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CG: <b>Tommy Thompson</b>	We all know Tommy Thompson cashed in when he went Washington.	
CG: <b>Thompson: Earning millions from special interests</b>	Earning millions peddling influence for special interests...	<p><b>Politifact: “Thompson has sold his influence and connections to firms to whom it would benefit on Capitol Hill.”</b> <a href="#">[Politifact, 8/10/12]</a></p> <p><b>Journal Sentinel: Thompson’s financial portfolio grew “dramatically” after he joined prominent Washington lobbying firm.</b> The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported, “Thompson reports at least \$13 million in assets, and more than \$5 million in income since the beginning of 2010, according to an advance copy of the report that he provided to the Journal Sentinel. Thompson said in an interview Thursday that he has a net worth of roughly \$13 million, the lion's share of it amassed since he left his cabinet post as health and human services secretary in January 2005 and began a private-sector career as corporate consultant, executive, investor and speaker with a heavy focus on health care. ... Thompson had said for some time that his financial portfolio had grown dramatically since he left the George W. Bush cabinet, joining among others the politically well-connected legal and lobbying firm of Akin Gump in Washington.” <a href="#">[Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 1/26/12]</a></p> <p><b>Thompson made millions at a lobbying firm that represented Big Oil companies.</b> The Associated Press reported in 2007 that Thompson had an “income of just over \$1.1 million from the firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer &amp; Feld.” As the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel has reported, in 2011 Thompson earned an additional \$771,000 from “the politically well-connected legal and lobbying firm of Akin Gump in Washington,” meaning he earned at least \$1.9 million while working at the firm. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, during Thompson’s tenure Akin Gump’s oil and gas clients included Royal Dutch Shell, Sunoco, Chevron, Hess, BP, and Exxon Mobil. <a href="#">[Associated Press, 8/15/07; Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 1/26/12; Center for Responsive Politics, Akin Gump et al client list, 2011;</a></p>

		<p>Center for Responsive Politics, Akin Gump et al client List, <a href="#">2005</a>]</p> <p><b>Thompson made over \$1 million as a consultant to a company that advises businesses on outsourcing jobs.</b> According to Citizens for Ethics and Responsibility in Washington (CREW), “Between January 2006 and August 2007, Mr. Thompson earned \$1,062,500 in consulting fees from Deloitte &amp; Touche.” A section of the Deloitte website notes that the company provides “outsourcing advisory services.” That section of the Deloitte website reads: “With the outsourcing and offshoring frenzy in high gear, some companies think success is just a matter of choosing a decent vendor, negotiating hard, and then throwing the business over the wall. Not surprisingly, that doesn't work very well. Deloitte member firms strive to make their clients' outsourcing processes as easy and seamless as possible, by leveraging solutions that integrate strategy consulting, program management, change management, human capital, tax, real estate and global sourcing.” [CREW, <a href="#">Revolving Door report</a>; Deloitte.com, <a href="#">Outsourcing Advisory Services</a>]</p>
<p>CG: <b>Exxon Mobil and BP logos</b>          CG: <b>Protect Big Oil tax breaks</b>          CG: <b>Raise middle class taxes</b></p>	<p>But now Tommy wants to go back as a senator. Promising to protect <i>their</i> tax breaks, paid for by the middle class.</p>	<p><b>Thompson backs the Ryan budget.</b> According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, when asked about Paul Ryan’s budget plan, Thompson spokesman Darrin Schmitz said Thompson is “supportive of Ryan's plan.” [<a href="#">Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</a>, 3/20/12]</p> <p><b>Thompson: “Let’s pass Paul Ryan’s budget.”</b> [<a href="#">Green Bay Senate Debate (00:55, Segment 2)</a>, 7/30/12]</p> <p><b>Ryan Budget would protect Big Oil subsidies.</b> As the Center for American Progress has noted, the Ryan budget “retains \$40 billion in Big Oil tax loopholes.” CAP confirmed that the oil subsidies would still be protected in the latest version of the Ryan budget. [<a href="#">Center for American Progress</a>, 4/6/11; <a href="#">Center for American Progress</a>, 3/21/12]</p> <p><b>Joint Economic Committee: Ryan Budget would raise taxes on middle class by over \$1,300.</b> ABCNews.com reported, “The House Republican budget for the 2013 fiscal year, passed by the House in June, would raise taxes by \$1,358 for jointly-filing</p>

		<p>households earning between \$50,000 and \$100,000, assuming the additional income is taxed at a 10 percent rate, according to a report published earlier this summer by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, authored by its chairman, [Sen.] Casey.” <a href="#">[ABCNews.com, 8/14/12; Joint Economic Committee, 6/20/12]</a></p> <p><b>Economic Policy Institute: Ryan Budget will raise taxes on households earning under \$30,000.</b> According to the Economic Policy Institute, under the Ryan Budget, “11 percent of households (mostly earning under \$30,000 annually) would see a tax <i>increase</i> from scaling back refundable tax credits, relative to current policies.” <a href="#">[Economic Policy Institute, 8/13/12]</a></p> <p><b>Thompson supports a flat tax.</b> According to Thompson’s “Restore America” tax plan, “Tommy proposes to phase in a flat tax, initially offering individual taxpayers the option of filing a single-page tax form with a flat 15 percent rate. Individuals could also chose to use the current tax form in order to take full advantage of exemptions. After two years of experience with the flat tax, Tommy would move to an across- the board flat tax with provisions to encourage savings, investment, home ownership and support for charities.” [Tommy Thompson, <a href="#">“Restore America” Tax Plan</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Center for Economic and Policy Research’s Dean Baker: “For middle-class people, a flat tax means that they will have to pay more taxes.”</b> <a href="#">[Center for Economic and Policy Research, 11/1/11]</a></li> </ul>
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<p><b>CG: Tammy Baldwin: Fights special interest corruption</b></p>	<p>Tammy Baldwin fights against special interest corruption.</p>	<p><b>Baldwin sponsored bill supporting homeowners who were victims of foreclosure abuses.</b> The Huffington Post reported, “Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) is set to introduce a resolution in Congress this week calling on the Obama administration and state attorneys general to ensure that any deal reached with the nation's biggest banks on foreclosure abuses includes full investigations into what happened, awards proper compensation to victims</p>

		<p>and provides no immunity for potential wrongdoing. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and the state AGs have been working with the nation's five largest mortgage firms -- Ally Financial, Bank of America, Citigroup, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo -- to settle disputes over potentially illegal foreclosure practices, such as the so-called robo-signing of foreclosure documents.” <a href="#">[Huffington Post, 11/3/11]</a></p> <p><b>Baldwin opposed the repeal of the Glass Steagal Act, which deregulated the financial industry.</b> <a href="#">[House Vote 570, 11/4/99]</a></p>
CG: <b>Tammy Baldwin: End giveaways to big oil companies</b>	She’ll end the giveaways to big oil companies.	<b>Baldwin supports “ending subsidies to Big Oil.”</b> <a href="#">[TammyBaldwin.com, 3/20/12]</a>
CG: <b>Tammy Baldwin: Fight for Wisconsin’s middle class</b>	And fight for Wisconsin’s middle class.	<b>Baldwin is lead sponsor of “Buffett Rule” legislation evening playing field for middle class.</b> Baldwin is the lead sponsor of the “Paying a Fair Share Act,” which would require millionaires to pay at least the same tax rates as the middle class. [HR 3903] <p><b>Roll Call: “Baldwin is the House champion of the Buffett Rule legislation.”</b> <a href="#">[Roll Call, 4/16/12]</a></p>
CG: <b>Tammy Baldwin: Always for us</b>	Tammy Baldwin – always for us.	
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