

## Government Corruption Has Become Rampant. America is an Oligarchy. Big Banks are Criminal Syndicates

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The Cop Is On the Take

Government corruption has become rampant:

- Senior SEC employees spent up to 8 hours a day surfing porn sites instead of cracking down on financial crimes
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission workers watch porn instead of cracking down on unsafe conditions at nuclear plants
- NSA spies pass around homemade sexual videos and pictures they've collected from spying on the American people
- NSA employees have also been caught <u>using</u> their mass surveillance powers to <u>spy on love interests</u>, such as <u>girlfriends</u>, <u>obsessions or former wives</u> ... and to <u>eavesdrop on American soldiers' intimate conversations with their wives</u> back home. And <u>see this</u> ("routinely shared salacious or tantalizing phone calls that had been intercepted" ... "'Hey, check this out ... there's good phone sex'")
- An employee of the Transportation Security Administration admitted that TSA agents share – and laugh at – nude scans of passengers.
- Investigators from the <u>Treasury's Office of the Inspector General</u> found that some of the regulator's employees surfed erotic websites, hired prostitutes and accepted gifts from bank executives ... instead of actually working to help the economy
- The Minerals Management Service the regulator charged with overseeing BP and other oil companies to ensure that oil spills don't occur was riddled with "a culture of substance abuse and promiscuity", which included "sex with industry contacts"
- Agents for the <u>Drug Enforcement Agency</u> had sex parties with prostitutes hired by the drug cartels they were supposed to stop

- Federal agents with the <u>Drug Enforcement Administration and Secret</u>
   <u>Service</u> investigating Bitcoin money laundering extorted and stole over \$1 million in Bitcoin
- Police have been busted framing innocent people
- Warmongerers in the U.S. government knowingly and intentionally <u>lied us into</u> a war of aggression in Iraq. The former head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff the highest ranking military officer in the United States said that the Iraq war was <u>"based on a series of lies"</u>. The same is true in <u>Libya and other wars</u>
- The government lied when it said it <u>doesn't conduct mass surveillance on Americans</u>, lied about <u>the extent of the torture program</u>, and lied when it said torture was <u>aimed at protecting America</u> against terrorists
- The government made sure that false claims were made about <u>the amount of oil</u> spilled by BP in the Gulf
- The government has <u>framed whistleblowers with false evidence</u>
- The Pentagon falsely smeared USA Today reporters because they <u>investigated</u> <u>illegal Pentagon propaganda</u>
- The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has <u>conspired with big banks</u> to manipulate commodities prices for decades
- The government-sponsored rating agencies committed <u>massive fraud</u> (and see <u>this</u>)
- The Treasury department <u>allowed banks to "cook their books"</u>
- Regulators <u>knew of and allowed</u> the use of debt-hiding accounting tricks by the big banks
- The Secretary of Treasury (Tim Geithner) was complicit in <u>Lehman's accounting</u> <u>fraud</u>, (and see <u>this</u>)
- The former chief accountant for the SEC <u>says</u> that Bernanke and Paulson broke the law and should be prosecuted
- The government knew about mortgage fraud a long time ago. For example, the FBI warned of an "epidemic" of mortgage fraud in 2004. However, the FBI, DOJ and other government agencies then stood down and did nothing. See <a href="this.">this</a> and <a href="this.">this</a>. For example, the Federal Reserve turned its cheek and <a href="allowed massive fraud">allowed massive fraud</a>, and the SEC has repeatedly <a href="ignored accounting fraud">ignored accounting fraud</a>. Indeed, Alan Greenspan took the position that <a href="fraud could never happen">fraud could never happen</a>

- Paulson and Bernanke <u>falsely stated</u> that the big banks receiving Tarp money were healthy, when they were not. The Treasury Secretary also <u>falsely told</u> <u>Congress</u> that the bailouts would be used to dispose of toxic assets ... but then used the money for something else entirely
- A high-level Federal Reserve official says quantitative easing is <u>"the greatest</u> backdoor Wall Street bailout of all time"
- The non-partisan Government Accountability Office calls the Fed corrupt and riddled with conflicts of interest. Nobel prize-winning economist Joe Stiglitz says the World Bank would view any country which had a banking structure like the Fed as being corrupt and untrustworthy. The former vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas said said he worried that the failure of the government to provide more information about its rescue spending could signal corruption. "Nontransparency in government programs is always associated with corruption in other countries, so I don't see why it wouldn't be here," he said
- Arguably, both the Bush and Obama administrations <u>broke the law by refusing to</u> close insolvent banks
- Congress may have <u>covered up illegal tax breaks</u> for the big banks

The biggest companies <u>own</u> the D.C. politicians. Indeed, <u>the head of the economics</u> <u>department at George Mason University</u> has pointed out that it is unfair to call politicians "prostitutes". They are in fact <u>pimps</u> ... <u>selling out the American people for a price</u>.

Government regulators have become so <u>corrupted</u> and <u>"captured"</u> by those they <u>regulate</u> that Americans *know* that the cop is on the take. <u>Institutional corruption is killing people's trust in our government and our institutions</u>.

Indeed, America is officially no longer a democracy or republic ... it's an oligarchy.

But the private sector is no better ... for example, the big banks have turned into <u>criminal</u> <u>syndicates</u>.

Liberals and conservatives tend to blame our country's problems on different factors ... but they are all connected.

The *real* problem is the <u>malignant, symbiotic relationship</u> between big corporations and big government.

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