

## This US Government Is The Most Corrupt In History

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"There Has Never Been A Time, However, When The Government Of The United States Was So Perversely And Systematically Dedicated To Special Interests, Earmarks, Side Deals, Log-Rolling, Vote-Trading, And Sweetheart Deals"

Government corruption has become rampant:

- <u>Senior SEC employees</u> spent up to 8 hours a day surfing porn sites instead of cracking down on financial crimes
- <u>Nuclear Regulatory Commission workers watch porn</u> instead of cracking down on unsafe conditions at nuclear plants
- An EPA employee who downloaded 7,000 porn files, then spent 2-6 hours each workday watching porn. He's been doing it for years ... but the EPA never fired him. Another EPA employee harassed 16 women co-workers ... and then was promoted to a higher-paying job with more responsibility, where he harassed more women
- <u>NSA spies pass around</u> homemade sexual videos and pictures they've collected from spying on the American people
  - NSA employees have also been caught using their mass surveillance powers to <u>spy on love interests</u>, such as <u>girlfriends</u>, <u>obsessions or</u> <u>former wives</u> ... and to <u>eavesdrop on American soldiers' intimate</u> <u>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 <u>share and laugh at nude scans</u> of passengers. Another TSA employee says that screeners <u>make excuses so they can grope and fondle</u> travelers that they're attracted to (maybe that's why the TSA failed to find mock explosives or banned weapons going through checkpoints in <u>95% of trials</u>)
- 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 <u>dozens</u> of sex parties with prostitutes hired by the drug cartels they were supposed to stop (they also received money, gifts *and* weapons from drug cartel members)
- Drug Enforcement agents also <u>RAN New Jersey's sleaziest strip club</u> using illegal, undocumented girls – which included a prostitution ring
- An FBI agent "used the FBI's plane to fly at night to #Reno for the sole purpose of engaging prostitutes ...."
- Pentagon employees used government credit cards to pay for <u>adult "escorts"</u> (i.e. prostitutes) and to gamble
- North Carolina passed a law <u>LEGALIZING PROSTITUTES</u> for state lawmakers.
- 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
- The IRS gave promotions to employees who were themselves tax cheats
- 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 SEC has been <u>shredding Wall Street documents for decades</u> to help the big banks cover up their fraud
- 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 says 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 <u>this</u> and <u>this</u>. For example, the Federal Reserve turned its cheek and <u>allowed massive fraud</u>, and the SEC has repeatedly <u>ignored accounting fraud</u> (a whistleblower also "<u>gift-wrapped and delivered</u>" the Madoff scandal to the SEC, but they refused to take action). Indeed, Alan Greenspan took the position that <u>fraud could never happen</u>

- 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
- The D.C. politicians said that the giant failed banks couldn't be nationalized, because that would be socialism. Instead of temporarily nationalizing them and then spinning them off to the private sector or breaking them up the politicians have bailed them out to the tune of many tens of billions of dollars each year, and created a system where all of the profits are privatized, and all of the losses socialized
- Obama and Congress promised help for struggling homeowners, and passed numerous bills that they claimed would rescue the little guy. But every single one of these bills actually bails out the banks ... and doesn't really help the homeowner
- Many D.C. politicians pay lip service to helping the little guy ... while pushing policies which have <u>driven inequality to levels surpassing slave-owning societies</u>
- A high-level Federal Reserve official says quantitative easing is <u>"the greatest</u> <u>backdoor Wall Street bailout of all time"</u>
- The American government's top official in charge of the bank bailouts wrote, "Americans should lose faith in their government. They should deplore the captured politicians and regulators who distributed tax dollars to the banks without insisting that they be accountable. The American people should be revolted by a financial system that rewards failure and protects those who drove it to the point of collapse and will undoubtedly do so again."
- Bailout funds were <u>not used to help Main Street or the little guy</u>. Instead, the government threw money at <u>"several billionaires and tens of multi-millionaires"</u>, as well as <u>hedge funds</u>, <u>giant corporations like McDonald's and Harley-Davidson</u>, and <u>numerous foreign banks</u>, including <u>Gaddafi's Libyan bank</u>, the Arab Banking <u>Corp. of Bahrain</u>, and the Banks of Bavaria, Korea and Mexico
- The regulators pretend that they are being tough on the big banks. But instead of <u>doing the right thing</u> – they've done everything they can to <u>help COVER UP</u> <u>THEIR SINS</u>

- The non-partisan <u>Government Accountability Office calls the Fed corrupt and</u> <u>riddled with conflicts of interest</u>
- 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> <u>close insolvent banks</u>
- Congress may have <u>covered up illegal tax breaks</u> for the big banks
- Congress recently told the courts that <u>Congress can't be investigated for insider</u> trading
- Congress has <u>exempted itself</u> from the healthcare rules it insists everyone else follow
- State lawmakers are routinely <u>wined and dined by corporate lobbyists who</u> <u>literally TELL THEM</u> what laws to pass
- <u>Police have been busted</u> framing numerous innocent people
- Systemic corruption at the FBI lab led to the **EXECUTION** of innocent people
- Police raise money by handing out tickets ... and <u>they're given quotas</u> by their bosses. And <u>see this</u>
- Law enforcement also <u>grabs</u> <u>massive</u> <u>amounts</u> of people's cash, cars and property ... even when people aren't CHARGED with – let alone convicted of – any crime
- Private prisons are <u>huge profit-making centers</u> for giant companies, and private prison corporations obtain quotas from the government, where the government guarantees <u>a certain number</u> of prisoners at any given time
- The government has gone to <u>great lengths</u> to cover up <u>nuclear</u> <u>accidents</u>, <u>radiation dangers</u>, and <u>unsafe conditions</u> at nuclear plants
- The government made sure that false claims were made about <u>the amount of oil</u> <u>spilled by BP in the Gulf</u>
- The government covered up the health risks to New Orleans residents associated

with polluted water from hurricane Katrina, and FEMA <u>covered up</u> the cancer risk from the toxic trailers which it provided to refugees of the hurricane. The Centers for Disease Control – the lead agency tasked with addressing disease in America – <u>covered up</u> lead poisoning in children in the Washington, D.C. area (the Centers for Disease Control has also been <u>outed as receiving industry funding</u>)

- The government's response to the outbreak of mad cow disease was simple: it <u>STOPPED TESTING for mad cow</u>, and <u>PREVENTED cattle ranchers and meat</u> <u>processors from VOLUNTARILY testing</u> their own cows (and see <u>this</u> and <u>this</u>)
- In response to new studies showing the substantial dangers of genetically modified foods, the government passed legislation more or less <u>PUSHING IT onto</u> <u>our plates</u>
- Government scientists originally pushed fluoridation of water as "safe and effective" because fluoride is a major byproduct of making nuclear weapons ... and the government <u>ordered them to downplay the risks of fluoride exposure</u> in order to prevent massive lawsuits by those suffering injury from poisoning
- When one of the most respected radiologists in America the former head of the radiology department at Yale University attempted to blow the whistle on the fact that the FDA had approved a medical device manufactured by General Electric because it put out massive amounts of radiation, the FDA installed spyware to record his private emails and surfing activities (including installing cameras to snap pictures of his screen), and then used the information to smear him and other whistleblowers
- The EPA colluded with Dow Chemical to toss aside Dow's own safety studies showing that the Agent Orange ingredient 2,4-D caused kidney damage in rats, so it could approve an increase of 4100% of 2,4-D in the American diet
- In an effort to protect Bank of America from the threatened Wikileaks expose of wrongdoing – <u>the Department of Justice told Bank of America</u> to a hire a specific hardball-playing law firm to assemble a team to take down WikiLeaks (and see <u>this</u>)
- The Bush White House worked hard to smear <u>CIA officers</u>, <u>bloggers</u> and anyone else who criticized the Iraq war
- The FBI <u>smeared top scientists</u> who pointed out the numerous holes in its anthrax case. Indeed, the head of the FBI's investigation <u>agrees</u> that corruption was rampant
- After a top USDA scientist disclosed that commonly-used pesticides kill monarch butterflies and beneficial insects, the government <u>punished him and tried to</u> <u>make his life miserable</u>
- Senior judges in Pennsylvania have pleaded guilty to <u>falsely convicting and</u>

imprisoning hundreds of YOUTHS (they got kickbacks from the prisons). The Pennsylvania Supreme Court refused to hear a case regarding the corrupt judges. A month later – <u>only after the judges confessed to criminal wrongdoing</u> – <u>did the Supreme Court change its mind and take any interest</u>

- The government has intentionally <u>whipped up hysteria about</u> <u>terrorism</u> for cynical political purposes. For example, former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge <u>admitted</u> that he was pressured to raise terror alerts to help the president win reelection (and the biggest terrorism fearmongers <u>themselves actually</u> support terrorism. And <u>see this</u>)
- Warmongers 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</u>, <u>Syria</u> and other wars. Indeed, the U.S. has often launched or proposed launching wars <u>based upon</u> <u>FALSE PREMISES</u>
- The U.S. has <u>befriended the</u> main <u>backers of Islamic terrorism</u> and <u>covered</u> <u>up</u> their terrorist activities because they <u>have a lot of oil</u> and do our government's dirty work. In the name of fighting terrorism, the U.S. has been <u>directly supporting Al Qaeda</u> and other terrorists and providing them arms, money and logistical support in <u>Syria</u>, <u>Libya</u>, <u>Mali</u>, <u>Bosnia</u>, <u>Chechnya</u>, <u>Iran</u>, and <u>many other countries</u> ... both <u>before</u> and <u>after 9/11</u>. And see <u>this</u>
- Conservatives like the director of the National Security Agency under Ronald Reagan (Lt. General William Odom) and liberals like Noam Chomsky all say that the American government is the <u>WORLD'S LARGEST purveyor of terrorism</u>
- On the other hand, the government has <u>completely rigged</u> the trials of those accused of conducting terrorism. And the military judge and prosecutor of alleged surviving 9/11 co-conspirators <u>secretly destroyed</u> <u>relevant evidence</u>, without telling defense lawyers
- When the American government got caught assassinating innocent civilians, it changed its definition of "enemy combatants" to include <u>all young men</u> <u>between the ages of say 15 and 35</u> who happen to be in battle zones. When it got busted killing kids with drones, it changed the definition again to <u>include kids</u> as "enemy combatants"
- U.S. government officials say that the government has <u>long PROTECTED drug</u> <u>cartels</u>
- <u>\$8.5 TRILLION dollars</u> in taxpayer money doled out by Congress to the Pentagon since 1996 has <u>NEVER been accounted for</u>. The military <u>wastes and</u> <u>"loses"</u> trillions of dollars. And Congress pushes expensive boondoggles that our <u>generals</u> say are unnecessary and unhelpful ... <u>because it's pork</u> for their district

- The government lied when it said it <u>doesn't conduct mass surveillance on</u> <u>Americans</u>, and then lied again when it said that spying was aimed at <u>protecting</u> <u>America</u> against terrorists. The highest-level NSA whistleblower in history says that a recently-passed bill authorizing mass surveillance is "just another example of corruption"
- Why do the intelligence agencies spy on innocent Americans? Because they <u>rake</u> <u>in the dough</u> when they do. Why do so many in Congress support NSA spying? Because <u>NSA contractors give them money</u>
- The same Congress members who backed mass surveillance against the American people have only become indignant <u>only when they were spied on by</u> <u>the government</u>
- The government also lied when it said <u>America doesn't torture</u> (and <u>see</u> <u>this</u>), and then <u>lied once again</u> when it said torture was aimed at protecting Americans
- The government protects criminal wrongdoing by prosecuting whistleblowers. The Obama administration has sentenced whistleblowers to dozens of times the jail time of all other presidents COMBINED). And the government has framed whistleblowers with false evidence
- The government treats journalists who report on government corruption as <u>CRIMINALS OR TERRORISTS</u>. And it goes to great lengths to smear them. For example, when USA Today reporters busted the Pentagon for illegally targeting Americans with propaganda, the Pentagon <u>launched a SMEAR CAMPAIGN</u> against the reporters
- On the other hand, the government <u>pumps out MASSIVE amounts of</u> <u>propaganda</u> to <u>mislead</u> and dis-empower people. And journalists who act as mere cheerleaders for the government who never criticize are <u>protected and</u> <u>rewarded</u>
- The government has <u>destroyed most of the freedoms and liberties</u> that officials are sworn to protect. The high-level NSA official who designed the NSA's global surveillance program told Washington's Blog: "Our government use to be more careful and secretive in their violations of the constitution; but, now, they are more blatant an arrogant in their violation as if to dare anyone to try and stop them"
- The intelligence services BLACKMAIL people in both government and the private sector with <u>evidence of homosexuality</u>, <u>nude pictures</u> and <u>other information</u> that people want to stop from going public
- Terror attacks such as 9/11, the Boston Marathon bombing and the Texas shooting <u>all happened because of PERVASIVE CORRUPTION</u> in our intelligence agencies

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". He says they are in fact <u>pimps</u> ... selling out the American people for a price.

## A former U.S. Senator <u>writes</u>:

Measured against the standards established for republics from ancient times, the American Republic is massively corrupt.\*\*\*Can anyone seriously doubt that our republic, our government, is corrupt? There have been Teapot Domes and financial scandals of one kind or another throughout our nation's history. There has never been a time, however, when the government of the United States was so perversely and systematically dedicated to special interests, earmarks, side deals, log-rolling, vote-trading, and sweetheart deals of one kind or another.\*\*\*How can public service be promoted as an ideal to young people when this sewer corrupts our Republic? At this point in early twenty-first-century America, the greatest service our nation's young people could provide is to lead an army of outraged young Americans armed with brooms on a crusade to sweep out the rascals and rid our capital of the money changers, rent seekers, revolving door dancers, and special interest deal makers and power brokers and send them back home to make an honest living, that is, if they still remember how to do so.

A U.S. Congressman says:

- Washington is a "sinkhole of leeches"
- Money "corrupts" and House members are "puppets" to lobbyists who bankroll their campaigns. "Business organizations and unions fork over more than \$3 billion a year to those who lobby the federal government. Does that tell you something? We're operating a f-king casino"
- 'America's on an irreversible decline and no one in Washington seems to care . .
  . God help us.'
- "We spend money we don't have and blithely mortgage the future with a wink and a nod. Screw the next generation. It's about getting credit now, lookin' good for the upcoming election." "Like most of my colleagues, I promise my constituents a lot of stuff I can never deliver." "But what the hell? It makes them happy hearing it . . . My main job is to keep my job"

## He also <u>says</u>:

- "Most of my colleagues are dishonest career politicians who revel in the power and special-interest money that's lavished upon them"
- "My main job is to keep my job, to get reelected. It takes precedence over everything"
- "Fundraising is so time consuming I seldom read any bills I vote on. Like many of my colleagues, I don't know how the legislation will be implemented, or what it'll cost"

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

<u>Neither the Democratic or Republican parties represent the interests</u> of the American people. Elections have become nothing but <u>scripted beauty contests</u>, with both parties <u>ignoring the desires of their own bases</u>.

Indeed, America is no longer a democracy or republic ... <u>it's officially an oligarchy</u>. And the allowance of unlimited campaign spending <u>allows the oligarchs</u> to <u>purchase politicians</u> more directly than ever.

No wonder polls show that the American people say that <u>the system is so thoroughly</u> <u>corrupt</u> that <u>government corruption is now Americans' number one fear</u>. And <u>see this</u>.

And <u>politicians from both sides of the aisle</u> say that corruption has destroyed America.

Moreover, there are two systems of justice in America ... one for the big banks and other fatcats ... and one for everyone else. Indeed, Americans have less access to justice than *Botswanans* ... and are more abused by police than *Kazakhstanis*.

Big Corporations Are Also Thoroughly Corrupt

But the private sector is no better ... for example, the big banks have *literally* <u>turned into</u> <u>criminal syndicates</u> engaged in systemic fraud.

Wall Street and giant corporations are literally <u>manipulating every single market</u>.

And the big corporations are cutting corners to make an extra penny ... wreaking havoc with their carelessness. For example:

- Fracking companies dumped <u>3 billion gallons</u> of highly-toxic waste into California's drinking water supply. Fracking is <u>polluting water all over the</u> <u>country</u>. A study published in the journal Ground Water predicts that the highlytoxic fluids used in fracking can migrate to aquifers <u>within a few short years</u>. In addition, it is now <u>official that fracking can cause earthquakes</u>. Yet fracking companies are using <u>military psychological operations techniques to discredit</u> <u>opponents</u> (and <u>see this</u>)
- U.S. military contractors have pocketed <u>huge sums</u> of money earmarked for humanitarian and reconstruction aid. And see <u>this</u> (whistleblowers <u>alerted the</u> <u>government</u> about the looting of Iraq reconstruction funds, but nothing was done)
- <u>General Electric</u> and <u>other nuclear companies</u> KNEW their designs were faulty and unsafe ... but hid that fact for decades
- Monsanto has claimed for decades that Roundup is safe, but the World Health Organization just said that it probably causes cancer. Monsanto forbids independent scientists from testing its GMO crops for safety, attacks the computers of people who oppose GMO foods and sue small farmers when

Monsanto GMO crops drift onto their fields

- Big farmers are <u>drenching their crops with Roundup right before harvest</u> ... to save a buck
- Big food companies work hand-in-glove with the government to <u>dish</u> <u>up unhealthy food</u>
- BP's <u>criminal negligence</u> led to the giant Gulf oil spill
- There is <u>systemic corruption</u> among drug companies, scientific journals, university medical departments, and medical groups which set the criteria for diagnosis and treatment

(Further examples <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u>, <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>.)

We've Forgotten the Lessons of History

The real problem is that we need to learn a <u>little history</u>:

- We've known for <u>thousands of years</u> that when criminals are not punished crime spreads
- We've known for <u>hundreds of years</u> that the <u>failure to punish</u> financial fraud destroys economies, as it destroys all trust in the financial system
- We've known for <u>centuries</u> that powerful people unless held to account will get together and steal from everyone else

Beyond Partisan Politics

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

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

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