**References for defrauding the American public (Taxation Without Representation)**

**NOTE:** The Federal Government has collected an average of $4,000,000,000,000 ($4 Trillion dollars) in taxes every year over the last 10 years, while averaging $5,000,000,000,000 ($5 Trillion dollars) in federal spending over the last 10 years, jumping up to $7,5000,000,000,000 ($7.5 Trillion dollars) in the final two years of the former presidential administration.

* **Department of Defense has an overinflated budget of $1,770,000,000,000 ($1.77 Trillion dollars) that is horribly mismanaged:**
  + The US taxpayer’s dollars are being used to funnel cash into a hyper-inflated military budget that makes up excuses to cause genocide against other countries over false pretenses – mainly oil and power over other countries. [[source](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/22/iraq-war-wmds-an-intelligence-failure-or-white-house-spin/)][[source](https://www.axios.com/2023/03/18/iraq-invasion-anniversary-american-poll-bush-mistake)][[source](https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2023/03/14/a-look-back-at-how-fear-and-false-beliefs-bolstered-u-s-public-support-for-war-in-iraq/)]
    - **Note:** This “defense” budget is more than the next 10 countries **combined**. This is not a budget built for defense, it is built as an intimidation tactic to exert power and force over all other countries. [[source](https://www.sipri.org/sites/default/files/2023-04/2304_fs_milex_2022.pdf)][[source](https://wisevoter.com/country-rankings/military-spending-by-country/)][[source](https://www.pgpf.org/chart-archive/0053_defense-comparison)]
  + Since 2019 this has increased by $500,000,000,000 (**$500 Billion dollars**) with no visible reason as to why. [[source](https://www.usaspending.gov/agency/department-of-defense?fy=2023)]
  + At least $400,000,000,000 (**$400 Billion dollars**) of this budget is given to contractors who use the money to build “Top Secret” projects, while siphoning most of it through outdated projects that the public will never know about to hide what’s really going on. [[source](https://sgp.fas.org/crs/natsec/IF10600.pdf)]
    - **Note:** Many of these contracts are also in connection with companies such as Erik Prince’s Blackwater (Now known as “Constellis”), which has historically worked with radical far-right groups (such as “Project Veritas”) while recruiting former intelligence agents and using them to create false narratives surrounding anyone they consider their political opposition via extreme methods [[source](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/07/us/politics/erik-prince-project-veritas.html)][[source](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/7033048.stm)][[source](https://web.archive.org/web/20110614092334/http:/www.mensjournal.com/an-american-commando-in-exile)][[source](https://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/08/us/blackwater-successor-to-pay-fine-to-settle-arms-charges.html)]
  + With nearly 750 military bases outside of US soil in 80 countries, it becomes clearer that the United States Government considers themselves a “world police” and justifies their presence as “protection” for the country they are deployed to. [[source](https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/9/10/infographic-us-military-presence-around-the-world-interactive)][[source](https://www.cato.org/commentary/750-bases-80-countries-too-many-any-nation-time-us-bring-its-troops-home)][[source](https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/06/us-military-bases-around-the-world-119321/)]
    - Within these bases there are tens of thousands (36,000 last year) of reports every year by military personnel of sexual assault against them that is quickly swept under the rug by the pentagon and related congressmembers. [[source](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/sexual-assault-reports-in-military-increased-by-13-percent/)][[source](https://federalnewsnetwork.com/army/2021/06/five-army-bases-account-for-one-third-of-female-soldier-assaults/)][[source](https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/03/magazine/military-sexual-assault.html)]
      * Including **hundreds of reports of child sexual** **abuse** that goes unresolved [[source](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/u-s-military-fails-to-protect-children-from-sexual-abuse-on-bases-ap-reports)]
    - Along with the reports of sexual assault inside the bases there have been reports of US military personnel assaulting civilians off the base in the host countries that have been covered up quickly by their superior officers, and thus the pentagon as well, so that it is not easy to track down publicly. [[source](https://theintercept.com/2021/10/03/okinawa-sexual-crimes-us-military/)][[source](https://www.latimes.com/archives/blogs/world-now/story/2011-10-20/alleged-rapes-by-u-s-soldiers-ratchet-up-anger-in-south-korea)][[source](https://theintercept.com/2021/07/06/military-africa-sexual-assault/)][[source](https://www.stripes.com/branches/army/2023-04-11/army-soldier-assault-bus-driver-korea-9766438.html)]
  + This budget does not consider proper handling of mental health for veterans and as a result there are, on average, 6,000 veteran suicides per year in the United States. [[source](https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/data-sheets/2021/2021-National-Veteran-Suicide-Prevention-Annual-Report-FINAL-9-8-21.pdf)][[source](https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/docs/data-sheets/2022/2022-National-Veteran-Suicide-Prevention-Annual-Report-FINAL-508.pdf)]
  + Many active military personnel have also been known to create or join domestic terrorist organizations inside of the United States (Including Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, Patriot Front, and Boogaloo Bois) that has directly threatened the fabric of democracy itself. [[source](https://www.csis.org/analysis/military-police-and-rise-terrorism-united-states)]
  + As outlined it is obvious that this budget is not being used to defend the United States citizens or help their veterans but rather push the will of the few who have the control onto the rest of the world. This is taking trillions of dollars year-over-year from the taxpayer and using it in a way they did not agree to when being taxed, as they have no direct control of how their own taxes will be used – The direct definition of taxation without representation.
* **Federal agencies, paid for by taxpayer money, have had clear dereliction of duties since their respective creations by not only not doing their duty to assist the citizens of the country, but in multiple cases are intentionally doing harm:**
  + Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has an average annual budget of $14,000,000,000 **($14 Billion dollars**) and claims they frequently do not audit or investigate the rich (those making hundreds of millions or billions a year through “assets” and “investments”) because “it’s too much work”. [[source](https://www.irs.gov/statistics/irs-budget-and-workforce)][[source](https://www.propublica.org/article/ultrawealthy-taxes-irs-internal-revenue-service-global-high-wealth-audits)]
    - Statistically you’re far more likely to get audited if you make $20,000 than the ones who are raking in millions, since it’s “easier” and “a lot fewer people needed to investigate” even though millionaires and billionaires are far more likely to jump through legal loopholes and not pay even a fraction of what they truly owe. [[source](https://www.gq.com/story/no-irs-audits-for-the-rich)][[source](https://www.propublica.org/article/earned-income-tax-credit-irs-audit-working-poor)][[source](https://trac.syr.edu/reports/706/)]
    - Because the IRS refuses to do their jobs, reports have shown that the rich are able to avoid, on average, $160,000,000,000 (**$160 Billion dollars**) in taxes annually – which has compounded over time. [[source](https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/taxes/2023/02/21/how-do-rich-people-avoid-taxes/11308215002/)][[source](https://www.propublica.org/article/the-secret-irs-files-trove-of-never-before-seen-records-reveal-how-the-wealthiest-avoid-income-tax)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2022/08/14/1117317757/irs-tax-evaders-dodgers-inflation-reduction-act-enforcement)]
  + Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has an average annual budget over the last 10 years of $10,500,000,000 (**$10.5 Billion dollars**) and actively ignores credible information from reliable sources while choosing instead to use subversive techniques go against the very citizens they’re paid to protect: [[source](https://www.cato.org/blog/fbi-budget)]
    - This organization has had a history of thwarting leftwing organizations that are pushing for civil and human rights by using shady counterintelligence practices described in COINTELPRO from 50 years ago that is clear from recent activity it has not stopped. [[source](https://www.britannica.com/topic/COINTELPRO)]
    - This group failed to do their due diligence in actively pursuing Jeffrey Epstein and allowed him to continue his practices until he died in prison under suspicious circumstances considering everything leading up to it should have raised alarms. [[source](https://abcnews.go.com/US/jeffrey-epsteins-suicide-new-details-revealed/story?id=100405667)][[source](https://www.vox.com/2018/12/3/18116351/jeffrey-epstein-case-indictment-arrested-trump-clinton)] The United States Attorney General at the time, Bill Barr, swayed this lack of follow-up and the FBI Director did nothing [[source](https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2019/10/the-untold-tale-of-young-william-barr)] despite the fact that Barr’s father, Donald Barr, was the first to hire Epstein [[source](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/12/nyregion/jeffrey-epstein-dalton-teacher.html)] and wrote a novel depicting exactly what ended up happening on Epstein’s Island which might indicate it was happening prior to the island. [[source](https://www.vice.com/en/article/qvgpm3/epstein-truthers-are-obsessed-with-a-sci-fi-book-about-child-sex-slavery-written-by-bill-barrs-dad)] And no other co-conspirators have been named since this occurred and the person who worked closely with him, Ghislaine Maxwell, only received 20 years of prison for her participation in child sex trafficking which shows a clear two-party justice system favoring the wealthy. [[source](https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/ghislaine-maxwell-sentenced-20-years-prison-conspiring-jeffrey-epstein-sexually-abuse)]
    - As referenced in the brainwashing document, the director of the FBI (Christopher Wray) had direct ties to the federalist society long before becoming director. This provides a clear indication of at least multiple people inside of this agency actively working against the best interest of the US citizens through this subversive society [[source](https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/wray-fbi-nassar/)][[source](https://www.britannica.com/topic/Federalist-Society)][[source](https://www.justice.gov/archive/ag/speeches/2008/ag-speech-081120.html)][[source](https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/sites/default/files/documents/q-thomson-062420.pdf)]
    - It was also clear that this organization disregarded their duties by allowing the January 6th sedition attempt on the United States to occur by not listening to a single informant ahead of time and instead it is documented that many of the agents believed “it wasn’t a big deal.” [[source](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/fbi-homeland-security-ignored-massive-amount-of-intelligence-before-jan-6-senate-report-says)][[source](https://apnews.com/article/capitol-insurrection-senate-report-intelligence-failures-trump-81bb6cd4fadb056b83a22a0226165fc5)][[source](https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2023/06/19/fbi-resisted-opening-probe-into-trumps-role-jan-6-more-than-year/)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2021/01/13/956359496/why-didnt-the-fbi-and-dhs-produce-a-threat-report-ahead-of-the-capitol-insurrect)][[source](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/fbi-stopped-jan-6-capitol-mob-acted-intelligence-rcna68155)] [[source](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fbi-capitol-police-identified-but-didnt-share-credible-threats-before-jan-6/)]
  + Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), with an annual intelligence budget over the last 10 years averaging $80,000,000,000 (**$80 Billion dollars**) [[source](https://kops.uni-konstanz.de/entities/publication/a1e89c7e-41c6-49e1-88f3-e2b11e63f309)] historically has been involved in countless foreign coups for easier control over their countries. Most notably in South America. [[source](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2003/dec/06/argentina.usa)][[source](https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/briefing-book/southern-cone/2021-03-23/argentinas-military-coup-what-us-knew)][[source](https://nacla.org/article/alliance-power-us-aid-bolivia-under-banzer)][[source](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/7925694.stm)][[source](https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/NSAEBB416/)][[source](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/7028503.stm)][[source](https://web.archive.org/web/20070612225422/https:/www.cia.gov/library/reports/general-reports-1/chile/index.html)][[source](https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/NSAEBB8/nsaebb8i.htm)] [[source](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB11/docs/)]
    - The likelihood this organization is still thrusting their influence over other governments is high, considering they’re an intelligence agency that has ignored a rise in domestic terrorism inside of their own country where they should actively be working with other agencies to resolve the issues utilizing the vast resources at their disposal.
  + Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has a combined budget of $103,200,000,000 (**$103.2 Billion dollars**) across an umbrella of many areas: [[source](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2023-03/DHS%20FY%202024%20BUDGET%20IN%20BRIEF%20%28BIB%29_Remediated.pdf)]
    - This group was most notably used as a personal militia during the 2020 protests by unlawfully, through means of unmarked vans without identification, kidnapping citizens who were using their first amendment rights to protesting. [[source](https://www.npr.org/2020/07/17/892277592/federal-officers-use-unmarked-vehicles-to-grab-protesters-in-portland)][[source](https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/07/17/portland-protests-federal-arrests/)][[source](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/07/17/reports-federal-officers-detain-portland-protesters-unmarked-vans/5457471002/)]
  + Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) has an annual budget of $8,000,000,000 (**$8 Billion dollars**) which has been used to directly harm immigrants either through psychological trauma or physically hurting them:
    - Cages had been built to hold children at the border after intentionally separating them from their families along with inhumane treatment of individuals who were held. These incidents cause permanent psychological, and sometimes physical, damage to every single person involved and this agency has not accurately accepted responsibility nor paid appropriate reparations. [[source](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/kids-in-cages-debate-trump-obama/2020/10/23/8ff96f3c-1532-11eb-82af-864652063d61_story.html)][[source](https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/07/11/written-testimony-kids-cages-inhumane-treatment-border)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2023/08/16/1190767610/ice-detention-immigration-government-inspectors-barbaric-negligent-conditions)]
    - Further, it is noted that this agency has done forced hysterectomies on immigrants as a form of eugenics [[source](https://time.com/6049998/ice-end-use-detention-centers-georgia-detention-hysterectomy-allegations/)][[source](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/29/us/ice-hysterectomies-surgeries-georgia.html)]
  + Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an average annual budget of $10,000,000,000 (**$10 Billion dollars**) and refuses to do what is necessary in protecting the environment:
    - This agency has repeatedly failed to enact appropriate regulatory actions against companies that are actively harming the environment, even going so far as approving the actions outright. [[source](https://www.govexec.com/management/2016/09/epas-failure-protect-people-environment/132013/)][[source](https://www.virginiamercury.com/2023/04/18/epa-sued-over-failure-to-set-update-pollution-limits/)][[source](https://theintercept.com/2022/08/01/epa-chemical-assessments-health-risks-cancer-whistleblowers/)][[source](https://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/press-releases/6739/groups-sue-epa-for-failing-to-assess-real-world-harms-of-pesticides)][[source](https://earthjustice.org/case/challenging-epa-s-failure-to-investigate-civil-rights-complaints)]
  + Secret Service (USSS) with an annual budget of $2,230,000,000 (**$2.23 Billion dollars**) had agents, under subpoena, had deleted every single text message sent on and before January 6, including messages from their acting secretary and deputy secretary and Ken Cuccinelli. [[source](https://www.vox.com/23274533/secret-service-text-messages-january-6)][[source](https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/secret-service-deleted-texts-jan-2021-watchdog-sought/story?id=86843614)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2022/07/14/1111625169/secret-service-erased-jan-6-texts-after-officials-requested-them-watchdog-says)]
  + National Security Agency (NSA) has a budget of $3,600,000,000 (**$3.6 Billion dollars**) and has been actively wiretapping and spying on American citizens without warrants for at least 17 years. [[source](https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/us-surveillance-americans-must-stop)][[source](https://www.aclu.org/news/national-security/five-things-to-know-about-nsa-mass-surveillance-and-the-coming-fight-in-congress)][[source](https://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-22-3-c-the-national-security-agency-warrantless-wiretaps)]
* **Police budgets across the country annually combine for $129,000,000,000 ($129 Billion dollars) while not only not preventing crime but usually being the cause of it:**
  + The training for these individuals can be as little as 5.5 months to violently enforce the law against the will of the people whereas calmly practicing law in a courtroom takes at least 7 years to achieve. [[source](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-56834733)][[source](https://law.pepperdine.edu/blog/posts/how-long-to-earn-a-law-degree.htm)]
  + Instead of being trained to use de-escalation techniques they walk into every situation with a bullet proof vest on and a gun which in turn intimidates those who they are meant to be helping and usually causes things to get worse to the point of killing civilians. [[source](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-56834733)][[source](https://www.abqjournal.com/news/officials-detail-albuquerque-police-shooting-that-left-bystanders-injured-by-officers-gunfire/article_e21949ec-2694-11ee-b5a2-933a52e94e78.html)][[source](https://naacp.org/resources/criminal-justice-fact-sheet)][[source](https://www.axios.com/2022/08/22/arkansas-officers-suspended-police-arrest-video)]
  + Statistically speaking police do not prevent crime as they are only called after or *while* crime is being committed and then in most cases are not actually solving the more serious crimes while focusing most of their energy on lower income neighborhoods for “simple” crimes. [[source](https://www.npr.org/2023/04/29/1172775448/people-murder-unsolved-killings-record-high)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2023/01/17/1149455678/why-data-from-15-cities-show-police-response-times-are-taking-longer)][[source](https://www.aclu.org/news/criminal-law-reform/defunding-the-police-will-actually-make-us-safer)]
  + In 2020 there were over **1300** **confirmed cases** of police brutality against peaceful protestors and their tactics unnecessarily escalated every situation against the civilian population including hundreds of permanent injuries recorded. [[source](https://github.com/2020PB/police-brutality#Table-of-Contents)][[source](https://2020pb.com/)]
  + Inside many police departments there are groups of people who work together to target minorities and, in some cases, create an actual gang that they call themselves by with initiations to harm, and usually kill, individuals. [[source](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/police-gangs-la-sheriff-executioners-b1862105.html)][[source](https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/la-sheriff-department-gangs-alex-villanueva-1234691873/)][[source](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/aug/05/police-violence-cliques-and-secret-tattoos-fears-rise-over-la-sheriff-gangs)][[source](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/crime/police-guilty-plea-torture-mississippi-b2393158.html)]
  + Along with their lack of attention to the citizens they’re meant to protect the police can use force with near impunity as they have Qualified Immunity – which grants them special protection from the law if they’re carrying out their duties “without violating constitutional rights” (which is used loosely in most cases) [[source](https://www.ncsl.org/civil-and-criminal-justice/qualified-immunity)][[source](https://www.naacpldf.org/qualified-immunity-myths-and-dangers/)][[source](https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/qualified_immunity)]
  + The United States Police is the second-most well-equipped military in the world behind the U.S. Military itself as they receive most of the excess supplies from the military itself including grenade launchers, tanks, and bombs. [[source](https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wbna41912754)][[source](https://policefundingdatabase.org/explore-the-database/military-equipment/)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2017/08/28/546743742/trump-administration-lifts-limits-on-military-hardware-for-police)][[source](https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2015/05/13/406243272/im-from-philly-30-years-later-im-still-trying-to-make-sense-of-the-move-bombing)] [[source](https://www.aclu.org/news/criminal-law-reform/federal-militarization-of-law-enforcement-must-end)]
  + Based on all provided information, most 911 calls should have a mental health professional deployed to the scene instead of an armed untrained person who cannot handle human emotions and resorts to violence instead of calmly resolving the issue.
* **Department of Corrections (DoC) has a combined annual budget of $86,000,000,000 ($86 Billion dollars) and in nearly every state in the country has treated prisoners inhumanely and falsely imprisoned others for extended lengths of time due to for-profit prisons while essentially using the prisoners as slave labor:** [[source](https://eji.org/issues/prison-conditions/)][[source](https://www.12news.com/article/news/local/arizona/court-rules-medical-care-mental-health-care-solitary-confinement-conditions-in-arizona-state-prison-system-violate-constitution/75-41f94928-76d9-4343-a599-8d8fad55153a)]
  + Black people are disproportionately incarcerated at a rate 5x higher than white people and people in poverty are much more likely to be imprisoned than the wealthy. This pattern will repeat causing more unemployment, discrimination, and re-incarceration until punishments are equally administered and updated to fit the actual crimes being committed. [[source](https://www.prisonpolicy.org/origin/ny/report.html)][[source](https://www.prisonpolicy.org/visuals/poverty_and_wealth.html)][[source](https://www.ojp.gov/ncjrs/virtual-library/abstracts/rich-get-richer-and-poor-get-prison-ideology-class-and-criminal)][[source](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2023/05/racial-disparities-persist-in-many-us-jails)][[source](https://www.sentencingproject.org/reports/the-color-of-justice-racial-and-ethnic-disparity-in-state-prisons-the-sentencing-project/)][[source](https://www.americanactionforum.org/research/incarceration-and-poverty-in-the-united-states/)]
  + Instead of focusing on peaceful rehabilitation of drug users they are incarcerated more disproportionately than any other crimes. Instead of assisting in resolving this issue the prison system compounds the likelihood of it recurring while actively encouraging it in some cases, thus putting them back behind bars for needing help instead of resolving the root of the issues. [[source](https://www.tpoftampa.com/treatment-vs-incarceration/)][[source](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/issue-briefs/2022/02/drug-arrests-stayed-high-even-as-imprisonment-fell-from-2009-to-2019)][[source](https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/criminal-justice)][[source](https://www.unodc.org/documents/ungass2016/Contributions/Civil/DrugPolicyAlliance/DPA_Fact_Sheet_Drug_War_Mass_Incarceration_and_Race_June2015.pdf)]
  + The 13th amendment of the United States was created to “abolish slavery” but ultimately infused a loophole for prisons to legally use their inmates as slaves and still treat these individuals as “free labor” to this day. [[source](https://www.freedomunited.org/advocate/amendthe13th/)][[source](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/voters-in-4-states-reject-slavery-involuntary-servitude-as-punishment-for-crime)][[source](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/10/21/slavery-ballot-vote-prison-labor/)][[source](https://www.aclu.org/news/human-rights/captive-labor-exploitation-of-incarcerated-workers)][[source](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/dec/24/us-prison-labor-workers-slavery-13th-amendment-constitution)]
  + Most prisons are used as for-profit and thus care little about the quality of care of their inmates, merely trying to keep as many locked up as possible – while treating them with little regard for their constitutional rights. [[source](https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/money.html)][[source](https://www.aclu.org/news/prisoners-rights/federal-judge-finds-arizonas-prison-health-care-is-plainly-grossly-inadequate-and-unconstitutional)]
* **Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loans of approximately $1,200,000,000,000 ($1.2 Trillion dollars) forgiven despite at least 1/6th being fraudulent and most going to wealthy business owners:** [[source](https://www.sba.gov/document/report-23-09-covid-19-pandemic-eidl-ppp-loan-fraud-landscape)]
  + In the middle of 2020, there were several large loans given out by the United States that was meant to assist small businesses that was mostly abused by extraordinarily wealthy business owners while the small business owners were unable to receive the needed protection that this plan promised. There were also at least 28 members of congress that benefitted from this program either directly or indirectly through relatives. [[source](https://fortune.com/2020/07/08/ppp-loan-recipients-members-of-congress/)][[source](https://rollcall.com/2020/07/08/14m-in-relief-funds-find-members-and-family/)][[source](https://www.readsludge.com/2020/12/24/members-of-congress-profited-from-covid-bailout-while-small-businesses-were-shut-out/)]
  + Over $200,000,000,000 (**$200 Billion dollars**) worth of these loans have been deemed fraudulent due to complete lack of oversight when distributing the loans. [[source](https://www.npr.org/2023/06/27/1184555444/200-billion-pandemic-business-loans-fraudulent)][[source](https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/biggest-fraud-generation-looting-covid-relief-program-known-ppp-n1279664)][[source](https://www.npr.org/2023/01/09/1145040599/ppp-loan-forgiveness)]
* **Telecom companies have taken $400,000,000,000 ($400 Billion dollars) from citizens since 1993 as a “promise” to create a fiber network across the USA by the end of 2014 – it didn’t happen:**
  + This design was approved by the US government to allow telecommunication companies (AT&T, Verizon, and CenturyLink) to create “surcharges” on their bills that would then go directly into a national fiberoptic network giving every home in the country access to highspeed internet. As this promise has clearly been broken these companies have effectively stolen, on average, $4,000 per household with approval from the government. [[source](https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2015/06/22-years-after-verizon-fiber-promise-millions-have-only-dsl-or-wireless/)][[source](https://www.reuters.com/article/new-york-verizon/new-york-city-says-verizon-did-not-keep-fios-promise-idINL1N0Z41S820150618)][[source](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-book-of-broken-promis_b_5839394)]
* **Lobbying for the US government has averaged $4,000,000,000 ($4 Billion dollars) a year over the last 10 years in order to control votes on important bills in congress:** [[source](https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2023/01/federal-lobbying-spending-reaches-4-1-billion-in-2022-the-highest-since-2010/)]
  + Pharmaceutical & healthcare insurance companies combined spend near $500,000,000 (**$500 Million dollars**) each of the last 10 years to influence different aspects of health-related bills that would assist people with cheaper prescriptions and medical bills, more recently in opposition to the Inflation Reduction Act [[source](https://phrma.org/Inflation-Reduction-Act)][[source](https://phrma.org/resource-center/Topics/Cost-and-Value/PhRMA-CEOs-Express-Grave-Concern-with-the-Inflation-Reduction-Act-of-2022)]
  + Realtor companies have spent $81,700,000 (**$81.7 Million dollars**) each year to influence how the housing market will work, most recently getting nearly a dozen tax increase provisions from the Inflation Reduction Act [[source](https://narfocus.com/billdatabase/clientfiles/172/29/4595.pdf)]
  + The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has spent $81,000,000 (**$81 Million dollars**) each year to lobby against fair rules for workers, most recently fighting against the removal of non-compete clauses and fighting for monopolies. [[source](https://www.uschamber.com/regulations/the-chamber-of-commerce-will-fight-the-ftc)][[source](https://www.uschamber.com/major-initiative/antitrust-laws)]
* **Elected officials using nepotism & cronyism to “award” government contracts, using citizen’s taxes, to friends and relatives worth millions a year:**
  + Many of these contracts are related to “construction” in states which are usually inflated well beyond the amount it would cost, which sparks further concern of fraud and racketeering. [[source](https://theintercept.com/2022/09/27/florida-ron-desantis-campaign-fund/)][[source](https://www.capradio.org/articles/2021/02/16/investigation-big-newsom-donors-including-blue-shield-received-no-bid-contracts-during-covid-19-response/)][[source](https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2021/nov/16/michael-gove-backer-won-164m-in-ppe-contracts-after-vip-lane-referral)][[source](https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/coronavirus-ppe-contracts-conservative-labour-covid-a9622131.html)][[source](https://www.azcentral.com/story/opinion/op-ed/laurieroberts/2023/01/10/the-stench-from-gov-doug-duceys-200-million-border-stunt-is-growing/69795502007/)][[source](https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2023/06/19/arizona-shipping-container-wall-raises-spending-oversight-questions/)]
* **Insider trading within congress has become prevalent over the last several years where members on committees will use their knowledge to either directly or indirectly buy and sell stock related to what they had just learned:**
  + This issue has risen drastically since 2020 with at least 97 members between house and senate having been involved in trading stock immediately after a hearing, more specifically after medically-related briefings, where not a single member of congress should have the ability to even trade stock at all considering the information they have access to that the general public does not. [[source](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/09/13/us/politics/congress-members-stock-trading-list.html)][[source](https://www.businessinsider.com/coronavirus-david-perdue-bought-stock-company-producing-ppe-after-briefing-2020-4)][[source](https://www.thedailybeast.com/sen-kelly-loeffler-dumped-millions-in-stock-after-coronavirus-briefing)][[source](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2022/09/13/us/politics/congress-stock-trading-investigation.html)][[source](https://www.businessinsider.com/congress-stock-act-violations-senate-house-trading-2021-9)] [[source](https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/at-hearing-on-insider-trading-senator-warren-makes-case-for-her-bipartisan-bill-to-ban-members-of-congress-from-owning-or-trading-stocks)][[source](https://www.reuters.com/markets/us/senators-propose-banning-stock-trades-us-congress-president-2023-07-25/)]
* **Chronic underfunding of all Public Services:**
  + The **public health** sector has been critically underfunded for most of its existence in this country, and the reflection comes in the form of lack of available resources for all hospitals, lack of appropriate pay for staffing, and hyperinflation of insurance costs due to lobbying (covered earlier). [[source](https://www.forbes.com/sites/williamhaseltine/2020/10/21/underfunding-public-health-harms-americans-beyond-covid-19/?sh=10e621e9419c)][[source](https://www.tfah.org/report-details/publichealthfunding2020/)][[source](https://www.naccho.org/blog/articles/more-than-9-in-10-americans-are-endangered-by-the-underfunding-of-local-public-health)]
    - Universal Healthcare has been proven to work in all other developed nations in the world, while also statistically saving the country money and hundreds of thousands of lives. Even if the taxes are not re-appropriated from areas like the military budget for healthcare it would still save the individual person money as they would only be spending a little more on taxes but no longer paying their monthly insurance costs.[[source](https://www.citizen.org/news/fact-check-medicare-for-all-would-save-the-u-s-trillions-public-option-would-leave-millions-uninsured-not-garner-savings/)][[source](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)30857-6/fulltext)][[source](https://www.cbo.gov/publication/56898)][[source](https://ysph.yale.edu/news-article/yale-study-more-than-335000-lives-could-have-been-saved-during-pandemic-if-us-had-universal-health-care/)]
  + **Public transportation** has never been a real focus for the United States Government, and it shows with how poor these services are. Their staffing is underpaid, the trains and vehicles are undermaintained, and the accessibility is nothing short of embarrassing. In almost every other developed country in the world you can access anywhere you wish to go utilizing public transportation through buses, trains, subways, or well-designed “walking cities” but it is mostly ignored in this country in favor of personal cars. [[source](https://www.politico.com/sponsor-content/2018/06/when-public-transit)][[source](https://www.americanprogress.org/article/federal-funding-essential-saving-state-local-public-services/)][[source](https://www.newschannel5.com/underfunded-us-public-transit-puts-reliability-safety-at-risk)]
  + **Public education** is the cornerstone of an intelligent nation, as it teaches the youth everything necessary to lead the country into the future. As was outlined in the brainwashing reference document, by systematically defunding the public education the far-right has been able to alter the curriculum and de-motivate the teachers through the processes of underpaying the staff, not providing supplies or lunches to the students, banning educational books from their libraries, and actively encouraging misinformation to be taught by rewriting textbooks and controlling what information teachers are “allowed to” teach. [[source](https://tcf.org/content/about-tcf/tcf-study-finds-u-s-schools-underfunded-nearly-150-billion-annually/)][[source](https://parents4publicschools.org/when-schools-are-underfunded-children-suffer/)][[source](https://www.epi.org/publication/public-education-funding-in-the-us-needs-an-overhaul/)]
  + **Public infrastructure**, which relates to all public buildings, roads, and parks, has been severely neglected in favor of “pushing it off for more important projects”. Due to this the US citizen’s safety is put at risk every time they use any of these options that are not appropriately maintained to the point where many people have taken it upon themselves to repair things the government refuses to do. [[source](https://www.cfr.org/backgrounder/state-us-infrastructure)][[source](https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-start-of-americas-infrastructure-decade-how-macroeconomic-factors-may-shape-local-strategies/)][[source](https://www.cbpp.org/research/state-budget-and-tax/its-time-for-states-to-invest-in-infrastructure)] [[source](https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2023/02/03/state-and-local-governments-face-persistent-infrastructure-investment-challenges)]