

Bernie Sanders' Dubious "Our Revolution" Initiative. Fake Leftist "Big Money Politics"

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He's no more a progressive revolutionary than any other member of Congress, nor Washington's bipartisan criminal class, bureaucrats included – Sanders a card-carrying member throughout his deplorable political career.

Endorsing Hillary Clinton after rhetorically campaigning against what she represents exposed his duplicity – a progressive in name only. An opportunist for his own self-interest, he wants his extended 15 minutes of fame made more long-lasting.

Claiming his new initiative "will fight to transform America and advance the progressive agenda (he) believe(s) in" belies his deplorable House and Senate voting records, on the wrong side of most major issues, especially supporting most US wars of aggression.

A separate Sanders Institute intends operating like his Our Revolution initiative. Maybe his real aim is cashing in on his high-profile persona – including a new book due out in mid-November titled "Our Revolution: A Future To Believe In."

Save your money. Its contents are clear without reading it – the same mumbo jumbo he used while campaigning.

It excludes his deplorable history of promising one thing, doing another, going along with Washington scoundrels like Hillary to get along, betraying his loyal supporters – the real Sanders he wants concealed.

On August 24, The [New York Times](#) said his Our Revolution initiative "has been met with criticism and controversy over its financing and management."

It's "draw(ing) from the same pool of 'dark money' (he) condemned" while campaigning. After his former campaign manager Jeff Weaver was hired to lead the group, "the majority of its staff resigned," said The Times – described as "eight core staff members..."

"The group's entire organizing department quit this week, along with people working in digital and data positions." They refused to reconsider after Sanders urged them to stay on.

A major concern is the group's tax status as a 501(c)(4) organization able to get large donations from anonymous sources – meaning the usual ones buying influence, letting Sanders pretend to be progressive and revolutionary while operating otherwise.

Claire Sandberg was the initiative's organizing director. "I left and others left because we were alarmed that Jeff (Weaver) would mismanage this organization as he mismanaged the

campaign," she explained.

She fears Weaver will "betray its core purpose by accepting money from billionaires and not remaining grassroots funded and plowing that billionaire cash into TV instead of investing it in building a genuine movement."

Vermont GOP vice chairman Brady Toensing blasted Sanders for "preach(ing) transparency and then tr(ying) to set up the most shadowy of shadowy fund-raising organization to support" what he claims to endorse.

"What I'm seeing here is a senator who is against big money in politics, but only when" it applies to others, not himself, Toensing added.

Campaign Legal Center's Paul S. Ryan said "(t)here are definitely some red flags with respect to the formation of this group...We're in a murky area."

Is Sanders' real aim self-promotion and enrichment? Is his Our Revolution more a scheme than an honest initiative?

Is it sort of like the Clinton Foundation, Sanders wanting to grab all he can – only much less able to match the kind of super-wealth Bill and Hillary amassed?

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