

# How Corrupt Is the American Government?

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*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
- 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
- [NSA spies pass around](#) 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 [spy on love interests](#), such as [girlfriends, obsessions or former wives](#) ... and to [eavesdrop on American soldiers' intimate conversations with their wives](#) back home. And [see this](#) ("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. Another TSA employee says that screeners [make excuses so they can grope and fondle](#) travelers that they're attracted to (maybe that's why the TSA failed to find mock explosives or banned weapons going through checkpoints in [95% of trials](#))
- Investigators from the [Treasury's Office of the Inspector General](#) 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

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- Agents for the [Drug Enforcement Agency](#) had [dozens](#) 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 [RAN New Jersey’s sleaziest strip club](#) – using illegal, undocumented girls – which included a prostitution ring
- Pentagon employees used government credit cards to pay for [adult “escorts” \(i.e. prostitutes\) and to gamble](#)
- North Carolina passed a law [LEGALIZING PROSTITUTES](#) for state lawmakers.
- Federal agents with the [Drug Enforcement Administration and Secret Service](#) 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 [conspired with big banks to manipulate commodities prices for decades](#)
- The government-sponsored rating agencies committed [massive fraud](#) (and see [this](#))
- The Treasury department [allowed banks to “cook their books”](#)
- Regulators [knew of and allowed](#) the use of debt-hiding accounting tricks by the big banks
- The SEC has been [shredding Wall Street documents for decades](#) to help the big banks cover up their fraud
- The Secretary of Treasury (Tim Geithner) was complicit in [Lehman’s accounting fraud](#), (and see [this](#))
- 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 [this](#) and [this](#). For example, the Federal Reserve turned its cheek and [allowed massive fraud](#), and the SEC has repeatedly [ignored accounting fraud](#) (a whistleblower also [“gift-wrapped and delivered”](#) the Madoff scandal to the SEC, but they refused to take action). Indeed, Alan Greenspan took the position that [fraud](#)

[could never happen](#)

- Paulson and Bernanke [falsely stated](#) that the big banks receiving Tarp money were healthy when they were not. The Treasury Secretary also [falsely told Congress](#) 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 [driven inequality to levels surpassing slave-owning societies](#)
- A high-level Federal Reserve official says quantitative easing is ["the greatest backdoor Wall Street bailout of all time"](#)
- 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 [not used to help Main Street or the little guy](#). Instead, the government threw money at ["several billionaires and tens of multi-millionaires"](#), as well as [hedge funds, giant corporations like McDonald's and Harley-Davidson](#), and [numerous foreign banks](#), including [Gaddafi's Libyan bank, the Arab Banking Corp. of Bahrain, and the Banks of Bavaria, Korea and Mexico](#)
- The regulators pretend that they are being tough on the big banks. But - instead of [doing the right thing](#) - they've done everything they can to [help COVER UP THEIR SINS](#)
- 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 [broke the law by refusing to close insolvent banks](#)
- Congress may have [covered up illegal tax breaks](#) for the big banks
- Congress recently told the courts that [Congress can't be investigated for insider trading](#)
- Congress has [exempted itself](#) from the healthcare rules it insists everyone else follow
- State lawmakers are routinely [wined and dined by corporate lobbyists who literally TELL THEM](#) what laws to pass
- [Police have been busted](#) 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 [they're given quotas](#) by their bosses. And [see this](#)
- Law enforcement also [grabs massive amounts](#) of people's cash, cars and property ... even when people aren't CHARGED with - let alone convicted of - any crime
- Private prisons are [huge profit-making centers](#) for giant companies, and private prison corporations obtain quotas from the government, where the government *guarantees* [a certain number](#) of prisoners at any given time
- The government has gone to [great lengths](#) to cover up [nuclear accidents, radiation dangers](#), and [unsafe conditions](#) at nuclear plants
- The government made sure that false claims were made about [the amount of oil spilled by BP in the Gulf](#)
- The government [covered up](#) the health risks to New Orleans residents associated with polluted water from hurricane Katrina, and FEMA [covered up](#) 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 - [covered up](#) lead poisoning in children in the Washington, D.C. area (the Centers for Disease Control has also been [outed as receiving industry funding](#))

- The government's response to the outbreak of mad cow disease was simple: it [STOPPED TESTING for mad cow](#), and [PREVENTED cattle ranchers and meat processors from VOLUNTARILY testing](#) their own cows (and see [this](#) and [this](#))
- In response to new studies showing the substantial dangers of genetically modified foods, the government passed legislation more or less [PUSHING IT onto our plates](#)
- Government scientists originally pushed fluoridation of water as "safe and effective" because fluoride is a major byproduct of making nuclear weapons ... and the government [ordered them to downplay the risks of fluoride exposure](#) 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 – [the Department of Justice told Bank of America](#) to hire a specific hardball-playing law firm to assemble a team to take down WikiLeaks (and see [this](#))
- The Bush White House worked hard to smear [CIA officers](#), [bloggers](#) and anyone else who criticized the Iraq war
- The FBI [smeared top scientists](#) who pointed out the numerous holes in its anthrax case. Indeed, the head of the FBI's investigation [agrees](#) that corruption was rampant
- After a top USDA scientist disclosed that commonly-used pesticides kill monarch butterflies and beneficial insects, the government [punished him and tried to make his life miserable](#)
- Senior judges in Pennsylvania have pleaded guilty to [falsely convicting and 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 – [only after the judges confessed to criminal wrongdoing – did the Supreme Court change its mind and take any interest](#)
- The government has intentionally [whipped up hysteria about terrorism](#) for

cynical political purposes. For example, former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge [admitted](#) that he was pressured to raise terror alerts to help the president win reelection (and the biggest terrorism fearmongers [themselves actually support terrorism](#). And [see this](#))

- Warmongers in the U.S. government knowingly and intentionally [lied us into](#) 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 [“based on a series of lies”](#). The same is true in [Libya](#), [Syria](#) and other wars. Indeed, the U.S. has often launched or proposed launching wars [based upon FALSE PREMISES](#)
- The U.S. has [befriended the](#) main [backers of Islamic terrorism](#) ... because they [have a lot of oil](#) and do our government’s dirty work. In the name of fighting terrorism, the U.S. has been [directly supporting Al Qaeda](#) and other terrorists and providing them arms, money and logistical support in [Syria](#), [Libya](#), [Mali](#), [Bosnia](#), [Chechnya](#), [Iran](#), and [many other countries](#) ... both [before](#) and [after](#) 9/11. And see [this](#)
- 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 [WORLD’S LARGEST purveyor of terrorism](#)
- When the American government got caught assassinating innocent civilians, it changed its definition of “enemy combatants” to include [all young men – between the ages of say 15 and 35](#) – who happen to be in battle zones. When it got busted killing kids with drones, it changed the definition again to [include kids](#) as “enemy combatants”
- U.S. government officials say that the government has [long PROTECTED drug cartels](#)
- [\\$8.5 TRILLION dollars](#) in taxpayer money doled out by Congress to the Pentagon since 1996 has [NEVER been accounted for](#). The military [wastes and “loses”](#) trillions of dollars. And Congress pushes expensive boondoggles that our *generals* say are unnecessary and unhelpful ... [because it’s pork](#) for their district
- The government lied when it said it [doesn’t conduct mass surveillance on Americans](#), and then lied again when it said that spying was aimed at [protecting America](#) 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 [rake in the dough](#) when they do. Why do so many in Congress support NSA spying? Because [NSA contractors give them money](#)
- The same Congress members who backed mass surveillance against the American people have only become indignant [only when they were spied on by](#)

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- The government also lied when it said [America doesn't torture](#) (and [see this](#)), and then lied once again when it said torture was [aimed at protecting America](#) against terrorists
- 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 [CRIMINALS OR TERRORISTS](#). 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 [launched a SMEAR CAMPAIGN](#) against the reporters. But journalists who act as mere cheerleaders for the government who never criticize are [protected and rewarded](#)
- The intelligence services BLACKMAIL people in both government and the private sector with [evidence of homosexuality](#), [nude pictures](#) and [other information](#) that people want to stop from going public
- Terror attacks such as 9/11, the Boston Marathon bombing and the Texas shooting [all happened because of PERVASIVE CORRUPTION](#) in our intelligence agencies

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

Government regulators have become so [corrupted](#) and ["captured" by those they regulate](#) that Americans *know* that the cop is on the take. [Institutional corruption is killing people's trust in our government and our institutions](#).

[Neither the Democratic or Republican parties represent the interests](#) of the American people. Elections have become nothing but [scripted beauty contests](#), with both parties [ignoring the desires of their own bases](#).

Indeed, America is no longer a democracy or republic ... [it's officially an oligarchy](#). And the allowance of unlimited campaign spending [allows the oligarchs](#) to [purchase politicians](#) more directly than ever.

No wonder polls show that the American people say that [the system is so thoroughly corrupt](#) that [government corruption is now Americans' number one fear](#).

And [politicians from both sides of the aisle](#) say that corruption has destroyed America. And [see this](#).

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* [turned into criminal syndicates](#) engaged in systemic fraud.

Wall Street and giant corporations are literally [manipulating every single market](#).

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

- Fracking companies dumped [3 billion gallons](#) of highly-toxic waste into California's drinking water supply. Fracking is [polluting water all over the country](#). A study published in the journal Ground Water predicts that the highly-toxic fluids used in fracking can migrate to aquifers [within a few short years](#). In addition, it is now [official that fracking can cause earthquakes](#). Yet fracking companies are using [military psychological operations techniques to discredit opponents](#) (and [see this](#))
- U.S. military contractors have pocketed [huge sums](#) of money earmarked for humanitarian and reconstruction aid. And see [this](#) (whistleblowers [alerted the government](#) about the looting of Iraq reconstruction funds, but nothing was done)
- [General Electric](#) and [other nuclear companies](#) 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 [drenching their crops with Roundup right before harvest](#) ... to save a buck
- Big food companies work hand-in-glove with the government to [dish up unhealthy food](#)
- BP's [criminal negligence](#) led to the giant Gulf oil spill
- There is [systemic corruption](#) among drug companies, scientific journals, university medical departments, and medical groups which set the criteria for diagnosis and treatment

(Further examples [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).)



## We've Forgotten the Lessons of History

The real problem is that we need to learn a [little history](#):

- We've known for [thousands of years](#) that - when criminals are not punished - crime spreads
- We've known for [hundreds of years](#) that the [failure to punish](#) financial fraud destroys economies, as it destroys all trust in the financial system
- We've known for [centuries](#) 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 [they are all connected](#).

The *real* problem is the [malignant, symbiotic relationship](#) between big corporations and big government.

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