change its business practices but dodged a potential 10-figure fine – and saved the cost of litigating a years-long case that could have resulted in breaking up the company into smaller, more market-competitive units.

Both Google and the [FTC](#) said at the time that there was no undue influence.

Google pilloried the Journal, which first suggested a link between the company's access and the investigation's outcome, saying the meetings its executives held with administration officials involved discussions about 'everything but' the antitrust investigation.



In a blog post, the company cited ‘patent reform, STEM education, self-driving cars, mental health, advertising, Internet censorship, smart contact lenses, civic innovation, R&D, cloud computing, trade and investment, cyber security, energy efficiency and our workplace benefit policies.’

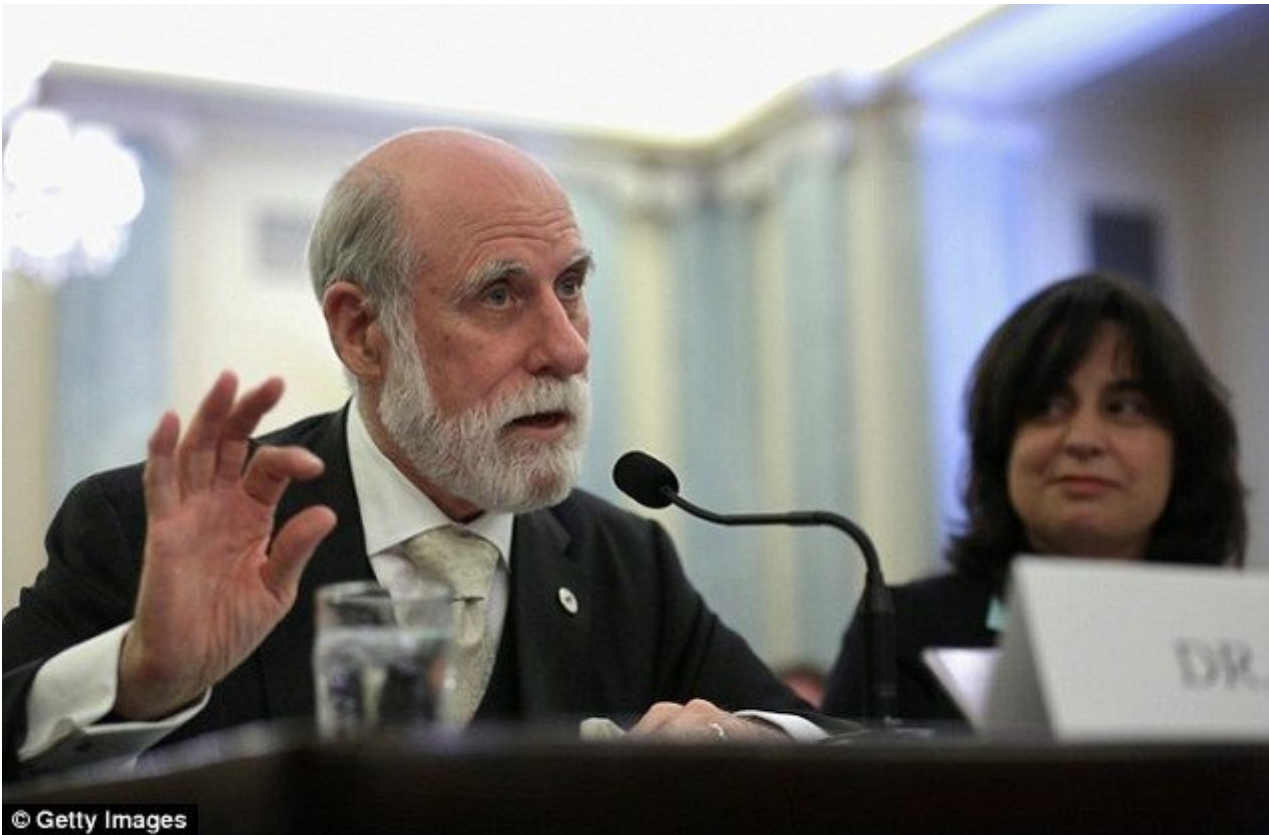
The [written defense](#) Google published took specific aim at Journal publisher Rupert Murdoch, and included an animated GIF of a laughing baby in a high chair.

But a Google spokesperson confirmed Thursday on background that company executives has talked with the FTC about unspecified antitrust concerns in the past. The spokesperson declined to be quoted or named.

Schmidt is a one-man case study of the kinds of influence a multibillionaire tech titan can wield in Washington when the stars align.



LEFT-HAND MAN: Schmidt (right) got a prime seat at the table when newly minted President Obama met with a group of CEOs in February 2009



‘EVANGELIST’: Online pioneer Vint Cerf is Google’s top ‘Internet evangelist’ and also a member of Obama’s National Science Board

His ascent in Obama’s world began in 2007 when the future president visited Google’s California headquarters for a one-on-one [interview](#), staged for the benefit of the company’s employees, then 16,000 strong.

Schmidt asked him about Iran, Pakistan, and Guantanamo Bay.

‘Close down Guantanamo,’ Obama replied, ‘restore Habeas Corpus, say no to Renditions, no to warrantless wiretaps.’

The exposure was vital: Obama ended up lapping the field in fundraising in the high-tech sector.

Obama offered Schmidt his choice of cabinet slots after the 2012 election – either Treasury or Commerce – and was even prepared to create a new ‘Secretary of Business’ position for him.

He declined all three but accepted a post on the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology. He continues to evangelize about both his company and the president's agenda, including 'net neutrality' regulations that have big Internet service providers up in arms.

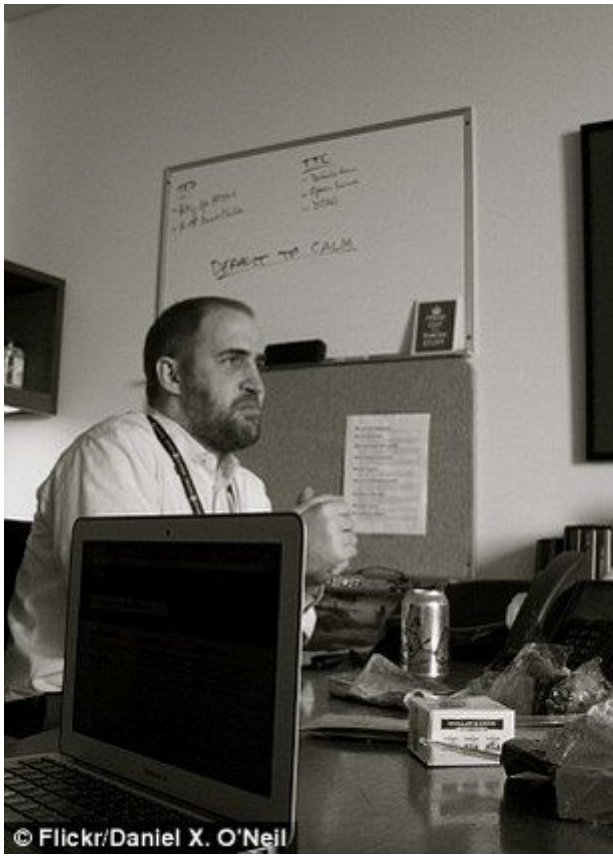
Schmidt's roots with Obama run deep. When the future president visited his campaign headquarters on Election Day in 2012, Schmidt was there overseeing final efforts to leverage 'Big Data' to nudge last-minute voters to the polls.

He was by then already a donor to Obama's White House bids, contributing the maximum amount allowed by law both times.

Schmidt's specialized software gave then-Senator Obama access to high-tech voter targeting algorithms that Republican John McCain couldn't match.



HIGH LIFE: Google Ideas director Jared Cohen co-wrote a book with Princess Beatrice of York in 2013, three years after he left the Obama State Department to work for the search giant



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ELECTION KINGS: Michael Slaby (left) and Justin Vincent (right) were key architects of Obama's data-mining and voter-targeting software efforts, and both were emigres from Google

And Michael Slaby, the chief integration and innovation officer of Obama For America, the president's campaign organization came over from a job as technology strategist for TomorrowVentures – Schmidt's venture capital fund.

OFA also boasted former Google software engineer Justin Vincent as its senior codewriter, and former YouTube/Google lead Web developer Angus Durocher as its lead online software engineer.

Google itself was accused publicly of favoring Obama's 2012 re-election campaign in a more visible way.

Customized search results would appear when users typed 'Obama' into a search window, but entering 'Romney' yielded no such help.

Google [claimed](#) at the time that it was the result of a computer algorithm, not human intervention.

This week the president's new initiative linking global warming with public health includes a specific buy-in from Google.

The company, the White House says, will 'donate ten million hours of high-performance computing' and help scientists to create 'early warning capabilities' for climate change-related disasters and related risks for diseases.

Some of that work could conceivably be performed by former White House staff who have joined Google, just as the president counts several former Google executives among his advisers.

Former secretary of state Hillary Clinton this week hired away a top tech talent from Google for her presidential campaign-in-waiting.

Stephanie Hannon, formerly Google's top dog on product management for 'civic engagement,' will help her navigate the digital waters in 2016.

Poaching seasoned Google veterans is a maneuver the Obama White House has perfected.

Megan Smith, a former vice president at the company, is now the administration's chief technology officer.

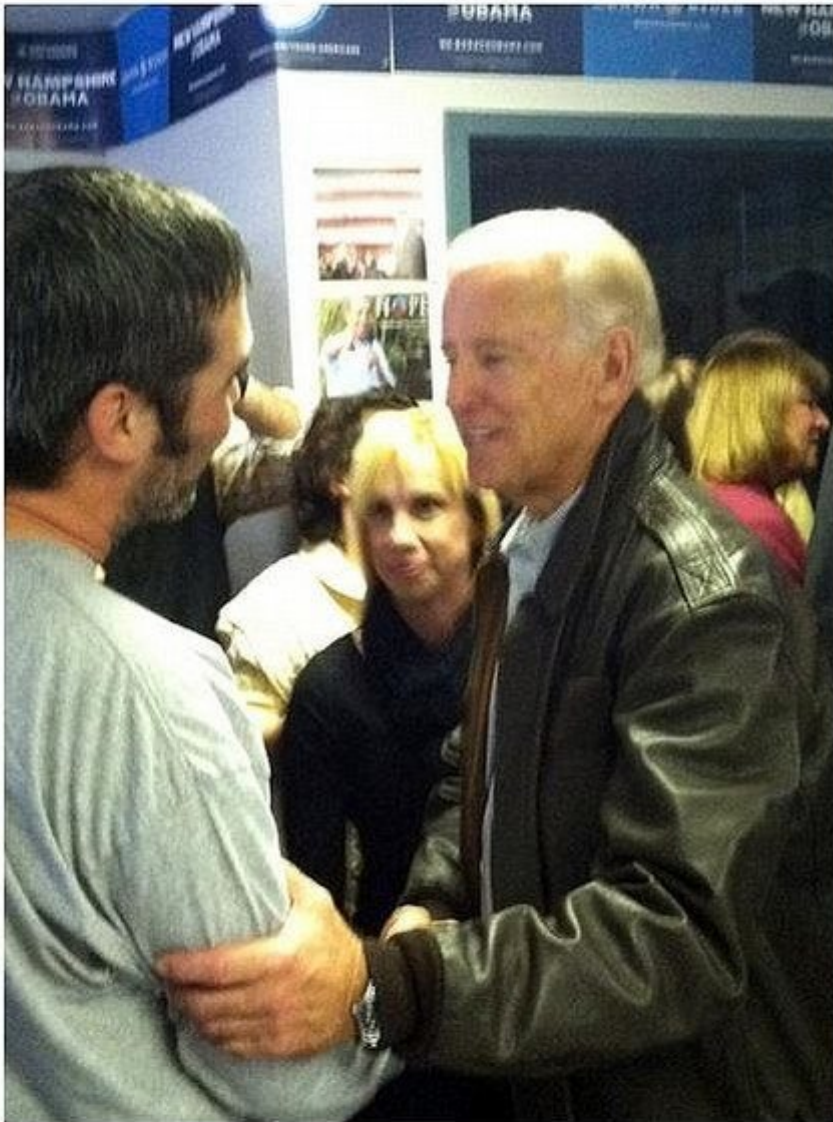


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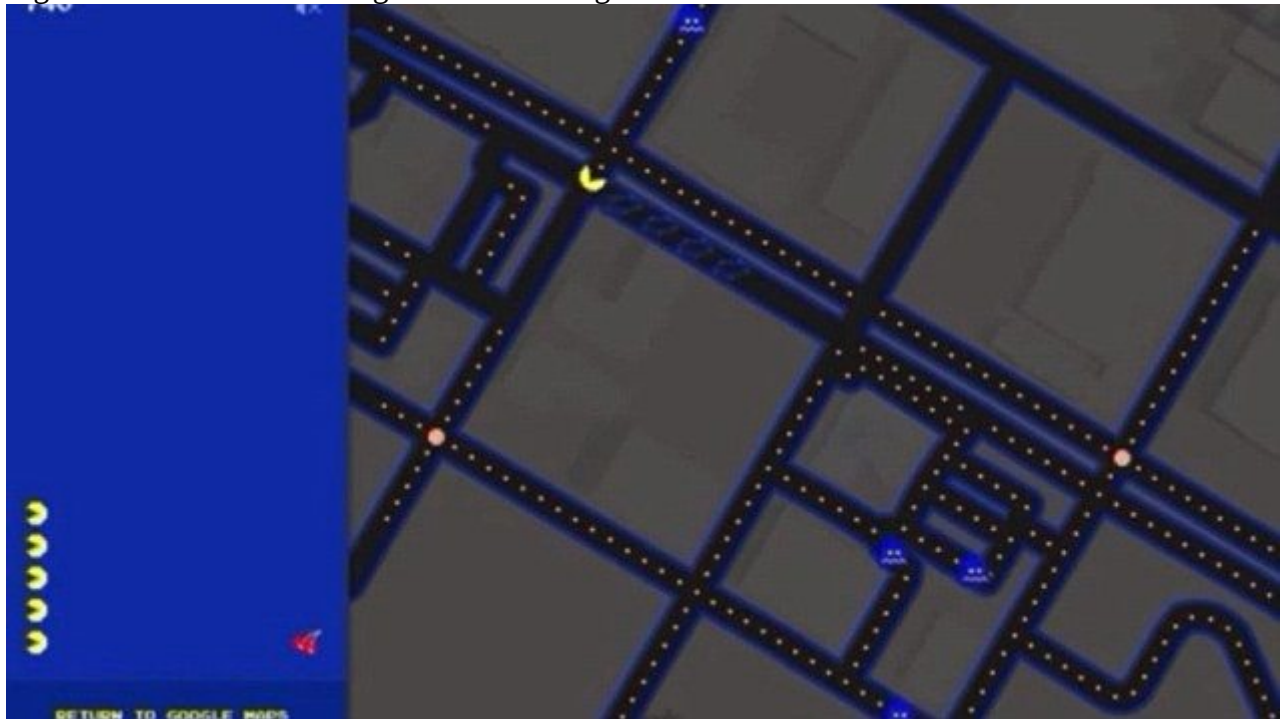


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Angus Durocher, a computer engineer who left Google to work for the Obama campaign, tweeted this photo of himself and Vice President Joe Biden when he was at work in the campaign's New Hampshire nerve center

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The deputy CTO position was held for Obama's first two years by another Google emigre, Andrew McLaughlin.

He left the administration in 2011 after a reprimand for sharing details of government policy matters with his former coworkers via a personal email address.

Shortly after Obama moved into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, former Google project manager Katie Stanton became his director of citizen participation.

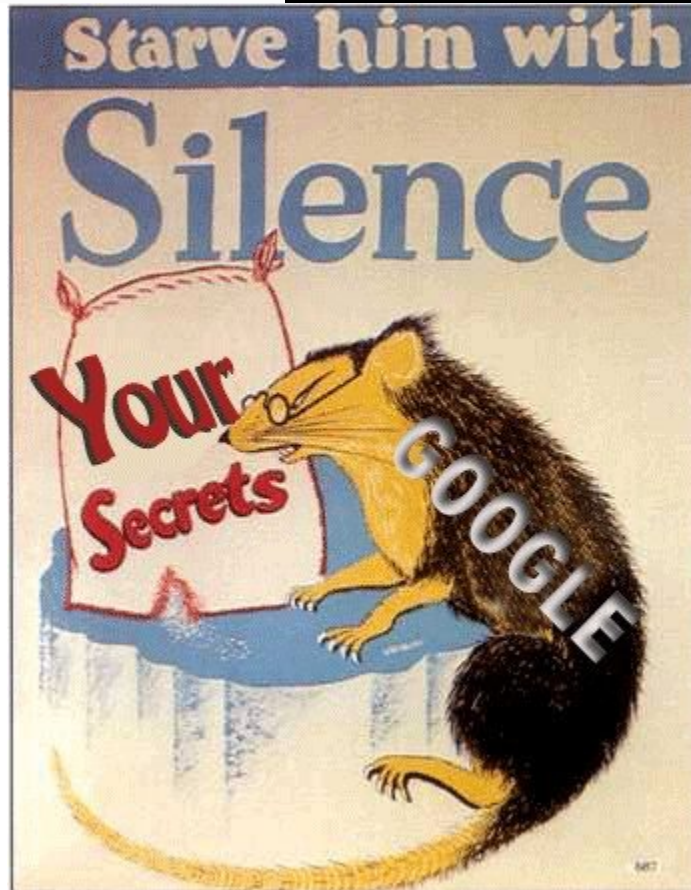
Sonal Shah, a former Google global development chief, moved to Washington the same month to lead the White House Office of Social Innovation.

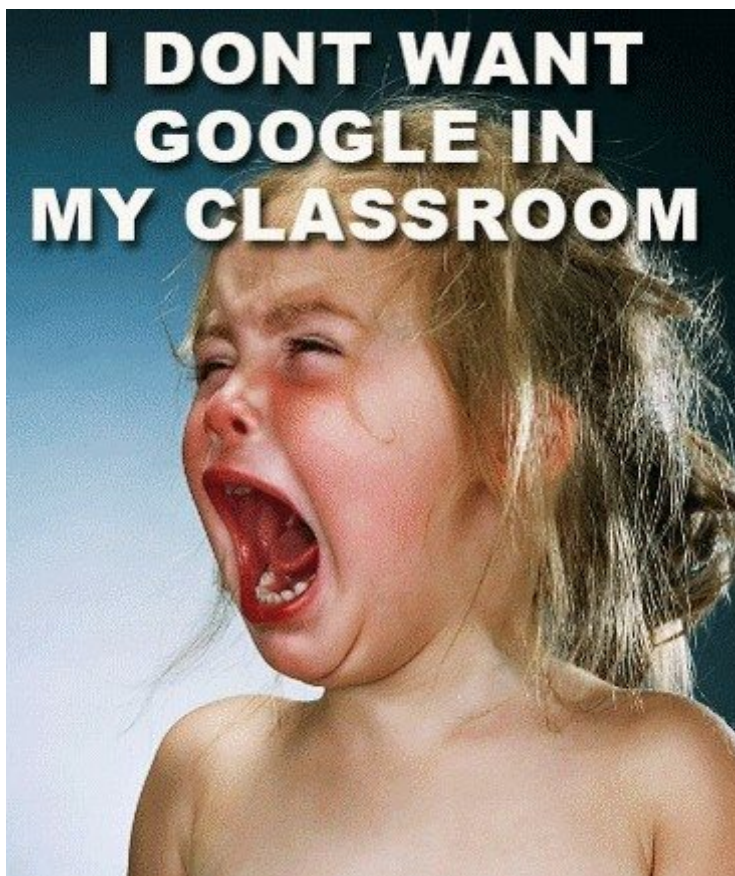
And Vint Cerf, a widely acknowledged 'father of the Internet,' serves on Obama's National Science Board.

Cerf has worked for Google since 2005 as a vice president and its 'chief Internet evangelist.'

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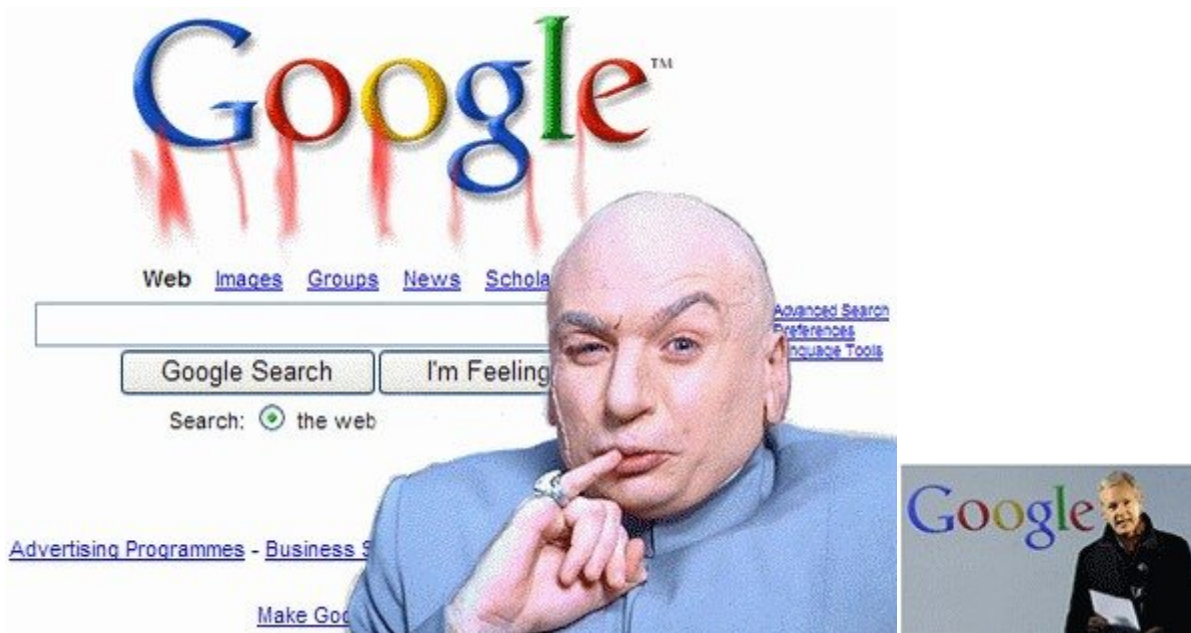


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